

'SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IN WORDS CLAIMS TO LEAD TO SOCIALISM, IN REALITY LEADS YOU TO FASCISM

Second Appeal of Young Communist International for Unity in Struggle Against Fascism and War

Together with their German brothers in class and struggle, the working youth of the whole world should see that fascism is becoming aggressive and that this danger is growing in their own countries.

Young workers—Boys and girls!

Have you understood through the experiences of the struggle of the German working class, who clears the road for fascism in your own country?

Have you understood that the treacherous path of the German Social-Democracy was and is the path of the whole of the Second International and the YSI?

Youth of Austria, Czechoslovakia and other countries, is it not plain to you why the Social-Democratic Party and Socialist Youth organizations prohibit you from struggling together with the Communists and the YCLers against fascism?

Do you not remember that the Social-Democracy itself declared that they are the "physicians" of capitalism?

Is it not clear to you yet, young workers and working girls, that the Social-Democracy IN WORDS claims to lead you to Socialism, IN REALITY lead you to fascism?

Young workers and working girls, through the example of Germany and in your own country you see that only the Communist Party and its closest helper—the Young Communist League—firmly and consistently, in spite of terror and persecution, organizes the united front of the broad masses of the proletariat and toilers for the struggle against capital, for the dictatorship of the proletariat, for Socialism.

Social Fascism Disarming the Working Youth

Comrades in class and struggle!

The Young Communist International in your name, in the name of thousands of our brothers languishing in the fascist dungeons, brand with shame the Young Socialist International, which is disarming the working youth in front of the class enemy.

We ask the leaders of the Y.S.I.!

In the name of whose interests do you prohibit the local organizations and rank and file members from struggling against fascism hand in hand with Communist youth?

Whom do you serve, prohibiting our members to unite with the

YCLers for the carrying out of strikes against wage cuts, worsening of labor conditions and dismissal from the factories, against forced labor, against the infringement of social insurance, against the cutting and the abolishment of relief for the unemployed youth?

If you are in reality for a united front and believe that the "masses themselves should rule and decide their own fate," why then do you throw out of your ranks anyone who not in words, but in action, has started to create a united front in the struggle against the bourgeoisie and fascism?

In your Congress in Prague you declared that only the "middle" path between Bolshevism and reformism can be the path to Socialism. To what in reality has this "middle" path brought you if not to a united front with the bourgeoisie and a miserable adaptation to the fascist dictatorship? Is it not on account of this that you are so tolerant towards all those who call themselves Socialists and carry out a united front with the bourgeoisie?

You have betrayed the youth in Germany and are betraying the youth in Austria, Czechoslovakia, and other countries, holding them from the struggle against fascism. In the name of whose interests?

YCL Proved in Action

What is the concrete path of struggle you showed to the German YSL and the youth members of the reformist trade unions, the organizations which are being destroyed by the fascist bands?

Where and when have you exposed the "socialists," who are sitting in the parliaments, who are voting for reactionary bourgeois decrees, for the increase of military budget, for the curtailment of expenses for social insurance and public education?

You declare that only by means of negotiations (and not in common class struggle against the bourgeoisie) can the unity of the working youth be achieved.

We ask you on what basis do you, who concluded a united front with the bourgeoisie, want to have an agreement with us, with the revolutionary youth?

The Young Communist International and its sections have not only

declared but have proved in action that they are fighting for the creation of the united front ONLY on the basis of an irreconcilable and merciless struggle of Class Against Class.

We will not participate in any negotiations from above and combinations behind the backs of the masses, but we will constantly declare that we are fighting and will fight for the organization of a strong united front struggle from below in the factories, workshops, forced labor camps, villages and schools, farms and plantations.

We greet every youth organization which sincerely and truthfully joins in our struggle against the bourgeoisie, but we will mercilessly tear off the mask and brand with shame, as strikebreakers, those who, in the interests of capital, shielding themselves with loud phrases, try to destroy the unity of the working class youth. And we again declare that everywhere, where the Socialist Youth will fight against the bourgeoisie, against fascism, we, the YCLers, will stand with them shoulder to shoulder.

United Front in Action

You, young workers and working girls, should firmly understand Lenin's words that leaders should be elected and examined not by their

Young Workers—boys and girls!

On March 5, 1933, the Executive Committee of the Communist International, and after it the Young Communist International, made another effort to create a united front with the Social-Democratic masses through the medium of the Social-Democratic Party and the Socialist Youth organizations.

The Executive Committee of the Comintern and the Y.C.I. made this effort with a firm conviction that a united front of the working class against the bourgeoisie would break the offensive of capital and fascism and would quicken the inevitable end of any capitalist exploitation.

Do you know, young workers and working girls, that the Social-Democratic Party, the Second International in the moment of greatest danger of war and growth of fascism have rejected this proposal of the Comintern?

Do you know, that the Young Socialist International and its organizations, while babbling about unity, have not only forbidden its members

to fight in reality against fascism, but are throwing out of their ranks those who united with the youth of other organizations in the name of revolutionary class struggle?

This is being done at the time when the class consciousness and the necessity of uniting their strength against monstrous unemployment, starvation, and the cultural degradation to which the bourgeoisie has doomed the working class, is growing in the youth masses.

Persons who make a pretense of being Socialists fear the unity of the masses at the time when thousands of Social-Democratic workers and many rank and file Socialist youth organizations in Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Belgium, France, Spain, England, U.S.A. and other countries are already, together with the Communists, Y.C.Lers, and revolutionary workers, fighting against fascism and offensive of reaction.

May First, the international day of

Young Communist League Statement on Appeal of Y.C.I.

The stirring appeal of the Young Communist International for unity which appears on this page is of special significance for the United States. Here also the leaders of the Young Peoples Socialist League have in action fought against the united front—have sabotaged the growing unity of the youth in the struggle against capitalism.

On March 6th the National Committee of the Young Communist League proposed unity to the Y.P.S.L. leadership on the basis of immediate struggle for the daily interests of the youth. Although two months have passed no answer has as yet come regarding these proposals. That is, no answer in words—although, certainly in action! Action which decisively proves the real position of the Socialist leaders. A few examples:

1. All Y.P.S.L. branches were instructed not to join with young Communists in united actions.
2. Four members of the Chicago Y.P.S.L., including the district secretary, were expelled for favoring unity.
3. The charters of the Chicago branches were withdrawn by the National Committee because they favored unity and refused to recognize the above expulsions.
4. The National Secretary, George Smirkin, was removed from office because he participated in the Tom Mooney united front congress.

The Young Communist League has attempted to do all in its power to remove all obstacles towards unity. In our proposals we even offered to refrain from criticizing the socialist leaders during the carrying through of joint actions. We also stated that all who stand in the way of unity, who break unity, must be treated as strike-breakers, as scabs. Do not the above actions of the Y.P.S.L. National Committee prove their position? Is it not clear that their role is identical to that of the socialist betrayers the world over? Is it not clear that they play the role of strike-breakers—that they are destroyers of the united front?

Young socialists! You are in favor of unity. This has been proven by your militant actions in the past two months. Continue to build the united front regardless of your leaders! Create committees for unity in all circles! Demand an answer from your leaders! Join hands with the Young Communist League in a common struggle against American capitalism!

—NATIONAL COMMITTEE, YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

proletariat solidarity, was an outstanding confirmation of the unity of the toilers in the struggle against capital.

YOUNG WORKERS—BOYS AND GIRLS!

Look at Germany and you will see whose interests the Social-Democracy and the Socialist youth organizations serve.

For many years, the German Social-Democracy, participating in bourgeois governments and heading the police apparatus, tried to disrupt the Communist Party and revolutionary workers organizations, thus weakening the whole working class.

A year ago the German Social-Democrats, with the approval of the Second International, called upon the masses to vote for Wilhelm Field Marshal, Hindenburg, against the worker of Hamburg, Ernst Thaelmann. Their slogan was then, "Who Votes for Hindenburg, hits Hitler."

The Treachery of German Social Democracy

Thousands of young and adult workers, not believing the statements of the Communists and YCLers, that the Social-Democracy is disarming the proletariat and through this is clearing the road for a fascist dictatorship, followed the Social-Democracy and its slogans.

They believed that the Amsterdam International and the leadership of the reformist trade unions, called to defend the life interests of their members—the workers, would struggle against fascism, which carries with it hunger and want.

Nevertheless, on January 30th, when Hindenburg, submissively obeying the will of the bourgeoisie, frightened by the revolutionary upsurge and the growth of the influence of the Communist Party, gave over the power to Hitler and his fascist bands, the Social-Democrats committed another monstrous treachery. They rejected the call of the heroic Communist Party of Germany, for a general strike and immediate, common action against fascism.

Moreover, in the session of the Reichstag, on the 23rd of March, the Social-Democrats through Wels, cynically stated that thanks only to its policy was Hitler able to come to power. They confirmed what the Communists proved as far back as July 20th of the past year, when the Social-Democracy was thrown out of

the government by the bourgeoisie and rejected the proposal for a common struggle together with the revolutionary workers against aggressive fascism.

Now the Social-Democrats implore the fascists for the right to be included in the system of fascist dictatorship. Again, as before, it is ready to participate in all bloody actions against the working class and more so against its vanguard—the Communist Party.

Slavish Submissiveness to the Bourgeoisie

Comrades!

Already for three months unheard of brutal terror is raging in Germany. Thousands of the best fighters are being tortured or have perished in the dungeons of fascist barracks for the cause of the working class.

Tens of thousands of young and adult workers, together with their leader, Ernst Thaelmann, have been thrown without trial into jails and concentration camps.

The life of the imprisoned, as well as the fate of the working class of Germany, is in great peril.

A soldier's barrack with forced labor—this is what the so-called "national revolution" has brought the German toiling youth.

Unemployment, poverty, starvation and the strengthening terror—this characterizes the political and economic situation of the German young worker and unemployed.

Fascism puts as its main task the education of the youth in the spirit of slavish submissiveness to the bourgeoisie, and this above all every young worker and working girl of Germany should understand.

Words but by their deeds. Force your leaders to give a substantial answer to the accusations which we presented, and why they are against the united front.

Do not give them the possibility again, by means of empty phrases, the price of which especially the young workers and YSLers of Germany know, to evade a clear answer to the persistent questions which we put before them.

And if you will be able to do this, you will see that your leaders have nothing in common with you, that their policy is the policy of your exploiters, and that they must be driven from the ranks of the working

class as agents of the bourgeoisie.

In face of the offensive of fascist reaction and the feverish preparations of the bourgeoisie for a war and an attack on the fatherland of the toilers of the whole world, the U.S.S.R., we YCLers call to you, young workers and working girls, with the appeal to consolidate the united front and get into the general struggle of the working class for its emancipation.

The main weapons of the proletariat in its struggle against the robbing of its wages and the worsening of the working conditions, as in the struggle against fascism, is the strike.

By means of the united front prepare strikes, elect struggle committees—STRIKE! Organize demonstrations, meetings, mass protests against the compulsory attempts to fascize and militarize the youth, against the starvation offensive of the bourgeoisie.

COMRADES!

In a few weeks the European Anti-Fascist Congress is gathering.

We appeal to all youth organizations and to you, YSLers, in spite of the sabotage of your leaders, to participate actively in the preparation and carrying out of this Congress.

Your proletarian duty, young workers and working girls, is to organize in the factories, in the Labour Exchanges, in the forced labor camps, in the trade unions, and in the workers' quarters, anti-fascist struggle committees and send your delegates to the Anti-Fascist Congress.

We are firmly convinced that the young workers and working girls, irrespective of their membership to various youth organizations, will find a common language at this Congress and will unite for the struggle against fascism.

Young Workers and Working Girls!

Before you the question is put directly—Capitalism or Socialism. Choose! With the Second International and the YSL—to Fascism, or with the Communist International and the YCI—to Communism!

Strengthen the united front of the working class in the struggle against the bourgeoisie. Join the ranks of the only revolutionary youth organization—the YCL!

The Executive Committee of the Young Communist International