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Christmas Conference of the L. I. D.

WHAT can students do during their college days for the cause of democracy and social progress? What can they do when college days are over? These questions will be discussed from many points of view at the Seventeenth Annual Students' Conference of the League for Industrial Democracy, to be held in New York City from Tuesday, December 28, to Thursday, December 30, 1926.

At the suggestion of the student members of the Conference Committee, the Christmas gathering this year will extend over a three day period, instead of two days as in the last few years. The shorter gathering, it was felt, did not give the

students a sufficient time in which to become acquainted and to discuss many subjects in which they are vitally interested.

The League has been fortunate this year in obtaining one of the large and attractive rooms of Philosophy Hall, Columbia University, for most of its sessions. While the program is still in its formative stages, we are presenting on this page the tentative schedule of meetings.

The Program Committee consists of Hillman Bishop, *Columbia*, 1926; Rowena Rippin, *Barnard*; Gertrude Ackerman, of *Hunter*; Grace Rosenberg, *New York University*; A. Lifshitz, *C. C. N. Y.*; David Ostrinsky, *Columbia*, and Dr. Jessie Wallace

TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF THE INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

League for Industrial Democracy, New York, December 28-30, 1926

Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 28, 2 to 5 P. M.—

Room 301, Philosophy Hall, Columbia University

REPORTS OF DELEGATES and discussion of the questions confronting Social Problems groups on the campus.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, at 6 P. M.—

206 E. 18th St., N. Y. City

RECEPTION TO DELEGATES and Buffet Supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Thomas, 206 East 18th Street, New York City. Following the reception the delegates will go in a body to the Labor Temple, 14th Street and Second Avenue, to witness the remarkable labor film of the Passaic Strike.

Wednesday morning, Dec. 29, at 10 A. M.—

301 Philosophy Hall, Columbia

"RECONSTRUCTION IN SOVIET RUSSIA." Speakers: Professor Jerome Davis, of the Yale Divinity School, who has recently returned from a trip to Russia, and members of the Russian student delegation of last summer.

Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29, 2 to 5 P. M.—

Philosophy Hall, Columbia

Symposium: "THE LIBERAL IN AMERICA."

Arthur Garfield Hays.

"THE SOCIALIST IN AMERICA." Norman Thomas.

"THE COMMUNIST IN AMERICA." Solon DeLeon (probably).

Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, at 6:30 P. M.—

200 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City

ANNUAL L. I. D. DINNER at the Fifth Avenue Restaurant, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City (corner 23rd Street), New York City.

Subject: "THE FUTURE OF CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM IN AMERICA."

Complete list of speakers, to include business men, labor leaders and Socialists, to be announced later.

Thursday morning, Dec. 30, at 10 A. M.—

Philosophy Hall, Columbia

Subject: "WHAT CAN THE STUDENT DO FOR DEMOCRACY WHILE IN COLLEGE?"

This session is being arranged by Hillman Bishop, last year's Chairman of the Columbia Social Problems Club. It will be devoted to a discussion of "The Students' Part in Academic Freedom," "Students in Industry and in Labor Disputes," "Students and Military Training" and "How Can the Social Sciences be Made Real?" While the discussion will be conducted primarily by the students, experts will be present to answer questions on these subjects.

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 30, 2 to 5 P. M.—

Philosophy Hall, Columbia

Subject: "WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO FOR DEMOCRACY AFTER COLLEGE DAYS."

A. J. Muste, Director of Brookwood Labor College, will speak briefly on opportunities for students in the trade union movement; Lewis Gannett, Associate Editor of *The Nation*, on "International Relations," and Nathan Fine, formerly organizer of the Farmer Labor Party, on "Labor Politics."

It is also expected that Kenneth Lindsay and Harold Bing, Secretary of the British Federation of Youth, will participate in these various sessions.

Thursday evening, Dec. 30, at 8 P. M.—

Place to be announced

L. I. D. Collegiate Dance and Play.

Hughan, Mrs. Walter E. Weyl, Roland Gibson, Norman Thomas and Harry W. Laidler, from the L. I. D. Executive.

L. I. D. chapters are entitled to send two regular delegates to the conference for the first ten dues-paying members and one additional delegate for each additional ten members. Affiliated groups may send a similar number of fraternal delegates. The League will also welcome at the conference as many *guests* from chapters and affiliated and unaffiliated groups as desire to attend to the limit of the capacity of the various meeting places. Students not connected with any college group are also welcomed.

All who anticipate attending the conference as delegates or guests are asked to notify the L. I. D. office to that effect at the earliest possible moment.

Those planning to attend will do well to give as much consideration as they are able to the various topics presented for discussion, so that they may be prepared to make their contribution to the discussion. The set addresses will be few and brief. The feature of the conference, it is hoped, will be the informal student discussion.

READINGS FOR THE CONFERENCE

AT the last year's conference of the L. I. D., several delegates urged the League to publish a selected list of magazine articles and books which would aid those who intended to participate more effectively in the Conference discussions. Following this suggestion, we are listing a few references relating to several of the Conference sessions. Many others will readily occur to you.

For Tuesday evening meeting, Dec. 28, on the Passaic Strike:

The "Passaic Strike" number of *The Christian Century*, August 5, 1926.

For Wednesday morning session on "Russia":

"State Capitalism in Russia." The Soviet Economic System in Operation, 1917-26. Savel Zimand, N. Y.: Foreign Policy Association, 1926, 50c.

"Russia of the Hour." 81 illustrations. Junius B. Wood. *National Geographic Magazine*. Nov., 1926.

"Whither Russia?" By Leon Trotsky. N. Y.: International Publishers. 1926.

Symposium on Russia in the *Annals of the American Academy*, July, 1926.

"Glimpses of the Soviet Republic." Dr. Scott Nearing. N. Y.: Social Science Publishers. 1926.

"Russia Today." By Louis Fischer. *The Nation*, Nov. 10, 1926.

Russian Supplements to *Journal of Commerce* (N. Y.), Aug. 25. and Sept. 29, 1926.

"Russia." Official Report of the British Trade Union Delegation to Russia. 1924.

"Must Britain Travel the Moscow Road?" (An

Answer to Leon Trotsky). By Norman Angell. London: Noel Douglas, 1926.

For Wednesday afternoon session on "Liberalism":
"Socialism" and "Communism" in America.

"American Labor Year Book" 1926 under these titles.

"End of an Epoch." Passing of the Apostles of Liberalism in the U. S. By W. A. White. *Scribners*, June, 1926.

"Left Wing Trade Unionism." By David Saposs. N. Y.: International Publishers. 1926.

"American Socialist Party." By James Oneal. *Current History*, August, 1926.

"The Law of Social Revolution." A Cooperative Study by the Labor Research Study Group. Scott Nearing, Leader. (N. Y. Social Science Pub.)

Issues of the *New Leader*, 7 East 15 Street, New York City and the *American Appeal* (Chicago), and the *Milwaukee Leader* (Socialist papers); the *New Republic*, the *Nation*, the *Liberal*, and the *Arbitrator* (N. Y. City) (liberal periodicals); and the *Workers' Monthly* and *Daily Worker* (Chicago), (Communist papers); also the *New Masses* (N. Y. City).

For Wednesday evening dinner, on modern capitalism:

"New Tactics in Social Conflict" (N. Y.: L. I. D., 1926. 50c.)

"How America Lives." Harry W. Laidler. (L. I. D. 10c.)

"National Wealth and Income." A Report of the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D. C.

For Thursday morning on "Democracy on the Campus":

"The American College and Its Rulers." By J. E. Kirkpatrick. N. Y.: New Republic. 1926. \$1.00.

"Military Training in Schools and Colleges." Winthrop D. Lane. Pamphlet published by the Committee on Military Training, 387 Bible House, N. Y. City, 10c.

"Militarism in the U. S." *World Tomorrow*, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, N. Y. City. Oct., 1926.

"Undergraduate Curriculum in Education." W. S. Munroe. *School and Society*. Aug. 7, 1926.

"American Economic Life." Prof. Rexford Tugwell and others (N. Y.: Harcourt, Grace & Co., 1925).

For Thursday afternoon, "Democracy After College Days":

"Workers' Education in England and the U. S." Margaret T. Hodgen. N. Y.: Dutton. 1925. Write for literature from the Workers' Education Bureau, 474 West 24th Street, New York City, and Educational Department, International Ladies Garment Workers, 3 West 16th Street, N. Y. City.

"Debate on a Labor Party." Morris Hillquit vs. Edward Keating. N. Y.: Rand School, 25c.

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Since Our Last Bulletin

MEMBERS and friends of the L. I. D. have not been neglected since the publication of our last Bulletin. But the letters we have sent out have scarcely given a consecutive account of activities. The generous response, however, of our friends to some of those letters has enabled us to keep going until now without curtailing our plans.

June was a month of conferences. For us the most important of these conferences was our own at Camp Tamamint near Bushkill, Pa. Proceedings of this conference, carefully edited, form the book "New Tactics in Social Conflict," published for us by the Vanguard Press, which is even now—after a regrettable delay for which the printers were responsible—being distributed to members, subscribers and purchasers. The book is reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

The Camp Tamiment Conference

The book of course gives no picture of the conference itself, of the beauty of Camp Tamiment and the good times that lightened the burden of serious discussion. By unanimous agreement this year we had the most stimulating conference since the war and the best attended. Over 250 regularly registered at the Conference and many more from Unity House and the surrounding towns were present at various sessions. One of the pleasantest features of our conferences is the annual play. What better theme could have been found this year than Jersey Justice? Once more Solon DeLeon, Clement Wood, Sam Friedman, Carroll Hollister, and a troop of illustrious amateur actors and actresses rose to the occasion. James Phillips brought his fine baritone voice to our aid. We borrowed some tunes but the words, and most of all, the dramatic power, were our own. Broadway little knows what talent, what gifts of humor, intentional and unintentional, what powers of improvisation by actors who have forgotten their lines, is revealed year after year in these masterpieces of satire. At other sessions of the Conference James Phillips, Agnes A. Laidler, Clement Wood and Sam Friedman sang songs of all nations. Thanks are due to these actors, to the speakers, to the singers, to the camp authorities and to the hearty cooperation of all the conferees for a very happy and successful conference.

Summer Activities

Besides our own conference Mr. Thomas spoke or conducted classes at the Joint Student Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Conference at Eaglesmere, Pa., the Y. M. C. A. Conference at Northfield, Mass., and the Concord Conference of the Fellowship of Youth for Peace. It may be remembered that in connection with this last conference the second battle of Concord was fought with eggs and stones. The attempt of local hooligans in the quiet and beauti-

ful town of Concord, inspired by respectable "patriots," to break up this orderly and serious conference of young people discussing roads to peace, was a disturbing commentary on some popular American conceptions of patriotism. The conference met these difficulties with dignity and concluded its sessions in peace.

July and August, of course, brought some cessation of speeches. Dr. Laidler spent the larger part of August at the Olivet Conference under the auspices of the Fellowship of the Christian Social Order. He managed to get time during these months and other recent months practically to complete the laborious and often interrupted task of writing his "History of Socialist Thought," which will be published next spring by Thomas Y. Crowell in the Social Science Series. He and Mr. Thomas also spent considerable time on editing "New Tactics in Social Conflict," to which reference has been made.

Mr. Thomas made a short trip into New England to speak at the big 4th of July picnic which the Finnish Americans make an annual feature. He had an opportunity to study some of the admirable cooperative enterprises of the Finns and to make a number of speeches in New England. The continuation of the Passaic strike and strikes in various needle trades in New York, the short-lived subway strike, and the organizing campaign of the Brotherhood of Pullman Porters made demands on his time throughout the summer both for speaking and for conferences. He continued throughout the summer without interruption his editorial service to labor papers. (Readers of the Bulletin may be interested to know that this fall we have added a number of college papers to our list although this editorial news service is still intended primarily for labor and farm papers.)

Fall Work Begins

With September the usual fall work began. Much of this administrative work is dull both to do and to write about, but is of course very important. Less dull were three conferences at which Mr. Thomas spoke, one of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, at Watch Hill, Rhode Island; one of the Teachers' Union, at Netcong, N. J., and of the Association of Neighborhood Workers at the same place. During the summer, by the way, Mr. Thomas had spoken at the regular National Convention of the Teachers' Union. Both Dr. Laidler and Mr. Thomas were as usual active in the political campaign in New York and they have both already spoken before a number of forums, college groups, labor unions in Passaic and New York, etc.

The Death of Gene Debs

To Mr. Thomas fell the sad duty and privilege of conducting the funeral services for Eugene V. Debs. This saint, prophet, hero, this great cham-

pion of the workers, this great lover of mankind will be sorely missed by the League for Industrial Democracy as by every organization and individual who looks for a better day. In an editorial in the *Nation* for November 3 and in an article to appear in *Current History* for December Mr. Thomas has tried quite inadequately to express something of what we all feel about Gene Debs. Mr. Thomas has already presided at the great Memorial Meeting for Debs in Madison Square Garden, New York, and spoken at a Memorial Meeting in Trenton.

Speaking Engagements

Other speaking engagements of some interest have been before the Baptist Ministers Association of Philadelphia, the student body of Union Theological Seminary, and at the excellent Interracial Conference in Baltimore, arranged by the Johns Hopkins Y. M. C. A. and the Homewood Friends Meeting.

Dr. Laidler made a brief trip to Baltimore and Washington during October. He addressed five hundred students at the Johns Hopkins University Assembly on "The Cooperative World in the Making," and in Washington he spoke before an economics class at Howard University and informally to a labor problems group at the Penguin Club and at a supper meeting of the Washington Chapter of the L. I. D. He has also during this period addressed two Brooklyn forums and a White Plains forum on "Giant Power—Public or Private." Like Mr. Thomas, he has spoken before the Passaic strikers and the paper box strikers of New York. In addition to all this and to his own book to which we have already referred he has written the introduction to "Social Anticipations," a series of sociological essays by H. G. Wells, shortly to be published by the Vanguard Press.

Finally we want to acknowledge our thanks to our office staff for their excellent work in getting not only records of the office, but its appearance in such good condition. Their work, plus our new cabinets for storing pamphlets, makes our office a much more attractive place for meeting our friends.

THE PASSAIC STRIKE AND THE L. I. D.

SO much publicity has been given to the Passaic strike that a brief statement about it may be in order especially since the strike has absorbed some part of the time and attention of one of the Executive Directors of the League.

The strike began January 25, 1926. It is still continuing in November, 1926, with unbroken morale. Some sort of settlement must be made soon and there are signs that public pressure may force recognition of the union and collective bargaining which is now the main issue of the strike. The story of the strike and the issues it involves is well

told in the *Christian Century* for August 5, 1926. Since that time the United Textile Workers has assumed full charge of the strike and it has had the endorsement of the American Federation of Labor. The strike, although very strong, has never been 100 per cent effective and the mills are operating in part with imported strikebreakers. The bad state of the textile industry in general has made it impossible to bring such effective economic pressure through the strike as would otherwise have been achieved through a strike of such magnitude and duration. Nevertheless, if the A. F. of L. unions and other friends of the strikers can keep up relief so that the ranks of the strikers are not broken down by that great strikebreaker, hunger, the employers must sooner or later in their own interest consent to negotiate with the union.

"Riot Law"

The attitude of the police in the strike area still leaves much to be desired. But, on the whole, the civil liberties issue has been won. It was in this issue that the American Civil Liberties Union, with some help from the L. I. D., was particularly active. Mr. Thomas made a test case of the so-called Riot Law in Bergen County last April. Riot Law, as interpreted by Sheriff Nimmo, was the virtual equivalent of martial law with the Sheriff as Czar. He forbade all meetings. To test this extraordinary interpretation of the law, Mr. Thomas tried to conduct an orderly and peaceful meeting on a private lot especially leased for the occasion. Police and armed deputies—gunmen with badges—broke up the meeting, arrested Mr. Thomas, rushed him to Hackensack refusing all information as to his whereabouts. Mr. Thomas was kept in jail overnight and the next day in farcical proceedings before Justice of the Peace Hargreaves, a local real estate dealer and ardent partisan of the mill owners, was bound over to the Grand Jury on \$10,000 bail. As a result, however, of affidavits made on the basis of this case Vice Chancellor Bentley of New Jersey granted an injunction against the Sheriff, which wholly upset his interpretation of Riot Law and opened the halls of Bergen County to orderly meetings. The injunction came at a dramatic moment when armed guards were keeping thousands of people out of Belmont Park where John Haynes Holmes waited to address them.

Mr. Thomas' was one of several arrests under the Riot Law. More than five months elapsed before the cases were submitted to the Grand Jury, which promptly threw them out. The wide publicity given to this case makes it seem proper that members and friends of the L. I. D. should know why one of its Executive Directors became for the time being a jail bird.

Note. Since the foregoing was in type, the Passaic Worsteds Mills have settled by recognizing the Union. If relief is continued larger mills may be compelled to follow this example.

L. I. D. Speakers 1926-1927

TO the very deep regret of all of us, our irreplaceable Field Secretary, Paul Blanshard, has felt obliged to take a year's leave of absence from the strain of continuous travel and speaking.



KENNETH LINDSAY

Fortunately we expect to have him actively with us again next year. In the meanwhile he is doing some writing and is engaged, with the cooperation of the L. I. D. and a number of other agencies, in an important piece of industrial research. In spite of Mr. Blanshard's leave of absence the L. I. D. expects to push its college work as vigorously as ever. Under its auspices the following speakers among others will be available:

Kenneth Lindsay of London is already in this country and has begun work in New England where he will be until early in December. The rest of the time, up to the Christmas holidays, he will spend in the state of Pennsylvania. After the Christmas holidays he will talk his way across the Continent and back again. He will probably go out through the Middle West and then by the northern route to the Pacific Coast, returning by the southern route.

From 1906 to 1919 Mr. Lindsay was a soldier in France where, he says, he "rose or fell" to be an officer. Then he was an Oxford student, a football "Blue," first labor president of the famous Oxford Union, and a member of the Oxford Debating Team that came to the United States in the fall of 1922. He remained in this country for some months in behalf of the Workers Education movement. On his return to England he took up residence in Toynbee Hall, was twice candidate for Parliament for the Labor Party, and is now local councillor and chairman of the Board of Guardians for Stepney, one of the most congested areas in London. When we wrote to England to inquire what speaker might be available for work in our colleges Mr. Lindsay was almost the unanimous first choice of our distinguished advisers. He is an excellent speaker, and the author of a number of labor pamphlets and articles as well as a book, "Social Progress and Educational Waste," which has just been published in England. Any of our readers who can

help arrange meetings for Mr. Lindsay in colleges or before labor unions or forums are urged to communicate immediately with the office.

Powers Hapgood who needs no introduction to Americans will be available after the Christmas holidays for occasional short trips in the Eastern colleges. Mr. Hapgood is a Harvard graduate, an active member of the United Mine Workers of America who has almost literally mined coal around the world. He is now working at Gallitzin, Pennsylvania.

Tom Tippet also of the United Mine Workers will be available for similar service in the Middle West. Mr. Tippet is in charge of one of the two or three most interesting workers' educational movements in the whole United States. What he is doing in Southern Illinois has attracted the attention of labor leaders and educators all over the country. Born in a miner's family with experience as a worker, organizer, labor journalist and educator, Mr. Tippet has facts and a social interpretation of facts which L. I. D. groups cannot afford to miss.

Nellie Seeds Nearing will make her first trip for us about the time this Bulletin goes to press. She spent a year studying workers' education and experimental schools in England, Belgium, Germany and Russia. In England, Belgium and Germany she was actually enrolled herself as a student and speaks with personal knowledge of the thoughts and aspirations of the workers in other lands.

In addition to these speakers **Harry W. Laidler** and **Norman Thomas** will as usual be available for engagements, especially in the East. Mr. Thomas will make a trip to the Middle West during March.

READINGS FOR THE CONFERENCE

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"What Is Industrial Democracy?" Norman Thomas (L. I. D. Pamphlet, 15c).

"The Challenge of War." Norman Thomas (L. I. D. Pamphlet, 10c).

"New Tactics in Social Conflict." Edited by Harry W. Laidler and Norman Thomas. (L. I. D. book, 50c).

"Ebb and Flow of American Labor Unionism." *Current History*, Oct., 1926.

"Organization and Membership of American Trade Unions." *Monthly Labor Review*, Aug. 1926.

"Industrial Welfare Movement Sapping American Trade Unions." A. Epstein. *Current History*, July, 1926.

Issues of *Labor Age*, 3 West 16 street, N. Y. City, and *American Federationist*, Washington, D. C.

November edition of *World Tomorrow* on an American Foreign Policy.

THE L. I. D'S CHILDREN

THE L. I. D., as most of you know, is the proud and happy father of three useful committees engaged in particular problems which can better be handled through separate committees than through the L. I. D. itself.

The first of these is the *Emergency Committee for Strikers' Relief*. This was originally set up by the L. I. D. in cooperation with the American Civil Liberties Union to help meet the desperate appeal for clothing which came from the striking miners' colonies in the West Virginia region during the winter of 1924 to 1925. With the winter of 1925-26 appeals multiplied and through the generosity of the American Fund for Public Service the committee was able to undertake more extensive activities, especially in connection with the Passaic strike. Perhaps the credit for the really substantial achievements of this committee belong less to the committee as a whole than to its able and active secretary, Clarina Michelson. The committee has raised directly \$26,571.51 for relief in the Passaic strike. Much of this went to a Milk Fund for the strikers' children and only a very small amount was absorbed by overhead. It has also cooperated in raising other thousands. It has sent useful clothing not only to Passaic but to the help of the miners in District No. 2. It has furnished speakers week after week not only during the long Passaic strike—which has not yet ended—but upon request for other strike meetings. It obtained guarantors for bail to the amount of \$289,700 (including what was pledged by the American Fund) at a time when the Passaic authorities were trying the policy of wholesale arrests and excessive bail to intimidate the strikers and their friends. It has also cooperated somewhat in the matter of relief for the British miners. L. I. D. groups desiring information about these matters, and particularly about the Passaic situation, will do well to write directly to Mrs. Clarina Michelson, Secretary of the Committee, 799 Broadway, New York. Some of you may want to get her help in arranging for a showing of the famous Passaic moving picture, the preparation of which marks a new stage in the technique of the labor struggle.

Another less active but useful committee which the L. I. D. organized as a result of Paul Blanchard's visit to Shanghai during the Shanghai strike is the *American Committee on Justice to China*, the work of which is at the present time handled through this office. Dr. Ward is Chairman of the committee. Its most recent activities have been to make a vigorous protest against the presence of American gunboats on the Yangtze River, where they have no business whatever and where their presence can only add to the hatred that Chinese nationalists feel toward the Western Powers.

Finally, mention must be made of the very valuable work done by H. S. Raushenbush, Secretary

of the *Committee on Coal and Power*, which had its inception at the L. I. D. Conference in 1925. Most of our members have had Mr. Raushenbush's pamphlet on coal and power. He is now making a most thorough study of the power situation in New York State. Some of his releases on this question have attracted wide attention. Through the cooperation of this committee we are able to offer to serious inquirers among our members valuable information on many phases of this all-important question.

STUDENT COUNCIL OF NEW YORK

ONE of the curses of college life is the superabundance of organizations which spring up like mushrooms and compete with one another for the attention of the students. The realization of this fact caused a great deal of hesitation before certain New York students decided to form a federation of all New York student organizations interested in social problems and international relations.

Last year at a World Court Conference held in New York City preliminary to the National Student Federation Conference, a resolution was passed recommending the formation of a permanent committee which would have as its function the promotion of conferences and mass meetings on subjects of vital interest to all New York City students. But no permanent committee was formed.

Later in the year the Chinese situation aroused the interest of some students at Union Theological Seminary and they took the lead in forming a committee composed of representatives from most of the New York City colleges and in the calling of a student mass meeting on the Chinese situation. This meeting elected a student delegation which visited Washington, to interview President Coolidge, Secretary Kellogg, Senator Borah and others on America's policy toward China. When these students returned the students from the various colleges reassembled to hear the outcome of the trip.

About this time Columbia, Barnard and Union Theological Seminary students became interested in the Passaic strike. A representative delegation of 50 students from the New York City colleges visited Passaic and investigated conditions. Upon their return they called a student mass meeting on the Passaic strike which was addressed by Norman Thomas and Rabbi Wise. At this meeting \$155 was raised for the strikers.

These meetings arranged spontaneously by representative students interested in the particular problem showed the need of an organization capable of functioning whenever any pressing problem arose.

Early this fall the final step was taken. The Student Council of New York City was organized with the following purpose: "To unite the students of the New York colleges, to interest them in local,

national and international problems, to quicken response to the needs of humanity, and to secure an expression of student opinion on all subjects of vital interest."

A list of the affiliated clubs follows:

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| <i>Adelphi</i> | <i>Hunter</i> |
| Triangle | Forum |
| <i>Barnard</i> | <i>New York School of Social</i> |
| Politics Club | <i>Work</i> |
| Bulletin | Student Council |
| Undergraduate Association | <i>New York University</i> |
| World Affairs Club | (<i>University Heights</i>) |
| <i>City College of New York</i> | International Club |
| Social Problems Club | Social Problems Club |
| Liberal Club (Evening Session) | Y. M. C. A. |
| <i>Columbia</i> | <i>New York University</i> |
| Inter-Club Forum | (<i>Washington Square</i>) |
| Social Problems Club | Liberal Club |
| | World Affairs Club |
| | <i>Union Theological Seminary</i> |
| | Students Association |

So far this fall the organization has held one large meeting on Soviet Russia. This meeting held at Columbia University was attended by over 1,000 students. The speakers were Sherwood Eddy, Jerome Davis and two of the members of last summer's student delegation to Russia. So much interest in Russia was shown at this meeting that the Student Council appointed a committee to initiate the work of forming a large student delegation to visit Russia this summer.

The Student Council has many valuable functions. First, it is a means of strengthening the liberal sentiment in colleges where there is very little interest in social problems and where clubs for the purpose of discussing these questions have a hard time maintaining their existence. It intends to help such organizations in getting speakers, etc. Secondly, it intends to help in the organization of clubs for the discussion of social problems in colleges of New York City which do not have such groups. Thirdly, it proposes to arrange joint meetings between liberal clubs of different colleges in order to promote solidarity and exchange of ideas. Hikes and outings are also on the program. Finally, the mass meetings on vital issues have already proved successful.

HILLMAN BISHOP, Columbia, 1926.

N. Y. CHAPTER, L. I. D.

THE New York Chapter of the L. I. D. opened its fall meetings on Wednesday evening, October 13, with an address by Nellie Nearing on a Close-up of Workers' Education in Europe. The meeting was held at the home of Norman Thomas, 206 East 18 Street, and was attended by some 75 members of the Chapter.

On Saturday evening, October 30, the Chapter held a Hallowe'en party in the Labor Temple, 14th Street and Second Avenue. Its next meeting was Farewell Dinner to Miss Tony Sender, the brilliant woman member of the German Reichstag, held at the Town Hall Club, 123 West 43rd Street,

on Wednesday evening, November 17, at 6:30 P. M. The subject of Miss Sender's talk was "Social Democracy's Struggle for Reconstruction in Germany." Chairman: Morris Hillquit.

The Chapter officers elected in the late spring are as follows:

President, Leroy E. Bowman; *Vice-President*, Inez Pollak; *Secretary*, Mrs. Mina Weisenberg; *Treasurer*, David Sinclair.

The members of the Executive Committee of the New York Chapter are as follows: Edmund B. Chaffee, McAlister Coleman, Solon DeLeon, Mrs. Isabelle B. Friedman, Dr. Joseph Krinsky, Leon R. Land, George Marshall, Inez Pollak, Evelyn Preston, H. S. Raushenbush, Grace Rosenberg.

OUR NEW BOOK

THE publication this month of the "New Tactics in Social Conflict," the proceedings of the June Conference of the L. I. D., edited by Harry W. Laidler and Norman Thomas, marks a distinct and significant departure in L. I. D. literature. All portions of this volume will be found of value. The sharpest clash of opinion during the sessions was probably to be found in the Saturday morning session, when labor leaders and students of labor expressed themselves with the utmost candor on the pros and cons of "Labor Banking." A classical example of how to dress up a dry economic subject for popular consumption may be found in Stuart Chase's paper on "Concentration of Industrial Control." The Sunday morning session on "Economic Imperialism," contributed to by Professor Harry Elmer Barnes, Leland Jenks, M. M. Knight and Robert W. Dunn, is one of the best surveys of America's relations with Latin America so far made. The addresses at this session were the result of months of careful first hand investigation of the situation in the Latin American states. The contributions of George Soule, Ordway Tead, J. S. Potofsky, and Benjamin Stolberg on various phases of the Newer Capitalism, including company unionism, employe stock ownership, etc., and the impromptu address of Scott Nearing also merit close attention.

Those who believe that volumes of this nature should be published from year to year will greatly aid the League by securing additional copies for their friends and by sending us a contribution for circulating the volumes among libraries and before other groups. The price is 50 cents.

The second addition to L. I. D. literature this Fall is Stuart Chase's "Are Radicals Crazy?" It is a five-cent leaflet, summarizing in twelve brief pages, as Chase knows how, the important contribution of Dr. George A. Dorsey's "Why We Behave Like Human Beings," and comparing the chief assumptions of radicals with the latest scientific discoveries.

STUDENT DELEGATION TO SOVIET RUSSIA

“**A** MOVEMENT has just been launched to send a large, representative, American, student delegation to the Soviet Union this summer. It comes as an expression of the keen curiosity existing in student circles about the great social laboratory that is Russia. . . .

“While the experiences of the delegates in the Soviet Union will be interesting and colorful indeed, it is not intended that this be a thrill-hunting expedition or ordinary tourist party. A great social responsibility will rest upon each delegate to enlighten his campus and the neighboring communities. For this reason it is planned to have a majority of the delegation go as student organization representatives rather than as individuals. The Student Council of New York which initiated the movement in itself embraces many New York students. The delegates will be carefully selected to insure open-mindedness, intelligence and sincerity, and much attention will be devoted to efficient organization of the trip.

“The cost of the trip is estimated at \$500 and the committee is working on plans to raise a fund providing for a number of scholarships and loans. It calls upon all students and citizens to support this fund. It also hopes that many local student organizations will be in position to finance in entirety or partially their delegates through local contributions and through proceeds of affairs arranged specifically for this purpose. The proposed size of the delegation is one hundred and it is to be subdivided into some six or seven smaller groups according to interest.

“The committee is calling a conference for Friday, November 26th, from 10 A. M. to 12 M. and 2 to 5 P. M., in Room 301, Philosophy Hall, Columbia University, New York City, for the purpose of organizing a national committee. All student organizations are urged to send delegates. Interested individuals are also welcome. . . .

ALICE KUEBLER BOEHME

MANY members and friends of the L. I. D. learned this summer with deep regret of the sudden death of Alice Kuebler Boehme, Executive Secretary of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, the predecessor of the L. I. D., during the years 1912 to 1919. Mrs. Boehme served the Society during these years with the utmost devotion and efficiency. Her enthusiasm, her loyalty, her outstanding ability and the charm of her personality rendered her an invaluable executive officer of the Society during these seven years of achievement. And when, in the Fall of 1919, Dr. and Mrs. Boehme left this country for Mexico, where Dr. Boehme was placed in charge of the German College at Mexico City, the Society suffered a severe loss. Mrs. Boehme in Mexico was an active force in the cultural life of that capital city and won, as she had in America, a wide circle of friends. During the summer, she became suddenly ill, underwent an operation and died on August 29, 1926. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Traugott Boehme, a scholar of distinction. To him the League extends its heartfelt sympathy. The cause is the poorer for her loss.

“Address all suggestions and questions to the Committee on American Student Delegation to Soviet Russia of the Student Council of New York, Room 65, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City.”

COLLEGE NOTES

Aside from the important announcements of the student delegation to Soviet Russia and of the formation of the New York Student Council we have received reports of progress from various social problems clubs at Clark University, Cornell, Goucher, St. John's Lutheran Seminary, Meadville Theological School, Ohio State University, Kansas University, Missouri Wesleyan, Swarthmore and Vassar. A number of these colleges report that their representatives expect to attend our Christmas Conference.

From *Swarthmore* Harold Hutcheson has sent in an application for a charter. Paul K. Crawford has sent in dues of twenty-five members from *Missouri Wesleyan*. Clarence Senior from Kansas writes most interestingly of the successful first *Midwest Student Conference* last June and of the fight of the students at the *Union College of Kansas City* for larger freedom. We hope to find space later for fuller comment on these affairs.

Rowena Rippin, secretary of the *Columbia Social Problems Club*, writes of meetings, hikes and week-end conferences. Already the club has heard such distinguished speakers as Prof. Gilbert Murray on the *League of Nations* and *Sherwood Eddy* and Jerome Davis on Russia. It has been active in forming the New York Students Council and promoting the delegation to Russia.

We are receiving our list of student representatives. *If your college or university has not sent in the name of its representative for 1926-1927 please do so at once that our list may be accurate and complete. It will be published in our next issue.*

SPECIAL NOTICE TO STUDENTS

We are revising our list of student representatives to our appeal and coin card for the renewal of student membership. A good many of you who we think are still in college have not replied. This issue of the BULLETIN comes to you as a reminder of what you will miss if you do not send in your quarter. No further BULLETINS and, of course, no pamphlets will be sent to students who have not paid the extremely modest dues of 25c or a quarter in money (as they used to say at our County Fair) for the academic year 1926-27.

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