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LEAGUE TO HOLD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

JUNE 17th AGREED ON AS FARM-LABOR UNITY CONVENTION

ST. PAUL, Minn.—An agreement between representatives of practically every organization favoring the organization of an independent political party of the farmers and workers, to hold a convention on June 17th for the purpose of organizing a farmer-labor party and nominating presidential candidates for the coming elections was reached here today, when the convention call was signed by delegates to a preliminary conference held here.

With the exception of an insignificant handful of mischiefmakers and disrupters like Buck, Brown, Rodriguez, Ernest and Mahoney, of Washington, D. C., the entire representation went on record in favor of the calling of a huge national convention on June 17th.

A few of these disruptive elements launched into bitter attacks on the Workers Party of America and the communists in general, accusing them of almost every crime in the calendar, but these attacks were received with ridicule by the other delegates. Delegate after delegate rose and tore to pieces the alleged arguments of a split-up Illinois "Farmer-Laborites," Green of the Nebraska Farmers, Manley of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party, Cramer of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor delegation completely exposing labor shagbaggerings of the Rodriguez gang and urged the convention not to begin its career with a policy of exclusions.

The sentiment of the organizations represented was for unity. The call for the convention, which was originally to be held in St. Paul on May 30th, had not been sent out because of new developments in the progressive and radical farmer-labor forces. The organizations adhering to the May 30th convention had gone on record, one after the other, as opposing any postponement of a certain capitalist call in the interests of workers and farmers who were not yet ready to break with the old parties.

However, in the interests of keeping the farmer-labor political movement unified and to avoid a break, the organizations favoring May 30th yielded to the demands of those favoring postponement and agreed to the convention on June 17th. This was done in spite of the fact that an actual count of votes and sentiment among the delegates would have probably shown a big majority in favor of the original convention date.

It is expected that thousands of delegates will come to the June 17th convention representing hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers thru their respective organizations. Great enthusiasm is being displayed over the signing of the call by practically all the organizations, and the convention will undoubtedly be successful in forming a mass farmer-labor party, which will be the first big step towards the organizing of the producers of this country politically and taking them away from the leadership of the two old corrupt parties.

The coming of office of the British Labor Party, the Teapot Dome scandal and the coming unemployment are held to be the greatest factors making for the success of the national farmer-labor party once it is formed and enters into the political field in open opposition to the two wings of the capitalist political machine.

The French Are As Bad As the Poles.

PARIS.—A parliamentary report shows that while the British navy possesses seven first-class battleships, it has admirals and rear admirals to the number of 86. This ought to place the brave French by the side of the Swiss and the Poles.

Workers Can Fascisti Priest Speaker At Philly Meet; Leaguer Is Pinched

By DOMENICK FLAIANI
(Special to "The Young Worker.")
PHILADELPHIA.—Workers of Philadelphia, gathered at a Fascist meeting in the New Harrick Hall, demonstrated that they would have nothing to do with the black shirts and their bloody dictatorship.

LENROOT QUILTS OIL PROBE WHEN AFFAIR GETS HOT

By CHARLES WIKER.
(Special to "The Young Worker.")
WASHINGTON.—Immediately after Senator Irvine Lenroot quit as chairman of the senate public lands committee investigating the oil scandal, the Wheeler committee investigating Atty. Gen. Harry Daugherty discovered a fifty little deal of the latter gentleman together with Jess Smith in an oil proposition with James G. Darden, wanted by the Teapot Dome investigation committee.

Daugherty in Conspiracy.
The lady who gave this information to the committee also said that Daugherty and Smith had considered an arrangement for showing Dempsey-Carpentier fights in various states, with the understanding that Daugherty would not prosecute under the law forbidding the transportation of fight films from state to state.

Daugherty will be remembered for his infamous injunction against the railroad strikers and from his general anti-labor activities during his reign as chief attorney of the government. The position he now finds himself in is not what he would consider himself most honorable, it is merely another added to the list which proves that the government is just a tool in the hands of the capitalists of this country.

Quitting While He May.
Lenroot, it is said on good authority, quit the oil probe committee, because the affair was getting a little too hot for him. His friendship and hobnobbing with oil men and bankers and business men in general is well known, and his chairmanship of this very embarrassing committee was not calculated to maintain his friendship.

Now that every government official of any note and dozens of lesser notables have become involved in the pool of oil, graft, corruption and lies, it is expected that an attempt will be made to hush up further investigations. Senator Lodge's attempt to keep Coolidge's name out of it, is a step in that direction.

Workers Getting Wise.
However, they are in it too far to keep from the eyes and minds of the masses of workers of this country the fact that the big guys of the United States are as fine a collection of crooks, liars and grafters as ever polluted public office.

YOUNG COMMUNIST INT'L HOLDS BUREAU SESSION ON MAY 1st IN MOSCOW

(Special to "The Young Worker.")
MOSCOW.—Before holding the regular international congress on the tenth International Youth Day, Sept. 7, 1924, the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International has decided to hold a worldwide Bureau Session (enlarged executive) in Moscow on the first of May. The following agenda has been fixed:

1. The political situation and the tasks of the Y. C. I.
2. Report of the E. C. on the time since the Fourth Bureau Session.
3. Reports of the German, French, Czechoslovakian, Russian and Bulgarian leagues.
4. The next tasks for the support of the struggle of the German working class.
5. The continuation of the reorganization of the Young Communist Leagues on the basis of shop nuclei.

The Young Communist Leagues all over the world have been requested to discuss the various items on the agenda in order to be prepared for the discussion at the session and the decisions which will be arrived at there.

Agenda For League Convention Covers All Fields of Activity

The National Office of the Young Workers League has announced the agenda for the coming May 30th—June 1st Conference of the League. The official agenda is as follows:

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- for the
National Conference of the Young Workers League of America
At Chicago, Ill., May 30th, 31st and June 1st, 1924.
1. Report of the National Executive Committee.
 2. Report of the Workers Party.
 3. Shop Nuclei Organization and the Economic Struggle.
 4. Press.
 5. Anti-Militarism.
 6. Junior Section.
 7. Education.
 8. Constitution.
 9. Sports, Rural Youth, Negro.
- With Communist Greetings,
MARTIN ABERN, Executive Secretary,
Young Workers League of America.

Young Workers Issue Manifesto on Teapot Dome Scandal and New War Dangers

The Young Workers League of America has issued the following call to the young workers of America. It has been printed in leaflet form, in an imprint of 100,000 and is being distributed all over the country. The manifesto is self-explanatory.

To All Young Workers Soldiers and Sailors!
Do you want to go out and fight in a war to protect the interests of those who are today plundering and robbing the nation of its resources?

Are you interested in fighting a war to make safe the profits of the millionaires of this country the Rockefellers, Morgans, DuRois, Sinclairs and the rest of that crew?
You have been taught to lay down your lives in defense of this country, to protect it from robbery and oppression.

Yet, the very ones who have always been the first to urge you into war are the ones who are today plundering the wealth of America. The highest officers have been found guilty of treason to the interests they were sworn to defend.

The secretary of the Navy, Edwin Denby, has sold out the oil lands belonging to the Navy to Doheny and Sinclair. He has proved traitor and he goes scot free.

ANOTHER WAR IS COMING!

War, the murder and torture of the young workers of this country is coming again to the United States and the rest of the world! You, young workers in the factories, mine and mills, in the army, navy and marines, are going to be called upon to go out and fight in another war "to end all wars."

Do you know what a war means? Do you remember the last war for democracy? Are you anxious to get into another bloody slaughter-fest where the young workers are dolled up in uniforms and sent off into the dirty stinking trenches to have their guts ripped out by the bayonets of other workers; their limbs carried away by shrapnel; their bodies riddled by bullets, left in a torn, bleeding mass on the part of the capitalists of this country who are exploiting you every day in the place of work?

When you die every day in the place of work, for what do you fight? Whom do you sacrifice your life and health for? Is it for democracy? Is it to protect the honor of your country, or the women and children?

NO!
FIGHTING FOR A GOVERNMENT OF OIL AND STEEL.
In Washington today we see one of the greatest scandals of government that has yet been revealed. The greatest and most honored government officials have been proved to be crooks, grafters and traitors, bribed by the oil magnates, Doheny and Sinclair, into selling the rich naval oil reserve lands of the government. The big men in the government, whom we were taught to admire, respect and worship, have been hown up once more as tools in the hands of the millionaires of this country. "Teddy" Roosevelt, Jr., Attorney- (Continued on page 2.)

Morons of the State Department Gasp at Discovery of Young Workers League

It took a certain Kliefoth of the department of Justice to discover, officially, the existence of the Young Workers League of America and present that fact to the subcommittee of the Foreign Relations committee of the United States Senate considering the recognition of Soviet Russia.

"The first subject to which attention is given," started out Kliefoth in his expose of the American communist youth movement, "is that of the efforts of the communists among the youth of the United States. Particular attention has been directed by the communist leaders to the youth movement and to aligning in the ranks of communism the children of the United States."

Then follows the usual tirade about the desecration of religion and ancient American institutions. How the Boy Scouts are dragged in the mud and how the Y. M. C. A. is exposed as a capitalist institution by the Young Workers League of America.

MAY 30th--JUNE 1st DECIDED AS DATE FOR HOLDING NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE IN CHICAGO

The National Executive Committee of the Young Workers League of America has decided to hold a National Conference of the League on May 30th, 31st and June 1st in Chicago, and has issued the following Conference call to the lower units of the organization:

The Call for the Conference

Comrades:
A special National Conference of the Young Workers League is being called in Chicago on May 30th, 31st and June 1st, 1924.

Since the second National Convention of the League in May 1923, our growth has been very rapid. It is essential that the League become more tightly knit, locally and nationally. Our expansion membership growth, and other activity makes it necessary that we consolidate ourselves by the formation of district organizations wherever possible.

We have made some progress and we have had many experiences in setting up Shop Units or Nuclei in some industries. We have carried on some economic activity and engaged in political and educational work. Our children's work expressed in the Junior Section, has moved swiftly. We must now consider the question of a National Junior Section conference in order to create a real National Junior organization.

We need a National Conference to review our experiences and results in carrying out the decisions of the second National Convention of the League. Our policies, in the main, were laid down by the second National Convention and we must now consider them in the light of our work in carrying them out.

At this National Conference, then, we shall not take up, except insofar as it becomes absolutely necessary, the matter of the formulation of new policies, but rather a review of our policies in order to unify and consolidate our work, to get the views of the Leagues, and then to lay out a working program, especially in the matter of economic activity, educational work, press, and the organization of our League upon the basis of Shop Units or Nuclei.

Our regular National Convention, the third, will not take place until after the Fourth Congress of the Young Communist International which is scheduled to begin on International Youth Day, 1924. Our constitution calls for the convening of Young Workers League conventions within four months after the Y. C. I. congress. This National Conference in Chicago, then, will not have the full powers of a National Convention but will deal chiefly with immediate and practical problems and try to find solutions thereof.

We want the delegates to come there fully prepared to make detailed reports of the work in their shop nucleus, branch, city or district, and to suggest plans for coordinating and extending the work. We want full discussion at this Conference. The Conference will be a smaller body numerically than would be the case with a regular convention.

The Leagues should immediately start discussing the agenda which appears in another part of the paper, and to send in opinions and recommendations. The columns of The Young Worker are already open. The comrades must commence preparations to hold city and district conventions where the national agenda will be discussed and the delegates elected to the National Conference.

The basis of representation is being sent out under separate cover. Read the basis of representation carefully, and then go ahead with the work.

We are out for ten thousand young communists in the Young Workers League if the comrades will continue and extend the work.

Make preparations to put the League program across!
With communist greetings,
MARTIN ABERN,
Executive Secretary,
Young Workers League of America.

Students Forced to Defend Public Graft in Essays

(Special to "The Young Worker.")
DETROIT.—"That the role of the American school is to train apologists for the capitalist system and the inevitable graft and corruption of public life with it entails, is evidenced by the assignment given a senior English class of Northwestern High School, Detroit, of vindicating the acts of social treachery of Coolidge, Daugherty, Denby, McAdoo, and Newberry in a written essay to be handed in. Though some were inclined to condemn rather than vindicate, no option was allowed the students.

CHICAGO LEAGUE MEMBERS ACTIVE IN DRESS STRIKE

BULLETIN.
As we go to press, news comes that Comrades Abe Harris, John Harvey and Peter Herd, sports director, educational director and city organizer respectively of the Young Workers League of Chicago, have been arrested by the police for having been on the picket line of the strike of the dressmakers of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. They volunteered their services to the union, which gladly accepted them, and steps are being taken immediately to bail them out. The Young Workers League and its members are very active in support of the strike, and no such arrests or any other kind of intimidation will stop them from continuing their work.

By JOHN WILLIAMSON
After many weeks of negotiations with the bosses in the ladies' garment industry, the union called a strike on Wednesday, February 27th. Ten thousand workers responded, including three thousand cloak makers who went out for the first day to demonstrate their sympathy and insure the pickets' protection.

The overwhelming majority of the strikers are young girls and women. It was admitted by the union that only 30 per cent of the industry being organized complicated matters, but they depended upon support from the unorganized shops. Their expectations were partially realized. The union shops are practically at a standstill, only a few scabs having been recruited. The unorganized shops, which in most cases are the large shops, are running about 50 per cent normal. Many of the unorganized workers have joined the strike and have lined up in the union.

Y. W. L. Members Active.
The Young Workers League members, who are on strike, are among the most active and they are all to be found on the picket line from early morning till late at night. Two of our League girls have been arrested twice and are now out on \$400 bail each. They are Ida Giffin and Goldie Finkelstein.

Members of the Y. W. L. gained special mention when they successfully evaded the police and sluggers at the door of a shop composed entirely of young workers, urged them to strike, and marched them to the union headquarters. Many Y. W. L. members, who are employed in other industries are serving on the picket line 3 to 4 hours per day.

At a meeting called this week of all league strikers to check up on all league's activities, it was proved, after listening to all the reports, that our members were in the midst of the fight. Besides picketing and doing other detail union work, they are selling the Daily Worker every day among their fellow strikers.

Rotten Conditions Prevail in Industry.
The girls working in the dress industry are subjected to the worst conditions imaginable. They average about six months work during the year. Many days they only get two or three hours work and then must go home without getting a full day's pay. If they don't show up for these few hours work, they lose their jobs altogether. The wages have been cut and the bosses have been planning to abolish the union and establish the open shop.

The demands of the strikers are as follows: 5 day—40 hours week with 44 hour pay; increase of wages ranging from 5 to 14 per cent; closed shop; unemployment insurance; and a few other minor demands.

