

THE YOUNG WORKER

THE YOUNG WORKER Stands For Unionizing the Youth! Equal Pay for Equal Work for Young and Old! A 6-Hour Day, 5-Day Week for Young Workers! Abolition of Child Labor! A Fight Against Capitalist Militarism! A Fight Against the Boss Class! The Workers' Republic!

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YOUNG MINERS!

The Young Workers League Calls On Young Miners of America To Join and Fight Their Rotten Conditions Of Life and False Leaders!

THIS is a special issue of The Young Worker and a large part of it is given over to the problems of the young miners of this country and what our program for these problems is...

First of all, what are your conditions, what wages do you make, what hours do you work, how do you live?

You are living under a capitalist system of society where a few people own all the means of producing and distributing what is needed to live. These few hand out the jobs to the millions who are workers. It is these workers that produce the necessary things of life...

What does this lead to? The American miner who can produce about two and three-quarters times as much coal in a certain amount of time than the British miner can, is paid more miserable wages, lives under more miserable conditions...

Is it any wonder that as soon as the son of a miner is old enough to be a breaker boy or trapper, the father of the family is forced to take his son into mine work in order that the few extra dollars in wages may make easier the hardships of the family?

This is only part of the picture of the life of the young miner under the present system of capitalism.

This system is based on profit for the boss. That's why he doesn't give a damn about the lives of his workers. He can always get others to fill the places of those who are gone.

In the period of less than six months to date we can mark with the ink of the workers' blood the following disasters, the following sacrifices made by the working class on the altar of capitalist profit:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Number of deaths. Includes Pekin, Ill. (40 dead), Johnston City, Ill. (38 dead), Shankstown, Pa. (49 dead), Crosby, Minn. (43 dead), Castle Gate, Utah (165 dead), Charlestown, W. Va. (26 dead), Benwood, W. Va. (125 dead).

Is this what men live for? Is this why you go into the mine? Your boss thinks so. If you are killed in a mine explosion which is due to the boss' negligence in keeping the mine up to standard, the boss doesn't shed a tear...

When these conditions become intolerable and you go out on strike, what do you find? Immediately the boss gets the soldiers and militia of the United States government and the state government. These armed workers, who are misguided into fighting against their own class, are ordered to see to it that you are driven back to work...

You know this to be the case. It was the case in the great strike of 1922; it is the same thing in every strike that the workers carry on. The government is simply a tool in the hands of the bosses of this country.

THE CAPITALISTS OF THIS COUNTRY OWN THE GOVERNMENT! THAT IS WHY WE SAY TO THE YOUNG WORKERS OF THIS COUNTRY TO UNITE WITH THE OLDER WORKERS AND RUN THE GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES FOR THE WORKERS, OF THE WORKERS, AND BY THE WORKERS!

There is one more enemy that the workers, young and old, must unite to fight against. That enemy is the false leader of the workers. That enemy is the leader who says he is with the workers but is always working on the side of the boss and against the workers' interests.

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DORIOT, CHIEF OF YOUTH LEAGUE, JAILED FOR ANTI-MILITARY WORK; STANDS AS COMMUNIST CANDIDATE

(Special to "The Young Worker")

PARIS.—Jacques Doriot, national secretary of the Young Communist League of France, arrested and jailed because of his activity in the Ruhr among the French troops of occupation, has been nominated as candidate of the Communist Party for election to the chamber of deputies from the fourth section of the Seine.

Comrade Doriot is well-known for years as a brilliant anti-militarist propagandist having been sentenced to two years in prison in 1922 for an article appearing in the Communist paper, "The Worker" of the Ruhr, the German and French leagues carried on joint anti-imperialist work among the troops...



JACQUES DORIOT

and Lebertois. In an attempt to uncover a "plot" between the French and German leagues, the French league's headquarters were raided and papers seized. The work of the league, it is going on as strongly as ever. The results of the French election are not yet known in sufficient detail to know if Comrade Doriot has been elected.

The Y.W.L. and the Young Miners

By BARNEY MASS

THE fierce shriek of whistles pierces the air. The town is jerked awake. Pandemonium reigns. People hurry to and fro. Again dreaded expectation has become reality.

Miners Lead Dangerous Life. The following day tolls in the tragic mass funeral. The town is in mourning. Mothers are shaken with grief; hearts of loved ones are broken; the miners who succeeded in escaping are demoralized, dreading to think of the morrow...

The young miners see in this organization their only hope for emancipation. Only thru organization of the young workers on the political field, based on the theory that as long as there continues to be boss and worker, the latter producing all wealth and the former appropriating all wealth...

Are For Workers' Republic. We the members of the Young Workers' League, want to abolish such a system and establish a Workers' and Farmers' Government to be composed of workers and farmers, serving the needs of the working-class to the exclusion of all other classes.

Explosion Due to Boss. Numberless rumors spread concerning possible causes of the mine explosion. But, the miners are fully agreed and know that neglect on the part of the bosses was responsible for the catastrophe. It is the same old story, repeated in the same tragic terms, of failure to water the dust fan belt in poor condition preventing systematic circulation of air...

Why the Bosses Are Scared. Many of the so-called "respectable" citizens are becoming alarmed at the sudden increase of Communist propaganda among the young. (Mine owners, local Chambers of Commerce, Elks and the other cohorts of this class, which are and will be the enemies of the workers). Yet, what is good for the boss is bad for the worker, and vice versa.

Youth Stay Shy. On May 26, 1923, the Chicago Tribune said, "Chicago will be poorly represented in the military training camps..." Out of 900 vacancies, but 210 were filled. In Illinois 756 employers kept their young workers who joined the camps on the payroll, showing the direct close co-operation between the factory owners and the militarists.

Let's All Join the Young Workers' League of America and Free Ourselves from Our Present Conditions of Misery! The Young Worker is the organ of the fighting young workers of this country. Read it and pass it on your friends.

CITIZEN'S MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS TO TRAIN YOUTH FOR BOSSES' NEXT WAR

By HARRY GANNES

"To plan for war" is the first duty of the General Staff of the United States War Department. In planning for war an army is needed. Congress has limited the size of the regular or enlisted army to 135,000 men and officers, but the reserve, militia and so-called student and citizen forces are unlimited.

A special department has been created in the war office under what is known as the G-3 Section, the division of the general staff that deals with the training of cannon fodder. That special apparatus is called the citizen's department, and it is the duty of this appendage of the war machine of the United States government to train as many outside of the regular ranks as are willing to be misled.

First, comes the Reserve Officers Training Corps which seeks to enroll all the students in the high schools and universities for the creation of an officer caste in order to lead the vast hordes of workers in the event of war. Then provision is made for the Citizens' Military Training Camps.

The object of the Citizens' Military Training Camps is to create a military force to back up American imperialism. Those most ardently urging citizen training declare that a force of from 3,000,000 to 7,000,000 reserves are necessary if the United States is to maintain the foremost position in the capitalist world which it now holds.

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE STUDENTS IN COLLEGE FARMER-LABOR PARTY

By WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Interest in the workers' and farmers' movement for independent political action was shown here in the University of California by the organization of a Students' Farmer-Labor Party with the help of Young Workers League members in the school. Mass meetings are to be held, buttons, leaflets and banners will be distributed and all efforts will be made to counteract the propaganda of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

COAL CO. FIRES DOWELL MEMBERS FOR ACTIVITIES

By PETER ALLARD

DOWELL, ILL.—Because of the working class activity that is being carried on by members of the newly organized branch of the Young Workers League in the schools and coal mines, the officials of the coal company are planning on the discharge of all league members working there, one by one.

Louis Joich Already Canned. The first comrade to be fired from the mine is comrade Louis Joich, Germinal Allard having been expelled from school here a short time previously for having distributed The Young Worker, and the anti-militarist leaflet of the league.

Camp Appropriation Increased. In 1922, the appropriation was raised to \$2,700,000; the number of men trained was around 27,000. But then the camps hit a snag. All over the country the misled youth who had joined expecting milk and honey and the life of Riley discovered that they were compelled to drill like army mules and were given the food fit for the same animal.

Some Opportunities! Here are some of the opportunities: The misguided young worker when he reaches camp must rise at 5:45 in the morning. Then he drills all day. From 5:30 to 9 he can romp about the grounds under the careful eyes of the officers and at 9 he must be in bed. He can talk in bed with the lights out until 10 p. m., but after that time he must keep his mouth shut.

Gomper's In With Both Feet. Sam Gomper's and his retinue has seen fit to condone the C. M. T. C. and actually call upon the youth to join the scab outfit. In this regard Gomper's is following in the footsteps of Ramsay MacDonald in England who are but the appendages of British imperialism and on the labor front carry out the imperialist policy.

Knightgowned Knuts Fail To Terrify May Day Meet Of League

DILLONVILLE, OHIO.—The Ku Klux Klan here failed to scare any of the celebrants of the Young Workers League May Day demonstration which began with a parade of over 500 workers, led by the members of the junior group. At 10:30 p. m. the Ku Klux fired shots in the dark and burned their fiery crosses but no one even shivered. Over \$200 dollars was cleared by the league branch here out of which \$20 was given to the sub-district of the Workers' P. \$20 to the I. W. O. defense in California, \$20 to the Daily Workers \$60 to the German children and \$20 to the national office of the Young Workers League.

LABOR'S MISERY DRIVES EUROPE TO COMMUNISM

BERLIN.—The most remarkable indication of the rising wave of communism among the workers of Europe was seen here by the elections just held, in which the communist party voted 4,000,000 against the government of its members in the Reichstag from 18 to 61.

France to the Left, Too. "We vote a few days later in France showed also a distinct drift on the part of the masses of the workers to the left. The Communist Party, taking in an election campaign for the first time, increased the number of its national deputies and captured the administrations of a number of important towns. In many cities it led the national bloc candidates, and ran a close second to it in Paris.

The fear of a workers' revolution in Germany is so great that the black Fascist organizations of Ludendorff and the Hitlerites are massing their troops in an endeavor to scare the workers into submission. But the show of strength of the communists has heartened the workers and they have gone out on strike in the Ruhr coal and steel region, led and inspired by the communists. If circumstances favor it, it appears as though the working class of Germany is going to make another attempt at casting off the chains of capitalism and establishing their own soviet republic.

"These camps are an essential in the plan of national security. They promote obedience to law. Reorganizing the great good which comes to government and to people from the citizens' military training camps, I hope that each year an increasing number of young men may take advantage of the opportunity which is afforded them."

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