

# 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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## MUNITIONS MEN PUSH DEFENSE DAY

### WAR MONGERS GIVE AID TO DEFENSE DAY

#### Militarists Supporting "Peace" Maneuver

By CHARLES WITTER.

(Special to "The Young Worker")  
WASHINGTON.—Conclusive evidence that the entire military and imperialist caste in the United States is throwing its full strength behind the effort to mobilize the war and military machinery of this country on September 12 under the name of "Defense Day Test" is given in a letter of Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook, president-general of the plutocratic Daughters of the American Revolution, addressed to the War Department.

The letter declares that Mrs. Cook has made a personal canvass of numerous organizations, all of which sent "most enthusiastic" replies.

Labor Matters Strong For It.  
The organizations which have pledged their support to this manifestation of American imperialist war strength include some of the worst labor-baiting gangs in the country. Among them are the American Legion, Women's Constitutional League, Sentinels of the Republic, the National Security League, the National Association for Constitutional Government and the infamous National Civic Federation.

There are also numerous aristocratic, 150 per cent American societies, which have signified their willingness to go along. These include the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, the Daughters of 1812, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Association of the Army of the United States.

Goose-Steppers in Forefront.  
The list ends with endorsements by the United Spanish War Veterans, Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Military Order of the World Wars, National Guard Association, Reserve Officers' Association of the United States, Military Training Camps Association and the Camp Fire Girls.

### Prepare for International Youth Day

SEPTEMBER 7 is the day of the revolutionary young workers all over the world. September 7 is International Youth Day!

Under the leadership of the Young Workers League of America in this country, and of the Young Communist International all over the world, the class conscious young workers will gather to demonstrate their strength and protest against capitalist exploitation and imperialist wars.

In this country the unemployment situation has brought great misery to the workers. The young workers have been as usual the first ones to suffer by being thrown out of work, or else by being used to lower the wages of the adults.

The child labor amendment, which is supposed to end forever the exploitation of the children of the working class in America, has been exposed by us as a monstrous fraud that is being perpetrated upon the toilers.

On top of all the slavery and misery of the workers of this country, the imperialists—the capitalists and bankers—are making preparations to fling the flower of the working youth into a war for profits which will be more bloody than the last "war to end all wars." Already, all efforts are being made to mobilize the war strength of America, to foster a militarist spirit in the minds of the working class of this country. Defense Day, September 12, is the opening shot of the capitalists behind the government in preparation for war.

Against unemployment we raise the demand for "Work or maintenance by the government and industry at full union rates of wages with vocational training under union control."

Against capitalist imperialist mobilization day we call upon the young workers to demonstrate on International Youth Day for the class war to end all wars.

Down with capitalist exploitation and wars for capitalist profit!  
Down with capitalist Defense Day!  
Rally to the standards of Communism on International Youth Day!  
Long live the proletarian revolution!

### CITIZENS' MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS EXPOSED AS TRAINERS OF STRIKE-BREAKERS AND WAR FOOD

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—The story spread by the backers of the Citizens' Military Training Camps that they are being used for the building up of the health of young workers and are not intended for any military purpose is seen to be a lie by a survey of the C. M. T. C. camp here at Camp Custer.

It is now known that the biggest, anti-labor firms in Chicago took the pains to send numbers of their employes to the camp, paying them their salaries while they were gone besides the expenses which the government hands out to them.

Among the corporations which have sent five or more of their employes to the camp are the following: The Wisconsin Steel Co. (South Chicago), the meat packers, Morris, Swift, and Armour; the National Malleable of Cicero; the Commonwealth Edison and the Western Electric.

From conversations with the re-

### PERSIANS HAVE MORE LIBERAL CHILD WORK LAWS THAN WE HAVE

TEHRAN, Persia.—Yielding to pressure from the International Labor Office at Geneva, the Persian government has issued a decree for the protection of women and children in the carpet weaving industry.

The decree provides a maximum working day of 8 hours, a minimum age of 8 years for boys and 10 years for girls, separate work places for boys and girls, with forewomen to supervise the girls, exclusion of workers with contagious diseases, prohibition of underground or damp workshops, monthly sanitary inspection of workhouses.

The only punishment for infringement is a small fine or imprisonment not exceeding 20 days.

This decree is in many respects better than any that obtain in the United States.

### 60,000 Young Workers of Russia Studying on Socialist Basis

MOSCOW.—There are at present in the territory of the Soviet Republic 600 workshop schools with about 60,000 apprentice students. These are the first schools in the world in which the immense task of reorganizing apprentice work on a socialist basis is taken up.

The schools have been organized on the initiative and by the endeavor of the Young Communist League of Russia.

## Youth Against Fascism

### YOUNG REDS IN LEAD OF MOVE ON MUSSOLINI

#### Rome Workers Showing Their Power

ROME.—Led by military squadrons consisting of members of the Young Communist League of Italy, tens of thousands of workers demonstrated on the streets of Rome against the Mussolini dictatorship and his black-shirted Fascists. For the first time in three years, the workers marched the streets of the Italian capital with red flags flying to the breeze and singing revolutionary songs.

Soldiers Bordered.  
The National Militia and the Fascist troops fled in terror before the advance of the masses, fearing that they were armed and would take revenge for the bloody list of wrongs that had been heaped upon them during the black reign of Mussolini. The carabinieri, however, joined hands with the workers and did nothing at all to hinder their progress.

The marching masses moved toward the governmental buildings, where they shouted, "Down with Mussolini! Down with Fascism!"

Commutants were the leaders in the demonstration which was spontaneously responded to by masses of working women, men and children. Expect Further Action.

Mussolini is worried over this huge demonstration of opposition to his regime, having thought that his "blood and iron" policy had wiped out com-

pletely any objections to his rule. He has already ordered the concentration of all national troops in the event of the masses rising and asserting their working class power.

In the meantime the influence of the Communist movement grows from day to day and threatens the Fascist dictatorship as never before.

### YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE TO CONDUCT DRIVE ON MAIL ORDER HOUSES

The following has been issued to all branches of the Young Workers League of America to be acted upon immediately:

To All Branches of the Y. W. L. of A.

Comrades: The National Industrial Committee is now preparing an extensive campaign to be conducted against the mail order houses like Montgomery Ward & Co., Sears Roebuck, etc. This campaign will continue for at least several months and the climax will be reached about Christmas time. Every branch in the towns where mail order houses exist should immediately begin organizing themselves for the coming drive. When the instructions reach the branches they should be ready to enter the work in a systematic fashion. All information on the conditions prevailing inside of these plants will be appreciated if sent in to us immediately.

Fraternally yours,  
BARNEY MASS,  
National Industrial Organizer,  
MARTIN ABERN,  
Executive Secretary.

Most of the best things we now possess began by being dreamed.

## THE YOUTH AND THE WAR

(From the speech of Comrade Zinoviev, delivered at the opening of the Sixth Congress of the Russian Communist Youth League on the 12th of July, 1924.)

YOU know that in a few days ten years will have elapsed since the outbreak of the imperialist war. You know that the Congress of the Comintern has decided to convert this day into an impressive mass demonstration against the bourgeoisie and the social democrats who are responsible for the war.

Comrades, how much has changed during these ten years? In the life of an individual ten years are, of course, a considerable period, but in the life of society it is not a very great period. And still, what do we see? Ten years ago at the outbreak of the war, we, the Communists, were only little groups in the literal sense of the word; and in the sphere of the international youth movement we numbered only a few units. Compare the time when Comrade Lenin united seven young comrades in Zurich in a circle in order to form them into a nucleus of comrades who, even though young, were prepared to fight against the war—compare this with the present Youth International, compare this with your congress, with the mighty achievements of the youth movement in our country alone.

On the 16th of this month, if I am not mistaken, a conference of the Entente will meet which will devote its-

self to discussing the means for liquidating the war, and before all the question of carrying out the so-called Experts' Report, the main features of which are probably already known to you. I know, comrades, that the youth comrades in general, and our own in particular, are not in the habit of interesting themselves greatly in the conferences of the Entente. And I would not advise you to do so, because such conferences have been held a hundred times recently and we have more important business. But it seems to me that precisely on the tenth anniversary of the war this conference offers a striking example of the present situation and the youth comrades in the present instance would do well to take an interest in this conference.

It seems to me especially important because the young comrades are immediately interested in the questions of war—more interested than anybody else. I remember that when we drew up the statutes of the comintern Comrade Lenin said to us "Even in the statutes we must mention that we have always to think of war." Objections were made to him, pointing out that there is no place in the statutes for the question of war, because the statutes should only contain organizational rules. But you will understand, comrades, the meaning of the reminder of Comrade Lenin, which was adopted by the Comintern. In the statutes of the Comintern is to be found a special clause that we shall in particular not forget war and the teachings of the first imperialist world

### STEEL TRUST ANXIOUS FOR ANOTHER WAR

#### Gary for Mobilization Day and Profits

Visions of a return of the huge war profits which left the people of the world permanently in debt to the great steel magnates are dancing in the heads of members of the Iron and Steel Institute... This is revealed by a statement of Judge Gary urging the public to give full support to Mobilization Day. He states that the directors of the Institute pledged their active effort and offers the fact that he and Schwab are assisting government representatives as evidence of the determination of the steel industry to carry out its pledge.

Gary made a special point of importance of guns, which he and his fellow steel makers are ready to produce in huge quantities, for a consideration.

A glance at the history of U. S. Steel profits during the last period of preparedness and war will explain Gary's strong feeling in the matter. This is shown in the table which contains the gross income, manufacturing profit and net profit available for steel security holders during the three pre-war years 1910 to 1913 and the three years 1916 and 1918, inclusive:

Year	Gross Income	Manufacturing Profit	Net Profit
1910-1913	\$2,167,548,654	454,626,661	349,661,661
1916-1918	4,669,748,494	1,665,490,003	815,002,687

Try to Hide War with its enormous demand for munitions gave these great steel makers manufacturing profits more than three and a half times those of the period of peace. All sorts of accounting reductions were made to conceal the magnitude of the profits, but in spite of this they appear to be more than twice as large as those of the pre-war period. After the payment of all dividends and interest undivided profits increased from \$136,204,472 in 1914 to \$523,454,891 in 1920 and cash and securities in the treasury from \$79,750,350 to \$325,213,733.

### Join the Party in Building Councils of the Unemployed

THE WORKERS PARTY OF AMERICA has issued instructions to its lower units requesting them to begin the organization of the unemployed workers of this country wherever the situation requires it.

This will be the case in such centers where unemployment has reached a critical stage, as in the mining, textile, automobile and other industries. In such places the Workers Party will take the initiative in the formation of councils of the unemployed which will co-operate with the trade unions and other working class organizations.

In this campaign to organize the unemployed workers, it is imperative that all units of the Young Workers League should co-operate to the fullest extent and in closest harmony with the party organization. A concerted drive must be made to organize the unemployed workers, both young and old, in order to prevent them from becoming scabs on the employed workers, and to unite their strength so that they can effectively demand the support of the government and industries, or work.

Our slogans in this campaign are "Work or Maintenance!" Unless the unemployed workers are organized into a solid group, they will present a growing menace to those workers who still have jobs. It is in times of unemployment that the bosses seek to take advantage of the millions of the jobless to cut the wages and increase the number of hours of those who are at work. And if the workers who are employed protest this slimy trick by going out on strike there are thousands of others who are ready to take their jobs away from them.

Such a condition must not be tolerated by the workers of this country. The interests of the workers, whether or not they have a job at the moment, are identical and they must present a united front against their common enemy, the capitalist class. We must not permit the boss class to divide us in any manner.

The capitalist system is responsible for the lack of work at the present time just as it is responsible for unemployment at other times, as it is for war and child labor. The workers do not get the full value of what they produce and the time soon comes when they cannot buy back that which they have produced. They are then thrown out of work. That is the case today in America and in other countries of the world. The workers have made too much commodities, have manufactured too much profits for their fat bosses and that is why they go without jobs today.

Because the bosses have made millions of dollars out of the sweat and toil of the workers, the Communists demand that they now disgorge some of the profits and use them to support the workers—or else furnish them with jobs. If they cannot do it they have admitted that their system of society cannot afford to support the majority of the people. Where plants close down we demand their re-opening under workers' control and management.

The young workers stand in a separate place to a certain extent. During the time of great unemployment, thousands of the youth are either thrown out of work or else taken back in order to help cut down the wages of the adult workers who remain in the shops. This situation must not be allowed to continue. It is up to the Young Workers League to organize the unemployed young workers into the Councils of the Unemployed so that they may be side by side in the struggle against the bosses.

For the youth we raise our special demands in the case of unemployment.

We demand the abolition of child labor.  
We stand for vocational training of the youth during unemployment at the expense of the state and industry, which must also maintain them in the necessities of life, at trade union rates of wages.  
We demand the organization of the youth into the trade unions so that they shall not be used as scabs and be able to work side by side with the adult workers for the betterment of the conditions of the entire working class.  
Join with the Workers Party of America for the organization and relief of the unemployed masses of America!  
Organize the young workers who are unemployed for the demands of the Young Workers League of America!  
Work or Maintenance!

### ONE-LEGGED VICTIM OF LAST IMPERIALIST WAR GETS NINETY DAYS IN JAIL AS DRUG ADDICT

SAN FRANCISCO.—Seven years ago, when the United States called for men to make the world safe for democracy, James Buere responded. He was a hale and husky youth. A shell took his left leg off at Belleau Wood, and in the months in hospitals afterwards he was given morphine to relieve the pain until at his discharge he was a fully developed dope addict. No attempt was made to cure him.

New Buere, with his crutches, is in the San Francisco jail for 90 days, going thru that dreadful ordeal known as the kick-out cure for the dope habit. This means simply suffering the tortures of hell without drugs, and then being thrown out "sured," with \$66 a month from the government and one leg. Buere is a typical example of what happened to hundreds of boys who went to the war to end war—and for whom there is no place except a county jail or an open gas jet in a lodging house.

C. M. T. C. TRAINS RECRUITS FOR CANNON FOOD

Camps Exposed as War Machine

(Continued from Page 1) physical tests, and that in the camps all over the country it was intended that the recruits be physically improved and prepared to serve the country in the next war—for capitalist profits.

Preparing Strike Breakers. According to a conversation with a tinner employed by the Wisconsin Steel Company, he replied, in answer to the question as to why he thought his company had sent him to the camp, that he supposed if there were a strike they would expect to use him—but that since he was in no way tied down to them, they would get stung.

This is, of course, an exceptional case, since the other young workers in camp are being psychologized with anti-labor propaganda and will make first class strike breakers in a critical moment. It is significant that there are many Boy Scouts who are being trained in the camp, despite the endorsement by Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, of that organization as a peaceful, health-building affair.

Recruits Handed Sky Hop. Another feature of the camp is the Sunday chapel in the chapel tent, where the recruits are fed with religious burlesque and are obliged to join in with the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" with its chorus of "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war!"

About 4,500 young fellows are in this camp, and despite the reports inspired by the C. M. T. C. headquarters before the camp began, applicants were still being received up to the last day, July 31.

COMMUNIST YOUTH OF RUSSIA AIDS GERMAN FIGHTING TREASURY

MOSCOW.—The national executive committee of the Young Communist League of Russia has decided to present the executive committee of the Young Communist International with 2,000 gold rubles (\$1,500) for the Karl Liebknecht fighting fund for the purpose of supporting the Young Communist League of Germany.

U. S. Is Not Only Land Where Child Labor Law Is Broken; France, Too

(By The Federated Press.) PARIS.—Theatres and vaudeville shows in France are so frequently breaking child labor laws in employing children below 13, that the minister of education requests the department of labor to watch the situation with special care. Investigations showed that many children are in work before they have a chance to learn to read or write. The French law provides that children may be employed when special permission has been obtained.

WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS ON THE JOB

TO OUR READERS.

THIS column is just what its heading states: the news of the young workers on the job. It should consist of letters to THE YOUNG WORKER, telling of experiences of our readers among the young workers; of bosses in your place of work, of conditions in your factory, shop or mine; of the wages you get, of industrial accidents to the working class; about activity among the exploited by your branch or city league. In short, we want this section of the paper not only to be the largest and most important, but we want it to reflect the actual conditions of exploitation among the youth of this country. You can all write for it. It is in the purest sense of the word: your column!

FROM A DEPARTMENT STORE. New York, N. Y.

Dear Comrades: I have only been in the Young Workers for a short time and I don't suppose that I know all the things that I ought to know yet. But I realize that the purpose of the league is to organize the young workers of America to better their own conditions and emancipate themselves from exploitations of bosses. Since we are all interested in this aim, I want to write a short letter about my experience in working for one of the large department stores of this city.

I worked there as an assistant to a delivery truck driver, handing out the bundles to the customers on our route. During such holidays as Easter, New Year's, Christmas and others, business is at its height in the department store line and the weight of it is felt only by the workers—the profit by the boss. In the store itself, of course, the girls who get terribly low wages for the most tiresome and straining work, would be completely knocked out even before the end of the day. But at least they could get some chance to rest when they got home.

The delivery boys haven't got it so easy. The truck is piled to the roof with bundles and we start our trip. The hours pass quietly and before we know it it is past our working time. But we've got to keep on until the entire truck is unloaded. We deliver our goods to the finest and richest houses and it is a wonder that more of the workers do not realize the difference in class between the rich and the poor when they see the contrast of the life the rich lead and the misery and hard labor that the workers must endure in order to keep the rich in luxury. Many was the night in the week when we worked up until past eleven

o'clock at night! And do you think we were paid extra for it? Nothing doing. All we got for working more than five hours overtime was a cheap 60 cents which they called "supper money." This was the reward handed out to us slaves for overtime time that would ordinarily be paid for at a good few dollars a piece.

Of course the young fellows working at that sort of stuff weren't too satisfied, but did nothing. There was, however, one older fellow who was a member of the Socialist Party. He had once tried to organize the packers of R. H. Macy's, another department store, into a union, and was canned. He would spread propaganda among the fellows about getting organized into a union until one fellow squealed to the foreman and he was canned again. (Incidentally, this fellow met me on the street and we got to talking. He had long ago left the Socialist Party because he said he was disgusted with that bunch of politicians and especially with their lining up with LaFollette. I think he will soon join the Workers Party.)

The point of this is that the fellows would be willing to join up with some organizations if the radicals among them would only go about it carefully. I think that if I were working there now I would be able to start some kind of organization among them, in the form of a Young Workers League nucleus. Unfortunately, I am now one of the great army of the out of work, and can't do much agitation among my "fellow workers." But so soon as I get a job you can bet that I am going to do my best to line up the young workers into our own young Communist movement.

Fraternally yours, J. E.

IN LEOPOLD'S PLANT

Editor of The Young Worker: Having accidentally secured a copy of The Daily Worker I read with much interest the stories in it about the Morris Paper Mills, owned by Leopold. I am sending this letter to you thru The Daily Worker and hope that it will get into your hands. I have been working in this hell hole for the last two years and all I can say is that I stand solidly behind any paper that will take such an interest in the condition of the young workers.

From first looks, the factory appears clean. But when you work by those damned machines and hear your head buzzing with the noise of them far after you have went to bed,

then will you be able to understand how Leopold made his millions of dollars. The bosses discriminate between the girls and boys and use this kind of competition with which to increase the output. The rivalry created prevents seriously the getting together of the boys and girls and organizing.

Not a week passes but what some girl has a finger out cut or a hand crushed by the machines that cut and fold the paper into boxes. We are forced to stand all day long on hard cement floors and within a short time the arches in our feet are broken. All operations are paid by piece work with the exception of those where the workers would learn more money, so they are paid a regular wage. Many strikes have occurred in the mills but all of them have been crushed thru the chicanery of the bosses. I have become so dissatisfied with my present conditions, so I think I will leave for other parts. I heard about your organization thru The Daily Worker and I think that such an organization deserves the support of all workers with any brains.

Yours truly, HARRY DAVIS.

MAY STRIKE IN SOUTH BEND, South Bend, Ind.

Dear Comrades: The Studebaker plant and Oliver plow, which employs between them many thousands of workers, are cutting the wages and throwing out of employment many men. New machinery has been installed and this being used as the means by which to lower the pay of the automobile workers. Due to the large number of unemployed workers, the companies have free reign in their wage-cutting campaigns.

Much excitement has been created. It is rumored that some of the men have been cheated out of their bonus and many inquiries are being made for the prosecuting attorney. The league and party are going to try and hold open air meetings to agitate against the unscrupulousness of the bosses. The men are becoming disgusted with the treatment they have been receiving and a strike seems very imminent.

The kept press, locally, has not mentioned a word about this in their columns. They are under the impression that the situation will pass off without indications show that it will become more acute. Many influential people have made indirect insinuations to this effect. I have read in The Daily Worker of the wonderful work you are doing in Itzehewitz, Hammond, etc. I feel that the movement in South Bend is entering a new stage and in exploiting the present possibilities much good should come of it. None of the workers are in the

union and therefore they are incapable to cope with the situation adequately. While speaking of this to a respectable citizen the reply made was "these things always happen during election time." I smiled and thought of myself, here is a chance for Foster and Gitlow.

I hope the workers will decide to rebel against the abuse perpetrated on them and show some spunk. As long as I can remember, it will be the first time that anything of this kind has happened here. Yours for action, VERA FOMENKO.

MONOTONY IN BOOK-BINDERY. Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Comrades: The Irving-Pitt Manufacturing Company employs hundreds of young girls and boys to assemble parts and bind books of all description together. It is the largest stationary manufacturer of its kind in the city. Two shifts are worked, one in the day and the other at night. I used to work nights, but now, due to a slack in business, I have been laid off. The average salary is seventeen and eighteen dollars a week. The unskilled workers are not organized. Many strikes have occurred in this line since the bosses managed to get a bunch of half an hour was being allowed by our generous boss. Of course, I went about with the agitation in a careful manner, trying to get the men interested in reading The Daily Worker and THE YOUNG WORKER. I handed out free every once in a while to two apprentices bench hands who worked near me. Although this did not have the effect I would have liked to see, it did get the men to thinking a little bit and the young apprentices are now more inclined to discuss with me something more essential than parties, dances and the pretty girls they take out when their wages come around (some wages!).

If the shop was a little bit larger you employed more than just three young fellows who are eligible, you could be sure that we would soon have a nucleus functioning here. As it is I am the only young "red" in the joint and the other two of them are not yet willing to join with me in getting together either a nucleus in the factory or a branch in the city. But I'm not discouraged. The revolution will come. Yours truly, JOHN H.

CORRECTION AND APOLOGY.

In the last issue of THE YOUNG WORKER a small portion of the ending of the letter from Los Angeles about conditions in a laundry plant was omitted by accident. The writer of the letter was Comrade Eita Gordon, to whom we tender this apology. THE EDITOR.

AGITATION IN SHOP. Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Comrades: I am working in a small machine shop here and I want to tell you that the boss of a small place is in many respects much worse than the boss of a big plant.

There is no union organization here, of course, since the first fellow who tries to open his mouth about conditions in the place is kicked out faster than he came in. Since I began working there three men have been canned for trying to get the men into the International Association of Machinists, which, incidentally, is not making a real effort to organize the men of the machines. I expect to get fired myself one of these fine days, too.

I read the program of the league about a year ago, and I have been reading THE YOUNG WORKER too, and I was very much in favor of your demands. Unfortunately there is no league branch here and it is as yet difficult to start one. Anyhow, I began agitating among the men, together with one other rebel in the shop—which employs about thirty men—against the poor sanitary conditions, and for a full hour for lunch. The coffee was in terrible condition and a lunch of half an hour was being allowed by our generous boss. Of course, I went about with the agitation in a careful manner, trying to get the men interested in reading The Daily Worker and THE YOUNG WORKER. I handed out free every once in a while to two apprentices bench hands who worked near me. Although this did not have the effect I would have liked to see, it did get the men to thinking a little bit and the young apprentices are now more inclined to discuss with me something more essential than parties, dances and the pretty girls they take out when their wages come around (some wages!).

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PITTSBURGH LEAGUE TO HOLD DANCE FOR Y. W. L. Nat'l Office

PITTSBURGH.—The Young Workers League of Pittsburgh will hold a dance at the International Socialist Lyceum, corner James and Postpaid Sts., N. E., on Saturday, Aug. 23 for the benefit of the National Office of the organization. To get to the hall, take car 2, 1 or 4 to 7th and Penn Ave., and get off at Cedar Ave., or take Crosstown car 22 and get off at Federal and East Ohio St. The admission is 25 cents and dancing will begin at 8 and end at 11. A real Y. W. L. time is assured to all rebel youths who want to spend an enjoyable evening in a good cause.

Zinoviev Speaks on Youth and War

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large section of all the armies in the imperialist war consisted of youths as young as 18 and 17. I believe, if we take the age from 17 to 24, out of the 60 million mobilized, about 26 to 25 million were of the age when one educates the youth organizations, from which it follows that of the 27 million victims about ten million were of those ages which form the Communist youth organizations. But better still, let us consider the composition of the armies in so-called peace time. In France this army consists of young men of 20 and 21 years. In England from 18 to 23 years, in Germany from 17 to 23 years, in Poland from 23 years, etc. In other words, comrades, the peace armies, the armies which are now under arms, and which also comprise some millions—these armies consist for the greater part of youths. According to their age they are an object for propaganda for our youth organizations.

From this alone it is to be seen how immediately the youths are interested in the question of war and peace. For these reasons, comrades, we must, whether we want to or not, take an interest in such events as the international conference to solve the question of war by so-called peaceful methods. I believe that we must call the at-

tention of the youth before all on an international scale, to this question. Turn this situation into party work. It is here before all that the fate of the youth will be decided, the rate of the young generation of the youth league in the widest sense of the word. In all these combinations, the heads

of millions and millions of young men, who are the real members of the youth leagues, are at stake. For this reason, comrades, I believe that we must devote special attention to the youth on the tenth anniversary of the war and attach international importance to this tenth anniversary.

ZOWIE! THE STUDENTS THREATEN TO BEGIN DISCUSSING RADICALS!

A group of students met at Harvard a while ago and formed a left wing organization, the object of which is to encourage undergraduates "not to shrink from radicalism as such, but rather to . . . comprehend the various forms it has taken, and engage with out more satisfactory solutions." This is terrible. Students in Harvard actually thinking and deciding to discuss radicalism. What will happen when they actually begin to AGIT!

Lenin on War

CERTAIN revolutionary socialists who are advocates of disarmament use as their main argument the claim that this demand expresses most clearly, most emphatically and most thoroughly the struggle against all forms of militarism, against every war. And this main argument constitutes precisely the fundamental mistake of all advocates of disarmament. Socialists cannot be opposed to every war without ceasing to be socialists. Socialists have never been opposed to revolutionary wars, and they never can accept that attitude. Civil wars are also wars. Those who accept the class struggle must accept civil wars, which, under certain circumstances, are a natural and inevitable continuance development and accentuation of the class struggle in every society based on class divisions. To deny or to overlook civil wars would mean becoming a victim of the most hopeless opportunism and abandoning the social revolution.

All Together for the Drive

DUE to a demand upon the part of the New York League, the Chicago League and many other league branches in different parts of the country, it has been decided to continue the subscription drive to Sept. 15th. Many of the leagues have collected subs, but have not turned them into the National Office. This is an incorrect method of procedure, and causes a great deal of confusion. All branches should send in all subs taken into the National Office AT ONCE. As fast as you get the subs, send them in. The most important thing is to prevent delay. The quota for the leagues and the amount of subs they have turned in is as follows:

City	Quota	Turned In	City	Quota	Turned In
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Baltimore	10	5	St. Paul	50	4
Houston	15	7	Dalystown	25	2
Superior	50	21	St. Louis	25	1
Dillonvale	30	11	Valle	25	1
Ashabula	15	6	Buckner	20	1
Los Angeles	150	45	Worcester	20	1
Kenosha	10	3	Providence	20	1
Chicago	400	94	Benton	20	1
Grand Rapids	45	3	Cleveland	200	6
Buffalo	200	35	Minneapolis	150	3
Pittsburgh	40	6	Boston	150	2
Philadelphia	150	22			


The following subs were received from cities which did not get a quota for the drive or from other party papers:

Canada	3	Miscellaneous	19
Hammond	4	Taveri	5
Turtle Creek	5	Etespain	3
Rockford	1	Vapour	3
Kansas City	2	Daily Worker	25
Perth Amboy	5		73

The branches must immediately concentrate their last efforts to put the drive over the top. Has your branch done all that it could in order to achieve its quota of the sub drive? If not, then get busy in the last few days that are left. Let us see how near the total we can get. Rush your subs in immediately to the Young Workers League of America 1113 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, Ill.

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# BIG BIZ OPPOSES MEASURE AGAINST CHILDREN'S WORK

(By The Federated Press)

**CLEVELAND**—Ohio and Pennsylvania business men, organized in state chambers of commerce, oppose ratification of the child labor amendment to the federal constitution.

Whose Prosperity?

The directors of the Pennsylvania chamber defended their attitude with the declaration that "the youth of this nation should have the right, within reasonable limits and restriction, to perform such labor as will contribute to their practical education" and that their power to curb child labor put in the hands of congress "might prove detrimental to the agricultural and industrial prosperity of this state."

Sees Worrying About Workers

The Ohio chamber of commerce official organ asserts: "The amendment would take the seeds of selfishness and distrust from it that teaches the boys and girls of 15, 16 and 18 years of age that they are not expected to assist the parent who is overburdened with expense or handicapped by illness."

# Let's Build the Nuclei on International Youth Day

By MAX BALZMAN.

EVERY ONE of the branches would adopt the slogan "A nucleus by International Youth Day," and put it into effect, we will have made a great step forward in the development of our league.

A nucleus in a workshop means that the activity of our organization has been transferred from the territorial branch, where as workers we have in common the belief in Communism, to the workshop where we have similar problems. It means that instead of our comrades being one day a week, for two hours a night, Communists, they become workers for Communism every moment, carrying the message of Communism to the workers with whom they come in contact. It means that in addition to the work the comrades give to the branch, they give the time which is most valuable for our activity, the time when we are mutually exploited along with the rest of the workers.

More Action!

For over a year our organization

has discussed the question of shop nuclei. For over a year we talked over how we could put into effect the thing which is going to give us our only opportunity to develop into a mass organization of young workers. We have reached a stage where to talk any longer is criminal. We have come to a point where action is needed. And it is needed now! One nucleus formed brings us much nearer to the organization of our league on the basis of shop nuclei than do a hundred nights of discussion. Not that discussion is not needed. But organization is needed more. To discuss shop nuclei without organizing them, makes of us a sterile sect incapable of taking an active part in the class struggle. We are anything but that, and we must convince at least ourselves that we are a virile fighting organization of the young workers.

Take Part in Struggles.

We must show that we take the leading part in the struggle of the working class youth. We cannot do this by talking about the historic mission of the Communists as leaders of the working class. We can only do this by proving our right to leadership in the every-day struggle of the working class.

Our present form of organization does not give us this opportunity to prove the right of the Communist leadership. Our present form of organization hinders us in this task.

Other Leagues Ahead.

Let us look and see what our young Communist comrades in other countries have done. In Germany there are 400 nuclei. In Czechoslovakia 100. In France 70. In America, well, we have to even try to compare our achievement in this field we could only be ashamed of ourselves.

Take our Youth Day celebrations we are preparing. What will they be? Probably we will have more meetings than we have ever had before. Probably we will have a greater number of people at our meetings. But just think of how many workers we could gather together if we were organized in the factory—by carrying on the struggle day by day, by winning the confidence of the workers, and drawing them by the thousands to our meetings!

This is the tenth International Youth Day. Our comrades all over the world are gathered. In Russia, triumphantly, the Young Communist League hold its tremendous Youth Day celebrations. In Germany, too,

the young workers pour into the streets by the tens of thousands at the call of our powerful brother League. Everywhere, the cry is being raised, "Carry on your work inside the shop," "Take up the every-day struggle of the workers." Everywhere our brother leagues are determined to use International Youth Day for the increase, not of the agitation for, but for the organization of shop nuclei. And we too have that for our immediate task. Youth Day is only a few weeks off. We must do something by that time. We must increase the number of nuclei in our league. Every one of us has a task to accomplish. Every one of us has a job far more important than any we have undertaken. We have the task of building our organization. We have the task of making our league the leader of the working class youth. We have the task of drawing the millions of working youth into contact with our organization.

International Youth Day is here again, but for what? What have we done to increase the support of Youth Day by the working youth? We have not won the masses of young workers to us. We have hardly made the start. We must change this. How? By work!

How Many by Next Year?

On the tenth International Youth Day we have but a few nuclei. How many will we have on the eleventh? Why not our entire league organized on that basis, if possible? That is the task. This year, with the downward trend of capitalist production, with the millions of unemployed workers already beginning to walk the streets, with the rise of the revolutionary wave throughout the world, with the betrayal of the workers by the MacDonald government in England, we have great hopes for the advancement of the working class to power in a number of countries. We will do it, we will reach that stage. We will do it, when we have won the masses of workers to Communism. The encouragement and enthusiasm we gather from a review of the world political situation is wasted, unless we put our enthusiasm into action.

How many nuclei will we have by the eleventh International Youth Day? That is a question that every one of us can answer. Our answer is, "No more talk without action. We are organizing nuclei!"

Comrades, the future belongs to the youth, the working class youth. We will make this future more immediate by organizing shop nuclei now.

# ORGANIZE FIVE NEW BRANCHES INTO THE Y. W. L.

The following have been the branches of the Young Workers League organized in the past two weeks. If you have any doubt about the growth of our organization among the working class youth of America, cast your peepers over these:

Meigs Level, Pennsylvania, consisting of young miners and machinists; West, Wisconsin, and Wauwata, Wisconsin (the latter organized after a trip to that town by the Clouet comrades) both composed of young farm workers.

Hegewisch, Ill., Composed of Young Heater Boys Out on Strike.

That's the way to grow. Activity among the working youth that actually fights the exploitation of the capitalist. And the example set by the Clouet comrades is a good one to follow. They went to Wauwata, presented a play there, spread some propaganda and the result was another branch. As for Hegewisch, it is reported elsewhere.

Go them and do likewise!

# The Last Journey My Flight From Siberia

In the depths of night, in the cold darkness we went there. We, the eldest of the great race of Bolsheviks, went to fetch the dead body of our former sleeping leader. We had to bring him from the still silence of the living town to show his body to the bereaved millions.

A small procession on the empty street. A noiseless leave taking. Heavy silence in the railway carriage. Each of us directs his eyes to the front and wraps himself more closely into his cloak. There comes the rattling monotonous drone of wheels till we arrive in the snowy dark light station in the middle of a white plain.

The dawn is almost here, but the sky is still blacker than the bushy forest, as we follow one another in a line thru the snow to where in the distance the lights of Lenin's house burn.

Creaking peasant sledges, low sledges with their wide runners along the narrow road. Some of us sit silently in the sledges, whilst the others plod wearily along at the side, pressing our way thru the mysterious mist which precedes the dawn.

At a turning of the road the house stands out of the darkness with its lights and then as we turn again it is lost to the view. Another turn and at last the small country house lies before us on a snowy incline. The sledges stop and we walk silently thru the door.

A high old white house with regular pillars in a noble setting of silver frost glittering blue in the cold light of the morning dawn. Silently a glass door opens and we find ourselves in the middle of the small forest house which from now onwards will be taken upon with sorrow by the eyes of millions of oppressed people as the place where their beloved leader has laid the place where a life that is irreplaceable found its end.

We walk thru the house, silently on our carpets. Here at every step is history. Here are the frozen windows where he, a powerful giant in the time of his strength, looked out onto the small forest road and the garden in his hopelessness. He who saw over before him the hell from which hundreds of millions of his tormented and afflicted brothers stretched their hands for help.

Here he has sat expectantly in his arm chair. Here he has striven to work in order to carry on his great work in order to go back to the restlessness and the torment which waited for the return of his leader.

There in the great room the peasant children often visited Lenin, sat with him turned head over heels on the carpet in order to get a smile and a pat on the cheek from him. There will stand the Christmas tree with its pine boughs and cotton wool and the last entertainment to his faithful friends.

We walk up the round staircase... still more silent!

In a half dark room his wife welcomes us, his friend, his eternal comrade as always at her feet. In short sentences she answers the questions of his old friends, and her sister, walks restlessly up the stairs thru the rooms of the silent house.

There is an atmosphere of calm and peace reigning in the death room, no more hidden despair, no mysticism of the other world, only the simplicity of mourning and a realization of the earthly mortality of matter. Even the grief in which the genius staff of the great leader of the working class of the world was contained.

Therefore the proud calmness in the face of the dead leader. Therefore the straight stances and tight lips of the people.

By Leon Trotsky

"FISH doesn't bother us. We eat it raw, fresh from the net, while it still wriggles in the hand. Nothing tastes better."

The young woman came in again, her face covered with a cloth, stood by the hearth and arranged her clothing with a goddess like disregard of our presence. Her husband followed at least and suggested thru Nikovor that I should buy fifty squirrel skins.

"I said you were a merchant from Otdorsk. That's why he is offering you the skins," Nikovor explained.

"Tell him I'll stop on my way back. There would be no use for me to take the furs now."

We drank tea and smoked cigarettes. Nikovor laid down to sleep until the reindeer had eaten. I had an overwhelming desire to sleep but I might sleep on until the next morning, so I settled down beside the fire with notebook and pencil. I wrote down the impressions and incidents of our first day and night. How simple and easy everything had been—almost too easy.

About four o'clock I woke Nikovor and the Ostiak whom he had hired as a guide, and we drove away from Schominsk.

"Is it a custom for the Ostiaks to wear their hair in ribbons and rings?" I asked. "Surely they don't comb it more than once a year."

I indeed they have to comb it often. A sharp piercing wind blows that pulls each other's hair till the weaker one cries 'let go,' then the other one lets go and they go on drinking. They wouldn't give each other any real reason to quarrel. They are too good natured for that."

We struck the Soivia river soon after leaving Schominsk. Our trail led across the river and through a forest. A sharp piercing wind blew, and note writing became difficult. For a little distance our way led through open country between a birch wood and the river bed. It was cheerless and monotonous. Turning, we could see that the wind was covering our tracks with snow. Our third reindeer, wallowing in the snow, makes desperate springs and sinks deeper still, hindering the progress of the other two. The river itself and across the frozen swampland we have to proceed at a walk. To add to our misfortune our leader—that animal with which none could be compared—began to go lame. He dragged one hind leg but still tried to keep to the terrible trail and only his drooping head, his tongue eagerly licking the snow as he proceeded testified to his extraordinary efforts. Suddenly we came to a small

hill and found ourselves running between high trees of snow. The reindeer pressed so closely together that it seemed the outer ones were carrying the middle one between them. I observed that the leader's forehead was bleeding.

"I understand something about treating animals," Nikovor explained. "I bled him while you slept."

He halted the animals again, took a knife from his belt and with the knife between his teeth ran his fingers along the bad foot of our leader. "I don't know what this means," he said, "but I mean to be as good as dead with my knife, just above the hoof. The poor beast lay with its legs drawn up, not making a sound, but licking the blood from its foot. It was a pitiful sight. Blood stains—so bright against the snow—marked our halting place."

I insisted that Nikovor should harness the Ostiak's reindeer to our sleigh and that ours should be hitched to the other, a lighter one. The poor lame leader must be led behind us.

We had already progressed about five hours beyond Schominsk. We had about the same distance remaining between us and Ourvi, where we shall have our first relay of reindeer from a wealthy breeder, Semion Pantul. But will he be willing to allow his beasts to go out on such a long journey?

I discuss the matter with Nikovor. "Perhaps we shall be obliged to buy a team of these from Semion."

"Well, what of that," Nikovor answered cheerily. "We'll buy them."

Evidently my method of forging ahead was making the same impression on Nikovor that the adventures of Phileas Forge had once made upon me. You remember how Phileas bought elephants, bought stammers and when he did not have sufficient fuel he stoked his furnaces with the tackle and gear and fittings of the boats.

The mention of possible new difficulties is sufficient to make Nikovor war energetic and enthusiastic, especially when he is under the influence of liquor—which is almost always the case. He identifies himself with me completely, winks knowingly, says: "The journey will cost us a mere kopeck. That's nothing to us. Money doesn't bother us. The animals! If one gives out we buy a new one. I am not worrying about sparing the animals. As long as they hold out we go on. He ho ho. The main thing is to arrive. Am I right?"

"If Nikovor doesn't get you there then nobody will. My uncle Michael Oselovitch—a good peasant—said to me: 'Nikovor, are you driving this fellow? Do!' Take six steps from my herd. You can have them for nothing." And Corporal Sushkov

said: "Are you driving this man? Here's five roubles for yourself!" I asked Nikovor. "What for?" "So I should get you away." "But—why should he be interested? Was it really for that?" "By God, he meant it too. He loves his fellow men, that corporal. He is with you, body and soul. Because, you see, we thought—'For whom are you suffering all this? For mankind, for the poor people?' Yes, he said—'Here's five roubles for yourself, Nikovor. Drive him yourself and you have my blessing. Drive him,' he said, 'and I'll take the responsibility.'"

The track enters a wood and immediately the going is smoother. The trees prevent the wind from snowing it under. The sun is already high in the sky but it is dark in the wood, and much warmer. I throw off my gusset and wear only my sheepskin coat. The Ostiak from Schominsk, with our tired reindeer, is always in the rear. We have to wait for him to catch up to us, at intervals. All around us stand great fir, gigantic trees with no branches along their trunks which are bright yellow. They look like rows of great candles. One feels that one is passing through some magnificent old park. There is absolute silence. Now and then a brace of white bristled grouse—usually mistaken for tiny snow mounds—spring up and soar deeper into the forest. Suddenly we come to the edge of the wood, the trail descends a sharp little hill to the river. Our sleigh upsets. We set it right again, cross the Soivia, and are again in open country. Here once more are stunted growths rising above the snow. We seem to be in another swamp.

"How many versts have we covered?" I ask Nikovor.

(To be continued)

# RECOGNITION ONLY THRU ACTIVITY

THE Young Workers League is being recognized. The units of the Workers Party thru the country has done so not on paper but thru co-operation with it in work. The period when the branches of the Young Workers League had to appeal time and again for recognition to the party units, from the Central Executive Committee downwards, has passed. It has been given recognition thru its demonstration of ability to accomplish tasks in its field and in many instances the aid it rendered the party.

It might be well to correct an unhealthy tendency on the part of the party membership in some sections, to think of the league as an organization based on the mechanical difference in age. Not it has special demands and problems peculiar to itself and therefore has to be thought of accordingly. The writer does not desire to deal with this matter but wishes to mention in passing as it is directly related to the rest of this article.

At the last international convention of the United Mine Workers of America, we saw comrades of the league such as P. Tooley and others, contribute their share in the work of cleaning out the reactionary Lewis machine. At the mine workers' convention of District No. 12 (state of Illinois), four to five delegates to that conference were members of the Young Workers League. Altho these comrades did not play any conspicuous role yet the experience they received there, laid the basis for their future role

is furnishing leadership to the progressive element within the miners. In the party campaigns we have seen the league play its share at the various conventions as well as doing the technical work. Never in the history of the radical movement in this country did so many young people take part to such an active measure. In the class struggle. Many old workers are surprised when seeing young comrades speaking on soap boxes at the street meetings, organizing and performing other functions. Last but not least the support being given to the Daily Worker cannot be underestimated.

The league has taken the initiative in many instances. In the shop nuclei work, it will be able to give much help to the party. The inauguration of the factory campaign has set an example to the party membership. The publicity that the league is receiving is something more than cheap publicity. It is a reflex of activity. It has disarmed from the most skeptical minds its privilege to exist. It has been an upward climb and we can safely say now that it has overcome the most serious obstacles. The scope of activity of the Young Workers League has been wide and it has reacted out and exploited the field of work to its fullest extent.

We can speak of our movement proudly. We have as yet much to do in order to firmly establish ourselves within the realms of confidence. Let us set to our work with a new impetus and continue towards a mass organization.

IS this not really our own, is this not really typical of the great Russian Revolution? The leader of the world proletariat dies twenty-two miles away from the town and four miles from the railway station, amidst a silent forest. Broad open and sweeping vistas of snow wherever one looks. Before us a peasant strews fir branches on the road, and we Bolsheviks carry Lenin on our shoulders thru the snow for four miles to the railway station.

Around us on the hills are the peasants, the men, women and the children. Old bearded people support themselves on stout sticks dug firmly into the snow and look with deep feeling at the road which the peasant is still strewing with fir branches.

"Lenin was a wonderful man. Nothing but good has he done to us peasants."

We still carry him. Already ahead appears the yellow of the station house. From here, from the railway on our shoulders thru the snow of the world awaits its leader, the working classes of Europe, Asia and America fighting their liberation.

The mourning of the working class of the entire world accompanies Lenin on the journey to his last resting place under the Kremlin wall, where hundreds of the best have preceded him.

By BARNEY MASS.

THE industrial character of our membership is increasing by leaps and bounds. Out of the five new branches organized practically all of them consist of young workers. The Young Workers League has taken the initiative in getting into its ranks the thousands of young boys employed in the steel mills. Not satisfied with merely theorizing on the existing possibilities in the Calumet region (an industrial belt which is yet in a state of infancy) another branch of some 40 members was organized in East Hammond, Indiana.

Youth Fights Open Shop.

The open shop campaigns being conducted by the open shop interests are meeting strong opposition from the youthful toilers. Only too well is it known that the car makers and particularly the ones in the Calumet region, have borne the brunt of the attack from the bosses. It was the young heater boys in Hegewisch that started the strike there. In Hammond, the young car makers were the first in responding to the call from the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen to organize. And this is true in all of the steel towns.

Y. W. L. Enters Strike.

In view of this situation the Young Workers League hurried into the field and in very little time became an influence there. Once organized into the league the boys are not to be found wasting their lives uselessly in

pool rooms. Life becomes serious and their position changes automatically. The idea of the class-struggle dawned upon them gradually through the propaganda and in it they find the philosophy of life for which they have been searching unconsciously to explain their present day position.

Sign of New Approach.

In the past year seldom did the league play any part in the struggles of the young workers that assumed a mass character. Not because it failed to understand its task but because it was incapacitated by the task of establishing a compact national organization. Now it is ordinary to hear of a branch of the Y. W. L. organized in a steel town. No surprise is expressed when it is heard that the league has taken the lead in a strike, or is conducting an aggressive fight against the open shop plants such as the National Biscuit Company, Bunt's, Western Electric, etc. The process of popularizing and making of the Young Workers League a mass organization has been accelerated through its activity in all of the rebellions against capitalism by the young proletariat of this country.

Reaching Out to Youth.

Looking back for seven months or so, we know that the league was an unknown factor in the mining fields. Within the last few months it has succeeded in lining up hundreds of young miners and making of them fighters for the Communist movement. It stretched but into the agrarian field

and obtained hundreds of the rural; the efforts being made to organize the young steel workers. Much progress has already been made and from present indications the accomplishment in the future in this territory will be greater. It is just now beginning to exploit the potentialities of this important region.

The Hegewisch strike was the signal to begin. And following the union into Hammond it organized the branch there which promises to become one of the best branches in the organization. The Pullman strike was the first incident in which the league played any prominent role. The result of its work was a nucleus in the Pullman plant. The watchword of the league now is to be alert to any struggle where workers are involved and no opportunity of this nature will be passed by. This is the most important work and must come to its proper place in coming first before the eyes of the membership.

Swinging Into Action.

The Chicago-St. Louis district is now outlining plans to swing into action the leagues located in the small industrial towns. For instance, in Kenosha we have the Nash Automobile plant, in South Bend the Studebaker outfit and also the Oliver Plow Company; in Gary, Ind., the notorious steel plants of the conspicuous labor buster, Gary, etc. Into all of these huge plants must our message be spread and the young workers made members. This is our task for the

War Possibility to be Decided by U. S. Helium Airplanes

WASHINGTON.—Speaking before the petroleum division of the American Chemical society, Dr. Richard B. Moore stated that airplanes would decide the next war.

Helium gives this country a tremendous asset in time of war. If it were necessary it would be possible to fill 100 airplanes twice the size of the Shenandoah with helium and keep them in the air for several years. Even one-fourth this number might be sufficient to decide a contest in which the United States some day might find itself involved.

It should be noted that the old promise about the "war to end all wars" is not even that of serious men nowadays. Everyone is making ready for the next bloody war.

VERY often it is impossible for a nucleus to carry on its activity openly, either because of the victimization on the part of the employer or because of the state suppression, or both. In no case must this mean that it should stop its work, but merely that it should adapt itself to the situation and carry on its work accordingly. The first case is frequent, i. e., that the victimization of the employer makes open work on the part of the nucleus impossible, or at least limits it very considerably.

Nevertheless, the work must be carried on in such a case the membership of the nucleus must not only act as members of a nucleus of the Young Workers League. When they speak to their fellow workers in meetings, they should develop their Communist opinion and show that they act as members of the Y. W. L., but not, however, as representatives of the Young Workers League in the shop.

Only if they are convinced that the respective young worker already sympathizes with them, may they tell him that they represent the nucleus. It will be possible for the nucleus to act as a whole, i. e., to post up a bulletin, distribute handbills, etc., only in such cases the nucleus must conceal the names of its members.

The comrades who are of special value to the nucleus and whom the nucleus does not want to use, must be used for work not conspicuous to the management of the shop; for instance, in the composition of the bulletin, in connection with the branch committee or speaking at closed nucleus meetings. They should not distribute the paper or speak at public meetings.

If League is Illegal.

Even more strictly illegal must be the work of the nucleus if the league as a whole is illegal. Then, not only the membership of the nucleus, but the nucleus itself, should also be concealed.

In cases where the nucleus has immediate future. Following up the youth. And the latest development work that has been started, it won't be long before the Young Workers League of America will become a mass organization that will strike fear into the hearts of the bosses who take delight in piling up profits wrung from the bodies of young girls and boys.

# The Illegal Work of the Nucleus It Must Continue Its Work Illegally Even If the Nucleus Is Persecuted

Forms Important Problem.

It must be realized quite clearly that the shop nucleus organization is the most important problem under illegal conditions. While the shop nucleus system even under legality is the only firm guarantee for a close contact with the masses, under illegality, it is a problem of life and death for the league. Only then can the league continue as a mass organization despite the illegality and despite the terror if it is firmly rooted in the masses through its nuclei. A league which is built up on nuclei can be "prohibited" but never "disbanded" for the shop nuclei cannot be dissolved.

Nucleus and Branch.

The nucleus is the basic unit of the whole organization and is connected to it by the next highest body, the branch. The branch is formed of all the shop nuclei of a particular locality, and in large cities of all the shop nuclei of a particular quarter of the city. All members of the Young Workers League are organized in the nuclei and belong thus to that branch in the territory of which the nucleus lies. Only those members who cannot belong to a nucleus (working in a small shop, domestic service, etc.) are admitted to the branch in their district of living. In the branch which is thus composed, the nuclei take in accordance with great significance for the work of a mass organization, a privileged position.

The branch meeting must elect the branch committee which usually consists of five or more members, of whom some must under all circumstances be taken from the nuclei.

In the hands of the branch committee lies the whole registration and administration of the branch. It carries a membership roster and treasury, it receives from the higher bodies the propaganda and organizational material, as well as the league organ and passes this on to the nuclei and individual members.

By MAX BALZMAN.

EVERY ONE of the branches would adopt the slogan "A nucleus by International Youth Day," and put it into effect, we will have made a great step forward in the development of our league.

A nucleus in a workshop means that the activity of our organization has been transferred from the territorial branch, where as workers we have in common the belief in Communism, to the workshop where we have similar problems. It means that instead of our comrades being one day a week, for two hours a night, Communists, they become workers for Communism every moment, carrying the message of Communism to the workers with whom they come in contact. It means that in addition to the work the comrades give to the branch, they give the time which is most valuable for our activity, the time when we are mutually exploited along with the rest of the workers.

More Action!

For over a year our organization

has discussed the question of shop nuclei. For over a year we talked over how we could put into effect the thing which is going to give us our only opportunity to develop into a mass organization of young workers. We have reached a stage where to talk any longer is criminal. We have come to a point where action is needed. And it is needed now! One nucleus formed brings us much nearer to the organization of our league on the basis of shop nuclei than do a hundred nights of discussion. Not that discussion is not needed. But organization is needed more. To discuss shop nuclei without organizing them, makes of us a sterile sect incapable of taking an active part in the class struggle. We are anything but that, and we must convince at least ourselves that we are a virile fighting organization of the young workers.

Take Part in Struggles.

We must show that we take the leading part in the struggle of the working class youth. We cannot do this by talking about the historic mission of the Communists as leaders of the working class. We can only do this by proving our right to leadership in the every-day struggle of the working class.

Our present form of organization does not give us this opportunity to prove the right of the Communist leadership. Our present form of organization hinders us in this task.

Other Leagues Ahead.

Let us look and see what our young Communist comrades in other countries have done. In Germany there are 400 nuclei. In Czechoslovakia 100. In France 70. In America, well, we have to even try to compare our achievement in this field we could only be ashamed of ourselves.

Take our Youth Day celebrations we are preparing. What will they be? Probably we will have more meetings than we have ever had before. Probably we will have a greater number of people at our meetings. But just think of how many workers we could gather together if we were organized in the factory—by carrying on the struggle day by day, by winning the confidence of the workers, and drawing them by the thousands to our meetings!

This is the tenth International Youth Day. Our comrades all over the world are gathered. In Russia, triumphantly, the Young Communist League hold its tremendous Youth Day celebrations. In Germany, too,

the young workers pour into the streets by the tens of thousands at the call of our powerful brother League. Everywhere, the cry is being raised, "Carry on your work inside the shop," "Take up the every-day struggle of the workers." Everywhere our brother leagues are determined to use International Youth Day for the increase, not of the agitation for, but for the organization of shop nuclei. And we too have that for our immediate task. Youth Day is only a few weeks off. We must do something by that time. We must increase the number of nuclei in our league. Every one of us has a task to accomplish. Every one of us has a job far more important than any we have undertaken. We have the task of building our organization. We have the task of making our league the leader of the working class youth. We have the task of drawing the millions of working youth into contact with our organization.

International Youth Day is here again, but for what? What have we done to increase the support of Youth Day by the working youth? We have not won the masses of young workers to us. We have hardly made the start. We must change this. How? By work!

How Many by Next Year?

On the tenth International Youth Day we have but a few nuclei. How many will we have on the eleventh? Why not our entire league organized on that basis, if possible? That is the task. This year, with the downward trend of capitalist production, with the millions of unemployed workers already beginning to walk the streets, with the rise of the revolutionary wave throughout the world, with the betrayal of the workers by the MacDonald government in England, we have great hopes for the advancement of the working class to power in a number of countries. We will do it, we will reach that stage. We will do it, when we have won the masses of workers to Communism. The encouragement and enthusiasm we gather from a review of the world political situation is wasted, unless we put our enthusiasm into action.

How many nuclei will we have by the eleventh International Youth Day? That is a question that every one of us can answer. Our answer is, "No more talk without action. We are organizing nuclei!"

Comrades, the future belongs to the youth, the working class youth. We will make this future more immediate by organizing shop nuclei now.

The following have been the branches of the Young Workers League organized in the past two weeks. If you have any doubt about the growth of our organization among the working class youth of America, cast your peepers over these:

Meigs Level, Pennsylvania, consisting of young miners and machinists; West, Wisconsin, and Wauwata, Wisconsin (the latter organized after a trip to that town by the Clouet comrades) both composed of young farm workers.

Hegewisch, Ill., Composed of Young Heater Boys Out on Strike.

That's the way to grow. Activity among the working youth that actually fights the exploitation of the capitalist. And the example set by the Clouet comrades is a good one to follow. They went to Wauwata, presented a play there, spread some propaganda and the result was another branch. As for Hegewisch, it is reported elsewhere.

Go them and do likewise!

Scrap of Paper

It is estimated that out of 240,000 casualties admitted to hospitals during the war, 74,873 were due to poison gas. Out of the total of 14,340 hospital deaths, 1,194 were due to the effects of gassing. The total American deaths on the battlefield numbered 33,711. It is only conjectural how many of these were gas cases. It is estimated that the "breath of death" caused 27.5 per cent of the deaths.

Two men recently discussing the poison gas phase of war, men acquainted with the preparations of the government, declare that the agreement entered into at the Washington conference, in which the nations represented agreed to prohibit the use of poison gas, was only on paper; that was understood by the nations when they signed up.—E.

# RALLY TO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY AGAINST THE AMERICAN IMPERIALIST DEMONSTRATION OF MOBILIZATION DAY!

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### Into Worker's Politics

THE further that the political campaign this year in the United States develops, the more obvious does it become that the workers of this country must throw their support to the candidates of the Workers Party, Foster and Glitow.

Coolidge and Dawes have a black reactionary record so far as the workers of this country are concerned. Coolidge is infamous for his hand in the breaking of the police strike in Boston, for his toleration of the worst anti-labor men in his cabinet, for his connection with the Republican party of ill-fame. Dawes is the head of the Minute Men of the Constitution, the organization which hopes to ape Mr. Mussolini in breaking up the labor unions in America.

Davis and Bryan are about the two most colorless candidates that have ever been offered to intelligent people at any time. Davis, the petty lawyer of the House of Morgan, talks for hours and says nothing that would give the slightest hint that he favors any real working class measure. Even the doddering Gompers repudiates him. And Bryan? If nothing else, he typifies the symbol of his party—the jackass.

And then there is the Wisconsin Moses who is going to lead the workers into the land of milk and honey. Lots of piffle is being thickly spread about his progressivism. LaFollette is as progressive as a crab. His slogan is "Back to '76." Back to the small workshop. Just the trustee. And similar childish ranting. He is the candidate of the small business man and two-by-four banker. He offers the workers nothing. Not a word about unemployment. Not a word about the Dawes plan, which will not only ruin the German working class, but the workers of every other country as well—unless they take things into their own hands and follow the example of the brave Russian toilers. So far as his program is concerned, LaFollette is more reactionary than the two old parties. They are frankly for going ahead—with the killing off of working class resistance to the manufacturing of profits. LaFollette is for going backwards to the time when the workers had no organization to protect the elementary needs of their lives. The workers could very well follow the example of the intelligent Negro workers organized in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who have repudiated LaFollette because he failed to support the formation of a labor party.

There are two other candidates in the field, Foster and Glitow. They stand flatly on the Communist program. There is breathed a firm opposition to capitalist exploitation, to imperialist wars, and to petty bourgeoisie leadership. In the program of the Workers Party we have a sound stand on unemployment, on the Dawes plan, on the every-day and ultimate needs of the workers of America. And the struggle for the Farmer-Labor Party still occupies its place.

The young workers of this country should enlist their support for these candidates. The problems of the youth find an answer there. Opposition to imperialist wars which tears the youth from earthly existence for the sake of Morgan's millions opposition to the horrible exploitation of little children in this country.

Let every member of the Young Workers League get into this campaign with spirit and enthusiasm. Let every young worker join hands with us in our efforts to put across the message of Communism to the young and old workers of America.

The railroads of the country are always appealing to us to "See America First." The posters for the United States Marines cry, "Join the Marines and See the World." Between the two wars we join hands with Walt Carmon and say, "Join the Young Workers League and own the world!"

### Unemployment Increases

EVERY report, whether capitalist or labor, indicates that unemployment in this country is steadily on the increase. Thousands of workers are finding themselves without work, wandering the streets every day in the hopeless hunt for a master. Thousands of workers are using up what little savings they may have laid by in order to tide themselves over what they consider a temporary depression.

But this depression is far from temporary. From all signs it promises to be one of the bitterest unemployment periods that any country in the world has yet experienced. Already men are walking the streets hungry and homeless. Already they are beginning to feel the pinch of starvation.

What shall the workers do about it? In the face of the closing down of factories every day, the workers must organize themselves solidly, employed and unemployed to take care of the common interests of the entire working class.

It is in times of crisis that the bosses make their attempts to decrease the wages of the workers who still keep their jobs. It is then that the unemployed are faced with the temptation of scabbing on their brothers if the latter protest a cut in wages or increase in the number of hours by going out on strike. This must not be permitted. The unemployed and the employed must maintain a close connection with each other and present a solid, united front against their enemy, the capitalist class.

The unemployed must unite and demand that the capitalist class, and the government it controls, expend some of their ill-gotten money, squeezed from the bodies of the exploited workers, for the workers who are now out of work.

The profits of the boss come out of the work of labor and now is the time to make them disgorge some of it. We demand that the hours of the workers be decreased

to six per day, first the young workers, then the adult, in order that there may be more work for all. We demand that for those who are jobless, work be found; that appropriations be made for public works, the building of schools and other public necessities. We demand that the government take over the industries that have closed down and turn them over to the management of those who run them—the workers. Either work, or maintenance of the unemployed at union rates of wages.

For the young workers who are unemployed we demand that they be paid by the government, by direct taxation of wealth, and be given free vocational training under the supervision and control of the organized labor movement. We demand the abolition of child labor, which not only destroys the health and lives of the children of the workers for the profits of capitalism, but deprives the adult worker of employment.

The workers will soon be confronted with two alternatives: either to starve without saying a word or doing a thing, or else to unite in a struggle for these demands and against the system which brings about constantly recurring unemployment: capitalism.

A meek slave deserves nothing. But the workers are not meek. They are being driven by the hunger in their bellies. The road to relief from unemployment and from capitalism which causes it is the proletarian revolution: the overthrow of capitalism and the building up of the working class republic of Soviets!

Fight for our country? We have no country since it has been robbed from us by our masters. But we have left ourselves, the working class. We'll fight it out against the capitalist class.

### Pacifists and Pastors

THE various denominations of religious cults in this country are raising their melodious voices in protest against the militarization of the nation. Their voices are rising higher now with the proposal of the American imperialists to mobilize the war forces of the United States on September 13.

One moans about Jesus, the Prince of Peace; another about how hypocritical we are for having condemned Germany militarism and entered the last war in order to eliminate it and now following the German example; a third utters ominous warnings about the rumblings of the oncoming war.

All of them protest. All of them pass resolutions against the militarization of the country. It would seem, at least from the tone of their speeches and writings, that they would do anything in order to prevent another frightful war. It would appear that they are firmly opposed to another imperialist slaughter in which the lives of the best of the youth of the world are sacrificed on the altar of capitalist profits.

But don't kid yourself. It means absolutely nothing. The gentlemen of the reversed collar are really the staunchest allies of the imperialist robbers. They are always the first to quote the Bible to show that every prominent gent of those days, from Abraham to Jesus, was opposed to war, was a lovely, peace-loving individual who looked with horror upon fighting of any kind.

But at the critical moment, when their lackey service is required, they are Johnny on the spot, ready to quote from the same Bible to the effect that the enemy is godless, should be wiped off the face of the earth, has no culture, no religion and in general is sure to be damned in hell and should be despatched there as swiftly as a cannon ball can fetch them.

In the last war it was the same. They squawked and yelped against the coming of the war. They told the workers who were to be sacrificed, not to be rash. And when it finally came, they consumed every bit of their energy in gabbling and writing about the floods of justice and democracy and goodness we were about to lay down our lives for.

After all, they are good patriots. They say they are opposed to war, but when it comes they will obey the government. The government is controlled by the millionaires who feed the kitty in the cash box of the job houses. And the birds who bring the money was the tongue of the gentlemen of the church.

The quicker the workers learn to depend upon their mass strength to end all wars by fighting the workers' war against capitalism the quicker will we be rid forever of wage slavery, the profit system and the priests who fatten on us.

About the lowest thing in the scale of humanity is the scab. Don't scab on your class, the working class. Join the Young Workers League and fight with it for your class.

### A Weekly "Young Worker"?

EVER since The Young Worker changed its form from a magazine to a newspaper, it has gradually risen in circulation. It has been accorded a better reception among the young workers whom we reach. It is more and more reflecting the life and needs of the exploited youth of America.

In the last few months alone we have increased our circulation by 3,000 copies. It jumped from 4,600 to 5,000; to 6,000; to 6,200; 6,600; 7,000 and the last issue was printed in an edition of 8,000 copies, and we have left only a few more than we usually keep for our files. This speaks much not only for the improvement of the literature distribution by the comrades in the branches. All things considered, it is a remarkable growth.

But we are not completely satisfied. Not only do we aspire to a circulation of at least 10,000 by January 1, 1925, but we would begin to be satisfied only if we achieved a—

But let us quote from a letter recently received from an active comrade in one of our branches:

"I am glad to learn that the circulation of our paper is going up, and I hope that my subscription will do its mite towards keeping it up and higher—I really think, tho, that if the comrades got on the job with all their strength that we could have a YOUNG WORKER coming out every week in a short time. I'd like to see it."

And so would we!

But we are not going to rush into it. We want the comrades to write to us and tell us what they think of the proposition. What do you say?

A weekly YOUNG WORKER with a circulation of 10,000 by January 1, 1925. Shall that become our slogan?

Against the imperialists of America we offer the revolutionary young workers who are fighting the capitalist system which brings war, exploitation and misery.

The Boy Scouts are the training schools of capitalism for their cannon fodder. The Junior groups are the training schools of the revolutionary working class.

Have you got your new member for The Young Workers League and a new subscriber for The Young Worker?

Unite on International Youth Day against Imperialist Mobilization Day!

Work for the Communist ticket: Foster and Glitow.

# The Continuance of the War of 1914

By TOM BELL

TRITSCHEKE handed down the dictum that "war is the continuation of politics by other means"; while Clemenceau rounded it out by adding that "the peace (of 1918) is a continuation of war by other means." The situation confronting the bourgeoisie of Europe and America during the post-war period has shown that imperialist war and also the peace concluded by the rival imperialists is merely two phases of the one policy. France and Britain, struggle for the hegemony of Europe. Without the control of the metallurgical industry of Europe this is impossible, therefore these two imperialist cliques compete for the possession of the coal, iron ore, and steel plants of Germany.

America, enormously strengthened by the last war, cannot afford to have either Britain or France emerge from the struggle as the undisputed masters of Europe. Therefore the Dawes Plan is forced down the throats of the bourgeoisie of Europe, and the German capitalists are turned into the foremen for managing the Germany colony of American finance capital.

The Dawes Plan. Britain agrees to the Dawes Plan because it cripples the plans of French imperialism in Germany, and also it will prevent Germany becoming the formidable rival of British capitalism that it was prior to 1914. France is forced to accept the plan under pressure from the combined British and American capitalists who have the whip hand over France because of unpaid war loans and the Morgan loan.

American capital accepts the plan because of the profits which will come from the exploitation of German industry and the interest of the original loan of two hundred million dollars which American capital will furnish to start the plan. Thus for the moment a comparative stability has been achieved among the major groups of capitalists.

### Dirty Work of Socialists.

As usual the social democrats and socialists have a duty to perform for the capitalist class in the situation, as they have had in all the crises of capitalism since 1914. Their task is to lead the workers to believe that the adoption of the Dawes Plan is the beginning of an entirely new phase of capitalist development which will be characterized by a stabilization of the capitalist economy, and a consequent betterment of the workers' position, and the ushering in of a period of peace between the imperialist groups.

The support of the Dawes Plan by the renegade labor leaders is as much a betrayal of the working class as a betrayal of the war of 1914. The Dawes Plan can only be a success in Germany at the expense of the German workers. To produce the huge surplus values necessary to pay both the profits demanded by the American investors and the reparations payments to the Allies, the German workers will be forced to work at a very low standard of living, and greatly increased hours of labor.

The workers in other countries will be forced to accept the same conditions as the German workers to enable the capitalists to compete with the cheap production of America's German colony.

### Alliance Only Temporary.

The temporary alliance formed on the basis of the acceptance of the Dawes Plan by Britain, France and America, does not abolish the antagonisms existing among them. Nor does it do away with the imperialist rivalry existing in all parts of the world, from the Ruhr, the Balkans, to the Far East. The alliance of the biggest imperialist powers on the basis of the division of the spoils in Germany merely increases the desires of each of them to monopolize Europe. The rivalry between the United States and Japan over the exploitation of China still exists, although Japan received a temporary setback owing to the destruction wrought by the earthquake.

All the pacifist howling by the socialist and the bourgeois peace societies cannot hide the fact that the world today is filled with inflammable material which may at any moment burst into another world conflagration which will make the last war appear as a drunken brawl in comparison.

Preparing for War. The increase in armaments, air fleets, armies, and navies shows that the rival imperialists are preparing for the decisive fight for the domination of the world. Naval demonstrations, army maneuvers, training camps for the youth, and "mobilization days" such as the one to be held in September in the United States, all point to the fact that military preparations are being carried on to an extent only to be compared with the period prior to August, 1914.

The great pacifist campaigns which have been carried on for the past year (international conferences of bourgeois peace societies, declarations against war by church conferences, sentimental peace demonstrations on the anniversary of the outbreak of the war) add to the proof that an imperialist war is imminent and that the bourgeois pacifists are doing their best to lull the masses into a false sense of security to be called upon later on by these same pacifists to defend "their" country from attacks by the "enemy."

### Pacifists Have No Solution.

The social traitors pretend to see in the British Labor Government, the French Herriot "Left Bloc" government, and the continuance of the Marx Government of Germany, a guarantee of world peace. However, it must be seen that it is precisely these socialist and pacifist governments that are conducting affairs for the imperialist cliques in the various countries. The MacDonald government is building more cruisers and airplanes. Herriot has not reduced the strength of the great French army. The Marx government continues to support the German capitalists in their brutal exploitation of the work-

ers and has agreed to the Dawes Plan. The bourgeoisie knows that the records are the ones best equipped to carry on imperialist policy, and that the masses into another imperialist war if necessary.

### Russia Stands for Peace.

Soviet Russia alone stands for peace and disarmament. Repeating the Workers' Republic has offered to discuss universal disarmament with the capitalist powers and has been turned down. Soviet Russia has practiced reduction of disarmament by reducing the Red Army considerably.

The Soviet Republic is the beacon followed by the masses of the world in their desire for peace—a desire which will only be fulfilled by the establishment of a World Workers' Republic.

### IMPROPAGANDA

In the west a Democratic candidate for office has been going to death on his farm.

The papers state he has been killed by his own bull.

### WE HAVE JEWS, TOO.

The Party is in the habit of saying (as Russian) it has the Poles to sustain it. It is moving.

Sometimes ago Senator Hoffman was there is something wrong with "nearby" every department of the government. We wonder if he still insists on saying "nearly."

RED'S WIFE

American Labor will be right when it awings to the left.

### CURRENT FICTION.

(The Week's Best Smeller.)

"It is known of all men that the nomination which you tender me was not made of my seeking. It comes, I am proud to believe, as the unanimous wish of one of the most deliberate conventions in American history, which weighed in the balance with sobriety (!) my too scanty virtues and my manifold shortcomings. It is not for me to neglect so clear a call to duty." John W. Davis.

Reg pardon—(Question mark) after "soberness." Typographical error on our part.

### A WORD FROM A WISE BRICK

For a good understanding of the American Labor movement join the union in your trade—you will learn some striking facts.

BLUCK LAYER.

It is rumored the campaign has made Coolidge's cabinet very low in spirits.

### MY, BUT IT'S WARM—ISN'T IT!

John Walker, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, gave the new papers this mid-summer business. "I believe to announce that in the new future it will be possible to produce synthetic sugar from the tops of the beet and with cheaper fuel." With some of our labor leaders the making of alcohol is truly a burning question.

The Los Angeles Juniors are launching their own publications in the fall. A suggested title is "The Child's Voice."

Comrade Ella Gordon has already overheard the following in regard to it: "Eager Junior: 'Got yer 'Child's Voice'?" "Senior League: 'Now, kid, miss changed long ago.'"

Which proves that in Los Angeles we hear a full grown howl for THE YOUNG WORKER!

TIMID IMPROPAGANDA. Sign tucked up by Jim Peter in Heavenly Repair Shop. Not responsible for souls left over thirty days. —List Bannister.

### WITH APOLOGUES.

I'd walk a mile to keep away from Coolidge.

You can't be fooled by Davis—you're too smart.

LaFollette and Wheeler—they don't satisfy.

Foster and Glitow—the perfect blend—ask dad, he knows.

OFFICE BEANS.

Ah, but so does Walt Carmon, Impropropagandist.

### Boost Young Workers League for its Help in Workers' Strike

NEW YORK CITY.—"There is still an excellent chance of winning the strike, although practically no support is coming to the branch from other labor organizations in the city. The Young Workers' League, the Great Federation and the Workers' party are about the only and splendid exceptions. They are splendidly supporting the movement with all their power." Thus states a report in the current issue of Free Voice, official organ of the Amalgamated Food Workers of America, at present conducting a new taurant strike in Chicago.

Capitalism is social anarchy—nothing more nor nothing else. Communism is social communism. Acres were good until bread was found.—Bacon.

A desire for profit fertilizes the roots of every economic wrong.

In all wars the workers do their bit, while the capitalists make their bit.

## Building Navies for New Wars

By JOHN HARVEY.

THAT the United States is making every effort to become the first naval power is evidenced by the action of the British in regards to the alteration and elevation of guns on capital ships by the United States as well as the increasing of their radius.

### Rushing the Navy.

With a war imminent and the American navy only approaching second place, naval improvements and building are being rushed by the U. S. Government at a break-neck speed.

The standing of the world navies was given in a past issue of THE YOUNG WORKER. In this issue it was shown how the great powers both disregarded and managed to get around the decisions of the Washington convention. Now that England sees the U. S. navy getting so dangerously strong, she suddenly remembers the Washington treaty which up to now she has disregarded most successfully.

With America becoming the financial dictator for the world, with the dollar now the standard in place of the pound, with America offering the greater portion of each new international loan—with all these victories for American finance capital only one thing more is necessary for the U. S. to push England completely out of the dominating position which she occupied before 1916, and that is "the world's greatest navy."

### Why England Fears.

This is why England is so afraid of improvements in the U. S. Navy and would like to make a pretense of reviving the scrap of paper signed by the Great Powers at Washington.

But in answer to the protest by Great Britain the navy department announces that it plans to submit to congress at the next session its full program for the modernization of the older battleships of the American navy. This program includes the elevation of turret guns to give them modern battle range, and to make up for the longer range that the British guns have at present. The navy department also claims a right under the Washington treaty to do even more extensive modernization work than was recommended to the last congress. The clause in the Washington treaty which the U. S. Government insists upon the right to break is as follows: "No alterations in side armor, in caliber, in number or general type of mounting shall be permitted."

### Tricked at Conference.

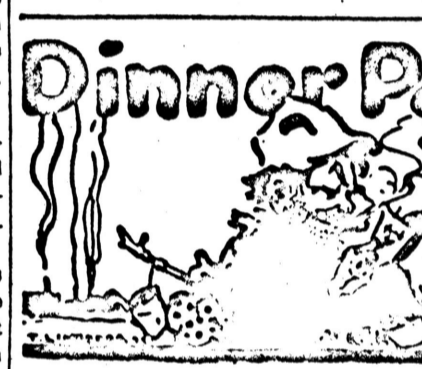
Naval experts claim that this clause was submitted to the conference by the British, who hoped by it to prevent rebuilding of old battleships under the guise of reconstruction work.

But it is not so much the breaking of this insignificant clause, broken many times since the mock conference at Washington, but the fear of victorious U. S. bankers with the backing of a navy more powerful than Great Britain's, which brings the protest.

### Want Britain Supreme.

London financiers still cling to the tradition of the predominance of the British bankers, tho in the financial field their place has long since been occupied by their New York brothers. With Morgan and his henchmen, even now in London with plans for the

exploitation of Europe under the domination of American capital, the less recent victories of American imperialism in South America and the Orient have been brought nearer home and England sees the American exploiters invading her next door markets. And



I chew the pencil of a bard to tell you of the Nashua Guard, that thing the boys is apt to join to make 'em strong in limb and loins, so they can go to camp each summer and march behind a band and drummer, and look right smart upon the street with puttees from the knees to feet, and learn to stand, stiff and acute, in giving orders salute.

It ain't no secret in these days that hardening public money pays to keep up all the Nashua Guards just to protect the rich men's yards. That is to say to guard the locks of their well filled deposit box. In other words, to break some strike, when workers do what they don't like. They keep militias on the hop, shooting for the open shop.

Who is it calls militias out, when boss and workers have a bout? It's bosses every time that cry—that they need bayonets standing by.

When strikes break out, first thing

they do is wire round to get a crew. A lotta times the pluten conceal that strikebreaking is what they deal, and get the scab behind the fence by putting up a false pretense. They drive harbed wire all around; their private gunmen guard the ground. A few hy-standers get a soak; some finlon man is made to croak. In swift revenge because he died, they say the law is on their side. To papers they give out the news that they have found a bomb and fuse. It ain't no trouble much to find it, as their own planting is behind it.

The governor then gets a wire that all the county is on fire, that profits will go up in smoke unless some strike gets a poke, and that His Excellency must call out the Guard or things will bust.

It's simple now as A. B. C.'s when papers print so much Guard wheeze, why they make heroes of latrine hums who man the open shops' machine guns.

## NORWEGIAN YOUNG COMMUNISTS DEFY BOSS JUSTICE AS COURT SENTENCES EIGHT FOR ANTI-MILITARIST WORK

By ANDREW OVERGAARD

EIGHT members of the central executive committee of the Young Communist League of Norway were recently sentenced to terms varying from 120 to 50 days for having carried on revolutionary anti-militarist work within the army. They were charged with violating all the points in the so-called Soldiers' Ten-Point Law.

The comrades, Henry W. Kristiansen, Biser Madson, Thorbjorn Dahl, Arthur Arnesen, Jorgen Vogt, Bjorne Lindab, Eugene Olavsen and Harald Osland, put up a Communist defense in court, defying bourgeois justice and boldly stating their intention of keeping on their anti-capitalist work the minute they were released from jail.

In the masterful defense put up by the young Communists, they said that they were not pacifists, but that instead they had instructed their members to go into the military service and learn the technique of war in order that they might be able to carry on a revolutionary war against their masters and prevent the troops from being used by the employers and the government against the working class.

Not the First Time. Comrade Kristiansen, on being asked if he was the editor of the official organ of the league, Risenkamp (en) (the Class Struggle), replied: "It is hard to tell. I am the official editor but I have been in prison most of the time that I have held that position!"

Eugene Olavsen, another of the defendants, in his speech to the court Communists to be guests in the prisons of the bourgeoisie. We defy

all of these prosecutions and we shall go out of prison with greater energy than when we entered. Nothing can stop us from carrying on the work for the final emancipation of the working class!"

### Soft Soap Doesn't Work.

The prosecutor vainly tried to smooth out the obvious fear held by the government of the activity of the young Communists. He stated that they were, in his opinion, trying to create a better society, but that in doing this they had made some mistake, namely, of disobeying the present laws of society; and that was a great danger to society. He evidently expected them to change this society into a better one without hurting the old! The court then sentenced them on all 10 points.

### Workers Cheer Them.

When the prisoners left the court they were greeted with cheers by the assembled workers for their revolutionary stand against capitalist militarism.

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