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CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

New War Is Certain, Says Colonel

U. S. OFFICER FRANK ABOUT DEFENSE DAY

To Show World We Are Ready for Another

(Special to "The Young Worker").
WASHINGTON.—"War" today is as sure as death, and when the next war comes, if the National Defense Day test is a success, we will be ready to fight any country in the world. "Every member of the American Legion and every other male citizen of the United States should enroll for the test September 12."

Colonel is Frank. These were the frank words uttered by Lieutenant Colonel John A. Scott, executive officer of the Reserve Corps in this area before a meeting of the Stuart Walker Post of the American Legion.

"War is certain," continued Scott. "It may well be likened to death. We don't want it, but it is sure to come. And the world is going to be surprised to see how well prepared the United States is after Defense Day. That day will be just like the first day of another war."

Coming from such a high official in the military machine of this country, it can be taken as an accurate indication of the idea that is back of the heads of the war mongers of the United States that are pushing the plans for Mobilization Day on September 12.

Communist Warnings Proved. The warnings of the Communists that the Citizens' Military Training Camps, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the Boy Scouts, and now Defense Day, were nothing but the first steps towards getting the minds of the young workers who will be the soldiers of tomorrow, to think along the lines of war, are now seen to have been correct. They have not been exaggerated a single bit; if anything, they have been mild.

American capitalism is preparing for another war in which it intends to establish its control over the industry, finance and commerce of the entire world. It wants to crown Morgan as the official head of the earth to whom all shall be servile slaves. And in this plan they are going to see the lives and bodies of the youth of this country as the pawns which will be sacrificed by the hundreds of thousands.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY PLANT IN NEW YORK WORSE THAN THE ONE IN CHICAGO

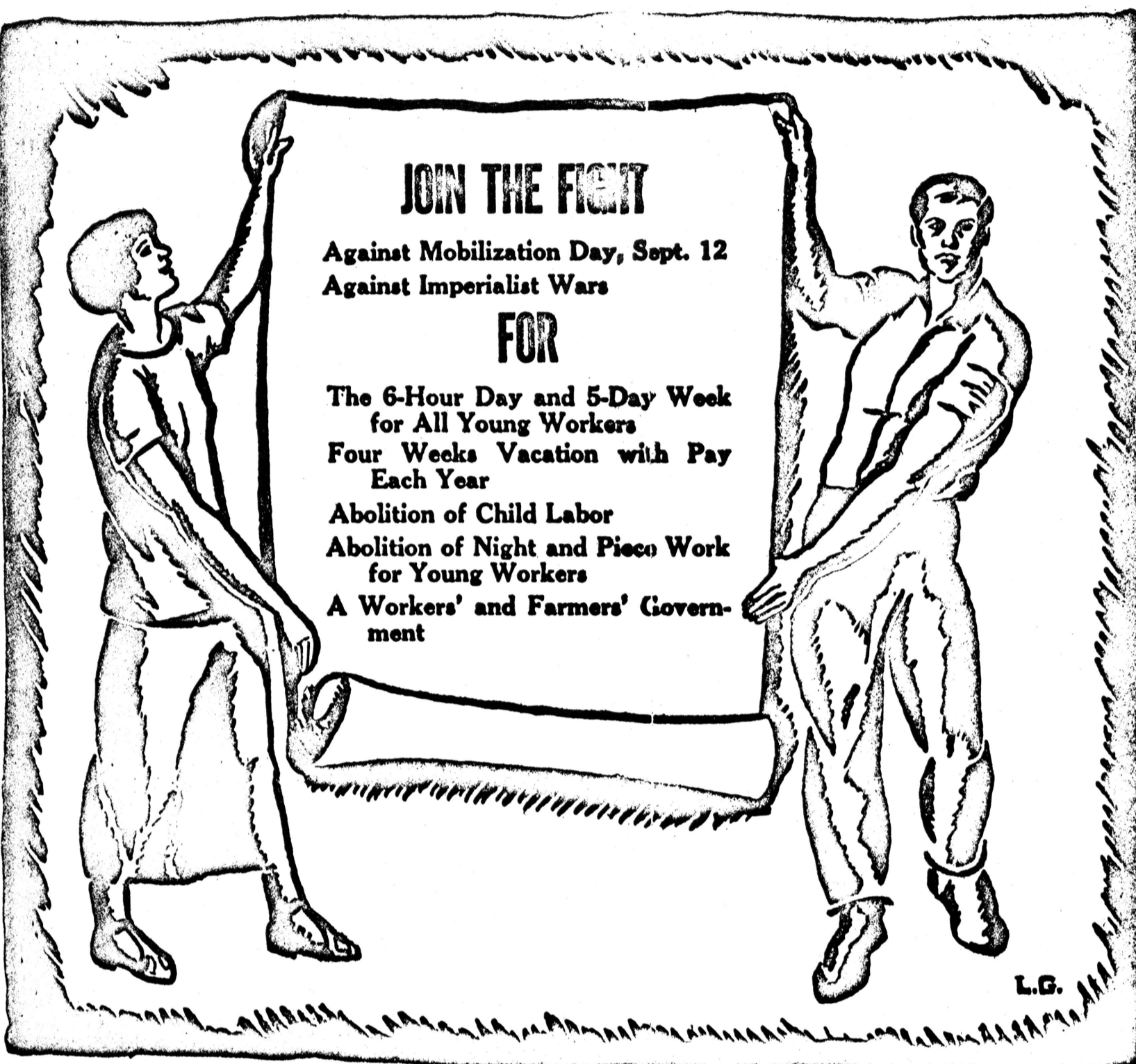
By WILLIAM WEINSTONE.

The campaign which the Young Workers League is conducting to expose the miserable oppression of the workers in the National Biscuit Company has been given impetus by an exposure of the conditions in the New York factories employing thousands of men, women, young girls and boys. The story of conditions in the New York factory has been told to the writer by an employe working for over ten years and knows the inside of the factory from first-hand experience.

The story of this worker is reproduced here without the slightest change. His name is withheld for obvious reasons.

What a Worker Says. "I have been working for the National Biscuit Company for 10 years. I know the conditions—not only in the department I am engaged, but in all the departments as well. From first hand bitter experience. I can say without a moment's hesitation that this place is a hell hole for any worker."

The work continuously, incessantly, is done in 110 degrees of heat for eight hours each day and for 48 hours a week. Until very recently, we worked 48 hours a week—that is until 4 p. m. Saturday, but a reduction in the working day was gained by a threat of a walk-out on the part of the first employees and not from



Morgan's Hand Rules Military Training Camps

By JOHN HARVEY.
 (Special to "The Young Worker")

CAMP CUSTER, BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—From a careful investigation of the Citizens' Military Training Camps, from inside its camp located, the only conclusion that anyone can come to is that the entire affair is a huge and important link in the great capitalist military chain that is binding the young workers of this country in preparation for a new war.

The Citizens' Military Training Camps is fulfilling the wish voiced by President Harding when he said, "I hope to see established during my administration, a comprehensive system of voluntary military training for at least 100,000 men a year." It is doing this behind the curtain of offering young workers a free month's vacation, by means of posters in street cars, elevators, billboards, and, as their official statements admit, thru "window exhibits arranged by Marshall Field & Co., the Boston Store, and the Fair," all of them notorious anti-labor sweat shop firms.

Back of the Camps. Who is backing the camps? Who is behind all the propaganda calling up on the young workers to enter the camps? Behind the Citizen's Military Training Camps stands the organization which has been recognized by the War Department, the Military Training Camps Association. Behind the Military Training Camps Association stand the finest collection of labor haters, of plutocratic millionaires and bankers that ever gathered behind capitalist military conspiracy! The Advisory Committee connected with the national headquarters, which are located at 210 Mallery Bldg., Chicago, Ill., includes among other members the following illuminating names: Richard T. Crane, head of the Crane Co. in Chicago, notoriously non-union; Frank O. Lowden, head of the Pull-

man Corporation in which John Pierpont Morgan is also a director. Stanley Field, vice-president of slave-driving Marshall Field Co. in 1917; director of the Chicago, Missouri and St. Paul Railway; of the National City Bank; of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank; of the Peoples' Gas, Light and Coke Co. Cyrus H. McCormick, chairman of the board of directors of the International Harvester Company; director of the Chicago and Northwestern Ry; of the Merchant's Loan and Trust Co.; and also of the National City Bank. George McClelland Reynolds, chairman of the board of directors of the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank; director of numerous other banks, a gentleman who fixed himself pretty well when he was president of the Citizen's War Board of Chicago during the world war. Julius Rosenwald, charity specialist and the expert in manufacturing pretenses in his mail order house, Sears Roebuck Co., by paying them coolie wages. Frank Billings, aid to the governor of Illinois in organizing advisory medical boards for the draft which drew millions into the last imperialist slaughter. Harry A. Wheeler, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. (Continued on page 4)

U. S. LEAGUE TAKEN UP AT WORLD MEET

Y.C.I. Supports Y.W.L.
 National Committee

By OLIVER CARLSON.
 (Special to "The Young Worker")

MOSCOW.—We are well under way. Representatives from all parts of the world are helpless to determine the line of action of our International for the next two years, and to criticize and be criticized. To date we have dealt with the three biggest and most important issues before the Y. C. I.

In the first place there was the report of the executive committee on its work during the last eighteen months; then the report on league reorganization (shop nuclei), and last but not least the economic-trade union work.

English Speaking Countries. This is perhaps the first congress when the English speaking countries have been given serious consideration. This is due not alone to the fact that there are seven regular and four fraternal delegates present from Great Britain, Canada and the United States—but above all to the fact that our organizations in these countries are developing rapidly and along the right lines. At the previous congress the United States was the only one of these countries which could boast of

JOIN THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST CAPITALISM!

Rally to International Youth Day, is the call now being heard all over the country in the ranks of the revolutionary young workers. Under the direction of the Young Workers League of America, American section of the Young Communist International, demonstrations have been arranged for in every large city in the country. Thousands of young workers will flock to the standards of Communism on this Tenth Anniversary of International Youth Day.

On this anniversary, the Young Workers League of America has issued the following call:

To the Young Workers of America. Comrades, Fellow Workers: The young workers of this country are facing many problems which they must meet. Already unemployment has gripped the workers of this country, young and old, and millions are walking the street without the hope of getting a job. The cause of the working class of this country, child labor, is an great menace to the welfare of labor as ever.

Preparing For War. Everywhere preparations are being made to draw the youth of America into the net of capitalist militarism to train them for the slaughter of the next war which is being worked out in the chambers of the capitalists of this country. Instead of the last world war having brought a change for the better in the life of the workers of America, instead of the various capitalist presidents and congresses having accomplished anything that would aid the workers of this country, the conditions of labor have become worse and worse every day. Exploitation becomes sharper and more bitter in the greed of the bosses for greater profits. The more that is produced the nearer does the worker get to joblessness. With the coming of unemployment the capitalist seeks a market for his capital and his surplus product and comes in conflict with other capitalists with the result that another war hovers and descends over the nation.

These dangers of unemployment, poverty and war are daily becoming greater. While the bosses pile up millions of dollars in profits out of the toil of the workers, two million toilers find themselves without a means of life. While the returns, soldiers are not yet recovered from the horrors of the last war, preparations are being made for the next.

Fight Wage Cuts. With the coming of unemployment, the bosses are engaging in a huge campaign to cut the wages of the workers. In this drive they always use the young workers to crash on the adults in the event of a strike. This must be resisted by every honest young toiler. Instead of being a traitor to the working class, we must line up with the adult workers, unemployed and employed in an organization of the unemployed in order that the bosses may find us united and solidly against wage reductions and increases in the working day. Instead of the cuts in wages, we demand work or maintenance by the government and industry, the young workers to be trained under the supervision of the trades unions during the period of unemployment.

Down With Mobilization Day. As a step in the direction of the

Negro Youth Are
 Attacked by Gang
 of White Toughs

DALLAS, TEXAS.—Gangs of young white hoodlums are making a practice in this city of attacking ineffective Negro men and women as they walk along the streets and then rushing away in their auto. Will Roberts, 39, Negro laborer, reported at the emergency hospital for treatment after being assaulted by such a bunch. He said that while he was walking home a motor car with six or seven young white men drove up to the curb and stopped and he was severely beaten by the young toughs. This is the fourth time within a short period that white boys have attacked Negroes without cause. The police were given the number of the car and say that they will make arrests.

Among the outstanding features of the fourth congress were the decision to have every national organization completely organized on the basis of shop nuclei by the time of the next congress, which takes place in about 18 months; the decision to Bolshevize the league's, making them young Leninist organizations; decisions on the participation of the young Communists in economic and trade union activity, sports, anti-militarism and work in the agricultural sections. Delegates Will Report Here. The delegates from the Young Workers' League are already back in the United States and tours will be arranged so that the membership may become thoroughly acquainted with the decisions of the congress and how they are to be carried out in practice. Complete reports of the congress will also be printed in forthcoming issues of The Young Worker.

FOURTH WORLD CONGRESS OF Y. C. I. CLOSES

Williamson Elected on
 New Executive

(Special to "The Young Worker")
MOSCOW.—(By Mail.)—The fourth congress of the Young Communist International closed here today with the election by unanimous vote of the incoming executive committee, John Williamson, chairman of the American delegation from the Young Workers League, was elected as the U. S. member on the executive.

New Executive Elected. The new executive committee of the Y. C. I. consists of twenty-two members and six candidates, with Comrades Vuyovich, Gypner and Gleason as the secretariat. Comrades John Williamson, Oliver Carlson and John Edwards were regular delegates from the American League, with Comrade Nat Kaplan as fraternal delegate with voice but no vote.

Complete reports of the congress will also be printed in forthcoming issues of The Young Worker.

RALLY TO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY AGAINST THE PREPARATIONS OF MOBILIZATION DAY OF AMERICA'S CAPITALISTS!

EXPOSE ROTTEN CONDITIONS IN BISCUIT PLANT

National Sweats Young Wage Slaves

(Continued from Page 1)

those days, I can't say, but I'm sure that it must have been just as bad.

Men Quitting Regularly.

"These conditions, slave-driving foremen, intense heat, inhaling of flour and sugar dust, no special ventilation, low wages, are so terrible, that when 40 men are engaged on a Monday, 20 or 25 are bound to quit at the end of the week; some the very next day.

"Despite these conditions of employment, the company does not pay more than \$20-\$22 a week on the average. I am married, have three children, working there for over ten years and I don't make more than this a week.

"The wages they pay are higher during the summer when one works like a horse, but in the winter time they regularly lay off all help and don't give us more than 3 or 4 days' work a week. So that through the year the average wage does not amount to more than this.

Girls and Boys Average \$15.

"The company is not even satisfied to pay these miserably low wages. They employ young girls and boys in the packing and other departments where they pay no more than \$15; some getting as low as \$14 average wages. Married women get no more than \$18 and in the winter time they are laid off completely. The company is enraging the young people for work, is supposed to employ no one under 18 years of age. But it does not care how young they actually are as long as they fit their age as that complying with the law. The company finds it easier to exploit the young people and the younger the better for its profits.

"Despite the low wages they pay the workers, the company never pays for legal holidays when the factory is closed. This means more wages taken out of the pockets of the employees.

"The heat, flour, and sugar dust keeps men constantly on the sick list, and sets into their body in a short time. Flat footedness, varicose veins, kidney and eye trouble, and tuberculosis are common ailments of the men. These diseases take away many years of a man's life and eat up a good deal of the low wages in doctor bills, but the company does not give any vacation to the workers. Foremen and superintendents, however, get other treatment.

Spying Maintained.

"Organization among the men is taboo. The company spends thousands of dollars annually to prevent organization of any kind springing up among them. No voluntary organization even of a fraternal character is allowed. The company employs industrial spies to keep watch upon any attempt of the workers to organize for the purpose of improving their conditions. The men know the injustice of this and of course, would like to get at least a decent wage as the drivers of the company who are union men.

"These union men get princely wages in comparison to our starvation rates. These wages on single trucks get \$38 a week, while those on the big trucks receive \$44 a week, all year around. They work eight hours a day outside, and do not have the rotten conditions to put up with that we do. The company makes every effort to prevent the other workers from getting at least as decent wages and conditions as these organized union men. Of course, they also would want to bust up the drivers' union if they could do so.

"The Inner Seal."

"While the company prohibits any attempt on the part of the men to get together, or any shadow of an organization, it encourages the foremen and the superintendents to come together. The "Inner Seal" is the organization of the white uniform and its activities are devoted to getting greater loyalty from these watch dogs of the company's profits. It creates a consciousness of solidarity of interests between these men and the bosses which the workers feel. Slave driving is the result, encouraged by the company which made a profit of \$12,000,000 last year.

"These conditions which I have described are not exaggerated in the least. In fact, they are very modestly stated. I have not told of the accident rate, the loss of fingers and even of hands in the machines, the rotten facilities for looking after the sick (one nurse and one cot for many hundreds of employees) the wash rooms being used for those who go under from the heat; no rest place provided to spend the 30 minutes pause after standing up for several hours; 50 minutes instead of a full hour for lunch; these and similar injustices and inhuman conditions could be described more fully. But even then it would not do full justice to the picture.

"No one, merely reading about this giant trust, profit making company, can realize the slave conditions. Only by working under the lash will it be fully appreciated. As one who has given ten years of his life in this "damned hell hole," I can wholeheartedly support the campaign which "The Young Worker" is making, and can express the wish of every em-

WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS ON THE JOB

Fired for Agitation, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Comrades:

In my previous article in The Young Worker I gave a brief report of the formation of a Y. W. L. nucleus in the plant of the Empire Rolling Mill Co. Since then several interesting developments have taken place in the mill.

The mill had been closed down for about two months, due to lack of work, but has now reopened, although it is only operating three or four days a week. There has been a spell of real hot weather in Cleveland during the last two weeks and as a result many of the men that are working around the furnace and at the rolls fainted, played out in other words. Most of the men have been working at this occupation for many years, yet they were unable to withstand the heat and the terribly hard work. Now you can imagine the effects of the same conditions on the young fellows employed in the same mill. Many of them, including myself, have been fired or laid off, because they are not able to stand the strain.

Many accidents, with a consequent loss of limbs, have occurred here, due to the negligence of the company in renewing old and worn out machinery. Some time ago, a mechanic was seriously injured, when the pulley on a passing overhead crane, broke and fell with a sickening thud on his leg, breaking one arm and seriously injuring the other. The man is now confined to his bed, a cripple for life.

It is evident that if the company had been careful in seeing that all the machinery used by the men was in good condition that this terrible accident would not have occurred.

Most of the white workers, particularly the skilled mechanics are organized in the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. The unskilled laborers, on the other hand are not in the union and are therefore exploited to the limit, working twelve hours a day for forty or forty-five cents an hour. There is no reason why these men should not be organized, were it not for the failure of the union officials to do so. I had spoken to some of them, at the time I was chairman of the mill, and they were all willing to join the union. I managed to get two of them to join

before the mill closed down and now they are getting fat and happy.

An indication of the unprincipled sort of the union officials can be seen from the fact that they made no effort to have me reinstated on the job, I being the only one of those who had played out that was fired. This may partly be ascribed to the fact that I had been circulating petitions for the Workers Party candidates in the coming elections, and also many of the men are members of the Ku Klux Klan and have no love for a Communist.

In closing I want to point out that this mill is probably the dirtiest, most filthy hole I have ever worked in. There are no washrooms or toilet facilities and the men have to go home in the dirty, sweaty clothes in which they work. On coming out of the intense heat, which sometimes reaches as high as 150 degrees Fahrenheit, and reaching the "cool" outdoors, where it is only a mere 90 or 95 degrees, many of the men catch cold, develop pneumonia and all kinds of lung and throat diseases. The company, following the example of many other kindhearted, benevolent, corporations has refused to install any fans or other cooling and ventilating devices. On one occasion the union made a request for the installation of these necessary devices and was informed by the Superintendent of the plant, "You boys have got along without them for many a summer, I guess you can get along without them this summer."

Yours in the fight,
GEO. PAPCUN.

More of the Workers.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Comrades:

The league here is getting along splendidly this summer; at our last meeting we had an attendance of sixty; more and more of our members are industrial workers, and less students, and the two are not yet in a position to organize any shop nuclei. We are keeping the idea of this ultimate form of organization before the membership constantly, and to urge more active participation in the unions and on the job. One of our members did not amount to anything in the Labor Council of this city and is leading the fight for the reinstatement of the expelled members of the Trade Union Educational League.

New Branch of the Y. W. L. is Organized in Elizabeth, N. J.

NEW YORK CITY.—The latest branch to be organized by the district committee of the Young Workers League here is the one in Elizabeth, N. J. This makes the fourth new branch organized in the last two months.

The new York comrades are carrying on the campaign locally against the National Biscuit Company and expect to extend it to include the Sunshine Biscuit Company of Long Island. In this drive every member of the organization must put all efforts.

WORKERS MUST CONTROL.
NEW YORK CITY.—In the 17 states which have state police, "the troops are almost always used against the workers and in the interest of the employers," according to information gathered by the American Civil Liberties Union. The report shows widespread opposition to the state police system and its extension on the ground that such police are used "invariably to break strikes, to avoid strikers from their homes and to use strong-arm methods characteristic of company gunmen."

This proves the necessity of labor controlling the movements and activities of the state militia so that they will be used to the good of the workers—for a change.

The power of the employers to withhold bread is a much more effective weapon than the power of the employer to refuse labor. Freedom of contract in such circumstances is surely misnamed; it should rather be called despotism in contract.—Judge Higgins.

The sub drive is being pushed and we are getting fat results. Each member is compelled to call on the mailing lists of various organizations we have obtained and sell literature once a month. Our educational work is far less academic than formerly and much more in line with the policy of the league. Anti-Militarism week will be observed here at meetings, picnics, etc. We have organized two more junior groups, one Italian, one Armenian, and we will continue to add groups as fast as we can supply teachers to handle them.

Yours fraternally,
Wm. Schneiderman.

Compensation Bunk.
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Comrades:

I will endeavor to give you a little information about the printing industry here. I am a press assistant and I am a member of the Printing Press Assistants Union No. 40. Conditions in this particular industry are intolerable. There are only forty union printing shops in this city, which are supposed to be running under union conditions, but the master class do what they like with half the union shops. This steadily shows how weak the union is and unless a more determined spirit is put up, the outlook for the future is not so good.

For instance a small printing press what they call a Gordon press turns out on an average of 1,000 sheets per hour, yet they expect you to put out 1,500 for the same time, which is impossible unless you kill yourself in the endeavor of satisfying the insatiable demands of the bosses.

I worked in one of these slave pens and the name of it is the Springman Paper Products Co. Corp. I worked in this particular place for two weeks and did not amount to anything in amount of work to meet with their demands, so I was discharged. Just as luck would have it I met with an accident on the last day of work. I cut my finger on a rusty dye cut, which developed into blood poisoning a week later. I reported the accident and demanded compensation, but the manager, mainly consideration given me did not amount to anything in view of the time I lost, etc.

It goes to show they don't give a damn for the slaves. There is a lot of red tape in these so-called compen-

sation laws. Most of the slaves in Springman's Paper Products are very docile. You can't tell them anything progressive and if you talk to them about a union, they will tell you to go to hell, labelling you a dirty bolshevik and order you back to Russia.

Springman's, in my opinion, is just as bad as the Leopold's paper box factory. This firm employs about 500 slaves, most of whom are girls. They are forced to work for the pitiable wage ranging from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per week. Is there any wonder why so many prostitutes are found in Detroit?

Unemployment is increasing week after week, there are very many unemployed here. The automobile industry is very hard hit, they are running on an average of three to four days a week. Also can be witnessed the slowing up of the building trades here.

Hoping you will publish this in the Young Worker, or more company officials continually harrasing us.

The police of Pittsburgh will give every aid to the bosses, as has been shown on a number of occasions in the past, and any comrade that will take an aggressive attitude, is faced with a big chance of not only being arrested, but from our little experience, we know that they will not hesitate in beating us up. We are unfortunately not having any speakers and the Workers Party speakers have their time taken up with the election campaign.

Fraternally yours,
NORRIS SCHINDLER.

N. B. C. Drive in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Comrades:

I was able to get an English comrade from East Pittsburgh to take off a few hours from his job in the steel works and he has done good work with me in the distribution of the Young Worker in front of the National Biscuit Company plant here. We did the best we could, but we only distributed 50 copies of the Young Worker and gave 10 away. The reason for the small sale was due to the officials of the company being prepared for us, having with each of us a policeman or more company officials continually harrasing us.

Fraternally yours,
ALBERT MANELLA.

Fighting Yellow in Union, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrades:

I joined the Young Workers League and the International Fur Workers Union as soon as I came to Chicago, about two months ago. Having been known as a left winger in Canada, I was not particularly liked by the right wing officials of Local 45 here.

The first thing I saw in the local was a clever trick that they wanted to put over by electing officers when they were not present. I protested, of course, but business agent Milstein and his machine gang said they would go along with it anyway. The thing finally became so hot that I was struck on the jaw by one of the strong arm squad and everyone began to advise me to get out of the union. I finally did or else I would probably have been lynched.

When I tried to go to work the next day, the boss told me that there was no more work in the factory. I knew there was work, for the boss had been hiring girls from the street and not from the union. I immediately called this to the attention of the business agent and told him that he should take care of the place since it was supposed to be a union plant. He told me to get out of the factory. The chairman told me to mind my own business and get angry. He got Milstein to call a shop meeting at which it was finally decided that only union members be hired, thus forcing the boss to take on two union men right away.

But I did not get my job back. I was told that as soon as there would be work, I would be taken back, but I know that there is work right now and that the officials are carrying on dirty work simply because I am a Communist.

The business agent gets a job for a member only if he knows him. If a fellow comes from Canada, let us say, there is usually nothing doing for him. At the beginning of the year, instead of getting an operator's job, which I may work, I got a job as a cleaner, which pays the lowest wages, \$26.

Fraternally yours,
ALBERT MANELLA.

LABOR FAKERS DOWN YOUTH'S WORK DEMANDS

Y. W. L. Program Lost at Minnesota Meet

By CLEMENT FORSENA

(Special to "The Young Worker")

FAIRBAULT, Minn.—The actionary Hall-Lawson gang, the Minnesota State Federation of Labor showed itself at a blackest in downing resolutions after resolution presented by the Communists at the state convention here. One of the resolutions that failed to be related to youth labor.

Contained League Program

The resolution, which has been drawn up by the Communist delegates and reflects the needs of the young workers as well as those of the old, was in line with the economic program adopted by the Young Workers League of America and was supported by many delegates.

In order to show how far the bosses' local machine in this state is going in order to kill anything presented by Communists, no matter how pressing its adoption would be, a resolution is reported in full.

THE REVOLUTION.

Whereas, at the present time there is a discrimination in the trade union movement against the youth and a practice which is a detriment to the development of its strength and influence.

Whereas, instead of continuing the discrimination, it is time for the trade unions to begin to consider the problems of the youth in order to solve the solution of which will effect the welfare and the union as a whole. At the present time the practice of getting an operator's job, which I may work, I got a job as a cleaner, which pays the lowest wages, \$26.

Fraternally yours,
ALBERT MANELLA.

Militarizing the United States

By CLARENCE MILLER.

It is interesting to note that in case of a war the people are told that it is a war for defense. For example, in the last war we found Germany in a "defensive" war against the French and the French in a defensive war against the Germans. At least, those were the stories told to the proletariat of both countries.

While those things seem contradictory, they are absolutely necessary for the capitalist, for if the workers would realize the real capitalist nature of war, they might change the front, and shoot down the real enemies of the working class—the bourgeoisie.

U. S. "Defense" Day.

A very similar condition is found at present in the U. S. No less a character than President Coolidge himself, is trying to tell us that "Mobilization Day" is not "Mobilization Day," but it is "Defense Day," because every capitalist war is a war of defense, at least those are the things that we are told, and so we need a "Defense Day" to prepare us for it. But an analysis of the economic and military situation in the U. S. will show something very different. It will show that Defense Day is only one of the many ways our great country is preparing to put up a great fight for the domination of the world market for the benefit of Wall Street. It is not the object of this article, however, to go into the analysis of the economic but solely into the military situation of the U. S.

The above table shows the extent to which militarization is carried on in the U. S. Now if in addition to this you consider the fact that the U. S.

MILITARIZING THE UNITED STATES

Expenditures for National Defense.....	1913	1924
Regular Army, Number of Men in.....	\$260,136,035	\$609,098,796
National Guard.....	92,035	134,360
Officers' Reserve Corps.....	120,802	160,989
Citizens' Military Training Camps.....		78,923
Reserve Officers' Training Corps.....		31,000
Miscellaneous.....	31,028	101,129
Total Number of Individuals under Training.....	243,865	604,010
Persons in Military and Naval Service stationed abroad.....	85,608(1)	117,238(2)

(1) 1910 Census. (2) 1920 Census.

claims 2,534,000 trained reserves and 12,918,000 untrained reserves, you will readily realize that the United States has some very definite purpose in mind when it will mobilize all those and maybe more on the 12th of September. You can rest assured that on that day all the foreign diplomats in this country will be invited to attend the military arrangements and that they will report back to their country that the U. S. is preparing a huge military force.

A Queer Coincidence.

And queer, why should this be done at a time when in London our Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, is trying to save the world through the Dawes plan, the plan of the domination of Wall Street over the rest of the world. It seems that this "quiet" Defense Day with millions of American young workers participating in it, is a threat to the other countries, that if they don't accept this domination willingly, they will be compelled to do it by the millions of American workers who are being armed here and prepared for that purpose.

But, there are two obstacles in the way of our democratic capitalist government. One is the huge army of the Soviets. The fact that millions of workers who are determined to fight against the domination of the

country. The speakers will point out to the young workers, who are the ones to enlist, that the only army of defense is the army of the organized proletariat against the bourgeoisie. That the only war for the workers is the war against the capitalist class, that will establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. Thousands of leaflets with the Communist principle will be distributed to those who will not be able to hear our speakers. But this week will not end our anti-militarist efforts.

Propaganda through the Young Worker, and other Communist press, propaganda through our comrades on the job, will continue until we succeed in organizing the huge army—the army of the workers—that will overthrow capitalism and establish the domain of the working class.

"RING AROUND THE ROBBIE"

WALL STREET is for J. P. Morgan, Morgan is for Dawes, Dawes is hitched to Coolidge, and brave Calvin has no cause to doubt the love of Frazier, who supports him, but can get at the same time an endorsement straight from Robert LaFollette.

Wall Street is for J. P. Morgan, Morgan is for Davis, Davis is for Thomas Walsh (for Bryan, too, God save us!); Walsh is backed by Wheeler, who for all that, can get full support from Morris Hillquit, Harast, and Robert LaFollette.

Wall Street dips in many pots, and has a motley crew. They get along for many years with the established two old parties. But the times have changed. They now must fight the "reds," the Communists, so they unite with Coolidge up to the hilt.

Who'll Win the Drive?

IN the final spurt of the drive for subscriptions to The Young Worker, a rivalry is developing between the two biggest league units in the country, New York and Chicago. On a smaller scale more separate little contests are being conducted.

Who is going to win in the lead for subs? Put all your energy behind it!

Since the last issue of The Young Worker, the following branches have sent in additional subs.:

- Chicago: 3, making a total of 97
- New York: 87, making a total of 121.
- Dillonvale: 1, making a total of 2.
- Los Angeles: 2, bringing theirs up to 47.
- Detroit: 9, making their subs 44.
- Philadelphia: 6, shinning up to 28.
- Boston: 1, making a total of 3.

The other branches have not sent any in. What's wrong? No branch can be considered an active unit of the league unless it is pushing hard behind the sub drive. The total now stands at 469 subs. Let's see how many we can send in to the national office before the end of the drive.

It should be the aim of every league to get a higher quota than its rivals. Friendly Communist rivalry will bring the quotas higher. Who will get first place, New York or Chicago?

Rush in Those Subs!
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INDIANA AMERICAN LEGIONITES DIVIDED ON SUPPORTING DRIVE FOR BOSSES' MOBILIZATION DAY

(Special to "The Young Worker")

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Opposition to the proposed Imperialist war demonstration on September 11 has developed from an unexpected quarter. It transpired today, when state commander of the American Legion in Indiana, Arthur Ball, stated that there would be strong difference of opinion on the legion endorsing Mobilization Day.

Ball declared that many delegates to the state convention of the organization, which opens here today, would oppose the participation of the legion in observing the day set aside by the war department.

Getting Disillusioned.

It seems that many of the soldiers, in spite of the reactionary influence of the officers of the legion, and a "contradiction" to the pro-Defense Day stand taken by Commander Quinn

are beginning to see that behind the last world war was the desire for profit and world market control. Especially has this been impressed upon their minds by the scandals in the Veterans' Bureau and the rotten conditions of the workers, especially in the coal fields of Indiana.

RECOGNITION RESOLUTION.

The Jewish Branch No. 12 of New York, has passed a resolution in recognition of the valuable work that has been done for it by its secretary, Comrade Arthur, and regret his being obliged to leave New York

SUPPORT AND WORK FOR THE CANDIDATES OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS OF AMERICA, WM. Z. FOSTER AND BEN GITLOW

NO SEATS FOR 50,000 PUPILS IN CITY HERE

Workers' Children Are Out of Luck

While the city authorities in Chicago are busily engaged in playing politics and appropriating money for nothing of value to the workers, the public school buildings here will open on Sept. 2 with a shortage of 53,000 to 54,000 seats.

This is a shortage increase of about 2,500 seats since last year's record when the shortage was about 51,400 seats. It should be remembered, of course, that those who will suffer by this arrangement are the children of the workers, since the children of the rich are privileged little gentlemen who can afford to attend private schools.

Still have "Portables." Of Chicago's 7,047 schools, the majority of them, 647 are still of the rotten "portable" type. The increase of membership in the schools this year will be nearly 20,000. It is expected that of these pupils probably 16,000 will be in the elementary schools. The majority of these new children will be confronted with the proposition of no room for them to study in.

A few additions have been made in buildings and rooms, but they are very far from approaching the situation. The sum total of the officials' hopes is 20,340 seats, or approximately the number of the normal increase of new students. And even at that, some leading officials say that the estimation of new seats is far indeed from the mark of actuality.

This year's building program benefits in no way from the increase of tax rate voted for school buildings last year, and providing an additional revenue of about \$4,000,000 a year for this purpose. Returns will begin coming in next year.

Workers Must Act

Of course, the officials don't care very much if the workers' kiddies have any seats in schools or not. The bureaucracy is too busy fighting against the teachers' union, and the proposition of Teachers' Councils, as well as to make preparations for the gay system of the goose step, to make any real effort to provide seats. That job will have to be left to the workers of Chicago and the workers everywhere else where the situation is the same.

International Youth Day

ONCE again we are going to celebrate International Youth Day. Today the young revolutionary workers of the world will not only celebrate International Youth Day but will mobilize the youth forces and prepare them for the struggle against the oppressors, for the struggle against the capitalist class which saps the blood of the youth in the factories and destroys them by preparing new wars.

We remember that ten years ago, in the world war, the so-called War to End All Wars, the leaders of the Second International, the socialists, became traitors to the working class. They took the side of the bourgeoisie and declared themselves in favor of that war, where millions of youths lost their lives, and millions and millions of others came back to their mothers and fathers without arms or legs.

The same men of the Second International today rule in England and Germany.

In England, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the defender of the Second International, uses police to raid the Communists and still calls himself a fighter for the working class. He should take off his mask and kiss again the hands of his master, King George. Heroin of France, is another who declares himself in favor of the workers; yet he approves the Dawes plan in the London conference which will enslave still more the workers of Germany and the rest of the world. Heroin of Germany—if I were to write of all the crimes against the

Young Communist International Calls For War Against War!

We reprint herewith the first installment of the stirring appeal of the Young Communist International to the working class youth of the world to unite in a huge struggle against the coming war; against the system which causes wars, capitalism.

AGAIN WAR!

To the Working Class Youth in Town and Country. It is ten years since the great war began, the war which man has called the World War. Your brothers and fathers have told you of the horror of this war. From the circle of your family and friends many have certainly been killed or crippled. And of all the beautiful promises which were made to your elders, none have been fulfilled. In all countries the workers and the peasants live just as miserably and still more miserably than before.

NEVER AGAIN WAR!

This phrase has become very popular. Bourgeois, and socialist leagues shouted it from all sides. And now upon the tenth anniversary of the world war it will be heard everywhere. What does it mean "Never Again War?"

Is it a prophecy? Yes, many "clever" socialists say that. They say that the more educated men become the fewer wars will there be. Once upon a time there existed cannibals, but now that mankind has become more educated cannibalism has disappeared. And so it will also be with war. War will never come again.

But in reality it is just the other way about. It is as the one said, the better the ground the fewer weeds grow in it, but the opposite is actually true, once the roots of the weeds are in the ground then the better the ground is, the more powerfully grow the weeds!

And the roots of war are imbedded deeply in our countries. The more "educated" mankind becomes, the greater become the factories and works of Stines, Loucheur, etc. The more money they pile up in the great banks, the more marvellous the inventions, the more powerful becomes the

Mexican Youth Reactionary.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 2.—The ex-revolutionary youth of all South American countries who have organized strong boycotts of the fascist ship "Italia," the reactionary student body of the port of Vera Cruz met the boat with flying colors and with song. Special groups have been organized by the students to help sell the products which Mussolini is advertising to the world.

Legion General Says Bonus Will Start New War on American Reds

(By The Federated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO.—State Atty. Gen. Morgan Kousser, American Legion general, says, "The overriding of the president's veto means more than the winning of the rights of ex-service men—it marks the beginning of a revival national warfare against bolshevism in the United States. Confidence in the government is now restored to the veterans and we can now stand up and tell the world that this government is going forward."

danger of new and more horrible war. With the danger of new war grows the horror of war itself, the more "educated" mankind becomes.

WAR AGAIN!

And yet this will be child-play compared with the terror of the next war! Ghastly measures are being prepared in the arsenals and war laboratories of all countries. The "art" of gas-war has been perfected to an unheard-of degree. There are gases which penetrate and at the very thing which are able to destroy a whole town over night. The electric stream will be used as a mass-weapon and these streams can be sent over a long distance to paralyze and kill all things living. The aeroplanes which ten years ago only flew in small groups and short distances will now arrive in whole companies and rain down bearing many hundreds of tons of explosives and destruction far into the heart of the country.

WAR AGAIN!

Yes, it must be said! From all sides new war dangers large and small develop. The prophecy that never again a war can come is not correct. New wars are coming. In the banks, in the offices, in the directorates of the factories and in the capitalist undertakings, in the government of the capitalist states—there are the roots of new wars. The bank-

ers and industrialists of Paris, Berlin, London, New York and Tokio and with them the governments in these countries carry on a permanent secret struggle amongst themselves. They wish to dispose of their goods, to lend their money and to procure good profits for themselves. "I wish to sell millions of my shoes in China," says the English shoe manufacturer. "No, I must get rid of my shoes," answers the American. Who can offer them at the cheapest rate will sell better. So the English manufacturer forces down the wages of the workers and sells his shoes against the American.

CAPITALIST POWER

The more capitalist economy develops the more powerful become manufacturers and bankers in each country. They unite many hundreds of factories and banks, ships and mines in their undertakings. Or they create great combinations of factories and banks which unite all mine owners or chemical manufacturers etc. together. These great undertakings become so powerful that they can force the governments in their countries to do their will. They spend great sums for election propaganda, they buy members of parliament and ministers, they purchase money and demand in return that their will be done. Since these immense undertakings have obtained the actual predominance in the great capitalist states, the struggle of the great powers for the predominance in the smaller countries and particularly in the colonies, began. Since this time, single manufac-

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Whoever opens his eyes knows that war is coming. And whoever will do something against this war dare not allow himself to sleep to the tune of "never again war."

Young workers and peasants! Which of you will do something against the coming war? All we have here! Which of you will allow yourselves to be led to the slaughter like the millions of workers and peasants before you, for the bankers, manufacturers and land owners? No, not one we believe!

WAR AGAIN!

The socialist and pacifist say that the struggle against war with this slogan: "Social democracy do in practice what the workers do in practice." The children shout in the streets today. In the world war the socialists incited the working class on to the struggle just as the capitalists. And as quite recently the German and French bankers and manufacturers fought the war, the struggle, the socialists of Paris and Berlin supported their respective governments with all their power just

as they did during the world war. And in the war that is coming they will do the same.

TEAR UP ROOTS

It is exactly the same with war. War has its roots in the huge capitalist undertakings and in imperialist politics of the capitalist governments. There the war grows. And whilst it grows there the war makes and their agents prepare for it. Munition, weapons, gases, aeroplanes, tanks and battleships are made. All the war materials are sent from the factories to the camps and the barracks. From the wages of the workers and peasants millions and millions are expended for armaments. With their own money the workers and peasants are led to and betrayed so that they shall not get together and together shall not get themselves together and tear out war, root and branch.

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WAR MEN AND BIG BUSINESS BEHIND 'DEFENSE' SCHEME

Communists Will Hold Counter-Meetings

A sample of the interests that are behind the preparations for Mobilization Day on September 12, can be seen from a look at the committee which is in charge of the demonstrations in Chicago.

The committee includes the following: Major Roland M. Hollock, U. S. Army; Joseph B. Strauss, American Sentinel, well-known capitalist and a large owner of Chicago real estate; Howard S. age of the American Legion; Roy Swindell, Society of Forty-and-Eight; Major W. E. Kendall, Military Order of Foreign Wars; Charles G. Dawes, would-be Fascist leader will occupy the center of the picture.

Who is Running It?

Altho the "Day" is supposed to be a peace preparation maneuver, it is clear that the men put in charge of it are all military men or else big business interests.

FASCIST SHIP TO BE GREETED BY MEXICO'S REACTIONARY STUDENTS

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My Flight From Siberia

By Leon Trotsky

ABOUT three hundred I think. But who can say for sure? Who has ever measured the distance here? The archangel Michael, perhaps, but nobody else. There is an old saying about our veritas. A woman tried once to measure them with a crutch stick, but she gave it up. Well, no matter. In about three days we'll be at the mines, if the weather holds out. Sometimes it gets very bad. I was overtaken once by a snowstorm, near Ljapino. I managed to get over three versts in three days. God save us from such troubles.

Celebrate International Youth Day

(Continued from page 1) support of their candidates, Foster and Giltow. International Youth Day is the day of the revolutionary young workers. It is the day when the class conscious youth unite to demonstrate its opposition to capitalism and its firm stand for the proletarian revolution!

THE BRANCH COMMITTEE MUST HELP THE BUILDING OF NUCLEI

THE main task of the committee is the division of the various fields of work and their leadership and the supporting, leading and influencing of the whole activity of the nuclei. For this purpose the individual committee members are distributed to the nuclei for permanent co-operation. They participate in the nuclei meetings and if possible also in the shop youth meetings. The respective branch committee member must maintain a continuous connection with the nucleus committee. He must elaborate in common with it the plan for the work, and must control the work of the nucleus in the shop. The leaders of the various departments in the nucleus committee must co-operate with the respective department leaders in the branch committee.

AMERICAN OPEN SHOPPERS PUT O. K. ON MOBILIZATION PLANS

CLEVELAND, O.—The infamous American Plan Association, leader of the open shop movement in this country, yesterday placed its official blessing on Mobilization Day and all that it stands for. In a public statement issued by its director (who incidentally is a high army officer), the open shop association lauds "Defense Day" as "an opportunity for every loyal American to find his place in the country's defense in the event of an emergency."

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The American Plan Association is the same crew that urged the use of federal troops to break the miners and the shopmen's strike. Its director sets out of his army uniform long enough to denounce labor unions as "a menace to the safety of the nation." There can be no doubt as to what these open-shoppers mean by such vague phrases as "the country's defense in the event of an emergency" or when "its security is threatened."

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Burton K. Wheeler To Go on Trial In Butte Next Monday

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, who is under indictment in Montana, charged with accepting money for appearing before a federal department after he was elected to the senate, announced today that he was ready to have the case tried and would not ask for a continuance when it is called in Butte on Monday.

LAST EXECUTIVE OF Y. C. I. CONSIDERED U. S. LEAGUE TASKS

In the time from the Third World Congress to the 31st of May, 1924, i. e. during a period of 18 months, the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International held 18 sessions in which 1,842 points were on the agenda. Of the 903 times that the various countries were discussed the United States, numerically, appears fourth on the list. Germany comes first with 80 points, Italy second with 87 points, Czechoslovakia third with 48 points

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and the United States fourth with 46 points. During the same period America sent 151 letters and reports to the Executive Committee and got 64 communications from the Executive Committee in return. In May, 1923, the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International sent one representative to America, Comrade Brammator, who remained here for a period of 37 days.

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International Youth Day

WHEN the boom of war cannon drowned the cries of the workers and the shots from the opposing armies mowed down hundreds of thousands of young workers, dressed in different uniforms, in the last war, the small groups of revolutionary workers were filled with despair at the thought of what had happened to the workers' international movement.

Year after the year the Second International had passed rousing resolutions against imperialism and when the terrible world war, an imperialist struggle, finally did come, the international collapsed like a house of cards. The workers who looked for leadership finally found it in the ranks of their regiments, marching to shoot down members of the same international, in thousands of instances. There was no center to which the eyes and hearts of the workers could turn with hope.

But the revolutionary youth replied to the need of the moment. In 1915, a gathering of the working youth "somewhere in Europe" issued the call that was soon heard on every battle front on the continent: "War Against War!"

That struggle resulted later in the formation of the Communist and Young Communist Internationals. And in commemoration of that day, it was decided to set aside September 7th of every year thereafter for demonstrations of the revolutionary young workers of the world, International Youth Day.

This year we demonstrate on International Youth Day for the program of the Young Communist International and the Young Workers League. With unemployment growing ever more important in the life of the workers of America, it becomes imperative for them to unite to fight the menace of joblessness, to carry on a struggle against the capitalist class and its government: either a job or maintenance. And the young workers in the unemployment campaign must line up in a demand for vocational training under union supervision with full maintenance by industry and the government.

Let us intensify our demand for the organization and entry of the young workers into the trade union. For the abolition of the stain of child labor and the organization of the children into the communist children's groups. For a struggle against capitalist militarism, whether in the form of Boy Scouts, Citizens' Military Training Camps or federal troops. For our demands of a six-hour day and five day week for young workers. For the other demands that we issue for the youth to rally to on this International Youth Day.

Rally to the program of the Young Workers League! It stands for the needs and interests of the working class youth of this country and should be responded to by them.

Unite against capitalism and capitalist militarism!

Down with war and unemployment!
Unite in the struggle for the workers' revolution and the soviet republic!

Foster, LaFollette, and the Labor Party

AS the political campaign develops the predictions of the communists are shown to have been 100 percent correct. The support given by many groups of workers to LaFollette in the belief that his campaign for presidency would be the beginning of the coming of a labor party, has been proved, and this is daily being made conclusive to be without any basis in reality.

Instead of helping to build the farmer-labor party movement LaFollette is treacherously stabilizing it in the back wherever he has an opportunity. Already he has begun his dirty work in Montana and in Minnesota, where even William Mahoney who left the National Farmer-Labor Party to join LaFollette, is now kicking because of LaFollette's "clever" game. In Nebraska, LaFollette managed to have the Progressive (farmer-labor) Party officially buried and another of his supporters, Wm. H. Green, is now kicking.

Everywhere else LaFollette is doing the same thing. Instead of building he is doing everything to destroy the movement for independent political action. On the contrary he is everywhere supporting local candidates who are still members of the Republican and Democratic parties, running on that ticket. He is supporting such well known old line politicians as Walsh of Montana, the man who was condemned by the State Federation of Labor as an enemy to the organized workers.

William Z. Foster, on the other hand, is making his campaign on the clear cut program of the Workers Party. He makes no bones about the fact that he is running on a communist platform with the demand for the proletarian revolution, the dictatorship of the working class thru the soviet republic. A part of the program of the Workers

Party calls for a continued drive to form the farmer-labor party of this country. It will continue to hold a place on the agenda of every working class organization for some time to come and the agitation will not be stopped until we have organized an independent political party of the workers and poor farmers.

A vote for Foster is a vote for Communism, against the capitalist parties, and against the treasonable misleadership of the Wisconsin Moses, LaFollette. A vote for Foster is a vote of support to independent working class political action. It is the duty of every worker to throw his support behind the candidates of the communists, William Z. Foster for president and Benjamin Gitlow for vice-president.

It means added support to the movement for revolution against the hideous system of capitalism.

Against Defense Day!

MOBILIZATION Day is the first step being made by the imperialists of this country to measure its strength in war time, to fill the minds of the workers of this country with a militarist, patriotic spirit so that they will at any time be ready to sacrifice their lives in the interests of Mr. Morgan's tiny bank account.

Realizing the menace that this day holds for the workers of America, the Young Workers League, together with the Workers Party of America are preparing to hold counter-demonstrations on September 12 in defiance of imperialist preparations and for the organization of the workers in the struggle against the danger of coming wars.

It is the duty of all workers to support the communists in America in these counter demonstrations. Let us show that we are aware of the imperialist schemes which propose again to drag us into profit wars by the roots of our hair. Let us show that we are determined to carry on a war against capitalism instead of a war against other workers with whom we have no quarrel.

Mobilization Day is being backed by all the notorious militarists and imperialists in the country. The communist demonstrations must be backed by every militant worker of all ages.

Show how you stand: for imperialist war or class war!

They Are Preparing

EVERY day brings up a new fact that goes to prove the preparations being made by American capitalism to plunge the young workers of this country into the whirlpool of another war.

Mobilization Day, the Citizens' Military Training Camps, the appropriations in Congress for half a billion dollars for the army and navy have been a few of the things. Now we have another to add to the long list.

Among those who profit the most out of wars are the manufacturers of munition. In the last war they managed to corral millions of dollars in profit in the hideous business of coining money out of the blood and flesh of young workers dying for capitalism. When the war stopped they began to slacken in business. And that wasn't good... so far as the plutocrats were concerned.

But now a new war is coming. The workers do not yet realize it as keenly as do the capitalists. They are not in the inner circle which maneuvers the politics of the nation, they do not see the little strings that are pulled in every diplomatic move, they do not see the secret preparations being made.

But the bosses do! They know what is what and they are acting accordingly.

Take for example the latest report of the department of commerce of the United States Government on the manufacture of ammunition and related products. And while you examine a few figures on the report remember that the World War was supposed to be the war to end all wars; and one would think that, if that were the case, there would not be much need of manufacturing ammunition.

Yet, the report shows that such is actually the case. Not only are munitions being turned out, but they are being manufactured at an ever growing rate. In 1921 there was produced a total value of \$32,350,445 in munitions and related products; in 1923 there was produced \$51,508,622 worth of the same products. This is an increase of practically 60 percent.

Why are more munitions being produced? Why this preparation for military purposes?

The capitalists of the United States are preparing for the next war. The next war is coming soon and they know it. That is why they are training the young workers; that is why they are manufacturing munitions; that is why they are building up American armies and navies.

Don't think for a minute that the United States is alone in carrying on this sort of activity. It is being done in Europe too.

During the course of a debate in the House of Parliament in England, a member of the Labor Party, Mr. Ernest D. Morel, exposed the munitions manufacturing that is going on in Europe in spite of the treaty of Versailles which was supposed to end the war and also put an end to such manufacturing. In the Skoda works of Austria, which are now under the control of Loucheur of the French steel trust, big guns and ammunitions are being turned out every single day.

The workers, especially those who are young and are the first to be taken into the capitalist army in time of war, must prepare to carry on a revolutionary fight against war. Against war let us prepare to carry on the struggle for the revolution of the workers against the capitalist class.

Only a revolution and the dictatorship of the working class can stop the coming of fresh imperialist slaughters.

The Fourth World Congress

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a real league. Today the British and Canadian movements are also real. Then to there is the South African league which is doing splendid work on a limited scale. Furthermore the ever-growing domination of American capital in European affairs as well as the ascension of the Labor Party to office in Great Britain demand that more consideration be given to the revolutionary movements of these countries.

The Y. C. I. has been making a steady progress during the period intervening since the last congress, particularly in the western countries and in the Orient. Most remarkable of all is the growth of the Russian Y. C. I. which now numbers 840,000 members. A whole series of leagues (16 in all) have been forced into illegality. Others, like the German league, were illegal for a number of months and expect to be driven underground again very soon. The German, French and Czechoslovakian leagues have done the best work. The state repression of nuclei had been carried thru beat by the Germans and Czechs the former having had nearly 500 at the time of their suppression, while the latter have more than 100 functioning at the present time. The anti-militarist work done by the French and Germans, particularly in the Ruhr, has been the most brilliant achievement of the International and shows what really can be done. The French have also been most successful in their trade union-economic work.

Writes of U. S.
But perhaps I should confine myself to that which will be of greatest interest to our comrades in the United States—the Y. W. L.

The American delegation, Williamson, Edwards and myself, (with Kaplan a fractional delegate representing a minority position) had full confidence that the work which had been accomplished at home during the last year was adequate proof against the claims of Kaplan that the National Executive Committee majority had failed to carry out the work assigned to it and had "sabotaged" the decisions and instructions of the Y. C. I. His charges were of a most serious nature, and if true, would mean that the present N. E. C. must be immediately removed. In fact, it was because of the serious nature of the charges that the N. E. C. allowed him to come here in person to present his case before the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International.

E. C. With N. E. C.
Comrade Schueller, reporting for the E. C. of the Y. C. I. said that the executive committee had full trust and confidence in the present N. E. C., that the charges of the minority were in general exaggerated, that the charge of sabotage was untrue and was rejected, that the basis of the minority's position was largely the reflection of the differences which had existed within the party.

It is well known that the N. E. C. of the league with the exception of Kaplan supported the position advanced by comrade Foster and other leading comrades of the executive committee of the party. The view supported by the league N. E. C. was upheld by the majority of the delegates to the last party convention and the leadership of the party was given to the Foster-Cannon-Bittelmeier group as against that of comrade Pepper. A factional struggle ensued after the party convention and the entire situation finally came before the Communist International and a decision rendered which substantially upheld the Foster group as against that of comrade Pepper.

Schueller further stated that since these party differences had been settled by the Comintern there was no

longer any reason for their existence in the league; and that all factional fights must forthwith cease with a comrade working to the best of his ability to put into effect the decisions of the Comintern and the Young Communist International in the American league and party.

Bammatter Criticizes Kaplan
Another of Kaplan's main points of criticism went up in smoke when comrade Bammatter reporting on the trade union-economic work said that it was ridiculous to have in expectation to have the Young Workers League put out special youth slogans in the Chicago clothing workers strike at this spring.

However, while this severe criticism was given to Kaplan, let it not be understood that no criticism was made of the work in the States. Certainly too little had been done to establish shop nuclei. There have been plenty of articles and notices about it but not enough real practical work and this must be attended to at once. Furthermore, slogans for the economic work have been too general in character. Education has been seriously neglected. And there are other shortcomings. But all of these are justifiable, and the fact that they have been foreseen arises largely out of the youthfulness and inexperience both of our National Executive Committee as well as of our membership.

"The change in tone and makeup of our paper was hailed as a real forward step, and is an indication of what can and must be done in other fields of work. Then too, the development of an aggressive children's movement is a point in our favor. There are still a number of important problems to be settled here, but the delegates will do their best to contribute from our experience, small though they may be in comparison with many other countries, in their solution. We are unanimously in agreement with the decisions so far rendered and intend to do all within our power to put them into effect at once.

Unite For Mass Movement
Now that our comrades at American feel that their National Executive Committee is enjoying the confidence of the Young Communist International, they should redouble their efforts to inaugurate in earnest a mass fighting movement. They should strengthen their ranks and tolerate no non-functionalism.

Forward to a Mass Movement Forward to Victory!

Schueller on the Y. W. L.

(Extracts from the speech of Richard Schueller, secretary of the Young Communist International, reporting on behalf of the executive committee of the Y. C. I.)

NEARLY all of the papers have changed to mass organs since the time of the Third Congress. For instance, such organs as the Swiss paper or such magazines as the American, which represented a real intellectual review, have transformed themselves into real mass organs. It is noteworthy that we have a paper in America, the 'Young Worker' which lives in the real spirit of the American working class youth. This indicates that they really want to reach the young workers.

"It is also important for us to note the development in America. There too, we have made definite advance." It is well on the way of becoming a real proletarian youth movement.

"Now comrades, there arose points of differences within the American League recently. There has been formed an opposition which maintains that the League leadership has not carried through the decisions and policies of the Y. C. I. The minority declared that the N. E. C. of the Y. W. L. had sabotaged the decisions of our E. C. This proposal has no foundation, is exaggerated and we must repudiate it. That which is actually true is that the N. E. C. has been a little bit slow and hesitating due to difficult conditions in applying certain decisions, but nevertheless they have always accepted and worked for them and can show good results. Our comrades (the leadership) have worked to carry thru our policies and have also achieved successes. It is obvious that in America the development to a real communist youth League cannot be achieved in such an easy manner as in other countries, because of the difficulties existing there. We must remember this and consequently must have a bit more patience with the leadership of the American League than with the leadership in other countries.

"We are of the opinion that the comrades must make clear to themselves that there exists no basis upon which these differences can continue to exist. We hope and believe that the national executive committee of the American League will devote itself to carrying through these tasks just as previously. We hope that all the comrades will actively work together on the basis of the decisions of the Comintern and the Y. C. I. congress.

"The political differences have been liquidated by the Comintern congress. Both sections in the league just as in the party must unite; the fractional struggle must cease and there must be complete unity of work in carrying out the policies of the C. I. and the Y. C. I."

The British Labor Government

By WILLIAM RUST,
Secretary, Y. C. I. of Britain.
The American Young Workers League in Great Britain is a government of the working class which energetically struggles against capitalist oppression.



WILLIAM RUST,
and privileges, let that illusion be destroyed at the outset of this article. The so-called Labor Government is a government of the boss class placed in power with the consent of the bourgeoisie, for the purpose of deluding

the workers and solving the difficulties of the capitalist class. The Labor Party has become the third party of the bourgeoisie.

This statement is not an empty assertion, the above characterization of the Labor Government can be proved to the hilt by their record since taking over the reins of office. They have not only violated their election promises to aid the workers, but have actually become as sound supporters of the capitalist system as the previous government.

It was a simple task for MacDonald, Thomas, Henderson and the others who received their training in the Second International to continue the policy of exploitation and thereby suppression of the masses of India, Egypt, Africa, etc. In their endeavors to defend capitalism and strengthened British imperialism they have already shown the iron hand beneath the velvet glove of soft words and pacifist promises. The Communist Party of India is declared illegal and the bombing and shooting of the masses in India, Egypt and Mesopotamia is the order of the day.

The Labor Leaders violate their promises to fight for the revision of the Versailles Treaty and declare openly that they approve of the infamous slave plan of the Experts' Commission and that they will co-operate with the American, French and German bourgeoisie for the application of this plan for the intense exploitation of the German workers and the sinking of Germany to the level of a colonial plantation. Even when negotiating with Soviet Russia, MacDonald speaks

in the name of the bondholders and not for the working class.

Soldiers Must Seab.
At home the Labor Government denies the soldiers and sailors the right to refuse to back during industrial disputes, use the police to spy on working class organizations and actually prepares military measures against striking workers, and in the case of the bus and tram strike, took steps to declare a state of emergency and to mobilize all the forces of the state against the strikers. Millions of pounds are being spent on cruisers, air machines and military equipment in preparation for the next world slaughter. While the Labor Leaders, dressed in silk stockings and gold braid are dining and feasting with the King, an ever-increasing number of young unemployed lead a miserable existence in the home country or are shipped to an even worse fate in the colonies and dominions. We charge the Labor Government with absolutely neglecting the interests of the working class youth.

The Young Communist League of Great Britain does not allow the black treachery and treason of the Labor Government to pass by unchallenged, we unceasingly expose its real nature and struggle to rally masses of young workers in the fight against the betrayal of the working class.

Young Workers in Struggle.
The young workers' struggle against the Labor Government is being conducted on the basis of the following immediate demands put forward by the Young Communist League:

1. Abolition of night work for all young workers under 18 years of age.
2. The establishment by law of a minimum wage based on subsistence level and a 4-hour day for all young workers.
3. Re-employment for all young unemployed and vocational training for all young workers up to 18 years and special apprentice departments with work in the factories on the basis of paid work according to scale of wages fixed by unions.
4. Full political rights for soldiers and sailors.
5. Provision of free meals for all working class children.

The above demands represent the real interests of the working class and have received their enthusiastic support in many localities. In the near future the young workers will realize the real character of the pseudo labor government and in the face of their disillusionment they will turn to the Young Communist League as the only organization of the working class youth.

The objective conditions for the formation of a mass Young Communist Movement in Great Britain are rapidly becoming ripe and war, for our part, are aware of the tremendous task and problems that lie ahead. We will fight clearly and determinedly against the bourgeoisie imperialist labor government, knowing that by so doing we are fighting against the destruction of the working class and for the overthrow of capitalism.

Our American comrades should study the situation in Great Britain for it has a world wide significance, and from it can be drawn many valuable lessons.

Morgan Controls Citizens Training Camps

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States of America in 1917-1918.

Morgan Behind Them
Behind all these figures stands the menacing one of Mr. John Pierpont Morgan, of the House of Morgan. He is the man who is right now extending the power of the American dollar not only over the workers of America but also over those of Hungary, Germany, France and elsewhere in the four corners of the earth.

Mr. Morgan loves war, good capitalist war for which the workers lay down their lives and in which Mr. Morgan reaps huge profits. In the last war Mr. Morgan not only rallied over 2000 banks to float a gigantic loan to the Allies, but he was also in charge of purchasing munitions and supplies for the United States government. Millions returned to his pocket out of that pretty deal.

Relation To War Department.
But it stretches and curls its militarist tentacles even further than Mr. Morgan. It is officially recognized by the War Department of this country. In a letter to Mr. Charles B. Pike,

executive head of the association, secretary of war Weeks wrote:

"To promote cooperation between the Military Training Camps Association and the agencies of the War Department, I authorize the appointment of civilian aides to comprise a chief civilian aide, and an aide for each corps area, each state and the District of Columbia."
"The M. T. C. A. is further authorized to create a system of country and local chairmen—then completing in detail a nation-wide organization for the C. M. T. C. recruiting in time of peace and for such wider function as may be requested by the War Department!"

Yours Very truly,
(signed) John W. Weeks,
Secretary of War.

For Strike Breaking
For what "wider functions" that may be requested by the War Department? Are these sons of the workers being trained in the camps all over the country? Are they being trained for the same purpose as the other members of the armed forces of this country, the army, militia, national guard and others who are used to shoot down workers when they go out on strike for a better wage, or hours or working conditions?

This seems to be the case when we realize that in the "Citizens Training Course", a manual for officers in the camps for the instruction of the

recruit, practically every page is taken up with unloading obedience to the capitalist government, which fills him with bunk about "patriotism" and devotes four and a half pages to a careful examination of the communist movement, filled with the baldest lies imaginable.

This seems to be the case when we realize the official editorial of the M. T. C. A., which reads: "You went to the camp on the invitation of the president, as a guest and at the expense of the United States. It cost the government something like eighty dollars to give you this experience? Are you worth that more as a citizen? Will you be willing in the event of an emergency to give the government the benefit of the training which you have received?"

War on Strike Breakers
This can have only two interpretations: either it means that the young recruit must be ready to enter a capitalist war the minute he is called upon, or else he must be ready to enter into a strike, dressed in uniform or not, and be prepared to shoot down the strikers in the interests of capitalist profits.

Or else it is both.
The capitalists are investing in the Citizens' Military Training Camps. They want some return on their investment.
As the Camp Custer manual says:

"A partial solution in one of the difficulties the camp met in recruiting has been found in the 6th Corps Area elsewhere in the patriotic action of employers in granting to their men an extension of the usual two week vacation to cover the training period. Frequently with full pay for the entire month. It would seem that for the recruiting of another year this plan should be widely announced with a view of pleading more economical concerns to similar action on a large scale than in 1924."

Bosses Cooperate
And this year hundreds of young workers were sent by their firms on the basis of this plan. From Williamson County alone 300 boys came, the vast majority of them young workers. New wars are coming on! At first the camps were started as an experiment in the preparation of cannon fodder. Now it is a regular policy of the War Department. In 1921, the camp trained ten thousand; in 1922, there were 20,000; in 1923 there were nearly 50,000. It is estimated, the number being trained right now is unknown, but it is greater than ever before.

The answer of the young workers to this preparation of their brothers for capitalist war must be the organization and preparation for the war that will really end all wars, the class war that leads to the proletarian revolution.