

KEEP UP BUNTE CANDY COMPANY CAMPAIGN HERE

Young Workers League Calls for Action

By BARNEY MASS.

Ever since 1920 the wages of the workers in the Bunte Candy Company have been on the down grade. During the days just following the war the salaries averaged around seventy-five cents an hour.

Today the girls working in the wrapping department, hand-dipped chocolate department, etc., receive the meagre sum of \$15.00 per week. In the gum department, where the boys and also work by the casting machine and also boil the candy, a small pitance of forty cents an hour, in their compensation. Yet living conditions in proportion to wages have not decreased.

REPORTS PROVE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR A BIG SUCCESS

INTERNATIONAL Youth Day celebrations held Sept. 7, marked the biggest success of which the league can boast in this direction. The conspicuous factor featuring the demonstrations this year was the concrete demands put forward. A real message offering constructive methods upon which to fight against the capitalist class, replaced abstract slogans. The complexion and atmosphere of all the meetings held throughout the country, smacked of a healthy American psychology. It brought the league closer to the American youth.

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convincing conclusively that International Youth Day is becoming popular in the United States. Standing room only, and bursts of enthusiasm greeting each speaker describes the success of the meeting in Chicago. John Williamson just returned from the Y. C. I. congress and national secretary of the Y. W. L., Weinstein of the Workers Party and Edgar and J. Louis Engdahl represented the party. Knowledge was more than pleased with the outcome of the meeting.

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report that their meeting was the best held since all time. Some two hundred riders were in attendance. Helen Hefman and E. Hayes were the principal speakers. Much literature was sold. We never had so many American young workers attend in such large numbers as at our meetings as they did our Youth Day meetings, was the word recently from Baltimore. This means progress and all we can say is to have the membership take note. Baltimore means business.

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Oliver Carlson, who served two years on the E. C. of the Y. C. I. addressed a large throng of miners in Springfield, Ill. Although this branch was recently organized yet their efforts in making a successful youth day affair, resulted very favorably. The miners greeted the speech with interruptions of applause. Mass spoke in St. Louis. For the first time in the history of the league, did so many people attend one of our demonstrations. St. Louis is beginning to smoke it up.

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Let us make every day an International Youth Day insofar as activity is concerned. Let us take to our work with the same spirit we displayed on this particular occasion. The moral involved in the successful demonstrations this year, in the existing energy, enthusiasm, and determination in the organization nationally. Our slogan should be: the carrying out of the demands put forward in our last Youth Day celebrations; continue in the struggle with the same impetus that marked our efforts on September 7th.

PATERSON SILK STRIKERS HAVE YOUTH SUPPORT

Y.W.L. Issues Economic Demands Leaflet. PATERSON, N. J.—The strike here has been raging for many weeks. The members of the Young Workers League here have taken an active part in strike activity. On the picket line, selling literature and doing everything incidental with work developing in a strike.

My Flight From Siberia

By L. Trotsky

I ask them to boil some water. I have scarcely had time to look about before Nikovor empties some tea out of my pocket into the palm of his hand — and oh! what a palm it was! — and dumps it into the teapot. I have not courage to remonstrate, so I shall be obliged to drink tea many things and handle many — but soap — not for a long long time.

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troubles, now one costs tea or fifteen. Nikovor says it is due to a kind of perpetual epidemic which kills reindeer by the hundreds. It grows darker and darker. It will soon be impossible to think of catching reindeer tonight. And yet I have not given up hope. No one has ever waited so impatiently for the old man as I am waiting for him now...

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I woke several times during the night each time with a feeling of dread and uneasiness, but the darkness about me remained impenetrable. Shortly after four o'clock I imagined the sky was becoming lighter and I rose, crept into the tent, searched among the bodies that lay on the floor until I found Nikovor, and shook the sleep out of him. There was a general stir in the tent soon after.

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peasants at the first sign of dawn. The amount of time we have already lost is appalling. The Hirsch Lokert branch of the Young Workers League of Chicago is giving what is promised as one of the best entertainments of the season at the Workers Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Boulevard on October 8th. It is the Youth Fall Ball and all are urged to attend in huge mobs and masses.

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BIRTHDAYS in October of political prisoners, confined in prisons in the United States, are announced by the Workers' National Prison Comfort Club: SAN QUENTIN PRISON, SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA. Oct. 5, James LaLonde, Reg. No. 38122; Oct. 23, John Hannon, No. 35565; Oct. 26, W. H. Wright, No. 38857.

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Issue Youth Appeal. A leaflet has been issued in behalf of the Young Workers League appealing to the young silk workers, involved in the strike to join and fight against the system responsible for their struggle to get a living wage.

Changing Into the Nucleus Point Out Difference Between Nucleus and Fraciton in Reorganization Plan

FREQUENTLY our comrades are so hazy in their terms that they call our fractions in the various organizations (trade unions, sports clubs, co-operatives, etc.) "nuclei" and thus confuse the conceptions of nucleus and fraction. The two must be distinguished under all circumstances. The fraction is the combination of our members in another organization, which has to carry through a partial work. The nucleus is the combination of our members at the point of production, the basic unit of our organization and it has to carry through all kinds of League work.

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By JOSEPH GIGANTI. (For The Federated Press). Frank Lapka a lad of 24 who fought in the war for democracy is lying in the Cook county hospital in this year of Coolidge-Dawes prosperity suffering from a combination of pleurisy and pneumonia. Recovery is doubtful.

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Industrial accidents to boys and girls under 21 years of age, during one year, for which the state industrial accident boards allowed payment of compensation, tallied 7,678 in these three states alone. Thirty-eight of these accidents resulted in death and \$20 in partial disability for life.

NEED OF CHILD EXPLOITATION ABOLITION SHOWN BY NUMBERS OF ACCIDENTS IN INDUSTRIES

WASHINGTON.—While industrial torxes are denouncing the child labor amendment, now in process of ratification by the states, because it permits congress in future to regulate the employment of children up to 18 years of age, a report by the children's bureau on a study made in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Wisconsin proves the need of just that protection.

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THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE YOUNG COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

By JOHN WILLIAMSON.

The Fourth World Congress of the Young Communist International met immediately upon the conclusion of the Fifth Congress of the Communist International.

Comrade Zetlin, on behalf of the executive committee, formally opened the congress and delivered a speech dealing with the problems before us.

After these speeches, representatives from various countries presented resolutions and discussed them.

Comrade Manuilsky reported on behalf of the E. C. of the C. I. and went into great detail with the present world economic situation.

He pointed out that the capitalist world was gradually becoming colonies of either the U. S. or Great Britain. However, due to the geographical make-up of the British Empire, there was a tendency of decentralization.

Comrade Manuilsky then dealt with the world agrarian crisis, dealing especially with America. He pointed out that the entire Communist movement must conduct greater activities among the peasants than hitherto.

It was significant that the entire social democratic movement had again capitulated to this latest move of the capitalists and were a party to its adoption.

Comrade Valeris Melis, city secretary of the league, proposed a resolution of endorsement of the report and calling upon the National Executive Committee to deal drastically with any attempts upon the part of individuals or groups to promote factionalism in the Young Workers League.

social democrats and again today we see this in evidence. Witness the social democrats in Central Europe, Great Britain and he might well have added America, where they are the boom pals of LaFollette. The social democrats must be regarded simply as the third party of capitalism in every country and fought bitterly to the end.

Dealing at great length with the Fifth Congress, he dealt specifically with the defeat in Germany, the Russian discussion and lastly the question of the United Front or the Workers' and Farmers' government.

Last, but not least, Manuilsky pointed out that the Fifth Congress was the starting point for a thorough re-organization of the Young Communist International.

In conclusion Comrade Manuilsky showed that the C. I. was composed of two distinct elements: First, the old element with social democratic experience and training, and second, the young but inexperienced element but largely free from social democratic taint.

The Report of the E. C. of the C. I. of the Y. C. I. given by Comrade Schuller. Most of this separate was covered in the reports under his name as far as possible.

The Y. C. I. reacted to the Ruhr situation by the French league increasing its activity in the army. Much successful work was conducted and many nuclei of members formed as well as a special army paper circulated.

The E. C. has concentrated on several leagues during this past period, as these were the most important. Work was centered on Germany until October, when the Communist Party of Germany failed to seize power.

We accept the report made in behalf of the American delegation to the Y. C. I. and endorse the decision of the Y. C. I. We pledge whole-hearted support to the work to be carried on as outlined by the Y. C. I. under the guidance of the National Executive Committee.



A photograph taken at the fourth congress of the Young Communist International. The delegates marked with numbers are: 1. Jacques Doriot (France); 2. Chenaisly (China); 3. A. D. Springhall (England); 4. William Rust (England); 5. John Williamson (United States); 6. Robertson (England); 7. John Zetlin (Russia); 8. Vuyovitch (Yugo-Slavia); 9. Bernhard Ziegler (Germany); 10. Richard Schuller (Austria); 11. John Edwards (United States); 12. Nat Kaplan (United States); 13. Rudolph (Germany); 14. Hill (Canada); 15. Geta Wilde (Germany). In the upper left, John Edwards; in the upper right, Oliver Carlson; lower center, John Williamson. The delegates who are covered with papers to make their faces represent countries in which the young communist movement is illegal, and where various "democratic" rules make it dangerous for them to be known.

Our German league and the league has supported the position of the Comintern almost unanimously. The thorough discussion as a result of our defeat has had a wonderful effect upon the league and stimulated its activities.

In Bulgaria our league was the first to see the mistake committed and immediately accepted the Comintern decision. Our league took an active part in the struggle against opportunism in the French and Swedish parties.

The matter of the United Front and the Workers' and Farmers' government has been a large one before all the leagues as a result of the German situation. The Fifth Congress of the C. I. has completely cleared up this matter and leaves no room for misinterpretation or opportunities for right wing tendencies to utilize this tactic to compromise our movement.

BN Italy we have left wing tendencies which follow the Bordiga group in the party. These tendencies are also in dangerous although in a different direction. This left wing tendency is one of sectarianism and a refusal to carry on mass activity for fear of jeopardizing their purity or virginity as a Communist force.

In conclusion this second phase Comrade Schuller pointed out that in the two major problems before the Comintern, namely the German and Russian, every league executive had supported the decisions of the Y. C. I. which had consistently supported the E. C. of the C. I. During the past period the Y. C. I. had supported all the policies of the Comintern and has endeavored to have every section carry these into practice in their respective country.

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Y. W. L. MEMBERS ARE ARRESTED FOR GIVING OUT ANTI-WAR PAPERS

DETROIT, Mich.—Three members of the Young Workers League, arrested here for distributing anti-Mobilization day leaflets published by the Workers party and League, were released by a German police sergeant on a bond of sympathy when he discovered that they were not opposed to the German people.

The young workers going from door to door with party literature, found themselves confronted with drawn revolvers and a demand that they give over the leaflets for inspection. The police failed to discover anything seditious in the leaflets until they came across the name of Trotsky. To find that name was to wave the red flag in the face of the bulls, who promptly escorted the boys to the police station.

The sergeant at the station proceeded to a lecture on Americanization, which he cut short upon objection covering that the boys did not condemn his particular brand of hypocrisy.

very young industrial worker in Russia. Organized in the peasant youth, the present only eight per cent of the league membership belong to the party.

Much good work has been conducted by the German league. It has been especially successful in shop nuclei activities. Considering its size, more could have been accomplished on the economic trade union field.

The French league stands foremost in the field of anti-militarist and economic trade union work.

The French league had a difference with the E. C. regarding the question of youth sections within the trade unions. The E. C. was of the opinion that the league should not establish youth sections.

In our educational work we face a real crisis, internationally. It is essential that we realize our own weakness and act. During the past period we have gained many new members who have absolutely no background of our movement.

SCHULLER then dealt briefly with the Agrarian and Opponent youth and sports problem. Little had been done on these fields comparatively speaking. Each of these must receive the necessary attention of the Congress.

In children's work we had been very successful. A special feature of this work was the fact that the newer leagues, America, Great Britain, Canada, etc. had organized the thriving junior sections, while the older leagues, Germany, Sweden, Norway, etc. had not increased this activity among the children.

He then took up the various leagues, dealing with the work accomplished and the tasks before them. In 1922 the Russian league numbered 252,000. Today it has in its ranks 840,000.

It is impossible to take up all the leagues at this time. Suffice it to say that progress was witnessed in all cases but the executive committee made criticism of all leagues.

The Russian league is a real mass organization. Our other leagues must all become such. A peculiar feature with which we are confronted is the vast difference of membership between the league and the party in every country.

A CONSIDERABLE increase in membership has taken place and a good start in this work is also noticeable. This must be increased as well as a definite start made in the sport and agrarian questions.

Repeating what Comrade Jinnovier stated in the Comintern Congress, that "Great Britain is today the most important country confronting the "immunist movement."

The American league, according to Comrade Schuller, was gradually feeling its way towards a mass movement. The conditions were very favorable for building the American league upon the basis of nuclei and it was essential that it was completely built upon this form of organization in the future.

Let's make the Young Workers League a young workers organization in conjunction with the policy of the international to lower the age limit within the movement, our N. E. C. has followed suit. We want to make sure that the young workers organization, and that the older elements transfer their field of activity from the Y. W. L. to the W. P. As a consequence, it is trying to shape its work in such a fashion as to attract younger members to the committee be drawn more and more into national work.

Touching upon press, he said that the press, both international and national had improved. Internationally, we were issuing the papers regularly now. Many pamphlets had been printed in German and smaller amounts in the other languages. All of our national organs had improved in their make-up and many of them had been able to become weeklies or at least bi-weeklies. Special mention was made of the great improvement in the American and Swiss papers.

At the meeting of the 18th, the report of the Secretariat, together with prepared outline of work for Y. W. L. up to time of national convention was accepted. (See next issue of Young Worker—Ed.) The secretariat's recommendations for the reorganization of the league were also accepted unanimously. The completed report and motion was then adopted and the congress declared closed.

Proved themselves to be absolutely correct, and aside from supplementing various decisions, our principal task must be, as ever before, to build a mass organization. Today the Russian league is a real mass organization. Our other leagues must all become such.

The progress during the past year, but now as in the past, our fundamental slogan must be: "To the Masses!" And this can be attained only thru building our league upon the shop nuclei basis and by being active in every field of youth activity given us by the congress. This aim must be a mass organization both in numbers and in influence.

A special report on shop nuclei was given by Comrade Glycer. He dealt in detail with the progress made by the various leagues on this field giving the number of nuclei and the percentage of the membership already reorganized. He pointed out that the decisions of the third congress and the fourth bureau session on nuclei work had proved themselves to be correct, and our task at the present congress was to lay out more extensive plans on the actual transformation in its final stages and the organizational relationship after the complete reorganization.

Many of the difficulties that confronted the older leagues would be avoided by the new slogan, such as those of America and Great Britain, where it was unnecessary to go thru the old system of territorial branches. This could be eliminated by building the American league upon the basis of shop nuclei from the ground up. No more territorial branches should be organized. We would then bring into the basic units of our organization an influx of real proletarian elements. The present membership would be gradually reorganized until we were completely upon the new basis.

To the degree that the various leagues were active in nuclei formation did they strengthen their ranks and increase their activity. This is only natural, since the masses of young workers are in the industries and the nucleus offers the method of organizing them. Our economic trade union work receives great impetus from the various nuclei since they are in a key position to further this work by making the factory, in fact, we must lay it down as a rule that our tasks generate from the workshop.

During the past period as start has been made by all leagues. Some have been allowed, and practice itself has shown the superiority of the new form of organization. While the past decisions held good in every respect, it is necessary to extend our slogan from "organize shop nuclei" to the slogan "organize the league on the basis of shop nuclei." A new impetus must be given the nuclei work driving forward to the COMPLETE REORGANIZATION OF THE LEAGUE. (To be continued.)

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The National Executive Committee at Work

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Carlson made member of N. E. C. National financial committee consisting of Albert, Carlson, Kaplan and Williamson elected to make thorough examination of condition of league and report ways and means of improving financial condition. Book by Gannes to be published serially in Young Worker after examination by editorial committee.

All members of the Y. W. L. refusing to comply with N. E. C. decisions in anti-militarist work, to be suspended until recommendation to range from suspension to expulsion. A special committee be appointed to investigate all cases and bring in recommendations on same. Carried out unanimously.

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