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U. S. SOLDIER GETS 40 YEARS FOR WAR ON WAR

Severe Sentence Put on Private Crouch

(Special to Young Worker)
HONOLULU, Hawaii. — Private Crouch, U. S. army supply clerk has been sentenced to forty years in prison by a general court martial and three other soldiers have been given "dishonorable discharges" as a result of their Communist activities at the Schofield barracks here.

Charge is Frame-Up
There was no real evidence against Comrade Crouch despite the heavy sentence. The only acts of which he was proven guilty were those of organizing a Communist League in Hawaii, answering certain lies in the local paper and writing a letter to the Communist International.

The only evidence against the soldiers was furnished by an army spy who tried to get into the Hawaiian Communist League but was refused admission.

Letters Stolen From Mail
Part of the evidence consisted of letter stolen from the mails by this spy. One of these letters bore a printed letterhead giving the names of Privates Walter Trumbull, Walter Nadeau and Crouch as the executive committee of the Hawaiian Communist League. Another stolen letter was one addressed to the Communist International, applying for admission and sending greetings from the class conscious workers and soldiers in Hawaii.

Fear Work Within Army
The government authorities have shown how much they fear work within the army with the revolutionary aim of fighting against war, by sentencing Comrade Crouch to forty years with no further charge leveled against him than that of "preaching Communism." The severe measures the government has taken against revolutionary activities in Hawaii shows how important this work is and that it must be intensified.

Raises Rumps in Hawaii
The sentence of Comrade Crouch has created a big stir in Hawaii, and especially in the army circles. The Hawaiian Communist League had consisted for the main part of soldiers stationed at the Schofield barracks and a large number of the soldiers had for some time known that there was a group of soldiers there who were carrying on anti-militarist activities.

The Star Bulletin in an editorial says: "an echo of the Crouch case will be heard from Washington to Moscow."
The army authorities are maintaining much secrecy and it is only with the greatest difficulty that it has been possible to obtain what information has appeared in the Young Worker.

Rear Admiral Admits Wars Fought for Profits

NEW YORK.—Rear Admiral William L. Rodgers, debating at Town Hall with Scott Nearing on preparedness, incautiously made the admission that commercial rivalry is the cause of wars and the reason for armies and navies. Said the rear admiral:
"We must maintain armed forces to retain freedom in our business relations with rest of the world, without dictation from nations wielding greater force. To keep an unshakable hold on our traffic, independent of rival great manufacturing nations, we need a great merchant fleet. Our riches and our complex industrial organization put us in economic danger from other nations. War is likely to come to us in resisting what we regard as an attempt to take unfair economic advantage of us."

Scott Nearing showed that the only hope of abolishing armies and navies and war was through the abolition of the capitalist system which gave rise to these evils and he defined preparedness as the protection of bankers in exploiting human and natural resources.

New Orleans Crime Is Traced to Child Labor

NEW ORLEANS. — Statistics gleaned from the New Orleans juvenile court shows that crime since 1924 has increased 15 per cent in both sexes under 18 years over 1924. Various reasons have been given by those in authority, but the most potent has been ignored. The employment of boys and girls of tender age when they should be in school has increased owing to the fact that wages in general are materially lower.

U. S. Bosses Worried While Strike in Cuba Ties Up All Railways

By JACK RICHARDS.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The imperialists and their government representatives have been very much worried ever since news reached here of a big strike in Cuba.

Traffic on the Cuba and north coast railroads is almost completely tied up as a result of the strike called several days ago.

A general strike has been called for next week and it is expected that all industries on the island as well as the railroads will be tied up.

Other News From Washington.
The fall of the French franc is being regarded in a very serious light here, but in governmental circles there is a strong conviction that the financial situation in France may force the French to give in on the question of a disarmament conference. There are also reports that one of the first steps France will have to take will be to float another large loan. This is expected to give the Morgan interests a chance to get an even firmer grip on French finances and even greater influence in Europe.

Oilly Government Frees Friends.
Silent Cal continues to reward his political supporters. The criminal indictments against the three biggest figures in the great oil scandal have been completely killed by the supreme court of the District of Columbia during the week. Albert D. Fall, Harry F. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny are now free to continue their "good work" unmolested.

Rockefeller Man Predicts New War; He Ought to Know!

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—This generation will experience another great war which will threaten the permanence of modern civilization, Raymond B. Fosdick, trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation, predicted today before the New York Rotary Club.
"There is no such thing as permanent civilization," he said. "The same palbearers who carried out the coffin of Tut-Ankh-Amen are waiting outside our door for the remains of our civilization."
"England," he said, "was called one of the victors in the late war. What empty words! England has 16,000,000 persons on the border line of want today, seven years after the war."

Like all good capitalist supporters he would rather see civilization destroyed than have the profit making capitalist system replaced by a system which would make slaughter impossible.

Progressive Miner Told to Get Off Ballot or Be Expelled 99 Years

WILKESBARRE, Pa.—There seems to be no limit to the lengths the Lewis administration will go in order to retain their stranglehold upon the United Mine Workers of America. We are now in the midst of a district election in which the left wing has put up their candidates against the reactionary district officials. One of the candidates was E. Sabatelli, who was nominated for the office of secretary-treasurer.

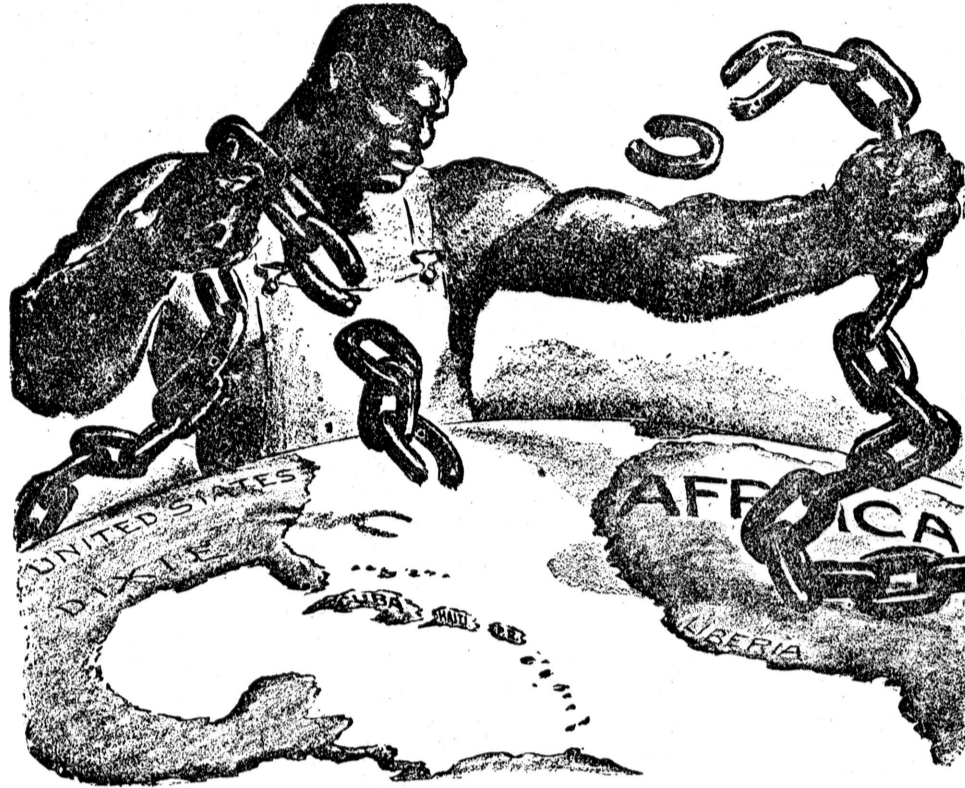
In Alberta, Kansas, and other places the progressives were defeated by the very simple process of removing them from the ballot and declaring the reactionaries elected by acclamation. In this district they even go a little further. They have notified Sabatelli that if he does not take his name off the ballot he will be expelled from the union for 99 years!

This, as well as the other illegal acts of the Lewis administration, shows how seriously they take the last national election where, in spite of the machine control, they were forced to count 66,000 votes for the progressive candidates.

Japanese Union Boycotts Priests

KOBE, Japan.—The Seamen's Union has formally demanded the suppression of a moving picture showing in this city in which the character of sailors is defamed for the sake of Christian propaganda. The picture shows a Roman Catholic priest converting a drunken seaman. The union has declared that it not only boycotts the picture, but unless the picture is taken off it will strike all ships which carry a priest as passenger.

CALL NEGRO LABOR CONGRESS



Negro Campaign Gets A Good Start

By BARNEY MASS.

In the March 21st issue of the Young Worker, a program for Negro work was published. This program, in addition to pointing out the importance of enlightening our own membership on the status of the Young Negro worker, concentrated on the calling of a Negro Labor Congress. This congress is being called by the Negro Labor Congress committee of which Lovett-Fort-Whiteman is the chairman.

In order to develop this important work and to interest a large number of young Negro workers in this congress, the National Executive Committee has appointed H. V. Philips, an active young Negro comrade of the Chicago League to specialize in this activity. Comrade Philips is also a member of the provisional committee of the Negro Labor Congress Committee.

NIAGARA BOSSES PAY LOW WAGES FOR HEAVY WORK

Must Organize to Get Better Conditions

The young workers at the Niagara Radiator and Boiler Co. work 9 hours a day for wages ranging as low as 45c an hour and seldom going higher than 65c. The grinders and core-makers work piecework and manage to make slightly more, but they have to break their necks to do it.

Completely Unorganized.

The place is completely unorganized, which means that the workers here have to take what the bosses hand them. We work from 7:30 to 5:00 o'clock and when working overtime receive straight pay only.
The ventilation here is so poor that in the afternoon, from 12 to 5, it gets so smoky that you can't see each other 10 feet away. Of course, this is very bad for the lungs of the young workers, but the bosses are too greedy to spend any of their profits on improving the ventilation, installing more fans, etc.

Speed-up System.

There is a real speed-up system here which keeps us all working at break-neck speed. The grinders and core-makers are on piece work, and all the other departments have to keep up with the speed of these two departments. If you slow up at any time the boss is on your neck and saying that you are holding up the work.

Or else the boss says that something has to be sent out right away, but after rushing to finish the work the workers usually see the material lying around for hours.

Work Very Heavy.

The work here is very heavy and the youngest workers are often expected to lift the objects. Because the bosses won't spend enough of their profits to get more modern and scientific methods of testing the radiators, the testers have to stand in water all day, summer and winter, which usually results in rheumatism or pneumonia.

Must Fight to Improve Conditions.

Those young workers at "Niagara" who are organized into the Niagara nucleus (shop unit) of the Young Workers League are calling upon the other Niagara workers to fight against the rotten conditions here and for a shorter work day and better wages. Join with them in the fight for the following demands which will mean better conditions at Niagara.

- 1. Abolition of the piecework and speed-up systems with no reduction in wages for those at present working on piecework.
 - 2. A weekly minimum wage for all
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GIRLS IN STRIKE AT D. L. CLARK'S OVER LOW WAGES

League Supports Demands for a Living Wage

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 5.—Twenty girls employed at the D. L. Clark factory have struck for better wages being unable to make a decent living at the wages they were getting. Some of the girls were getting \$9.00 a week.

Demand Turned Down

After talking over the proposition at noon hour, the girls then told the assistant superintendent that they demand more money as the present wage made it impossible for them to live decently. The assistant superintendent noticing the solidarity manifested by these girls told them he would have to talk it over with his superiors. He returned about 2 o'clock and informed the girls that the company would not give them the increase they demand. The girls then held another conference and decided on a strike. To date none of the girls have weakened and they will continue to stay out until their demands are met.

9 1/2 Hours A Day—Poor Pay

The D. L. Clark Company is one of the many shops employing many young workers who help to make Pittsburgh noted for long hours and poor pay. The workers in this plant work 9 1/2 hours a day. Any worker heard talking about organizing a union and fighting for better working conditions is called "on the carpet" in the superintendent's office.

Another condition that makes this plant a hell hole is the extremely poor ventilation. In winter it is bad enough but in the summer the heat makes the place a living hell.

Follows League Campaign

Sometime ago the Young Workers League conducted a campaign in the shop urging the workers to put a fight for better wages and shorter hours, winning much praise for its efforts from the workers. A short time later the Young Workers League received a letter which was supposed to be written by one of the slaves in the shop, threatening the league that if it did not stop its campaign for more money and shorter hours with arrest. It was later found out that this supposed worker is a stool-pigeon and it is said that he wrote this letter after being instructed by the company to do so.

The Young Workers League is not scared by these threats and pledges to continue to help the worker to fight for better wages and shorter hours.

Other Workers Must Support Demands

Those Young D. L. Clark workers who are organized into the D. L. Clark nucleus of the Young Workers League within the next six months' time

START ORGANIZING CONGRESS; H. V. PHILIPS WILL ORGANIZE YOUNG NEGROES FOR LEAGUE

A big Negro labor congress is to be held in Chicago this summer, and the Young Workers League will take an active part in seeing that the young Negroes are well represented at this meeting. H. V. Philips, an active young Negro comrade in the Chicago League and a member of the provisional committee of the Negro Labor Congress, will be busy organizing young Negroes for this important congress.

The position of the young Negro in American industry is at many times even worse than that of the adult Negro worker, and the young Negroes must play a leading role in the struggle against the slavery and discrimination under which they toil in America today.

The Young Workers League will give all possible aid to the work of organizing for a big Negro Labor Congress, which will be a congress of great significance, not only for the young Negro workers in America, but which will be of world-wide significance in the aid and leadership this congress will offer to the world-wide struggle of the darker races in the "colonies" against imperialism. The following call for the Negro Labor Congress has been issued:

HELP! HELP! PARASITE GOES TO WORK! JOHN D. SENDS CONGRATULATIONS
(Special to Young Worker).
MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The unusual has happened. One of the sons of the rich has gone to work. His name is Fowler McCormick, and he has started work at the McCormick International Harvester Plant here.

No thorough investigation has been conducted to discover the reasons for such an unusual action. So no one is sure whether it was to gain a new experience or for publicity that Fowler McCormick has started doing manual labor in his father's plant.

Fowler is grandson of John D. Rockefeller and he is going to learn the business from the bottom up, but it is predicted here that the bottom part won't last much longer. He has been getting plenty of publicity in the capitalist press for his eccentric act of going to work, and this event has even called forth a letter from his oily grandfather.

The letter read:
"My dear Grandson:
"I am very much pleased in the manner in which you have chosen to learn the harvester business by starting at the bottom. By doing this, you glean the knowledge first hand that will greatly help you in later years. I extend my most hearty approval to your efforts."
"Your grandfather,
John D. Rockefeller."

Greek Bosses Using All Govt. Forces to Break General Strike

(Special to Young Worker)
ATHENS, Greece, April 5.—The Greek Government has decided to introduce troops and unemployed refugees to break a general railway strike that is holding up the country. Sympathetic action has been threatened by other unions, including the dockers. The Government officials have their own "war" on with the Government, and have been attacking the latter bitterly in the Press.

The Government has threatened to "use all the means and resources at its disposal to cope with the situation."

Reports from Athens on March 14 stated that the railway strikers were solid and negotiations with the government had broken down. Few trains are being run—by government organized scabs, troops, etc.

Electric power station workers have now come out, and tramwaymen. The strike is spreading among the postal workers, including telegraphists and telephonists. A revolutionary crisis seems possible unless the government climbs down.

Left Wing Support of Anderson Slate Defeats 'B. & O.' Bill

The first returns in the election now under way in the Machinists' Union for general officers shows the Anderson slate, which is being supported by the left-wing, running ahead of the Johnston administration slate. In supporting the Anderson slate, the left-wing points out that they are not at all satisfactory to the militants, who accept the fighting program of the T. U. E. L. But as against "B. & O." Bill Johnston and his class collaboration administration, the Anderson group is preferable and they are urging the rank and file to support them.

At the last meeting of the Machinists' Lodge No. 199, the Anderson slate received 72 votes and Johnston 5. At the meeting of local No. 83, Johnston received 2 votes while the Anderson slate received 96. These are the first guns fired in Chicago district by the militants who are determined that Johnston shall be defeated in this industrial city.

The American Labor Congress will

