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U. S. LEADS IN PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT WAR

Sob Stories Pure Bunk, Facts Prove

By JACK RICHARDS.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Despite all the sob stuff that has been peddled by the capitalist press recently about the weak U. S. air forces and the strong Japanese air fleet that may at any moment sweep down upon this country, figures just revealed show that the U. S. fund for new air-craft leads the world.

\$34,700,000 for 1926.
The last congress has given the army and the navy approximately \$34,700,000, to be spent on aviation during the fiscal year 1926, beginning July 1. For the fiscal year 1925, the navy appropriation for this purpose was \$15,328,500 and the army appropriation was \$13,476,619.80.
This huge sum which shall be spent on the air service alone is over and above the large cost of the three big airplane carriers that are being built, and the Saratoga which has just been launched.

The So-Called "Yellow Menace."
The menacing air fleet of Japan's which has for so long been the bogey held up by the boss-owned press, according to British reports, will have an authorized strength of 136 planes in 1929. The weak American air fleet that Japanese airplanes threaten to "attack and defeat" has 200 new planes already ordered and the tentative program for naval aircraft construction in 1926 call for 212 more.
It is expected that with planes now under contract and those to be ordered, the army and the navy this year will have a total of 832 new planes in service. This figure does not include others that will be purchased or constructed for experimental purposes.

Japan Spends Much Less.
For the fiscal year beginning April 1, Japan has set aside 25,000,000 yen. The yen is only worth about 50 cts. which makes the Japanese expenditures only about one-third as large as those of the United States.

Besides building or buying 268 new planes in 1926, the army intends to rehabilitate about 100 of the D. H.'s now in use or in storage.

The present plans of the navy call for the construction of 102 torpedo scouting and patrol planes, 40 training planes, 43 observation planes and 27 fighting planes during the same period. It already has 200 planes under contract.

Pacific Maneuvers Will Decide.
The Pacific maneuvers are expected to decide much, not only concerning the future air policy of the U. S., but about the strategy and tactics as a whole for the next war. The journalistic campaign for the next war in the Pacific is already well under way, and the bosses are doing their best to get the war machine in good shape as fast as possible.

A very significant part of the maneuvers will be the non-stop flight of three seaplanes from California to Hawaii. One of these planes has already been completed at the naval aircraft factory in Philadelphia. The significance of this flight can be fully realized when one understands that naval strategists expect Hawaii to be the base from which the U. S. will operate in the next war. The huge Pearl Harbor naval base has been built with this in mind, and it is from here that the bosses will send young American workers against other young workers in the next slaughter over the exploitation of China.

Remember May 23!
The John Reed Junior group is arranging a surprise party and dance Saturday, May 23, at 1902 W. Division St. All friendly organizations are requested not to arrange other affairs on that date.

COOLIDGE AWARD TO CHILE A BID FOR NITRATE TRADE WHICH WALL STREET WOULD WREST FROM JAPAN

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Feeling against the state department is again evident among Latin American diplomats in Washington, since Peru has challenged the Hughes-Coolidge award of the Tacna-Arica nitrate region to Chile under the pretext of a prebiscite. While they dare not come into the open with an attack on the motives of the Washington government, these spokesmen of the financial colonies of Wall Street are sending out hints that the smell of nitrates is on the award.

Suggestion is offered that Japan has been buying large quantities of Chilean nitrates, and that the United States—or American business interests speaking thru the government—want to get full control of the industry. An award to Chile would predispose the Chilean government to consider terms of lease or sale, which American capital might propose. An award to Peru would make a deal with Chile for the nitrate beds south of the disputed region an impossibility.

Roosevelt Wants to Organize Youth for Republican Bosses

Not content with all the instruments at present in the possession of the capitalist class for the perversion of the minds of the young workers, the capitalists are now turning their attention to the organization of a political organization of youth to supplement the Republican Party.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, ambitious candidate for governor of New York State in the recent election, is one of the leaders of the new movement for the creation of a youth movement in the Republican ranks. Speaking at a Republican meeting the other day, Roosevelt made the following statement:

"One of the chief faults of the Republican Party is recent years is the noticeable absence of young men and young women from the ranks. If a party loses its young people that party is bound to crash."

Heretofore the Republican Party has been satisfied with organizing its young people into athletic and social clubs, and used only the subtle means for propaganda. Now they have decided that the time is ripe for an open organization of young White Guards, such as they have in other countries, especially Italy.

The answer of the Young Workers League to this attempt of the capitalists to organize White Guards, is to extend and intensify its activities among the broad masses of the young workers. Against the capitalist youth organization, we must put forward the Communist Youth organization, the leader and vanguard of the masses of the young workers in this country.

New York League Fights Religious Dope Peddlers; Mass Meeting April 17th

A campaign against religious training in the public schools of this city is being conducted by the Young Workers League and the Junior Section. In this work the Juniors have taken the lead. They have already called meetings of parents and distributed widely a leaflet in the different schools of the city branding the introduction of religious training in the schools as a means of insuring the rule of the capitalist by poisoning the minds of the children and rendering them willing victims of capitalist exploitation.

The League has already held meetings of modest size in different sections of the city, and is now to hold a huge mass demonstration in Stuyvesant Casino on Friday, April 17th, against the introduction of religious training in the schools. A leaflet is being distributed in connection with the meeting.

The League will also use the May Day demonstrations as a means to acquaint the workers and their children with this menace, and demonstrate against it. A leaflet will be distributed in the school through our school fractions calling upon the students to strike on May 1st by staying away from school and join the Young Workers League in its demonstrations for the solidarity of the working class and world over against the capitalist system for the establishment of a Communist society.

All workers and young workers in particular are called upon to attend the meeting on April 17th. Come and demonstrate that you are opposed to the introduction of religious training in the schools.

Settle for Tickets.
Settle at once with the local office Workers Party, 19 S. Lincoln St., for the following:
Unity demonstration tickets.
Beauty and Bolshevik tickets.
Red Revel tickets.
Lenin Memorial tickets.
All these accounts are past due. Settle at once!

Get a sub—make another Communist!

The Challenge from Hawaii



Dick Ovenden in "Labor Call" (MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA)

PROTEST AGAINST BRUTAL SENTENCE OF YOUNG COMMUNIST SOLDIERS

To All Units of the League:
Dear Comrades:
The arrest, imprisonment and court martial of the eight members of the Hawaiian Communist League because of their political ideas, is another brutal attack upon the international working class. Not alone does it mark the beginning of a new period of ruthless white terror for the Communists in the Hawaiian divisions of the U. S. Army, but as well another attempt of international capitalism to crush the revolutionary workers in their own blood.

The only evidence against these eight comrades is that they are Communists, opposed to imperialism and imperialist war. And for this they are condemned to court martial on a framed-up charge that will possibly include a death sentence.

Such a serious challenge to the lives of these eight comrades cannot go unchallenged. Such a brutal and blood-faced attack upon the working masses of all countries must be answered in no uncertain way. The lives of these eight Communist soldiers are in danger!

The most elementary rights of the revolutionary workers are being crushed under the iron heel of American imperialism!

Demonstrate against the American White Terror!
Arrange mass meetings to protest this vicious assault upon the American youth and adult workers! Mobilize for monster protests that will help save the lives and gain the freedom of these eight Communist soldiers. Down with imperialism and imperialist war! Down with the American White Terror! Long live the Hawaiian Communist League and its valiant soldiers! Long live the Young Communist International!

National Executive Committee,
YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE OF AMERICA,
BARNEY MASS,
Acting National Secretary.

LOOKING OVER THE WAR MACHINE TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR MORGAN

INDIANAPOLIS, April 13.—Major General Eli A. Helmick, inspector general of the United States army, was in Indianapolis today to inspect the troops stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison. The third field artillery, the eleventh infantry and the fifth tank company will pass in review, before the general.

General Helmick is enroute from Washington to China where he will inspect the U. S. troops stationed there and in the Philippines.

German Government Breaks Rail Strike

LONDON, England.—Following out the terms of the Dawes' plan to a letter, the German government has broken the railroad strike with the aid of the social democrat labor fakery.

The strike was broken by making obligatory the arbitration award of three-tenths of a penny per hour increase. When this decision was made known, the union called off the strike. More than 2,000 men have victimized. This defeat is entirely due to the tactics of the unions, which refused to call on all the men.

Coolidge Is Angel of Scheme to Make Youth Slave Harder

WASHINGTON, April 13.—President Coolidge today was luncheon host to 36 prominent northeast manufacturers and business men who are preparing to start a nation-wide expansion program for the junior achievement work system.

The movement aims at restoring old fashioned industrial and home work to the daily programs of the younger generation and has the approval of the president.

GENERAL STRIKE OF BOMBAY MILL WORKERS LOOMS

Textile Kings Start a Wage Cut Drive

BOMBAY, India, April 9.—The cotton mill owners here have instituted a drastic wage cut drive, and many of the workers have gone on strike. As soon as a general reduction in wages is put into effect a general strike will follow, it is predicted. The paralysis of the mill industry, and disorganization of business is likely to prevail soon.

The three hundred spinners at the Birla mills have struck work as a sequel to wage reductions. The directors of the Pett mill, which employs 2,000 workers, have put up notices informing the men that the mills will be closed. The millowners blame the trade depression and the increased cotton prices as reasons for locking the workers out.

PRESENT GLASS WAR DRAMA AT INDIANA HARBOR, IND., APRIL 19

A performance, concert and dance will be given by the Workers Party, Local Indiana Harbor, Ind. Sunday, April 19, at Turner's Hall, 3809 Main St., Indiana Harbor, Ind. A drama of the class struggle "The Striker" by L. Rinehold will be staged. A good time is promised to all.

Comrade Peter Herd of the Young Workers' League of America will speak. Dance starts at 5 p. m., performance at 7 p. m. Admission 50 cents.

YOUNG WORKERS PROTEST SEVERE SENTENCE PUT ON COMMUNIST SOLDIERS IN U. S. ARMY; SOLDIERS MUST DEMAND POLITICAL RIGHTS

HONOLULU, Hawaii.—While the U. S. navy is weighing anchor and off for maneuvers in Hawaiian waters to prepare for the next war, Privates Crouch and Trumbull are in jail in Honolulu, sentenced by court-martial to 40 and 26 years respectively because they were Communists and opposed war.

The sentence of Comrade Crouch was announced in the last issue of the Young Worker. Some days after Crouch was sentenced to 40 years, Private Walter Trumbull, a soldier in the 21st infantry, stationed at Schoe-field barracks was sentenced to 26 years at hard labor.

The Young Workers League is protesting against the severe treatment of these young Communist soldiers and thruout the country meetings are being organized by the League as a press any working class sympathies within the army in blood.

BOSTON SHOE CO. TRIES TO FORCE FAKE AGREEMENT

Young Workers at Hide Shoe Factory Fight Back

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—The bosses at the Hide-Shoe factory in Cambridge have shown that they want to rob the young workers they employ openly by forcing them to accept a fake agreement. But the workers could not be so easily fooled, and refused to sign their names. The agreement which the bosses tried to get the young workers here to sign contained such sentences as:

(1) The workers at the Hide-Shoe factory have no right to demand a raise; (2) Have no right to strike; (3) Have no right to join a union, or in other words, whatever the bosses decide, the workers here should agree to.

Those young workers here organized into the Hide-Shoe nucleus of the Young Workers League fought this agreement and the rest of the workers were unanimously in favor of defeating this dirty agreement.

Another reason for the severity of the sentence is the fact that preparations for the next war in the Pacific are so apparent at present in Hawaii that it is very dangerous to have any class conscious soldiers around, who might warn the class conscious workers too emphatically of the fast approaching slaughter-fest. Especially in view of the approaching maneuvers of the U. S. navy in Hawaiian waters, it is dangerous to let any soldiers express red opinions.

On War Time Basis
In fact, today the preparations for the next war here are so open with the actual rehearsal commencing in a few days, that any opposition to war is treated on a war time basis. And anyone who remembers what treatment soldiers received during the last war when they organized against the slaughter, will be better able to understand the sentence.

Warns Workers of War
But this sentence also warns the workers of the coming war and shows the need of organizing to prevent another slaughter. These class conscious workers, young and old, are carrying on the fight with the Young Workers League for the freedom of all the soldiers arrested in Hawaii.

To save the comrades arrested in the army and to prevent the further terrorization of all class conscious soldiers by the war lords, all class conscious workers must fight with the soldiers for the following demands:

- 1.—Equal wages for all young and old workers doing the same work.
- 2.—Abolition of the piece-work and speed-up system with no reduction of wages for any workers at present doing piece work.
- 3.—Instead of piece-work rates, a weekly minimum wage for all young workers, based upon the cost of living and ranging from the living level upwards.
- 4.—Right to organize into union.
- 5.—Time and a half for overtime.
- 6.—Organize a shop committee to represent all workers in shop and take up these matters with the boss, seeing that our demands are granted.

Japan Says It Is Willing for More "Disarmament" Talk

TOKIO, April 9.—The Japanese government thru an unofficial interview, declares that Japan's attitude toward a second disarmament conference is the same as before the declaration of France against any such conference.

The position of Japan is said to be that stated by Admiral Takarabe, minister of the navy earlier in the year, which was that Japan, "given a fair ratio and sufficient guarantees for requirements of defense and proper observance of the methods of procedure, is ready for new conferences."

Why Such a Sentence?

The sentence of these young soldiers handed out by the Honolulu court martial was so extreme that it has brought forth a storm of protest from all over the country. The result is that Major General Edwin M. Lewis informs the war department that the sentence will be very materially reduced.

The reason for such an extreme sentence is obviously an attempt of the bosses to scare the class conscious soldiers in view of the fast approaching war, and the consequent danger of opposition from within the regular army.

No Political Rights for Soldiers
The action of the court martial is a pre-war attempt to impress upon soldiers the fact that they have "no political rights" and that they should be nothing but cannon-fodder in times of peace as well as war.

The fact that this opposition appeared in Hawaii, where there is much dissatisfaction against the rule of the U. S. imperialists no doubt had much to do with the sentence. The court martial tried to emphasize the fact that there was nothing involved except the sympathies of the soldiers for Soviet Russia and their political ideas; but there is much talk here of their connections with class conscious Hawaiian workers; whom the U. S. army wants its soldiers to shoot down and last of all be friendly with.

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1. The right to join political parties and to organize branches of these parties in the army and the right to attend political meetings and demonstrations.
2. The right to join trade unions and the right to form and join soldiers' unions.

Talk it up—your shopmate will subscribe!

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NEGRO YOUTH LEADER TELLS OF GARY LIFE

Describes Conditions Under Slave Master, Gary

By H. V. PHILIPS

GARY, Ind.—The home of the Gary Steel Trust is a town of about eighty thousand inhabitants. Ten thousand of these are Negroes, who at the call of Judge Gary migrated from Peonage Ridden South to what they were told would be the great city of freedom and opportunity.

As one arrives in Gary, the odor of burning coke and molten steel fills one's nose, as over head the great clouds of smoke shut out the sunlight. On Broadway, Mr. Gary has been considerable enough to see that all cars lead to his mills. Packed on these cars throughout the day and night, one sees young Negroes. Some scarcely over 15 years old! From behind the grind and soot on their faces, the set jaw and defiant stare of revolt appears.

The bosses are in the midst of a political campaign, each one trying to be the chief bootlicker for Judge Gary. A handful of Negroes, intellectuals, and petty bourgeois, with airs of importance are lining up the older Negroes to vote for the boss who has best greased their mitts.

At the States Hotel and up and down Washington Street, the older Negroes, like true funkies, stand in groups, arguing among themselves, who has the best boss. But the young Negro takes no part, he is sick of it all. Around Poolrooms and Dance Halls, he tries to find peace of mind, but his restlessness keeps him constantly on the go.

As Negroes arrive in Gary they are directed to the Lincoln Hotel run by one of Mr. Gary's flunks. If there is a vacant room, the Negro is installed and sent to the mills for a job. On pay days the Hotel collects his pay, keeping most of it for his room and board.

Should he leave the Hotel, he loses his job. Thus, the Negro finds the same Peonage system he left in the Southland.

The Young Workers League has started an active campaign among the discontented Negroes. Many are joining hands with the white workers and in a short time the working class youth of Gary will fight as one against the strange hold that Gary has upon his youth.

Klan Wins Herrin Election
HERRIN, Ill., April 9.—The Ku klux klan stood victorious today in Herrin's township election.

The klan, allied with the "good government league," emerged victorious over a so-called non-partisan ticket supported by democrats and klan-opposed republicans. The city election two weeks ago brought a similar result.

NEW YORK COMRADES, PLEASE NOTICE! KEEP OUR PAPER FILLED WITH NEWS!

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NEGRO MINERS STAND SOLIDLY WITH LEFT WING

Reject Race Appeal Made by Fakers

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 9.—The disruptive tactics of District No. 5 officials are thwarted by the miners, in vindicating Tom Ray, a progressive fighter, from charges of dualism, at the last meeting of the Primrose local. The first attempt by the "gang" in the district to carry out their policy of expulsion threatened in a communication sent to all locals in the district, was started in Local 2012 at Primrose, Pa., by the district officials.

Race Prejudice Falls
A large portion of the membership in that local is composed of colored miners. So the district officials secured one of the colored miners to prefer the charges thereby expecting to create race prejudice, but they failed miserably in the attempt.

All of the miners both white and colored know Ray for his activity in the union, the part he took in building the miners' organization, his consistent fight for progressive measures within the union and against reaction as well as against any attempt made by the operators to lower wages or destroy working condition. And now he is fighting for the release of the 12 miners incarcerated in the Moundsville penitentiary.

The charge preferred was "attending a meeting" in the sense that it was advised against by the district officials. The meeting in question was a conference held in Pittsburgh on Mar. 15 for the defense of the Moundsville prisoners, but the officialdom have a sag law resolution worse than any state criminal syndicalist or sedition laws in the country which they try to shove down the miners' throats.

Negro Miners Solid against Fakers
In the vote, the 200 miners attending the meeting overwhelmingly and definitely vindicated Ray of the charges. Not one of the colored miners voted for the expulsion, this shows that the officialdom miserably failed in the attempt to carry out their disruptive tactics by trying to create race prejudice.

Bosses Admit Child Labor Ruins Health; But Want Profits

The report of the New York State Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton, which has just been issued, reveals a terrible condition among the children who are compelled to slave to produce profits for the capitalist class.

Half of all the children examined were found to have physical defects caused by the work they were doing. This figure would be much higher if average working children had been examined. However, only several hundred attending the city continuation schools were examined. Even some figures indicate the appalling health conditions prevalent among the working children.

The prevalent bad health is a direct result of the poor conditions under which the children work, combined with the use of the energy which should go for play to drudge at machines in dark, dingy factories. The report states that "One-third of the boys were on their feet all day, one-quarter of the girls sat the entire day. One-fourth of the children were provided with wholly inadequate chairs, in most cases stools."

Most of the boys who had flat feet were on their feet all day, thus showing that their flat-footedness was caused directly by their occupation; the same is true for bad eyesight, where most of the children who worked under constant eye strain were found to have visual defects; most of the children with heart defects worked under excessive nerve strain. And so we can go thru the list, showing that the occupations of the children invariably caused physical defects.

In summarizing, the report says: "Subjecting the child under 16 to conditions of work which tend to break rather than strengthen his physical equipment would seem to be false economy." We might expect that the report would take the necessary steps and argue for the abolition of child labor, but no, the usual capitalist remedy is proposed. They will have more inspections and greater co-operation on all sides. Child labor, however, will remain.



SUN YAT SEN CHARGED KOU MINTANG TO FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM

The following is a manifesto of the Communist International on the death of Sun Yat Sen:

To the workers of all countries! —The many millions comprising the working masses of China have suffered an irreparable loss. The great leader who devoted his whole life to the cause of the emancipation of the Chinese people from the heavy yoke of imperialism is dead. Sun Yat Sen, who fought unweariedly against the enslavement of the working masses of China, is no more.

The revolutionary proletariat of

the whole world sinks flags before the open grave of the fighter for the independence of his people, whose fate is closely bound up with the revolutionary movement of the international proletariat.

Altho a Communist, Sun Yat Sen realized the common interests of the suppressed working masses of China and of the working class of the world, and had the profoundest sympathy with the revolutionary ideas of emancipation which inspired the advance-guard of the world proletariat.

Sun Yat Sen was not only a friend of the Chinese people; he remained right up to the end of his life a friend of the workers of the West and of the toiling masses of the East. This love for suppressed humanity was confirmed by Sun Yat Sen in the farewell message he sent immediately before his death, in which he charged the Koumintang Party to carry on the fight against imperialism and warned it against making any compromise with the imperialist oppressors.

Comrades, working men and women! In view of the death of the courageous fighter for the freedom of the suppressed, close your ranks and render support to the national liberation movement of the workers of China. Do not permit your bourgeoisie to rend and tear the Chinese people. Be united in the defense of the 400 million toiling people of China who are suffering under the foreign yoke!

Long live the relentless fight of the working masses against world imperialism!

Long live the international solidarity of the workers and peasants of the West and of the East!

The Executive Committee of the Communist International.

Calendar of Activities for Chicago Y. W. L.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 8 P. M.
Meeting of all Y. W. L. members working in mail order houses and department stores.

Meeting of all Weekly Young Worker Agents and Literature Agents at 7 p. m., at 19 S. Lincoln Street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 8 P. M.
Working Area Branch No. 4 3118 W. Roosevelt Road, Activity Meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

ACTIVITY MEETINGS at which the activities of the nuclei, prospective nuclei, individual members and the branch are taken up will be held at all League branches, which meet as follows:

Area Branch No. 1, 8 p. m., Room 506, 166 W. Washington Blvd.

Area Branch No. 2, 8 p. m., 1910 W. Roosevelt Road.

Area Branch No. 3, 8 p. m., 3201 S. Wabash Ave.

Area Branch No. 5, 8 p. m., 19 S. Lincoln St.

Area Branch No. 6, 8 p. m., 2613 Hirsch Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18.
Jewish Propaganda Committee Dance, Workers' Lyceum, 2733 Hirsch Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19.

CITY HIKE TO HARLEM FOREST PRESERVE. Meet the bunch at 9:30 at the place nearest your home:

3116 S. Halsted St.
3118 W. Roosevelt Rd.
2409 N. Halsted St.
2733 Hirsch Blvd.

All the groups will meet at the end of the Grand Ave. car line at 10:30 SHARP!

New York Directing Its Forming Youth Fractions Industrial Work Towards

The industrial work of the New York District is at present making rapid progress. The campaign to bring our membership into the unions has already brought material results. At the same time the greater attention to the industrial activity of the League has resulted in an increase of industrial workers in the organization. So much so that we can now record a membership with only less than 10 per cent students, and an even less amount of clerks, the remaining number over 80 per cent being workers in the shops and factories. Of these almost 50 per cent are in the unions or almost 40 per cent of the total membership of the New York League are in the trade unions.

The campaign conducted during the last few months has already also resulted in greater activity in the shops, and has made possible the organization of the eight shop nuclei now functioning in New York City. The campaign has also brought an increase in the activity of our comrades in the unions and made possible the winning of some of the most important locals in the International for the left wing. In the last elections held in the local unions of the needle trades here, about a half dozen of Y. W. L. members have been elected to the Executive Boards.

But this work was mostly preparatory for the greater tasks of the Young Workers League in the unions. Now that this preparatory work has been achieved, the District Executive Committee and the District Industrial Committee are giving their attention to the organization of YOUTH FRACTIONS. These fractions each having its program based on the actual conditions in the industry, the union, and the tasks of the Young Communist Leagues in the unions will fight in an organized manner for the specific youth demands, for the specific interests of the young workers in the industry.

In this work we have thruout the country generally had very little experience. In fact, we must even to some extent carry on a campaign to not only educate our membership as to the functions of the youth fractions, but also counteract the attitude of some of the comrades in the Party who look upon this work of the youth as superfluous.

The District Executive Committee therefore must send speakers to the various branches and nuclei to speak on OUR TRADE UNION POLICIES AND TACTICS to be followed by a lecture in every branch on the relation between the PARTY and the LEAGUE in all spheres of activity.

Now as to actual organization of YOUTH FRACTIONS. In practically all the locals of the I. L. G. W. U. where we have members they have been organized with responsible captains and a program of work outlined for the specific youth struggles and the co-operation between the T. U. E. L. and the YOUTH FRACTION.

Fractions are also organized in the other industries and are now being put on a functioning basis. To help the fraction in its work a class in the history of the I. L. G. W. U. is being organized with Comrade Ben Gitlow as instructor.

The Industrial Department of the League has also participated most actively in the last strike of the White Goods Workers in this city, mobilizing all our comrades for the fight for our demands. A leaflet in three languages, English, Jewish and Italian was printed. In the strike of the Y. W. L. nucleus in the Greenspan Upholstery factory the industrial department is making every effort to bring the strike to a successful conclusion, is meeting regularly with both the comrades and the workers in the shop generally. In the strike of the wire workers in the Bronx the District Executive Committee held many meetings of the strikers, organized the picket line and made every effort to organize these strikers, 95 per cent young workers, into a union.

On the whole we can record tremendous progress in our industrial work during the past few months. An increase of the number of workers at the bench, an increase in the membership of the unions, greater clarification as to our tasks in the unions, greater activity in the shops, greater participation in the struggles of the workers and specifically the young workers, organization of youth fractions, etc. But this is merely a beginning. We must now set ourselves to the task of making every League member a member of a union, every union member an active member, organize every union into a youth fraction, strengthen these fractions organizationally and ideologically and more and more participate in the struggles of the young workers, gaining their confidence, and winning them over for the Young Communist League.

Boston Comrades, Notice! Sport Section Organized

The Young Workers League has organized a section of the Workers' Sport Alliance in Boston. We have our gym every Saturday at 8 p. m., at 62 Chambers Street. All young workers are called upon to join the organization.

CHICAGO Y. W. L. CITY CENTRAL DEVOTES LAST SESSION TO TASKS OF MEMBERS IN SHOP NUCLEI WORK

At the last meeting of the city central committee of the Young Workers League held Wednesday, April 8, the main topic of discussion was the shop nuclei.

The other business of the league such as the distribution of the 1,000 copies of the Negro edition of the Young Worker to be distributed and sold, the clothing workers meeting to be held Saturday and the hike which will take place on Sunday, April 19, to the Harlem Forest Preserve, were speedily and efficiently disposed of.

In discussion many experiences in our nuclei work were cited and lessons drawn therefrom. It was pointed out in the discussion that comrades in the various nuclei should become more active in their shops and should not rely upon the working area branch to do the work of a nucleus. The branch of course, should organize and perform all the outside activity, but that should be only secondary and supplementary to the work of the nuclei members inside.

The intensification of the activity within the shop and the getting of new members thru the efforts of the nucleus there rather than thru outside activity would avoid to a very great measure getting stool pigeons into our organization.

Definite Organizational Measures
It was stressed also that as soon as a nucleus is organized it should set a definite date and place of its meeting, elect its officers, even though it may be only two officers at the start and work out a plan of work and follow it religiously.

The nucleus must meet every week and have one business meeting, two educational and one social meeting. Of course any immediate business may be transacted at any nucleus meeting or special nucleus meeting called whenever the situation in the shop demands it. The nucleus should participate more also in the general league activity, it was reported and not confine itself solely to the discussion of shop problems.

All the communications sent out by the league and the city central minutes of the league should be read and discussed and all instructions contained therein followed out by the nucleus. The nuclei members, too, should be drawn more into all the big affairs of the league.

They should be present at all the league membership meetings, at joint league and party affairs, at our hikes and at our social affairs. They should co-operate in arranging the open propaganda meetings of the branch and attend these meetings in a body.

Bulletins Should Be More Political
The bulletins of the various nuclei should become more political in nature, they should endeavor to acquaint the young workers in the shops with the Young Workers League, its program, its various activities and its goal, and should not merely week after week make exposes of the conditions in the shops. That of course must be contained in every bulletin accompanied by a few paragraphs on the general activities of the league and some educational material.

It was also remarked that the nucleus should consistently and systematically with the assistance of a factory campaign and outside activity build itself in size and influence and only when it is sufficiently established should it set itself the big tasks such as the calling for organization of a shop committee.

In its program, it should of course, carry the demand for the organization of a shop committee and in its activity it should guard towards that end. It should guard however, against taking premature steps in that direction as these premature steps weaken and demoralize a nucleus rather than strengthen it.

The nuclei members also should at all times carry on their work as a unit. No individual actions should be permitted. No walkouts or calling of shop committee meetings, etc., without thorough discussion and preparation of the whole nucleus with its area branch representatives. The delay in waiting for such a meeting is no excuse, inasmuch as the nucleus can meet in an emergency almost immediately.

Another nucleus was formed in New York last week, this time in a millinery and flowers shop employing over 100 workers, mostly girls.

This nucleus that now has five members was formed thru the initiative of one comrade who succeeded in winning over four other girls from the very beginning. This is further proof that single comrades working in a shop can organize shop nuclei.

Since this shop nucleus consists only of girls we will have an opportunity of seeing our girl comrades in action.

There are in addition two Party members in this shop that will co-operate with the nucleus in its work and attempt to organize a Party nucleus there.

PROTEST MEETING

Religious Training in the Public Schools

Arrest of Hawaiian Young Communists Soldiers

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Young Workers' Correspondence

CORRESPONDENTS, NOTICE!

Our Russian comrades realize fully the importance of letters from all the points of production—they realize it to the extent that in every youth paper in Russia a whole page (and often more) is devoted to nothing but letters from young workers on the job. These letters are not well written from the literary point of view, nor are they intended to be. They are written in the everyday language of the young workers, so that every young worker can easily understand them. These letters cover every phase of activity of the young Communists in factories and mines and mills as well as giving vivid pictures of the various industries. The young workers in Russia are eager to write for the paper which is their own, they take pride in contributing to it.

In the United States we are still far behind our Russian comrades in this respect. Our comrades are very slow and hesitant about writing up their experiences on the job. There are many reasons for it, still we must overcome them and establish a well functioning army of correspondents writing up every industry where the young workers are employed and every activity of our comrades.

Some comrades have told us that they would write letters if they could write them in foreign languages, well let this not stop them, we will have all letters translated. To the foreign comrades in particular we make an appeal to write letters about the industries they work in as they are the ones who are exploited most.

KEEPING THEM OUTSIDE.

Dear Comrades: I am employed as an electrician's helper and altho I haven't been long at it, I've learned a lot about the struggles within this trade.

There is a union, or rather organization called the Electricians' Union which altho it was formed to organize the workers, seems to exist only to keep the officials in good circumstances. There is not even an attempt on their part to get electricians into the unions—instead—after I applied for admission they said—"no, the books are closed for a year or more." I understand this to mean—"All right, we'll let you in, but first let's have some good grease for our palms."

Yes, besides the tremendous initiation fee, you've got to give them an even more tremendous palm-fill—in order to get into the union.

Can you beat their colossal nerve? I'm employed in Harlem, in one of

the numerous little sub-sweat shops. The boss poses as a saint, and a general philanthropist to his workmen while paying them for their hard labor the magnificent sum of twenty-eight dollars a week (for the experienced and learned mechanics). The helpers, I suppose you can imagine how much I get and the others even get less. He—the boss—knows well we can't strike because if we do, our places will be immediately filled by others who will be clamoring for our jobs, even though we have an Electricians' Union in our midst. There is a perfectly good reason for this situation; upon an already oversupplied number of electricians at the trade, there are scores of trade schools busily manufacturing electricians night and day. The union has no intention of fighting these trade schools or their influence, and the schools are maintained by the students who pay a high tuition fee for the little knowledge they get.

It's understood that the capitalist class is not the least bit opposed to this system—in fact they would not the least bit mind of in every trade there was a situation like ours. Yes, the world does not know everything. They know that there is a class at the head of the union, there inside it—that are termed the aristocracy of labor. They get the money and we— we get the knocks. B. T.

LIFE UNDER KING COAL.

Have you ever seen a coal mine? Some of us have, because we live in mining towns, but most of us haven't.

All of us have seen coal, black dirty coal. We marvel at its blackness, but little do we know of the life of the men who work in the mines. We know little of how they work.

Have you ever seen mud, not merely a little mud, but oceans of it, streets full of it. Everywhere you go you step into it. Oh! there is so much mud you get sick of it. That is what covers the mining towns—no paved streets, but mud. People walk in it. Children play in it. And the coal company owns it as it does almost everything else in those towns.

The blackness of the coal is nothing compared to the darkness of the mine in which our coal miners work. They leave their homes early in the morning, their lunch buckets in their hands, go into the cold, dark mine and do not come out until late in the afternoon.

Their only light is that which they wear on their caps. They work often knee deep in water, shoveling coal. We little imagine what this means. Endangering their lives at every mo-

ment, these brave sons of our class, the working class, dig that black coal to warm our homes, to run our railroad trains, to run our steel mills and our factories.

You have often heard and read in the newspapers of explosions in mines, of how 100 miners are killed in one place, and many more in another. You can hardly imagine what this means to the wives and children of the mines. Little children of our class left fatherless, because of the greed of the capitalist who owns the mines. But it is not only explosions. The roof of the mine often caves in, the stone often falls, killing and maiming the miners.

Mining towns are full of crippled men. Men who have been injured in the mine. Oh! it is terrible to see them, these victims of capitalist greed, begging from everyone they know, in order that they might live.

Next time you see coal, comrades, do not think merely of blackness before your eyes, think of the blackness of the mine, the danger of caverns, the explosions. Think of our comrades working here knee deep in water, digging coal, coal to be turned into gold for the capitalists who own the mines, but who are too greedy to make them safe for the miners to work in.

Think of the children who play in the mud, because there is nowhere else to play. Think of their mothers, who everyday wonder, "Will there be an explosion? Will my husband come home safe?"

The coal miners have a union. It is called the United Mine Workers of America. The union was built up thru many years of struggle. Many a miner has shed his blood for the union. The miners love their union, but they hate their officials, who serve the capitalists who own the mines better than the members of the union.

The officials steal the votes given to good leaders, to Communists, and keep themselves in office. The coal miners had a better union than they have now. This is because their false leaders expel from the union its best members because they want the union to fight the capitalists.

There is a fight in the miners' union between those who follow the leadership of the Communists and the false, traitorous leaders who are wrecking the union.

The false leaders will keep power for a while. But, the workers are waking up. When they do wake up, they will throw their false leaders in the scrap-bag along with the capitalists whom they served so well.

—MAX SALZMAN.

TOILING YOUTH

By HARRY GANNES.

(Continued from last issue.)

CHAPTER VI.

Education and Educational Institutions.

Those who own and control the wealth of this country dominate its political life, and to maintain the upper hand in the political forces of the nation, the school, church and press must conform with the ideas of the ruling, the wealthy class.

No matter what the school system or the methods of teaching, no matter if the teachers be honest, free from graft and averagely truthful their ideas must naturally conform to the ideas of those who control society.

The means of producing the necessities of life and the distribution of these goods is the basis of our present form of society. Upon this foundation all other forms of social life are based. Just what is meant by this? We traced the history of the youth in the United States. We discovered that the greatest number of them worked for a living when they grew up, but the wealth they created drifted into a few hands. How did this come about? Taru the private ownership of the factories, the mines, the mills, the railroads—everything that is necessary in order to make the things we need—our clothes, our houses, the street cars, school books and all that we require.

This has not always been the same. There have been different forms of society, as for instance primitive Communism in the long, long ago. We all have heard of slavery, when men were owned as property. Then there was serfdom, when men were considered part of the land. Each of these periods comprised a definite "form of society." Our present form, with the great number of wage workers, by far the majority of society, on the one hand, and on the other, a small clique which owns and controls the entire wealth of the nation, is called capitalism. Each form of society develops certain "ideas." We call these ideas the "ideology" of that particular social class. In order to maintain their hold on the wealth they have, the ruling class advances its "ideas" as the proper and truthful ones. The civics, the economics, the history, and even the geography taught in school are the ideas, thoughts and wishes of those who own the wealth or of their servants, the professors, teachers, doctors, lawyers and scientists.

The schools in the United States are especially notorious because of the direct control of the wealthy, more of which we shall learn later. But let us ask now, even if the control were not so obvious would the ideas and lessons taught still be capitalistic? Most assuredly! We saw that the declaration of independence was a remarkable stimulus to the rising capitalist class in America, and even if the truth were told (which is far from the case at the present time) about the origin of the republic of the United States, capitalist ideas would still prevail.

The teachers are the products of capitalist ideas. Even if they wanted to be otherwise, they could not, for they cannot conceive of anything different. They are the products of their time. Some, after long experience, see their position in its true light. But their number is very few and is the exception which establishes the rule. A teacher need not be necessarily dishonest or untruthful to be a good servant of the wealthy masters. The teachers absorb their ideas in the pre-capitalist schools they attend, and do not admit the class nature of our present day order of society, and do consciously work for the good and the existence of capitalism.

We must remember that education is not and cannot be impartial under the capitalist system. Education is always class education; it is the education of the class who controls the political power. In this country as in nearly all countries of the world, it happens to be the capitalists. Let us examine the American educational system a little more closely.

Lester F. Ward, in "Dynamic Sociology," says: "The large number (the workers), deprived of the means of intelligence, though born with a capacity for it, are really compelled by the small number (the rich), to serve them without compensation. This is the result of the problem of the present unequal distribution of wealth."

However, the working class is not kept entirely in ignorance. The modern order of production requires a fairly well educated working class. A locomotive engineer who could not read telegrams, might kill off a number of wealthy Pullman-car riders. Is it not better to educate this worker, even in the interest of the wealthy? Workers who cannot count make poor factory hands. Then, if the workers could not read they would not be able to understand the capitalist propaganda.

But our youth is not given too much education. They are dragged out of school at a very early age and set to work making profits for the bosses of the factories, stores, offices, or other places of employment.

Just how does the rich class control the schools? The answer is simple. They buy the schools and pay the teachers. But, some might say, "The schools are run by the city governments and the teachers are paid out of the taxes of the property owners." That is true. But who comprise the property owners? Figures would be boring. We can say, however, without fear of contradiction that in all the large cities a very small group of men own the greater part of the real estate. In New York a few families own more than the majority of the population put together. School boards are elective bodies. The two big political parties, the republican and democratic, are the parties of the rich, and the men put in the jobs by these parties are the friends of the rich.

Upton Sinclair has written two books conclusively proving that the schools and colleges in the United States are owned outright by those who have robbed the workers, "The Goose-step" and "The Goslings." "The Goose-step" tells how the colleges and higher schools of so-called learning are owned and bossed in the interest of the few; and "The Gosling" is the story of how the public and grammar schools are made to serve the rich.

The colleges are directly controlled by the capitalists through bribes. These bribes are called "endowments" in order to make them sound respectable. There are 90 institutions in the United States that receive \$1,000,000 or over in endowments. No worker can afford to give this amount to the colleges; one need not go far to find who does the donating. Besides, there are 2,530 more of these institutions that receive yearly amounts ranging from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

A study made by Scott Nearing revealed that out of 2,470 trustees of the leading colleges and universities in this country, 1,444 were members of the capitalist class, that is, they were either financiers, bankers or business men.

John D. Rockefeller, the richest man in the world, strives hard to control as many of the educational institutions as he possibly can. He has set up a special organization for this purpose, known as the Rockefeller foundation. A government committee reporting on this Rockefeller tool says, "The foundation is entirely outside and above the government. The power it exercises is practically unlimited. . . . The money with which the Rockefeller Foundation was created and is maintained, consists of the wages of workers in American industry. . . ."

Dr. W. J. Stillman who at one time held an important position in the United States Department of Agriculture tells how Rockefeller tried to buy him. His own words are:

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Chicago Still Leads Race for Banner!



Which League Will Get There First!

Comrade Schuchardt, Young Worker agent for our Springfield, Illinois, League writes that the campaign there is taking on flesh and blood. An affair, the purpose of which is to raise money and get subs for the weekly Young Worker, has been arranged for the end of this month, and the comrades expect big returns. This is the spirit, Comrade Schuchardt. More of it!

Busy in Philadelphia

Our Philadelphia comrades are on the job at last. As a token for a good start, fifty dollars have been sent in to the national office as part payment of their old bundle order account. Other leagues should follow this example and help the national office keep the weekly going. Comrade Milgrom, Young Worker Agent, gives us great hopes for big returns in subs soon. None have come in yet to speak of. What's the trouble? Come on Philadelphia!

And in Detroit

Detroit is picking up a little. Three more subs have been received from these comrades, Comrade Gimboza, an old hand at the game of getting subs, is Young Worker Agent and will likely show his stuff post haste. However, nothing worth speaking of has been turned in by Detroit yet. Comrade Lawrence, a lone worker down in San Antonio, Texas, has made a better showing than the large city of Detroit, with manifold man-power.

Must Get to Work

For that matter, our small group of militants in Brule, Wisconsin—a mere handful of active league workers—has shown much more activity and equally great results. Detroit is far behind in the campaign. We hope they wake up right quick!

Our New York comrades have shown almost absolutely no activity in our Red Star Drive for 10,000 subs. With a much larger membership, a wider field for work, an equally large

quota, but not nearly the results that Chicago has shown.

Chicago Still Ahead

With the exception of Chicago, every other principal league has shown poor results in the campaign. This must be remedied at once. The Young Worker is in danger comrades; we must get down to business. There is absolutely no excuse for comrades not getting subscriptions. There is no task more simple in the Communist movement, and at the same time, no task more rich in propaganda value, than the task of getting subscriptions.

Visit Fraternal Organizations

In every large city at least, and in most of the smaller ones also, there are sufficient numbers of working class fraternal organizations, sympathetic unions, Workers Party branches, etc., to keep our comrades busy for a month getting subscriptions, donations and bundle orders for our weekly. And this work is important—it simply must be done if the Young Worker is to remain a weekly and not revert back to a semi-monthly within a very short period. You know, comrades, the great contribution to our League the weekly Young Worker is. And you know, also, what it will mean to us if we fail to keep it alive. A more damaging blow to the young Communist movement in this country cannot be imagined. The black clouds of disaster already hover over us, and they are descending rapidly! The situation is a serious one, and must be taken seriously, not only in this light, but the remedy of subscriptions must be applied immediately. Send in those subs right now! If you have not already done so, elect

your weekly Young Worker Agent at once and send his name and address to the national office. We will take care of the rest.

A Pertinent Fact Or Two

To get the Young Worker out, costs \$200 each week. This means that the national office must pay out \$800 each month to keep the Young Worker alive, as a weekly organ.

Unless the national office receives between \$25 and \$30 each day for subscriptions, bundles and donations, we will not be able to continue putting out the Young Worker each week.

PHILA. JUNIORS TO GIVE PLAY AND CONCERT

Will Depict Work of Young Communists

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 12.—The Junior Young Workers League of this city are busy preparing for the play and concert to be given on Friday April 24, at 8:00 p. m. at Progressive Library, 4035 Girard Ave.

An excellent musical program has been arranged for the occasion and the play "Our Juniors in Action" is precisely what its name implies—full of action portraying the youth of the Communist movement engaged in the struggles against the ravages of the capitalist system.

Much interest is manifested in this forthcoming event and although many of the party members and sympathizers failed to avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the first affair of the juniors, they now realize that they missed a pleasant and instructive evening and are not going to miss this performance.

N. Y. Comrades Plan Big Hike for April 26

A general hike of all the branches in the city has been arranged for Sunday, April 26.

This will be the first general hike this year, and we expect that over 1,000 young workers will participate.

This hike will not only serve as a means of entertainment and the physical well being of the comrades, but will also be devoted to an educational program that is being arranged for by the District Executive Committee. Since no definite place has as yet been decided upon, comrades will have to watch in the next issue of the YOUNG WORKER, in the Daily Worker, Freiheit, Novy Mir, Volkszeitung and Elore for further announcements. For the present remember the date, APRIL 26th, and tell your shop mates and friends.

MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION.

To be held at Kanter's Auditorium, 259 Monroe St., under the auspices of the Workers Party, Local Passaic, N. J., Friday, May 1, 1925, at 7:30 p. m. Speakers in all languages. Bring your friends with you. Admission 10 cents.

CONCERT AND DANCE FOR AID OF GREEK WEEKLY EMPROS, THURS., APR. 23

You are invited to attend the International Dance and Entertainment given by the Chicago Greek branch, Workers Party, for the benefit of the Greek Communist Weekly, Empros, at Bowen Hall, Hull House, corner Polk and Halsted Sts., Thursday, April 23, at 8 p. m. Good music, speeches, songs and refreshments. A good time is promised to all. Admission 50 cents. Come and bring your friends.

PROPOSED OUTLINE FOR EDUCATION SUBMITTED FOR DISTRICT No. 2

In accordance with the decision of the N. E. C. that the Workers School be made the joint educational center for Communist education in New York, but that the Sub-committee appointed by the N. E. C. outline plans for work of a specific Young Communist character, our committee proposes:

- (1) All lists of teachers, classes, attendance sheets, and registrations for League classes be immediately turned over to the chairman of the committee by the D. E. C. of the Y. W. L.
- (2) That insofar as it is possible the Workers' School and League classes dealing with the same subjects shall be combined and under the direct supervision of the W. S.
- (3) That where this is impossible because of conflicting dates, then both classes will function under the direct supervision of the W. S.
- (4) All Y. W. L. branches and nuclei must at once elect educational directors if such have not already been elected. These are to be called to regular meetings with the N. E. C. sub-committee to deal with special problems of League education.
- (5) All League instructors shall be called to a meeting within two weeks' time. Regular meetings of League instructors are to be held. These instructors are also to attend the general meetings of instructors of the W. S.
- (6) All special Y. W. L. classes shall elect students' committees of two or three members each to co-operate with their instructors and the N. E. C. sub-committee on problems of class work and instruction.
- (7) All branches and nuclei of the Y. W. L. are to be supplied with speakers of some educational subject at least once every month; speakers to be listed by the N. E. C. sub-committees and to be sent out to the branches or nuclei by it.
- (8) A campaign is to be started at once to enroll League members in the classes conducted at the Central school by the W. S. as well as for the Sectional classes and the special classes of League tasks and problems.
- (9) Classes in the following subjects shall be conducted at the Central school (these to be for League members only). History of the International Youth Movement; Theory and Tactics of the Youth in the Trade Unions.
- (10) A special class for Leaders and Instructors of Junior Groups shall be started. No League or Party member shall be permitted to conduct Junior Groups who does not attend this class.
- (11) The N. E. C. sub-committee shall at once select and assign speakers to all League branches and nuclei to acquaint them with the new educational policy for this district as formulated by the N. E. C. and its further amplification as made by the N. E. C. sub-committee.
- (12) The above proposals, when agreed to by the N. E. C. are to be published in the Young Worker, the youth page of the Freiheit, and to be sent to all branches and nuclei of the League in this district.

HAITI RULED BY AMERICAN CLUBS WRITER CHARGES

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—A letter has been received by Secretary of State Kellogg from Joseph Mirault, correspondent of the Haitian Courier, protesting against the rule of American imperialism over the people of Haiti.

"During the last ten years that there has been an American occupation in Haiti," says the letter, "Countless crimes have been committed in the name of the American people. The poor people in the country are sometimes forced to disguise themselves as cannibals and to suffer themselves thus to be photographed."

"Twenty-five high schools have been closed, and the press gagged to such an extent that a journalist who dares to raise his voice to denounce misappropriation of public funds or exactions of any kind, will be thrown into jail where he will be subjected to all kinds of suffering and humiliation."

WALL STREET SENDS AN EXPERT TO CHINA TO BATTLE BRITISH AIMS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—John V. A. MacMurray, undersecretary of state, who was today appointed minister to China, has been acting as the adviser of the Coolidge administration on the activities of American capitalists in China.

MacMurray was the "expert" on Chinese matters at the Washington arms conference of world powers in 1921. It was his information that was used at the conference by Wall Street to battle British and French imperialism for a division of future spoils in China. MacMurray has been head of the Far Eastern department of the department of state, and was for some time in charge of the legation in China.

A war is looming up between American and British business interests over control of China's resources and markets, and Coolidge felt that he must put an expert in charge of the post.

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What About Generals?

AN officer can belong to any political organization he wants to, but of course it is always taken for granted that he would never belong to a working class one.

A general can belong to the Ku Klux Klan, as many of them do. So do many of the captains and other commissioned officers. In fact almost every high army officer belongs to some organization of his class.

Officers can be guests and can speak at Chambers of Commerce, at Rotary Clubs, etc. General Dawes can organize his Minute Men of the Constitution. The colonel commanding the Citizen's Military Training Camp at Camp Custer last summer used to eat his luncheon with his business friends at the Battle Creek Rotary Club, and of course no risk was involved.

But what about the private in the army? Can they belong to an organization of their class, either political or economic? Can they organize a soldiers' union within the army? Can they belong to a political party of the working class?

Not only are the soldiers in the army denied all freedom in regard to joining with the workers in organizations of their class, but the bosses' government goes much further than the bosses by making membership in a working class organization a crime for any worker in the army.

Comrade Crouch received a sentence of 40 years for no other reason than belonging to and helping to organize a Communist League at the Schofield barracks.

Comrade Trumbull, another private in the U. S. army, has been sentenced to 26 years for the same offense. In fact, even if these comrades had not organized and belonged to a Communist League they would have been discharged from the army for entertaining ideas not sympathetic to capitalism and wars.

The army is the right hand of the capitalist state and must serve the double purpose of suppressing the working class by force, breaking strikes, etc. and the purpose of extending the empire in competition with other national and international groups at the expense of the slaughtered young workers.

For this reason any attempt on the part of soldiers within the army to organize, either to improve their rotten service conditions, or more dangerous still with the idea of opposing war, is met ruthlessly by the ruling class.

But the very fact that they are so ruthless in suppressing any organizational activities on the part of the soldiers shows how important this work is and shows the importance of agitation by the Young Workers League for such demands as:

1. The right of soldiers to join political parties and to organize branches of these parties in the army—the right of all soldiers to attend meetings and demonstrations.
2. The right to join trade unions and the right to form and join soldiers unions.

Many other demands affecting the everyday conditions of the soldiers and which will prohibit the use of soldiers in industrial disputes, must be continually fought for by all young Communists, within or outside the army.

The Struggle for Oil

THE struggle for oil in the Near East continues unabated, and the ever sharper antagonisms between the French and British interests are oiling up the war machine in preparation for the next slaughter.

Mosul is still the center of interest over which the British and French oil groups are at present clashing. Once upon a time the French gave little competition to England in this sphere, but ever since the defeat of the British-Greece venture in the Balkans France has been taking advantage of every breathing space in an effort to get her share out of Iraq and Mosul.

The fact that France has concluded a treaty with Turkey during the week is very significant in view of this struggle. By this treaty France makes her relationship to Turkey much the same as was that of Germany, before the world war. In return for Turkey's friendship and willingness to allow the French imperialists favored treatment in the exploitation of Turkish resources and the Turkish workers, France has given Turkey a slice of Syria and greater control of the important Bagdad railway.

France entered into the race by the San Remo agreement which entitled her to Germany's share Mesopotamia. Soon after the U. S. entered the struggle by nobly demanding the "open door policy" be enforced here, the result being that with the help of the oily Department of State and its foreign representative, the Anglo-Persian group gave up 25 per cent to the American group which includes the Standard Oil, Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation, the Doheny interests, etc.

But in the struggle for Mesopotamia oil, one problem still remains to be solved. That is the problem of Iraq, over the solution of which British airplanes have been bombing the natives and the Turkish army is gathering along the frontier. The

trouble is that Mosul, reputed to be the richest of all the unexploited oil areas is still outside the frontiers of Iraq and has not yet been partitioned out among the Imperialists as yet. The Turks show a very strong disposition to keep Mosul outside and no doubt the French will back Turkey up both in Geneva and by the military treaty which has just been concluded. The fact that on which side America brings her diplomatic pressure to bear may temporarily settle a great deal, puts the U. S. oil kings in a good position to get a generous share of the grab.

Gagging Teachers in Ohio

IN Ohio the bosses are launching a drive to chase all the radical teachers out of the State colleges and schools. The good capitalists state and its obedient legislature are not going to allow any teachers with working class sympathies in the state institutions, especially when these institutions are supported by the Ohio bosses. For this purpose the following resolution has been introduced into the legislature:

"No part of the money appropriated for the support of State colleges or schools shall be paid to any teacher thereof who has been publicly active in any socialist, atheist, communist, or other organization of revolutionists, or who is known to be a member of a body whose teachings have encouraged efforts to overturn the government of the United States."

The Ohio legislature is very frank about the purpose of the state educational institutions. These universities are endowed for and supported out of the taxes of the bosses. They want to be sure that they are run for and by the bosses. They want all education within these institutions directed towards this end, and all teachers gagged accordingly.

Next! The Dawes Plan for France!

THE boundaries of the Dawes colony are being extended. France is next to come under Wall Street rule. Already with the help of many large loans to France, the Morgan gang has been able to say much in the diplomatic affairs of France.

But now with the collapse of the French franc, the financiers and their executives in the state department at Washington will be able to press France even harder than before towards the goal of turning the French workers into slaves of American imperialism.

Another significant fact—the fall of the franc is expected to cause a change of heart in France about a disarmament conference.

The work of organizing a meeting at Geneva and France for some time has been the strongest opposition to this scheme. The ambition of the U. S. bosses is not, of course, to restrict armaments, but rather their dream is to force a change in the standing of the great powers by bringing all possible diplomatic pressure to bear at this conference, with the unfoolish hope that the other countries will be foolish enough to cut their armaments in such a way that the United States will be the supreme military and naval force by the time the next world war springs up.

The Negro in American Industry

TWO tendencies show themselves in the labor movement. One is the blind, dangerous and senseless hatred of the Negro workers, encouraged by the unscrupulous capitalists and carried on by the camp followers of capitalism—real estate sharks, prostitute journalists, labor misleaders and all the carrion crew that live on the offal of the system.

This is the tendency that brought white and Negro workers into conflict in the Chicago race riots in 1919, in which 23 Negroes and 15 whites were killed and 537 persons of races injured.

The other tendency, manifested only by the Communist Party and the most intelligent and militant of white workers outside its ranks, is perhaps best illustrated by the white workers who gave their lives in an armed struggle to protect a Negro organizer of the Timber Workers' Union from the attack of gunmen of the Great Southern Lumber Company, November 22, 1919.

The heroic stand of these southern white union men shines like a golden star in the bloody history of 1919—the year in which the antagonism between white and colored workers, as a result of the advent of the Negro into industry, reached its climax, expressing itself in race wars, lynchings and dozens of cases of terror against Negroes.

WILLIAM F. DUNNE in the Workers Monthly.

Amalgamation from Below

AMALGAMATION will not come from the top. The bureaucrats will not consolidate their organizations, even though petitioned to do so by vast masses of the rank and file. Our experience teaches this definitely. They must be pushed into it by an irresistible surge from below. The militants must stir the masses, on the basis of their everyday demands, to press resistlessly against the bureaucracy at every point. The amalgamation plans to be worked out by the T. U. E. L. militants in the various industries must bear in mind the foregoing principles. They must develop national, local and shop organizational amalgamation forms and drives. And all must be inextricably interwoven with the struggles of the toiling masses. This way lies the consolidation of our present weak unions and the laying of foundations for a trade union movement capable of playing a real part, not only in the day-to-day war against exploitation, but also in the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

M. Z. DOSTER, in the Workers Monthly.

Sports and Working Class Youth

WITH this issue we begin publication of the manifesto of the Workers' Sport Alliance, the American section of the Red Sport International. Just as the Red Sport International carries on its world-wide work in closest conjunction with the Young Communist International, so the Young Workers League must assume the major responsibility for furthering and realizing the aims set forth by the Workers' Sport Alliance. In the past our activities in the field of sport have been very much neglected. And yet conditions in the United States render it especially imperative that we devote a great deal of attention and energy to the sports problem. Not only does the sport work afford a splendid medium for organizational work, i. e., for reaching and influencing thousands of young workers otherwise isolated from us, but it also provides a firm basis for our struggle against Fascism and military training, as well as for the creation of the proletarian fighting units of the future.

Against the Bosses' Sport.

AGAINST the bourgeoisie sport organizations we must jest the proletarian sport organizations. The members of the Young Workers League must devote all possible energy to the building up of the Workers' Sport Alliance. In those factories and shops where the bosses have organized sport clubs, the members of the League must work from within. They must combat the capitalist propaganda and ideology with which these clubs are permeated. They must systematically work for the creation of left blocs within these clubs with a view to splitting them off and affiliating them to the Workers' Sport Alliance. Our nuclei in the factories and shops must take every opportunity to expose the anti-working class character of these clubs. They must put up demands for the athletes (time off for practice, pay for time spent in clubs, exclusive control of the workers, against advertisement, exploitation of contests, etc.) thus emphasizing the line of class division.

However, our activities must not only be confined to the shop and factory clubs. We must also combat the influence of the professional sport organizations (baseball, boxing and wrestling trusts) and the semi-bourgeois amateur sport clubs. In those clubs which are composed predominantly of proletarian elements, and which are comparatively free of bourgeois influence, we must strive for leadership with a view to winning the members for the Young Workers League and the Red Sports International. In carrying on our work we must constantly point out the class struggle which is going on and the role of the young workers and the sport organizations therein.

Draw Them into League.

IN a great many instances it will be found possible to organize large numbers of young workers into sport clubs controlled by the League and thus to gradually draw them into active political and industrial work under our lead. In our work among the rural youth and the working class children, sports organization is especially important and valuable. We must also make efforts to enlist the support of unions and other working organizations in our sports work. Specific plans for procedure in these phases of the work will be printed in future issues of the Young Worker.

In carrying on the sport work, we must always bear in mind that while it is very important, yet it is only a means and not an end. To permit our sport activity to become an end in itself is to defeat the Communist

aims for which we strive. We must realize that sport work is a means to influence large masses of the young workers, to mobilize them for the class struggle and for the ultimate overthrow of capitalist society. It is in the spirit of this realization that our League must devote itself to the task of building the American Section of the Red Sport International, the Workers' Sport Alliance.

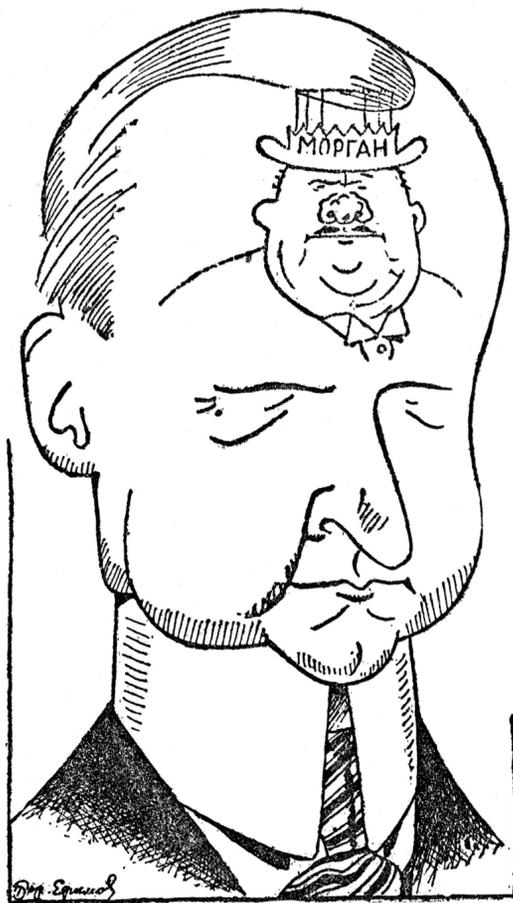
Manifesto of the W. S. A. of A.

THE workers of this country face big struggles with the capitalists. Profits being the aim of the capitalists in industry, they are introducing more highly improved machinery, which enables them to use less workmen and still extract higher gain. Through the workers may not labor as long hours as many years ago, they are exhausted at an earlier age. Being unfit to compete with the younger men, they are thrown on the scrapheap and left to the mercy of starvation or of philanthropists.

gymnasiums and other sport facilities. The workers are given access to these sport and athletic apparatuses free of charge. This is supposed to be due to the kindness of the boss. In reality it is a form of dope to keep the workers satisfied—and at the same time under control. For these clubs are not merely for athletic purposes. They are used by the employers to instill patriotism, love of conditions as they are and gratitude to the capitalist class.

These clubs are a tremendous danger to the workers, especially the young workers, who have not yet tasted the harsh struggle and easily are persuaded that the "boss is a fine fellow and is trying to do all he can for the workers." This is pure humbug. A gymnasium at the same time is most profitable. The worker thinks that he is getting something for nothing. In reality he is paying for the gymnasium by harder work—meaning higher profits for the bosses—and by allowing his mind to be poi-

WHY CAL COOLIDGE IS SO SILENT!



MORGAN DOES ALL THE THINKING!

Having learned from physicians and sanitary boards that more labor can be obtained from a healthy and happy worker than from an exhausted and discouraged one, the bosses have sought means for counteracting the bad effects of long hours, bad pay and bad conditions in the factory. Higher wages they will not pay; to improve conditions in the shops costs money; to shorten hours means loss of profit. Hence they have found one means of improving the health of the workers and ensuring continued profits—and that is by establishing gymnasiums and other sport facilities.

How They Keep Workers in Check.

IN order to keep the American workers in check, the capitalists, at the same time insistent upon obtaining their profits, have established various forms of benevolent organizations. Among these are factory clubs,

one by the propaganda of the bosses—who do everything in their power also to keep the workers from organizing and strengthening their trade unions. These conditions are of benefit only to the bosses.

Clubs that Act Like Dope.

THERE is another type of athletic club, which is made up of workers and is maintained by voluntary contributions or dues collected from the members. These organizations are somewhat better than the boss-controlled clubs. The officers of these clubs, however, are workers—and sometimes non-workers—who are striving to rise in the world. This means that they are men who have minds like the capitalists—thinking of "rising" in the world—of becoming bosses themselves and thus having the right to exploit other workers and make profit out of their labor. These

officers and leaders naturally, either consciously or unconsciously, endeavor to keep the workers content with existing conditions. They talk the same language as the bosses and use the same methods of flattering the workers into acceptance of the conditions that they labor under.

The bosses have gone one step further. They have founded organizations like the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., giving them big subsidies and always meeting requests on the part of the administration in order to show their philanthropy and "good spirit" to the workers. These organizations are very dangerous for the workers. Operating under the guise of "good-fellowship," these institutions are utilized as methods of filling the workers with a spirit not of gratitude alone, but of approval of existing conditions. At such places the workers are made to believe that leading a "regular life," working hard and giving the employer good service, they can rise in the world and sit beside their present benefactors. This is the humbug with which the bosses fill the minds of the workers, knowing very well that the possibility of "rising" is very small and that modern industry is built on the basis of the many laboring in order that the few may control and earn profit. These institutions are also the training ground for strike-breakers and fascists.

Rich Man's Club.

THERE are outspoken athletic clubs of the capitalists which a worker here and there can enter only with great difficulty, owing to the high initiation fee, etc. These are purely bourgeois organizations, which the well-to-do frequent and whose aim is to keep the rich in "trim" and prepared for any eventuality. The spirit of these clubs is ultra-patriotic, which means preparation for any contingency, such as labor troubles, revolts, etc. These organizations are the basis of fascism in the United States, linking up with other organizations such as the American Legion, American Defense Society and the Ku Klux Klan, all of which are "100 per cent" organizations.

College sports are a form of sport for contaminating the minds of the students. Although the aim of a college should be to train both the minds and bodies of the growing youth, many colleges depend entirely upon excelling in the field of athletics. The purpose of this is obvious. A large part of the college students are sons and daughters of the rich and middle classes. These people serve as strike-breakers when the workers pull out of the factories, mines and railways, etc. They are not able to replace the workers, firstly because they do not understand the work, and secondly, because they are unwilling to do the dirty work that the workers must accept year in and year out till they die, and thirdly, because the "sport" of it soon dies out. Nevertheless they can do just enough work to keep traffic going and factories and mines operating, and winning the sympathy away from the workers.

In the Colleges.

THUS the colleges and universities of this country are preparing the youth for the hard struggles and bloody clashes that are bound to take place in the coming years in this country. The young men who today are doing strikebreaking work, will be ready tomorrow to shoot down the workers who rebel against economic oppression.

Professional sports—baseball, prize fighting, etc.—are a supposed substitute for real sport. Millions of workers spend many millions of dollars every year in order to see professional athletes try to win against one another. This is obviously no substitute for athletic activities by the workers themselves, for it keeps them from sports in which they can take an active part and blinds them to the conditions by which they are oppressed. At the same time, the workers put millions of dollars into the pockets of capitalists, whose sole function it has been to provide this pastime.

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That Which Is Not Communist Education

BY OLIVER CARLSON

Distortions and perversions of Communist education are altogether too frequent occurrences within our Party and League. It is only insofar as we shed light upon these mistaken concepts and methods of Communist education that we can hope to make a nearer approach to what Communist education really is and should be. These errors are partly a heritage of the past, partly due to inexperience and lack of understanding on the part of those responsible for educational work, partly due to mental laziness and slovenliness, and, last but not least, partly due to the attempts of certain responsible comrades to utilize educational courses and classes for factional aims and ends.

The traditions, the training, the concepts which have been carried over from the Socialist and Socialist Labor Parties, Industrial Workers of the World, and other syndicalist and anarchist organizations cannot be eliminated at one sweep, when members leave these organizations and join the Communist movement. Hence, time

and again, the ghosts of the previous ideologies, like the venerable shade of Blanqui, return to this vale of tears to cause their earthly doubles to make all kinds of unique explanations and concepts which are neither wholly right nor wholly wrong.

Then we have those who have been drawn into active and responsible positions but who possess little or no Communist background. They have swallowed all the slogans of the C. I. and Y. C. I. without ever having found out the relationship between these slogans and Communist theory or objective conditions.

Superficiality and mental laziness in instructors who generalize about everything, who offer ready-made solutions to any and every problem with a wave of the hand are also a danger to our movement for they breed in their students either a similar superficial attitude or else cause them to leave the classes in disgust with such shallowness parading under the title of "Communist education." Communism is a scientific movement. Science is systematized and organized knowledge. The long and patient research work of a Marx, an Engels, or a Lenin

is scientific and as different from the hasty superficial generalities that emanate from some of our would-be instructors as is the difference between a scientist like Pasteur or Darwin and the popular hack-writers on science in the yellow press.

It has been my misfortune to see young enthusiastic boys and girls who have entered our movement with a real desire to consecrate their lives for Communism turned into narrow-minded factionalists in a few short weeks or months because those responsible for educational work have proceeded to "convert" these youngsters to one side or another in the League and Party controversy before they gave these young workers or students a chance to become familiar with what our movement really consists of, how it functions, and what are the principles underlying it. When eight and ten year olds are taught to think in terms of "minority" and "majority" instead of being taught about the elements of Communism and what they should do to carry on the school struggles—then, I say, it is time to call a halt to such practices by demanding that our membership open their eyes

to the inherent dangers in such a policy. This is not Communist education. This is not the right way of drawing League members into an active participation of Party life and problems. Quite the contrary, it is blinding the newcomers, these youngsters, to the real fundamentals of our worldwide movement; it is straight-lacing their minds on internal Party and League questions before they have had a chance to discover the relationship between internal problems and outside objective conditions or Communist principles.

In forthcoming articles I hope to go into greater detail on not only the negative side of Communist education but also its positive side. The case for Communist education today is far more favorable than ever before. Despite the errors we are making headway—and just because we have had this revived interest in education it now behooves us to watch our step, to indulge in a merciless criticism of the mistakes that have been made or are being made, for in this way, and in this way only can our movement grow and develop, steeling itself for the greater struggles of tomorrow.