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## WAR IS CERTAIN SAYS LEADER OF PHILIPPINES

### New World Slaughter, is Forecast

MANILA, P. I.—"The theory that war between England and America is impossible on account of the kindred ties of race, language and political ideals, both being democratic countries, is poorly founded. While these ties would be strong factors toward the prevention of such a war, if the time ever comes when the commercial efforts of both countries conflict, then all other reasons will disappear. Commerce today is the one reason and cause of all wars."

### Demands Filipino Independence

Queson is one of the foremost advocates of the independence of the Philippine Islands from American imperialism and is a keen student of international affairs. Despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of the Philippine people has expressed its desire to be independent the United States is backing the demands of the capitalists, whose capital are invested in the islands, that the islands remain under the control of U. S. armed might.

"War in the Pacific is certain," stated Queson. "In case of a Japanese-American war, the first country to be attacked would be the Philippines. Wars are fought because nations fear the growth of others as economic or commercial rivals. England would not permit Japan to take the islands because Japan holding them would be a menace to India and Hongkong and Australia. France would oppose such an act on account of her holdings in Indo-China and the United States of America would oppose it also because it would be a menace to Guam.

There is no reason to believe that war in the Pacific can only be between the east and the west. Such a war might well split Europe again as in the last war or maybe it might be between the pitte powers of Europe and the new world. Ninety-nine percent of all Englishmen and Americans will laugh at this opinion but it is not impossible that the war will be in the Atlantic as well as in the Pacific and will be between England and America."

"That this forecast is no mere figment of the imagination can be proved by the intensive preparations for the building of armies and navies which are now going on all over the world. The manoeuvres at Hawaii are only one link in the long chain of concentrated planning for a new imperialist war to spread the control of American bankers all over the world.

### Important Membership Meeting to be Held in Harlem and Yorkville

NEW YORK.—A very important membership meeting of the Harlem and Yorkville Section of the Young Workers League will be held Friday, May 15, at the Section Headquarters, 64 East 104th Street.

In addition to the report of the Section Committee, there will be a report by Comrade Jack Stachel, District Organizer, on the question of the organization of WORK AREA BRANCHES. Every member must attend this meeting, take part in the discussion and acquit himself with one of the important problems in the League.

## LEAGUE MEMBERS PINCHED IN N. Y. FOR GIVING OUT MAY DAY LEAFLETS

NEW YORK CITY.—Jerome Brandt and Zoltan Friedman, members of the Young Workers League arrested for distributing a League leaflet calling upon the students to strike on May Day, are now out on bail, their bail having been reduced from the ridiculous sum of \$7,500 to \$500.

## Three Young Workers League Members Are Arrested in Boston

BOSTON.—The campaign of the Young Workers League on Plant's shoe factory started with the calling out of the workers from the shop to celebrate the workers' holiday, May first.

## BRYAN CRUSADES TO KEEP TRUTH OUT OF SCHOOLS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 13.—"The hand that writes the teacher's pay check is the hand that rules the schools." These words were not spoken by a "red" this time, but by none other than William Jennings Bryan, in a speech before the Pittsburgh presbytery.

## Hand that Writes the Check, Rules Schools

William Jennings Bryan was telling them that he has been chosen and has accepted the "call to champion the cause of the holy bible" against the teaching of evolution.

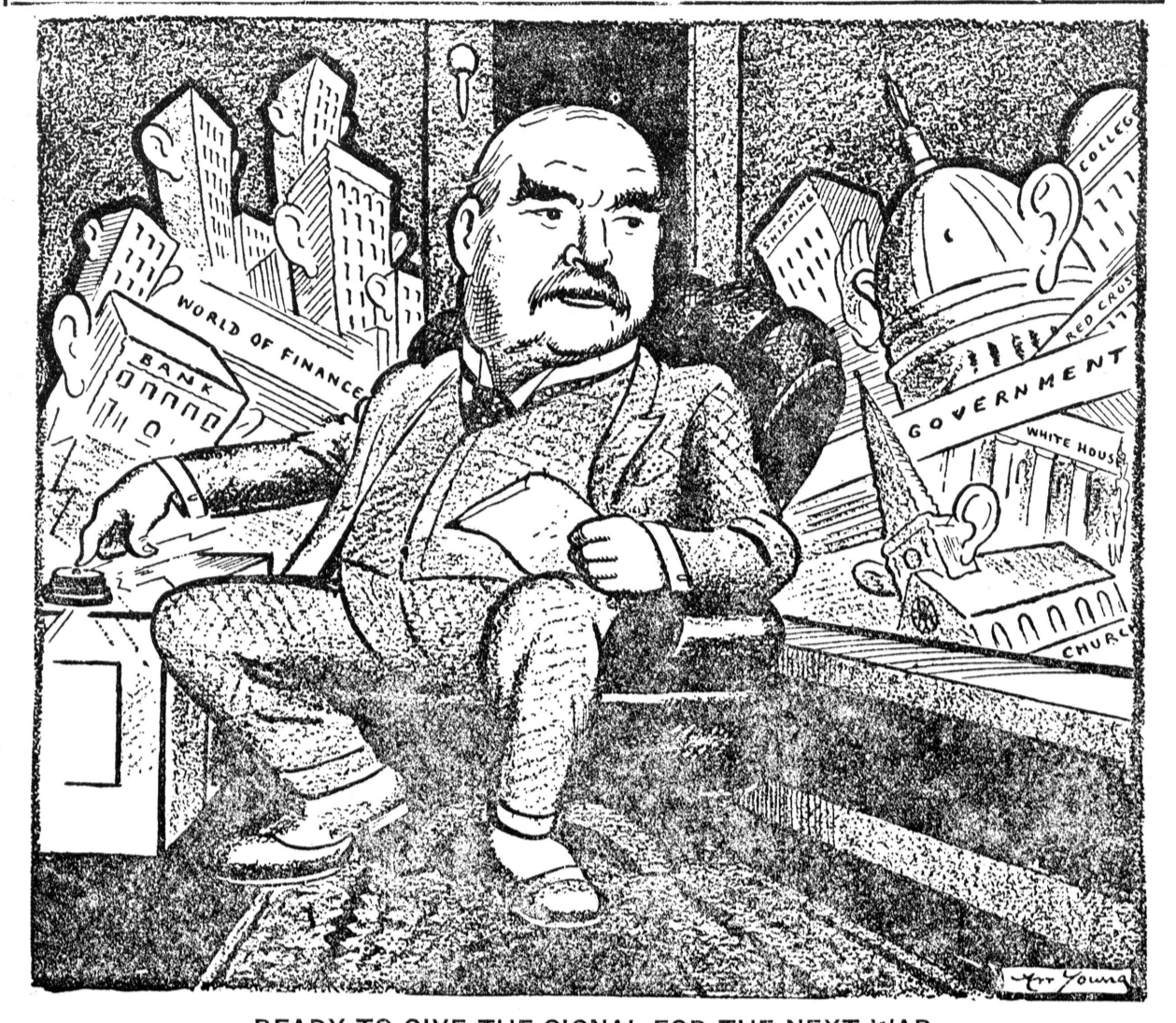
## Celebration of May Day Causes Firing of 3 League Girls

NEW YORK CITY.—Helen Planin, Rae Zuckerman and Tessie Leibowitz, all members of the Young Workers League were fired for not coming in to work on May Day.

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## J. P. Morgan—Behind the C. M. T. C.



READY TO GIVE THE SIGNAL FOR THE NEXT WAR.

## RECOGNITION IS FOUGHT FOR BY PLUMBERS' AIDS

NEW YORK CITY.—A campaign to organize all the plumber helpers of New York has been begun by the Plumbers Helpers' Club of Brooklyn as a result of the wave of protest against their discrimination by the union officials.

## Youth Demands End of Discrimination

A mass meeting has been called for Friday, May 15th, at eight p. m., at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum, Myrtle and Willoughby Aves., to discuss the conditions of the helpers.

## Helpers in Bad Shape

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## Canadian Labor Party Condemn Military Training at Convention

At the annual convention of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor Party, held in Toronto on Good Friday, a resolution was passed unanimously, condemning all forms of military training in the schools and calling for its abolition.

## France Ready to Kill 100,000 Soldiers to Drown Moor Rebellion

PARIS.—It will require 100,000 troops to drown the rebellion of the Moors under Abd-el-Krim by the French. It was stated in unofficial army circles. Hundreds have already been killed but French imperialism is determined to suppress every movement that threatens its control over the northern section of Africa.

## BULGAR WHITE TERROR DRAWS LOCAL PROTEST

Thousands of workers and peasants have been summarily slaughtered and jailed in the white terror that has engulfed Bulgaria.

## Meeting Sunday of All Balkan-Americans

The Balkan federation branches of the Workers (Communist) Party have arranged a mass demonstration meeting in Chicago, to take place on Sunday, May 17, at 2:30 p. m. at Hod Carriers' Hall, 914 West Harrison street, near Halsted.

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## PLAN TO MAKE DEFENSE DAY ANNUAL EVENT

WASHINGTON.—Only the signature of "Silent Cal" is necessary in order to put into complete effect the plans of the general staff to make "Defense" Day a regular annual event to be held each year on the anniversary of armistice day, Nov. 11.

## Recall Previous Effort

Those that recall the last Defense Day will remember that it was carried thru in a pure and simple war spirit, with every means by which the capitalist molds opinion and sentiment combined to psychologize the workers of the nation into a rabid imperialist state of mind.

## Project Back by Black Militarist Clique

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## CITIZEN'S MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS ARE IMPORTANT LINK IN PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT WAR

The Citizens' Military Training Camps have the full support of the bosses and receive donations from many big corporations, because they are recognized as an important link in the chain of preparations for the next war.

## Resolution of Full N. E. C. Meeting on Decision of the Y. C. I.

We agree with the chief tasks set for the American league in the next period for the development of the organization into a mass movement of young industrial workers, finding its greatest strength among the working youth in the large basic industries of the country, rooted in the factories and mines; and gaining support by rallying into its ranks the rural youth and the most exploited sections of the proletarian youth, the Negro.

## Speed Up Training.

The employers realize that at least 90 per cent of the army will be made up of young workers, and that the students and other which the war department has been reaching with military training in the past will only make up a small percentage.

## How They Get Young Workers.

Of course one of the ways they make sure of getting young workers for the camps is by giving those who will attend a month's extension with full pay.

## Some of Publicity Used.

In the annual report for the C. M. T. C. at Camp Custer last year the following appears in regard to publicity:

"In announcing Camp Custer every type of publicity was used. The public press thruout Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin was generous in according space. . . . By the courtesy of Thomas Cusack company great bill boards at advantageous points were used thruout Chicago. Surface, elevated and suburban lines placed Custer posters in cars or on station platforms. Department stores and manufacturing concerns used the posters, while in Chicago window exhibits were arranged by Marshall Field & Co. The Boston Store and The Fair. The Associated Press sent out many interesting telegraphic and mail dispatches before, after and during the month of training. A glance at the report of any newspaper clipping bureau shows that space was given to the C. M. T. C. which could not have been purchased for any commercial undertaking for less than many hundreds of thousands of dollars."

## NEW YORK "SAFETY" DAY A BITTER JOKE TO THE CHILDREN OF WORKERS

NEW YORK CITY.—According to an announcement by Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. O'Shea, Safety Day in New York will be observed next Monday, May 11, and all schools will be closed to allow the school children to participate in the parade.

## NEW YORK "SAFETY" DAY A BITTER JOKE TO THE CHILDREN OF WORKERS

There has been a noticeable increase in fatal motor accidents in this city despite all the Safety Days and the warnings issued by the traffic department. Children will continue to be hurt and killed on the streets of New York as long as they are forced to play in crowded, narrow streets with automobiles dashing by every minute.

Also there are thousands of young workers employed in the factories and shops in New York who are constantly in danger of being injured because the bosses do not find it profitable to install safety devices, the superintendent of schools does not find it necessary to conduct a campaigning to force these factory owners to install these necessary accident preventatives.



The Russian Young Communist League

By JOHN WILLIAMSON.

The American young workers know little of the structure and growth of the Russian Leninist Young League.

If this subject was to be handled adequately a good sized book would be necessary, therefore the limited information given in this article cannot be considered as a complete picture of the activities of our Russian comrades.

Rapid Growth of League.

The most outstanding feature of the Russian League has been its rapid growth. Where as, in Oct. 1, 1914, the total of members and candidates was 82,000, this has grown in six months to 1,200,000 on April 1, 1925.

Workers at the bench.....165,000 Peasants.....164,000 Others (including clerks, students, etc.).....76,000

The following table of membership divided into nuclei covering the first three months of 1925 is of particular interest:

Table showing membership data for 1925 by month (January, February, March) and by category (Nuclei, Members, Candidates).

UPON inquiring if any special methods were used for recruiting, the comrades informed me that aside from the Lenin Enrollment, no special membership campaigns are conducted. The young workers and peasants of their own accord are flocking to the League.

Of the membership recorded in Oct., 1924, 85.4 per cent were boys, while only 15.6 per cent were girls.

The social composition of the League members in October, 1924, was as follows: Industrial workers.....347,000 Peasants.....331,000 Others.....110,000

The greatest importance is attached by the League to keeping a large proportion of the membership of a workshop composition.

Percentage of League members belonging to Party:

Table showing percentage of League members belonging to Party for 1924 (January, December) and 1925 (January, December), categorized by Industrial and Peasant members.

In reading these figures it must be understood that they signify a much greater Party membership than would appear at the first glance.

The official League membership age is 16 to 23 but in the case of special districts and of executive committees, elasticity up to 25 is allowed.

National Composition.

IN no other country does the actual national question in its true sense come to the fore more than in Russia.

At the present time there are fifty different nationalities, all told, in the Russian League. The principal ones are as follows, according to the statistics of January, 1924:

Table showing National Composition statistics for January 1924, listing various nationalities and their respective member counts.

During the year 1925-25 the percentage of Russians has been decreased. At the present time it is 55 per cent of the membership.

THE Russian Communists realize equally, if not more, the fundamental importance of the press. One of the first things which strikes a visitor to Russia is the abundance of newspapers and magazines, not to speak of books and pamphlets.

At the present time there are 64 League newspapers in the Russian language and 17 in languages other than Russian.

Twelve are for workers published twice a week. Ten are for peasants published twice a week.

HOWEVER, I was especially interested in knowing how the Russian League handles the national problem, since I had been informed that the League included 50 nationalities in all.

newspaper is the Workers' Correspondence. Large corps of "Young Workers' Correspondents" are attached to each paper.

Structure.

THE Russian League is completely organized on the basis of shop and village nuclei. They meet regularly at least once a week.

The large cities are divided into districts. The nuclei in each of these districts have a sort of district (in America we would call it area or section) convention at which a D. E. C. is elected.

This city convention elects a City Committee which is in charge of all activities and has supervision over each of the districts.

The Central Committee of the Y. C. L. numbering over a million members must function like a great machine.

Within the League itself, it is compulsory for every member to attend at least one of the various circles in each nucleus or district.

partner, a boy of eighteen, fell, both legs blown away above the knee. I bound up his wounds and carried him on my back to the nearest dressing station.

mastered the language sufficiently, this is one of his first tasks.

The only place where the language problem is raised is from the angle of reaching the young workers who continually speak a language other than Russian.

The national direction of this language activity is supervised by this sub-committee under the direction of the C. C., and the lower units work in harmony and co-operation with this committee.

IN the Russian League the problem of Leninist education is also one of the chief tasks.

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their tasks are to organize the entire working class youth and a large percentage of the peasant youth into a gigantic training school of Communism, preparing them to take their places as full-fledged members of the Communist Party in whatever position they may be needed.

St. Louis League Hits Hardest Blow of Week

Chicago Still Leading in Red Star Drive



THE St. Louis comrades, speaking thru the letter of Comrade Braun, one of the most active comrades in this league, made known their determination to reach their quota of subscriptions in the Red Star Drive of the Young Worker by sending in eight subscriptions last week.

Comrade Braun, in his letter to us, informs the League that his local is going to do its bit.

In Pittsburgh Comrade Joe Mankin is on the job and one more subscription has come in from him.

The following cities have turned in subscriptions last week. First the name of the city, the Comrade who sends in the subs and finally the number of subscriptions appears:

Table listing subscriptions from various cities like St. Louis, Chicago, Mass., Grand Rapids, etc., along with the names of comrades and the number of subscriptions.

Each week hereafter the subs sent in by each city, and the name of the comrade sending them in, will appear.

SEE THAT YOUR LEAGUE IS ACTIVE FOR THE YOUNG WORKER. BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR A STRONGER WEEKLY WITH MORE AND MORE SUBSCRIBERS!

Table titled 'Subscriptions' listing names and counts for various cities including St. Louis, Chicago, Mass., etc.

The character of the Russian League activity must obviously be of a completely different character than that of any other country.

The Y. C. L. The League especially supervises the work and apprentice schools. Practically 50 per cent of the young workers in industry are enrolled in the workshop schools.

TOILING YOUTH

By HARRY GANNES.

WAR AND THE YOUTH.

War is the ultimate expression of force by which all governments rule. Wars are not brought about because of the displeasure of kings or presidents.

We are not so much interested in the many battles of victory. The world war put all previous conflicts into the shade.

During the past 25 years the capitalist system all over the world took gigantic strides forward in perfecting its industrial and financial structure.

What has the expansion of a country's industries and finances to do with war? This question can be answered conclusively by showing how the past war came about and what were its results.

At Sarajevo, in 1914, the heir to the Austrian throne was killed, and shortly afterwards the entire world was thrown into the bloodiest battle of history.

The world war had its origin deep in the development of German, French and British industries and finance.

All sorts of conflicting slogans to befuddle the masses were issued by the various governments which took part in the fighting.

German workers were taken from mine and mill by the Kaiser's generals and pitched against French workers who were fighting in the interest of French capitalists.

Woodrow Wilson was elected in 1916 by the people of the United States on the slogan: "He kept us out of war."

"Shall It Be Again?" proves that the American people did not want war; when why did a president who insistently claimed he was not for war, plunge the country into a conflict that succeeded in making a lot of millionaires richer and in killing 122,500 young American men and in wounding 221,059?

We are told that the United States went to war "To save the world for democracy." Have we more democracy in the world today than before the United States entered the war?

But what did the world war bring the workers of all the countries? We must remember that armies are composed mainly of young men. Of course, capitalist armies will use anybody.

There were 50,000,000 men engaged in all countries in the world war; and most of them were young. How tremendous is this figure is brought out strikingly when we recall that in the past 20 great wars there was a total of 20,000,000 men.

What is war? We have heard so much about war lately that the young worker is apt to think it but a word.

In order to realize the full significance of modern warfare one would have to read the details of the murdering of 12,000,000 men and boys and of many millions of women and children.

The following two letters taken from Sherwood Eddy's book, "With Our Soldiers in France," give two instances of what war means to the individual.

Writes an American soldier from the battle front: "As we started forward, one young boy fell at my side. I heard him call, 'O, mother!' as he fell. Another cried, 'O, God!' and sank down on the other side. Then my

With the result that he killed 20 soldiers, whether of the enemy or from the ranks of his own comrades, he cannot tell, for his brain was too cloudy. A letter from a Canadian soldier says: "The past weeks have been ten thousand hells. It is nothing but death, noise, blood, and mud."

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