

League Notes

Experiences in Shop Nucleus Work in New York

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NEW YORK has already succeeded in organizing nine shop nuclei with a total membership of about sixty.

We Issue the Slogan "Into the Large Factories"

It became evident from the very beginning that most of our comrades were employed in small shops. The registration revealed that only 15 per cent of our membership was employed in shops of over 100 workers.

How Some of Our Shop Nuclei Were Organized?

The question of the organization of the shop nucleus is an important one. In most cases it is indicative of whether the shop nucleus will survive or not.

In places where we have no members at all we found that it is next to impossible to form a shop nucleus by merely carrying on a campaign from the outside.

Experience has shown that the best time to organize the shop nucleus is when we can call together the first meeting on some burning issue in the shop.

How the Russian Youth Lives

MOSCOW. Samara, 7th November, 1924. Greetings to our Young Comrades! The Samara organization sends its warmest greetings to the revolutionary youth of the Berlin-Brandenburg organization on its 27th anniversary.

As you know, we celebrated the October revolution this year with the slogan of the erection of the workers and peasants economy which in consequence of the imperialist war and the civil wars in which the Russian counter revolution hand in hand with foreign capitalists attempted to fasten an iron band round the Russian proletarian revolution, was shattered and destroyed.

Comrades, our Russian Young Communist League was born in the days of the civil war; the Samara organization would very much like to reckon with the enemies of the working class today but they have already been settled with here and so it is our wish to fight together with you in the streets under the Red Flag and with weapons in our hands against the common foe.

Comrades, we are now engaged in carrying out our present tasks which are very great. In our province in which the peasantry is numerically dominant, we must pay our chief attention to the work in the villages where there are eighteen million young peasants from 14 to 23 years of age, two hundred and thirty thousand of whom are organized in our League.

Free Speech in School.

DEAR COMRADES: Boys are prohibited from even hinting at anything in favor of the "Red's terrible domain": Russia, at the Lane different shop nuclei, so that they can feel and understand the real nature and role of the shop nuclei and not confuse, as was done in some instances, the shop nuclei with shop committees.



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Large Soviet and struggle relentlessly against all deficiencies in our own village nucleus. It is also our task to participate in the work of the consumers' organization.

The second important task of our organization is the Leninist education of our members. At the 6th All-Russian Youth Congress our organization took the name of "Leninist."

Comrades, in eight years of the October revolution the chief slogan of the Communist Party in Russia is the increase of production and the increase of the intensity of labor. Our Central and provincial newspapers are full of this campaign.

Comrades, at the last session of our committee for connections with you we have chosen six nuclei, two railway nuclei (depot and chief factory), the nucleus of a cylinder factory, the nucleus of a mill, the nucleus of a tramway depot and the nucleus of the factory, "Red Star."

No Bolshevization Without Shop Nuclei.

At the same time that we are engaged in the organization of shop nuclei, we continue our agitation and education about reorganization. No Party or League will be considered a BOLSHEVIK organization unless it is reorganized on the basis of shop nuclei.

The first City Shop Nucleus Conference was held in New York on Saturday, April 25th, and it was fairly successful. There were represented six out of the eight shop nuclei we had at that time.

The conference took up the question of International Correspondence, and Shop BULLETINS. Many of the comrades were under the impression that they must be expert journalists in order to send in their correspondence or write for the Shop Bulletin.

Technical School. The writer, a Lane student, when a discussion on how to cut down the crime of Chicago came up in class, said: "If the graft and such in our government were cut out and the workers given a better chance to earn a living for their families, as they have in Russia, Chicago's crime bulletin would be greatly reduced."

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Girls Drudge Long Hours as Y. W. C. A.

The Young Women's Christian Association, which prides itself on the fact that it protects and "sympathizes" with the poor working girl forgets its mission when it hires household help.

Jibe at Coolidge Costs Girl Her Job.

One of the housegirls working at the Y. W. C. A. and also a member of the Young Workers League and Workers Party of Milwaukee, invited two of her co-workers to attend a living newspaper dance that the League was arranging.

dent believer in Spiritualism and Americanism, who time and time again refused to argue on any subject for lack of convincing arguments, viewed the entire affair with alarm.

From the chief reporter's talk on why the young should fight capitalism, to the spirit of the printer's devil, the newspaper was red and radical. All of it went over the head of the 100 per cent American-Spiritualist, she confessed she did not understand.

The following day the housekeeper called in the dangerous radical that she had heard she was employing and in a few short words told her to leave the house.

Yours, Correspondent.

From a Miner.

Dear Comrades: Along the path of the American labor movement, starting back when the first labor organization began to show the ruling class the necessity of unity and preparation, one of the bodies which took an initial part in the industrial battlefield was the miners' union, the United Mine Workers of America.

The fathers of that organization, who sacrificed many opportunities and even became martyrs to the cause, created this organization, not only to benefit themselves but to protect the future generations of the working class, in order for us to perfect it and use it effectively in the coming crisis.

today dominate the workers on every field. It is very plain for an honest worker to note the hypocritical actions that these labor fakers use in order to keep the working masses in subjection, keeping the workers unconsciously by their crocodile sobs as to sympathize with us in their vomit form of expression.

Being young in the organization I do not consider myself capable of telling the rank and file of the real functions of the organizations, but I am able to detect the traits and injustices committed by the true lackeys of the capitalist class.

It would require enormous space to relate the every day corruptions they are committing, in fact all the evidence that they daily expose themselves with are known.

Daily the workers are bringing themselves to the realization of their position. And they shall answer the cowardice of the labor fakers with the aid of the Communist organizations, the Young Workers League and the Workers Party, which are daily proving to the workers that the solution is not to be gotten by beautiful, loetical words, but by action.

Fraternally yours, G. Allard.

Opportunity for Workers.

Dear Comrades: Frank worked for the Standard Oil Co. for 28 years. From the small wages he was getting he could never save anything, but the company promised him a pension when he retired.

He did after working for them for all those years. For the first three months after his retirement he received \$40 a month; for the next four months he received only \$25 monthly. Then it stopped altogether.

It is interesting to note that the Standard Oil of New Jersey alone made \$25,000,000 more profit in 1924 than in 1923. This is one of the methods that the company makes money.

Frank is now working with me for the American C. O. He tells me that since he got cheated he found out there are thousands of other such cases throughout the country.

Yours comradesly, J. P.

Junior Notes

The second anniversary celebrated by the Junior Section of Los Angeles on April 13th, was a success both morally and financially. More than eight hundred people (three hundred of whom were children) crowded the hall, and according to all reports, were satisfied that this was the best concert that they have seen for a long time.

The Juniors of Los Angeles are "always ready," always doing something, always planning ahead. At the present time all groups are busily engaged in a project which is something new, something different, it is a Communist Children's Week, which will be carried through within about three weeks.

On Wednesday, May 20th, one of the groups is having a debate on "Resolved that Capitalism is better than Communism." For this debate, one of the Juniors, who was trying to convince some of his fellow students that the Junior Section Y. W. L. is the best organization for working class children to belong to, was challenged by two boys from his class room.

On Monday, June 1st, the Irish Famine Relief Committee of this city, is arranging a big mass meeting at the Blanchard Hall, to collect funds for the famine stricken workers and peasants of Ireland.

All children who are not members of the Juniors are urged to join this organization at once. The Juniors meet every Monday at 407 S. Pecan St., and every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Co-operative Center and Brooklyn. Meetings commence at 7 p. m. sharp.

Chicago to Hear Y. C. I. Report by Shachtman on Friday, May 29

The Chicago membership of the Young Workers League will have the first opportunity of hearing a report on the recently ended sessions of the Young Communist International from the delegate of the League, Comrade Max Shachtman.

SYRACUSE LEAGUE GAINING NEW MEMBERS.

During the month of April, the Y. W. L. of Syracuse, New York, held two important meetings. On April 19, the general public were invited to the "Spring Open Meeting" at Educational Hall. The speakers were Mr. Hiroshi Schimitsu of Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, on "The Communist Youth Movement of Japan"; and Professor William Yerington of the English Department at Syracuse University on "Walt Whitman—America's Radical Poet."

On Sunday afternoon, April 26, the Young Workers met at Prospect Hill for an outdoor business session. The boys' baseball team was organized and the girls' sports committee was selected.

The energetic campaigns by the entire membership of the Y. W. L. for the accomplishment of the foregoing tasks in particular, as well as the continuation of all other activities (such as maintenance and extension of the Weekly Young Worker; organizing of the Negro youth; building the Workers' Sport Alliance, etc.), will harness all forces within the League for constructive work.

The continued development of the Junior Section must be given detailed attention. The summer months must be utilized for outdoor activity with a class struggle and educational character. A greater utilization of the League, especially in such campaigns as child labor, must be practiced, and our educational work should lead to a realization of and a desire for entering into the Young Workers League.

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Our Summer Tasks

Resolution on Immediate Tasks of Y. W. L. During the Summer and Pre-Convention Period, Adopted at the Full meeting of the N. E. C.

THE Y. W. L. has passed from the realm of theory into the realm of practice and achievement is so far as reorganization is concerned. Shop Nuclei have been brought into being in a number of industrial centers.

Two of our largest centers—Chicago and Detroit—have completely abandoned the old territorial branch, and instituted in its place the "working area" branch. Both of these Leagues have weathered the crisis of such a drastic change. They are now moving forward at a rapid pace.

The three months time that intervenes between now and our national convention must be made a period of increased organization of nuclei in all centers where none exist as yet, while added to this must go the further complete reorganization of such important leagues as New York, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

First, by the intensive education to be gained at the full-time summer schools; second, by the further extension of a "political minimum" courses for every League member. Every effort must be made to insure the success of the Superior and New York schools and to see that the League members are developed into leaders of the youth movement.

Summer months not only demand study-class and school education. They offer excellent chances for outdoor propaganda. The hikes, picnics and excursions must be capitalized for propaganda uses, such as reaching the rural youth where that can be done.

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