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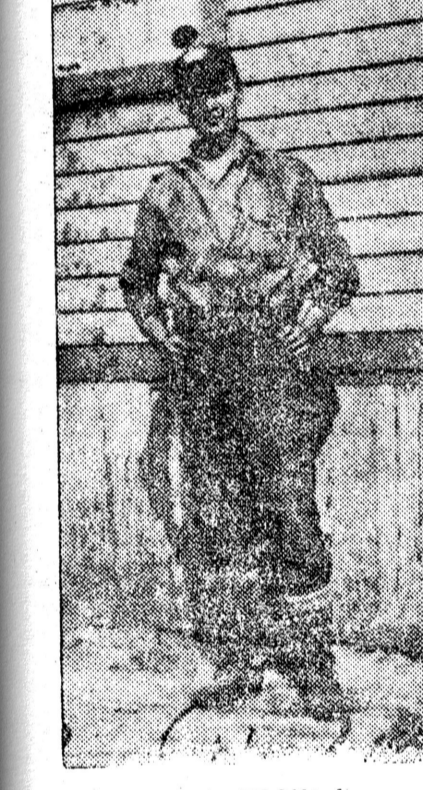
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VALENTINE AND TOOHEY JAILED

Young Communists are for Militant Fight in Coal Strike

DEMAND GENUINE STRUGGLE

SCRANTON, Pa.—The strike in the anthracite has been turned into a war against the militant members of the United Mine Workers of America who are supporting the program of the Progressive Miners' Committee. In this the largest city in the anthracite region, four militant miners are behind prison bars. They are Patrick Toohey, a young fighting miner, and a member of the N. E. C. of the Y. W. L.; August Valentine, a young miner and a member of the League, who has been in the thick and thin of the miners' struggle in West Virginia; Alex Zarek, a big-hearted Russian, who wants to see the strike conducted in the interest of the miners and Alex Reid, secretary of the Progressive Miners' Committee, a militant miner, who spent 29 years in the bituminous fields digging coal.



to mine coal. There is absolutely no need for it. John L. Lewis knows this also. The strike has been called for the express purpose of giving the coal operators an opportunity to utilize the cry about a coal shortage to force the sale of inferior grades of coal that has been accumulated in the millions of tons in the last two years. This coal which in normal times is practically worthless because no market can be found for it, is now due to the strike, being sold at exorbitant prices. The operators are coining millions of dollars while the miners are starving. The operators are very thankful indeed to John L. Lewis, because in addition to affording them an opportunity to sit back and pocket big profits, J. L. Lewis has taken care that the properties of the operators shall not be damaged during the suspension. He has made an agreement with the operators to keep on the job the 10,000 maintenance men whose business it is to see that the mine properties are repaired and kept in good shape. The operators are not concerned about the starvation of the miners that is taking place now because the store keepers have decided not to grant credit to striking miners and John L. Lewis who will not starve and whose only object is to sell out the miners, will hypocritically assume a fighting attitude and permit the starving of the miners to continue.

POLISH WHITE TERROR SUBJECTS WORKERS TO INHUMAN PERSECUTION

Population Terrorized

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—The International Red Aid has received a telegram relating new crimes of the Polish "Defensive Organization." Mass arrests of workers and peasants have taken place in the White Russian districts of Bielsk and Volkovisk. Up to the present over a thousand workers and peasants have been placed under arrest. Amongst them are thirteen-year-old children.



Y. C. I. APPEALS TO SAVE BULGAR YOUTH IN HANDS OF TERRORISTS

TO THE YOUNG WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES.

The Bulgarian hangmen's Government utilized the attempt on the Cathedral in Sofia to continue their campaigns of revenge against the Bulgarian people. Deeds of cruelty and assassinations are being perpetrated without end.

280 death sentences!
800 prospective death sentences!
1,325 assassinations and 499 "suicides!"

These figures are in accordance with the records of the Tsankoff Government authority.

Four thousand five hundred people are under arrest and imprisoned, among these there are thousands of young workers who are awaiting judgement, which will either mean the gallows or imprisonment for life. Of the 40 mass trials now taking place, there are seven in which over 200 young workers are being tried. The public prosecutor has already demanded 27 death sentences from among the 32 young workers on trial at Sofia. In the second trial 20 await a similar judgement. In youth trial in Berkovitz there were 19 young workers; three of these were condemned to be hanged and three each to 15 years imprisonment, the remaining 8 and 12 years. In the trial at Virstzo also one death sentence was passed and in the mass process at Varns there are two young workers among the 33 condemned to death.

Brothers! Comrades!

Whilst overcome with pain and sorrow on account of these innumerable victims, we are filled with passionate indignation and grim hatred for the bestial deeds of the Tsankoff bandits! The day of reckoning will come!

Young workers of the whole world! Save the lives of thousands of young and brave revolutionaries! Rise in a powerful protest against the cruel conditions in that country of the gallows and the slaughter of people.

Demonstrate outside the embassy of the murder government!

Down with the bloody Tsankoff government!

Demand the withdrawal of the trial and the annulment of the death sentences!

Snatch the condemned from the hangar's justice!

Our curses on the executioners of the Bulgarian workers!

All honor to the heroes of the revolutionary struggle in Bulgaria!

The Executive Committee of the Young Communist International.

Young Workers! Rally to the Support of the Workers and Farmers of Russia!

DEFENSE AND RECOGNITION OF THE SOVIET UNION!

BEAT BACK NEW ATTACKS OF WORLD IMPERIALISM!

A GAIN world imperialism is mobilizing its forces against the Workers and Peasants Republic of Soviet Russia! Again International Capitalism is preparing to set into motion all its powers in an attack upon the Soviet Union and in an attempt to destroy what the heroic Russian workers and peasants have accomplished in eight years of bitter struggle.

Eight years ago the workers and farmers of Russia got rid of their exploiters and oppressors, of the czar and of the yellow socialists lackeys of Russian imperialism and thru their Soviets established the rule of the workers. Eight years ago the Russian workers took the first steps towards the building of a society that would do away with all the brutalities and inequalities of capitalism and would give to the workers themselves the determination and control over their own lives.

For eight years since then the Russian workers and farmers have been engaged in one long continuous struggle against all the powers of world capitalism in order to preserve and extend the gains of the revolution. The workers and peasants of Russia took up the fight against the armies of the czarist generals; against the military forces of the imperialist governments of England, France, Japan and America; against the strangling blockade; against the famine and hunger that followed in the wake of blockade and counter-revolution; against the socialist-mensheviks who acted as spies and agents for the Russian and foreign capitalists. With back to the wall, the Russian workers and peasants fought against all these odds, they fought and triumphed. They have not only maintained their rule in Russia, but they have gone steadily forward, laying the basis for a social order where exploitation and oppression of workers will have no place.

In all of the capitalist countries of

THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD GREET THE REVOLUTIONARY RUSSIAN REPUBLIC



Mobilize for Unity and Work

CALL OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE OF AMERICA

COMRADES: The Third National Convention of the League is over. It has chosen a new leadership on the basis of the decisions of the Comintern and the Y. C. I. and has entrusted to this leadership the tasks of the Bolshevization of the League and its transformation into a mass Communist League of young workers. It has laid the foundation for the liquidation of all factionalism in the League and for the beginning of a period of mass activity.

We have just passed thru a period of prolonged factional struggle—which at times assumed bitter and impermissible forms. Out of this struggle, however, there developed the possibilities for the unification of the League. Thru this struggle there crystallized the correct Leninist line of policy for the League. Thru this struggle there was developed and brought out a co-ordinated leadership capable of carrying this line of policy into effect. Thru the ideological struggle the whole policy of the League was brought out to light, examined, and analyzed before the membership as a whole. Thru the prolonged discussion, the political level of the membership was raised and the League as a whole more educated to an understanding of its role as the vanguard of the working youth in its struggle for everyday demands, and as the leader in the struggle for the emancipation of the whole working class.

The Convention has acted and the period of discussion and controversy is over. The political basis of the struggle in the League liquidated even before our Third Convention when the National Convention of the Workers Party, with the help of the Comintern, finally put an end to the controversy that had raged within the organization for nearly two years. The liquidation of the political controversy in the party carried with it similar consequences for the League inasmuch as our League leadership had accepted the incorrect line of policy of the former majority of the C. E. C. The solution of the crisis in the party, therefore, was politically the greatest step forward in the process of unifying the League. There is no longer any basis for factions or factionalism in the Young Workers League.

Comrades: We, the Young Communist League of America, stand before a period of great revolutionary opportunities. The sharpening of the class struggle in this country is drawing the young workers more and more into the arena of economic and political struggle. The young workers are beginning to awaken; they are beginning to take up the struggle for the necessities of their everyday life, for better conditions of life and work, for greater opportunities for self-development—a struggle that is full of the greatest revolutionary implications. It is the task of the Communist youth not only to facilitate and accelerate this process of awakening and struggle but to crystallize it, organize it, expand and develop it, assume the leadership of it, and to transform it

LEAGUE CONVENTION RALLIES TO SUPPORT OF PARTY C. E. C.

Europe the conditions of the workers have sunk far below what they were before the war in 1914. Especially marked has been the decline in the wages and conditions of labor of the young workers who are always the first to suffer in any offensive of capital. In Russia—in Workers Russia—the lot of the workers—and above all of the young workers—has been constantly improving so that now—in 1925, after years of civil war, famine, and intervention,—the working class is better off than it was before the war.

In Capitalist Europe Ruin—In Bolshevik Russia Achievement.

The workers of Russia have succeeded in throwing the bosses off their backs while in the rest of the world these parasites are still maintaining their stranglehold on the masses. In Russia the industrial unions of the workers have the say as to rates of

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Ruthenberg Group Heads Incoming National Committee

CROUCH HONORARY EXECUTIVE

The Third National Convention of the Young Workers (Communist) League closed Monday, October 5th, at midnight after having voted a decisive majority to the former minority of the National Executive Committee.

The first session was called to order Sunday afternoon with Comrade Kaplan reporting for the majority of the credentials committee. He stated that in view of the critical stage in which the organization found itself the committee had exercised considerable leniency in seating some of the delegates who were former supporters of the majority in the Party C.E.C. Comrade Max Shachtman reporting for the minority of the credentials committee denied that the report made by Comrade Kaplan was correct.

Comrade Stachel and Williamson closed the debate. Comrade Stachel pointed out that counting the votes in each district those candidates who ran on the basis of their support of the former minority received a total vote of 1200 while those who ran on the basis of their support of the old NEC. received a total vote of 800.

The report of the majority was made by Comrade Kaplan was accepted by a vote of twenty-nine to twenty. The following delegates were seat-d:

- List of Delegates.
- District 1, Boston—Nat Kutisker, S. Winokur.
 - District 2, New York—Jack Stachel, Herbert Zam, S. Don, S. Darcy, W. Herberg, A. Thompson, J. Rubin, E. Rubin, S. Milgram, I. Rijak, I. Glas, S. Raskin, Jack Rosenblatt, H. Fox.
 - District 3, Philadelphia—Domest... Flaiani, I. Lazaravitz, M. Yusem, D. Milgram, S. Whiteman, J. Duga.
 - District 4, Buffalo—J. Ahlquist.
 - District 5, Pittsburgh—Steve Boyan, Jack Begler, M. Schindler.
 - District 6, Cleveland—George Papcun, Tony Wishtart, Al Schaap.
 - Fraternal: M. Salzman, F. Cheloff, G. Greenberg.
 - District 7, Detroit—Arnold Zekit, Barney Mass, J. Reynolds.
 - District 8, Chicago—M. Shachtman, John Williamson, Valeria Meltz, J. Harvey, J. Angelo, Mike Zalesko, G. Allard.
 - District 9, Superior—M. Abern, A. J. Hayes, H. Ronkkonen, C. Forsen.
 - District 12, Portland—I. Ganapole.
 - District 13, Los Angeles—Anna Lyons.
 - Unorganized Territory—Pat Toohy, (alternate, H. V. Phillips), P. Shapiro, Workers (Communist) Party of America—Max Bedacht, Robert Minor, James P. Cannon, Jay Lovestone.

youth. Participate in all their struggles. Take the lead in all the struggles of the young workers!

Forward to a United League!
Forward to the Bolshevization of our League and to a mass Young Communist League in America!

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Young Workers' League of America.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST CHILDREN'S GROUPS OPENS IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Sept. 30—The First International Congress of the Junior Communists is being held in Moscow with delegates from Sweden, Norway, Germany, Austria, Holland, Finland and the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. The Junior Communist organization in the Young Pioneers comprise the youngest group of Communists organized, their ages ranging about 12 and 14.

The Pioneer movement has just barely started in Europe, but in the Soviet Union its organization numbers 1,500,000 members.

In the call for the convention the purpose of the gathering is outlined as follows:

"The congress will play a great role in the revolutionary organization and education of the workers, especially in western countries. The education of children there is now in the hands of the clergy and bourgeois teachers, all of whom oppose the general class struggle and especially oppose class distinctions between children.

"It is necessary to fight religious prejudices and abolish fear of revolution thru the Pioneer's organization and to build thru it the foundations of future class unity among the proletariat of the world."

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Bedacht Reports for Party.

Comrade Max Bedacht then delivered the report from the Workers (Communist) Party of America. After greeting the youth convention in the name of the C. E. C. and the party, Comrade Bedacht gave a vivid presentation of the world situation that faces the revolutionary movement of the proletariat today. Describing the tremendous concentration and preparation of the world forces of capitalism against the working class and for the further conquest of colonial peoples, he declared that at no other time was it ever so necessary as now to unite the ranks of our movement. In the impending bloody struggles between the capitalist governments for the re-division of the spoils of imperialism, he said, the United States represents by far the most powerful and aggressive of these predatory governments. Therefore it is doubly necessary for the Communists of America, and especially the Communist youth, to unify and clarify itself in preparation for its serious duties in the coming sharpened struggle.

