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Latest Events In China

THE last events in China must attract the attention of every young worker. In China at the present time we see three most important active forces: 1. American-English imperialism. 2. Japanese imperialism. 3. The National revolutionary movement.

The war between Chang Tso-lin (who represents Japanese interests) and Wu Pei-fu (who represents American-English interests) develops more and more and will inevitably involve the national revolutionary armies. The developing struggle will bring a short clash between the reactionary and revolutionary forces and the result will determine the fate of the Chinese National Revolutionary movement for a long period.

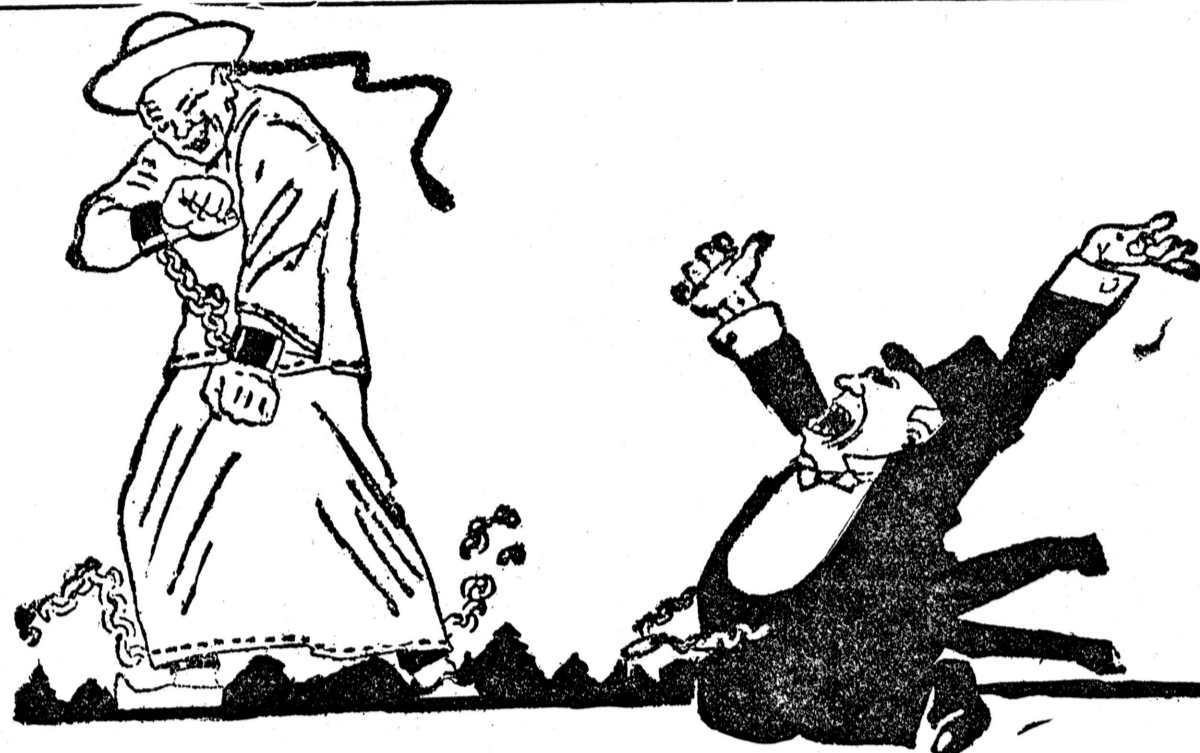
Temporarily we are more interested in the defeat of Chang Tso-lin who is the worst representative of reaction. It was he who shot down the workers in Shanghai, Hancou and other towns. He abolished the legal trade union movement and drowned in blood the workers' and peasants' movement.

In the last period we have also seen that the National Revolutionary movement developed very strong. The big majority of the proletariat and in some provinces the peasantry are in-

Involved in this movement. Such events as the strike in Shanghai and other places, the creation of a big trade union movement and peasants' organizations, the heroic struggles against imperialism in the last months, prove beyond a doubt the growing strength of the national revolutionary movement. The revolutionary troops of the Canton revolutionary government are now well organized and properly educated. They had a big victory during this month when they destroyed the army of Chen Zu-min (reactionary general active in South China for English-American interests) and took Swatow (a big town).

The Young Communists call upon all the young workers of this country to support the National Revolutionary Movement in China. We greet the success of the Canton revolutionary troops. We demand the withdrawal of American soldiers, marines and gunboats from China. We must organize the agitation among them so that they will demand that they be sent home, no longer to fight for bosses against the Chinese workers and peasants.

CHINESE WORKERS AND PEASANTS REVOLT



The Anthracite Strike

Young Miners! Fight for These Demands!

1. A six-hour day, five-day week!
2. A minimum wage of \$10 a day for all miners!
3. Support the Progressive Miners' Committee and its program! Repudiate the reactionary Lewis machine!
4. No governmental intervention! Against the use of troops in strikes! No arbitration!
5. For a Labor Party!

The only development in the struggle of the anthracite coal miners after nine weeks of struggle, in which the miners are countering the attempts of the coal barons to reduce their wages 15 to 20%, give them worse working conditions and smash their union, by launching an offensive and demanding a 10% increase in wages for contract men and \$1 a day increase for day men as well as five day week, is a proposal made yesterday by Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania.

Pinchot is well remembered by the anthracite miners for his compromise proposals which submitted the miners demands to arbitration and left them nothing but defeat. This latest attempt of Pinchot is made in the typical style by having conferences with the leaders of the bosses, Col. Inglis and the well-known president of the U. M. W. A., John L. Lewis. No attempt is being made to consult the striking miners.

This attempt on the part of Pinchot to again submit the demands of the miners to arbitration must be met by a determined attitude on the part

of the rank and file miners to stand firm for their demands.

This attempt on the part of Pinchot, who is only a bourgeois politician, shows the effectiveness of the strike of the miners. Instead of submitting their demands to arbitration the miners must consolidate their forces and consolidate their ranks, demanding that the government troops and other armed thugs be removed, calling upon the U. M. W. A. union leaders to make no separate agreements but rather call a general strike of all miners, bituminous and anthracite. This would be the most effective method of ensuring success of the miners.

This latest attempt must be met with the solid resistance of the young miners. Propaganda will be scattered broadcast to try and influence the miners and especially the miners' families to capitulate at this crucial moment. Young miners, you must be the most militant to maintain your present demands. Allow no "sympathy" or "family" appeals to lead you to defeat. This is only another move of the bosses to defeat the striking miners.

PAT TOOHEY TOURS COUNTRY TO ACQUAINT WORKERS WITH ANTHRACITE MINERS' STRIKE

In order to counteract the poison propaganda of the employers against the union miners that are now on strike, the Workers (Communist) Party is touring Pat Toohey, member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Workers League, thru the country to explain to the workers the issues involved in the present strike of the anthracite coal miners.

Comrade Toohey has been active in the United Mine Workers of America for many years and has attended many of the conventions called by the miners' union as a delegate.

Meetings Being Arranged:

Meetings are being arranged for Comrade Toohey at the following cities and dates (halls will be announced later):

Boston, Mass., Nov. 17, Paine Memorial Hall, 9 Appleton St.; New York, Nov. 14, 15; Providence, Nov. 16; Worcester, Nov. 18 or 19; Rochester, Nov. 21; Buffalo, Nov. 22; Detroit, Nov. 23.

House of the Masses, 2646 St. Aubin St.; Chicago, Nov. 24, 25, 26, 27; South Bend, Nov. 28; Toledo, Nov. 30; Cleveland, Dec. 1, 2; Youngstown, Dec. 3; Pittsburgh, Dec. 4, 5; Baltimore, Dec. 6; Washington, Dec. 7; Philadelphia, Dec. 8 or 9.

Toohey in Chicago

Toohey will speak in Chicago on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1925, at Northwest Hall, corner North and Western Aves., at 8 p. m.

Alex Reid, national secretary of the Progressive Miners' Committee will also speak as will Wm. F. Dunne, who has returned from a tour of the strike region.

Admission is free. Auspices Progressive Miners' Committee.

CARPENTERS HELP STRIKING MINERS.

CLEVELAND—Carpenters 105 and other unions are making up bundles of clothing for the families of the shivering miners of West Virginia.

—Harry Young.
(Cosmopol Pravda).

Against American Education Week

"GIVE us the children—and the future is ours!" This principle was one of the most fundamental upon which the Jesuits worked. It argued a keen understanding of the methods by which the ideology of the masses is formed and by which the masses are formed and by which the millions of toilers, whose position is one of misery and privation, can be made into blind supporters of the system that keeps them in subjection.

The capitalist class of to-day, the most powerful ruling class history has ever known, has reduced to perfection this art of getting hold on the workers' children and turning them into the bitterest enemies of the working class. It is because we give our children to the bosses that they find it possible so easily to maintain their parasitic hold on the masses. The bosses get hold of the workers' children—and then they breathe a sigh of relief, feeling more secure for the future.

Workingclass Children Turned Into Enemies of their Class.

Workers! Young workers! Just think! Your children, your brothers and your sisters, fall into the hands of the bosses as soon as they are able to understand anything. And then begins the process of poisoning their minds against labor, of turning them into actual supporters of capitalism. They go to public school, where for five days a week, six hours a day, for the period of a number of years a constant fire of anti-labor propaganda is opened on them. Strikes are wrong and unpatriotic! The bosses are friends of the workers and the workers should not be so "ungrateful" as to "rebel" against their "friends and breadgivers!" America is a country where all men are free and equal, where all children, rich and poor, have the same opportunities in life, and where the government belongs to the "people" who are the real rulers. The American government never fights except for "justice," "liberty," and "democracy" and every man who is not a coward or a "traitor" defends his country and fights for it against all enemies. These are some of the "lessons" that the public schools teach the workingclass children. Are they lessons that will tend to make your children and brothers and sisters your comrades in the struggle against the bosses or your enemies?

American Education Week.

Starting Nov. 16, the entire American machinery of "education" is going to embark on the American education week. Do you want to know the purpose and the tasks of this "educational" campaign? See who is behind it and examine its program. Who is sponsoring and arranging it? The bureau of education of the federal department of the interior! The National Education Association! The American Legion! The three friends of the workingclass children so deeply interested in "education." The bureau of education, the official center of all the vicious anti-labor poison that circulates thruout this country under the guise of "education"; the notorious "NEA," the central organ of all the more important functionaries of the vast "educational" poison propaganda machine; the American Legion, the white guardist gang, always equally ready to break a strike, lynch a revolutionary worker, or "whooop up" an imperialist war. A fine combination! And what is the program that this bitterly anti-labor and militantly capitalist trinity has cooked up for the consumption of the children of our class? Pure, undiluted, and concentrated poison for the workingclass. Excellent stuff for turning the children into scabs and patriots, into enemies of their class and ours. This is American education week from A to Z.

American Education Week Never Ends.

But the workers and young workers must remember that American education week does not end with Nov. 22. We must remember that under the red, white, and blue, American education week goes on and on, the whole year 'round, in school and street, thru books and movies, thru newspapers and church, thru boy scouts and the Junior American Legion. The whole life of the child of the American worker is one long "American education week."

Young Workers! American Education is an Attack Upon You!

The militant wide-awake workers, and especially the young workers, should not stand by and see their own children, their own brothers and sisters, their own fellow-workers, their own class turned against them.

To us American education week should be a challenge! The young workers especially must meet this challenge; the young workers especially the special victims of the poison "education" of the bosses are the young workers and the workers' children; the young workers should stand in the front ranks of the struggle against it! In every capitalist country, in the second place, the young workers are the worst exploited and oppressed, the hardest hit by capitalism. To the young workers, therefore, belongs the duty of standing forth as the most militant and class-conscious in the struggle against the bosses. American education week is directed against the workingclass—the whole workingclass must take up the challenge and fight against it and all that it represents!

The Young Pioneers of America!

The young and adult workers must not only rally in the struggle against the day-in-day-out "American education week," but the workingclass children themselves must be organized for the struggle against the bosses and their tools. American education week is a blow aimed at the whole workingclass but its immediate and direct victims are the children and it is the children who must be mobilized for the struggle. The Young Pioneers of America, the organization of the Communist children in this country, are in the forefront of the struggle against the bosses in the schools, against the boy scouts, anywhere the influence of the capitalists can be felt. They deserve the constant support and assistance of every worker who really means to see to it that the workers' children grow up into militant members of their class.

Against American Education Week!!

The issue is clear before every worker and young worker. Do you want your children, your brothers and sisters to grow up into scabs and enemies of the workers? That is the aim and purpose of American education week and of the whole system of which American education week is only a part. Workers! Young workers! Rally to the cry: "Against the American education week! It is a direct attack on the working class!"

Cleveland Youth to Fight 'Education' Week

The everyday propaganda carried on in the capitalist schools will be greatly intensified during "American Education Week." The long campaign of slander and lies which is carried on the year around against the working class will, during Education Week, culminate in hysterical tirades against the revolutionary movement, particularly against the Young Workers League and its Junior Section, the Young Pioneers.

The subjects selected for the day-to-day program prove conclusively that there will be no education of any kind carried on in the schools, but instead a campaign to instill into the minds of the children all the patriotic bunkum that is regularly broadcasted by the American Legion and like organizations. "Patriotism Day," the patriotism or the dollar-chasers and profit grabbers of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Legion and other organizations engaged in persecuting suppressed colonialism abroad and the workingclass movement at home. "For God and Country Day"; the teaching of religion as a means of stimulating the campaign of the Church organizations of this state for the passage of the bill by the state legislature making compulsory the reading of the bible in the public schools. Children will be taught that they actually are justified in thinking of "our" country. They will be told it is their duty to defend "their" country; this is simply propaganda for the further development of the Citizens' Military Training Camps.

The Cleveland Young Workers League has arranged a mass meeting for Friday, November 20, to be held at Insurance Center Building, 1783 East 11th Street. The speakers will be I. Amer, District Secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party, Martin Gordon, District Organizer of the Young Workers League, Philip Shtatz, and Edward Shtatz, the latter representing the Junior Section. Leaflets advertising this meeting, and pointing out the true nature of education week, will be distributed to all high schools and public schools attended by working class children as well as to factories in which large numbers of young workers are employed.

Organize the League in the shops and mines: there is where it COUNTS!

Y. C. L. of England Raided Because of Struggles



The left sentiment prevailing in the ranks of the English proletariat is meeting with the opposition of the bourgeoisie government. At the very time that A. A. Purcell, president of the International Federation of Trade Unions is touring the United States and Canada with the message of World Trade Union Unity, the English government is striking a blow at the leaders of the workers struggles, the Communist Party of England and the Young Communist League.

It is very significant that the police raided the offices of the Young Communist League secretary Comrade William Rust. It is the first time in the history of the League that the government has taken action against the Young Communist League and only goes to show that the influence of the League is rapidly growing. Already because of the systematic mass work of the English League its membership has been doubled. The plenary session of the Executive Committee of the League which met on October 11th, has endorsed the slogan: "Trebble the membership by January 1st, 1926."

The English trade unions which have put up such a splendid struggle in the last period, in the miners strike, the textile workers lockout and in the movement for creating one solid block of all the trade unions movements of the world, together with the Russian unions, against the offensive of world capital, is not standing idly by and seeing the leaders of the Party, and League arrested. Protests are coming in from the trade unions en masse to the government such as, the protest of the Miners Federation to the Home Secretary.

In England during the last two months there occurred a whole series of interesting events. A special Congress of the Trade Unions on the 24th of July; the Congress of the Minority Movement of the Trade Unions on the 29th of August; the Trade Union Congress on the 7th of September and the Conference of the Labor Party on the 29th of September.

During this same period there occurred strikes of the Miners, the lockout of the Textile workers, the strike of the Sailors and a series of other conflicts.

England at the present time is on the eve of new great class struggles

which will shake capitalism to the ground. The Young Communist League during this time has played and continues to play an important role in the class struggles which are being waged by our English proletariat.

As a result of the campaign of the Young Communist League among the young miners during the crisis in the mining industry, there was organized two district organizations in the very important industrial regions of South Wales and Fyfehire. As a result of this campaign the Y. C. L. rallied 200 young miners into its organization.

In South Wales where we now have 6 branches of the Young Communist League there will be called the first conference of the young non-party miners. This conference will discuss the demands of the Y. C. L. for the young miners, such as, (1) The abolishment of the piece work system (2) Guaranteed minimum wage commencing at £1 5s. at 14 years with proportionate half-yearly increases, reaching adult scale at 20 years, (3) Defense of the 6 hour day for all young miners (4) The abolition of night work up to 16 years of age.

In other industries as for example the young Railroad workers, the young textile workers, etc., our League strongest support for this work of the Young Communist League comes from the Trade Unions and the Minority movement.

The task of organizing the young workers into the trade unions and the defense of the interests of the toiling youth has already had results.

The conference of the Minority Movement in August accepted our resolution on the young workers and at the conference of the Labor Party in Liverpool two of our demands: "The abolition of night work for young workers and the creating of factory schools for the unemployed youth, were accepted."

The Y. C. L. proposed to the Central Committee of the I. L. P. Guild of Youth to establish a united front of all youth organizations for the purpose of struggling against the offensive of Capital, unemployment, and the danger of new imperialist wars.

The I. L. P. Guild of Youth agreed to send their representatives to the Y. C. L. to discuss the question of working for the organization of the young workers into the Trade Unions. The Y. C. L. gives special attention

HOW RUSSIAN YOUTH WORKS AND STUDIES UNDER SOVIET RULE

YOUNG WORKERS TELL OF LIFE IN MOSCOW FACTORY

TO THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE NUCLEUS IN THE "BOSTON STORE."

Dear Comrades,

We have received your letter and in the first place have taken note of your continuous work despite persecution on the part both of the proprietors and the police.

We would now like to acquaint you briefly with the life and work of our Y. C. L. nucleus in the experimental-technical tailoring factory in Moscow.

Our nucleus comprises 88 Y. C. L. members out of a total number of 100 young workers employed in the factory.

Those under 18 learn trades in factory and workshop technical schools attached to our factory. There are 51 young workers learning in our factory most of whom are girls.

During the period when they are at school, the young workers continue to receive wages. All Young Communists participate in primary or secondary political education circles according to their capacities.

There is a workers' club in which the work is mainly carried on by the young workers. In general, the youth at our factory take active part in the social and political life.

For our younger generation we have organized a detachment of young pioneers attached to the factory in which there are 60 workers' children aged from 10 to 15 years.

In our nucleus 50 per cent are girls and 50 per cent youth, but recently the girls have been carrying on more active work as a section of the most active youths left to study at evening classes.

This is all we are able to describe to you in such a brief letter, but we hope that on receiving our communication you will enter into correspondence with us and send a reply describing the progress of your work.

WE SEND YOU OUR WARM COMMUNIST GREETINGS.

Nucleus of the Russian Leninist Young Communist League at the Experimental-Technical Tailoring Factory.

Youth Economic Struggle

THE attention of our organization must be diverted towards the young workers. The present period, where our fundamental activities are not given sufficient attention, has come to a close.

No longer shall we busy ourselves with phrases and internal struggles which divert our attention from the practical work of building the league and influencing the working class youth.

The Young Communist International at the last Bureau session after a careful study of the American League stated as follows: "The main task of the American League is the creation of a mass organization of young workers recruited primarily from the large industries and organized completely upon the nucleus basis."

Therein lies the kernel of our immediate future activity. The practical application of this program can be seen thru the present activities of the League. We have issued thousands of copies of leaflets addressed to the young striking anthracite miners and the young workers in general, presenting the position of the young miners and the demands for which they are struggling against the combined forces of the bosses, the state and the union bureaucracy.

In order to better equip ourselves to conduct the struggles of the young workers, we are setting out systematically to study and investigate the conditions of the key industries and especially the conditions of the young workers therein.

of the shop or factory itself, giving us the necessary data and recommendations as to the concrete practical application of our economic program.

Economic Trade Union Month. The Y. C. I. has declared December to be 'Economic Trade Union Month,' and in preparation our program calls for a completion of the entry of every Y. W. L. member into a union during that month.

Youth Conferences. The decision by the National Committee to initiate the calling of youth conferences with delegates direct from the workshops will be greeted by the young workers of America.

On the Job News. It is of the greatest importance that in our economic trade union work we remember that our Young Worker must be a mass paper of the young American workers, written by them about their struggles and organizations.

The engaging of our membership in these forms of activity will consolidate our membership and make unity not an abstract formula of the leading

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Indenturing Young Building Workers

An example of the danger to the workers of the so-called joint control apprenticeship schools is furnished in the training classes which are being run for the building industry trades in Cleveland.

Thru the good graces of the board of education of Cleveland a committee of master and journeymen plumbers organized a class for apprentices, following upon a class which had previously been formed for sheet metal workers.

The idea of the "sacredness of contract" which, in actual practice, means that the workers dare not break the contract but that the bosses usually do violate it flagrantly, is carefully explained and pumped into the heads of the young workers.

These young workers have no rights in the union. Each class is under the supervision of joint and equal representatives of the contractors and the unions with a representative of the public school system who invariably

would support the viewpoint and ideas of the bosses. The young worker, after his application is approved, is given a trial period of thirty days; and if his work is satisfactory he is indentured to a contractor.

During the period of his indenture the boss makes sure that he gets a good "education" which means a non-labor education at the best and an anti-labor education at the worst and the worst is usually the case.

What the Young Workers (Communist) League has pointed out about apprenticeship and the labor unions holds particularly true for this situation. The unions should take sole charge of the apprentice training of young workers, giving them not only a trade education but a training in the ideas and cause of the working class;

At last the chairman opened the meeting. In a few short remarks he explained to the audience the meaning and the aims of the club and then he introduced the debaters.

Messenger Boys Demand Better Conditions!

WHILE the young workers, working as messenger boys for the Western Union Telegraph Co. receive wages as low as \$6.00 per week and very seldom higher than \$17.00 per week the Company finds it has \$3,000,000 surplus which they promise to distribute to their employees.

At the same time it is rumored around the financial centers that the stockholders who ordinarily receive 7% on their investments will now receive 5% and the young messenger boys will continue to receive the miserable wages they now get while the owners of the stock live in extreme luxury.

Eleven hours each day these young boys walk the streets, climb many

flights of stairs delivering messages. They receive no regular wages, and yet are compelled to keep up their uniforms and be dressed neat and clean with their shoes polished at all times.

Any one can see that with such low piece work rates it is impossible for anyone to make anywhere near a living wage. Besides this piece work rate the company also allows an hourly rate. This ranges from 28 cents an hour for day work to 31 1/4 for night work.

No wonder they can afford to talk of dividends of 50% for stockholders, and no wonder they can afford to give an increase in pay to those white collar workers who do the work of exploiting the young workers who deliver the messages, and thus

standing between employer and employee." This is class collaboration of the usual sort, and it prevents the development of a militant working class policy and action by the labor unions. It also prevents the unions from taking complete control of all the workers in the industry because of their sharing the training of young workers with the employers who are cunning enough to use the situation for their own ends.

increase their incentive to exploit these workers. Young Workers in Western Union! Do you want to be made to work still harder and not get any more pay? Do you still want to work for 2 cents for each message? Are you satisfied with having the inspector tell you to shut up, every time you talk while waiting to deliver messages.

Certainly you are not satisfied with this. You want more pay! You must organize and fight for it. You don't want to be bawled out and told to shut up every time you open your mouth. Then organize and demand better conditions.

Remember 50% dividends for the lazy stockholders, \$3,000,000 for the inspectors who bowl you out and fire you without cause. The Young Workers League invites you into its ranks. It tells you to fight against these conditions. Help yourselves by fighting to defend your rights.

MANUFACTURING YOUNG WORKERS INTO SCABS.

There are many open shop print shops in Chicago, and young workers can often get a job here when everything else fails. In the big open shops like Cuneo's and Hall's, many young workers are employed to do unskilled work for low wages, but I am working in one of the small print shops where conditions are different.

The name of the print shop is Ben Pittsford Co. and it is one of the strong boosters of the Open Shop Apprentice School and the Open Shop Employers Association. There are only about two skilled printers in the shop and all the others are young boys between the ages of 14 and 20.

When these young boys start in the shop they do the dirty work, sort leads, etc., working half the day in the shop and going to the Open Shop school half of the day. For the hard work they do in the shop they only receive \$5 or \$6 a week, and are told that this is plenty since they attend the school half the day.

In this way the company gains all the way around. They get the young workers for low wages during the first part and as soon as they are at all trained they use them in the place of skilled printers, paying them only \$25 or so a week, depending upon how long they have been there. When you realize that the boss would have to pay a union printer \$55 to \$65 a week, you get some idea of how much more profit he makes out of us because we are not organized and by training us fast in the Open Shop School.

Apprentice.

To the Factories with Young Workers League

committees but bring the entire membership together for the practical work of our League which is the most dynamic unifying factor we can find. Everyone must throw their energy behind this practical work which is already under way and which will be extended in many other fields during the next few months.

Every member an agitator, propagandist and organizer. No struggle will take place without our active participation. Our slogan must go out and reach thru the league, "TOWARDS MASS WORK."

John Williamson.

ATTEMPT TO EXPEL VALENTINE FROM U. M. W. FOR MILITANT FIGHT AGAINST REACTION

An attempt is being made to expel August Valentine, a young militant miner in the anthracite strike, from his local union of the U. M. W. A. This is only an attempt of the corrupt Lewis-Cappellini district machine to get rid of the most active and militant strikers who take the strike as a serious matter and tried to revive the well known fighting tradition of the U. M. W. A. in many historic labor struggles in the American movement.

This nineteen year old militant is well known for his progressive stand in the various struggles of the U. M. W. A. of recent date. The charge against him is that of being a progressive which in reality means that he was fighting vigorously for the demands of the miners and against the attempts of the labor officials to consider capitulation before the armed forces of the state and national government, as well as the army of private dicks kept by the companies.

At a meeting of the local union held on Oct. 22nd there appeared International Organizer Shiflock and other district officials demanding the immediate expulsion of Valentine, and threatening to lift the charter of the local union if his wishes were not complied with immediately.

The miners of the Anthracite know these workers like Valentine are fighting for their demands. They are right from the pit and are in the front ranks of the struggle. An immediate movement must be set in motion against any attempt to lessen the militant fighters of the U. M. W. A.

EXPLOITATION OF YOUNG WORKERS IN SCAB ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Many Young workers are employed at the Automatic Electric Co. and I want to tell you a few things about the conditions there.

The Automatic Electric is supposed to be a union plant, but since the union functions like a company union you would never know it except for the fact that we have the eight hour day. When you start to work here you are told that you must pay so much a week out of your wages as initiation to the union; but except for paying the initiation and the

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YOUNG WORKER ENTERS DEBATE

By A Young Worker Correspondent.

It was in a small, comfortable, nicely decorated hall of the club, "Friends of Culture."

The debate: Should workers support guild socialism? At eight o'clock all the seats were already occupied. There was a big crowd of listeners—all young people and mostly young workers. They were all waiting for the beginning of the debate of the evening—"Should workers support guild socialism?"

At last the chairman opened the meeting. In a few short remarks he explained to the audience the meaning and the aims of the club and then he introduced the debaters.

The Reverend Pastor Opens the Debate.

Mr. Weber opened the debate and spoke first. In nicely chosen phrases he pointed out, in a nondescript way, the evils and injustices of the capitalist system of society.

The working class, the reverend gentlemen continued, will achieve its emancipation in a "peaceful" way—thru propaganda, thru study. Especially study. The workingclass must begin to study.

Then came the turn of his opponent, Mr. Samson. He just tore into the mass of cobwebs that Rev. Mr. Weber had spun. In a stormy speech full of burning sarcasm and hatred of the capitalist oppressors, he pointed out all the bunk contained in the pastor's speech.

But how stupid all this is... We are to study, Mr. Samson went on. But how can the workers study when their whole lives belong to their bosses for whom they have to slave away year in and year out?

CONDITIONS IN A METAL FACTORY.

After having spent some time hunting for a job I finally succeeded and am at the present employed at the Midway Electric Co. at 277 W. Austin Ave. Said company manufactures electric appliances and employs about 35 workers of which most are young workers between the age of 19 to 25 years old and a small number of women. The conditions of these workers are deplorable and almost unbelievable.

The shop is located in the basement and under the street so that hardly any air penetrates in there. The company have orders that will last for over a year but the help is not big enough to employ the help necessary for the production and therefore the workers are working overtime up to 16 hours a day.

There are about 15 colored workers employed in the shop. Most of the help is paid on piece work basis and by working like slaves and overtime from 12 to 16 hours a day, they can barely make a living.

There are no toilet facilities and no wash room, if you want to be clean you will have to go to your home and wash off the dirt. The company has no room for such luxury.

Men and women are forced to work in this hell hole up to 16 hours a day and it seems to me that this is a good place for some union in the metal industry to make a drive on and organize these young workers and force this outfit to consider its workers as human beings.

Come Ahead Into the Young Workers League

American Education Week Manufactures Robots



WE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO ANYTHING YOU SAY

SCHOOL

N. E. C. STARTS MASS WORK

At the last meeting of the National Executive Committee a lengthy discussion was held on the general situation and tasks of the Young Workers (Communist) League. The consensus of opinion of this session was that on the basis of the decisions of the C. I. and the last Party convention we must concentrate on the following:

TOWARDS MASS WORK.

We must first recognize the position which the League finds itself in. Our League is isolated from the masses of the young workers. We do not carry on real mass work. We had no real economic-trade union work. Such examples as our participation in the miners strike, the fight against child labor, and anti-militarist campaign show that they were neglected by the League. While certain reformist and pacifist organizations are discussing and taking a stand on the last two questions.

We must recognize that the main tasks which confront our League at the present time is that of breaking our organization into mass work. To work among the masses of young workers in the shops and trade unions, especially of the basic industries comes first. We must find the organizational forms for the organization of the working youth.

We must convert our League into an organization which will represent the whole American working youth, and not only some nationalities. Certainly the divisions according to nationalities must be liquidated immediately.

We must create new cadres of active comrades especially from the youth of the basic industries.

ECONOMIC TRADE UNION WORK.

One of the fundamental tasks of our League will be the struggle for world trade union unity and the support for the creation of a left wing in American trade union movement.

1. Our main work must be in the shops. There must not be a single member who will not be working among the masses of young workers.
2. We must be acquainted with the position and the life of the young workers of this country. We must also publish material and some pamphlets on this subject.
3. We must prepare a program of concrete demands for every industry and for the working youth as a whole.
4. We must call conferences of the working youth. As the first step the calling of a general working youth conference in New York and a conference of young miners in Eastern Ohio not later than January.
5. We must begin steady work in the Trade Unions and organize our Communist youth fractions. We must begin a steady work for the entrance of the young workers into the trade unions beginning with a special campaign.
6. We must put forward the slogan of youth representatives on the shop committees (where there are no shop committees we must raise the slogan of youth assistant for the shop chairman). We must have youth representatives in the T. U. E. L. and the trade union committees.
7. We must lead and participate in every economic fight of the young workers. Our task must be, in every question which concerns the young workers, in every strike, our leading role and our work.

UNITED FRONT TACTICS.

We must put to the fore the tactics of the united front. We must attract trade unions, cultural and other kinds of workers organizations in a series of campaigns on a local and national scale against capitalism, e. g. fight against child labor, for the economic demands of the working youth, against interventions in China's national revolutionary movement, against military training in the schools, against movement. In such a country like the United States it will be one of the fundamental means of winning away the masses of young workers from the ideological influences of the bourgeoisie and towards class consciousness. We must organize fractions in the workers sports organizations.

AGITPROP AND EDUCATION.

Our agitprop and educational work must have a steady and systematic character. Among the most important tasks of educational work is the creation of a correct attitude towards the Party and League as proletarian organizations, to fight against group and personal traditions, to create a preparation of a war against the Soviet Union, etc. certainly on the basis of definite demands.

SPORTS WORK.

We must organize a big sports correct appreciation and understanding of the role of the C. I. and the Y. C. I., to study the experiences of our world revolutionary movement, especially the Russian experiences, to propagate the slogan of a Labor Party, etc.

ANTI-IMPERIALIST WORK.

The growth of American imperialism, the growing interference in European, Asiatic and South American national, militarist propaganda, makes the question of our struggle against it more and more important. We must begin the organization of countering these factors in the colonies of American imperialism, at home, and especially in the army and navy.

NEGRO WORK.

The Negro work must become a part of the entire work of the whole League. Besides the work among the Negro workers we must adopt the correct line towards the Negro peasantry of the South. The Negro problem is not only a class question.

PIONEER MOVEMENT.

In the last period the Pioneer Movement was quite neglected. Both the Party and League must adopt the correct standpoint to this problem and must give material help. We must fight against national deviations (such as the organization of the children along language divisions in certain cases) and make every effort to convert the Young Pioneers into a mass organization.

THE YOUNG WORKER.

The Young Worker must become a mass paper. It must not remain a paper of two or three comrades. In this respect the question of building up and work of young workers correspondents which will include the non-league young workers, becomes a fundamental task. We must put as our slogan the doubling of the circulation in three months.

OUR FINANCIAL POSITION.

The financial situation of the League is critical. Our first task is to create order in this work, also by organizing a financial apparatus from the top to the bottom. We must concentrate on systematically raising finances outside our own organization.

REORGANIZATION.

As a prerequisite for the success of all our work comes the complete reorganization of the League on the basis of shop nuclei. All efforts must be concentrated to achieve this task in a definite period. The reorganization as well as all our other activities must be connected with the question of recruiting new members.

CONCLUSION.

Real Mass Work, every member an active member, less phrases and more deeds on the basis of our political line, united comradesly and energetic work, along the line of the tasks laid down will convert our League into a real mass Bolshevik organization and into the real leader of the working youth of the United States in their struggle against capitalism.

EDUCATION WEEK MEETINGS.

- New York, Sunday, Nov. 15, 1 P. M. Manhattan Lyceum, 66 E. 4th St. Main speaker Pat Toohy. 15,000 leaflets.
- Cleveland, Ohio, Friday, Nov. 20, 8 P. M., Insurance Center Bldg., 1783 E. 11th St., 6th Fl. Speakers: I. Amster, Martin Gordon, Phil Shatz, Ed. Shatz, 15,000 leaflets.
- Youngstown, Ohio, Sunday, Nov. 22, 2:30 P. M., at 333½ W. Federal St. Speakers: Martin Gordon, Phil Shatz, Sam Sirotnick, Julius Spiegel. Leaflets to Mr. K. Cheffo, 313 Fulton St. Youngstown. 2,000 leaflets.
- Conneaut, Ohio, Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 P. M., Workers Hall, 943 Broad St. Speaker Martin Gordon. Y. W. L., Box 31, Jester Station. 500 leaflets.
- Philadelphia, Pa., Saturday, Nov. 21, 5 P. M., at 521 York Ave. 2,500 leaflets. Speaker R. Baker, W. P. M. Yussen, Y. W. L. E. Kutzer. Y. P. also concert.

Panama Students Fight Imperialism

In the midst of the news of the slow and temporary retirement of American military forces from Panama comes word that the Panama students have taken the first step toward an International Latin-American student's federation to fight American imperialism. According to information made public in this country by the All-American Anti-Imperialist League, the students' congress called by the Panama Students' Federation will meet in the City of Panama, June 22, 1926. Students' organizations through Latin-America and in the Philippine Islands have been invited to send delegates.

FOR UNITY IN PITTSBURGH

The N. E. C. thoroughly discussed the question of the situation in Pittsburgh. The guiding factor in this discussion was the resolution adopted on Unity and Mass Work. The N. E. C. first decided to liquidate its former decision that Pittsburgh remain a sub-district and decided that it become a regular functioning district of the Y. W. L.

With the decision for Unity and Mass Work the N. E. C. is adopting the policy of drawing all the capable comrades of the League into active positions. It therefore instructed the D. E. C. to place Comrade Schindler on the Secretariat.

The secretariat is now composed of Comrades Papcun, Mankin and Schindler with Comrade Papcun as D. O.

The N. E. C. greets all the comrades of the D. E. C. who voted for the resolution.

The N. E. C. hopes that those comrades who abstained from voting on the basis of the line of the C. I. will soon realize that the unity achieved is not abstract and will join with the correct position of all the other Pittsburgh comrades. Every single member for Unity and Mass Work is the crying need of the Y. W. L. at this moment.

PITTSBURGH Y. W. L. FOR UNITY

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—At a meeting of the District Executive Committee at which all members of the D. E. C. resident in Pittsburgh were present the Unity Resolution of the N. E. C. was approved and steps taken to unify the League in Pittsburgh.

A very frank and earnest discussion took place. Thru this discussion the great will to unity became evident. Most of the discussion was centered around our attitude to the right wing. The necessity for all the Communist elements in the League uniting in a fight against the right wing was made clear.

The following comrades voted for the resolution: Papcun, Begler, Truhar, Schapp, Mankin, Solntsky, Dickter. Comrade Goldstein abstained from voting together with Comrade

Schindler, the latter of whom requested permission to cast his vote within a short time.

Upon the basis of the resolution, the D. E. C. was reorganized. Comrade Goldstein was replaced by Comrade Garfink as a member of the D. E. C.

The Polcom was replaced by a Bureau composed of Comrades Papcun, Schapp, Begler, Solntsky, Mankin, Schindler, and a Party representative. This Bureau will meet every two weeks.

A secretariat which will meet in between sessions of the Bureau will be composed of Comrades Papcun, Mankin, and Schapp.

The Agitprop was reorganized and Comrade Solntsky was added to the committee as head. In addition there are the following comrades: Begler, Mankin, and Papcun.

Comrade Papcun is head of the industrial committee with comrades Schapp, Schindler, and Dickter on it.

Plans for a campaign of mass work on the basis of a unified and active League were made and activity will be started immediately.

The comrades here are also actively engaged in raising money for the Five Thousand Dollar Build-Up League Fund.

Grand Rapids Y. W. L. for Unity, Mass Work

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—At a special meeting of the Grand Rapids Branch of the Young Workers League the problems confronting the League were discussed and a program of activity for the ensuing month was outlined.

A factory campaign in a big shop will be immediately inaugurated. Other drives are being arranged for other big factories of the city. This will be followed up with a campaign to gain members as well as new subscribers to the Young Worker.

Also the attendance at this branch meeting was small, a collection was taken up for the Five-Thousand-Dollar Fund. All comrades pledged to help to their utmost and the following pledges were realized immediately: Comrade Drucker, \$2; Comrades Tweist, King Kerekes, Sampolinsky, \$1 each. Two subscriptions for the Young Worker were also obtained.

The comrades greeted the successful efforts of the N. E. C. in the Unity that has been established in the League and voted unanimously to endorse the resolution.

New York for Unity

The resolution on Unity and Mass Work was taken up by the D. E. C. at its session of Oct. 28th. The following comrades voted for the resolution: Don, Stachel, Harfield, J. Rubin, B. Rubin, Memerovsky, Schulman, Rubinstein, Kushner, Rizak, Sukhetky. The following comrades abstained from voting: J. Cohen, Frankfield.

BUFFALO UNANIMOUS FOR UNITY AND MASS WORK

The Buffalo Y. W. L. held a membership meeting to discuss the question of Unity and Mass Work. Comrade Al Schaap read the resolution adopted by the National Executive Committee which takes a clear cut stand against the right wing and faction formations, calls for the unity of all Communist elements behind the C. I. decisions and the definite starting of Mass Work. Comrade Greenberg then spoke on the resolution, after which it was unanimously accepted by the membership. When the precarious financial condition of the national office was made known to the comrades, a collection was taken up amounting to \$7.50. The Buffalo League stands solidly behind the slogan of Unity and Mass Work.

HARTFORD Y. W. L. UNANIMOUS FOR N. E. C.

At the regular meeting of the Hartford Branch, Y. W. L., held October 30, 1925, the following resolution was introduced:

"The Y. W. L. of Hartford, having heard the report of the Third National Convention of the Y. W. L., endorses the actions of the Convention.

"It declares that the C. I. decisions have laid the foundation for leadership in the Party and League.

"It calls upon all comrades to unite for Bolshevization and Communist work."

This resolution was passed unanimously, 16 for, none against, none abstaining.

Aaron H. Wolfson, Sec'y.

Reorganize the Y. W. L.

It isn't enough to belong to the League. You must become an active member.

Thru Unity to Communist Mass Activity

While there was no unity in the League, all talk of mass activity no matter how well intended, could only remain talk. Mass activity requires a firmly united, well co-ordinated organization, capable of utilizing its activity in the building of the organization and of crystallizing the influence developed in its work. Such an organization must be one united whole, its membership working as one.

Unity in the Young Workers (Communist) League has but just been established, and yet we find that already it has served as the greatest impetus to Communist mass activity. Everywhere there is beginning practical work among the broad masses of the young workers. The reorganization is proceeding, factory campaigns are beginning, unity activity is on the increase. Boston is completely reorganized on the basis of shop nuclei and concentration groups. In Philadelphia, two shop nuclei have already been organized, and a campaign is being started in the Budd's Automobile Factory.

In Pittsburgh, the League, thru Comrade Papcun is taking a leading part in the strike of the coke miners. In Passaic, the Young Workers League is participating in the strike of the silk workers and is directing the organization of the young workers. Thruout the League a sweeping change in the work is evident—from internal factional struggle to mass activity among the broad masses of the young workers in the shops and factories.

This activity is symptomatic of the new era which is beginning for the Communist youth movement, the era of mass activity. The National Executive Committee has laid down the immediate tasks of the League as being the fullest development of the mass activity of the League on all fields. It is only thru this mass activity that the League will be able to develop into a real Leninist youth organization.

The conversion of our work into mass work is not a simple task and can only be accomplished if the entire membership understands the work and participates in it wholeheartedly. It implies a complete re-orientation of the League and a complete transfer-

ence of the center of gravity of our work—from the territorial branches concerned mostly with routine work and social affairs—to the shops and factories conducting the everyday struggles of the young workers. It implies also the definite beginning of work in spheres which have hitherto remained practically untouched. Our anti-militarist activity must become a fundamental activity. The American government is becoming more and more the greatest militarist power and the greatest exploiter of the colonial peoples.

We must carry on our work, as the French League has carried on its work against militarism, and as a result of which it is winning over to Communism thousands of French soldiers. Another field of activity which we have hitherto neglected, and which must definitely be entered is sports work. Hundreds of thousands, and even millions of young workers participate in sports activities, which are today completely controlled by the bourgeoisie. There are thousands of factory teams of all sorts; there are innumerable sports organizations. We must penetrate these teams and organizations and win the young workers for the class struggle. We must develop and extend a workers' sport movement which will become an ally of the Party in the struggle against capitalism.

Our Young Workers must be developed into a mass organ, based upon young worker correspondents, reflecting the life of the working class youth and participating in all their struggles. The Young Worker is an essential aid to us in all our work. It is the collective organizer, agitator and educator of the League. Let's build it to fill its function.

When the entire membership throws itself into this work of building a mass Communist youth movement, a worthy section of the Young Communist International, the leader of the American Young Workers, then the biggest step in the accomplishment of this aim will have been taken.

—Herbert Zam.



"Every Workplace--Our Stronghold"—Lenin

greater clarification of the entire question.

THE C. I. and Y. C. I. have laid down as one of the fundamentals of a Bolshevik organization, its organization on the basis of factory nuclei. Lenin pointed out that a Party cannot be seriously considered a Communist Party unless it is organized on the basis of shop nuclei. It is only thru having direct and every day contact with the masses in the shops and factories, in the mines and mills, that it will be possible to win their confidence and to win over to Communism.

Thru shop nuclei, the Communists can participate in the every day struggles of the masses and take a lead in these struggles. A Communist Party, a Communist Youth organized on the basis of shop nuclei is assured of a proletarian character and a proletarian struggle. Only thru shop nuclei can the Party lead the workers to Revolution.

The greatest task of the Young Workers (Communist) League at the present time is its complete organization on the basis of shop nuclei. In this way we will be able to draw in the large masses of the industrial young workers, carry on mass activity and become a Communist Youth League representing the interests of the young workers. The N. E. C. lays down the following instructions for the organization of the League and calls upon the membership to carry it out swiftly, unhesitatingly and in a Leninist spirit.

THE IDEOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN

1. In order to prepare the membership for work in the shop nuclei, a systematic ideological campaign must be conducted to explain to the membership what shop nuclei are, how they function, why we must reorganize, how the reorganization will take place. For this purpose the following steps must be taken:

- a. Every branch must devote one or more meetings exclusively to a thorough discussion of shop nuclei. At this meeting a representative from the District Committee shall be present to lead the discussion.
- b. Section meetings shall be called in the larger cities, so as to bring the members from the various branches closer together and exchange experiences.
- c. After the units have discussed this question thoroughly, a general membership meeting shall be called, where the matter will be finally clarified.
- d. The greatest educator being life itself, the units, higher committees and membership shall begin the work of organizing shop nuclei, in immediately, so that the discussion will be accompanied by concrete success and the practical experiences shall be utilized in the discussion for the

reorganization of the League.

2. In order to make easier the work of organizing shop nuclei. In order to establish greater homogeneity in the League and to draw the membership closer together and consolidate the forces, the N. E. C. considers it necessary that all language divisions in our work must be abolished. Consequently all foreign branches must be liquidated within two weeks after the D. E. C.'s receive these instructions.

a. Wherever one foreign language branch exists in a given territory as the only unit of the League, that branch shall become an English branch.

b. Where other branches exist in the same territory, these branches shall be combined into an English branch. If the resulting membership is too large, the D. E. C. shall determine on ways of dividing the branch.

c. It must be remembered that this step is not a reorganization, but is only a step to aid in the reorganization.

THE SHOP NUCLEUS.

3. The organizational steps to be taken in the organization of shop nuclei are as follows:

- a. Wherever 3 or more members of the League work in one shop they shall be organized into a shop nucleus.
- b. To every nucleus shall be attached a number of comrades, less than the number actually working in the shop, who work in neighboring shops. That is, if there are only 3 comrades working in a shop, then 2 more are added to them. If there are 5 then 3 are added.
- c. Every member of the League working alone in a shop, must consider it his duty to organize a shop nucleus within the shortest possible time. This can be done by actively participating in the activities of the young workers, by carrying on careful but systematic Communist work, by personal propaganda.
- d. A number of comrades working in one building, may organize a nucleus and work to organize a nucleus in each of the shops of the building.
- e. The D. E. C.'s shall elect comrades to be attached to the first shop nuclei organized in order to guide their work and also to gain valuable experiences.

WORK OF THE SHOP NUCLEUS

4. Shop nuclei are the fundamental units of our organization and carry on all the work of the League. (In exceptional cases those comrades who do not work in the shops and who cannot help the work of the shop nuclei by being attached to them shall be organized into street nuclei. This form can only be considered as a transition measure. Every effort to evolve comrades for work in the shops, must be made.)

- a. At the first meeting of the shop nucleus, all the necessary officers shall be elected. If the nucleus is small, they shall consist of an organizer, a literature agent and a secretary. If the nucleus is larger more officers may be elected if necessary.
- b. At the first meeting of the nucleus, a thorough discussion of the work of the nucleus shall be held and the plan of work drawn up on the basis of the conditions in the shop.
- c. Every nucleus must meet at least twice a week in a regular meeting and must meet either during lunch hour or immediately after work.
- d. Every nucleus must carry on the routine work of the organization, collect dues, distribute literature, conduct propaganda in the shop and among the workers in the neighborhood. Dues, assessments and other monies shall be collected on the day on which the workers receive pay.
- e. The nuclei carry on all the special campaigns that the League and Party conduct, political campaigns, as at present, for the recognition of Soviet Russia and against National Education Week, for the Daily Worker and Young Worker, Communist election campaigns, etc.
- f. The nucleus must lead in the every day life of the young workers in the shops. It must make use of the conditions in the shops to mobilize the young workers and draw them into the ranks of the Y. W. L.
- g. One of the important functions of the shop nucleus is recruiting. As soon as it is organized every nucleus must immediately make plans for constant and systematic recruiting of new members. It must aim to get all the young workers in the factory into the League.
- h. The shop nucleus must carry on educational work both among its members and amongst the young workers the necessity of joining the League, of participating in the class struggle and of following the Communist and the Y. C. I. It must train its members in the theory and practice of Leninism and teach them to carry on more efficiently the work of the Communist movement.
- i. The nucleus does not confine its work to the shop, also that is the basis of its work, but it must work among all the workers in the neighborhood of the shop and must work to organize shop nuclei in those shops

where there are not yet shop nuclei.

Therefore every nucleus must have as one of its tasks, the organization of another nucleus in a certain period of time.

CONCENTRATE ON LARGE SHOPS

5. The League must not be content with organizing nuclei in those shops and factories where we have members working, but systematic efforts must be made to organize nuclei in the large shops where we have no members.

a. Capable comrades must be chosen and sent into the largest factories, preferably in the heavy industries, for the purpose of organizing shop nuclei and establishing contact with the young workers in the heavy industries.

b. Factory campaigns shall be conducted in selected factories preferably where we have members, for the purpose of organizing shop nuclei, or of strengthening the shop nuclei which already exist.

THE SECTION COMMITTEES

6. In order to centralize the work of the nuclei, section committees shall be established in homogeneous industrial areas.

- a. Where there are few units in a section, the section committees shall consist of representatives of the nuclei and concentration groups. Where there are many units, the section committees shall be elected by a conference of shop nuclei.
- b. The section shall be determined by the D. E. C.
- c. There shall be frequent meetings of the members in a section to discuss the current work, to exchange experiences and to plan the work for the future. The foremost discussion at the section meetings shall be on the nuclei, their work, the conditions in the factories, the organization of new nuclei.
- d. The section committee shall direct the work of the nuclei in the section.
- e. The D. E. C. shall select comrades to work in the section committees. The section committees shall be built up as important bodies having direct and every day contact with the nuclei and young workers in the shops.

THE CONCENTRATING GROUP

7. In industrial areas where we cannot immediately establish shop nuclei due to not having more than one comrade in a shop and where it will not be possible to organize shop nuclei directly in the shop by our comrades, the D. E. C. shall select comrades working close together and form a concentrating group.

a. The concentrating groups shall consist of 2-7 comrades working close together.

b. It shall be a fundamental but

temporary form of organization its main work being the organization of as speedy as possible, of nuclei in all the shops where we have a single comrade.

c. The concentration group shall have all the functions of a unit of the League, in addition to the above.

d. The concentrating group must meet immediately after work at least twice a week.

e. Special efforts must be made to organize the concentration groups in the vicinity of large factories where we have no members working (Stock Yards, etc.). Every effort must be made to organize nuclei in such plants.

THE SHOP NUCLEUS PAPER

8. Every shop nucleus as soon as it is established should endeavor to issue a shop newspaper. This shop newspaper must deal with the problems of the workers in the shop and generally. It must reflect the life of the workers in the shop. It must not be issued in the central office, but by the comrades themselves, and non-party members should participate in it. It should generally be issued in the name of the nucleus.

HOW TO FUNCTION

9. In general, the nucleus shall function so that will be known to the workers that a nucleus of the League exists and is functioning in the shop. However, the identity of the members should be kept hidden to prevent them being discharged.

NUCLEI AND MASS WORK

10. The nuclei are especially adapted to the mass work of the League and must take the lead in this work. They must link up their work in the shop with the work in the unions and among the broad masses generally. Especially in youth conferences must the nuclei take a leading role. Youth conferences are the means by which we establish contacts with large masses of non-party youth and draw them further into the class struggle and closer to us. The shop nuclei must therefore take the lead in making all youth conferences successful.

TASKS OF D. E. C.

11. The D. E. C.'s shall be made smaller in size so as to permit the best comrades to function directly in the nuclei and the section committees.

12. All plans for reorganization must be sent to the N. E. C. for advice and help, without however, holding up the reorganization.

13. The D. E. C. must immediately proceed to the careful yet swift realization of this plan. The responsibility for the drawing up of the district plan for reorganization to be accomplished within a definite time limit rests with the D. E. C. Forward to the complete reorganization of the League! Forward to mass organization!

The White Terror

YOUNG WORKERS FIGHT FOR RELEASE OF GITLOW

The young workers organized in the youth branches of the International Labor Defense are preparing the campaign for the release of Benjamin Gitlow. Comrade Benjamin Gitlow, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has been taken to the hell hole of New York state—Sing Sing Prison to serve the unexpired portion of his term.

Gitlow was sentenced to a term of from 5 to 10 years for violation of the New York criminal syndicalist law in the court of Judge Weeks in New York City, January 1920. This verdict was later upheld by the state United States supreme court. Gitlow was released once on an appeal and once on a writ of error, but the U. S. Supreme court has upheld the constitutionality of the criminal syndicalist act and ordered Gitlow to return to jail.

Here we have a real living example of the functions of the U. S. Constitution which will be so loudly praised during American Education Week. The young workers in the International Labor Defense must rush the funds necessary to fight for the release of Gitlow.

UNDER THE RULE OF THE "PHILOSOPHER-PROFESSOR"

The Czechoslovakian "Rude Pravo" after an investigation of the statistics of the labor movement of Czechoslovakia since December, 1920, reports that these persecutions have resulted in forty-three deaths and over a hundred and fifty seriously wounded workers. The number of political trials directed against the workers is incalculable and the total of the terms amounts to over seven thousand years. This is in the paradise of "democracy" ruled by the "philosopher" Professor Masaryk.

THIRTY YOUNG COMMUNISTS ARRESTED IN FINLAND

The hand of reaction has again been raised in Finland. Thirty members of the Young Communist League, who were leaders of the struggles of the young workers of the country have been thrown behind iron bars.

The bourgeois press is shouting that these Young Communists have circulated orders from the Communist International in Moscow which called for the immediate preparation for the revolution. On this basis the government prosecutor will urge the dissolution of the organization.

The real reason for this offensive of the bourgeois government is to destroy the effective work of the Y. C. L. of Finland as the leaders of the every day struggles of the young workers in the shops and on the farms. Among the arrested Young Communists there is one conscript who is charged with military espionage. The work of the Young Communists in the armed forces to secure better conditions for the young worker and young farmer soldier and to have them fight side by side with their young brothers in the factories and mills meets with the particular disrepute of the bourgeoisie.

The young workers of America must take up the struggle for the liberation of their fellow fighters in Finland. They must bring this question up in the shops and in the trade unions and pass resolutions protesting this offensive of the Finnish bosses.

SAVE RAKOSI AND HIS COMRADES!

(From the Pravda, October 9, 1925.) According to latest reports, Comrade Rakosi and a number of other active Communists and Left Social Democrats have been accused of making preparations for a revolt and will be tried by a special court. The telegrams state that the Hungarian government is causing the rumor to spread that this is done in response to

the wish of English government circles.

The government is perfectly aware that it has no grounds for accusing Rakosi and his comrades of organizing a revolt. . . . But what fills the ruling circles of Hungary with special uneasiness is the realistic revolutionary policy which is winning the confidence of the broadest masses of the workers and peasants of Hungary.

The international campaign against this fresh wave of white terror in Hungary must be strengthened. If we do not succeed at least in having our comrades brought before an ordinary court, then they will inevitably go to the gallows. THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT MUST EXERCISE ITS UTMOST ENERGY AND DETERMINATION IN ORDER TO RESCUE THE VICTIMS OF THE WHITE TERROR IN HUNGARY.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC WORKERS BARRED FROM AUSTRIA

The German Social-Democrat, Overhagen, who was one of the most prominent members of the workers' delegation to the Soviet Union, has not been permitted to enter Austrian territory and has thus been prevented from reporting on what he saw and heard in Russia to the Austrian workers. This at the time when on September 10, there took place in Social-Democratic Vienna a congress of Russian counter-revolutionaries who spent their time plotting the overthrow of the Russian workers' government. Apparently Austria is closed to those who come to tell the truth to the workers.

Seven well-known Communists have been arrested by the Dutch police bureau in Sumatra. These arrests caused great indignation and huge masses of native toilers demonstrated their protest by attempting to free the prisoners.

DUTCH PERSECUTIONS IN SUMATRA

In the port of Semarang in the Isle of Java all meetings of any kind have been prohibited and a series of arrests have taken place. The editor of the newspaper, "Api," and the well-known propagandist, Alimin, have both been arrested.

Leo Lania, a well-known German writer, wrote a book called "Rifles on a Journey," in which he showed the speculations of the Fascist in arms. Instead of investigating the cases Lania mentioned, he was ordered to name those from whom he received the information so that they too could be prosecuted. Lania refused. He was thereupon fined and threatened with imprisonment if he persisted in his refusal.

AUSTRALIAN WORKERS FIGHT DEPORTATION MENACE

The threats of the anti-labor federal government of Australia to answer the solidarity of the Australian workers with their English comrades in the fight against the shipowners by

deporting the most militant trade union leaders, have aroused the entire Australian labor movement to action. The deportation legislation now considered was taken as a direct challenge to labor. The conference of representatives of all labor councils thruout Australia held at Sydney on Sept. 9 issued a call to all trade unionists not to in any way assist in the attempted deportation of any worker. The sea transport workers especially were called upon to give loyal assistance.

These deportation laws will be made a burning issue in the federal elections this November where all labor will be roused to fight this attack of the capitalist federal government.

In connection with the British seamen's strike the conference recommended that "all unions be called upon to pay a levy of 1% per week of all the earnings of the workers."

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FINED AND IMPRISONED FOR BRINGING TO LIGHT FASCIST CRIMES

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SALVATION ARMY SCAB HERDER

Runs Schools to Train Scabs and Export Them to Colonies

YOUNG WORKERS MUST FIGHT

That the Salvation Army is one of the greatest scab-herding agencies in existence and is especially active in the slave trade of capitalism, is the boast of David C. Lamb, international secretary of the Salvation Army enroute to Australia. "The Salvation Army," this chief tambourine rattle said, "is the greatest emigration agency since Moses." A little investigation shows that this "emigration" is a little scheme of the British bourgeoisie on the one hand to get rid of the "surplus hands" for whom their tottering economic system can no longer find any place and, on the other, to provide their brother bosses of the dominions with cheap and obedient slaves.

Scab Training Schools.

It is this very convenient little arrangement of the British capitalists that is behind the scab training "emigration" schools recently opened up by the British government "for the training of emigrants for the dominions." The Salvation Army, also, according to Mr. Lamb, is running such schools. "The bureau (Salvation Army emigration bureau) takes great care in selecting emigrants (to see that no trouble-making Reds get in who are likely to throw a monkey wrench into the whole neat little scheme) and gives them a period of training at the Salvation Army land colony. . . . We may be quite sure that how to fight the bosses for better conditions and against wage cuts is no part of this training. "Every individual is placed in a position before he is sent overseas and then the Salvation Army stands sponsor to the government for his proper conduct during a term of years."

Workers' Sports

PLAN WORLD SPORT EVENT

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—Some time ago there was talk in sport circles of the organization of an International Labor Olympian meet which would attract the workers' sport groups of all countries. A big Red Stadium financed by the workers' organizations affiliated to it was intended as the center of this World Labor Sports Event.

Recently this proposition took on definite life here. At a meeting of the Executive Bureau of the Red International of Labor Unions there was a report made on this question by the representative of the Sport Intern (Red Sports International). It was announced that definite preparations are being made to stage this meet next year.

The Executive Bureau of the R. I. L. U. decided to give its utmost organizational support to this event.

Workers on "Good Behavior."

The last few words give away the whole little game. The young unemployed English workers, whose very existence weighs like a nightmare on the English bosses, are to be shipped as contract laborers to the colonies to serve their masters on the condition of "good behavior." We all know what "good behavior" means; it means the same thing to the English bosses as it does to the American. It means keeping miles away from a trade union. It means scabbing on your fellow workers when they go out on strike. It means accepting wage cuts and rotten conditions with "gratitude." It means being a good and patriotic citizen who believes all the lies the bosses are continually telling him thru the newspapers and who is ready to go out to "defend his country," or "make the world safe for democracy" whenever the bosses get into a war to swell their profits. That's what the bosses call "good conduct" all over the world and that's what the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A. and Y. M. H. A. train the English and American young workers for. Business men and employers, the

Red Roamers for United Workers' Sport Front

The Red Roamers of Chicago, a team of Negro girl basketball players has already discussed the question of becoming part of a united working class sports organization in this country.

At the present time they are doing everything in their power in order to raise finances. On the literature appears the goal of this sports group, "Applicant for Workers Sports Alliance"

POLISH PRIEST SPY HEADED HERE

M. Cieplak, former "archbishop of Petrograd," who added to his "holy" duties the equally sanctified job of spying and scheming for the Polish butcher-government against the Workers' Republic of Russia, is on his way to this country, having left Europe a few days ago.

This worthy, whose "sacred" activities came under the view of the Soviet Government when he was discovered as one of the centers of a network of spies and secret agents of international capital in Russia, was condemned to death but had his sentence commuted. After a year's imprisonment he was released and immediately fled to the welcome arms of Premier Mussolini and "His Holiness" the Pope. This may help us get a line as to who some of Cieplak's employers may have been in his "holy" activities in Russia.

Now, this worthy is coming to America to visit the Polish bishop here. The American workers know his history and will give him the reception he deserves.

report says, regard the work of the Salvation Army, the Y. M. C. A. and similar institutions very highly and consider them very successful. That's what your bosses think. What do you,

The Constitution and American Education Week

IT is appropriate that the first day of educational week for the purpose of emphasizing the illusions of the capitalist class should be devoted to the United States constitution. It is the cloak beneath which the ruling class of this country perpetrates every bestiality upon the working class. It is the bulwark of class rule. Within its confines permanent benefit for the working class can ever be realized.

It is more frequently referred to in patriotic eulogy than any other document and it is less understood. Most people who revere it know nothing about it. To know the facts about the constitution and its purposes is to hold it in contempt as one of the foulest pieces of designed despotism ever concocted.

It is utilized by the capitalist class for every reactionary, legislative, military or judicial act against the workers. Injunctions aimed to crush organized labor are prepared by expert constitutional lawyers. Child labor is perpetuated in all its ghastly forms because the constitution upholds it. Bullets of militiamen mow down women and children and soldiers in national guard uniforms burn them alive because the constitution protects them. Upon the authority of that document the outstanding figures in the vanguard of the labor movement are jailed for nefarious conspiracy against labor that does not rest upon the constitution for its justification.

Liberal Deception.

One of the functions of the liberals in preserving capitalism is always to hark back to the constitution; to insist upon its provisions for the exercise of "pure democracy," being preserved. As Lenin so well said, the very concept of anything being "pure" is a bourgeois delusion, an unscientific term that has nothing whatsoever to do with dialectics. Under class rule there can be no such thing as impartial democratic privileges for all. When considering democracy we must view it as the democracy of a class—today either as proletarian democracy or capitalist democracy.

Not only liberals, but socialists (who are semi-liberals) also suffer from the illusion of bourgeois democracy and actually proclaim the possibility of a gradual growth into socialism within the confines of the constitution.

How It Works.

In the first division of the government two houses of congress were created known as the lower house

and the upper house. The house of representatives is supposed to be composed of one representative for each 30,000 population within the states, while the senate is created on the basis of two senators from each state regardless of population. Bills originating in the house must pass the senate before they can be referred to the executive (president) and become law. Here is the first check. The senate can override the house.

The next division is the executive. The president must sign all bills, and if, for any reason, he does not desire to accept them he simply vetoes them and sends them back to the house or senate (depending upon their origin) and after the objections are considered the bill may again be voted upon, but cannot become a law unless a two thirds majority of both houses vote for it. Thus 33 senators, representing 16½ states and a total population of 8,502,572, can prevent legislation favored by representatives of the other 100,000,000 population of the country. In other words representatives in the senate of less than one tenth of the population can defeat the desires of representatives of the other nine-tenths. Yet this is the country whose government boasts that it will not recognize Russia because its government is not democratic, in spite of the known fact that the Soviet system is a thousand times more democratic than our own much vaunted system.

The third division is the gem of the whole thing. That is the United States supreme court. Nine judges, appointed for life by the president of the United States, have the power to declare illegal any law that may be able to get over the barriers existing in the two other divisions. When, for reasons of political expediency and in response to popular clamor, both houses pass a law and the president signs it, the supreme court can with impunity declare it unconstitutional. From its decision there is absolutely no appeal.

This brief outline, only gives some suggestion of how the system of checks and balances works, not to furnish political expression to the inhabitants of the country, but actually in order to prevent elected representatives passing laws that might serve the majority of the inhabitants of the country.

Constitutional Changes.

When efforts are made to change the constitution we again meet with the most flagrant travesty upon democracy. Changes may be initiated by a two thirds vote of both houses, but before they become effective they must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of three-fourths of the states of the union. That means that the 13 smallest states with a population of 5,535,742, could defeat a constitutional amendment that might be endorsed by the other 35 states representing more than 100,000,000. When we divide that by the fraction over one third which would result in defeating the amendment in the given states we find that action presenting ratification can be achieved by legislators representing less than 2,000,000 popu-

lation. So, in the final analysis we have the spectacle of representatives of a population similar to the city of Chicago or less than one-fiftieth of the population, defeating the will of the representatives of all the rest of the 110,000,000 population of this country.

Perhaps the socialist apologists of democracy and constitutional methods of achieving the liberation of the working class will explain to us how long they expect to wait to achieve anything worth while by constitutional means. The whole thing becomes still more absurd when one considers the fact that the so-called elected representatives are, almost totally, selected by sets of spoils politicians and that the mass of people who vote for them have absolutely no choice in their nomination.

To start with, our democratic prerogative is exercised only in voting for candidates chosen by the political machines of the master class. Then, if they are forced, in order to maintain democratic illusions among their constituency, to vote in the legislative halls for a bill obnoxious to the capitalist class, the system of checks and balances comes into full play to destroy the bill.

Why It Originated.

The origin of the United States constitution is not to be sought for in the realms of miracles. It did not descend from on high, nor were the men who drafted it impelled by any benevolent motives. The thing was concocted for the immediate purpose of endeavoring to overcome the endless tariff and other antagonisms existing between the thirteen original states. The economic situation was such, with the interests of the slave owners of Virginia, Georgia and the Carolinas clashing with the manufacturers of the northern states, that no dominant economic class yet existed, so the constitutional convention, held in secrecy, was at best a compromise between the various groups.

The draft was adopted by the constitutional convention on September 17, 1787, but it encountered the most determined opposition from every state, with the exception of Delaware, New Jersey and Georgia. These three states adopted it unanimously, but their legislatures were small in number and were mere cliques, not at all representative of the population. In all other states, where the legislative bodies were larger, it required bribery, intimidation and violence to get the required number of votes. For instance Massachusetts adopted it by the narrow margin of 187 to 168; Virginia, 89 to 79; New York, 30 to 27. In every state there ensued fierce conflicts. Rhode Island was the last state to adopt it, after more than two years determined resistance by a vote of 34 to 32. It was literally bludgeoned down the throats of most states.

The Bill of Rights.

So obnoxious was the constitution when first drafted that at the first session of congress ten amendments were introduced known as the bill of rights. These amendments, besides

the first which is supposed to guarantee free speech, free press and free assembly, were calculated to grant state autonomy to a considerable degree.

Most people point to the bill of rights as a guarantee for the exercise of free speech, etc. But everyone knows with what viciousness every semblance of free speech is stifled if it endangers the ruling class. The present situation in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania gives the lie to the free speech illusion. The miners there do not even enjoy the nominal free speech which exists elsewhere. As to the masses having an equal opportunity with the ruling class for spreading their ideas a moment's consideration will dispel any such notion. The capitalist class controls the powerful press and utterances of workers protesting against their miserable conditions are distorted in the most shameful manner in its columns. The best and most centrally located public auditoriums are closed to the workers. We are permitted to exercise our nominal right of free speech in dingy halls available in obscure neighborhoods and at exorbitant prices.

Free assemblage is stifled whenever there is a crisis that might result in the workers being rallied to a determined struggle to remedy their conditions. In every manner and in every part of the United States the first article of the bill of rights, which is the first amendment to the constitution, is a jest as far as workers are concerned.

The same thing applies to article 4, which guarantees the "right of the people" to be secure in their persons and homes from unreasonable search and seizure. How many times, within our own experience, have wholesale raids been made upon workers' homes throughout the country, without the slightest pretext of legality? Not merely do the police, the courts, and if necessary, the army, invade and terrorize the homes of the workers, but let the workers dare utilize their alleged right to defend themselves against the vandals of the capitalist class and they are mercilessly crushed. The ruling class may appeal to the constitution when their own interests are endangered, but let the worker, defending his home, shoot down the uniformed thugs of capitalism and he soon learns that the inviolability of the home clause in the "basic document of our republic" is not meant for him.

Smash the Illusion.

Reverence for the constitution only exists in the minds of the dolts in the ranks of the working class who still suffer from the mental apoplexy administered by the perverters of history in the public schools, the churches and the kept newspapers. The constitution, wherever it might have been interpreted in the service of the workers, has been torn to shreds by the capitalist courts, trying to conceal the diseased blitches upon the body of the national flag, symbolized by the Goddess of Liberty. To appeal to it only evoked boisterous and irreverent laughter from the camp of the legitimate offspring of the

seducers of the national goddess. It is as effective as a savage invoking the aid of his savage god, Mumbo Jumbo.

On the day set aside for the capitalist government to dwell upon the virtues of the constitution we expose it to the workers as the basic document upon which rests the government that functions exclusively as the instrument of oppression in the hands of the capitalist class in order to keep the working class in subjection. Furthermore that governmental power can never be wrested from the hands of the capitalist class within the confines of the constitution.

Where Socialists Fail.

The outstanding characteristic of the opportunism of the yellow socialists is that they ignore the nature of the capitalist state (government). Their aims are confined to the limits set by the ruling class. That is one reason why they must remain impotent in the class struggle. The revolutionist must first of all consider the character of the capitalist state, it means of perpetuating itself, its basic conditions and understand them. To understand the constitution of the United States is to realize that no revolution is possible that does not shatter the constitution and the government which is based upon it.

The bourgeois constitutional government with its parliamentary apparatus, which functions against the will of the majority of the working class must give way to a unified system of administration of government, which will ensure the immediate, direct participation of the masses in the political life of the country. Instead of the system of checks and balances, with legislative, executive and judicial counterbalancing each other in order to perpetuate the rule of the capitalist class, the government of the workers must be one that combines the legislative and executive powers under one head. Instead of political units being based upon territorial divisions, the only system that effectively can function for the working class must be political divisions based upon the principal production, thus connecting the working masses directly with the governmental apparatus.

In other words, it is the Soviet system of government only that can function as a means of emancipation of the working class. Instead of the empty bombast of the capitalist apologists for the constitution on this day, we expose it as a class instrument, and at the same time raise the call to overthrow the rule of the capitalists maintained by the constitution and establish a workers and farmers government as in Russia.

We pledge ourselves to utilize our political power to: Free the class war prisoners, in jail under the constitution. Smash the fake justice and equality of the capitalist class! Crush the rule of the bosses!

It is only the Workers (Communist) Party that conducts the struggle against the illusions of the capitalists and their servants, the yellow opportunists, therefore intelligent

TWO WAYS OF RAISING THE \$5,000

The National Executive Committee has decided that between now and the end of the year, every unit of the League, every Nucleus, Branch, City Committee and District Committee must run an affair and half of the proceeds must go to the

BUILD THE LEAGUE FUND.

This ought to bring in the entire \$5,000 if every unit gets on the job.

ANOTHER WAY.

The District Executive Committee of District No. 8 has decided that every member in the District must pay ONE DAY'S WAGES toward the BUILD THE LEAGUE FUND. AND THEY PROMISE TO COLLECT MORE THAN THEIR QUOTA. Other Leagues please follow suit.

HERE ARE THE CONTRIBUTIONS sent in in the last two weeks. New York is still the largest single contributor, although it has fallen behind the first two weeks quite a bit. New York, don't lag. Keep up the work of the first two weeks.

The total for the two weeks is very small. We must receive far greater sums in order to be able to keep going. We cannot afford to drag the campaign for money out over a long period, as that will hinder the practical work of the League. If every member and sympathizer will just give a little bit, we can raise the \$5,000 without much difficulty. The Young Worker has about 5,000 readers. If every one of these readers will give ONE DOLLAR—that will settle the financial difficulty for a long time.

HOW ABOUT IT?

New York Young Workers League	\$ 50.00
Philadelphia Y. W. L.	40.00
Boston Y. W. L.	24.00
Marongo, Wis., Y. W. L.	5.00
F. H. Bigelow	5.00
Buffalo Y. W. L.	4.00
Y. M. J. Harris	2.00
Drucker	2.00

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TOTAL \$144.00

workers should join the Workers' Party. The younger elements among the workers should join the Young Workers League, which carries out the struggle for defense of the youth. The children of the workers should be sent to the Young Pioneers of America where their minds may be cleared of the illusions fostered in the public schools. —H. M. Wick.