

## FINAL DRIVE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Three organizers now in the field. At least thirty delegates will be present. The struggle against rotten conditions of youth and danger of new war will be center point of discussion.

BELLAIRE, Ohio.—Three organizers of the Young Workers' (Communist) League are now in the Eastern Ohio coal mining area in the final drive of intensive concentration upon this area. The Young Workers' Conference which is to take place in Cairo on February 28. Harvey Murphy, who has been in the field for a couple of weeks, now reports that at least thirty delegates will be present at the conference. Joe Kobylak, known in the field for his work in Dillonvale, and August Bentine, who has recently returned from the anthracite strike area, are also working for the conference.

### Young Workers Rally to the Conference

BELLAIRE, Ohio.—One of the signs of a spirited revival of the labor movement of Eastern Ohio, following upon long months of depression and hopelessness, is the readiness of the young workers of the entire section to respond to the call which was issued some time ago by the Young Workers arrangements committee for a conference of the young workers of the region.

The organizers of the conference already report that despite all difficulties to be encountered in this section of the country, there will be delegates from the mines of Powhatan Point, Belleville, Neffs, the famous Webb mine of Shadyside, which has been the scene of terrible disaster to the miners, the Imperial Glass concern in Bellaire which has just experienced a strike of young workers, a local union of the United Mine Workers of Avella, Pa., which is sending three delegates, one of whom is a young worker, and a number of other mines and factories.

The bad conditions of the young workers and other young workers' particular accounts for the eagerness with which they are responding to the call for the conference, despite the fact that there had not been any elaborate preparations for the meeting.

For weeks, the young workers of the Imperial Glass works of Bellaire have been out on strike, not only because of the brutal oppression of the officials and the loss of pay, but because of the military police who remained out were

## YOUNG ANTHRACITE MINERS! LEWIS HAS BETRAYED YOU!

Not Only Did You Not Get Your Demands, but Lewis Tied Your Hands With a Five-Year Agreement. Rally to Repudiate the "Black Friday" Agreement.

### TRI-DISTRICT CONVENTION PACKED BY LEWIS HENCHMEN

SCRANTON, Pa.—The longest anthracite strike in the history of mining in this country has been concluded. John L. Lewis, labor faker par excellence has betrayed the thousands of young and adult miners. The "Black Friday" surrender of the basic rights to the coal operators will go down in history as the most seditious ever perpetrated against the workers of a basic industry.

The hastily called Scranton tri-district convention which was to discuss the merits or demerits of the "Black Friday" five-year agreement was the saddest joke of the strike era. Lewis and his henchmen saw to it that there would be no rank and file representation at this convention. The first act was to cut down representation so that instead of one delegate for each 100 members the proportion was one to each 500. Lewis packed credentials committees of the Lewis gangsters then elected the dirty work.

blacklisted. The brave fight that they put up during the time they were out, in the face of the great obstacles that stood in their way, is a tribute to the fighting spirit of the young workers there. They have learned the lesson of organization and will be represented at the conference on the 28th.

In the Webb mine at Shadyside, the workers have learned some bitter lessons from capitalist society. When the Webb mine explosion took place they also learned about the "risks of industry" which the capitalist is supposed to take and which the worker alone actually takes.

From every other important town in the field there will be representatives. The desperate situation of the working class youth there will be considered and a well-thought out plan of action will be adopted at the conference to serve as a guide to action for the fight against the problems that face the young workers: the struggle against the pauperization of the youth, and the fight against the menace of new imperialist wars.

The success of this conference will be a signal for the repetition of this work in every field of any importance in the country. Young Workers! Rally to the conference! Besides sending your delegates, come to the conference in mass.

Watch the Daily Worker for announcement of the hall in which the conference will be held.

### YOUNG WORKER MUST HAVE HELP!

THIS issue of the Young Worker is being used by young workers engaged in particularly great struggles with the bosses in the following places:  
Anthracite Strike Fields in Pennsylvania.  
Young Workers' Conference in East Ohio and W. Virginia.  
Passaic Textile Strike.  
Hart, Schaffner and Marx organization drive.  
Five factory campaigns.  
This is quite a record. A sign of our growing mass influence. However, it puts a tremendous strain on the paper financially. It is for this reason we had to put this issue out in large type.  
The comrades and sympathizers everywhere must help to increase the contents of this paper and insure its regular publication.  
Send your contributions and subscriptions to the Young Worker, 1113 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.  
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Scharbenberg from the hall. The rest of the convention was taken up with the passing and re-passing of compliments between the "official gang."

The Young Workers (Communist) League in the early period of the strike called upon the young miners to take the most militant stand in the struggle. The manifesto of the League: "Young miners! You will be the hardest hit if the strike is not won! Get into the front ranks with the strikers! Give the strikers a militant character! Make sure that you get your share of the victory: equal wages for equal work;

# Police Don't Scare Young Passaic Strikers WIN Fight Until Victory Is Won!

FOR VICTORY IN PASSAIC!



### CANTON GOVERNMENT GROWS STRONGER

CANTON, China.—A summary of the present relation of forces in China is given as follows. The Japanese tool, Chung Tuo-Lin, remains in Manchuria where he has strengthened himself. Sun Chuan Fang, the tool of England and America, who is working hand in hand with the Chinese capitalists, has set up a camp in the lower Yangtze district. The revolutionary power, i.e. the Canton government and the national armies, have established themselves in Chuking and Huangho districts. In the southwest and in the upper Yangtze district, a few minor military rulers are carrying on a policy of their own which, however, attracts no attention in China.

### "WE'RE STRIKING BECAUSE OUR WAGES KEPT US ONE WEEK AHEAD OF STARVING"

By Mike Grahinsky, Young Textile Striker.

PASSAIC, N. J.—Some time ago the workers in the Botany Worsted Mills were cut ten per cent of their wages. Although they were getting only \$12 to \$22 a week when working full time, Mr. Johnson decided to cut their wages because he wasn't making enough money to tour the world. Although the girls and young fellows pulled thru, the men and women with families were just one week ahead of starvation. Now they went on strike to better their condi-

tions for themselves and their children and to give their children a better education by not sending them to work at the age of 13 and 14 because they have to suffer for the want of food and clothing.

The conditions of these families were proved by the committee of textile workers of Passaic and vicinity to be as follows. One family for instance had nothing to eat or clothing, no fuel except a small gas stove at which all the children were sitting barefooted warming themselves.

The conditions of the spinning room are not any better. It is filled with steam which makes the workers sweat. All day the floors are oily and the workers are in danger of slipping and injuring themselves.



Mine Workers of America will not win its battles as long as the rank and file allow Lewis to continue as the leader of the union. The demand of the moment is the unity of the young and adult miners behind the progressive miners' committee in the struggle against the Lewis betrayal.

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### SYRIANS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

BEIRUT, Syria.—Lively encounters between the Syrians, fighting for their independence from the rule of the French imperialists, and the French soldiers is reported as taking place in various parts of the country.

Support the Passaic Strikers!

## PASSAIC TEXTILE STRIKERS NOT ONLY STAND FAST BEHIND DEMANDS BUT PRESENT NEW ONES

"Let the Johnson Gang Know We are Going to Stay Out. For the Strikers is Coming in Fast. A. S. W. Donates \$1,000. Others Lining Up."

By a Young Striker.  
PASSAIC, N. J.—One of the reasons the textile workers not so readily give in to the demands of the striking textile workers is because the bosses think that the workers are not organized themselves or when organized, to stay organized. They also think that the workers are not able to fight or when they start a fight, they would not fight long. We are not sure that the bosses think that way. That's how every slave thinks of his slaves; that once a slave, always a slave. That's why, when the strikers first presented their three mild demands to the employers they sneered at them. They declared that the demands would not be considered.

The bosses thought that the workers will come back to the mills after they will stay out a week or so without work. But things did not go the bosses' way. The workers stand fast and refuse even to give a thought about going back to the mills under the old conditions. On the contrary, the workers have presented new demands and are ready to fight to the end.

The new demands are:

1. Not only the abolition of the wage cut, but a 10 per cent increase in wages over the old scale.
2. The return of the money taken from them by wage cuts since the time the wage cuts were last given.
3. Time and a half over time.
4. A forty-four hour week.
5. Decent and sanitary working conditions.
6. No discrimination against union workers.
7. Recognition of the union.

The textile workers are putting up a heroic fight. Nothing could cool their enthusiasm. The bosses have mobilized all their forces and threw them in the fight against the workers. At first the newspaper propaganda and rumors said that very few workers responded to the strike calls of the united front committees. Even after the parade, where more than 2,000 workers participated, the Passaic Daily Herald estimated the crowd as 2,765.

This is one example of the bosses' newspaper propaganda. Now the Passaic chamber of commerce is spreading rumors of peace overtures. At the same time it is spreading rumors that the united front committee is refusing to negotiate. But the strikers are unshaken; they carry on the struggle.

Every day at five o'clock in the morning, 2,000 strong, we go out on the picket line in spite of the deep snow and biting wind and cold. New masses of workers are joining the ranks of the strikers.

This week the Furstmann and Huffman mills have joined the strikers of the other mills. The bosses see now that they were mistaken. They held us in contempt. They spit into our faces. They stepped all over us regardless whether it hurt us or not. When they made the wage cuts they told us that they did it because they love us. What can be more insulting than such treatment? It is even worse than the clubbing of the police. When we presented our demands asking that the wage cut be withdrawn so that we could have some things that are necessary to keep our body and soul together; they answered us that we enjoyed prosperity. When we presented our new demands they told us that we do not want more wages or to work shorter hours of work, but we are bad children to listen to the agitator who tells us so many bad things. Just think of

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### Government Action Only Help Passaic Strikers

### Police Slug Young and Elderly Workers

By a Young Striker.

PASSAIC, N. J.—When Passaic workers marched in a peaceful demonstration to the Furstmann and Huffman mills in Clifton, N. J., on Tuesday, Feb. 9, they were met at the bridge at Ackerman Avenue by the combined forces of the Clifton, Garfield and Passaic police. It must be remembered that the territory of the police forces of the territory of one town was the result of an agreement made by the police commissioners of the cities of Passaic, Clifton and Clifton at a conference on Monday, Feb. 8.

When the strikers attempted to cross the bridge, they were without any provocation, tackled the strikers and brutally slugged them. Young and elderly women were trampled. The cops stuck their hands in the pockets of the police and spread indignation among workers in Passaic and vicinity. Because the bosses had realized that they cannot whip the strikers into the mills under old conditions so they resorted to the policy of using the force of the local government against the strikers in order to intimidate and break down the militant spirit that has been displayed by the strikers.

The bosses failed badly. Their hopes and expectations were shattered. On the contrary, the shameful act on the part of the police steeled the determination of the strikers to carry on.

It brought a wire-spreading of indignation on the part of workers against the actions of the local city administration. Thursday, when the picket line of 500 workers, marching in snow ten inches deep, to the Garfield mills, and after marching for one hour and a half, marched back passing the Clifton bridge, all of a sudden the strikers noticed the police on the bridge. Let's go through, they shouted the strikers, and they comment the strikers were marching towards the bridge. The police took a threatening attitude. They had to give in under the pressure of the surging crowd. Jubilantly the strikers entered the city of Clifton. The population of the city was on the streets, walks enthusiastically greeted the strikers. Rejoicing at the victory of the Clifton strikers, workers of the Clifton 2nd plant joined the strikers. The united and organized masses of the workers forced the local government to retreat.

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# HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX SUPPOSED TO BE UNION SHOP ACCORDING TO HILLMAN-COMPANY DEAL

Mr. Hillman Will Have to Answer Why the "Inspector" Girls Can Remain Outside the Union in a Shop Which is Supposedly Union

By Young Worker Correspondent. CHICAGO, Ill.—I work for Hart, Schaffner and Marx Clothing factory for the last eight years. I am going to tell you about the evolution of a section of workers that I think will be of great interest to the readers of the Young Workers.

These particular workers are called the factory "inspectors." I'll just tell you of the kind of work they are doing. These inspectors (they are all girls) have got to cut off all the ends of the coats. Second, she has to sew up all the rips that the coat might happen to have. (This happens to be on every coat).

Yes, something important, these tailor girls are nonunion. In order to blind the eyes of the union tailors the union officials got an agreement with Hart, Schaffner and Marx saying that the "inspectors" can only sew up a hole, smaller than three inches. They said nothing against the method of sewing up eight or ten holes and every worker knows that ten times 3 makes 30. Hillman also knew that a few years ago the inspectors were all union workers. Now he allows them to remain outside the union and work in a so-called union shop.

That is the evolution that I am talking about. Five years ago an inspector was a union worker, today, they are outlaws. Five years ago the "inspectors" received \$38 for his hard work. Today the girls receive from \$17 to \$20 for the same work. Five years ago an "inspector" had to examine from 50 to 60 coats a day. Total, thru the speed up method, the "inspectors" examine 130 coats a day.

What a difference in production and in wages? The conditions of these workers evolved backwards. It just shows the backwards evolution of Hillman also. Yes, this infamous labor faker, the president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, surely adopted the methods of all the "fat boys" from Green down, to sell out the workers to the profit of greedy capitalists.

A question brother Hillman? If the inspectors don't need to be organized, why do you keep the busmen, the finishers, the cleaners and all the rest of the sections in the union? The cleaners don't use a needle at all. They should also be outlawed according to your conception of organization. But your conception is the bunk.

The inspectors should not wait for the mercy of the bosses or Hillman. They are both your enemies. The only way to better your conditions is to form committees and to demand that you be taken into the union with full rights. That will be the first step in organizing for the fight for the abolition of the speed up system and for a \$48 week.

## OSCAR HEINEMANN YOUTH RESPOND TO LEAGUE MESSAGE

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO, Ill.—Altho the Young Workers' League has but recently been brought before the workers of the Oscar Heinemann Silk Corp. they are showing a great deal of interest in it. Issues of the Young Worker and a shop bulletin have been distributed and well received. The shop bulletin contained the following demands which are being put forward by the nucleus:

1. An 8 instead of an 8 1/2 hour day.
2. An hour instead of 1/2 hour for lunch.
3. Equally help for the helpers who work as hard as the spinners.

Many of the Young Workers expressed their approval of these demands, when they read their copy of the bulletin. It is worthy to mention that while hundred of the bulletin were distributed, not a single one was thrown away. The bulletin has given rise to a great deal of discussion inside of the shop.

With the wages at the Oscar Heinemann Corp. averaging from \$16 to \$22 (and on a piece work basis at that) the young workers certainly have a right to expect and demand a raise. They are beginning to wake up to the fact that it is because of the low pay that they are receiving that the company is able to pile up millions of dollars profit each year. The Young Workers' League

## HART, SCHAFFNER FLOOR BOYS AND SHIP CLERKS DEMAND UNIONIZATION

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

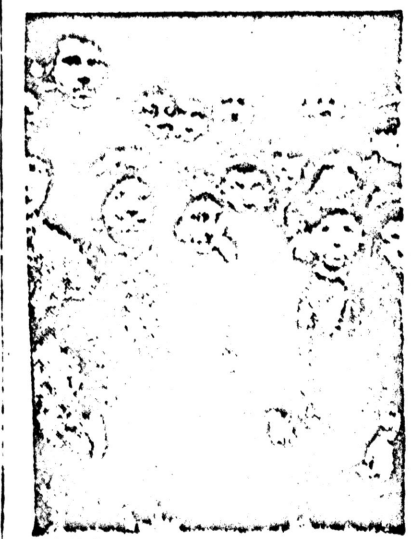
CHICAGO, Ill.—In order to show you the injustice of the clothing concerns in Chicago I will endeavor to describe some of the conditions which prevail in Hart, Schaffner and Marx. You will realize that work there is not so pleasant. The officials of this concern do not pay good wages. They usually pay \$17 per week. This may seem a large sum of money to some of the fellows who are working for \$12 to \$15, but you must realize that this is by no means enough money to live on. The shop is closed on Saturday and the boss deducts a couple of dollars from your pay every week. We get no vacation no matter how many years we work there.

Can't Get Raise. You can work for years in this concern, and yet when you ask the boss for a raise he looks at you as though you are crazy. If you come a few minutes late you get docked. If you displease the foreman you get fired. The reason they can do this is because we are not organized. All the other workers in the shop are organized, why shouldn't the floor boys, the shipping clerks and the inspectors be organized.

But you should not think that the reasons I already gave are enough. I will tell you a little more about the shop I work in. The bosses used to have more than twice as many floor boys working, but now they make every one of us do the work of two men, and make us carry bundles that we can hardly lift. Besides this they make us run errands and do many things we do not like. They speed you up and make you finish your work as soon as they could. Then they send us home and dock our pay. One fellow the other day was sent home 15 minutes before closing time and they docked him.

## Floor Boys, Inspectors, Shipping Clerks.

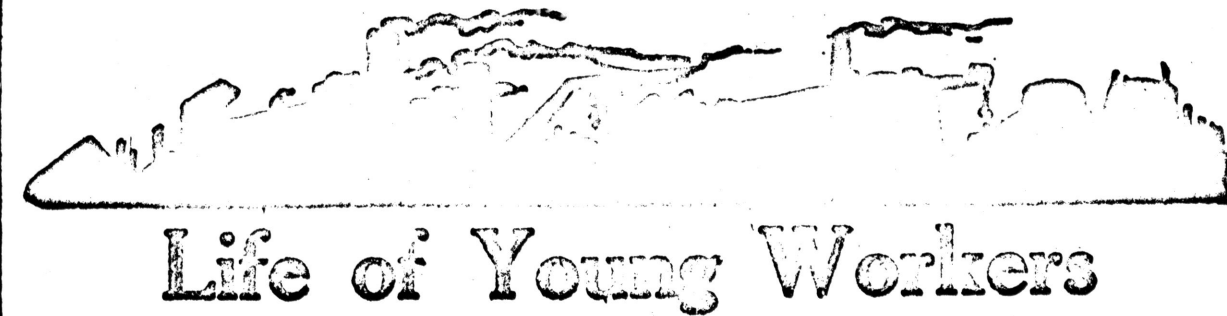
Look at the cutters, the operators, the pressers and the other workers in the shop. They are organized. They have good pay and good working conditions. We ought to organize, too. Let all of us floor boys, inspectors and shipping clerks get together and fight for admission into the union as a body. Let us ask the organized workers in the shop to help us. I am sure they will.



YOUNG MINERS BETRAYED BY LEWIS!

nucleus in the Oscar Heinemann Silk Corp. plans to carry on its work systematically until it brings the message and program of the league before every young worker in the factory, and until it includes every class conscious and militant young worker within its ranks.

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# Life of Young Workers

## Salesmen Exploited in Frank & Sedors

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—When we talk of being exploited we do not mean sales girls only, but salesmen as well. In Frank and Sedors department store where I happen to be working as a sales girl there is a Shoe Department where salesmen are mainly employed.

In this department the regular working hours are only from 8:20 in the morning till 8 or 9 in the evening. And when there is a special sale the young fellow workers are forced to work till midnight. For their extra hours they are being given 50 cents for supper in place of pay for overtime. The reason the young exploiters do not keep their slaves till midnight every day is they themselves have to take out some of the poor working girls for a "good time."

Now, these salesmen get only from \$10 to \$18 per week. The place is filthy, without air. The lights are so bright that your eyes hurt in a very short time. But this is not all, as the following lines will show.

The other day one of the fellows committed a "crime." He came in a little late because the train was delayed for one reason or another. The boss told him to "go home for the day." This poor fellow took the boss seriously and next day came ready for work. But he was told by the boss to go home for good as he was not needed any longer.

How many of the other employees of this large department store gave this little incident any consideration? How many of them realize that what happened to this fellow worker today may happen to them tomorrow?

## CAMPAIGN TO ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED MILLINERY WORKERS EFFECTS MASSES OF YOUNG MILLINERS

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO, Ill.—Thousands of workers are engaged in the millinery industry. The young workers engaged in this industry make up nearly half the total number employed. A campaign has now been started to organize the unorganized, young as well as adult workers in this industry. A question of vital importance is: what will the attitude of the young workers be towards this organization campaign? The young millinery workers should realize that irrespective of what the conditions are in the factory where they work, that on the average their situation is worse than the adult workers. During the busy time the young worker makes less than the adult worker, while in the slack time we are thrown out of work entirely.

Unionization Question for Youth The question of unionization is a more burning question for the young millinery workers than the adults. Therefore, we young workers cannot neglect this present organization campaign. We should so fight that this organization campaign, long as it may last, must be the final one, and result in the complete unionization of this industry.

The thought of how much there is to be gained from unionization will broaden the interest of every young worker. They will see in this campaign a means for the betterment of their own conditions, and thus do everything in their power to help it along. The young workers will be drawn into the work

with all their life and energy. We Want Better Conditions! We all want better conditions; higher wages, less hours, and a secure job, but we must come to the conclusion that unless we fight for it, we will never get it. With this understanding we will come nearer to the solution of our grade problems. The young workers of Russia work from 4 to six hours a day with full pay. Nobody handed them these conditions on a silver platter. They won them because they fought hand in hand with the adult workers for a better life. We, the young millinery workers of this country, can learn many lessons from our Russian comrades. We can learn to fully assist our adult brothers and sisters in their struggles.

Millinery Struggle is on. The millinery struggle is on now. The youth as well as the adult workers are determined to win it. Only then will the victory be on the workers' side. The young millinery workers should not feel isolated in this struggle.

Support of Young Communists. The Young Workers (Communist) League of America, the organization of the young workers of this country, strives to lead the working youth in their struggles, stands solidly behind the young millinery workers in their present unionization drive. The Young Workers (Communist) League calls upon all the young millinery workers to line up in the union of their trade and to do everything in their power to help the present unionization drive.



Lewis—I won the strike, didn't I? Miner—Like hell you did!

## "PERMANENT WORK" WANT ADS FOOL BINDERY GIRLS INTO TWO-WEEK JOBS

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—In answer, to an advertisement in the Pittsburgh "Press" calling for bindery girls, experienced or not experienced, wanting permanent work, about 35 answered the ad next morning.

Out of this number two were picked for the bindery and one for feeding the press. All three were assured of permanent work and the two doing the bindery work were given \$15 a week, for 48 hours, and the other one \$18, work was a cold, nonunion shop owned by a Mr. Weiss, who furnished the capital but knew little of anything of the work. His partner was Mr. Lewis, a staunch American Legion man, who furnished the brains for the shop and for his good services to the bosses and the legion is being given a trip to Paris in 1927, his expenses being paid by the American Legion.

During the first week of work, one of the girls thru an accident on the trolley was late a few minutes and the two of them so the problem for her was how can she get work for her daughter.

## "NEED FIGHTING UNION," YOUNG PRINTER OF DOW'S PLANT WRITES

(Note: This letter was received from a young worker in the Dow Printing plant where the Young Workers (Communist) League is carrying on a campaign. It was published in No. 10 of the "Printer's Shop News," the League Shop Bulletin.)

(By Young Worker Correspondent) ST. PAUL, Minn.—"I read your bulletin regularly and I see you are interested in our conditions. You have shown us that the boss when he lays us off, does

## Bishop Candy Factory Invaded in Rain

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

ON Tuesday, February 2, a group of Young Workers (Communist) League members appeared in front of Bishop's Candy Factory. This ferocious-looking bunch, no doubt, had sinister plans—to bomb the factory, perhaps. Who knows what these terrible Bolsheviks will do? Soon their plans were revealed thru their deeds. This consisted of distributing leaflets and Young Workers to the youthful wage-slaves employed by the millionaire confectionaire, the Hon. Mr. Bishop.

It began to rain. The whistle blew—the signal that the slaves may stop working for a few hours, go home, eat supper, and renew their energy for tomorrow's work. Young boys and girls came out, rushing for the packed street cars. Halt! His majesty Mr. Bishop himself came out. Don't get excited. If didn't break his neck to get a street car. He stepped up to a Pierce-Arrow limousine, the door of which was opened by a Negro chauffeur, and rode on leisurely.

The wage-slaves, who make it possible for Mr. Bishop to ride around in limousines, continued to rush for crowded street cars. The rain came down harder. The Y. W. L. members, however, were not daunted. The harder it rained, the more literature we distributed. What does a little rain matter in our efforts to awaken the young toilers. Nothing can stop us! The young workers must soon be awakened, and we, the Communist youth must be the ones to awaken them.—Gussie Kositzka.

time to drive the individual workers. He stands behind their backs demanding quantity production.

We workers are so afraid of our jobs that we accept these insults quietly. The boss controls us by such intimidation. I think that if we workers would use more brains and join the union, such conditions would not exist. I hope that if you keep up your bulletin exposing our rotten conditions, we may in time all together succeed in accomplishing what we lack—a fighting union.

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# BOSSSES' PROPAGANDA ANSWERED YOUNG MILL WORKER

"If Blood-Sucker Johnson Fights the Communists, Then There is Nothing Wrong With the Communists!"

By a Young Striker.

PASSAIC, N. J.—The capitalist newspapers of this burg carry a whole lot of the mill owners' propaganda. Particularly the propaganda of Col. Johnson and the owners of the F. & H. Mill. They shout about "outside agitators," "irresponsible people" and Bolshevism. Now and then the newspapers print the bogey stories about Albert Weisbord being called by the "respectable" (100 per cent—the greatest flag waver of them all) Col. Johnson all kinds of names. Very often they refer to Weisbord as "the outside agitator."

Show us Johnson Bunk. Now let us see who is an outsider and who is the irresponsible person. Weisbord may be the agitator for the interest of the strikers and their wives and children, but who is this loud mouthed Johnson? He is the agitator for the bosses' crew. He is trying to convince us that it is to our benefit to accept wage cuts. The bosses do not work in the mills. They do not produce anything. All they do is to make us work for them and then get large profits from our labors.

The Useless Fat Boys. They are the useless people. A bunch of bloody parasites. They fatten themselves on the blood and sweat of the workers. Like a burdensome pack of vampires they sit on the backs of the workers and suck every bit of energy and vitality out of the bodies of the workers and convert it into yellow gold. But the workers of the mills are awakened and are going to fight every inch of the ground until we achieve our victory. The day when we shall overthrow the yoke of the Johnsons and Co. Then these fat boys will also have to do their work beside us on the bench or at the loom.

We Stand by Our Strikers. As to Albert Weisbord, he is the last one to be called an outsider. He is the best fighter among us. He knows how to stick up for our rights and he fights bravely. On the other hand about the bloody sucker Johnson and his crew who support the bosses. They hands down wage cuts, our hours, make us work harder and harder. What do we do? When we protest these rotten conditions, they send the police to beat us. They hate Weisbord, but this strike he is the father of the strikers and a defender of the working class.

Then the bosses speak of responsibility. Who in the world can be compared to Johnson's lack of responsibility? His crew in lack of responsibility is a term to characterize Johnson. He is a first degree scoundrel, as far as the workers concerned. The whole lot that he represents are parasites, horse thieves, shiners and bootleggers. Johnson and his crew who are responsible for the children and workers dying for want of food.

The Bolsheviks Begay. Now about the bogey of shoveln. Johnson thinks he has made a wise crack. He says that he is going to scare the workers into fighting by telling that Weisbord is a Communist. Now the workers see that Weisbord fights with them. It would just like to say that a man like Weisbord is a Communist and a dirty blood sucker. Johnson fights him and the Communists, then I guess they nothing wrong with the Communists and I better join them. I learn like Weisbord, how to fight the bosses.

## Passaic Daily News Incites Police Attacks Then Plays Innocent

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

PASSAIC, N. J.—After the victorious march of the textile strikers of Passaic and vicinity into the city of Clifton, where the police did not offer any violent resistance as they did on Tuesday, Feb. 8, the Passaic Daily News came out and claimed that he reason the police were forced to abandon their gorilla methods in treating the strikers, was because of an editorial that appeared in the Passaic Daily News on Wednesday, Feb. 10, the day after the attack upon the strikers, criticizing the activities of the police.

Such hypocrisy cannot but raise the indignation of the workers against the supporters of the bosses. The Passaic Daily News as well as any other tool of the bosses is guilty and responsible for the brutal onslaught upon the strikers. If the Passaic Daily News would have the welfare and justice to the strikers close to its heart then the Passaic Daily News would have used its influence and authority to induce the three police commissioners of Passaic, Garfield and Clifton not to conspire against the strikers.

Because the Passaic Daily News connected with local administration was informed and knew of the conference by the three police commissioners of Passaic, Garfield and Clifton where they arrived at an agreement that in order to successfully combat the strikers they must concentrate and combine the police forces of all the three towns and launch a vigorous attack.

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We Stand by Our Strikers. As to Albert Weisbord, he is the last one to be called an outsider. He is the best fighter among us. He knows how to stick up for our rights and he fights bravely. On the other hand about the bloody sucker Johnson and his crew who support the bosses. They hands down wage cuts, our hours, make us work harder and harder. What do we do? When we protest these rotten conditions, they send the police to beat us. They hate Weisbord, but this strike he is the father of the strikers and a defender of the working class.

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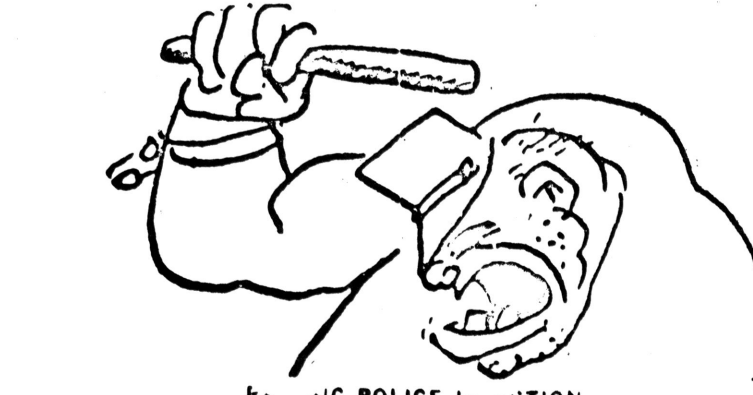
The wage-slaves, who make it possible for Mr. Bishop to ride around in limousines, continued to rush for crowded street cars. The rain came down harder. The Y. W. L. members, however, were not daunted. The harder it rained, the more literature we distributed. What does a little rain matter in our efforts to awaken the young toilers. Nothing can stop us! The young workers must soon be awakened, and we, the Communist youth must be the ones to awaken them.—Gussie Kositzka.

time to drive the individual workers. He stands behind their backs demanding quantity production.

We workers are so afraid of our jobs that we accept these insults quietly. The boss controls us by such intimidation. I think that if we workers would use more brains and join the union, such conditions would not exist. I hope that if you keep up your bulletin exposing our rotten conditions, we may in time all together succeed in accomplishing what we lack—a fighting union.

Rally to the East Ohio Young Workers' Conference!

Support the Passaic Strikers!



PASSAIC POLICE IN ACTION.





# LOS ANGELES YOUNG COMMUNISTS ASK YIPSELS FOR UNITED FRONT

## Issue Fighting R. O. T. C. in High School

### YOUNG SOCIALISTS TALK OF "JUST" AMERICA

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—The proposal of the Young Workers' (Communist) League is revealed in all its nakedness, in its offspring—the Young Peoples' Socialist League. The following incident, clearly and undeniably illustrates the degeneracy of the Socialist movement.

A committee from the Young Workers' (Communist) League was sent to the Yipseles, on Thursday, Jan. 28, with the proposal that a united front be formed for the purpose of fighting the R. O. T. C. in a certain high school, which a great number of Yipseles attend. The Y. W. C. L. delegate was given the floor, and pointed out the real purpose of the R. O. T. C., which is to manufacture soldiers for the impending wars. She explained how war is merely an expression of economic differences between capitalists of different nations; that a new war is being prepared, morally and physically, to participate in the militaristic maneuvers of the capitalists. She showed that the workers gain nothing, and lose everything from war, and therefore, called upon the Yipseles to join with the Y. W. C. L. and fight militarism.

What was the response of the frightened Socialist youth, the delicate champions of a new social order? There were varying opinions as to the advisability of entering upon such activity. A few were in favor of it, but even these were half-hearted. They contended that such a tactic is too small for them; they need something of a greater magnitude. Well do they understand the Leninist principle of mass penetration.

Our "Just" America?

Other youthful representatives of the Socialist movement denounced an attack against militarism as an attack against "Just America." One said (this really happened, it is not a "gment of the imagination") that "America is a righteous one," and when she enters a war, she is morally justified. Therefore, we should be in fa-

vor of the R. O. T. C., as it prepares us to defend the cause of justice.

Others were opposed to the proposal out of pure, unadulterated cowardice. These were mainly the students of the high school in question. They were afraid to enter a campaign which might endanger their position at school. Yes, they were opposed to militarism in principle. But then principle is one thing, and practice is another. If this is not the role of the yellow Socialist, if this is not typical of the petty-bourgeois ideology of the S. P., what is? Oh, it's all right to believe that capitalism is evil and oppressive, but to do anything against capitalism is quite another story.

Sheep Follow Shepherd.

Finally, the chairman, who is called the "sponsor," who is addressed as "Miss," and who is a born school-marm, if there ever was one, capped this heroic expression of these youthful reformers by adding her words of wisdom. She mouthed a few asinine words that had no bearing whatsoever on the subject, thus trying to prove the inexpediency of accepting this proposal. No doubt, her job is to see that these young enthusiasts do not deviate from the "straight and narrow path."

The sheep followed the shepherd. Her "oration" bore fruit. The vote resulted in a tie, but she, the guiding spirit, turned it into a victory for the negative.

This was not the end. Some Yipseles wanted to pacify the tiny bit of revolutionary conscience that (strange to say) yet remains. Consequently, they passed a resolution against militarism. Genuine Socialists! They are dealers in meaningless phrases. Nothing more. Their Socialist fathers can justly be proud of these Yipseles; they are true to type. They are following, precisely, in the footsteps of their elders. With such courage, with such heroism as they manifest, assuredly, they are the inspired liberators of the working class.

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U. M. W. LOCAL UNION 108 ELECTS DELEGATES TO E. OHIO YOUNG WORKERS' CONFERENCE

AVELLA, Pa.—A definite sign of the forward swing of the East Ohio Young Workers' conference. The delegates were elected from Local Union No. 2881, United Mine Workers of America to attend the Young Workers' conference.

George Pappeun spoke on the necessity of the Young Workers' conference. The delegates represent about 300 or 400 miners of which 100 are young miners. The necessity of this local union was fully great.

Local unions will endorse the Young Workers' conference soon. After the confer-

### A MATERIAL CONTRIBUTION TO DISCUSSION ON YOUNG WORKER

By RUFUS P. HEATH  
Young Worker Correspondent

Presently the Young Worker is from its present state of financial decline. I, the undersigned member of the Young Workers (Communist) League of America, hereby pledge to donate to the national office of the aforementioned organization, Ten Per Cent (10%) of the total amount of my savings for a period of six months of actual working time, the time that I am unemployed not to count. Which amount will go for a double purpose, viz., the Young Worker in part payment of its (the Young Worker) debt to the Daily Worker.

Of course! I fully realize that the member of a small group of members, adopting this pledge, could do little or no good on the one hand, while on the other, a majority of the League membership adopt it, the Young Worker, debt to the Daily Worker could be settled in full in a reasonable length of time, and the Young Worker could again thrive.

no substantial financial basis. Better yet! By this system, it could even be built up until it reached the point where it could appear as a DAILY.

I would suggest that the membership and all official units of the League, consider this pledge, the purpose for which it stands and adopt it, as far as possible, sent itself.

every time the opportunity presents itself.

I further request that this pledge be published in the next issue of The Young Worker, and that all members who possibly can afford to, adopt it. It is a case of life and death with our press, The Young Worker.

Some of our members who are working in the national office, at the present time, are only getting half pay. So I believe that they should automatically be exempt, to donate what they can spare.

I suggest that this pledge be taken up at all League meetings and be discussed, acted upon and passed as often as possible.

E. OHIO YOUTH CONFERENCE BENEFIT AFFAIR. ATTEND!

CLEVELAND, Ohio — A basket party and entertainment is being given by the Jewish Branch of the Young Workers (Communist) League for the benefit of the East Ohio Youth Conference.

The Party will be given at 5311 Woodland Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 5 P. M. Admission will be free.

For the Recognition of the Soviet Union!

Unite For Protection of Foreign Born Workers!

Local 2881 plans to hold a mass meeting which will hear the reports of the conference delegates. Among the delegates there will be one young Negro miner.

### SEVENTH CONGRESS, RUSSIAN LENINIST YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE. GREETINGS!

The American Young Communist League, looks to the Russian Leninist Young Communist League, on the occasion of its seventh congress and finds it immeasurably stronger than ever before. The growth of the league gives us the greatest proof of the increasing firmness and strength of the First Workers' Republic.

In Imperialist America, where the capitalist class lays hitherto unheard of levies upon the workers of America and the workers of the world, we look to your work and take courage and example from it. The workers in our country are learning their lessons from our Russian comrades and are helping to build the American revolutionary movement as a result of it.

We feel confident that under the leadership and with the guidance of the Young Communist International, the seventh congress will take the right road towards the building of a Communist Society in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republic and the accomplishment of the World Revolution.

We pledge undying support in this work. May your example take root in the heart of every worker in the world!

Long live the Russian Leninist Young Communist League!

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### PROBLEMS IN SHOP NUCLEI WORK

By SAM DARCY.

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#### No. 2.—On Getting Fired

FROM New York, and the east then a meeting should be called. Care should always be taken that no hiskippit of the boss who is liable to "squeal" is taken in on what is being done. At the meeting the discussion should consist of the demands to be set up and the means of getting the other workers into the fight. From then on these meetings are to be held whenever they are needed always with additional workers if possible. It should be agreed upon however before the fight is brought into the open is that there should be absolute joint action on the part of everybody—especially against any possible discriminations that a boss always practices. Otherwise the boss may grant the demands—then fire the leaders of the strike and again go back to the level before the fight. This of course may not be necessary where the shop is organized but even there if there are reactionary officials great care must be taken on this point.

Throughout all this one thing must be kept in mind that the working class gains only a little in winning this strike. The important gain is the bringing of the best elements brought to the surface during the struggle into the nucleus of the Y. W. C. L. This is a permanent gain and an advancement in the class struggle. Every moment therefore that the fight is going on the League nucleus or concentration group must be personal agitation in some cases—by leaflets in other cases—build the prestige of the League and make organization gains for it.

At election time one on the candidates, etc. Then satirical cartoons should be used.

The biggest problem in shop bulletins is to make them so simple that the most uneducated worker will understand them. The average mental age of a young worker of twenty is about fifteen or sixteen—due to the training that capitalism has given him or her—and the bulletins must be written in a manner that is understandable to that age.

On the question of distribution: one comrade reports that after distributing a bulletin for several weeks the boss began to watch for the person who was doing it. One day the comrade put one up in the lavatory when he was alone. When he went out the foreman went in. The sum eddy the comrade was fired. The lavatory had been watched before he went in.

Another comrade reports that after distributing the bulletin for several issues he found to his surprise that the workers were beginning to feel apathetic to it. He was told to tell some workers who he was sure would not "squeal" to the boss of what he was doing and ask them to write things for the bulletin and help him get it out. Soon a conspiracy developed through the shop and the workers began to work with him on the paper and chuckle with him on the effect the paper was having on the foreman and the bosses. This made the workers more receptive to what the comrade had been telling them previously and the result was a better spirit of class interest against the boss.

In brief: the important to remember are to write the bulletins in popular fashion, to draw in other young workers in putting it out, and not to get caught distributing them if there is any chance of losing your job as a result of it.

### BOY SCOUT ANNIVERSARY OCCASION FOR FASCIST AND STRIKEBREAKER TALKS

#### Religious Dope Helps to Make Scouts Tools of Bosses

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—All placed a wreath at the Gateway Memorial as an expression of "sympathy" for Minneapolis workers killed in the war.

St. Paul Boy Scouts also were given propaganda this week at the Faith Lutheran Church. Rev. L. Grant told the scouts that the scout oath is "another wording of the Ten Commandments" and that these are the "foundations of our society."

The five local radio stations presented hours of "Boy Scout" programs today. By remote control from WEAF New York, WCCO broadcasted speeches by Dan Beard, Baden Powell and other national agents of Big Business.

Most Twin City young workers know that the Boy Scouts is an organization for the rich. Still by means of powerful propaganda the capitalists are able to enlist numbers of working class youth into their ranks. The Twin City Leagues will use every means to make clear the capitalist militaristic designs of this organization and will fight to bring the young workers into the organization of their class, the Young Workers (Communist) League.

WHAT, NO HEAT AND COLD, DO THE CHARLESTON, SAYS YOUNG GIRLS BOSS

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY.—There is a Peerless Sample Card Co. in New York City and many a young girl is working in that factory. The wages are quiet low and the work quiet hard. Well, one day when the girls came to work there was no heat and water. It was so cold that one girl even cried and naturally the girls kicked.

### NUCLEUS FORMED IN AVELLA COAL MINERS

AVELLA, Pa.—At a meeting of young coal miners where George Pappeun, district organizer for the Y. W. C. L., on the aims of the Young Workers' (Communist) League, new members lined up.

These nine formed a nucleus of the coal mine here. All are members of the U. M. W. A. is a chance to start another nucleus soon. The other districts had best watch their laurels as this new nucleus is getting up by a young coal diggers who are the D. O. to address them.

500 MINERS STRIKE WILKENS-BARRE, Pa. minutes after they returned work under the "Black 25" agreement, 500 anthracite miners of the Pennsylvania Coal Company went on strike. Wages are in the issue.

But there is a boss and a man in the back and they are working. Many a girl felt like being the boss's nose, but she is helpless, said: "Oh, if I could only get married!"

A quarter of an hour later the boss said, "Oh, I am giving you an extra quarter an hour to warm up." (Charleston.) The frozen girls of the Charleston and then work again all freezing and shivering. A few days later it was cold again. One girl complained it to the foreman.

The boss happened to be behind. Send her home, if she is not like it here. This was much already and all the girls protested and the girl did not home. Well, this is a fine ample girls, if you stick to the boss can't ride over your back so easily. Remember, of lesson and always attack together with your fellow workers.

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Young Textile Workers  
Young Garment Workers  
and YOU young workers in about a hundred shops who have used this paper in your fight against your boss.

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## EDITORIALS

### PASSAIC STRIKE

THE militancy in the strike of the more than 10,000 textile workers of Passaic, New Jersey, and vicinity is growing daily. No little part of the credit for this is due to the many thousands of young workers between 14 and 20 years of age who are in the forefront of this strike movement. The strike committee is doing all in its power to help the young workers take a leading part in the strike movement. For this purpose a special mass meeting of young strikers has been scheduled.

When the strikers endeavored to picket the plants in Clifton the heavy hand of the local governmental machine descended on them. Many men, women and young girl strikers were badly beaten by the clubs of the police. The role of the government as the armed fist of the ruling, boss class was shown in all its hideousness to the Passaic strikers. The lesson of struggling jointly against the bosses and their tool—the government was clearly driven home to these strikers.

Instead of resulting in a set back the dastardly attack of the police resulted in a more firmly knitting together the strikers in their struggle. Not only did they stand up solidly for their old demands, but presented many new ones which grew out of the struggle.

Today the big question which will assure the success of the strike, is the question of relief. From the first day of the strike, the strike committee realized that this was a burning question. The movement for the unity of all workers' organizations for the relief of the strikers was set into motion. A good start has been made but that is not enough. In struggling against the 10-hour day, wage cuts, the speed up system and for the right to organize, the Passaic strikers are fighting the battles of the entire American working class. If the Passaic strikers win their heroic battle, the bosses of the other industries will hesitate in their offensive against the standard of living of the working class. Hence, all militant young workers will not hesitate to immediately take up the question of relief in their unions and other organizations.

As to the bosses' propaganda in the left press, about "outside agitators and Communists" all we can do is answer in the words of a young textile striker: "If Johnson rights the Communists, then there must be something good about the Communists and I ought to join them and learn how to fight the bosses effectively."

### EAST OHIO YOUNG WORKERS' CONFERENCE

THE final drive for the East Ohio Young Workers Conference scheduled for Bellaire, Ohio, on Feb. 25th, is now under way. There are three organizers in the field who are energetically undertaking the last minute organizational work. From all estimates there will be present at least 300 militant delegates.

The later results of the conference organization efforts are really heartening. The lack of finances threatened to give a set back to the work undertaken in the beginning. But with the renewed energy of the League members enlisted with this work and the non-party youth who were cooperating so well a definite upward sweep was noted.

It is significant that among the delegates there will be three representing local of the U. M. W. A. from Avella, Pa., among whom there will be a young Negro delegate. This delegate will be of tremendous aid in helping to formulate the correct policy and approach to the thousands of young Negro workers in the vicinity and to be a real demonstration of the unity of interests between all workers. The fact that the World Mine, where the recent strike occurred and the Glass Works of Bellaire, where the re-

**THE philosophy of Marxism is materialism,"** says Lenin. In an essay entitled "The Three Original Sources of Marxism and its Three Essential Parts," he writes: "During the entire recent history of Europe and especially in France, where the decisive struggle was fought out against all medieval rubbish and against material and mental slavery, materialism was seen to be the only consistent philosophy, in accordance with the natural sciences, and determinedly rejecting superstition, hypocrisy, etc. Foes of democracy have since tried in every way to 'overthrow' despise, ridicule materialism and defend the various kinds of philosophic idealism, which in

one or another way defended and supported religion." Lenin shows how Marx and Engels always came out uncompromisingly as philosophic materialists and developed the materialist philosophy. Their doctrine is dialectics, it is the doctrine of evolution in its most complete, its deepest form, free from one-sidedness, the doctrine of the exact, although relative ability to reflect the unceasing evolution in the material world. The test of the ability of human knowledge to give a reliable picture, the most correct picture possible of the material life is the fact that the human race is existing and going on. The recent discoveries of the natural sciences—radio, electrons, the divisibility of the elements—have to a high degree strengthened dia-

lectic materialism and disapproved the "new" attempts of bourgeois philosophy to return to the old, deceived idealism. "In deepening and developing philosophic materialism, Marx brought it to its conclusions. He applied the natural sciences to the knowledge of human society. The highest achievement of scientific thought was the historical materialism of Marx. In the piece of chaos and haziness, which had up to this time ruled historical and political concepts, there came an admirably coherent and systematic, scientific theory." The social knowledge of man (that is, various philosophic, religious, political, and other doctrines and view-points) reflect the economic structure of society."—Marx's philosophy is philosophic mater-

ialism developed to its conclusion, and has given humanity, especially the working class, the greatest weapon of knowledge." The two other parts of which Marxism consists are the economic theory developed in "Capital," and the doctrine of class struggle. Lenin has further explained these matters in an essay "Marxism and Leninism," written for a legal encyclopedia in Russia. The parts which treat of Marxian philosophy and economy are still available, but the third part, which treated of Marxian revolutionary tactics, was deleted by the czarist censor and has been lost. Lenin met mercilessly all attempts to revive idealism in some "modern" and "scientific" form as reactionary backslidings to super-

stition. In the year 1908, he wrote his philosophical work, "Materialism and Empire Criticism," after some comrades (Ladacharsky, Bogdanoff) during the confusion of the time of reaction, began to "seek" some "new" ways and slid back to idealism, yielding to the doctrines of Ernst Mach and Avenarius. He accused them of cowardice in not openly admitting that they had left the ground of materials and had "made a revolt on their knees," as proved by experience, with "going back to Kant," with recognizing the "Ding and Sich," that is, the independent existence of matter. Lenin explains that the Kantian philosophy was an attempt to strike a compromise between materialism and idealism, with "Ding and Sich." He bowed be-

fore materialism, but denying the ability of human consciousness to understand matter, he slid to idealism. "The world is bound movement of matter, our consciousness, which is the highest product of nature, is able of conceiving this." Behind the gnomological speculation about things (speculations about things which you cannot know) lies the struggle of Kantian philosophy, a struggle which the last analysis is an expression of the ideologies of the various classes of our society. The Kantian philosophy is as part of the philosophy of two thousand years ago. It is basically the question of materialism and idealism, masked by new learned charlatan slogans and words of ed impartiality."

### Rush Relief Funds to Passaic Strike

By Clarence Miller.

PASSAIC, N. J.—Four thousand workers from the Forstman and Huffman worsted spinning mills will soon join the nine thousand strikers of the different textile mills in Passaic, N. J. Many thousands of these are young workers between 14 and 20 years of age. The ten-hour day, the \$12 per week wages, the unsanitary conditions existing in the mills, the speed-up system and the right to organize are some of the problems that made these workers come out on strike. There are a few more mills that are still working in this vicinity, but they too will soon follow suit.

Many different plants in the city as the rubber works, chemical works, handkerchief factories, etc., where the wages of the workers as well as their conditions are similar to those in the textile mills are beginning to "shake."

Strikers Mercilessly Clubbed. Beating with extra heavy police clubs did not prevent the

workers from picketing and demonstrating in front of the plants located in Clifton, a town adjoining Passaic. Twenty men and women strikers, many of whom were young girls, almost children, were badly beaten and clubbed by the local police who must have been in the employ of the bosses. One woman at the time of writing this article is in a critical condition and it is questionable as to whether she will live. The day following the beating an ex-service man, a striker, came to the picket lines dressed in his A. E. F. outfit, including his steel trench helmet. His helmet was to protect him from the clubs of the American "Cossacks." It must have been a part of the "democracy" that he fought for during the war.

Strikers Show Militant Spirit. In spite of the police persecutions, the starvation, and the methods that the bosses use to trick the workers back to work their morale is on the increase. The slow but constant and systematic spread of the strike movement has been an inspiration to the fighting workers. These successes have shown

them the importance of organized action. The daily picket lines consist of several thousand strikers. The young workers with their youthful enthusiasm, and with their singing adds the pep to the marches. The young workers are also in the forefront of the relief workers, and bring help to those who need it.

Relief Needed. It is almost four weeks that some of the mills are out on strike. It is not possible for these underpaid workers to hold out much longer, unless help comes in from some place. It is imperative that all the workers throughout the country get in back of these strikers. These strikers are fighting the battle against lowering the standard of living of all the workers in this country. If they lose it will mean a setback for the rest of the American workers.

Many local trade unions and other workers' organizations have attended a conference for the relief of the workers. The Young Workers League of Passaic was also represented there. It is advisable that in all other cities conferences for this pur-

pose be called to arrange for the raising of funds for the strikers. Funds should be sent immediately to the Strikers' Relief Committee at 743 Maine Ave., Passaic, N. J.

### Strikers Stand Fast

(Continued from page 1)

it, more wages and less hours; better working conditions. Colonel Johnson by his talk shows that he thinks that we are not able to judge what is good or bad for us.

But let the Johnson gang know we are going to stay out. Their hopes of starving us to death will not be realized. Relief is coming in fast. Already the Associated Silk Workers' Union has donated \$1,000. A city organization donated \$500. Affairs and entertainments are being arranged for the benefit of the strikers. A tag day is being held. Money is coming pretty thick from the Passaic and New York organizations. More workers will join and are swelling our ranks. All indications are that we are going to win the strike.

### THE WORLD SITUATION

The chief characteristic of the situation is the partial stabilization of international capital. Nevertheless this partial and temporary stabilization occurred in the period of "dying capitalism." Hence the partial and temporary stabilization encounters many limitations. The most important of these are: (1) The disorganization of the capitalist influence in the East. (2) The constant retrogression of the economic development of England. (3) The crisis in France, which is assuming the features of threatening revolution. (4) The commencement of a crisis in Germany, where the negative results of the Dawes plan are beginning to be felt, and (5) The serious crisis in Poland.

### THE LOCARNO PACT

The real meaning of the Locarno pact is the following:

1. Locarno is directed against the Soviet Union.
2. Locarno is an attempt to tame bourgeois France.
3. Locarno is an attempt on America's part to create a situation in Europe which will enable America to invest her capital in Europe without risk.
4. Locarno contains elements of a rapprochement between the European countries for purposes of self-defense against the role to be played by America in the future.

cent strike of the 200 young glass workers took place, will be represented is a further heartening sign.

This will be the first conference of its kind ever held in the United States. It certainly is not the last of its kind. The decisions made at this conference in the struggle against the pauperization of the working youth, against the dangers of new wars, etc., will have to be systematically carried out after the conference. The conference must result in laying the basis for the convening of a network of conferences throughout the country which should result in the calling of a national working youth conference with delegates from all sections of the delegates from all sections of the country. At that time we can truly say that the masses of the young workers of this country have been set into motion in the struggle against capitalism.



SAVE THE YOUNG WORKER ON ITS FOURTH BIRTHDAY!

### EIGHT MINERS CONVICTED IN ZEIGLER CASE

BENTON COURTHOUSE, Benton, Ill.—Eight out of the thirteen defendants in the Zeigler coal miners' frame-up were convicted today on the charge of assault with intent to murder by a verdict of the jury. The penalty for the charge is imprisonment of from one to fourteen years. Five of the defendants were released. The attorneys for the defense immediately moved for a new trial, and hearings on the motion have been set for March 29. Those convicted are Henry Corbushy, Frank Corbushy, Stanley Paurez, Ignatz Simich, Martin Simich, Mike Karadlen, Eddie Maliski and Steve Meanovich.

### FASCISM IN SOUTH TYROL

South Tyrol is located in the northern part of Italy between Switzerland and Austria. It is predominantly a German speaking country. It was handed over to Italy as payment for breaking the triple alliance with Germany and Austria by the treaty of London when President Wilson sanctioned the violation of point IX of his famous 14 points. The fascist craze for hegemony in central Europe is responsible for the present overrunning of the country. Papers are being suppressed, schools are changed from German to Italian-speaking institutions and the high hand of Mussolini runs rampant.

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### ANTI-INDEPENDENCE BUNK PEDDLED IN FILIPINO SCHOOL DEBATE

By Student Correspondent  
BLAIR STA., Pa.—One day last month a debate was held in our school on the question: Should the Philippines have their independence?

One of the debaters said: "We are spending millions of dollars for the Philippines and do not get any profit from it." Then in trying to make another point he said: "If we give the Philippines their independence, probably England, France or Italy would swoop down and capture the Philippine Islands and take away our trade."

With this latter point he admitted that the American imperialists are profiting by exploiting the workers and farmers of the Philippines.

In stating another point he said: "Anyway the best people of the Philippines, do not want independence." He did not however, state who these best people are. Very likely they were those capitalists most directly connected with the foreign exploiters. The great mass of the people on the Philippine Islands demand independence and will fight for it.

Of course the American capitalists do not want to free the Philippines. Because under their rotten system they make the natives of the islands work for a few cents a day and thus pile up immense profits for themselves.

The judges of this debate were the principal and two teachers. This shows that these teachers are governed by policies of the United States Steel Corporation and it is only by allying themselves with the workers in their struggle that they will be doing good work.

### YOUNG UKRAINIAN WORKERS JOIN LEAGUE IN BODY

DETROIT, Mich.—The Young Ukrainian workers of Hamtramck have joined the Young Workers (Communist) League in a body a short time ago. Any comrade living in this part of Detroit is urged to attend the meetings and join the League. We meet every Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in the Grayling Hall, 2376 Grayling Ave.



### NEW LIFE SEEN IN MOVEMENT FOR ORGANIZATION OF LABOR SPORTS UNION IN THE UNITED STATES

THE Sports Work is making definite headway on a national scale and in various parts of the country. The New League has a functioning Sports Department which is the basis for the combining of existing Sports Groups with Sports Groups which are being organized. Detroit is holding a local Workers Sports Alliance which is gaining in strength. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh have now stepped into line by setting up Sports Departments. Chicago has already set its date for a preliminary conference out of which the Workers Athletic Union will be formed.

### RUSSIA TO HOLD RIVAL OF OLYMPIC GAMES AT TIFLIS

By Charles Erickson  
It has come to the writer's attention that Soviet Russia is preparing an annual sporting event for the benefit of its proletarian athletes. In more respects than one it will outrival the capitalist Olympic games. The first of these meets will be held in Tiflis this coming spring. Over 1,000 entries are reported to have been obtained in China, Persia and Afghanistan.

Under the Soviet government athletic policy the purpose of the events will be to promote physical and mental development of its members and not as the capitalists would have it, merely the winning of prizes. As a consequence many of the events will lack competitive features. The meet is to be called the Octoberiad, in honor of the October revolution.

The materialists were charged with better spirit of class interest with admitting something not one comrade has said.

### RUSSIAN CHESS CHAMPIONS AUSTRIAN TOURNAMENT

VIENNA, Austria—According to reports the Russian chess champion, who won the recent international tournament at Moscow, Bogoljubow, will not participate in an Austrian chess tournament to be held here.

The report states that Bogoljubow is in protest to the participation of the "White" Russians who are charged with conspiracy against the life of the Soviet sister to Austria.

### CANADIAN LEAGUE STARTS WORK FOR LABOR SPORTS

TORONTO, Canada—The Young Communist League is beginning in earnest its work helping the Workers Sports Movement to develop. In the first steps have been taken three sports bodies are being organized. The League believes that this can be the basis of a national workers' sports organization.



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