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LABOR SPORTS UNION LAUNCHED AT THE DETROIT CONFERENCE

LABOR OFFICIALS GREET DELEGATES

By E. B.

DETROIT.—A movement which had been developing for many years finally found expression in the conference held in conjunction with the athletic arrival of a number of labor sports clubs in Detroit, on January 13-16.

Twenty-five delegates bearing credentials from about thirty worker athletic organizations, representing a total membership of over two thousand senior members and about a thousand junior members and covering an area which extends from New York City to Duluth, Minnesota, unanimously voted for the immediate organization of a workers' athletic organization to be known as the Labor Sports Union, whose main purpose shall be to encourage athletic activities by workers and win them away from the influence of the bosses who utilize the Amateur Athletic Union and similar bodies to spread anti-labor propaganda.

Conference Opens.

The conference was opened by Walter Burke, contributing writer to the sports column of the Detroit Federation of Labor News, who was elected chairman, with Brother Lettoner of the Waukegan Indoor Athletic Club as vice-chairman, and Paul C. Kline, editor of the Chicago Federation of Labor News and Brother Wittak, of the Vilkas Athletic Club as secretary and assistant secretary respectively.

The first day of the conference was occupied with a lengthy discussion on how to organize most effectively and

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Ask Powers to Ship Army in Shanghai Against Cantonese

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 18.—Officials of the International settlement here yesterday sent out a call to the powers to rush an army of at least 20,000 into Shanghai before the city could be captured by the approaching Cantonese nationalist forces.

Simultaneously the French legation at Peking has protested in regular form to the Peking government, dominated by Chang Tso-lin, "War Lord of Manchuria" and a Japanese hireling, against the anti-Christian propaganda being circulated in Foochow, a city under Cantonese control.

The French protest, and the appeal for troops of the local foreign concession administration are considered here to be two steps in the preparation of a case for foreign intervention on a large scale, in support of Chang Tso-lin, who will now be represented as undertaking an expedition against the Kuomintang and South China, in the interests of peace, order, and the preservation of treaty rights and lives of foreigners.

The foreign imperialist forces in Shanghai are actively preparing for war with the Cantonese army. The foreign concessions are being turned into fortresses. Huge gates are being swung across all streets leading into the French concession. Barbed wire entanglements are under construction along the borders of the foreign settlement, and are being built also across streets inside the settlement, for street fighting in case the Chinese attempt to assume the administration of the territory so long occupied by foreign armed forces.

YOUNG WORKERS RALLY IN LENIN'S MEMORY; SUPPORT NATIONAL REVOLT

Three years ago, on the evening of January 21, 1924, Lenin, the leader of the oppressed masses of the world, died. The teachings of Lenin are living things for the American young workers. Lenin pointed out that the development of capitalism leads inevitably to imperialist wars in which the young workers lose their lives fighting for the profits of their own bosses. This can be clearly seen today, particularly in Latin-America and China.

The bloody rule of Wall Street continues in Nicaragua. There the fight is between the liberal forces who want an independent country led by Dr. Juan Sacasa and the Diaz forces, who were put into power by Wall Street and who want the Wall Street rule over Nicaragua to continue. The American invaders are not even letting the liberals get medical supplies. "We are in reality suffering from a blockade which has as its purpose our destruction and the protection of the Diaz government," said Dr. Sacasa. "But in spite of all this my government will remain firm to the last extreme."

In Mexico, because the Calles government has enforced its oil and land laws, the American imperialists are financing Catholic revolts against the Calles government and have placed a young Catholic by the name of Garza at the head of these revolts. Our party describes the Mexican policy of the Wall Street government in Washington as follows: "This policy is to threaten Mexico, to invade her sovereignty by refusal to recognize Mexican law, to arouse public sentiment against her thru lying stories in the American press, to encourage internal strife by the activity of such open agents of reaction as Garza, to utilize the Catholic church to the utmost, to cry 'Bolshevism' when caught red-handed plotting war on the Mexican people and, if all these measures fail, to withdraw recognition, blockade Mexican ports with the huge war fleet now assembled in southern waters, recognize some such black reactionary as Garza and, if necessary, invade Mexico to install him as president."

Now, in China the Kuomintang People's Party is winning success after success with its army known as the Cantonese. This party has the support of the majority of the 400,000,000 people in this country and they are establishing a united China freed from the yoke of the foreign imperialists. The Cantonese army has captured the north China industrial center called Hankow and are now preparing to take over Shanghai and then march on to Peking. Because of that, American warships, together with French, Japanese and British warships, are now hedging in on the

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Farmer-Labor Meet Oppose Capitalist Political Parties

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 18.—The farmer-labor conference this morning categorically repudiated the propaganda spread over the country that the Minnesota workers and farmers were ready to give up independent political action and return to the republican and democratic parties by adopting a strong resolution supporting the farmer-labor party.

At the same time the conference adopted resolutions taking a strong stand against the imperialist policy of the government and demanding the withdrawal of American naval forces from Nicaragua.

YOUNG MINERS FOR FIGHTING POLICY AT THEIR CONVENTION

Must Present Youth Issues at Meet

Quite a number of young progressive miners are going to put in an appearance as delegates at the convention of the United Mine Workers to begin at Indianapolis on January 25. This convention will be of great importance and promises a real clash between the forces of progress in the union and the reactionary Lewis machine. The union is in a critical situation. The coal operators have been so successful in undermining the bituminous section of the industry that now 70 per cent of the bituminous coal is produced in non-union fields. The union is heading straight for a strike in the Spring and the reactionary Lewis is doing nothing to prepare for it.

The young miners at the convention must solidly line up with the progressive policies. The immediate problem is to prepare for the fight when the Jacksonville agreement expires on April 1. For this the progressive program proposes:

(1) A rigid opposition to any wage cut in the organized bituminous fields. (2) A fight to raise the wages of the miners in the unorganized fields to the levels existing in the unionized fields. (3) A campaign to organize the unorganized miners and to draw them into the struggle.

Coolidge's attempt to pass anti-coal strike legislation clearly points to the political character of the coming struggle and therefore the demand for a labor party will assume importance. The other progressive demands for democracy in the union, for reinstatement of the unjustly expelled members and for an honest count of the votes cast in the recent elections will all have to be fought for.

Lewis and his machine are already collecting their payroll delegates from West Virginia, etc., who have been elected by nobody, to pack the convention. They will raise red scares and even resort to splitting the convention before they will turn it over to the progressives and a militant policy. This could be seen in the last elections, where, although according to all indications, the progressives won, Lewis has resorted to every method of corruption in order not to count the progressive vote. That means that the young miner delegates will have to pursue a clear-cut policy at the convention under the general leadership of the progressives. Besides that, the young miners will have to raise youth issues and enroll the entire progressive delegation in the fight for their demands.

The struggle at the convention will be a turning point in the drive to "Save the Union." Should the progressives win it will mean a new life for the entire labor movement in this country, a smashing blow to class collaboration and the possibilities for real efforts to organize the unorganized young workers.

League has joined in the call of the Workers (Communist) Party for a united front of workers' and farmers' organizations against Wall Street imperialism and the new war threat. The Y. W. L. calls upon all young workers and farmers to raise the question in all labor and farmers' organizations for the calling of a united front conference on the issue. It is the young workers that will be called upon first to shed their blood for Wall Street dollars, and therefore we should be the most energetic in the move for lands off Nicaragua, Mexico and China!



Lenin and Marx.

U. S. STILL CHOKES NICARAGUA; ALSO THREATEN MEXICO

Young Workers Support United Front Against Dollar Rule

FIGHT NEW WAR DANGER

In order to try to stem the tide of anger against the Coolidge administration's Nicaraguan-Mexican policies, the state department under "Nervous Nellie" Kellogg has produced a number of "peace proposals" and plans for "arbitration" of the differences. The insincerity of these proposals is shown by the refusal of the Coolidge regime to call back the armed forces of the United States from Nicaragua.

Meanwhile Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, liberal president of Nicaragua and leader of the rebellion against Adolfo Diaz, who is owned by Wall Street, declares false all rumors of his desertion of his cause in Nicaragua. He said the liberals will continue their fight for power. However, the effective bottling up of the liberal army by the American forces demands more than ever the support of the peoples in Latin-America and the workers and farmers in the United States behind the liberals if they are to succeed.

The Mexican catholic hierarchy has gone definitely on a war footing against the Calles government. Archbishop Jimenez of Guadalajara has placed himself at the head of a detachment of armed catholics in the state of Jalisco. Rene Capristan Garza, young catholic, is another leader of these reactionary forces. Tom Hefin (democrat, Alabama), stated in the senate that the Knights of Columbus were provoking war with Mexico and are using a million dollar fund to support catholic rebellion in Mexico. Meanwhile fifteen thousand American soldiers have been quietly massed along the Mexican border in anticipation of "possible trouble" with Mexico.

The Young Workers (Communist)

Local Unions Support Young Worker Demands!

SYMETRICAL DEVELOPMENT



Young Miners Join League in So. Illinois

By M. ZALISKO, Young Worker Worker.
WEST FRANKFORT, Ill.—Young workers in southern Illinois are beginning to see more clearly the power of organization and the importance of education in the class struggle. They recognize the Y. W. L. as the organization capable of leading in this task.

Young Miners Join Y. W. L.
 At present there are four units of the Y. W. L. in Franklin and Williamson counties with various other towns ready to be organized in the near future. Before the Y. W. L. came here many of the young miners, altho actively participating in the ranks of the progressive movement, did not understand it clearly and therefore became discouraged and to a certain extent inactive. But since the league arrived and began educating the young miners as to their position and role in the class struggle, more and more of them rally to the Y. W. L.

Support Adult Workers.
 We also receive moral and financial support from the adult workers' organizations, which also proves that they are recognizing the need for such a movement. They also realize that their sons and daughters are being won away from them ideologically into various capitalist organizations to be used in the bosses' interests and not in the interests of the working class.

Need Pioneer Movement.
 The organization of the still younger set—the children of the workers—is also very necessary in southern Illinois. The working class who compose practically 95 per cent of the population in these parts must be made to realize that their children are being swallowed up by the bosses' children's organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, athletic clubs and various religious schools. These organizations turn the children against the cause of their own parents.

That is why the organization of the workers' children into the Young Pioneers is being undertaken here. We must win them over to our cause, same as the capitalists win them over to their cause.

BOY GROUND TO DEATH ON JOB.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. A 19-year-old breaker boy, Michael Militka, was ground to death in the machinery of the Loomis breaker of Glen Alden Coal Co. The young worker was caught in the scraper line and carried some distance before his fellow workers noticed him and had the machinery stopped. Six younger brothers and sisters and a widowed mother are left without support.

To the Youth Workers'

Organizations in Chicago.
 All friendly youth organizations are asked not to arrange any affairs for Sunday, March 6, 1937, as on this day a third birthday celebration of the only Polish workers' party in America, "Trybuna Robotnicza," will be celebrated by a concert and ball in Walsh's hall, corner Noble and Milwaukee. The celebration will be opened by addresses of prominent labor speakers and follow with a first-class concert and ball.

Dick Can't Break Philly Y. W. L. Meet

By D. FLAINNI.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—On Jan. 7 the Young Workers (Communist) League here celebrated its fifth anniversary. Five hundred workers, most of them youths, rallied to the celebration. The Freiheit Gesang Verein opened with the singing of the International, which was followed by a piano solo rendered by Miss Anna Lipovsky.

After a lively speech by a Young Pioneer, Mr. Levine demonstrated his talent on the violin. Then "the young worker with the gray hair" (according to the Philadelphia Inquirer), J. O. Benthall, party district organizer, greeted the gathering in the name of the party. The Young Workers' mandolin orchestra followed with some revolutionary music.

An un-called-for participant in the program, Chas. S. Stienberg, from the bureau of detectives, did his bit by trying to break up the meeting, but without success. Comrade Sokolov, as chairman, spoke for the youth. In brief, he explained how the Y. W. L. was striving to lead the young workers in their struggles.

When M. J. Olgin, of New York, appeared on the platform he was greeted with a storm of applause. He spoke on child labor conditions and other youth problems and ended by calling on the participants to join the Communist movement and fight for a workers' and farmers' government in this country. The celebration ended at midnight.

Rally in Lenin's Memory

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Chinese people who are fighting for their freedom.

Because of the denial by the Coolidge government of independence for the Philippines, the movement there against American imperialism is growing, while in Java and Sumatra the workers and peasants are in open revolt against their Dutch rulers.

Thus, on the third anniversary of the death of Lenin we see his prediction come true of the spread of the wars of the people in the colonies and semi-colonies against their imperialist oppressors. The young workers must rally behind the oppressed colonial masses struggling for their freedom. We must raise the question of the united front of workers' and farmers' organizations against the new war danger. Immediately we must sound the cry:

**Demand that the United States government get out of Nicaragua!
 No intervention in Mexico!
 Hands off China!**

For Organizing Youth.

BOSTON, Mass. At the conference of the Progressive Shop and League Workers held here in November a resolution on the young workers of the industry was passed. The resolution dealt mainly with forms for organizing the unorganized young workers.

YOUTH CONFERENCE TAKES FIRST STEP IN SO. ILLINOIS

Belleville Young Strikers Present

DEMAND ORGANIZE YOUTH

By Young Worker Correspondent.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—A working youth conference was held here on Sunday, Jan. 16, at Carpenter's Hall. This conference was the result of the initiative taken by Local No. 2563, U. M. W. A., to create a greater interest in drawing the youth into the labor movement and to get them to fight for their own interests.

In spite of the fact that only a short time was spent in covering the labor movement in this vicinity, there were eleven local unions represented, including Locals Nos. 3738, 1471, 999, 494, 492, 1115, 2563, 413 and 2441 of the United Mine Workers of America, the plumbers', blacksmiths' and butchers' locals, as well as two delegates representing the 250 enamel workers on strike at Belleville, Ill. There were 19 delegates present, all young and typical of the thousands of young workers in the mining districts.

Belleville Reports.

The conference elected Joe Angelo as chairman and John Tumulty as secretary. Angelo, in a few brief remarks, outlined the objects of the conference, after which he introduced the two representatives from the Belleville strikers. The story of the Belleville strike sounded a militant keynote which prevailed throughout the conference. These enamel strikers, 95 per cent of whom never belonged to a union before, are mostly young workers and gave a splendid account of themselves in the last two months of striking. Although it received very little publicity, the strike bore all the characteristics of such struggles as Passaic. These young workers who were beginning to feel the class struggle already experienced hired gangsters, scabs, provocateurs, an injunction, shameless police brutality, jail sentences ranging from 60 days to 120 days and all the other means of suppression of the bosses and the bosses' government.

The conference, after listening to the report, decided that all delegates go back to their locals and get financial and moral support for these young strikers. It also elected a committee to cover the remaining organized labor movement in Springfield.

Voice of Adults.

The next one to speak was Joe Tumulty. Tumulty is well known in District 12 of the U. M. W. for his many years of devotion to the cause of the miners. He spoke of the young fellows and the class struggle, making references to the Belleville strike. The central point of his speech was laying emphasis for the need of young workers to take over leading positions in the labor movement. Tumulty's speech was received with enthusiasm by all the delegates.

The conference then took up the three resolutions presented to it. The first dealt with labor sports and pointed out that sports is an effective weapon in the hands of the bosses and that the working class must organize its own sports organizations. The most important resolution followed on the need for organizing the unorganized youth, while the third resolution called for the education of the young workers for their work in the labor movement. All resolutions were received with unanimous approval and discussed considerably. The discussion called for practical steps in the carrying out of the resolutions.

Future Tasks.

Angelo in a few brief remarks outlined the future work of the conference. He pointed out that the reso-

Y. C. I. Calls On Young Workers to Fight Dollar Rule

By JOHN PEPPER.
 (Special Cable to The Young Worker.)
MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Jan. 18.—The Executive Committee of the Young Communist International has issued a manifesto to the young workers of America and all countries declaring that the struggle of the people of Nicaragua against the robbers of Wall Street is the struggle of all peoples of Latin-America and must be supported by all those exploited and oppressed.

The youth who are the first victims of exploitation and imperialism are called upon to rally to the fight against the strangling of the Nicaraguan people and the threat of war against Mexico by the rapacious imperialists of the United States.

Favor Fairy Tales As Against Science

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The state anti-evolution law was held constitutional by the supreme court. This means that children going to the schools in this state are to be denied the right to secure a scientific understanding of the origin of man and must be contented with the miracles and fairy tales of the bible. The conviction of John Thomas Scopes, however, was ordered reversed because he was fined \$100 instead of \$50.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Oklahoma is soon to join the states barring teaching of the biologic origin of man in public schools, it is predicted, as 13 members of the state legislature have introduced an anti-evolution bill. The bill provides that only the biblical story of the genesis of man can be taught.



Bosses' Governments.

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—A telegram sent out by the executive committee of the Amsterdam Trade Union International (reformists) states that in Latvia and Poland the constitutions of these countries don't allow the unions to accept as members the youth under 18 years of age.—From Kromsolskia Pravda, Moscow.

tion must not remain on paper, but must be carried into effect. He proposed the election of a committee of 16 to serve as an executive committee which shall be charged with the duty of carrying out the resolutions. He also proposed that the committee get immediately on the job to call another conference which shall not be merely limited to Springfield, but to include the entire Southern Illinois district. He further proposed that the committee take immediate steps in forming a workers' sport club. Stress was laid on reaching every labor organization and getting them to endorse the work of the conference. The report was unanimously accepted and the committee elected.

Just before the closing of the conference, Arthur Stokes, one of the Belleville delegates, told the conference that as soon as they return home they will immediately work for the conference and its resolutions.

The delegates left the conference determined to make out of this small beginning a broad, state-wide movement having the support of thousands of young workers in the mines, mills and factories.

Why don't you write it up? It may be interesting to other workers.

WHILE THE BOSS AIN'T LOOKIN'

Almost Showed Up.

Heavy: I've waited since 7 o'clock for my shop nucleus meeting and it's now 7:20.

Light: When were you supposed to meet?

Heavy: At 5 o'clock.

So Are We.

New Office Boy: A man called here to thrash you a few minutes ago.

Boss: What did you tell him?

N. O. B.: I told him I was very sorry you weren't in.

Telling It to Him.

"My boy," said the boss, "if this occurs again I shall be forced to get another apprentice."

"I wish you would," was the answer, "there's enuf work for two of us to do."

Pigs is Pigs.

A judge, in delivering the charge to the jury, said: "Gentlemen, you have heard the evidence. The indictment says the prisoner was arrested for stealing pigs. The offense seems to be getting a common one."

"The time is coming when this must be put a stop to; otherwise, gentlemen, we shall none of us be safe."

BREVITIES

An authoritative statement tells us that there is a great shortage of 60,368 in Chicago public schools. There are 425 tin can portables in use and about 20,000 students are being rushed around in double session shifts or half-day schools. The children detest the portables and the double sessions. Meanwhile William McAndrews is busily engaged in booming the anti-red crusade of the American Citizenship Foundation. The children and parents must protest against this condition.

Those young workers who still believe that so-called constitutional rights show that we live in a democracy now have the opportunity of disillusioning themselves. The United States supreme court declared in regard to the Dorchy-Kansas case that any strike, regardless how orderly, can be declared illegal. The statement reads: "But a strike may be illegal because of its purpose, however orderly the manner in which it is conducted." That means that if you go on strike for half decent conditions the capitalist government can step in and say "the purpose of this strike is to hit the bosses," therefore it is illegal. That's what we mean when we say that we have no democracy, but a capitalist dictatorship.

James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America spoke in Chicago before the Kiwanis Club last week. He told this gang of business men, most of whom are youth exploiters, that it is up to them to take over leadership of the boys of this country. As far as the underpaid boys in the industries are concerned, their chances grow slimmer daily. The history of the last year of strikes in this country shows the young workers in the forefront fighting their exploiters for better living conditions.

The persistent illusion that capitalist governments will disarm received another setback when the naval subcommittee of the appropriations committee of the senate decided to provide for the \$224,000,000 naval appropriation for the immediate construction of three new cruisers. The "right" group will carry the fight for a date for even greater naval disarmament.

The Young Worker mourns the loss of the assistant general secretary of the International Workers' Order of America. He was active in the labor movement since January 13 in New York and had just returned from a trip to Berlin in connection with the anti-fascist struggle.

Lenin Tells Young Workers of Imperialism and Capitalist Wars

THE following extracts culled from the words of Lenin illuminate with the clarity that Lenin alone commands the basic questions of the meaning of imperialism, the relation of imperialism to colonial exploitation and oppression, to war, and to the working class and its movement. American workers faced with the task of fighting American imperialism, the most powerful in the world, should ponder well what Lenin says and should pass from these questions to a further study of Lenin's teachings—the only reliable guide for the workers struggling to overcome imperialism and capitalism.

What is Imperialism?

Imperialism is monopolist capitalism.

Imperialism is the rule of finance capital, the rule of the financial oligarchy.

Imperialism is a special stage in the development of capitalism. It has three peculiarities: Imperialism is (1) monopolist capitalism, (2) parasitic or stagnant capitalism, and (3) lying capitalism.

Imperialism is capitalism in the phase of its development in which the domination of monopolies and finance capital has established itself; in which the export of capital has acquired very great importance; in which the division of the world among the great international trusts has begun; in which the partition of all the territories of the earth amongst the great capitalist powers has been completed.

Imperialism and Colonial Exploitation

The interests of finance capital (thru the export of capital) press on to the conquest of colonies, to the driving away of competitors, to strengthening of the necessary "connections," etc.

Spheres of investment for capital interest finance capital. Sources of raw-material interest finance capital. But finance capital is also interested in new possible sources of raw material.

A handful of rich countries have developed colonial exploitation to gigantic dimensions. They receive millions and billions of super-profits, oppress millions and hundreds of millions of people in the colonial and "backward" countries, and struggle among themselves for a division and re-division of the rich spoils.

The Parker bill, which embodies Coolidge's ideas for the ending of a coal strike by the use of government power, was rejected by the house committee on interstate commerce by a vote of 16 to 6. That does not mean that the Wall Street government can't and won't step in when a coal strike comes in the Spring. It is likely that the bill didn't go thru the committee because the operators feel secure with the non-union fields and the stocked-up coal.

Frame-Up Against Furriers' Union Is All Shot Up

Sissy Union Idea Gets Setback

The united front offensive of the bureaucrat, socialists, bosses' hirelings and the bosses still continues. Its aim is to make the trade unions pro-boss affairs that will not fight for better conditions for the workers. In trying to kick the Communists out of the unions they want to kick out that element that has supported the unions as fighting instruments of the workers.

The latest move was the statement issued by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor meeting in Tampa, Florida, that "shocking conditions" were found to exist in the New York needle trades unions. In their anxiety to expel every Communist from the unions the bureaucrats accused the New York Joint Board of the Furriers' Union with having bribed the police in the recent strike. But they earned their



Imperialism demands the continual division and re-division of the "backward" countries among the big imperialist powers.

Imperialism and War.

War is no accident. It is no result of "sin," as the preachers and the liberals make out. It is an unavoidable stage in the development of capitalist militarism.

The development of capitalism, when it reaches the stage of imperialism, gives rise to imperialist wars.

War is no more than the continuation of the regular policy of imperialism thru special means.

Under imperialism there is no way of finally settling controversies over markets, investments, etc., except war.

Imperialism and the Working Class.

Imperialism has a tendency to create privileged sections among the workers and to detach them from the main proletarian masses.

The bourgeoisie of a capitalist power is able to win economically the upper sections of "its" working class thru scattering among them a few millions of the billions of super-profits it gets out of its imperialist exploitation.

The receipt of high monopoly profits by the capitalists (thru industry at home, thru exploitation of colonies, etc.) gives them the economic possibility of corrupting certain individual sections of the working class and especially its "leaders" and attracting them on the side of the capitalists and against the rest of the workers.

But for the masses of the workers—something else. The trusts, the financial oligarchy, the increase of prices, the intensification of exploitation, etc.—all of which makes possible the corruption of the upper layers of the workers—this means the ever greater oppression, torture, and the misery of the masses of the proletariat and the semi-proletariat.

figures in the matter. President Ryan of the New York Labor Council rose to defend the police, saying that they never would receive a bribe. This shows the young workers where the bureaucrats stand.

The Furriers' Union, thru its joint board, issued a statement branding the whole business as a dastardly conspiracy.

Coal Barons Want Non-Union Wage

Another Sign of Strike in Spring

COLUMBUS (FP) — A sliding wage scale based on a group of the low non-union rates of the southern fields is likely to be a major demand of the Ohio coal operators when they face the United Mine Workers over the conference table Feb. 14, according to the Ohio Coal Operators' Association, representing 90 per cent of the state tonnage.

This is the first time such a sliding scale has been seriously broached. It represents an attempt to shift the wage standard from the union fields to the open shop mines with their cooler standards.

Claiming that wage rates in the non-union fields of West Virginia and Kentucky run as low as \$3.50 a day, the Ohio coal operators say that if they are to operate under contract with the union after April 1 the scale of \$7.50 a day must be cut to match to regain the markets lost to the non-union fields. Nearly all the operators believe that a stoppage will occur this spring.

The naming of their scale committee by the southern and eastern Ohio operators for the Feb. 14 wage conference called for by the present contract indicates a defeat for those operators who were opposed to further negotiations with the union.

Young Miners—Attention!

If you are a miner, if you are under the age of 25 and if you are a delegate to the Indianapolis Miners' Convention, this is what we have to say to you: The YOUNG WORKER is the only paper of the working class youth of the country that takes up the fight of young workers in the mines, factories and mills. The YOUNG WORKER gives all news and true news about all events of importance to the working youth. Especially does it take up the fights and problems of the young miners of this country.

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FARMER-LABOR PARTY MEETS



The Y. C. I. Plenum

By John Williamson



Williamson

THIS Plenum met under circumstances which showed the Communist Youth movement had reached the low point of its temporary decline, recorded in the years of 24-26, and had entered a period of gradual upward develop-

ment. The reasons for this change are due not only to the favorable objective situation but to the leadership of the Executive of the Y. C. I., which followed a Bolshevik line at all times. THE RUSSIAN PARTY DISCUSSION One of the principal questions was that of the recent discussion within the Russian Communist Party, having as its central point the question, "Is it possible to build Socialism in the Soviet Union?" As a result of the denial by the Opposition to this principal question, they developed a series of other fundamental mistakes as follows:

1. Underestimation of the internal forces of development within U. S. S. R.
 2. A policy of narrow nationalism is being followed by the C. P. S. U.
 3. The N. R. P. is a systematic retreat for the Soviet Union.
 4. Incorrect relationships between peasantry and proletariat (especially exaggeration of Kulak danger).
 5. Charge of degeneration of Dictatorship of Proletariat and references to Thermidism.
 6. Withdraw state capital from trade.
 7. Excessive taxation of peasantry and high prices on manufactured goods.
 8. Assertion that no temporary stabilization of international capitalism existed.
 9. Rejection and violation of elementary party discipline and attempts to organize international fractional activity in their support.
- Each of these points were analyzed thoroughly and rejected. It was emphasized that the U. S. S. R. contains "all that is necessary and sufficient" for the complete construction of socialist society. A denial of this is a denial of the premises for social revolution in Russia.

The charge of "narrow nationalism" has not a leg to stand on when we remember the constant support and inspiration the Russian Revolution has been to the international proletariat. Such practical deeds as the support of the German Revolution in '23, the millions of dollars, support to the British coal miners, the support to the Chinese Revolution, shatter such arguments to the ground.

If space permitted each accusation could be analyzed and shattered. (*)

The entire policy of the Opposition is based on the old "theory of permanent revolution" propagated by Trotsky for years and just as persistently fought by Lenin and the Bolshevik Party during all this time. The entire program is based on a policy of pessimism and lack of confidence in the international proletariat.

The Opposition (led by Trotsky, Kamenev and Zinoviev) appealed to the Party and League masses in the Soviet Union and received such a severe defeat that they themselves had to launch the "white flag" and sign a declaration admitting their breach of discipline. The Plenum of the Y. C. I., following the brilliant example of the Russian Party Conference, the Russian Y. C. I. executive committee, the Comintern Plenum, overwhelmingly condemned the Opposition and its program, branding it as a Right Wing deviation which must be fought ruthlessly. The adherents of the Opposition on the Executive, Comrades Vujovich and Michalets, were severely criticized and removed from all activity on the Executive Committee.

RATIONALIZATION OF INDUSTRY

The question of rationalization of industry (meaning scientific management) as we in America know it

ORG. CHANGES AT Y. C. I. PLENUM

THE Seventh Plenum of the Young Communist International closed its sessions immediately after the one month session of the Comintern Plenum. As reported in a previous issue, the Y. C. I. Plenum started prior to the C. I. plenum where the major portion of the agenda was completed.

There was present 57 participating delegates, 28 regular members of the Executive Committee, 24 delegates representing 16 Leagues and five reps of the Comintern. Including the E. C. members there were 19 Leagues represented in all. The American Y. W. L. was represented by Comrades Williamson and Zam.

At the final session, the reports of all the Commissions were heard and accepted with slight corrections. Comrade Lomonadze, who has been the active leader of the Y. C. I. Executive during this past period, withdrew from the Executive for activity in the Comintern Executive. A new Secretariat of five and Presidium of 13 was selected. The Secretariat is composed of Comrades Shatzkin (U. S. S. R.), Schueller (Austria), Gyptner (Germany), Young (England), Longo (Italy).

Comrades Vujovich and Michalets were unanimously removed from the Executive for their fractional activity and support of the right wing tendencies expressed in the Russian Opposition.

new phase of capitalist stabilization, and the attitude we must adopt towards it, received considerable discussion. Some comrades contended that we could not oppose this process, with its attacks on the living standards of the workers, young and old, as that would mean we were opposing machine development and thus be obstructing social progress. The Plenum pointed out that the main consequences of this rationalization process was the throwing out of employment of huge masses of young workers; the intensification of exploitation of those retaining employment and the subsequent lowering of the general level of resistance of the workers in the class struggle. The Plenum emphasized that we must combat this rationalization process by raising in the foreground the partial demands of the young workers, especially emphasizing that the needs of the young workers be protected in all collective agreements concluded by the trade unions. The slogans were raised, "Struggle against stabilization of capitalism"—"Not capitalist but socialist rationalization." In this connection the Plenum especially emphasized a formulation of Lenin, "We struggle against this development, but HOW do we struggle. We do not wish to return to artisanship, to pre-monopolistic capitalism . . . Onward thru the trusts and beyond them to socialism."

UNITED FRONT ACTIVITIES

An increased application and more successful results during the past period from the United Front tactics, was the opinion of the Plenum. Many rich experiences were given and lengthy discussion with criticism and suggestions followed. The E. C. Y. C. I. continued its United Front efforts on an international scale. In connection with the British strike the Y. C. I. suggested to the Y. S. I. a united front campaign to support the British coal miners but this so-called working class body didn't even answer the communication and in actions showed itself a true counterpart of the Amsterdammers, who had only criticism instead of support for the strike. The greatest accomplishment was the organization of seven young workers' delegations to Soviet Russia. The composition and type of these delegations was much higher this year than previously.

Especially interesting was the Italian Delegation, organized entirely illegal and containing even a representative of the Catholic Working Youth. The British Delegation had the best composition of all and reflected the conditions of the youth movement in that country, where for example the Y. C. I. thru its activities had been successful in organizing a whole series of local united fronts as well as the delegation itself, despite the opposition of the national leadership. In Italy, the Y. C. I., altho illegal, was successful in liquidating entirely the Y. S. I. thru winning over its entire membership to the Y. C. I. In the Maximalist Youth organization

the opposition was so strong that on a referendum on the U. F. with the Y. C. I., it received 40 per cent of the vote cast. In the Catholic and Peasant Youth, previously a fascist stronghold, strong oppositional movements are being built.

The Plenum recommended that in those countries where unity committees have been established they be extended in scope into real organs of political and economic struggle of the entire working youth. While the Y. C. I. retains leadership, the work must not be conducted by the Communists alone. They should become the medium of developing the activity of the non-party and Social-Democratic youth towards the Y. C. I.

Not enough efforts were made in winning over young workers from the large religious youth leagues. While basing our approach to them mostly on economic demands, we shall not refuse to draw them into political struggles, without, however, making any concessions to them. Greater anti-religious struggle was urged and co-operation with the Young Atheistic organizations recommended. The Plenum also considered it advisable to work for the organization of an Atheist International.

Very serious mistakes in application of the United Front tactics were pointed out to the Czech-Slovak and Polish Leagues, the first in connection with a proposed united front with fascist youth organization and the second in connection with support of Pilsudski in the May uprising. Both leagues admitted their mistakes and corrected them later.

The continuation on these tactics was urged as one of the principal tactics of the Y. C. I. Further youth delegations was urged as well as campaigns in favor of youth delegations from the Soviet to other capitalist countries.

ANTI-MILITARISM

With the intensification of preparations for new wars, it is of special importance that the anti-militarist activity, which has been inexcusably weakened, be intensified, was the opinion of the Plenum. Lengthy discussion took place regarding incorrect activities on this field, particularly of the American League. The tendencies of pacifism finding expression in a series of leagues was condemned and a sharp formulation of the line to be followed in our anti-militarist activity laid out.

In France where the most successful work within the forces was being conducted, the Y. C. I. had set up an agitation for a series of partial demands in connection with the compulsory conscription, such as 12 months service only, railroad accommodation, etc. Some 20 Recruit Leagues had been organized and a periodical was issued regularly for the army. In Nancy, a joint demonstration of workers and sailors took place. As a result of the activity of the Y. C. I., 12 members are at present in jail. Despite the increased White Terror

the illegal leagues (forming one-half of all in the Y. C. I.) increased their activities. The importance of a clever combination of legal and illegal work in such countries was emphasized. Such legal activities must find expression thru sport organizations, Workers Clubs, youth sections in the trade unions, etc. It was also decided after a most thorough discussion that it is advisable and possible to create legal youth organizations parallel with the illegal organizations. A dangerous tendency was encountered which tended to believe that it was not possible to expand organizationally and extend activities although forced to be underground. This sectarian tendency was repudiated.

WHITE TERROR

In the report of the E. C. to the Plenum this question was especially stressed and the need for a permanent campaign being organized in all countries. At the present time White Terror is on the increase. The following figures of youth victims for the past period of 3 months gives an idea of its extent: In Bulgaria 200; Romania, entire league in jail; in Hungary, Weinberger and several score more; in Poland, 1,000 in jail; in Italy no record can be obtained; in Korea several hundred Y. C. I. members were shot; in France 30 soldiers and sailors members in jail; in England 10; etc., etc. The Plenum especially rapped the philosophical attitude towards this White Terror, showing the suffering of our members and the practical demand it does to the movement.

Extensive reports were given by the British and Chinese Leagues on the activities of their respective leagues. In both of these countries the league had showed itself well equipped to cope with the situation, altho experiencing many difficulties. Each had doubled its membership during this period. Reports were also given by the Russian and German leagues on their activities, experiences and defects.

AMERICAN Y. C. I. (**)

The anti-militarist activity of the league was investigated at great length and our policy criticized quite severely and correctly so. The tendency to base our activity on the petty bourgeoisie (National Student Forum, etc.) elements instead of the young worker as well as our entering the A. F. Y. in N. Y. district, after it had developed from the united front stage to an actual organization, were the principal points of criticism. Our activity re the Passaic and mining crisis were commended and the general line of policy, especially the internal unity line was endorsed. It was emphasized that the Y. W. L. must reject all tendencies in the party to reintroduce again the old fractional tendencies and also tendencies finding expression to dilute the political character of the league.

GENERAL

Other important questions considered were the economic struggle and trade union organization, work among opponent organizations, sport activity, political education and schools and Pioneer work.

The Plenum urges all leagues to continue intensifying their activities, utilizing the united front tactic on all fields; recognizing the importance of concentration on the economic and trade union field; greater attention to opponent organizations; an effective campaign against the White Terror; immediate application of previous Plenum decisions re adoption of new methods in all leagues and a greater all-around attention be given to crystallizing the political influence of the league and preventing thru proper inner life of the present great turnover in membership.

*Every reader should attempt to read the discussion on this question, as it is given speaker by speaker in the correct perspective. Full sets of these are obtainable at the Workers Book Store, 79 S. Lincoln St., Chicago, Ill.

**In a future article I will deal with the Plenum in relation to America in particular. An article in the Jan. 1934 issue of the Magazine Section of the Daily Worker presents the correct position on anti-militarist activity at this period.

Needle Trade T. U. E. L. Adopts Youth Measures in Meeting

By C. MILLER.

NEW YORK CITY.—The conference of the Needle Trade Section of the Trade Union Educational League held on the first and second day of this year showed that the Left Wing is aware of the problems facing the young workers in the needle industry and expressed its willingness to help the young workers solve their problems.

The introduction of the speed up system and the improved machinery into the needle industry resulted in many young workers entering the industry. Especially is this true in the small towns of New Jersey, Connecticut and up state New York, where the open shop bosses are moving in order to escape the organization drives of the unions, as shown in the clockmakers' strike, and where there is plenty of cheap youth labor. In some of these centers the young workers are in predominance. Youth labor in large numbers is also found in such organized trades as the millinery, dress, infants' garments, white goods, in the large shops of the Amalgamated and many others.

Class Collaboration Drive.

The attack of the right wing at the present time can be summed up as an attempt to company unionize the needle trades unions, i. e. to aid the employers to introduce the speed up system to keep the unions weak, to intimidate the workers by expelling the militants, and do away with all class struggle programs, propagated by the left wing, in order to give full sway to the class collaboration schemes of the right wing. This attempt to company unionize the needle trades has its effect on the conditions of the young needle trades workers.

The right wing never attempted to organize the unorganized, knowing that this would strengthen the union and thereby bring them in conflict with the bosses—a thing they do not like to do. The young workers who form a large section of these unorganized workers remain outside of the trade unions without the protection that these offer. The young workers are then taken advantage of by the bosses and are more exploited than even the adult workers and they become tools in the hands of the bosses to lower the standard of living of the workers in the whole industry.

Forward Against Organizing Youth.

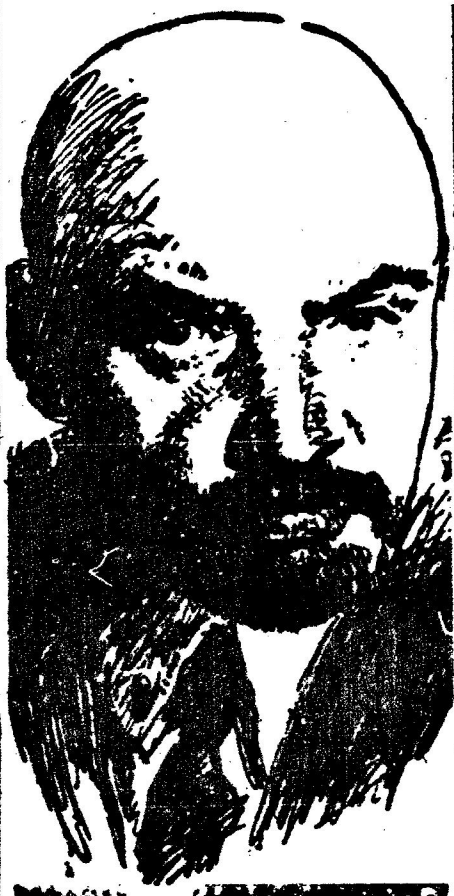
The conditions of these young workers could not be remedied with the class collaboration policies pursued by the right wing. The employers will grant better conditions only when they are faced with a fighting union. It is the class struggle policies of the left wing that can make the unions militant organizations. The young workers, therefore, are natural supporters of the left wing program. This is another reason why the right wing criminally neglects to organize the young workers.

A mistake in the furriers' agreement was made that the books of the union should be closed for two years. The Daily Forward attacked the left wing administration in the Furriers' Union charging that they admitted learners into the trade. Supposing this were true? Is it a crime for a union to organize the young workers that are just entering the trade? Naturally, it is not. But the Daily Forward well realized that all of the young workers entering the trade unions at the present time are potential supporters of the left wing policies. Hence they are taboo to the Daily Forward.

At no time in the past has the right wing proposed to care for some of the special needs of the young workers. The young workers who are in the process of physical and mental growth have needs that are of a social-educational character. Not only did the right wing never help the young workers to solve these problems but in their attempt to suppress the rank and file in the unions they took undue advantage of the young workers.

Youth Demands T. U. E. L.

The left wing well realizes the importance of the young workers and their importance in making the unions militant organs of the working class and, therefore, adopted the following as a minimum program for their work among the young workers:



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Young Box Strikers Need Food, Clothing

NEW YORK CITY.—Do not leave the kitchen of the Paper Box Makers without food. This kitchen daily feeds hundreds of strikers. The brave Paper Box Makers are on the picket line early every morning in the bitter cold. Keep the coffee kettle going for them. The women and the children are waiting for bundles of food. Workers, do your duty—collect food and money.

The United Council of Working-class Housewives, which is maintaining the kitchen, appeals especially to mothers to collect food for the hungry strikers and their families. Send money and food for the kitchen relief for the Paper Box Makers to 80 East 11th street, room 237, New York City.

1. On all leading T. U. E. L. committees young workers should be drawn in.
2. Each locality is to formulate a concrete program to draw the young workers into supporting the T. U. E. L. The National Committee must set up a special committee to study the problems of the young workers and help the local committees to draw up their programs.
3. In the organization campaigns carried on by the unions the T. U. E. L. must see that special committees and special means are used to draw the young workers into the unions. This is of special importance in the case of towns unorganized centers. If we are to be successful in organizing the unorganized centers, we must reach the young workers who in many instances are in predominance.
4. It is necessary to help the young workers to organize clubs with such activities as sports, dramatics, education, etc., in the union. This would help to vitalize the unions.
5. The publications of the T. U. E. L. needle trades section must have a separate column for the young workers as well as a column for the children of needle trades workers.
6. In order to develop the young workers the left wing must see that in the elections in the locals and Joint Boards young workers are put forward for office.

It is the first time that such a detailed program was adopted by the needle trades left wing workers. This undoubtedly will help make the left wing the champion of the young needle trade workers.

9,000 PASSAIC STRIKERS STILL NEED RELIEF; 5 UNSETTLED MILLS

PASSAIC, N. J.—Fighting side by side with their adult brothers the thousands of young textile strikers here are entering the twelfth month of their battle. There are still five mills to go and the young strikers will stick it out until these mills have settled.

The young textile workers were in the forefront in welcoming the A. F. of L. to Passaic, to which they flocked—but they certainly did not welcome reaction. They must realize that President McMahon of the United Textile Workers lined up with the reactionary gang of bureaucrats, socialists, bosses and the bosses' government that aim to make the American unions "sissy" outfits and pro-boss tools. In fighting the bosses on the outside it is just as necessary to fight this reaction at the same time whenever it manifests itself.

Strike One Year Old.

It was one year on January 25 since the big textile strike began, precipitated by a 10 per cent cut in wages already too low for anything but a near starvation existence. The strikers have forced the bosses to make many concessions since last January, even including the restoration of the wage cut, but nothing short of recognition of the union would satisfy these workers who had learned their lesson well in the long months of the struggle.

Five Mills Holding Out.

Five mills are still to be settled. The hope that the workers can be starved into submission still persists in the reactionary minds of Julius Forstmann, president of the big Forstmann & Huffmann Company, and the other employers over whom his evil influence yet holds. Long notorious as a latter-ender who for nine months had successfully thrown the monkey wrench into every effort at settlement, Julius Forstmann is living up to his reputation as the most reactionary of the Passaic mill bosses in his stubborn refusal to follow the example of Botany and the others in settling with the union. "Forstmann-Huffmann will be the last to settle," his striking workers have said for the last eleven months.

Bosses Undermining Relief.

Their fight is made the more difficult by the subtle attacks on relief engineered by the Forstmann-Huffmann Company and the open shop forces throught the country. As a result of the lies sent broadcast in the daily press that the big textile strike was all over, the relief has suffered greatly, and the strikers are now faced with the most critical of all the difficult situations that have confronted them in their long struggle for the right to organize.

Work Resumption Slow.

While four of the original nine struck mills have settled with the union, this does not mean that all the workers of the settled mills have gone back to work. The very effectiveness of the strike makes re-employment on a wholesale scale impossible for weeks to come. The mill machinery is rusty and resumption of operations is necessarily slow. Re-employment is by groups, just as in the case of mills newly opening, with first the wood sorters, then carders, combers, spinners, winders, twistors, beamers, weavers, slaters, drawing-las, weavers, examiners, finishers, dyers, etc. Little more than a thousand have been returned to the mills so far. In the big Botany mills, where normally 4,500 workers are employed, only 200 have been called for so far. Twelve hundred are normally employed at the Garfield Worsted, 600 at the Passaic Worsted, 350 at the Dundee Textile, but to date only 100, 300 and 250, respectively, have been returned. Some 2,000 still have temporary jobs outside the mills. This leaves 3,000 who must be fed by the union and the American labor movement.

Building the Union.

The workers of the settled mills are not under the delusion that the fight is ended with settlement. Eleven and a half months of education, in which police clubs and prejudiced courts did their share, have trained them well, and they realize that the work of building the union must be carried on inside of the mills. Problems will come up which the union will have to meet. Already such problems have arisen, because of the natural tendency on the part of the mill employers to discriminate against those strikers who have been most

Young Stove Workers Fight Wage Cut in the O'Keefe Factory

By DAVE RAPO.

Young Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—When the workers of the assembly department in the O'Keefe & Merritt Stove factory came back to work Tuesday, Jan. 4, they found out that the bosses, after taking stock of their big profits, prepared a wage cut for the piece workers of 15 to 25 per cent—in some cases even more.

In the assembly department most of the fellows are young workers, unskilled and poorly paid. That's why the bosses picked on this department, expecting no resistance. The highest wage of a young worker in this department is 40 to 50 cents an hour, which amounts to less than \$20 for a 48-hour work week. The new wage cut which went into effect the first week in January meant that the already poor wages had been lowered to the point of starvation.

Most of the young fellows who hustled and sweated last year to make a few more dollars are very much disappointed with their New Year's present. Going home from work one young Negro worker told me: "Damn it, another wage cut! Are we going to stand it?" Then talking to a bunch of fellows in the shop he told them: "Why'n hell don't you fellows line up in the stove workers' organization?" (Meaning the Young Workers in the factory group which is issuing the "Stove Worker.") Then the young Negro went on: "I am telling you—knock out this wild appetite of the bosses. . . . Young workers, organize to resist the wage cut."

There is more truth than poetry here. We can be just as victorious as the workers in the textile mills of Passaic, N. Y., who fought a long, hard fight. The Y. W. L. here is actively engaged in the fight of the young stove workers against wage cuts and long hours. A special issue of the "Stove Worker" is being turned out for this fight.

Opportunities to attend college for the working youth are still. Approximately 50 per cent of the fathers or guardians of the 12,000 students attending the University of Illinois are business men, according to a survey made by the registrar's office. The parents of about one-ninth of the students are farmers, another ninth skilled laborers and one-tenth professional men. Only 162 are retired, while 104 parents are of the artistic class.

active on the picket line and in the delegates' meetings.

Complete Victory Possible.

If the unemployed and striking textile workers of Passaic can be secured of continued support for the few weeks they will be able to make all the settled mills live up to their agreements and compel the five mills still holding out to recognize the union. The strikers look to the American labor movement, which has joyfully supported them from the first month of the struggle, to continue that support until a complete labor victory can be registered in Passaic.

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IN MEMORY OF LENIN.

THE young workers commemorate the third anniversary of the death of our great leader, Lenin, in the light of the living Leninism. In analyzing the present imperialist stage of capitalism, Lenin said: "What do we have? A few of the richest and most privileged nations living like parasites on the rest of humanity, living like lords thru the exploitation of the Negro, the Hindu, etc., and holding these masses in subjection thru modern militarism." What clearer prediction of present-day events - of the attitude of the American imperialists towards Nicaragua, Mexico, China and the other colonies and semi-colonies of Wall Street.

What better way of rallying to the memory of Lenin than to heed the call of the Young Communist International and rally behind the peoples of Nicaragua, Mexico and China, who are fighting dollar rule. That is the immediate task set for us on the third anniversary of the death of our leader. Let us carry on this great work.

THE COAL MINERS' CONVENTION.

THE YOUNG WORKER has already pointed out to its young miner readers that its fight from the elections to the convention and from the convention to the impending struggle in the spring. These three stages are inseparably connected. The convention now being held must have as its central point the preparation for the struggle in the spring when the Jacksonville agreement expires.

The young miners' delegates must see, in this regard, that the convention takes measures to enroll the youth in this struggle. That means, in the first place, that the young progressives will have to work together at the convention to present youth issues and to organize the struggle for these issues. The adult progressives will have to work together at the convention to present youth issues and to organize the struggle for these issues. The adult progressive delegates must be enrolled in this fight on the one hand, and on the other hand, the youth delegates must line up with the adults to fight for the progressive measures, which mean the "saving of the miners' union." There must be absolute unity in the progressive ranks.

The present miners' convention will be a telling one for the whole labor movement. It will be a stage for the struggle now going on in the unions between the bureaucrats and the progressives; between the idea of unions as fighting organizations of the workers and the idea of bureaucrats to keep the unions as proboscis busy affairs.

TENNESSEE ANTI-EVOLUTION LAW.

CLARA ZETKIN said to the recent enlarged executive of the Comintern that the rotten superstructure of present-day capitalism typifies its character as a dying and decaying system in spite of the relative and temporary stabilization which continues. One of the examples used by Comrade Zetkin was the "monkey trial" in the United States. Now the final touch has been placed on this fact. The Tennessee supreme court has declared the anti-evolution law constitutional. This decision hits the idea held in many labor circles that education in the public schools is non-partisan. The bosses and their government don't want the idea spread that man evolved from lower organisms because it smashes the biblical fairy tale that man was created from mud. To smash the biblical fairy tales means to strike a blow at religion which is the "opium of the people" and which the bosses use effectively in keeping the workers contented with their present miserable lot, with promises of better things after they are dead. The bosses spoke and the bosses' supreme court in Ten. came answered in their own language.

THE LABOR SPORTS OLYMPIADE.

FROM Detroit comes news of the three-day indoor sports meet staged under the auspices of the Labor Sports Union of that city. Athletes from various parts of the country and of many nationalities took part. That the organized labor movement of Detroit took a real interest in the meet was evidenced by President Martel's presence and speech at the windup banquet.

However, the Detroit meet has far more than a local interest. It is an indication of the resources and possibilities of the labor sports movement nationally. With the tremendous development of athletic activity in this country and the widespread participation of the working youth in this activity, the need and the basis for a mass workers' sports movement is obvious. The large industrial corporations and even the churches have long and very effectively been using sports as a means of controlling the youth.

The organized labor movement should long ago have been awakened to this fact, and to the possibilities which it presents for rallying the working youth behind it.

The Labor Sports Union meet in Detroit and the discussion and possibilities which it revealed from the workers' sports movement in that city are a most important step in the development of a mass workers' sports movement in this country.

WHERE'S THAT MAN LIEBKNECHT? ASK DICKS AT MEETING

PATERSON, N. J. — (FP) — "Where's that man Liebknecht?" Two Paterson police detectives made the inquiry at the Karl Liebknecht Memorial meeting of the Young Workers League. The dicks said they had orders to "arrest the meeting" if anything was said against the government. Meeting announcement circulars called for a protest against the United States policy in Nicaragua and Mexico. Young workers finally told the detectives that Karl Liebknecht was the German revolutionist shot after the Spartacist uprising following the end of the European war.

Step Up, Boys. We Only Need Millions to Conquer Mexico

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Military staff officers estimated that a force of 100,000 men would take the city of Mexico and would require only 100,000 dollars to pay the cost of the operation of a semi-annual and...

WRITE AS YOU FIGHT

LENIN ON STUTTGART ANTI-MILITARISM RESOLUTION

By V. I. LENIN.
(October 20, 1907.)

WE come now to the last but by no means the least important resolution of the congress, the resolution on the question of anti-militarism. The notorious Herve, who has made a great stir in France and in Europe in connection with this question, championed the semi-anarchist point of view and naively proposed to "reply" to all wars by strikes and rebellion. He failed to understand, on the one hand, that war is a necessary product of capitalism, and that the proletariat could not blind itself not to take part in revolutionary wars, for such wars are possible and have occurred in capitalist societies. On the other hand, he failed to understand that the possibility of "replying" to war depends upon the character of the crisis which the war calls forth. The methods of the struggle must be determined in accordance with these conditions. Furthermore, the struggle must consist of (this is the third point of misunderstanding or failure to understand of Herveism) not merely substituting peace for war, but of substituting socialism for capitalism. It is not sufficient to prevent the outbreak of war; it is necessary to take advantage of the crisis caused by war to hasten the overthrow of the bourgeoisie. But behind all the semi-anarchistic stupidity of Herveism there was a lining that was correct from the practical point of view: to give an impulse to socialism in the sense that we must not limit ourselves merely to parliamentary methods of fighting, but develop in the masses the consciousness of the necessity for revolutionary methods of action in connection with the crisis which war inevitably calls forth, and to imbue the masses with a more lively consciousness of international working class solidarity, and the false character of bourgeois parliamentarism.

The resolution, drafted by August Bebel, and proposed by the Germans, which in all essentials coincided with the resolution put forward by Jules Guesdes, suffered precisely from the defects that it gave no indications of the active tasks of the proletariat. This rendered it possible to see the orthodox position of Bebel through opportunistic spectacles.

For that reason Rosa Luxemburg and the Russian delegates moved amendments to Bebel's resolutions. These amendments: (1) stated that militarism is one of the principal weapons of class oppression; (2) indicated the tasks of agitation among



the youth; (3) emphasized the task of the social-democrats not merely to fight against the outbreak of war, or for the speedy cessation of war already commenced, but to take advantage of the crisis, occasioned by war to hasten the downfall of the bourgeoisie.

All these amendments were included by the sub-committee (appointed in Bebel's resolutions). Moreover, Jaures proposed the happy plan of, instead of pointing out the means of struggle (strikes, rebellions), quoting historical examples of the struggle of the proletariat against war from demonstrations in Europe to revolution in Russia. Finally a resolution was in this manner drawn up, extraordinarily long, it is true, but rich in ideas and precisely pointing out the tasks of the proletariat. In this resolution strict orthodoxy, i. e., scientific Marxian analysis, was combined with recommendations to labor parties to adopt the most resolute and revolutionary measures of fighting.

Taken as a whole, the Stuttgart Congress, on a number of important questions, placed in striking contrast the opportunist and revolutionary wings of international social-democracy and gave solutions to these questions in the spirit of revolutionary Marxism.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," provided you know how to use it. Come down and learn how in the worker correspondent's classes.

Labor Sports Union Launched in Detroit

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the best manner in which to encourage greater trade union sports activity. The discussion which lasted over seven hours, resulted in the election of a constitution committee with instructions to draw up a draft of a constitution which should cover the various points brought out in the discussion. The greatest difference of opinion in the entire proceedings centered around the question of the methods to be used in drawing in the trade union and other large workers' athletic bodies most effectively. When the constitution committee reported the next day this was finally settled in a unanimous decision to allow all organizations sending delegates to the convention to be next held to become charter members on the same basis as those organizations who sent delegates to this first conference.

National Committee Elected. With the constitution adopted which covered all details as to how to build the labor sports movement and included provisions for the election of a national committee, the Detroit Labor Sports Union was formally launched.

as national committee members. The list follows:

- H. Wilson, Chicago; V. Urtomas, Chicago; J. Lappi, N. Y.; W. Burke, Detroit; P. Kline, Chicago; R. Sasser, Chicago; J. Kavalir, New York; A. Mellin, Waukegan, Ill.; V. Wittala, Chicago; J. Kalousek, Chicago; J. Kokko, Detroit.

Two others from Massachusetts and Superior, Wisconsin.

Issue Sports Paper.

It was also decided to immediately issue a monthly sports paper and to put at least one full time organizer on tour, this work to be extended as soon as finances permit. The last two days were taken up with the indoor athletic meet itself, which was attended by over a thousand people. During the meet addresses of welcome and promises of support were made by Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit Federation of Labor; Geo. R. Wonnacot, editor of the Detroit Labor News; M. Sugar, a prominent Detroit labor lawyer; L. Kotz, physical training director Cass Technical High School, and others, all of whom were enthusiastically greeted. The next national meet is to be held in Waukegan, Illinois, in July of this year and in Duluth, Minnesota, just prior to that.

In addition to trade union and general working class methods of work promised to add much to the education of the workers in their field and to the houses for better living conditions.

Young Miners in Convention



Workers' Sports



Landis Baseball Trial Is Huge Joke on Fans

Labor Sports Press Service. The attempt of "Czar" Landis to clamp the lid on the baseball scandal with the help of his 3,000 word whitewash decision vindicating the 23 players on the White Sox and Detroit teams of the charges made by Risberg and Gandil, seems to have ended in failure. With less than a week having passed since the "Judge's" decision, the lid has already been blown off as a result of the broadside fired at the commission by Ban Johnson, president of the American League.

Crooked World Series.

Significant in the statement issued by Johnson is the question: "Mr. Landis seems extremely anxious to investigate charges of fixed games back in 1917. I wonder why he doesn't show the same enthusiasm for the investigation of some of our recent world series. The American League is still using all the resources in its power to unearth the facts about that peculiar series played in 1922 . . . which the Giants won in five games . . ."

Don't Tell the Whole Story.

Another fact exposed to the thousands of baseball fans who have been learning so much lately about the "sportsmanship" in the professional game was the practice of the ball magnates to suppress the evidence in many scandals, some of which were mentioned by Johnson. He admitted in his statement that only part of the facts in the Cobb-Speaker case had been let out, and intimated that there were many other stories which would not help the name of organized baseball, which were left untold.

Fans Force Showdown.

The failure of the Landis decision to clear up the question of Speaker and Cobb, in addition to the dissatisfaction of the fans with the verdict in the White Sox-Detroit series, is indirectly the cause of the latest outbreak. The temper of the fans who are not ready to see two more players sacrificed for those higher-ups more responsible for the evils of professional baseball is the power which will force a showdown. The fans know that the rules proposed by Landis which have to do for the most part with restricting the players from betting, etc., will never reform the game as the \$25,000 a year employed by the ball magnates claims. As long as baseball continues as a professional sport and more and more money is involved in its games the work of games and players will increase. No more rules restricting

Labor Athletes Make Fine Showing at the L. S. U. Detroit Meet

By JACK OSBORN.

DETROIT, Mich. — Over three-score athletes took part in the three-day meet held in the Finnish Labor Temple here on January 13, 14 and 15. The Finnish club, "Voima," capped club honors, athletes representing it placing high and often in the many events which were run off.

The high jump event was won by a "Voima" man with a leap of 5 feet 10 1/2 inches. In the hop, skip and jump, Wilfala of the "VHKas" club of Chicago, won with an effort of 28 feet 11 inches. Helen Peskonen won the women's high jump, clearing 4 feet 3 inches.

Some splendid exhibitions were given on the horizontal and parallel bars, Teivonen and Sandell being especially adept at this. Callisthenic drills by the women were excellently done and drew loud applause. A drill by about 25 young lads, averaging in age from 9 to 14, surprised the crowd with its perfect unison.

A basketball tournament on a small scale was staged by four teams, the Finnish young workers' team pulling through with a clean slate. Hand-some awards were made to all of the winners. The meet was bound up with a banquet at which President Frank X. Martel of the Detroit Federation of Labor, and other well known labor leaders spoke. G. R. Wannacott, who spoke at Saturday's events, congratulated the athletes on their splendid showing and predicted a bright future for the Labor Sports Union in Detroit.

the conduct of the players, but rules restricting the magnates in their efforts to completely transform baseball from a sport to a business will be necessary before baseball will be freed from the corruption which is the companion of all professional sports.

What Is Going to Happen in Chicago Sunday, March 13?

What is going to happen in Chicago Sunday, March 13, is the question being asked in the Russian colony of Chicago. The Worker Correspondents of the Novy Mir are preparing something, but would not say what. The rumors have it that Mirror Hall was rented by them for that day. But what is going to happen? That is the question being asked.

MANY DISTRICTS IN FINAL EFFORTS TO COMPLETE QUOTA IN SUB DRIVE

WITH District 5 (Pittsburgh) still in the lead, many other districts are engaged in feverish activity to go over the top before the first of February, which is the final closing date of the subscription campaign. During the last two weeks, three districts have made big progress and have shown the way to the other slower ones that it is possible to get subscriptions and that the quotas are not too high for any league to reach. District Seven (Detroit), No. (Twin Cities) and Nine (Superior) have been the most active ones outside of District Five, which has kept itself in the lead from the very first week of the campaign. There is still time left—until February 1—for every other district to follow the example of these three, which have had a poor showing up to almost the last minute, but which have now placed themselves among the leaders. Remember, you can send in subs to reach us up to February 1—you can still complete your quota and make a record for your district.

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Comrade Kasper is leading with 136% subs to his credit, while Comrade Stevens comes a close second with 100% subs. Knowing the capabilities of these two comrades, we are afraid to predict who will be the winner—one thing is sure, there will be a hot last minute fight! Just watch!

The next issue of the Young Worker will carry names of all comrades who have over 10 subs to their credit, as well as the winners. Watch for the next issue! Many interesting things can happen in two weeks and your district might come up to the top!

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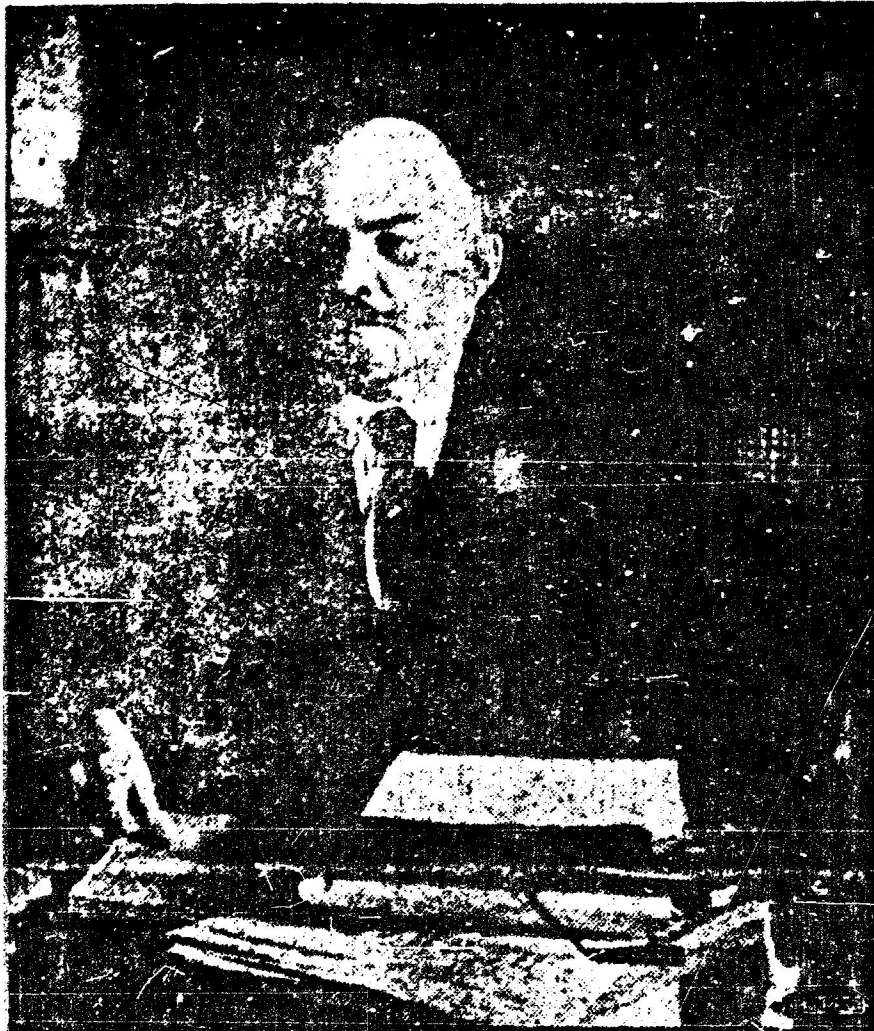
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Stop the Capitalist Canibalism of Child Labor





V. I. Lenin.

The young workers of the United States are continuing the work of their great leader by rallying against capitalist militarism and the new war danger. Lenin died three years ago on January 21, 1924.



Calles and Garza.

Above: President Calles of Mexico, whose government has enforced the oil and land laws. The Calles government has recognized the Soviet Union and the Liberal Sacasa government in Nicaragua. Below: Rene Capristan Garza, one of the leaders of the reactionary Catholic forces in Mexico which are helping the Wall Street Imperialists by organizing armed bands against the Calles government.



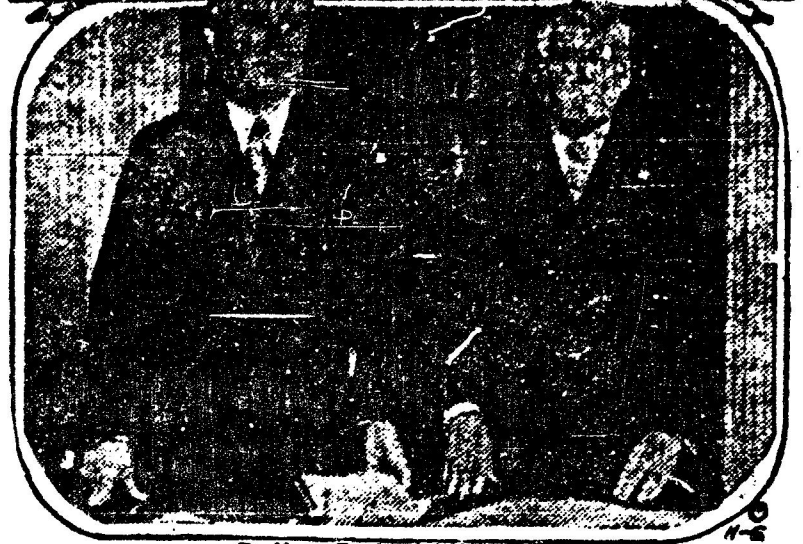
Atheist Arrested.

Ernest V. Sterry, editor of "The Christian Inquirer" and atheist, has been arrested at Toronto, Canada, charged by the crown with uttering "blasphemous, indecent and profane libel." Thus we see that the bosses in this country are not the only ones who hound those that refuse to believe in the opium religion.



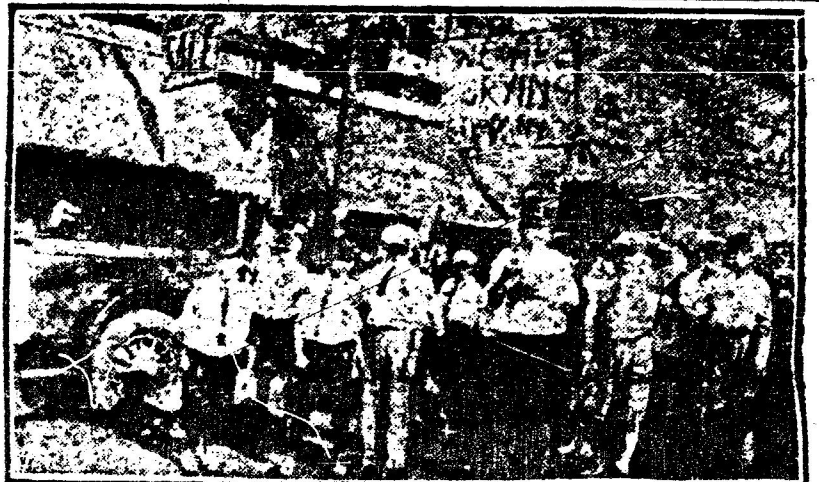
John L. Lewis.

The reactionary John L. Lewis, who will try to "rule or ruin" the miners' convention in Indianapolis. If the policies of Lewis win out nothing will be done to prepare for the miners' strike in the spring.



Dollar Rule Diplomats.

Above: "Silent" Cal Coolidge and "Nervous Nellie" Kellogg, secretary of state. Cal has endorsed the Latin-American policies of the state department:.. The invasion of Nicaragua, the war threat against Mexico and the rushing of warships to China. Below: William E. Borah, U. S. senator from Idaho, who has made a "lukewarm" criticism of the state department's policies, and Kellogg again.



Passaic Strike Scenes.



Cantonese Leader.

Chang Kai Shek, the youthful commander of the Kuomintang (People's Party) armies which are now driving on Shanghai to expel the war lords and foreign imperialists. As proof of the entire confidence placed in the nationalist government of China, 25,000 Chinese gathered in the race course in Hankow to listen to an address by Shek.