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## HANDS OFF CHINA IS NOW ISSUE FOR WORKERS

### Force Against China Is Perilous, Says Borah

The Cantonese (the national revolutionary forces fighting for an independent China free from the domination of the foreign imperialists) continue winning victories. The Cantonese army is now outside Hankow (Industrial Center of China already in the hands of the Cantonese) and they are preparing for their forward march to capture Shanghai.

Altho the movement of British troops and American gun boats to China has somewhat slowed up in line with the statements of the British and American governments, the policy of the imperialists still remains to obstruct with all their powers the forward movement of the national revolutionary forces. That means that the need for the united front of the American workers and farmers on the issue of "Hands off China," still remains an important immediate task. For instance one of the means used by the foreign imperialists against the Cantonese is to continue supporting Chang Tso Lin.

Kellogg announces for the Wall Street Washington government his willingness to "enter into negotiations with any government of China who can represent or speak for China." Yet the Cantonese already control two-thirds of China and they are speaking for their country. On the one hand the American imperialists want to beat Great Britain and Japan in it for Chinese concessions, business, etc., and on the other hand they want to use all means in their power to beat the Cantonese. The statement of Kellogg emphasizes the first proposition at present. Meanwhile the other phase is not being neglected as for example the fourth regiment of marines, recruited to full war strength has now sailed for the orient.

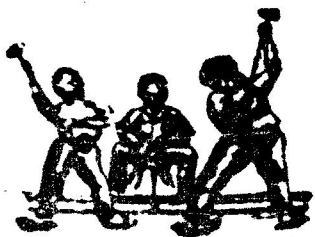
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Warning the United States and Great Britain that the sending of large fleets and armies to China may have "a very serious result," Senator William R. Borah (R) of Idaho, chairman of the foreign relations committee, today urged evacuation of all Americans in China.

Borah declared he favored the protection of American lives in China but "I am in favor of protecting them at the present time if necessary by bringing them out of danger until all danger is passed."

He said he "thoroughly sympathized" with China's efforts to get rid of foreign domination.

### Filipino Students Oppose Military Drill.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Because the students at the National University of the Philippines opposed the compulsory military drill the War Department here has withdrawn its aid for military training on the request of the president and members of the faculty of this institution.



## YOUTH DELEGATES AT MINERS' CONVENTION FIGHT TO SAVE UNION AND FOR YOUNG MINERS' DEMANDS

### LEAD ATTACK AGAINST BRANDS OF CAPITALIST MILITARISM

By WM. F. DUNNE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31.—The young miners who are delegates to this convention have made a creditable record in the struggle against the Lewis machine.

It was a young miner, William Salinsky, who first took the floor and began the fight against the proposal of the machine for unlimited power to levy and collect assessments. Around the unseating of Pat Toohey, elected by two anthracite locals, centered one of the bitterest fights of the convention. Mike Demchak, a young miner from District 9, convulsed the convention when, in speaking against the salary increase for officials, he stated: "The officials admit they are conservatives so let's give them a conservative salary." Demchak was later slugged by machine strong-arm men when he fought the proposal to extend the period between local union elections from one to two years.

Tony Minerich and Toohey have both shown well in debate. Minerich made one of the best speeches of the convention in support of a resolution against military training camps.

Joe Angelo of Springfield has done splendid work in centralizing the activities of the opposition bloc.

There are a large number of young miner delegates here and rallying behind Brophy, Hindmarsh, Haggood and Howat they have given vitality to the struggle to save the union.

It is noticeable from a comparison of the resolutions with the delegations that invariably progressive demands come mostly from those local unions which have a large youth membership.

The attitude of the Lewis machine towards the young miner delegates is one of ridicule and contempt. It was when Demchak was replying to a bitter attack made on him by Golden, president of District 9, that he was surrounded by machine supporters and badly beaten.

In the last fight on the report of the constitution committee the young delegates covered themselves with glory and after the defeat of the machine led a demonstration which was a fine expression of rank and file triumph.

Natalie Gomez, another young worker, is selling the DAILY WORKER and the Young Worker at the entrance to the convention hall.

### "Conservative Pay For a Conservative Policy"—Young Miner

#### LEWIS GANG SLUGS YOUTH DELEGATE

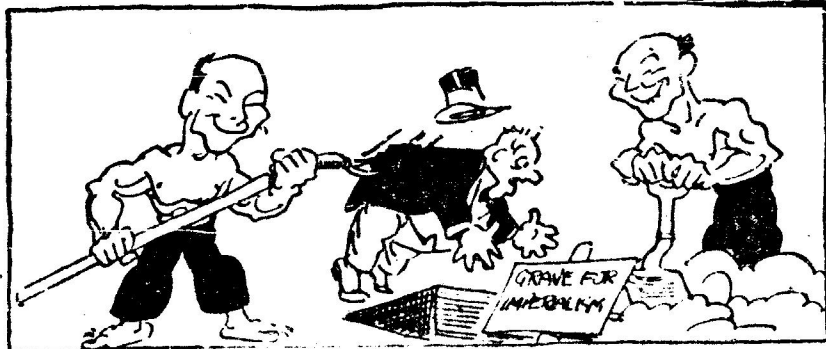
By a Young Coal Miner.

The International miners' convention is now over and in summarizing the events, the legislation and the developments occurring in Indianapolis from the day the delegates arrived until the day their mission was completed; and in describing the events of this important convention to ignore the role played by the young delegates would be describing the convention in its sleepy and dead sessions.

It was chiefly the young delegates whose fighting determination and militant stand that seriously challenged the cut-and-dried order of business outlined by the machine huckster.

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### Cantonese Are Buryin' Em!



### LIBERAL FORCES IN NICARAGUA FIGHT DIAZ DESPITE U.S. INTERVENTION

The open aid of the American forces in Nicaragua led by Admiral Julian Ladimer to Diaz, illegal Wall Street puppet president of that country continues. The other day three hundred U. S. marines raced to the town of Managua and arrived in time to prevent the defeat of Diaz troops by Sacasa forces (Dr. Sacasa's government and forces have not accepted the rule of Wall Street and want an independent Nicaragua). Wall Street wants Nicaragua to remain its vest pocket country one of the reasons being the project of American bankers to build a canal across the country. The fact that the fighting continues shows that Sacasa has accepted Diaz's "peace" offers with reservations.

### U.S. BARONS STILL DEFY MEXICO OIL AND LAND LAWS

#### Pan-American Labor Must Fight Imperialism

The U. S. senate has unanimously passed a resolution for the arbitration of the controversy between the United States and Mexico. But Kellogg keeps quiet and doesn't say what steps are being taken. That is because the Calles government has not yet backed down in its enforcement of the oil and land laws which is aimed against the Wall Street imperialists in Mexico.

If the Calles government does not back down in its stand it means that the American imperialists will continue trying to create internal revolution in Mexico to overthrow the Calles government—to even withdraw recognition, invade Mexico and set up a puppet Wall Street president if the other methods to cow Calles fail. There is no news that the 15,000 U. S. soldiers massed along the Mexican border have been removed while the question is being "arbitrated."

Meanwhile the Mexican embassy in Washington announces that 95 per

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### Darrow Says Scopes' Anti-Evolution Case Will Be Reopened

Despite the refusal of the Tennessee supreme court to receive briefs asking a rehearing of the Scopes



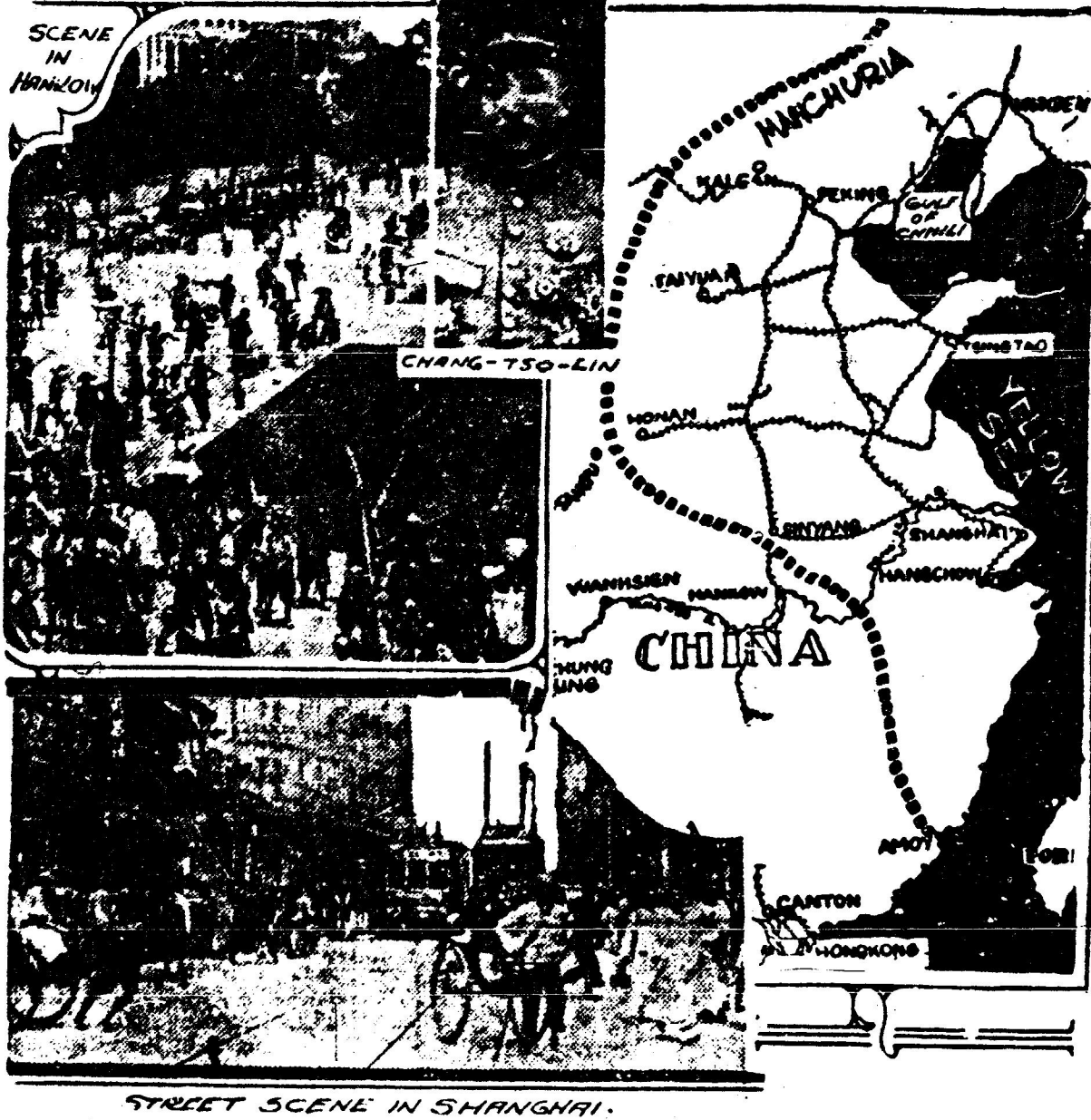
CLARENCE DARROW

evolution case, Clarence Darrow and Arthur Garfield Hays, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union have announced that they will not allow the case to be shut off. Several means are now being considered for reopening the case and forcing an issue. Mr. Hays charges that the courts are trying to dodge the issue. He sees in their refusal to grant a rehearing a victory for the defense. The defense contention that the statute was vague is well borne out, he states, by the fact that the court gave out three different interpretations of its meaning. He predicts that there will be no more arrests in Tennessee for violation of the anti-evolution law, since a law so vague obviously cannot be enforced.

A resolution which would have prohibited the teaching of evolution in West Virginia's public schools was defeated in the house of delegates on January 31.



# CHINESE REVOLUTION MOVES FORWARD!



## Lewis Has "Blue Sky" Control at the U. M. W. Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Empire John L. Lewis and his machine on those holding the miners' convention in their clutches. The trick was performed thru a heavy influx of delegates from "blue sky" locals which are non-existent. The faking of delegates and also votes cast in the recent union elections can easily be seen by studying the report of Secretary-Treasurer Kennedy.

According to this report the total dues paying membership of the U. M. W. A. on January first of this year was 273,407. The report further attests to the bankruptcy of the Lewis policies when it points out that 19,000 members were lost from September to January, during the temporary pick up in the industry. Lewis gave the figure of the votes cast in the recent elections as a total of 233,000 (80,000 for Brophy and 173,000 for Lewis). The total dues paying membership is 273,000 and this presents us with the impossible situation that outside of 40,000, every member cast a vote. Yet, in face of these facts, the first figures sent out by the Lewis machine claimed that the total vote cast was 280,000 or 17,000 more than the actual membership.

The brazenness of the "packed convention" can be seen in the following facts (1) The report of Kennedy proves that Dist. 31 West Virginia in the last six months has an actual membership of 377, yet there are 166 delegates present with 225 votes from this district. (2) Dist. 17 has 18 delegates representing 58 members. (3) Dist. 19 Kentucky, has only 8 local unions up to Jan. 1, according to the report, yet it appears in the convention with 48 delegates representing 48 locals, having a total of 60 votes. (4) Dist. 28, Kentucky, up to Jan. 1, had 4 local unions, yet this district comes to the convention with 30 delegates from 30 different locals to cast 49 machine votes. These are the methods pursued by the Lewis machine to rule the convention.

## U. S. Barons Still Defy Mexico Oil and Land Law

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cent of the foreign oil producers in Mexico have accepted the oil and land laws, but the main American owners have not yet given in. Internal strife fomented by the Catholic clergy with the help of American dollars is being successfully quelled by the Calles government.

Instead of calling an immediate special convention of the Pan-American Federation of Labor the leaders of that body have issued a call for a convention to be held July 18. Thus the call is cloaked very lightly with some anti-imperialist phrases the convention call is not aimed to organize the fight against the Wall Street government invasion of Nicaragua and threat of intervention in Mexico. In the call the reactionary leaders of the Pan-American Federation state that "we feel confident that the delegates will concentrate their efforts on questions that properly belong to a labor congress." By that the reactionaries mean that no questions of uniting the Latin-American labor movement against Wall Street should be considered. It is expected, however, that many of the rank and file delegates will sing a different tune at the gathering.

## U. M. W. CONVENTION AS SEEN FROM GALLERY

By NATALIE GOMEZ.

THE progressive youth in this convention led by Pat Toohy, Tony Gardish, Vincent Komonovich and others are having the roughest sailing they have ever experienced. They have been the most militant of the delegates on the floor and they have been made to pay the price by John L. Lewis and his loyal sluggers.

Pat Toohy, whose record as a militant fighter is known to every miner in the union, has been elected to many conventions for the last ten years. Pat started his convention trips when he was only 12 years old. This is the first time Pat has to sit in the gallery as an observer altho he has delegate's credentials from two local unions.

And on the floor of the convention are hundreds of delegates who came to the convention from "blue sky" locals manufactured by Lewis' loyal "organizers". They all wear delegate's badges and are allowed to vote because Lewis can count on their vote as well as on their fists should one of the more militant delegates open his mouth against the machine.

The machine delegates had an occasion to use their fists too and nobody knows it better than Powers Hapgood, who got a taste of it twice. Hapgood received a severe beating even before the convention started. He was hauled into a hotel room by Lewis' sluggers and beat up mercilessly.

Three days later, when he wanted the floor during one of the sessions of the convention, a conveniently placed "sargeant at arms", otherwise a burly slugger, shoved Hapgood several feet across into the arms of another one who finished the job with a well placed blow. Powers Hapgood still bears the marks of those two evidences of his rights for free speech in his union.

Hapgood and the sluggers were arrested and brought to court. It was the best and most effective propaganda talk delivered was Hapgood's statement at his trial. The

obviously a Klan member and in agreement with the Lewis machine and the union attorneys defending the sluggers, practically legalized the beating of Hapgood. A bolshevik, as any progressive is termed at the convention, according to the judge, deserves nothing better than a good beating up, providing "it is within the law." What he meant by that, nobody knows, probably anything short of a murder.

Hapgood was allowed to make his statement at the trial in which he presented a vivid and interesting picture of miners' conditions all over the world. He worked in mines in Russia, Germany, England and other countries as well as in the United States. His comparison of conditions under which miners have to work in Russia and in this country was a testimony of shame and failure for the officials of the United Mine Workers of America. The packed court room listened with attention and even tho he was defeated by the "justice" and the officials of the union, Powers Hapgood scored a victory with the rank and file.

Nothing worse happened to me than being cursed at regularly is no uncertain terms. Selling The DAILY WORKER at this convention is not like it was three years ago when we were permitted to sell papers inside the hall. Even when The DAILY WORKER reporter was barred from the press table The DAILY WORKER news girls were allowed to remain. This time it's quite different. My first attempt to sell the Daily to the delegates inside the hall ended in my being kicked out of the hall and earned not to show up around any more. The 250-pound "chief sergeant at arms" declared that the convention cost the officials enough money without having to waste their time with that "punk" as he termed The DAILY WORKER.

Nevertheless, the officials including Lewis buy and read the Daily every day and Lewis has wasted plenty of time denouncing it from the platform. They read it as they know it sells the better truth about them. It would save Lewis time if only the officials read the Daily. As it is the

## Atheist Poem.

Praise God from whom all cyclones blow,  
Praise him when rivers overflow,  
Praise him who whirls down houses and steeples,  
Who sinks the ship and drowns the people.

Praise God for dreadful Johnston flood,  
For scenes of famine, plague, and blood.  
Praise him who men by thousands drowned,  
But saved an image safe and sound.

Praise God when tidal waves do come,  
O'erwhelming staunch ships nearing home.  
Praise him when fell tornadoes sweep  
Their swift destruction o'er the deep.

Praise God for Tennessee's Holy Land—  
Who withered Saintry Bryan's hand,  
Who fills the Devil's Sunday Schools  
With crime unchecked—injustice rules.

Praise God for lightning bolts and for  
The dread earthquake on the Pacific shore,  
Praise God for sorrow, pain and woe,  
For railroad wrecks, for storm and snow.

For persons who with hood and bell  
Demand your cash or threaten hell,  
Praise God for war, for strife and pain,  
For cheats and liars; and then,  
Let all men cry aloud, Amen.

## JUNIOR ATHEIST LEAGUE

Ch: wine Walker, National Secretary  
GAP, PENNSYLVANIA.

## Study Salary Boosts.

CHICAGO, Ill. Julius F. Smietanka, acting president of the board of education announced that altho the board passed its 1927 budget without making provisions for the added salaries of teachers, "We shall continue to study the situation and to weigh all conditions." This means that the expected salary raise for teachers is merely to be studied at present.

Irritating sight to his eyes is the convention hall before the sessions begin. The DAILY WORKER is read by hundreds of delegates and the open sheets with The DAILY WORKER headline point an accusing finger at Lewis from every corner of the hall.

Lewis would like to be able to stop every member of his union from reading The DAILY WORKER. An attempt in this direction has been made thru a new constitutional amendment by which local unions are prohibited from circulating Communist literature or rendering financial aid. This is a logical follow up to the expulsion policy against the Reds. The rough of terms in the miners' union has been declared at this convention.



SECY DAVIS  
DECLARES AMM  
RELIEVES IN  
FREE SPEECH  
FOR OFFICERS



# WHILE THE BOSS AINT LOOKIN'

THE Gadfly has been so busy following the course of events in Latin America that he forgot to get his column in on time for the last issue. We hope our readers enjoyed their vacations.

### The Course of an Empire.

We have been cogitating on the philosophy behind the action of our statesman, Secretary Kellogg, in his dealings with American colonies. If you murder your neighbor and steal his watch and chain you are a murderer, but if as Kellogg did, you murder a few thousand and steal all their oil, rubber, and otherwise rich lands you are a statesman.

But no one can really deny that American politicians are real statesmen. Why, look at China! There we adopted an "open door" policy. This is proving to be of real value now that the Chinese are waking up and rallying to the Cantonese. See how much faster U. S. investors can escape thru the open door than can the other imperialist nations.

Some people are skeptical as to the reasons why the U. S. is imperialistic. They think that maybe it's because of the natural resources in these colonies. In Nicaragua there are vast forests for instance.

Well we can say with the N. Y. World that there seems to be a Nicaragua in the woodpile.

If we admit that the other politicians are not so great as statesmen, as we would have them, we must yet make the exception of Secretary Kellogg. The other day he asked the colleges to help promote Latin-American friendship. We have some suggestions along this line:

Firstly: We think that it would be an excellent idea for the freshman class at Yalevard to give a loud "locomotive" and an energetic "spell it out" for the suffering peons who are being starved on the plantations.

Secondly: If this don't help to satisfy the peons, we suggest that it be pointed out to them that they are not the only ones bent from overwork. Look at how crooked our politicians are!

Thirdly: This failing to satisfy we ought to attack Herrin, Ill., Canton, O., Chicago, senate, congress, John L. Lewis, Edward Browning and Peaches, Halls and Mills, and a few similar typical specimens to their country. We would then have a good reason to declare war on them as a menace to civilization.

Fourthly: In all of these there is the only thing left; attach a squad of Barnes to each college that is promoting peace.

Kellogg, we suppose, hopes to become immortal by his statesmanship. However, we don't notice any insurance companies offering him any reduced premiums on insurance policies. His immortality must have slim chances.

The events taking place at present are leading to another war—that's clear to all. Some college professors say, however, that another war is necessary to get rid of the surplus population. We could have that argument by listing them down the surplus.

The veterans of the World War should be heard from before a war is started. They got medals and a bonus after their wars. The medals they sold for a few dollars a piece to pawn shops so that they may be able to get a loan; and from the attitude of the bankers and the government in adopting the only "policy" of the "planus" is the



## Workers' Sports



### Red Sports Fight For Unity.

The International Workers' Gymnastic and Sports movement consists of two international associations. One of them is the mighty Red Sports International with its 2,000,000 members. The other is the Lucerne Sports International with 1,300,000 members.

The Red Sports International has consistently fought for the international unity of the workers' sports front, which altho frustrated by the reformist leaders of the Lucerne, has been accepted by large sections of the membership.

### Sports in the Soviet Union.

In the Soviet Union the physical culture movement, as it is called here, has greatly developed. This year many new sports grounds were opened. 1926 was also the year when many delegations of Soviet sportsmen were sent abroad. Russian, Ukrainian and also Transcaucasian teams visited foreign countries, such as Germany, France, Alsace-Lorraine, Norway, Finland, Latvia and Austria. This year foreign teams are to be invited to the Soviet Union.

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and it was this group who persistently fought and injected into the convention some of the important, vital and serious problems confronting the miners, problems which the Lewis administration were determined should not be discussed.

### Youth Opened Fire.

Without the spirit and fire of this youthful delegation, prepared and willing at any moment to take the machine to the mat, the older militant fighters would possibly have had some reason for a sense of discouragement

The government is carrying on a policy which is really a slap in the face to the workers of this country. We work to produce wealth, they spend it in wars to acquire greater wealth for the bosses whom they serve. We partially accept the Christian principle; now that they have slapped one cheek of the working class we think that we shouldn't turn the other—after we have knocked their blocks off.

Sacasa had been mopping up the ditches of Nicaragua with the robber Diaz when he stepped Admiral Latimer with the U. S. marines and declared all the territory that Sacasa had won as neutral territory. Following this principle we intend to send a friend of ours into Latimer's house to ransack it and try to steal his wife. Should Latimer step in and try to stop it and a fight starts. We intend to enter and declare the house neutral territory and proceed to reconce ourselves as comfortably as possible. We hope the Admiral will be consistent.

Be American Imperialism as it may, we find that we had hardly begun our column when we used up all our space. So that we must say au revoir until the next issue. In the meantime we hope you won't take any wadded money into the army, or anything such.

and despair. But the young delegates did not depend upon the older men to lead and then they follow, but in many instances it was the youth who opened the fire and drew the older militants into the struggle.

Probably one of the most brazen and wretched proposition which the machine could bring before the convention was their "prayer" for a raise in salary for the International officers, an increase amounting to 30 per cent. The convention was presented with some 90 resolutions bearing upon this issue, and after a close analysis of the "locals" submitting them we find they all come from locals that exist nowhere but in the imagination of the Lewis machine. It was upon this issue that Delegate Demchak, a young anthracite miner denounced the platform and declared that the official pay was sufficient for "a conservative salary for a conservative policy" and "upon this platform I gaze upon our officers who do not seem to be starving but are large paunched, well-fed and richly clothed, and I see the miners at home, starved, unemployed, evicted, in rags, hungry and emaciated." Mike, prior to this had aroused the ire of the machine by his great defense of the "free speech" resolution, his defense of John Brophy, etc. Mike's oration on the salary grab got the fat boys raving. Mike did not trust his ability to make a speech on the whole thing but prepared a written speech and read it from the platform. The fight Mike Demchak made in behalf of the rank and file on the question of extending the machine carte blanche power in the levying of assessments will always be remembered as a courageous and brilliant fight. The gang finally got after Mike by having their paid sluggers, parading under the officious title of "sergeants at arms" brutally slug him while seated and not facing them, they striking from behind.

### Hapgood is Slugged.

The name of Powers Hapgood symbolized to the miners' convention the sentiment and interests of the great membership of the miners' union. The machine was very determined to get rid of Powers and deprive him of his right to hold membership in the union, fight for the miners thru the medium of elections and conventions. The machine removed him from the ballot, expelled him from the union without trial, trapped him in a hotel room and brutally assaulted him, beat

## DEMAND PAY FOR ALL HOLIDAYS IN EAGLE PENCIL CO.

By J. MARR,

Young Worker Correspondent.

NEW YORK CITY.—The Young workers of the "Eagle Pencil Company," see their organizer in the "Eagle Workers' Point." They also feel the driving force behind it striking the very heart (the pocketbooks) of the bosses, which is their sorest spot.

What has happened in the last month? Christmas came and passed, then New Year came and passed. What did the bosses give to the Young Workers as a Christmas and New Year's present? A vacation lasting over a week. Imagine a whole week of joy only thinking of turkey, as they received no wages and had empty stomachs, also preparing for a New Year, and more likely worse than the last.

The bosses also had a vacation but with pay, taken from the sweat and toil of the youth in the factory, and they also took inventory so that they know with what amount of capital they are starting with in the New Year to make more profit, even more than the last year, from the toil and speeding up of the Young Workers in the factory.

Christmas and New Years are not isolated cases. Every legal holiday the workers are off with no pay, and if the holiday comes out on a Friday, they are off Saturday also.

Contributions such as articles and donations should be sent in for the next issue of the "Eagle Workers' Point." Above all, the Young Workers should join the ranks of the Young Workers' League, and help bring the message more clearly to the rest of the workers in the Eagle Pencil Company. With the battle cry of full pay for all legal holidays.

him up on the floor of the convention in the presence of a mob of hollering payrollers, organizers, officers and flunkys. This gang will hear more of Powers in the days to come.

Billy Salinsky and Leo Maloney, both anthracite youth delegates will always be remembered for their fight at this convention. It was Billy who led off the opposition attack on the assessment question; it was Leo who came right behind and supported him. For these two boys this is their first big convention. They say they are not speakers, etc., and got embarrassed when before a big crowd, but they are not going to sit still when such things are going on. Billy is secretary of a local of 1800 men.

### Anti-Military Fight.

The voice and position of the young worker upon the question of Citizens' Military Training Camps and other jingo institutions was heard when Tony Minorich ascended the platform and in no uncertain terms denounced the C. M. T. C., the R. O. T. C., the Boy Scouts, and all other schemes of the employing class to instill in the minds of the working class youth the ideology of capitalistic militarism and war. From the beginning to the end of the convention the air was heavy with anti-radical, anti-Communist, anti-Brophy, anti-militant, under which circumstances made the fight of these boys all the harder. That atmosphere didn't prevent Tony and the others from rising, challenging, speaking and fighting for the policies of the opposition. It was in such an atmosphere that Tony rose and stated he, if none other would, defend Wm. Z. Foster from the damnable lies the machine had told.

In spite, however, of all the obstacles facing the opposition delegation, in spite of the slugging and brutal tactics of the machine gang, the red baiting, the youngsters fought hard. More will be heard from the young miners for as one of the delegates at the convention said, "The youth must lead soon, let them prepare."



# Highlights of Sixth Y.C.I. Plenum By Herbert Zam

From the Fifth to the Sixth Plenums, etc.

AT the Fifth Enlarged Plenum of the Young Communist International, a very thorough analysis was made of the position of the Y. C. I. and of its various sections. A balance sheet was drawn up; the relations of the leagues to the masses of the young workers, the internal activity of the leagues, their methods of work—these questions were discussed and the general conclusion reached was that the leagues had been far too narrow in their activity, they had not established sufficient contact with the non-party youth thru intermediate organizations, thru activity on the basis of the immediate interests of the young workers, and last, but not least, the inner life of the leagues was not made sufficiently attractive for the young workers. We had the phenomenon in practically all countries that, whereas the political influence and prestige of the leagues had increased tremendously, the growth in membership did not keep pace with this political development, and that the turn over in membership was very large. The remedy for this situation laid down by the Fifth Plenum was: We must cease regarding the so-called non-political organizations of the working youth as our enemies, and must consciously endeavor to win them for us; these include trade union youth sections, sport and cultural organizations, etc. We must, when the circumstances permit, create special organizations "for the winning and leading of non-party youth"; we must make our work so concrete as to tie it up with the actual needs of the young workers at the particular moment; we must be highly flexible in our tactics, and each league must endeavor to adapt itself to the peculiar conditions within its own country. And last, but not least, it is necessary to enrich the inner life of the league, to add more attractive features, to pay greater attention toward satisfying the cultural needs of the young workers within our organization, as a means to overcoming the poor recruiting power of the leagues and the high turnover of membership.

At the same time, the objective analysis of the situation showed that there was a definite leftward tendency among large masses of the young workers which expressed itself in youth delegations to the Soviet Union, the formation of opposition movements within the Social Democratic and bourgeois youth organizations,

The question at this Plenum, of the Sixth Plenum was, therefore, to what extent had the decisions of the previous plenum been carried out. To what extent had the International profited from the leftward movement among the young workers?

### Strengthening of Y. C. I.

THE progress of the Y. C. I. in the period between the two conventions was evidenced first of all by the growth in membership of approximately 13,000, (excluding the Russian League) that this growth was greatest in England and China, the countries of intensest class struggle, was only another indication that the Y. C. I. is the only organization that can actually lead the young workers in a real struggle against the capitalist system. In China, where the struggle against the imperialist powers had already assumed the form of open warfare, the Young Communist League was the leader of the entire youth. The Y. M. C. A. which had been the greatest and most powerful opponent of the Y. C. I., the agent of the foreign imperialists among the youth, was not only rapidly losing all hold upon the Chinese youth, but was being driven out of the country by the revolutionary action of the Chinese young workers and students. Practically all other youth organizations, the organizations of the student youth, the peasant youth and the young workers in the trade unions had placed themselves under the leadership of the Young Communist League of China. International Youth Day was officially celebrated by the government and the entire population wherever the Nationalist armies had conquered.

In England, during the general strike, the Young Communist League was the only youth organization that did not go out of existence. It took a leading part in pulling the young workers and apprentices out on strike, many times against the direct orders of the trade union bureaucrats, and at all times without any aid or encouragement from them. It initiated a movement for the unionization of the young workers which has met with the support of the entire organized labor movement. It organized a youth delegation to the Soviet Union representing thousands of young workers. It took up the fight for the rights of the young workers to receive unemployment benefits, organizing demonstrations and marches on the Boards of Guardians in which

thousands of young workers participated. The reward to the British League was the doubling of its membership in the period of the general strike, and the tremendous increase in its influence.

These facts were brought out in the special reports given by the representatives of the Young Communist Leagues of China and Great Britain. There were also special reports by the representatives of the German and Russian Leagues. These are the four most important sections of the Young Communist International at the present time, and it is in the examination of the activities of these sections that it can best be judged as to whether or not the decisions of the previous plenum were bringing fruit or not. The German League also reported a small increase in membership, which was very significant, as previously, the membership had been on the decline. The reorganization crisis had been overcome, and now the League was proceeding systematically in the organization of shop nuclei in the largest factories. Following the advice of the Y. C. I., the League had built up a defense organization against the militarist organizations which already had over 20,000 members, only a small percentage being members of the Y. C. L. On a local scale, united fronts with the Socialist youth had been made and a number of unity committees had been set up to broaden these united fronts. In some cases these unity committees even included representatives of religious youth organizations which were rebelling against their priestly leaders. To cap all these activities, a congress of the toiling youth of Germany was held at which over a hundred thousand young workers were represented. The entire League was united behind the central committee of the German Party in its fight against the ultra left opposition.

The report of the Leninist Young Communist League of the Soviet Union was listened to with special interest. The Y. C. I. S. U. is the largest single youth organization that has ever existed; its membership is now already over two million and growing at the rate of 3,000 every day. It contains within its ranks a majority of the working youth and large masses of the peasant youth. It is the direct defender of the interests of the working and peasant youth, not only in its insistence on the carrying out of the regulations regarding the

youth, but in the initiation of plans and arrangements to better the conditions and raise the standards of the working youth, economically and culturally. The members of the Y. C. I. S. U. realize the important role that their organization plays on an international scale. During the general and miners' strike in Great Britain, they raised thousands of dollars for the support of the strikers, contributing a regular share of their wages every month. The Y. C. I. S. U. plays a leading role in the work of the Y. C. I., and its advice and suggestions are gladly accepted by all members of the International.

In these four reports it was seen that the Young Communist International is making progress. This was also emphasized in the report of the Executive Committee, given by Comrade Lomiazse, which I shall discuss later.

At this plenum, the American League was drawn still closer as an organic member of the Y. C. I. Previously, the American League had only participated in the work of the Y. C. I. by having representatives at congresses and plenums. This situation is now changed. With the return of the first representative we have had there, Comrade Darcy will go to act as permanent representative. In the election of the executive committee, America was given better representation than at any time before. It now has three members on the executive committee, Comrades Williamson, Darcy and Zam, whereas in the past it has never had more than one. During the time that Comrade Zam was the representative, he was a member of the presidium, for the first time that America has had representation on this body. Comrade Darcy is the first candidate to the presidium. The American League also had a representative on the presidium of the plenum in the person of Comrade Zam. All these are but manifestations of the close relations which are now being established between the American League and our International leadership. The American League will receive continuous attention and aid from the Y. C. I. and thus will be able to conduct its work much better than in the past.

(To be continued.)

## Subscribe!

### Negro Porters Win Support for Union

NEW YORK. The fight of the Pullman porters to organize a union and fight for better conditions is making headway. The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters announces that a committee of five Negroes and whites has been organized to place the true facts of the Pullman porters before the public. At a mass meeting of the committee it was pointed out that better conditions for the porters will do away with the degrading tipping system now in vogue.

### Passaic Striker Gets Arrested for Laughing

PASSAIC, N. J. Passaic police arrested a strike picket this morning for the crime of laughing at scales outside the Carr Mills, one of the five mills which are still refusing to deal with the U. T. W. Union. The picket arrested was Sophie Comura, of 61 Maple Avenue.

At Passaic police court she was charged with disorderly conduct and held in jail at \$100 which was furnished by the union. The municipal trial police and courts of Passaic do not seem to take the slightest notice of the terrible strikes, for since last January hundreds of strikers have been arrested for no other crime than that of striking or laughing at the picket line.

### LONG HOURS, LOW PAY FOR GEAR SHOP YOUTH

By Young Worker Correspondent  
CHICAGO, Ill. In the Wm. Ganzow Gear Company here there work about 300 workers. Of this number 40 to 50 are young workers. Both young and adults work 9 1/2 hours a day and 54 hours a week.

The wages for the young worker is the lowest. He receives from 40 to 45 cents an hour. The adults get a little more than the young workers. If the young worker asks for a raise in wages more than twice he gets the "gate." Sanitary conditions in the factory are poor.

The speed up system here affects the young workers even more so than the adults. The slogan of the bosses is "Aren't you done yet?" The bosses keep a minute watch over the machines and every so often come up to you and say "Hurry up!" That's how accidents happen. The worker starts to slow some speed and many times a finger is separated with a blood. There is no rest in the shop young or adult, who has no holiday or vacation, but has to work all time or other. The workers don't even have insurance for these accidents.

KEEP THE DAILY WORKER!

### Round the World Newsettes

#### PANAMA.

The proposed new treaty between the United States and Panama was originally a dead letter on Jan. 28, as a result of the Panama National Assembly's action in voting to suspend further consideration of the treaty and return it to the president of Panama for further negotiations.

#### GERMANY.

A plot has been discovered to assassinate Georges Chicherin, Soviet Commissary of Foreign Affairs, who is here at present undergoing an operation. This frustrated plot recalls the murder of Vladimir Vorozki at Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1923, by Maurice Comarty, who, altho brought into court, was acquitted.

#### SOVIET UNION.

The central Bureau of Technical Aid to States, headed by the U. S. S. R., has announced that a committee for technical aid to the Soviet Union will be organized. It will consist of all the technical equipment and machinery of the U. S. S. R. which is available for other countries.

#### SYRIA.

A Syrian youth has been arrested for the crime of laughing at the picket line.

### GEMS FROM THE BIBLE

By Freeman Hopwood, Sec'y. American Ass'n. Advancement of Atheism.

And he (Solomon) had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines.

(I Kings 11:3)

Solomon was the wisest man in the world, past, present or future. (I Kings 3:12). Our youth will read this and ponder on the advisability of three hundred concubines. Speculation on this subject is not conducive to good morals.



ported to have shot down three French airplanes.

#### BALKANS.

People's Commissar for War Vorozki of the Soviet Union, in a speech in Moscow has sounded a note of warning over the increased warlike preparations of the border states on the west, and the possible results of the Franco-Rumanian treaty in affecting the war parties in Roumania and her neighbors. He called on the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union to be "psychologically prepared" as well as materially prepared.



# YOUNG WORKERS IN NATIONAL CLOAK ARE READY FOR BETTER CONDITIONS

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

**NEW YORK CITY.**—The National Cloak and Suit Company employs over two thousand workers, in age from 14 to 20 years. A considerable number of young workers come to work after school, others attend continuation school once a week.

The working hours are indefinite. In slow times we work until 5:30, Saturdays until 12:30, in the rush season we work until 6 o'clock regularly, and until 4:30 or 5:30 on Saturdays.

On every floor there are a few section heads to the help of the floor head in order to keep a close eye on each and every worker. On most floors there is the hourly report system. That is, every hour a report is turned in. The section head is on the job to tell you that you have to speed up if you don't do as much as he expects from you.

The "head group" fulfills its duty by not leaving a minute to go to waste. The National starts girls with \$10 to \$12 dollars per week, boys with \$14. One has a lot of "fun" before he is raised. When we ask, we are answered next time. The next time, the floor head cannot remember that we ever asked for a raise. So it goes until the boss realizes that such a comedy might drive us to some kind of action, then only do we get our dollar. The floor heads are not stony with their talks, however.

A few weeks after the Xmas rush we worked until 6:00, and until 6:30 on Saturdays. The boss pushed us in a real slavish manner. When we were late only a few minutes, we received a promise of a raise. Immediately before Xmas we were laid off until after New Year. A third of the help was laid off permanently. "We cannot do any longer" we were told.

Just before Xmas, a circular was distributed by the Young Workers League around the National. This called the attention of the young workers to the conditions under which they work, pointed out the necessity of organized action. Not every worker in the National had a copy of that circular. Those that did get one appreciate it properly.

We want better conditions and we are ready to learn how to get them.

## YOUNG WORKERS OF THE NAT'L CLOAK AND SUIT CO.

THE Young Worker is the official organ of the Young Workers' League. It is the only working class youth paper in this country. It is always in the first ranks of the struggle of the working class youth.

This time we are distributing the Young Worker Free, so that you should read it and become acquainted with our paper. We ask you to support our paper, by subscribing to the Young Worker, which is going to help you in your fight for bettering your conditions in your shop. Send your sub, which is fifty cents a half year, and one dollar for a yearly subscription.

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# PASSAIC STRIKERS DETERMINED TO MAKE RELUCTANT MILLS SURRENDER

**PASSAIC, N. J.**—Hurling defiance at the die hard owners of the mills which still refuse to recognize the United Textile Workers' Union, 5,000 strikers from the Forstmann-Huffmann Company, the Gera Mills, New Jersey Spinning and the United Piece Dye Works, thunderously affirmed their decision to carry on the fight at a huge mass meeting held recently in Belmont Park Hall, Garfield.



## Leather Goods Youth Want Fighting Union

OFFICIALS TOO NICE TO BOSSES

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

**NEW YORK CITY.** On 19th Street and 6th Avenue, New York City, stands a tall building of a thriving concern decorated with the name "Morris White Leather Goods Company." This is a factory in which "dies" pocketbooks and hand bags are manufactured. Over 600 workers, about 300 adult male, 200 women and young girls and 100 young workers are employed in this factory. Despite the fact that this is a union shop, the conditions here are very bad, particularly those of the young workers. The wages of the 200 women and young girl workers average from \$12 to \$15 per week. The wages of the young workers, or helpers as they are called, average from \$10 to \$12 per week.

### Low Wages For Unorganized.

The women workers are mainly employed in the packing department. Part of the young workers are in the same work, many of whom work piece work. A large percentage of the young girl workers are employed as "general helpers", are highly unskilled and receive miserably low wages. The reason for this is due to the fact that they are not organized and are therefore left to the mercy of the boss. It is interesting to note the women workers employed as "packers" belong to the union, pay the same amount of dues as the helper and yet their earnings are very small.

The discipline in the shop is very great. When a worker arrives in the shop four minutes late a deduction of his wages amounting to 15 minutes is made. A notice in the shop states that for coming late 3 times a week he will lose a day's work, for which of course, he will not be paid. The foremen and the many petty bosses are very watchful and see to it that not a word is spoken during the working hours.

### Officials Play Favorites.

Yet this is a union shop. The union officials are very lenient with the boss and many of the workers' grievances against the boss are ignored by the representatives of the union. This can be explained by the fact that almost half of the members of the Joint Board of the union are employed in this shop.

If the administration of the union would really want to represent the workers and not play favoritism with the boss, it is necessary that the administration begin to seriously investigate the conditions, wages, etc., of this "famous" so-called union shop and see to it that the word union should not be made a mockery.

It is the duty of the most exploited section of the workers the young workers and women workers, to take a greater interest in their union and demand that it do all in its power to improve the working conditions, to raise wages and that the union give consideration to the poorly paid workers. As long as the great bulk of the members of the union, the young workers keep quiet so long will the union bureaucracy ignore you.



## Worker Ask: "Will You Help Us?" You Bet We Will!

Young Workers League,  
108 East 14th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Gentlemen: The distribution of your circular caused plenty of excitement at the National. I didn't have the luck to get one of your circulars; I was told of it the next day. We all liked to have the conditions you proposed to us, but we did not and we do not know as yet how to get it. We thought of a strike. We did not know how it will come about. The fact that the circular was distributed only a few days before Xmas was regretted by us; we thought that was not the proper time to get to work. On the other hand brought new hope to us. We are ready to do something about our conditions; will you please give us your help?

—By a Worker.

### AN ANSWER.

Dear Worker: We have read your letter and appreciate it very much. You ask us if we will help you out in the future, certainly we will. You will soon have a regular monthly Special Bulletin for your shop, which will help you and lead your fight for better conditions in your shop. This cannot be done by ourselves only. You workers in the shop must be ready to work and to fight as hard as possible, and only then can you get a better wage, shorter hours, and no speed-up system. You must write us letters, which we will print in the bulletin and in the Young Worker. It is not necessary to sign your name to your letters, we are with you in the fight.

Young Workers League,  
District 2.

## Sacco and Vanzetti

By ELLEN SANDWICK,  
Waukegan Ill.

I AM enclosing a clipping about Sacco and Vanzetti. It shows how unfair the judge is. It says that the real murderer confessed that he did what Sacco and Vanzetti are accused of doing. But the judge wouldn't "believe" it. Just because Sacco and Vanzetti are for the workers they have to suf-

## BUILDING THE YOUNG WORKER

By WALTER BURKE.

How can we build the Young Worker? Strengthen it financially so as to make it a weekly instead a semi-monthly paper, that will fight better for the interests of the young workers. This is one question that faces the members of the League today.

The editorial committee of the Young Worker has done its share in bettering the Y. W. It has improved the contents and appearance of the Young Worker, but the editorial committee can go far in this direction. Yet, it cannot write up all the news that goes to make up the fighting organ of young workers. The committee cannot raise all the finances required to put out a paper. The committee cannot distribute the Young Worker.

All these questions must be answered by the members. These tasks belong to the League as a whole. We must mobilize our forces to build the Young Worker, to broaden its influence to all sections of the worker youth, to make it a collective organizer of the young workers.

We must intensify our sub drive, and the collective of funds for the Young Worker. Here are some concrete methods of how this work can be done.

A good way of collecting money and selling subs is to visit affairs given by the party or sympathetic organizations. A comrade should ask for the floor at these affairs, and make a five minute speech in behalf of the Young Worker, finishing by asking for donations. Two or more comrades should start collecting the money or selling subs, for which ever the appeal is made. This method of getting subs and collecting for the Young Worker has been used successfully by the Chicago comrades, and it can be applied elsewhere.

The organizing of the Young Worker booster clubs, if carried out properly, will also insure a steady source of income for the Young Worker. The house to house soliciting for the Young Worker has not been used by the comrade. It is a very good way to bring the Young Worker to the working class. The League unit should set aside at least one night a week for this work. They should divide the city into sections or districts to take up this work, and cover it in a systematic work.

An up-to-date list should be kept in the district office of youth club meetings, union meetings, and affairs that draw to them some of the working youth. To these places comrades should be assigned to sell the Young Worker regularly. Factories that employ large numbers of young workers should also be visited regularly.

It is only by work of this kind that we can hope to build the Young Worker into a powerful organ that will express the lives of the working youth.

For even when the murderers confessed, the judge said he would let a coward if he let Sacco and Vanzetti go free.

He certainly would not be loyal to the captives if he let the young workers

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## Young Miners' Fight Has Not Stopped!

THE Lewis machine ruled the miners' convention in Indianapolis. This was accomplished as follows: 1) A reckless padding of the convention with hundreds of delegates from blue-sky, non-existent locals. 2) Wholesale fraud in the recent election campaign in the union. 3) Use of terrorist methods against the progressives. 4) Disfranchisement of progressive delegates. 5) Beclouding the real issues with red scares, etc.

Yet in spite of these obstacles the young progressive delegates made a determined struggle against the machine. The young progressives knew that the present convention had as its central task the preparation for the struggle in the Spring, which means measures to save the U. M. W. of A. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that they raised the issue of the struggle against capitalist militarism at a time when the American imperialists have invaded Nicaragua and are threatening Mexico and China.

The reaction in the union was tightened at this convention by (1) the jamming thru of an expulsion policy of all Communists, (2) the striking from the preamble of the union the declaration that the U. M. W. is organized to obtain for the members "THE FULL SOCIAL VALUE OF THEIR PRODUCT" which had been placed there by the pioneers of 1890 and replacing it with a class-collaboration phrase. This continued wave of reaction must only serve in goading the young miners on in their fight to save the union. The battle must now be carried into the district and sub-district conventions wherever they are held. There besides the general youth issues the concrete economic demands of the young miners must be pushed to the fore.

## Reviewing Our Young Worker Sub Drive

By NATALIE GOMEZ.

THE subscription campaign for the Young Worker, which lasted for three and a half months, is now ended. It is impossible to give the final results in this issue, as the paper is going to press on the closing day of the campaign. Therefore, a detailed account of the accomplishments of all districts, cities and leading individual comrades will be given in the next issue of the Young Worker, dated February 15. But now is the time for us to go over these three and a half months of intensive activity for the Young Worker and review the lessons we learned from this campaign.

### An Organized Campaign.

This campaign was the first one in the history of the Young Worker conducted on an organized plan, with a definite number of subs allotted to each district and unit, according to their membership. It was also the first time since the Young Worker began publication that we have succeeded in organizing from 120 to 130 Young Worker agents, working under the direction of twelve district agents. This little army of fighters for our press is far from being a perfect organization yet. But we have laid the foundation on which we will continue to build a better and stronger Young Worker. The campaign which we have just completed is but the opening fire. The real battle is still ahead of us. Our agents are not wartime recruits, they are a standing force on which the Young Worker has to rely for support and strength. Each Young Worker agent is a captain of the unit of the Young Workers League of which he or she is a member and it is his duty to work for a loyal support of the whole membership to the Young Worker. In time of a campaign the whole membership is mobilized and called upon to support the Young Worker. But when there is no special campaign being carried on the everyday building of the Young Worker must continue and the agents must keep the Young Worker before the eyes of the members, work for it and constantly watch that subscriptions come in. This is the work we have started during the campaign. We have laid the foundation, now we must build.

### Reached 2,000 Mark

During the course of the campaign we have secured over 2,000 new subscriptions. Certain districts have accomplished more in the work than others. Districts that have not started their work in the last and the first of the district have done

WATCH for the next issue of the Young Worker! The winning district will get a beautiful hand embroidered banner—which district will it be?—The winning city will get a library of books—will it be a city in your district? And the winning comrade will get a brand new, latest model Remington portable typewriter, all ready to be packed and shipped... Who will it be? Additional prizes of books autographed by leading comrades in the Party and the League will be given to several comrades who hold a good record of work during the campaign. The names of all winners will be announced in the next issue of the Young Worker. Get a bundle for your one of the most interesting issues ever gotten out.

cellent work. Districts 8, 7, 9 and 13 have come up to all expectations. However, some districts have fallen back and have little accomplishment to report. The exact number of subs and percentages of quotas filled will appear in the next issue.

We have here mentioned the leading districts because we expect a large increase in membership in these districts in the near future. There are no more valuable contacts than those secured thru the medium of our press. Some 400 new readers of the Young Worker and THE DAILY WORKER in one district is that many more prospects for membership in the Y. W. L. and the Workers Party. This is the big opportunity that presents itself as a result of the subscription campaign that no comrade can afford to overlook. A membership drive following the subscription campaign is a logical and necessary step. Our district organizers are called upon to avail themselves of this opportunity to increase the membership in their districts. Our slogan "every member a subscriber" must be used and repeated. Only by subscriber a member! In this manner the sub campaign will be not only the way to build our press, but will build our organization as well.

### The Will to Get Subs

We have heard one thing above all we have heard that is the will to get subs. Many of the Young Workers a large number and at the same time they are not only getting the Young Worker but also the DAILY WORKER. This is the will to get subs. This is the will to get subs. This is the will to get subs.

# FASCIST DICTATORSHIP IN LITHUANIA

FORMER czarist officers, priests and Polish landowners, who have seized power in Lithuania, have already begun their work of revenge against the workers.

The blood of the first Lithuanian workers has already been shed: Pojeila, Greifenberger, Tachorny and Kasis Gedris were executed. The latter was a member of the Central Committee of the Lithuanian Red Aid.

At the head of the fascist movement in Lithuania are nationalists and clericals, Christian Democrats, while the instigators of the overthrow, its immediate leaders, were Mayor Plechanovitch and Captain Glavatski, who are well-known to the working masses of Lithuania as hangmen. These officers are at the same time landowners. In 1919 they shot and massacred in Smudien and other districts hundreds of peasants. Now they have begun again their bloody work, in close agreement with the Catholic church and the Clerical Party, with whom they prepared the overthrow.

The comedy of the overthrow took place according to a definite fascist plan. In Lithuania exactly as in Poland, seizure of power by the fascists in order to prevent the allegedly threatening danger of a communist conspiracy, and then the farce of a "legislation" of the overthrow by a castrated parliament under the pressure of bayonets.

After a short space of breath the much tortured Lithuanian people have again come into the power of czarist reactionaries, of a demoralized military and of the Polish landowners, led by the Catholic clique, whose former rule in Lithuania is characterized by murders, shootings, acts of violence and the most complicated methods of tortures. These hangmen of the Lithuanian Shwaigiba (secret police) are introduced tortures on the electric chair from which not even children were safe.

Hundreds of workers are at present in Lithuanian prisons, martial law was proclaimed, trade unions are disbanded, field court and military censorship are established.

The minister of the interior promises to free the land from all "decomposing" elements and to devote his special attention to the riflemen's

association, the Association of the Volunteers, the reserve officers, the boy scouts and the patriotic organizations. The dictators openly announce that they plan new fascist deeds and that they organize for this purpose all fascist forces. The dictatorship in Lithuania is a signal for the beginning of blackest reaction in all neighboring countries. The significance of this overthrow thus goes beyond the frontiers of Lithuania and becomes a spur for fascist expansion in the East, from the Black to the Baltic Sea.

An artificial wall of black reaction is being formed between the landowners of the victorious proletarian dictatorship and the oppressed toiling masses of the capitalist states, a separating wall which means a permanent danger for the labor movement of the whole world. The fascist Baltic states under the leadership of belligerent Marshal of the "Greater Polish State" are a danger for peace in Eastern Europe in the interest of imperialism and against the acquisitions of the international working class, for the preparation of wars is first of all an attack against the working class and its organizations and furthermore the condition for the unlimited development of reaction and of white terror. The workers, peasants and toiling masses of all countries must fight against this danger with the full power of their revolutionary enthusiasm and their class solidarity. The struggle against fascist dictatorship in Lithuania is of an international significance for us. The terror rule of the fascist gangs in Lithuania and all black powers, on which it supports itself inside and outside the country, must meet with a smashing resistance.

The executive committee of the International Red Aid appeals to the workers of the whole world to protest actively and energetically. It urges them to unite its forces in order to stop the work of the bloody czarist hangmen in Lithuania and in order to warn the whole world of the threatening danger.

Down with fascist reaction!

Long live the solidarity of the workers of the whole world!

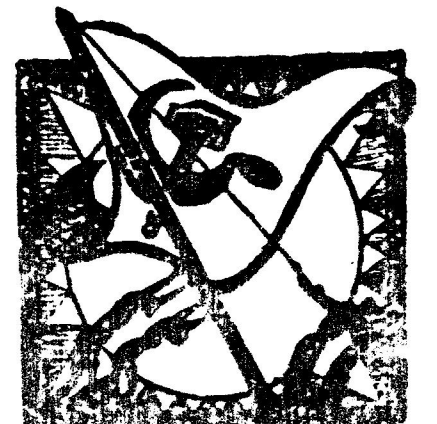
The Executive Committee of the International Red Aid.

an appeal for subscriptions is the central feature. At the Liebknecht memorial meetings held all over the country many subs were secured and at several affairs held by the various leagues a large number came in too. These are special methods worked out during the campaign, never tried before—and they proved successful. We must keep this in mind and use these methods whenever possible.

Aside from these special ways, tested methods of visiting union meetings, shop campaigns and individual approach of workers. A good agent will not overlook any of the possibilities and will be always on the look out for new ones. These are a few of the things we learned during the last three and a half months. We have aided the Young Worker by laying a firm foundation and started a big job, now we have to continue with redoubled energy until we are able to support a weekly Young Worker.

### Our Red Sundays.

Some of the most successful methods used by the comrades in the campaign are Red Sundays. In many places several Red Sundays resulted. The main feature on a Red Sunday is to visit those subscribers who are about to expire of our work is to guard the subscription list of the Young Worker from decreasing. We cannot afford to lose a subscriber just because there was no one to go and approach him. The will of the experienced subscribers is the best of the present. The subscribers who have renewed their subscriptions will renew but we must also see to the renewal of the subscribers who are about to expire. This is the successful method of the campaign for the Young Worker.





A SHORT STORY

COMRADE LILLIAN COMES TO TOWN

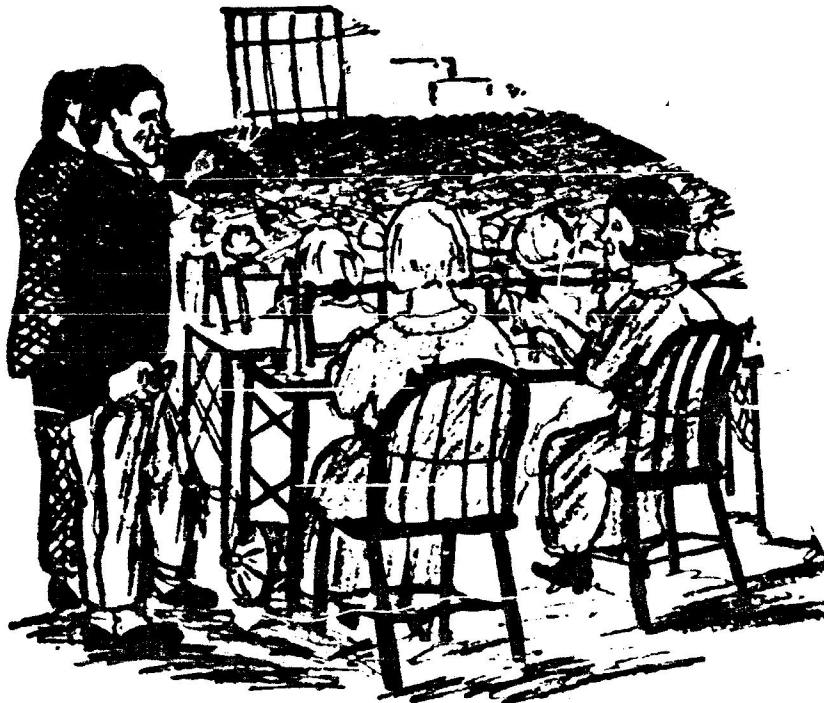
By Bonchi Friedman



IN a small room of a company house in a Pennsylvania steel town a young worker was registering in a small book designed for a diary...

"This year I worked 300 days. According to Comrade Jack's figures, Gary had profited by my labor between 1,500 and 2,000 dollars. This is rather much. What have I after a year of labor? Well, I am seventeen years old. I have an old suit, a pair of old shoes, overalls and ten dollars. Father is not satisfied with me. He says I am neglecting the great opportunities which this glorious country is offering every American, and me too. He is certain, my dear father, who himself has been exploited by the steel company for the last twenty years that if I hadn't been misled by that 'damnable' Lillian I would be making big money now. Poor father! He is not bad, but he is old and he doesn't believe that the present system can be good if it were not for the people who are bad.

"... My people here know that I have changed. But to them it is Lillian to go to. It is Lillian, the symbol of a new era, who has been leading me to the new life. True, John Soboroff, that Russian Communist, whom I first met in the mill also was an enlightened man. I had noticed it in him ever since the first day of our acquaintance. He made the same approaches to get us young workers into his confidence that Lillian employed. But Soboroff, a man of forty, more than twice as old as Lillian, did not possess that magnetic personality which she does, and even his own ideas were vague to him. While Lillian possesses the ability to make herself understood. And it was due



Lillian worked hard in the mill all day and then in the evening worked still harder for the workers' cause.

to this ability, plus her knowledge and revolutionary spirit, that I said to myself: It is just this that my mind and soul has been seeking.

"I REMEMBER it vividly, as if it were an hour ago. Yet, almost two years had passed since then. I was lonely and restless. I had lain on the narrow cot after the hard day's work. An unexpected knock at the door. Johnny, my dear friend, had made his appearance.

"... A girl from New York came to us. Lillian is her name. She came to stay here to work. She will stay with us. Father and mother want her to stay with us. She is young, maybe sixteen or seventeen and not a sprinkle of powder on her face. She has been talking to father during the whole evening of many things that I don't understand. I am sure that even you won't understand it. They belong to the same party. Boy what she knows! Only about three years from Russia and she speaks a perfect English. Why she came to this dump I really don't know. I think she was sent here. It is too much for me to understand. She said something about a Comintern or Comintern 'who' decided that the class-conscious workers should be urged to go into the heavy industries and to organize

unions. And she, Lillian, was one of those ordered to go.

"I admired the simplicity of her behavior. She called me comrade. We were all attracted to her. A young Jewish girl comes here; works hard in the mill and still harder after work. I couldn't understand why she was always happy as if she had found a great fortune. To us the work in the mill was loathsome and after a day's work we found rest in talking nonsense. Lillian, after work, was writing long letters, correspondence to the party press, outlines and resolutions. She was reading newspapers, weeklies, monthlies in Yiddish, Russian and English and made comments on books.

"A prodigy! JOHNNY'S father told me to call J at his home after supper.

"A group of young workers were there. All my friends.

"Comrades," said Lillian, "I have been observing the mode of life you young workers are living. I cannot call it life. You are not living, you are merely slaving for long hours and wasting your leisure in hopeless vanity. Under such conditions our life equals that of slaves or animals. But the present decade is the most restless one mankind has ever known.

There is a deep craving for things we cannot name. But the things we crave for seem vague to most of us because the capitalist system does not give us workers a chance to learn the meaning of life and the significance of true freedom. The present system makes us good automata, robots, soldiers, slaves, but we have no chance to learn how this system came about to be what it is, why it is, and most important of all, how to change it for a better one.

"This system of capitalism and misery can be abolished by the workers and poor farmers. Every human being must have an ideal to live for and fight for. Our ideal is the greatest the noblest. It is to change our miserable working and living conditions into a life worth living under which each will give to his fellowman according to his ability and receive according to his needs. One of the first things we must do to achieve this is to organize the workers into powerful unions which will enable them to fight for better immediate conditions. And thus, by training themselves to fight, the workers will have taken possession of the wealth we have been creating for centuries and establish their own government to usher in this new system.

"We young workers must study the development of capitalism, the class of the rich, the rich man's government, and how to abolish them.

"SPEECHES were not new to me. I heard many of them in the form of dry, meaningless talk of some organizer who occasionally used to steal in to Gary's city. But Lillian's words. That's why I was so restless. I needed an ideal. She brought it to me, to our young workers who are now active in organizing the unorganized.

"My father thinks Lillian has spoiled me. I have only ten dollars of my own and not even a new suit, while I spend most of my earnings on literature and all sorts of donations for the workers' cause.

"Two years ago I was Mr. Gary's willing slave, for three dollars a day. Today I am the arch enemy of the system Mr. Gary represents. And more so, I have had two years of theory and practice of the struggle between capital and labor. This wealth no one can buy with money. It is the wealth of the working class."

See Thompson Report Means No Freedom for the Philippines

MANILA, P. I.—The attitude of the conservative Filipinos to the report of Thompson, personal investigator of the U.S. in the Philippines, can be seen from the following section in an editorial of The Philippine Herald:

"... more ways than one, the Thompson report is a disappointment. Not that we had expected him to recommend immediate independence, for it was a foregone conclusion that he would not make such a proposal, but because we had hoped that he would make some definite and comprehensive plan for the settlement of the political difficulties in the government, and that he would recommend new constitutional legislation granting complete autonomy to the Filipinos, in the line of the 'Commonwealth' proposed by Mr. Fairchild, with an elective constitution adopted by the Filipino people, and independence within twenty years. Such a suggestion would have furnished a definite basis for discussion of the Philippine question in and out of con-

MANILA, P. I.—The students of the University of the East, Far Eastern University, held a debate here on Dec. 28 on the subject was, Resolved, that the people should cooperate with the present administration. The resolution was adopted.

Students Say "Strike" and Win Their Point

CHICAGO, Ill.—Graduation exercises in two Chicago high schools were given a soft back here temporarily due to demonstrations of parents and students. At the Harrison technical high school 40 girls who attended by the exercises were locked in a room by orders of Principal Frank L. Morse until a delegation of parents put a stop to it.

At the Englewood high school, 200 members of the graduating class threatened to walk out on strike unless three boys barred from commencement exercises because they had a snake dance. The issue was finally compromised and the exercises proceeded.

Working Class Women Hold Successful Meet

A preliminary conference of working women's organization was held January 23, 1937, at Ukrainian Labor Lyceum, 15 East 3rd St., New York City for the purpose of consolidating the existing working women's organizations into a Federation of Working Class Women's organizations in America. 18 delegates were present representing 15 women's organizations from all over the city.

A resolution was passed to organize a national women's center to coordinate the working women's organizations who are engaged in the workers' struggle.

12,000 Negro Porters Oppose Danger of New Capitalist War

NEW YORK CITY.—The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters representing 12,000 Negro Pullman porters has adopted a resolution against the new war danger growing out of the Mexican situation. The resolution ends with the following resolves:

"RESOLVED, That the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters the first and largest national Negro labor organization in the United States, call upon the government of the United States to arrest the efforts of certain sinister interests to maneuver the nation into war for the benefit of a financially powerful and numerically small portion of the American people.

"RESOLVED, FURTHER, That we express sympathy and friendship to the workers of Mexico and pledge to them our hearty cooperation in the interest of peace, and that we call upon the workers of the United States generally and upon the workers of our race in particular to make manifest to the government their opposition to war and desire for peace.

"RESOLVED ALSO, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Pres. Coolidge, to Secretary of State Kellogg, to Pres. Calles of Mexico, to the leader of the Mexican Federation of Labor and a copy given also

Five Passaic Strikers Get Prison Terms

PASSAIC, N. J., Jan. 19.—The Passaic textile barons exacted a terrible vengeance of their revolting slaves today when Judge Joseph A. Delaney, in Special Sessions Court, Paterson, handed out savage jail sentences to five strike victims of the police bomb frame-up of last September, who last Friday were forced to enter a plea of guilty to a lesser charge because of the prejudiced atmosphere surrounding the trial.

Joseph Bellone, Anthony Podano, Alex. Costamacha, Paul Oznik and William Sikora, all textile strikers, were given the maximum sentence by Judge Delaney—three years in jail. Charles Current, a non-striker and the only person the police claimed to have caught "red-handed", was given one year, his sentence having been made lighter because, significantly, of the aid he gave the state's case.

As sentence was passed a deadly hush settled over the court room which was filled with the wives and children of the prisoners. Then the silence was broken when women began to sob and children cried for their dad dies.

to the press. "Signed: A. Philip Randolph, Gen. Organizer. "Frank R. Crosswath, Special Organizer."

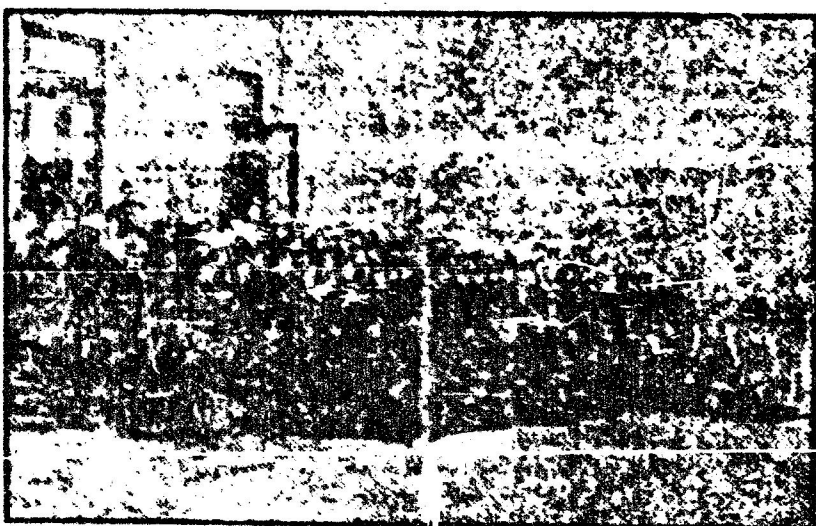
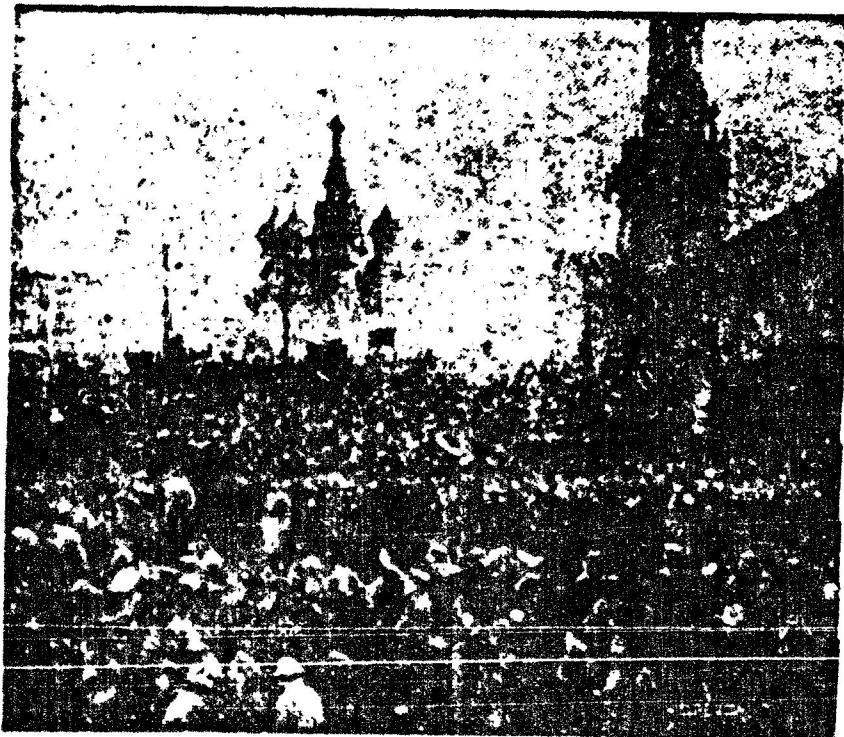




Funeral of Soviet Leader.

The body of Leonid Krasin being escorted to its final resting place in Moscow. Krasin played an important

part in the revolution of 1917 and was a member of the Central Committee of the Union of Soviet Republics. Early in 1926 he became Soviet ambassador to London.



Scenes in Workers' Russia.

Above: Part of a mass demonstration of the Moscow proletariat in the famous Red Square. In these demonstrations the young workers play a prominent part. Not one of these demonstrations passes without the pledge of solidarity of the Russian workers to their brothers in other lands will

under the rule of capitalism. Below: A detachment of Red Sailors during the 1917 revolutionary days. Today the Red Navy of the Soviet Union under the patronage of the Leninist Young Communist League has developed tremendously. The Red Navy is the fighter for the workers of the world and we should be proud of it.



Went Thru Russian Revolution.

John Reed, famous American Communist who died in Russia on October 12, 1920. The revolution in Russia

took out when John Reed was in Leningrad as a war correspondent and he took part in all the events of those stirring days. His book "Ten Days That Shook the World" should be read by all young workers.



Chicago Pioneers Salute.

were organized on a national scale in 1923. These young rebels have already demonstrated that they make the youngest section of the Communist Party and are first class fighters in the class struggle.

