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LIEBKNECHT DAY VITAL FACTOR AS WORLD HEAD FOR ANOTHER WAR

He Said: "Turn Your Weapons
Against Your Common Enemy".

AT no time so much as now did the young workers and farmers of America need the inspiration and lessons of the life and struggles of Carl Liebknecht.

American marines are in China and Nicaragua. In Nicaragua they have overthrown the government, set up a puppet government suitable for Wall Street, and are at work shooting and bombing those Nicaraguans who refuse to accept Wall Street as master. In China the armed forces of the United States helped

the reactionary butchers (the so-called "Nationalists") repress the workers and farmers in Canton and are now encouraging and supporting them while they wallow in the blood of the Chinese masses, while they run wild in the most brutal frenzy of murder and destruction. In Europe, the United States is the backbone of attacks that are being planned and prepared by the capitalist governments against the Soviet Union of the united front of the imperialist powers against the First Workers Republic. Right here in America troops and militia are in action against the striking miners in Colorado, where they have already taken their toll in murder—and they are ready to fall into action in the mine fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Not a day goes by—not an hour—that American militarism is not thrown into action against the workers and farmers of other countries who are fighting for or who have won their freedom.

This is what Liebknecht taught us—that militarism is a tool of the bankers and bosses to "protect their interests"—that is to fight the workers—at home and abroad.

Liebknecht also taught us that the youth, who are the greatest sufferers from militarism, who are called upon first of all to go out and fight for the interests of the bosses, the youth must first of all take up the fight against militarism.

Liebknecht showed that militarism is part and parcel of capitalism as a whole and that the struggle against militarism is a struggle against capitalism. Finally to destroy militarism we must destroy capitalism root and branch.

Liebknecht showed that what we must fight against is capitalist militarism, the militarism the capitalists use to fight for their interests at the expense of the workers. We are not against fighting in general, Liebknecht told us, we are not pacifists. But we believe that the workers and young workers should fight for their own interests against the bosses and not for the bosses' interests. "You soldiers at the front, you workers at home," Liebknecht said, "turn your weapons against your common enemy—the capitalists who deny you freedom and life." We must remember

Liebknecht showed us that the fight against militarism must begin here and now and that it would be stupid to wait until war breaks out and the war mania is at its height. Preparation measures already taken, and so on. This is especially important for us in America now for we are heading very fast towards a new world war.

Liebknecht also showed how necessary it is to do work among the soldiers to win over the soldiers to the labor movement, and to convince them that their interests lie. Liebknecht

CANTON SOVIETS POINT WAY IN CHINA REVOLT

Reactionary Nanking
Breaks With Soviet
Union

On Dec. 12th we received the news that the Workers and Peasants captured the city of Canton, China and established a Soviet Government. The uprising it seems was not the result of long preparations but rather that of compelling circumstances. On the eve of the uprising the Canton militarists used very oppressive measures. They forced them out of their houses, closed down every union and suppressed every working class activity. The countryside outside of Canton was flamed with uprising against the landlords. When the military bosses of Canton made the effort to disarm the troops which were in sympathy with the toiling masses it lit the powder barrel which gave birth to the uprising.

After some strenuous fighting the committees of workers and peasants were in full control of the offices of the Kuomintang, the Dept. of Finance and military affairs. All telegraph, telephone and railroad stations were in the hands of the revolutionists.

The moment the Soviet Government got into power it issued a manifesto which reacted to the immediate needs of the toiling masses. The manifesto pointed out that the Red Workers Corps (the Red Army organized by the revolutionaries) had disarmed the reactionary guards and captured the bureau of peace and safety. The Red Workers Corps numbered

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himself showed how this should be done when he was sent to the front in the world war by the Kaiser's government.

Liebknecht's whole life was a living example of how to fight against militarism. We, American young workers and farmers, should study his life and struggles to learn from them, to get courage and inspiration for our struggle.

Let us raise, in memory of Liebknecht, the slogans that today will carry forward his glorious struggle.

UNITED FRONT YOUTH CONFERENCE HELD ON RELIEF FOR MINERS

Young Workers of New York Rally
Behind Their Fighting Brothers

By John Williamson

Upon the call of two young coal miners, who were conducting a campaign for Miners Relief in New York City, a preliminary conference of various types of youth organizations was held Sunday, Dec. 11th. Present at this conference were the Millinery Workers Union, Youth Club of the Church of All Nations, the Young Progressives, the Plumbers Helpers Union, the Young Workers League, Community Church, Brownsville Youth Center and the Union Theological Seminary.



ANTHONY MINERICH:
Young striking miner who played a leading part in the N. Y. Youth Conference for miners' relief.

This preliminary conference, after a report by A. Minerich, a young striking coal miner from Pennsylvania, formed a Provisional Executive Committee, headed by Minerich as chairman and B. Newman, of the Millinery Workers Union as secretary. It was decided to call a mass meeting and large delegate conference the following Sunday.

The enlarged conference was held on Dec. 18th with 39 youth organizations present, including those at the preliminary conference with such additions as the Young Peoples Socialist League, the Shoe Workers Union, the Red Start Sport Club, the Educational Club of Teacher College, etc. An analysis of the organizations represented would show approximately the following: workers youth clubs, 11; political youth organizations, 4; unions with youth membership, 3; school and college groups, 11; sport organizations, 4; church, 3 and co-op, 1.

The conference was a big success, after electing a credentials committee and the following officers: Chairman, A. Minerich—Vice Chairman, W. White and Secretary, B. Newman. The conference heard reports of the provisional executive committee by Betty Dublin, John Williamson and Wayne White, chairman respectively of the Ways and Means Organization and Publicity sub-committees.

After discussion the conference adopted the following proposals:

1. Create the Youth Conference for Miners' Relief.
2. This conference to allow each affiliated organization the right to carry on its own Relief activities thru its own contacts and its own methods.
3. That the affiliated youth organizations shall cooperate on a city scale in such projects as a tag day, city mass meetings, theater benefits, etc.
4. That all of the money and clothes collected shall go thru the executive committee direct to the Strikers Relief Committees.
5. That while the youth conference will cooperate with existing relief organizations it will not be a definite part of any of them.

An executive committee composed of one representative from every organization present was elected. To this executive was left the job of electing officers and carrying out the concrete work of mobilizing the working and student youth of New York for Miners Relief.

Many organizations, including the YPSL, the Brownsville Youth Center, the Co-op Social Club, the Y. W. I. etc. reported on what their organizations are already doing.

While cooperating and boosting this Youth Conference for Miners Relief the Young Workers League of New York is also active in every section of the city holding mass meetings in each locality. To these we invite the cooperation of all other youth

Colorado Youth Who Fought Last War Now Shot Down

Sees Victory in Organizing
Young Miners

By Young Striker.

WALSBURG, Dec. 22. — Once more the class struggle came to a climax when the Colorado miners laid down their tools and refused to mine coal as a protest to the miserable conditions existing in the mines.

In spite of the low wages the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. has been robbing the workers of their coal when it was weighed at the top, by employing one of their men as check weighman.

The labor statistics taken in the mining districts show that when the miner's wage is divided into the days which he is laid off by the operators his average is \$2.10 per day. A man cannot support a family on such low wages, so his children are forced to go to work under fierce conditions; the young workers are the easiest to exploit.

When the operators saw that the strike was going to be successful, they called on their gunmen which resulted in the killing of six workers and wounding over a dozen at the Columbine Mine, but even this did not break the spirit of the pioneer fighters for they were determined to struggle on until their human demands were granted.

The tool of the operators, the state, in assisting the exploiters arrested

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Litvinoff Shows Up Disarmament Farce At Geneva Meet

Claiming that war was an inevitable part of the capitalist system, Litvinoff, delegate from the Soviet Union to the Preparatory Disarmament Conference, showed plainly that the League of Nations had only been playing with words when it came to disarmament, and that when any steps towards disarming were approved when it came to deeds nothing happened.

The indignation expressed by the delegates representing the imperialist powers that Litvinoff should propose actual disarmament at a disarmament conference further showed up all the "peace" talk in its true light. In fact the delegates from the Soviet Union, attending their first conference, made the first proposal for actual disarmament ever made in recent years, of which the present one is the fourth.

In a supplementary report distributed to the delegates, Litvinoff further exposed the fake gestures towards disarmament by quoting figures to show that there has been a general increase rather than a decrease in armaments. He gave figures to show that the armies of the world are now 1,183,000 greater than in 1913. Military budgets of all the principal countries with the exception of Russia and Germany exceed pre-war figures, while expenditures of five principal maritime powers for 1925 exceeded 1913 by \$130,300,000. Despite the Washington conference in 1922, frenzy for construction continues, especially in the field of smaller craft and sea planes. This year Great Britain, United States, France, Italy and Japan are constructing 37 different vessels and have decided to construct 181 others.

The same made race in competitive armaments is shown in the air fleet. Also, machine gun allotment is increased to 247 to a division of infantry in France and the United States as against 24 at the beginning of the war. The proportion of guns with artillery has been increased and their range lengthened, in spite of public hostility and statements by certain governments in regard to chemical and bacteriological warfare, intensive research in this field is being carried on continuously and larger sums than ever before are expended. Litvinoff shows how the U. S. looks at this kind of warfare, by quoting from the American Infantry Journal to the effect that: "The power which fails to use chemicals in the next war must suffer defeat."

Liebknecht on Militarism

(From a series of lectures given in 1906 before a section of the Young Socialist League, on Militarism and Anti-militarism and later published in book form.)

"There is nothing specifically capitalist about militarism. Moreover, it is proper and essential to all systems of class society of which the capitalist system is the last. Capitalism, like any other system of class society, develops its own special variety of militarism; for militarism, by its very essence, is a means to an end, or to several ends, which vary in accordance with this variance. This is brought to light not only by the military organizations, but also by the other attributes of militarism which manifest themselves when militarism carries out its tasks.

"Militarism is not only a means of defense against the external enemy; it has a second task, and that is more to the fore as class contradictions become more marked and a proletarian class-consciousness grows growing. Thus the outer form of militarism and its inner character take a more definite shape; its task is to

ZAM TO SPEAK AT LIEBKNECHT MEETINGS

Beginning with a meeting in Philadelphia on Friday, Jan. 6, 1928, Comrade Zam will make a tour covering the entire East, particularly to speak at the Liebknecht Memorial meetings which are being arranged all over the country for the first two weeks in January.

After Philadelphia, the meetings at which Comrade Zam will speak are as follows:

Pittsburgh, Jan. 7; Cleveland, Jan. 8; Buffalo, Jan. 13; Rochester, Jan. 14; Syracuse, Jan. 15; Albany, Jan. 16.

In addition to speaking at Liebknecht Memorial meetings, Comrade Zam will also address membership meetings on the YOUNG WORKER drive and the Campaign of the League to help the striking miners. So far membership meetings have been arranged in the following cities:

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.

Buffalo, Jan. 11.

The other cities are also arranging membership meetings, and as soon as definite dates have been selected, they will be made public.

Liebknecht's Anti- Militarist Stand Recalled at Meet

Schatzkin Speaks at Youth Conference of Friends, Soviet Union

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R. — At the Youth Conference of the Friends of the Soviet Union which opened at the Experimental Theatre here on Nov. 14th, Comrade Schatzkin, one of the leading comrades of the Young Communist International, spoke on the war danger against the Soviet Union, bringing out the attitude of Karl Liebknecht on a number of questions.

Comrade Schatzkin pointed out the role of chauvinism (patriotism) and pacifism. He said that "in order to win over the other young and adult workers and peasants who cannot be led away by chauvinism, in order to bring them under the influence of bourgeois ideology, pacifism is made use of, for this is pacifism's objective role." "Objective pacifism is a division of labor between pacifism and pacifism. Those who cannot be captured by open chauvinism are deceived and led astray by pacifist talk which in

uphold the prevailing order of society, to prop up capitalism and all reaction against the struggle of the working class for freedom. (Note the militia in the Colorado strike.—Ed.) Militarism manifests itself here as a mere tool in the class struggle, as a tool in the hands of the ruling class. It is destined to retard the development of class consciousness by working together with the police and the courts of Justice (Note the injunctions in the Pa.-Ohio coal strike.—Ed.) the school and the church. The task of militarism is, above all, to secure for a minority at whatever cost, even against the enlightened will of the majority of the people, domination in the state and freedom to exploit."

Two Desert Army

That conditions in the army are not as hunky-dory as they are played up to be can be seen from the disappearance of Thomas J. Brake, 20-year-old private, and William Weisman, 19, private, from Mitchell Field, Garden City, L. I.

SOVIET UNION NAVY FIGHTS FOR THE OPPRESSED MASSES

Greeted by Y. C. I. on 5th Anniversary

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R. — The Executive Committee of the Young Communist International has sent the following greeting to the Young Communist League of the Soviet Union on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of its patronage over the Red Fleet:

"Five years ago the Y.C.I.S.U. took over the patronage of the Red Workers and Peasants Fleet.

During these five years you have given to the Red Fleet thousands of members of your League, the best and most steadfast young comrades. You have thereby created in the Red Fleet a kernel which is sound politically and ideologically. Through your daily comradesly connections you have bound fast, with a thousand bonds, the worker and peasant youth to the Red Fleet, through your organization.

The Red Fleet, which is a part of the armed forces of the Revolution, and the pride and mainstay of the Russian Revolution, the hope and prop of the world revolution, is worthy of its patron, the Y.C.I.S.U.

On the day of the fifth anniversary of your patronage over the glorious Red Fleet, we send you our warm greetings, and hope to see your connections with the Red Fleet much closer in the future.

Long live the Red Workers' and Peasants' Fleet!

Long live its patron, the Y.C.I.S.U.!"

fact does not go beyond the framework of bourgeois society." Pacifism is propaganda of the disarmament of the proletariat," he declared.

Pointing out the role of the socialist leaders as the betrayers of the struggle against capitalist war in 1914-18 Schatzkin declared: "To be able to make war against war we must not only get rid of all the relics of pacifism, we must also sow among the working youth distrust of the Social Democratic leaders and of the Socialist Youth Movement." Coming to our immediate task he said: "The most important thing is: to organize the masses against war and this means: establishment of a united front of young and adult workers."

Comrade Schatzkin spoke against desertions from the army in the event of mobilization for war. "It is our duty," he said, "to remain in the army, to carry on revolutionary propaganda there, to create within its ranks revolutionary organizations, to undermine bourgeois discipline, to organize the workers in uniform against the bourgeois commanding staff, to tell the workers what Lenin said: learn to handle your rifles, it will be useful to the working class."

"To carry out this task those who want to work in the army must be prepared for self sacrifice. They must be prepared to pay for this—if things come to the worst—the price of many years imprisonment and even the price of one's life. But it is because of this that the youth must give itself up to this revolutionary work. Karl Liebknecht was mentioned here today. One of Karl Liebknecht's main ideas in regard to anti-militarist struggle was—that one should above all select among the youth suitable people for this difficult and dangerous work, because young people are not as much burdened with old traditions as adult workers, because youth is filled with enthusiasms in times of revolution and plays an important role."

"We have to carry on the traditions of Karl Liebknecht, the traditions of those victims of militarism, we have to enlist the entire working youth for this work. We have to enlist for this revolutionary task not only Young Communists, but all honest young proletarians who are for the defense of the Soviet Union."

Write as You Fight!

YOUTH MASS MEET FOR MINERS RELIEF STARTS N. Y. DRIVE

NEW YORK CITY—A mass meeting called in connection with the Youth Conference for Miners' Relief upon few days' notice had an attendance of 400 young workers and students.

The chairman of the meeting was Wayne White, and speakers included Betty Dublin of Barnard College, Tom Tippet of the U. M. W. A., John Williamson of the Y. W. L. A., Daugherty of the Plumbers' Helpers, L. Falkowski of the U. M. W. A., Leon Platt of Jewish Culture Clubs, and A. Minerich, U. M. W. A.

The mass meeting served as a preliminary explanation of the large conference which followed.

Father Broke; Girl Puts Herself On Sale for \$9,000

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—The Coal operators are spreading apoplexy about the high wages the miners in the anthracite are receiving and the wonderful opportunities the parents can give to their children. Here is an example of these opportunities. A miner's young daughter in Frackville, Pa., in a letter to one of the capitalist sheets in New York, offers to sell herself to anyone who will give \$9,000 to her debt-ridden father, to keep him from being thrown out of his house and to help feed seven other children. The following extracts from the letter speak for themselves:

"I am a girl of 19 years of age. I work in a factory to help my parents out. My parents are in debt up to their necks. It's so very hard for us to get along. My father is a miner. He works hard, but he does not get enough to feed and clothe his family. He owes for the house. He owes the stores for food. He owes money for each and everyone."

Then in her letter she lists some of the debts. The greatest amount is a mortgage on their home which is \$7,000. She says that the house will be sold if they cannot raise the money. The other bills amount to \$2,000. Then she goes on to say, "So I want to know if you can't help me out. By that I mean to put an ad in the paper and in the ad to say I will marry anyone for \$9,000 to save my parents from being thrown out of their home. I am the oldest of eight children and I am willing to sacrifice myself for that amount to save them from ruin. My right name and address is Mary Luzuske, 1010 Line Street, Frackville, Pa."

This is only an example which leaks out once in a while, but throughout the anthracite you will find many of these cases where daughters are sold or become prostitutes to help the family out, as it is impossible to help out any with the wages in the silk mill as they are at the present time from \$5 to \$12.50 a week for 54 hours of work and sometimes more. Here is Coolidge's prosperity which the young miners in the anthracite are enjoying.

New York Notes

There will be held a Camraderie and Dance by the Y. W. L. of New York on Jan. 14, 7:30 p. m., at Freiheit Gesangs Verein, 133 Second Ave.

The annual Y. W. L. Ball will be held in New York on Feb. 11, at the New Harlem Casino, 116th St. and Lenox Ave. Everyone attend.

Section meetings on Miners' Relief, to which all young workers are invited, will be held as follows: Friday, Dec. 23, at 1689 Pitkin Ave. and 2901 Mermaid Ave., Brooklyn. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 29 Graham Ave., Brooklyn. Jan. 7, at 2975 Clinton and 715 E. 138th St., Bronx.

A Living Monument To Liebknecht

Strike a Blow

For The YOUNG WORKER

GET 5,000 SUBS and RAISE \$3,000

HERE ARE THE QUOTES

DISTRICT 1.		DISTRICT 7.			
Subs	Money	Subs	Money		
Boston	210	\$100	Detroit	200	100
Chelsea	25	15	Grand Rapids	25	15
Norwood	15	10	DISTRICT 8.		
Quincy	15	10	Chicago	500	200
Weymouth	15	10	Milwaukee	50	25
Maynard	15	10	Waukegan	50	25
Fitchburg	15	10	Highland Park	10	5
Townsend	10	5	Madison	10	5
Gardner	25	15	Red Granite	10	5
Enfield, N. H.	10	5	Kenosha	10	5
Newport, N. H.	10	5	Sheboygan	10	5
Worcester	25	15	Racine	10	5
Lynn	20	10	West Allis	10	5
W. Concord, N. H.	10	5	St. Louis	50	20
Lowell	15	10	Benton	15	5
Lanesville	10	5	Peoria	10	5
Troy	10	5	DISTRICT 9.		
DISTRICT 2.		Superior, S. D.	500	750	
New York	1000	500	Twin Cities	150	100
Yonkers	10	5	DISTRICT 10.		
Paterson	15	15	Kansas City	30	15
Passaic	25	10	Denver	30	15
Newark	50	25	Walsenburg	15	5
DISTRICT 3.		Great Falls	15	5	
Philadelphia	300	200	Hanna	30	20
Washington	30	25	Rock Springs	15	5
Baltimore	55	30	Omaha	15	5
Wilkes-Barre	25	10	DISTRICT 12.		
Shenandoah	30	5	Seattle	30	15
Scranton	20	5	Astoria	30	15
DISTRICT 4.		Portland	30	15	
Buffalo	50	30	Aberdeen	30	15
Erie	10	10	Clatskanie	15	5
Syracuse	10	10	Juanita	20	10
Rochester	10	10	Ilwaco	20	10
DISTRICT 6.		Tacoma	15	10	
Cleveland	100	50	Mt. Vernon	20	10
Youngstown	25	20	Winlock	20	10
Warren	25	15	Svenson	10	5
Aron	10	5	Pearson	10	5
Columbus	10	5	Woodland	20	10
Conneaut	15	10	Kalamazoo	10	5
Struthers	10	5	DISTRICT 13.		
Canton	10	5	Los Angeles	50	25
DISTRICT 5.		San Francisco	50	25	
Pittsburgh	50	25	Fort Bragg	30	20
E. Pittsburgh	30	20	Berkeley	25	25
New Kensington	30	10	Oakland	15	10
Penona	10	5	Eureka	15	10
Monessen	15	10	DISTRICT 15.		
Republic	10	5	New Haven	100	30
Arnold	10	5	Hartford	100	30
Bentleyville	10	5	Bridgeport	30	15
			Springfield	25	10
			Vollumtown	10	5
			Stamford	10	5

Quotes for other cities will be published in the next issue.

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE
43 East 125th Street
New York City.

Enclosed please find \$..... my contribution to build a living monument to Liebknecht by helping The YOUNG WORKER.

Name

Address

GET INTO THE LIEBKNECHT DRIVE

EVERY year we honor the memory of Karl Liebknecht the founder of the revolutionary youth movement.

Can we do this only by meetings and speeches?

NO!

We can honor Liebknecht best by building an organ that will express Liebknecht's ideas and will mobilize the masses of young workers for the cause of which Karl Liebknecht was the leader and martyr.

The YOUNG WORKER is the voice of the working class youth in America.

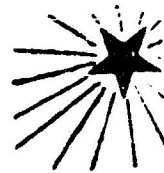
It is the only organ that broadcasts Liebknecht's ideals to the American youth, that organizes the young workers into Liebknecht's organization.

The time has come to put The YOUNG WORKER on an unshakable basis, so that it can carry on the struggle for the American young workers without hindrances and without interruptions.

BUILD AND KEEP THE YOUNG WORKER—The voice of the working-class youth.

GET INTO THE LIEBKNECHT DRIVE.

GET SUBS. GET MONEY. WORK. WORK. WORK.



Make the Bell
Ring!
Here!

**5000
Subs**

**3000
Dollars**

UNEMPLOYED CLEVELAND YOUTH MUST JOIN IN FIGHT FOR "WORK OR FOOD"

Thousands Marching Streets at Present Time

By M. K., Young Worker Correspondent.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—That high salaried gang of war propagandists, the authorities in charge of army and navy recruiting, are at present engaged in a drive for new recruits here. Thousands of young workers here are jobless and walk the streets, so in every crowded spot, in stitutions such as the post office, etc., the militarists have established their recruiting stations.

Signs are put up which pictures life in the service as a paradise. They have the audacity to exhibit a sign which says: "Join our army." But the Cleveland Plain Dealer in its editorial on Dec. 3 lets the cat out of the bag when it says: "Armies are needed for police duties, navies have functions quite apart from offensive wars." Exactly, the "army" is not "ours" but belong to the boss ruling class and is used against the workers in strikes. The "navy" is used to shoot down the workers in Latin America and China.

When the unemployed young workers learn these things even after they get into the army they will fight in the interests of their class, the workers and poor farmers. Now they must join the Cleveland Unemployed Council together with the adult workers and fight the city administration for "Work or Food."

HURTS ME MORE THAN YOU

The U. S. Department of Labor presents us with a really brilliant gem this week in defense of fascist Italy. Its bulletin of Dec. 20 declares: "ITALY—in order to provide for the MUTUAL BENEFIT (our emphasis) of employers and the 30,000 laborers working in the mills producing railroad material, it is said that a 10 per cent wage reduction is to be made in the near future, together with an increase of working hours."

Annual Xmas Bunk Rings Out Again

The arch-hypocrites of capitalism are busy again peddling the "Christmas generosity" bunk. The robbed are in for their annual free meal if they beg for it hard enough. Instead of a bosses' holiday the International Labor Defense calls for a workers' holiday—for the support of the class war prisoners. The Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party issued a statement which declares in part:

"The International Labor Defense is doing a great work in making a drive for a Christmas Fund for the class war prisoners and their families with which to send each of the men \$25, \$50 to their wives, and \$5 to each child. It is the class duty of every member of the Workers (Communist) Party and of every worker sympathetic to its work and aims to contribute generously to the Christmas Fund of International Labor Defense. The accomplishment of this task is nothing but the accomplishing of the class duty of every worker."

Now You Tell One

Landlord: "I intend to raise your rent next month."

Tenant: "That's nice of you. I was just wondering how I was going to do it myself."

BUILD LEAGUE TOUR IN WISCONSIN

CHICAGO, Ill.—As part of the work of building up the Young Workers (Communist) League in this district a tour has been arranged by Comrade Minnie Luyrie, member of the District Executive Committee and member of the National Executive Committee of the League. All young workers are urged to attend her meetings. The schedule of dates is as follows: Highland Park, Dec. 27; Waukeegan, Ill., Dec. 28-29; Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 30-31; Racine, Wis., Jan. 1-2; Madison, Wis., Jan. 3; Red Granite, Wis., Jan. 4; Sheboygan, Wis., Jan. 5; Milwaukee, Wis., and West Allis, Wis., Jan. 6-7-8. These are for the first two weeks of the tour. The other dates will be announced later.

An Imperialist War

(From the Resolution of August 4th by Karl Liebknecht.)

When the Social Democratic betrayers were copying the phrases of Wilson that the war of 1914-18 was a war to end all wars, a war for democracy, Karl Liebknecht declared:

"The war is not only the result of the policy of competitive armaments which we have always opposed, it is not only the result of secret diplomacy, it is not only a Bonapartist undertaking directed against the working class movement; it is, in its historical nature, imperialistic. It is imperialistic in its origin. It is imperialistic in its objects, i. e., it pursues capitalist aims of expansion and conquest."

Youth Don't Attend Church; Scare Sky Pilots in Anthracite

By Young Worker Correspondent.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—The sky pilots of 70 churches in the Wyoming Valley of the anthracite region are very much agitated because fifteen thousand, mostly all young workers, thruout this territory are not enrolled in any church. Immediately on finding this out they are beginning to plan a special campaign for two weeks and are training 500 representatives of God to go and bring these young workers who fell away from the church. These five hundred will be taught on how to fool these young workers into church. It is evident these young workers willingly fell away from God, and the preachers are beginning to get scared that if things like this keep on happening, they might have to go and do some real manual labor.

This only takes into consideration the Protestant youth. Aside from them there are also 10,000 adults who have also fallen away. These figures you might have to take with a grain of salt for if the true situation would be given it would make the total higher by a few thousand. This only takes into consideration the Protestants and not the Catholics and Jews.

LABOR GIRL TEAMS CLASH IN SOCCER

NEW YORK CITY.—The Metropolitan Workers Soccer League, which is a member of the Labor Sport Union, is arranging an affair on Jan. 14, 1928, at the Bronx Lyceum. There will be a soccer game between two girl team, athletic exhibitions by the Finnish athletes and the original Hungarian Dance by a group of 60.

This is not just merely a dance but a demonstration of labor sports in New York. The fund is needed to buy or at least rent their own field. It would be greatly appreciated if the labor organizations would leave this date open.

All clubs or individuals who are willing to help this true labor organization, kindly write to L. Balog, 1109 Franklin Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. C.

PLUMBERS' HELPER FINDS SPEED-UP MEANS LOST JOB

By Plumbers Helper.

The bosses at all times are awaiting the opportunity to exploit the workers. The plumbing trades is not an exception to this condition. While the building trades unions are undergoing an attack at present, the plumbers and helpers through their valiant strike of three months have shown that the strength of Labor is not dead. We, who are in the Building Trades realize that there is no work being done at present in the building line, that less than 10 per cent of the workers are working.

My boss, Nat Rosen, plumbing contractor of Brooklyn, through the bosses association, knows this fact. On Saturday, we workers finished work at 12 o'clock and were waiting for the boss to give us our week's wages or the job. A little after 12 the foreman called up the office and he was informed to send the workers to the office for their pay. It was immediately sensed by all that such a summons meant but one thing, a layoff.

After waiting for a couple of hours by which time all the plumbers and helpers were congregated at the office the boss made a speech. A speech by the boss meant just one thing, a reprieve. And such it proved to be. The boss promised the men that if they would work harder to finish the jobs they were working on at present he would not reduce the pay, neither would he fire any of the men, the only work he (boss) has at present the men are now finishing.

The boss stated that through figuring less profits he expects to get a big job, the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn at which all the plumbers and helpers could be employed upon. In other words, working hard to finish the old jobs all the men now employed will be steadily exploited for the next year, on the hospital job.

Results of the speech was that when the plumbers and helpers went back to work on Monday, they immediately speeded up the work. Three weeks later when all the work was done the boss did not have the hospital job, and most of the men were laid off.

Moral: Do not let the boss speed you up, you only find yourself out of a job.

SICK MAN AND WIFE FORCED OUT OF HOME

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Coal and Iron police at Harmarville, carrying through evictions for the Consumers Coal Company, subsidiary of Wheeling Steel, yesterday forced Joe Lebrski, striking miner, and his wife, both sick, to get out of their company-owned houses in the pouring rain. The sick couple had to be carried over to the unfinished barracks and laid down on the bare floor. No stove in, no beds, no tar paper on the roof—just the boards laid across with the rain coming through.

The mass evictions taking place in the coalfields of Pennsylvania, increased by thousands through the latest decision of the State Superior Court are on a scale unheard of in any previous industrial war.

At Harmarville the miners have been forced to build their barracks on a piece of swamp land and out at the edge of the town used as a dumping ground. Andrew Mellon, Czar of the Pittsburgh district, and owner of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, leader in the union-smashing campaign, owns all the land for miles around Harmarville, and his agent told the strikers they could never lease a foot for barracks at any price.

A Pertinent Question

"I never had a penny in my life," boasted the millionaire, "that has not been honestly earned."

"By whom?" asked a worker.



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COMMERCIAL PLANES FOR WAR PURPOSES

By DAVID GORDON.

Edward P. Warner, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Aeronautics, recently wailed over the fact that commercial aircraft have a small chance of being used in war, at a meeting of the Society of Automobile Engineers held at the Waldorf-Astoria. But he did not lose any faith in the possibilities of transforming commercial aircraft factories into military plane producing factories in a relatively short space of time. This faith is, no doubt, based on the very concrete knowledge that such a thing will be done.

On the one hand Mr. Warner believes it not likely that commercial planes will be converted into military planes, they will be used only (own emphasis—D. G.) for rapid transport of men (soldiers—D. G.) supplies (munitions—D. G.) mails or passengers. On the other hand he "urges that commercial manufacturers familiarize themselves with military requirements." How innocent! Perhaps he thinks that he can fool the workers as to the real, militaristic, nature of his plans.

The case becomes clearer when Mr. Warner makes one or two practical suggestions. Since commercial planes are light they cannot be used as military planes can for heavier purposes than those of mail, etc.; bombing for example. However, the already existing commercial planes which are light may be transformed into a flying boat, "useful for both civil and military service." For enthusiastic with this discovery he goes further with his war designs. "There are today in the United States, airplane factories that never have built a military airplane or sold a machine of any kind for military or naval purposes, but which possess in the aggregate the capacity to turn out within four months, at a conservative (!) estimate, 500 airplanes suitable for a considerable range of training activities. . . ."

We shouldn't be surprised if our militaristic boosters for a new war turn baby carriages into tubs for army motorcycles. If anyone fails to see war preparations going on, as typified by the above quotations, he is plain cock-eyed.

No Work For Waukegan Youth

By Young Worker Correspondent.

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—We are about to face one of our greatest problems which is unemployment. Our building trades are shunning local help and are ordering workers from employment offices in Chicago. Why this is done? It is done in order to force the unemployed local workers into greater misery.

It stands us that we must unite against our oppressors demanding a shorter work day than nine and ten hours, so that there will be room for more workers. Factories here are laying off workers by the hundreds and yet in previous times this was the busiest season. Altho there are plenty of unemployed here now, factories are moving into town bringing their own help with them. The young workers must be organized here to fight against the boss system which causes unemployment. They can do it all right.

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High School Sanctions Colorado Murders

By ROUGE

NEW YORK CITY.—"In Colorado everyone is happy. It is only a few foreigners who make all the trouble, and the troops are only right in protecting the peace.—If the people in Colorado don't like the conditions there, let them move, and not disturb in such a manner the high American ideals." This is part of the civic lesson in the Washington Irving Evening High School where I am a student.

Every night, after having toiled for many hours, or paced in the streets in search of work, there come thousands of slaves into this so-called institution of learning to be taught to hate their own class. "The Klu Klux Klan is a patriotic organization—you can't compare a Negro to a white—Tunney is an ideal—clean life, religion creates that—Governor Fuller is one of the famous executives—" is some of the opium that is peddled there. The students must organize to fight against the opium peddlers.

TWO GET JOB SOUGHT BY 1,000

Two Others Are Blacklisted

By Unemployed Young Worker.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Decided there is no work in Chicago so I hitch-hiked to Gary, Ind. Gary is a great steel center. Hit the road at 5 in the morning and got into Gary at 7:30. Went to the employment office. Surprised to see men hired in large yard circled by large fence. The reason why the hiring is not done in the office is because there was no office large enough to hold such a large crowd of jobless.

There were at least 1,000 men in the yard that morning. The employment boss (I learned later he at one time was a leader of the Socialist Party in Sweden) would have the men line up in single file next to the fence. Then he would make his trip of inspection. Finding out the history of any fellow whom he was likely to hire. The whole thing looked like a horse auction market. The buyer going from horse to horse finding out the breed of the animal. Examining the teeth and feeling its muscles to make sure it was O. K. The same thing in the yard that morning. The boss going so far as to feel the muscles of the men to see how strong they were.

At last after two hours examining, four men are told to go to the employment office for recording, (looking up of records). No, I was not one of the four. But I stood outside waiting to see what would happen. After a half an hour two of the four men came out of the office. They did not get the job. Why? The boss found out they were active in the steel strike of 1919. Only two men got the jobs that 1,000 were looking for.

YES, WE'VE NO FREE AIR!

Even the capitalist politicians sometimes get a taste of the American brand of free speech. Representative Carroll L. Beedy, speaking at the annual dinner of the Maine Society of New York at the Hotel Astor, had his talk shut off the air by the order of Christopher Bohnsack, director of WNYC, the municipal radio station. Mr. Beedy happened to blurt out the truth that financial gain formulates the policies of the "men who control the metropolitan papers."

-help!



ANTI-BOY SCOUT DRIVE

By WILLIAM RUST
Sec'y British Y. C. L.

IN A recent article I described how Baden-Powell, Chief of the Boy Scouts, made an appeal for £50,000 from the "wealthy citizens" of London in order to fight the young Communists.

That following our reply to this attack he invited me to "talk things over." I went in the name of the Young Communist League not in order to "talk things over" but in order to utilize the opportunity for strengthening our campaign against the Scout Movement.

The following is an account of the discussion based on the report of the Y. C. L. stenographer.

I first of all attacked Baden-Powell on the hypocrisy of declaring that the Scout Movement is non-political, whilst at the same time appealing for £50,000, in order to fight the Young Communists. He tried to evade this question by stating that he had not said anything of the kind to the fellow who arranged the "Daily Telegraph" interview.

I told him he could not get away with it so easily. The "Daily Telegraph" had bluntly blurted out the real aim of the Scout movement, knowing that that was the way to get money out of the "wealthy citizens." He had allowed the interview to go unchallenged; he could not dodge responsibility by denying in private what he had said in public.

I then offered him the opportunity of clearly stating his position by publicly debating with me on the question "The Scout Movement should not be supported by the working youth." He refused on the grounds that he did not believe in talking. Yet this man had written to me "Let us talk, let us argue, let us cooperate!"

When we got on to talking about the war danger, I asked what advice would be given the scouts in the event of a war between Britain and the Soviet Union. "I should tell them to serve their country!" was Baden-Powell's reply. I told him that Soviet Russia is the only country of the young workers and the motherland of the working-class. We would tell the young workers to defend Workers' Russia and to smash the Baldwin Government.

On the Russian question, it is important to quote another significant statement made by the General. I asked what he meant by stating to the press that he would not disclose Moscow's efforts to destroy his movement for fear of "imperilling some of our people in Russia." Here are the verbatim notes:

"Who are the people in Russia who would be imperilled?"

"I cannot tell you!"

"Who are they?"

"I cannot tell you. After all, you would not tell me, would you? I will not tell you; but there are certain people there engaged in certain work!"

"What kind of work? Are they spies?"

"I will not say."

"You will not say whether they are spies?"

"I won't say a word about it."

In view of Baden-Powell's point blank refusal to answer this question, and in the light of recent British spy disclosures in the Russian courts, is not the only conclusion possible that the leader of the Boy Scout movement is connected with the intrigues of the British secret service in Soviet Russia?

Would He Help? Would He H

I MADE several attempts to try and get him down to what the Scout movement was prepared to do for the young miners young textile workers, and the victims of the Blanesburg Report. Would he help the young workers to resist wage reductions? He evaded this question by saying that such matters were "outside his scope." He was not interested in politics or economics; he wanted to educate boys and develop their character.

Yet Scout rule 2 says: "A Scout is loyal to the King, his country, his officers, his parents, his employers, and those under him."

On the question of the Scout attitude to the General Strike, the Chief Scout said, "I thought it was a silly thing; the workers were cutting their own throats." He added that the Scouts participated in the volunteer services organized by the government, and that Scouts supported anyone in distress. This "distress" stunt is quite a good pretense for strike breaking.

I asked him if he knew that the "wealthy citizens" to whom he had appealed to help the slum boys were the people who were really responsible for the existence of the slums. Further, that it was not surprising that the people who made millions out of slum conditions were prepared to give him £50,000 so that the slum boys would become supporters of the slums, and loyal to their employers. The Chief Scout said "It would be difficult to say whether they were or not."

It may be difficult for him to say, but we know why the owner of the "Daily Mail," Lord Rothermere, gave £5,000, and why bankers, big bosses, Tory M. P.'s Generals and Admirals figure prominently in their subscription list. They regard the scouts as good insurance against class consciousness.

A "Magnificent" Empire. SUBSEQUENTLY, we discussed the Scout attitude to the Empire, and I quoted his statement that "it was a magnificent Empire over which the Union Jack flies." I asked him if he persisted in his attitude in view of the child slave revelations in Southern Rhodesia and exposed in the statement of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society. He said he knew nothing about that, but "slavery was not bad for some people," and he "was sure that the 300,000,000 natives in India who had no voice in the Government were satisfied and content."

I pointed out that the children worked underground in the Indian mines, and that women worked twelve hours per day in the Bombay cotton mills. Further, that two out of three babies born in that city die in their first year. Yet, in the face of these facts he persisted in declaring that "it was a magnificent Empire and he would continue to tell the Scouts that it was so."

Why Bosses Support.

THIS interview has served to confirm the original contention of the Y. C. L. that the Scout movement is controlled and financed by the bosses in order to delude the young workers into supporting militarism and poison their minds against their own class. The movement is entirely in the hands of militarists, conservative M. P.'s financiers and capitalists, who, under the pretext of being non-political, indulge in the most outrageous lying political propaganda.

The leaders of the Scout movement conceal the fact that capitalism is responsible for the misery and poverty of the youth and preach that it is an excellent system of society. They teach boys to be loyal slaves of the employers, they praise the army and navy, and advise the boys to join up; they are against strikes and the struggles of the trade unions, they disguise the "slave-pen" character of the Empire, and lie about the glories of the Commonwealth. They lie about the aims of the Communists and prevent the young workers from getting the truth about Soviet Russia.

We are continuing our big campaign against the Scout movement.

In Caerphilly (South Wales) a mass meeting of young workers vigorously condemned the Scouts, and the scout leader who attempted to make a defense was mercilessly ridiculed by the young Communist speaker. Three scouts joined the Y. C. L.

WHILE THE BOSSES SPORT
CHICAGO, Ill. — Of 32 fatal industrial accidents in Illinois in the month of September, 27 were 25 or less years old, 15 were between 15 and 20 and 12 were 5 or over.

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THE CANTON UPRISING

What was the significance of the Canton uprising? For the first time in the history of China the workers and peasants rose up and fought not only against the native feudalists and the foreign imperialists, but also against their own bourgeoisie. For the first time in China a Soviet Government was established and a Red army organized which fought against the reaction and for the rule of the toiling masses. Of great significance was the fact that the moment the Soviet Government was established it did not dally with "legalist" "constitutional" methods but immediately acted as the force in power and issued the most urgent slogans of the hour: "Land to the Peasants! Meat and rice for workers! All power to the workers and peasants!" It is these factors which mark the Canton uprising as the forerunner of the new phase of the Chinese revolution. Canton is only a small part of China but its uprising is the straw which shows which way the stream is running. The revolution in China has not been defeated, by a set back in one of its battles. Even as we write the news comes that most of Kwantung province is still in control of the Communist led-peasant organizations. The mass executions of revolutionaries after Canton was recaptured by the reaction, the break of the Nanking government with the Soviet Union only shows how tense the situation is. It is no exaggeration to say that all of China is on the eve of a Canton uprising. How soon this will actually break out can only be determined by the relation of forces, etc. The young workers of America must know that it was the Chinese young workers and peasants which played a dominant part in the Canton uprising and still remain the most militant force of the toiling masses in the revolution. We must not forget the part played by our own imperialist government in drowning in blood the Canton uprising. We must rally to the defeat of our own governments intervention against the Chinese Revolution! American service-men! Refuse to shoot your Chinese brothers who are fighting for their freedom!

MORROW, STIMSON AND LINDBERGH—WALL STREET AMBASSADORS

The entire working class can now clearly see the real mission that Lindbergh is performing. Gone are the clouds of heroism and the modesty of the pioneer. There are left only the cold, sharp claws of Wall Street's eagles, of whom Lindbergh is the highest flyer, ever ready to pounce upon the helpless prey far down below.

Wall Street sent one of its best usurers to collect the tolls from the Mexican workers and peasants—Morrow. And now it has sent its best scout to overlook the field of future conquest, Lindbergh and Morrow are as inseparable as are capitalism and poverty, exploitation and misery, imperialism and war. They are the representatives. One determines what is to be seized and the other does the seizing.

The Lindbergh trip to Mexico is to be followed by one to Central America. After Morrow—Lindbergh. After Stimson—Lindbergh. After the shambles that Wall Street's tool has made of Nicaragua, Wall Street's tool will look around to see if a good job was done! Stimson's reward was promotion to the Philippines. Nicaragua's population is less than one million. That of the Philippines is almost twelve million—it offers far greater opportunities to Stimson to use his talents as an executioner.

Lindbergh will also get his reward—perhaps as the head of the Air Fleet, as czar of commercial aviation—as governor of another colony. Wall Street pays well to those who do its work well.

But there is another reward in store for Lindbergh—for Morrow for Stimson the reward from the workers whom they are exploiting, oppressing and murdering. That reward will come somewhat later but it will come surely. And the workers whom Lindbergh's father tried to organize will know how to reward the man who betrayed his father's ideals.

Billions Dollars To Increase Imperialist U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON, D. C. The Coolidge administration which claims itself bears about "peace" and "disarmament" has introduced a billion dollar naval appropriation program to the 70th Congress. This program even exceeds the navy program of the Wilson administration on the eve

of this country entering the world war. This clearly shows us to what use disarmament conferences are put and how close the next war is.

The program calls for 26 cruisers of the 10,000 ton type which will cost \$15,000,000 each or approximately \$390,000,000. It calls for 3 airplane carriers, 5 fleet submarines and 18 destroyers. Besides that the program provides for 4 new battleships which will cost more than \$60,000,000.

LIEBKNECHT TURNS TO YOUTH

By Semper Avanti (Berlin).

WAR! For one whole year mass slaughter had raged through Europe. Thousands of young men in the bloom of their youth remained on "the field of honor" and thousands were pressed forward to the gap, offering no resistance. We young workers clenched our hands in impotent anger—murder! madness! Our hearts bled, and yet, what could we do? We must also be led helplessly to the slaughter.

We turned shells, filled cartridges and packed mines, day after day, twelve hours long, day and night, we were too weak, we could do nothing.

In the dark backroom of a miserable publichouse, in one of the Berlin suburbs, he asked us, he Karl Liebknecht, he, the outcast, asked us, the young and despised workers:—

"Young comrades! Can you do nothing? Are you not young? Are you not workers? Can you not see the misery and want around you? Can you not feel the pain of those who mourn? Can you not feel the mailed fist of militarism at your throats? And still can you do nothing?"

Sixty pairs of eager eyes were directed into Liebknecht's: what can we do? And he spoke and opened their minds and filled them with hatred against militarism, against patriotism, against the truce between exploiters and exploited. "No toleration! No delay! Act! Rise! Revolt! Fight! Into the Masses! Tell them that they are betrayed, that they are sold and cheated. Awake! Refuse to go into the trenches! Throw off your uniform! Turn your rifles against your oppressors! Turn no more shells! Fill no more cartridges! Pack no more mines! Join hands with your brothers and sisters in France, in England, in America, in Russia, for they suffer with you. Be human beings! Be proletarian fighters!"

"Boys and girls! Will you do this? Will you rouse the workers, will you be the vanguard in the struggle for peace, freedom and bread?"

"We will!"

Our eyes shone, our clenched fists trembled. Then — "In the name of the law! The meeting is dissolved! Who are you! Who is in the chair? You are under arrest! And you, and you, and you, follow us. Clear out of here at once!"

"Oh! you curs! We are yet weak, we can do nothing, but we can and we shall do something and then—God help you!"

Dark night; from a dark house, obscure forms emerge. Three or four together, they hurry through various streets, they stop in front of shop windows, wooden fences and signs and make some horrid movements, and then, looking carefully around they disappear into the dark side streets.

Next morning, depressed and shambling, the stream of workers trickles through the streets towards the factories. There, before a fence a crowd gathers. Murmurs, talks. "What's up?"

On a dirty wooden fence is a white patch. A piece of paper, only a scrap of paper, and yet there they stand before it, the talk grows, they ask and inquire. Suddenly a voice breaks the uncertainty, a young worker reads:—

"Down with the war!
Down with militarism!
Proletarians! Arise! Down tools!
On the streets!
Demonstrate for peace; for socialism, for freedom, for bread!"

The men look doubtfully around into the eyes of their fellows in misery, with questioning eyes. A red paper is handed round, the conscription order, and they go back to the factories, turn shells, fill cartridges, charge mines.

Feast day the churches are filled with pious people. They praise their German God for his wise dispensations and pray for the Kaiser, the Empire and the beloved army, for a speedy victory and peace.

The bells of the cathedral ring, and two thousand young proletarians march along the Unter den Linden, and they cry "Down with the war!" echoes through the streets of the bourgeoisie.

Temper runs high when the police appear and they are greeted with cries of "Bloodhounds!" Now the uniformed police appear, plain clothed police who have marched in the procession seize the young workers.

The demonstration is scattered in all directions, but the cry "Down with the war!" echoes still further and reaches throughout the country.

The next day, the "Vorwarts" wrote that a few boys and girls, not yet out of their "teens" had committed some "youthful stupidities."

In the workshops, the workers find leaflets on the benches, in the cloak room, in the lavatories, always with the slogan "Down with the war!" The officials of the Social-Democratic Party and the trade unions become nervous, "no foolish actions, steady commonsense, we must see it through." In the evening, from the greasy wall of the cloak room, it stares in chalk letters—

"Working men arise! Recognize your power!"

"Everything stands still if your strong arms will!"

Down with the war!"

"Who was it?" demands the foreman. Everyone is silent, regarding each other with distrust, fearing a denunciation. It is a crime to be opposed to war. It is a crime to be a man. In a corner an apprentice rejoices on his successful handwork, and just before, are the leaflets on the benches, in the cloakroom, in the lavatories.

In nearly all shops it is the same: Liebknecht sits in jail, but the cry, from the bench, from the vise, from the lathe, the cry "Down with the war!" becomes stronger and stronger. The number of sympathizers increases and the measures of the military become more rigorous.

News that went astray reaches us from other countries, from Italy, England, France and America. Revolutionists carry on anti-war propaganda, are arrested, are thrown into jail.

We rejoice. Now we are no longer alone. On the other side, on the side of our "enemies" there are friends who are active comrades, pioneers of the same ideas. We gain new courage to work on and organize, now firmly convinced of our final victory, for the proletarian International has been re-built through the revolutionary youth, not on paper, but on common action.

And on it goes, blow after blow, the storm grows and the cry "Down with the war! We want peace, we want freedom, we want strikes." increases in intensity and frequency, the demonstrations become larger and larger, grow and swell and end with revolution.

The work of the tireless youth was crowned. The cry "Down with the war!" was victorious. And what was the result? We know it all.

Still, we must fight, now with other slogans: "Down with the social-democratic traitors! Long live the workers' and peasants' government! For the dictatorship of the proletariat! For communist reconstruction!"

Pro-Boss Movies

By M. MATISKAINEN,
Van Hook, N. Dak.

The American movies pull in over four million dollars yearly. In many towns the movies are the only source of recreation for the young workers. The young workers must remember that the bosses control the movies and that therefore the movies display the "ideals" of the ruling class. The movies picture the militant worker as a mean, worthless fellow, a rascal, a man without honor, etc. Strikes are pictured as a means of destroying our civilization and the leaders as crooks and murderers. On the other hand, in the Soviet Union, we see dandy movies that tell the truth about the exploited masses.

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE SUPPORTS CENTRAL COMMITTEE C. P. SOVIET UNION AGAINST OPPOSITION BLOC

The National Executive Committee of the Young Workers (Communist) League after a thorough discussion of the latest activities of the opposition bloc in the Communist Party Soviet Union, has unanimously adopted the following statement:

The National Executive Committee has repeatedly condemned the Opposition to the Leninist Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union from the time when in 1924 Trotsky attempted the revision of Leninism along the lines of Trotskyism. It condemned specifically the Zinoviev opposition group at the time of its official appearance at the XIV Party Congress of the C. P. S. U. and noted the development of the Opposition Bloc made up of all anti-Leninist elements in the C. P. S. U. under the hegemony of Trotsky and Trotskyism.

The N. E. C. has repeatedly rejected the anti-Bolshevik line of Trotskyism in its old and newer forms, declaring it to be a Menshevik deviation from Leninism, dangerous to the ideology of the proletarian vanguard and to the maintenance of the proletarian dictatorship.

The development of the Opposition and the extension of the Trotskyist, anti-Leninist program to cover the whole range of international and domestic-Soviet problems have brought out more clearly than ever the dangerous essentially Menshevik nature of the ideology and platform of the Opposition.

The N. E. C. is therefore glad to see that the program of Trotskyism has been most decisively rejected by the overwhelming majority of the Bolshevik workers of the Soviet Union and with practical unanimity by the whole Communist International.

The complete bankruptcy of the Opposition is all the more evident when we must consider that in not a single Communist Youth organization throughout the world has it received any support. This in spite of the fact that Trotsky has always made special efforts to win the youth, setting up false doctrines of "young versus old" to accomplish this purpose, and in spite of the fact that Vuyovitch, who is now the right hand of Trotsky, was secretary of the Y. C. I. for a number of years.

In the last period of time the factional extremities to which the Opposition leaders — finding themselves generals without an army—have gone in their attack on the Party have become most unbearable. Besides attempting deliberately to undermine the authority of the Party among the non-Party masses, the Opposition has begun to create a second Party in the Soviet Union, have set up an illegal apparatus and illegal publishing centers and have enlisted in this struggle against the Party, non-Party bourgeois intellectuals who, in turn, were connected with active White Guard conspirators.

The Opposition, moreover, has built up and still maintains international connections with renegade and expelled groups in other countries, which have assumed a viciously anti-Communist and anti-Soviet character. In this way the Opposition is attempting to destroy the Comintern and weaken the whole international revolutionary movement.

The activities of the Opposition at the present time, when the Soviet Union is again attacked by all the imperialist powers on so many fronts, constitutes objective support to these attacks and increases the danger of a new war against the Soviet Union. The Young Workers League has set for itself as one of the main tasks in the present late period of the struggle against the war danger thru rallying the youth of the American young workers to the defense of the Soviet Union. This task it will carry on against the provocations of the Opposition.

The anti-Party actions of the Opposition leaders reached their climax on the occasion of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Soviet Revolution, when Trotsky, Zinoviev, and the rest, instead of joining in the official Soviet and Party demonstrations, attempted to utilize the occasion for staging anti-Party

demonstrations and for arousing non-Party workers against the Party, with the result that these demonstrations of the Opposition soon assumed a directly anti-Soviet character.

The N. E. C. unanimously approved the disciplinary measure taken against Vuyovitch at the time when he endeavored to make use of his position as secretary of the YCI to organize the Opposition within the YCI, and to convert the YCI into an instrument for fighting the Comintern. The NEC now supports wholeheartedly the steps taken to discipline, by expulsion from the Party, those leaders of the Opposition who have engaged not only in anti-Party but also in anti-Soviet activities. The N. E. C. calls for the expulsion from the Party of all elements following in the footsteps of these disrupters.

The policy of the Opposition would result in isolating the Communist Youth organization from the masses of the young workers at a time when it is especially necessary, and when all the leagues are endeavoring to establish the closest contact with the young workers in the shops and factories and to mobilize them in the fight for the Soviet Union.

For the revolutionary youth, it is especially important to learn the principles and traditions of the Leninist Party and of proletarian discipline. The N. E. C. calls upon the whole league to defend the line of the C. P. S. U. and the Comintern against the Opposition among the masses of the young workers, to study and discuss the issues involved in order to strengthen the Leninist ideology of its own ranks and confirm its understanding of the basic principles of Bolshevism.

Rally to the Defense of the Soviet Union!

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YONKERS CARPET SHOP CUTS WAGES 15%

Workers to Fight Back

By Young Worker Correspondent.
YONKERS, N. Y. — The wage cut handed down to the workers in the Smith Carpet Factory in Yonkers has become the talk of the whole town. The company has reduced the wages from 10 to 15 per cent. In this wage slashing campaign the company has done some clever tricks. In order not to arouse an organized opposition from the workers the company has laid off the entire working force in the mill for three weeks, and now it gives the workers back their jobs at the reduced rates. In spite of this the bosses can't stop the indignation of the workers.

The workers are embittered. They have been made to realize that their lives and destinies are in the hands of the bosses. The wages they were receiving before the wage cut did not allow them to make a decent living. They know that this wage cut will reduce (further) their standard of living. The housing conditions bad as they are will become still worse. It also means poor food and cheap clothing to the families of the workers. It will also mean less bread and milk to the workers' children.

Will the workers accept this wage cut or will they not? For the time being they did. For three weeks they were out of a job. Further unemployment meant starvation, because their savings were meagre, due to the small wages they were getting in the past. Besides the workers are not organized. There is no union in the mill. But while the workers accepted this wage cut they do not recognize it. They will not stand for miserable conditions. Already the workers are beginning to protest. There is no doubt that the workers will organize to force the bosses to take their wage cut back.



CASE OF PRIVATE W. J. O'BRIEN

CONDITIONS and treatment of soldiers and sailors serving in the armed forces in America are very little known except for the sweet phrases uttered by the recruiting officers in trying to lure down-and-out young workers into the service of the Wall Street bosses. However, in spite of all the measures undertaken by the government to prevent the true facts of the treatment in the army and navy from becoming known outside, many cases of maltreatment have already been exposed at different times.

The capitalist press always praises and honors the valiant fighters and veterans who fought for Old Glory but when cases of maltreatment are made known no comments can be found in the press. In order to show the treatment the soldiers get for the good and faithful service to Wall Street the incident of William J. O'Brien, ex-service man and veteran of the Indian Wars, will serve as a bright illustration.

William J. O'Brien, who served in the army for many years, having fought in the Indian Wars, participant of the Geronimo Campaign in New Mexico and Arizona and many other battles, waged in the interests of the bosses, while stationed at Key West, Florida, for having some dispute with a lieutenant was shipped, without warning, to the Government Hospital for Insane (now the St. Elizabeth's Hospital) located in Washington, D. C. This incident took place in 1893. Without trial hearing or any other formality William O'Brien was kept prisoner, as a soldier, by order of the War Department. In 1904 O'Brien succeeded in obtaining a city parole which he utilized to pay a visit to the War Department where he endeavored to collect the pay that was due him for the long period of time during which he did not receive a cent. He, as many other defenders of the Stars and Stripes, naturally, was not in the position to fight the bureaucratic machine in Washington and left us far from his pay as ever. He made another attempt to fight for his rights at the War Department which resulted in a charge of "assault" against him and at the trial he was charged with lunacy. When summoned to the trial he was not notified of the fact that the charge would be insanity and, of course, did not prepare for a defense of that nature, thus the task of framing up the Old War Horse, veteran, etc., was made quite easy. There he was convicted and sent to Criminal Division of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital known as Howard Hall.

To many millions of people the case of O'Brien was never known, to many it has long since been forgotten; but still O'Brien, and possibly many others, is held prisoner in the Hell Hole of Howard Hall over 23 years. Many people interested in the case have investigated and found O'Brien to be perfectly sane. Even the hospital officials claim that the behavior of O'Brien shows no signs of lunacy, etc. But still he sits behind cement walls, suffering for his noble services to Wall Street.

Some liberals raised a cry and are now getting petitions signed and sent to congressmen in Washington, D. C., demanding the release of O'Brien. However, the case of O'Brien is not an isolated incident and this must be remembered. The workers in the Army and those young workers that are being forced into the army through economic pressure should remember that they can await nothing from Wall Street and that they must remain true to their class and continue with the fight against the bosses while in the ranks of the army, navy, or any other part of the armed forces of American imperialism.

'JOIN THE ARMY AND BECOME A MILLIONAIRE'

Soldiers bank accounts on June 30 showed a balance of \$1,985,870.55, according to figures made public recently by Major C. A. Pivoretto, in charge of the recruiting officers of 39 Whitehall St., New York City. This latest government publicity is another attempt to paint a false picture of the conditions of the enlisted man and make the man on the street think that besides "seeing the world, being educated," etc., he also has a chance to get rich and save some money in the army.

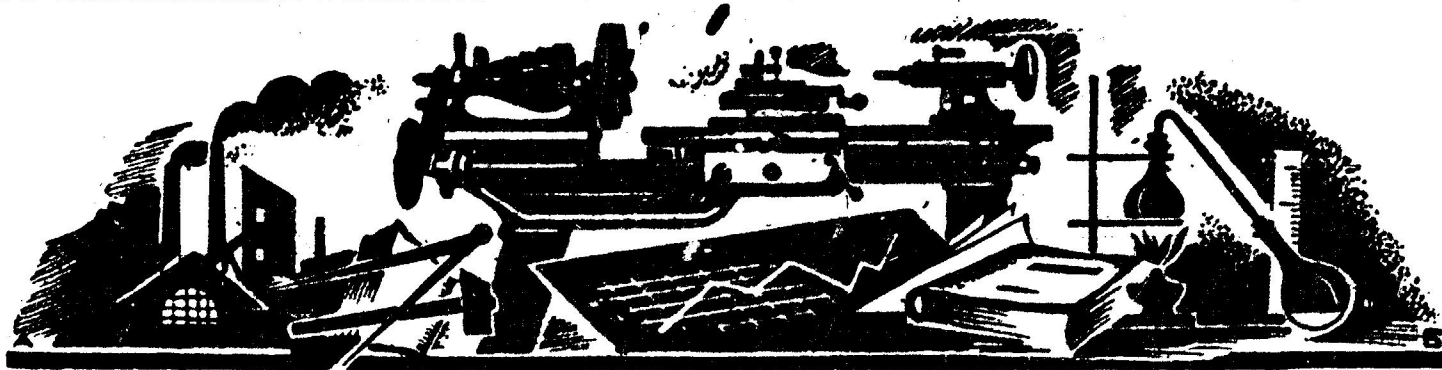
But among the 10,000 soldiers rated as active depositors thruout the army with an average of \$186.13 standing to the credit of each, you will find very few \$21 and \$30 privates who have accounts of any size. Most of the account will be found to be of officers and some sergeants while the reason for most of the savings by the privates is due to the fact that when they first join they are fooled into signing an agreement to have so much a month taken off their pay each month, fooled into thinking that they would have few needs outside of what is furnished them by the Government. Many of these who pledge as high as \$10 a month, really regret it once they find out how hard up they are for money and the many expenditures which they need to make.

Another fact given out in the report shows that \$1,578,683.95 of these savings last year were drawn out by soldiers who quit the service at the end of their enlistment, showing that a large part of these savings were merely the necessary expenses saved by the soldiers to get back home and live until they could find a job, and tho the recruiting officers give no statistics about the number of millionaires in the American army, we are inclined to agree with the army song "you'll never get rich, etc." as applying to most of the \$21 and \$30 privates. Not only don't they get rich, but those who pledge so much out of each payday, find conditions almost intolerable due to the need of spending money on account of the rotten food and conditions in the camps at the present time.

1,100 Grown-ups Join Hamburg Youth Strike

HAMBURG, Germany. — At last 1,100 grown up riveters have joined the strike of Hamburg rivet-warmers and young wharf laborers. All attempts to represent the strike as a "Communist affair" contributed to the spirit of unanimity and fighting morale of the strikers, who were driven to this fight by their miserable economic conditions. The Young Communist League is at the head of the strike movement and is supporting it through active participation in the collection of money. The apprentices on the wharves, whose apprenticeship contract does not permit them to join the strike, are frequently forced to act as strikebreakers. The Y. C. L. will attempt to solve for the apprentices the problem of their right to strike after the ending of the strike by organizing the rest of the apprentices into trade unions.

Throwing the Bull
When Charles Lindbergh landed in Mexico City, on his Wall Street conducted tour of Central America, he witnessed a bull fight. The Mexican matadors were not the only ones to throw the bull on the Lindbergh tour.



PLUMBERS' HELPERS HAVE BETTER CHANCE TO FIGHT FOR ADMISSION IN PLUMBERS UNION

By RIORARD TANE
Plumbers' Helper

NEW YORK CITY.—The meetings of the Plumbers' Helpers' Union, I am glad to say, has made great progress in attendance. This is due to two reasons: (1) There is at present a crisis in the trade. (2) We sent a delegation to the General Executive Board of the United Association of Plumbers at its meeting in Chicago. These two reasons have helped increase the attendance at our meetings.

Ever since our union was organized we tried to get admission into the U. A. and thus automatically become a member of the A. F. of L. By going out on strike with the plumbers we demonstrated to the U. A. that we are worthy of becoming a part of it. Whatever the attitude of the plumbers is we are with them against the bosses. By being thus united we can give the bosses a mighty blow.

The U. A. met in Chicago during the week of Nov. 7 and since we had receive an invitation to attend the meeting we sent Brothers Miller, Patrick, Seewald and Helland as delegates. These lads put up a big fight for us before the U. A. The U. A. is no longer in a position where they can ignore us. Leonard, one of the organizers of the U. A., said that they are willing to take us in provided the plumbers' locals of Greater New York give their consent. This gives us the best opportunity of pepping up in our work. We must appeal to every honest trade unionist in our behalf.

YOUTH KILLED IN INDUSTRY

ALBANY, N. Y.—Dec. 16.—According to a statement issued by Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton, 144 men, 5 women and 4 children were reported during the month of November as having lost their lives in industrial accidents.

The majority of these victims of capitalist industry were between the ages of 20 and 50. However, one of these workers was 15, two were 17 and one was 18. The statement does not indicate how large the number was for those between 19 and 23 years of age.

Picking All-American Football Is Popular But Foolish Pastime

L. S. P. S. -- Probably no fad in American sporting life is more ridiculous than that of picking All-Star All American football teams. Considering that there are more than 500 college teams, and 20,000 football players, spread out all over the country, and that each expert sees only six games during the season -- it can easily be seen that the task of picking 11 best players for the respective position is mostly a matter of publicity and popular fancy. Especially with the enormous spread of football during the past 5 years has this custom become ridiculous. But the fans like the idea, and so the sports writers of the Podunk Times, as well as the Chicago Tribune are coming out with their selections. So far only 127 All-American teams have been picked. And the end is not yet.

Labor Sports Union Conducting Literary Competition on Sports

In order to stimulate interest in labor sports activity, the Labor Sports Union is conducting a literary competition on the subject. Any worker is allowed to take part in the competition. The articles can be written about any point of sports but it must have a labor angle, and must not be confined to 250 words. Six prizes will be given, ranging from \$20 for the first prize, \$15 for the second, \$10 for the third, \$7 for the fourth, \$5 for the fifth and \$3 for the sixth. All articles must be sent in by January first. Send them to the Labor Sports Union, 433 North Ave.

Colorado Youth Now Shot Down

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workers who did not have jobs and charged them with vagrancy. At the trial they were asked "Work or Jail." They chose work not knowing what kind of work, they were then shipped to the strike area and forced to scab.

In 1917 the false cry for democracy rang in the ears of every worker, "Save the world for democracy," miners, workers from the shops, factories, and fields were gathered to fight their German brothers whom they had nothing against. The capitalists needed more markets, more ground for exploitation and thus called it saving the world for democracy. Four years of hell did the boys get over there, and on their return home are now being shot down by the capitalist gunmen when they demand a wage which will enable them to support their families.

Fellow Workers! The capitalists will shoot down American workers for profit as well as they shot down the German workers.

Fellow workers it is up to you, you have the power, organize especially the young workers to make our present battle victorious.

SOMETHING LIKE A BRIBE.

Charges that John E. Dockendoff, president of the Black Diamond Steamship Company contributed \$4,000 to the campaign fund of Bert Haney, a former member of the United States Shipping Board which awarded a contract to that company, were the basis for a demand that the contract be cancelled.

FALLS IN HUDSON.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 21.—John Knorcheild, 66, longshoreman, lost his footing yesterday while working on Pier 2 of the Munson Line here and fell into the Hudson River. He was pulled out of the water by several fellow workers.

Canton Soviets Point Way

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5,000 men. The manifesto issued the slogans: "Down with Li Tin-sun, Chiang Kai-Shek, Chang Fah-wei and Wang Ching-wei—the enemies of the peasants and workers!" "Down with the Kuomintang which is defending the cause of counter revolution". "Land to the Peasants! Rice and meat to the workmen! Power to the workers and peasants!"

On Dec. 14th news was received that the reactionary forces attacked Canton late the night before and recaptured certain sections. Here the blood bath of the revolutionaries commenced. When the Communist International received the news of the reactionary victory it declared: "If the reports of the counter revolutionary victory at Canton are true, the victory cannot be stable and lasting."

When the reaction got the upper hand in Canton the whole fury of the Chinese bourgeoisie, aided by the foreign imperialists, was hurled against the revolutionary masses. At least 4,000 revolutionaries were executed in Canton. On Dec. 15 the terror stricken Nanking government headed by Chiang Kai-Shek the imperialists' tool broke off diplomatic and commercial relations with the Soviet Union which was followed simultaneously by a "red raid" reign of terror in Hankow. At least 700 Communists and Communist sympathizers were executed by the butcherers. Thus the Nanking government breaks relations with the only country which has signed equal treaties with China and turns to its friends the foreign imperialist powers.

The victory of reaction in Canton does not mean the defeat of the Chinese revolution. Despite the wholesale execution of Communists in Canton, numerous towns, villages and rural districts in eastern Kwangtung are still in the control of Communist-led peasant organizations. The worker-peasant masses in China will still be victorious.

The date for the Labor Sports Union National Indoor meet has been definitely set for January 28, 29 at Detroit. A full two days program has been arranged including boxing, wrestling, calisthenics, and basketball. Hundreds of athletes are expected from all over the country, and entries by the scores are pouring in. Excellent prizes are to be awarded to winners in the various tri-events that have been arranged.

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