

WORKERS PEASANTS OF CHINA FIGHT ON DESPITE OF MURDERS

Chang Tso-lin has evacuated Peking. He has run away to Mukden, Manchuria. The occupation of Peking by the armies of Chang Kai-Shek is considered as a matter of hours. Chang Kai-Shek and the Kuomintang represent the interests of the Chinese capitalists, landowners and war lords. Thus the Kuomintang has sharp conflicts within itself. It can only maintain itself in power in Peking by completely capitulating to the will of the foreign imperialist powers.

Meanwhile the real forces of the Chinese revolutions are fighting on. Four hundred workers were murdered and 400 captured in Lingshui on the island of Hainan by Chai-Sum, Canton war lord, on May 30th. According to reports the workers and peasants army which recently captured Shakwan, a town on the border of Kwangsi and Kwantung provinces, is spreading its influence.

Under the leadership of the Communist Party the Chinese revolution will not be successful.

Foster President Gitlow Vice-Pres Convention Rules

Youth Demands Raised In Party Platform

The National Nominating Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party just held in New York City was a real mobilization of the Communist movement in this country for the 1928 elections. Never in the history of the Party was there such a splendid demonstration. There were 296 regular delegates from 39 states and the District of Columbia present. One hundred and fifty fraternal delegations, representing various workers' organizations were also in attendance.

Women, youth, children, Negroes, all elements of the working class were represented in the delegation. The oldest party members, who went thru the struggles in the Knight of Labor, the forerunner of the A. F. of L., stood side by side with the youngest Pioneers. Such well known figures as Anita Whitney, who was jailed under the California Criminal Syndicalist Law and Lucy Parsons, who bears the name of one of the Haymarket Martyrs, helped to brighten up the proceedings.

A tremendous demonstration greeted the announcement of the nominating committee that the standard bearers of the Party in the 1928 elections would be W. Z. Foster, for president and Benjamin Gitlow, for vice-president. A comprehensive program of action, or platform was adopted, which contains a whole section dealing with the youth and raising the demands contained in the program of Social Legislation of the Young Workers (Communist) League.

Donetz Plot Part Of War Move Against Soviets

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—As the trial of the Donetz plotters progresses here and more evidence is brought to light to show that the sabotage plot was led by foreign engineers and communists as part of the imperialist campaign against the Soviet Union.



GASTONE SOZZI

ITALIAN WORKERS MURDERED BY THE BLACK SHIRTS

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R. (by mail) — The Executive Committee of the Young Communist International calls for the strengthening of the campaign against fascism in view of the latest crimes of the Mussolini government in Italy. "Only recently," declares the Executive, "a whole series of sentences ranging from 15 to 24 years of imprisonment were pronounced by the tribunal of black shirt assassins. After the horrible Sozzi crime, other proletarians have been assassinated in the prisons of Mussolini: Sanvito, Piroia and Ruggieri at Milan, Ruota and Riva at Genoa and probably the martyrdom of other comrades has not yet been discovered. The torture system is widely applied to the point of driving the prisoners mad. Very recently 2,500 Italian workers were arrested, bringing the number of imprisoned to 8,500."

NEW BEDFORD TEX- TILE STRIKE NOW IN 8TH WEEK

Wage Cut Must Be Stopped

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—The strike of 28,000 textile workers is entering its 8th week here. Mass picketing continues despite the large number of arrests. The young workers and the children which have been rallied to the struggle by the Textile Mill Committee and the Young Workers (Communist) League, which has been in the forefront of the struggle, are continuing their good work.

The A. F. of L. bureaucrats have not only failed to provide relief for the mass of the strikers, but have even failed to provide ample aid for its own small membership. The move of the bureaucrats to amalgamate the American Federation of Textile Operatives and the United Textile Workers was not intended to build a united and powerful fighting union in the textile industry, but rather to combine the skilled workers in the industry at the expense of the masses of unskilled. On the other hand the rank and file Textile Mill Committee is organizing all the workers in the industry for militant tactics in the struggle.

ILLINOIS YOUNG MINERS CALLED TO RALLY AGAINST WAGE CUT THREAT AND PRECIPITATION

YOUTH CONFERENCE 9TH

BELLEVILLE, Ill.—The call issued calling of a young miners conference unions of the U. M. W. A. reads in part:

"The threat of the operators to reduce the wages of the young miners to one half of the Jacksonville agreement and establish a company union, is an indication of what will take place should our union be destroyed. The young miners must now more than ever before involve all their energy and actively participate in the struggle of our union.

"It is the task of the miner's union to fight against different rates for young miners, against discrimination, for equalization of wages of trappers, couplers, greasers, breakers, flaggers, who do the same work as the adult miners at a lower rate.

"Fight for the abolition of underground work for all young miners under 18 years of age, for a six hour day, 5 day week, and decrease the number of hours of work by young miners doing outside work."

CAMPAIGN AGAINST C. M. T. C. CAUSES STIR IN ROCKFORD

ROCKFORD, Ill.—On May 27th the League here distributed a leaflet against the C. M. T. C. thruout the city. The next day the press here carried tirades by Colonel Andrews against the Y. W. L. In order to prove his jingoistic, strike breaking views, the Y. W. L. has challenged the Colonel to a debate.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Because of its anti-militarist work in the schools here the ROTC officials and police have started a campaign against the Young Workers (Communist) League. On May 8th two comrades were arrested.

POWER TRUST USES SCHOOLS FOR ITS PROPAGANDA DRIVE

Government Ownership Today Is Illusion

The intense campaign carried on by the Power Trust for "private ownership" in hundreds of colleges and schools thruout the United States again demonstrates the character of the present schools as "dope factories" for the capitalist class.

Those smaller capitalists who must rely on the Power trust for power to run their factories cry aloud against this campaign and at the same time cry just as loud against the Communists who advocate the destruction of the whole capitalist system of private ownership.

The ownership of the public utilities by the present capitalist government would not change the conditions of the workers except worsen them. The public utility workers under such conditions would be exploited by the entire capitalist class, thru its executive committee—the government, instead of by the individual capitalist.

ional Committee for the 9th and sent to all local

SPECIAL YOUTH COMMITTEE SET UP DIST. 5 U.M.W.

To Reach Unorganized Young Miners

As we go to press we have not yet received the detailed news of the special emergency convention of District 5 of the United Mine Workers of America, which was called by the Emergency Committee of 100, against the efforts of the District reactionary officials to stop it. The credentials of more than 200 delegates was in the hands of the committee before the convention convened.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The problems facing the young miners came up for detailed discussion at the district 5 convention of the U. M. W. of A. Resolutions on the role of the young miners, against the Citizen's Military Training Camps and against the Boy Scouts were passed.

After the discussion on the young miner's problems, a Youth Committee was set up to work under the supervision of the newly elected Executive Board. Most of the young miner delegates at the convention came from the unorganized territory and the problem of organizing the young miners will be a central task of the youth committee.

SECOND YOUTH CON- FERENCE FOR MINER RELIEF IS SUCCESS

114 Delegates And 31 Organizations

By P. FRANKFELD

The Second Youth Conference for Miners Relief was held in New York City on April 29th. It was attended by 31 organizations with a total membership of 9,287 and by 114 delegates. Of these, there were more than a dozen new affiliations. Twenty youth organizations were not represented but nevertheless remain affiliated with the Youth Conference. The 31 youth organizations were divided into the following categories: 20 young workers, which included social, sports, cultural, and political organizations of youth; 5 trade unions with a predominantly youth membership; and 8 student groups. Of the newly affiliated organizations, there were included 8 young worker clubs, 2 high school groups, and 1 Union.

Greetings From Struggle

The Conference got down to work immediately. Greetings were read from Tochev, Mimerick, who save the Union

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ON THE "VITAPHONE"

By A Young Machinist, Oakland, California

ALL day long I slave in the shop and listen to the hated music of hammers and machines. The place is dusty and my fellow workers sweat and pale around me. They hurry to obey the commands of those tin-gods, the straw bosses. Speed-up! They make as much production as possible for their miserable wage. From every side one can hear: "Com'on! Hurry up! We are behind in production. Hey, damn you, bring that hammer and do it quick!" The next day there is the same thing all over again. We are making profits once more for our masters.

After nine hours of hard work we finally quit. In order to forget my tired body I decide to go out in the evening and see a show. I was told of the "Vitaphone" and was curious to hear it. When I take my seat the "oily" voice of Calvin Coolidge greets me. The essence of his talk is: America has prosperity. Be good patriots. By some oversight he fails to mention that four million workers are unemployed and starving in prosperous America. It just happened to slip his mind that three million children are exploited in American industries.

In Mexico, after Morrow came Lindy. On the screen he followed Coolidge. Lindbergh peddled the "glory" of the United States invasion of Nicaragua. "I think," he said, "I can bring a good report. The Marines in Nicaragua are on a mission of peace and good will. I believe that every citizen ought to be proud of our marines. I hope that they will accomplish their mission and bring about peace." The bombing of Nicaraguan people in the interests of American imperialist investments as well as another Wall Street controlled canal is a mission of peace and good will!

I came out of the movies thoroly entertained and more thoroly propagandized. It convinces me that the "Vitaphone" is a wonderful as well as a powerful instrument of the class in society that has the power.

SPORTS

BIG PROGRAM OF LABOR SPORTS IN L. S. U. 2ND MEET

EFFORT TO SPLIT L. S. U. FAILS MISERABLY

All around athletic events for women, juniors and seniors is on the program of the Second Annual Athletic Meet of the Labor Sports Union to be held in New York City, August, 1928. Everything from Calisthenics to Wrestling, Boxing, Soccer, Baseball and Volley Ball is on the order of the day. The Executive Board of the L. S. U. declares that this will be the best meet yet held on the Atlantic Coast and should receive a hearty reception from every worker in the east.

Because they strived to convert the Labor Sports Union into a nationalist athletic organization, four of the middle class members of the Executive Board, find themselves outside of the organization today (R. G. Palm, V. Wiitala, V. Mellin and Ted Urtamo). These elements tried to split the organization by setting up their own Executive Board, but failed miserably in the attempt. The bulk of the Labor Sports Union have sent messages to the regularly elected board expressing their solidarity with the Labor Sports Union and against the splitters. Under the leadership of the present Executive Board the L. S. U. will continue as a working class organization which strives to develop the class consciousness of its members.

NEW LEAGUE IN TRENTON

A Young Workers (Communist) League has recently been formed in Trenton, N. J. Monthly meetings will be held every Wednesday night at "Sound and Broad Sts." After these educational classes one held on the A. B. C. of communism and the Marxist Theory.

Many Negro Organizations Rally For Mine Relief In Kansas City Youth Conference

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Many Negroes rallied to the support of the striking miners in the broadest Youth Conference for Miner's relief yet held west of New York. This conference took place here on May 14th.

There were 23 organizations represented, among which were the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the industrial departments of the Y. W. C. A. in both Kansas Cities, the Office Workers Union, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, the Journey-men Tailors Union, locals of the United Mine Workers, the Railway Clerks local, the Friendship Baptist Church, the Young Workers (Communist) League and many others.

The Conference heard a report on the situation in the mine strike fields by R. Shoan and the report on the conditions in the Kansas coal fields by Fred Stathen of the U. M. W. Ashley Totten of the Brotherhoods of Sleeping Car Porters pointed out why the Negro workers rally behind the miners and promised the full support of his organization to the conference.

An Executive Committee of 15 was elected. The conference decided to reconvene every six weeks and to immediately begin work for the raising of relief.

The Musicians Union Hall was selected as the headquarters of the conference.

SECOND RELIEF CONFERENCE (Continued from Page One)

Committee, the National Miners Relief Committee, and the Youth Conference of Western Pennsylvania. These messages evoked great applause from the delegates. Greetings were sent in the name of the Conference to the striking textile workers in New Bedford to the National Miners Relief Committee and to the Youth Conference of Western Pennsylvania. After the report of the credentials committee, the Conference elected Max Helfand, president of the Plumbers Helpers Union as permanent chairman. A young coal miner from Kinlock, Pa., brought greetings in the name of thousands of striking young miners. His message was very well received and listened to attentively by the entire Conference. The delegates seemed to grasp and feel the full implications of the struggle not only against the scale and thugs of the coal operators; but against the state militia and the Coal and Iron Police. The policies and leadership of the Lewis machine were explained in detail by the speaker.

The report of the organizer followed. The Executive Committee of the Youth Conference issued a detailed report to the Conference on the moneys collected by the entire relief committee and by the individual organizations affiliated to the Youth Conference. The general financial report was drawn up by a Certified Public Accountant. The organizer reported that there was a total income of \$4,125.45; that expenses totaled \$376.35, that is less than 10% of the total income; and that of the \$3,749.10 available for relief, \$3,068.35 was sent in for relief which also included a donation of \$150 to the Paper Box Makers' mon.

Of the total money collected by the Youth Conference, the Young Workers (Communist) League succeeded in raising \$2,086.61 out of the total. The communist youth organization in New York almost raised half of the entire amount. Whereas the Ypsels, the young socialists, sent in \$3.05. The organizer pointed out that if the YPSL raised money and sent it in thru Morrison, that was

Special Convention Tackles Young Miners Problem

By ALBERT GLOTZER

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The rank and file in the miners union who are fighting to oust the corrupt Lewis and Fishwick machine in Illinois recognize the need of activating the young miners. At a special district convention, called by the miners, and held on May 19 and 20th at Belleville, Ill., a point on the agenda included 'work among the miners'. A resolution was introduced by Germinal Allard calling for a young miners conference to be held on June 9th at Belleville, Ill. The resolution points out the isolation of the young miners in the present fight to save the miners union. It further shows the necessity of drawing the young miners into the fight in an organized manner, to take up the situation in the miners union and to take up specifically the problem of winning and activating them.

A discussion, lasting over two hours followed the introduction of the resolution.

Many miners cited incidents of how young miners replaced adult miners, where machinery was introduced and a speed-up that followed with it. They understood clearly that this condition of driving out the old fighters from the industry and inevitably from the union, can only mean destruction of the organization. Every delegate avowed that he would go back and help to make this conference of young miners a success and continue the work of winning them to the struggle and activating them generally in the union.

More words cannot win the young workers anywhere. This the Illinois miner's convention proved. If the young miners are to be won it would mean that organizational steps would be necessary.

money used against the miners and not for them. That the Lewis machine used up more funds for wages and expenses than the entire machinery of the A. F. of L. has yet raised.

Resolutions Adopted

After a thoro discussion the Resolution Committee reported. A resolution on the Past Work & Future Tasks of the Youth Conference which endorsed the work of the previous Executive Committee and which outlined the work of the next one. It was passed unanimously. A resolution on affiliation to Workers International Relief provoked some discussion; but on the vote being taken the overwhelming majority of the delegates voted for and only 6 against affiliation. A statement of greetings was unanimously accepted to be sent to the striking young coal miners pledging solidarity and calling on them to fight to the end in support of the fight to save the Union both against the operators and against the Lewis machine. Other resolutions on solidarity of Negro and white young workers, etc. were also unanimously accepted.

The Conference succeeded very well in its purpose. It broadened out by drawing in new organizations; it created a good spirit of solidarity between the young workers and students in New York with the struggling miners. Immediately following the Conference, arrangements were completed for meetings in City College, in Morris High School, for a Tag Day in New Utrecht High School; and the section affair in Williamsburg of youth clubs.

The New York Youth Conference for Miners Relief has set the pace for every other city in the country; and the amount raised to date is only a mere beginning which it intends to double in the near future.

STUDENT ITEMS



Students Protest

MILWAUKEE, Wisc.—Because he was connected with a publication which freely published student opinion in the West Division High School here, Mr. Winfred C. Howe, instructor of history, was ousted by the school board. The publication known as the "Comet and Sun" recently contained an article which pointed out that the students of the public schools have for years been told to hold in respect a president who was smeared from head to foot with Tea-Pot-Dome oil. The Young Workers League has been active in securing the signatures of the students demanding the reversal of the School Board's order. A mass open air meeting in front of the school attended by some 300 students was held last month demanding a reversal of the order.

"Yellow Dog" For Teachers

SEATTLE, Wash.—That the capitalist government is playing a leading part in the union smashing campaign is seen by the action of the school board here in demanding that all teachers, before they can secure employment, must sign "yellow dog," individual contracts, declaring that they are not members of the American Federation of Teachers.

Young Miners Conference In So. Illinois

By GERRY ALLARD

Secretary of the Provisional Youth Conference

THE struggle of the Illinois coal miners against the combined forces of the bureaucracy and operators is daily gaining greater acuteness. The offensive of the coal barons, the bankrupt policies of the officialdom of the union, and the rising tide of revolt of the rank and file miners has a tendency of demonstrating greater and greater favor towards the policies of the left wing.

The young miners have not up until this time been successfully drawn into the struggle. The message of the left-wing forces has not reached the minds of the youth so as to clearly point out to them the significance of one mission. Altho the young miners make up an important part of the coal miners population. Numerically the young miners make up no less than 25% of the coal miners in Illinois. This makes about 20,000 as a huge and important army.

As a means of approaching the young miners we have launched an organization that is going to appeal to them by carrying on their fight on specific demands affecting the youth. We are calling forth for June the 9th a conference of young miners delegates from all over the district. The young miners have many grievances to take up besides their general fight against the forces of reactionaries and operators. The coal operators have demanded that the Flaggers, Trappers, Greasers, Couplers, take a wage reduction varying from 30% to 50%. This challenge cannot be ignored.

All the occupations of the youth as mentioned above are hazardous. In proportion to the amount of men working in coal mines the youth have the largest fatalities. Trip riding and running motors are occupations that have claimed many victims in recent years. In the unions the young miners are not encouraged to participate in the activities of the affairs of the organizations. All these grievances must be taken up by the young miners with a clinched fist. If they do not see that they receive consideration no one else will see that they get it.

The importance of drawing the young miners in the struggle is imperative. If the young miners are aroused to many conditions confronting the existence of their union it means that a section of the left wing will be solidified for a determined fight for a militant organization that will lead and solve the destinies of the future—which belongs to the youth.

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WAR MAKERS SHOUT: "PEACE!"

"WELL DONE, thou good and faithful servant." This was the thanks given by the strikebreaker Cal Coolidge to the dead soldiers, in his Gettysburg address. In the name of Morgan, Rockefeller, Mellon and the rest of the ruling clique, Coolidge gives verbal thanks to the "servants" who lost their lives fighting for their masters.

The young workers of this country are the new hosts being prepared for the slaughter and the "thanks" in the next world war, which is imminent. The United States is not isolated from the world. The struggle for markets and sources of raw material makes for the sharpest conflicts between the imperialist nations. It makes for the sharpest conflicts between the Soviet Union and the imperialist world. Under the misleading slogan of "national defense" the most gigantic war preparations are being made. "Our country", says Coolidge, "at the same time is making outlays in excess of those ever before made in time of peace for the purpose of national defense."

American imperialism has its dollars invested thruout the world, and thruout the world has one conscious aim—domination by Wall Street, the rule by the dollar and bayonet. The Soviet Union and the revolutionary movements are the main obstacles standing in the way of the accomplishment of this aim. That is why despite the invasion of Shantung by Japan, despite the deep antagonisms between Japan and the U. S. for the control of the Pacific there is temporary cooperation between the two imperialist cliques against the "greater menace" the workers and peasants revolution in China. That is why, the Kellogg peace treaty mania, is aimed at uniting the imperialist nations in the first place against the Soviet Union, not under the hegemony of Great Britain, but of the United States. Practical war preparations go hand in hand with ideological war preparations. Pacifism is the best ideological preparer for war. It lulls the masses into a false sense of security. It gives the bourgeoisie an opportunity for shouting: we strove for peace, but the other nation broke our treaty, they are the aggressors, we must now fight them in order to make the world safe for peace!

The real reason for marine invasion of Nicaragua is a canal, another market and the fact that Nicaragua is the back door of Mexico. Yet the imperialist invaders shout: We are in Nicaragua to preserve peace! "Our further purpose in Haiti and Nicaragua", says Coolidge, "is to assist the peoples and governments of those two countries in establishing stability, in maintaining orderly and peaceful institutions in harmony with civilized society." The Communists are for peace and against war, but we say that under capitalism there can be no peace between the exploited and their exploiters, between the imperialist nations and the subjugated nations, between the rival imperialist powers. Thus wars are inevitable under capitalism. Only under a Communist society can there be peace. Hence the real struggle for peace is a struggle to turn the imperialist war into a civil war, to destroy the capitalist class dictatorship against the exploited and establish the dictatorship of the working class against the capitalists. Only in this manner can a new society be established in which peace and happiness will prevail.

"BIG BILL" HAYWOOD IS DEAD!

"BIG BILL" HAYWOOD, a militant Communist and one of the outstanding founders and leaders of the I. W. W., is dead. The new generation of labor militants which have come to the fore in the present periods of struggle, in the Pasatic strike, in the miners struggle, in the needle trades, in New Bedford can learn much from the revolutionary labor movement of the pre-war days. William D. Haywood, was the colossal figure, the strong-hearted fighter of this period. He typified the pioneer fighter against the servile, degenerated labor lieutenants of the capitalist class who entered the labor movement in order to hand over the workers bound and gagged to the will of the employers.

William D. Haywood lived and until the last moment remained a staunch fighter for the liberation of the working class from capitalist wage slavery. The glorious traditions surrounding the life and struggles of "Big Bill" will forever remain a beacon light for the present generation of revolutionists to continue their struggle until final victory is won.

WITH ARMED FORCES

It seems that the U. S. Navy is right when it claims to train its men in many ways. Harlo H. Harding, ensign in the navy, was found guilty of grand larceny because he gave bad checks to the Hotel Astor where he stopped in Dec 1926 with a woman, registering as "Mr. and Mrs. G. London."

American soldiers are urged to write to this column and tell us how close the following picture comes to their own conditions: "In the Lettish Army, after a heavy days service, soldiers are given in the evening nothing but a bowl of thin soup. The least protest is considered a political offense punishable with 6 months to 3 years imprisonment. Soldiers have to submit to insulting treatment from the officers. Suicides are a frequent occurrence in the army."

BUILD THE LEAGUE

A Task For Every Member

By H. ZAM

THE Young Workers (Communist) League is participating in the struggles of the young workers to a greater extent than at any time in its history. The mining strike, the New Bedford Textile strike, the struggles in the needle trades—even small local strikes such as the Bayonne oil strike, the New York fruit clerks strike and the Buffalo silk strike find the League taking an active part in fighting for the interests of the young workers involved. The League is becoming recognized as the only organization that fights for the interests of the toiling youth.

Need Organization Strength

The outstanding failure in all these struggles is the inability of the League to draw the young workers from these struggles into its ranks. Members have been gained. The membership of the League is steadily increasing. But this increase is in no way proportionate to the energy and mass scale with which the League engages in these struggles. For the membership of the League, the drawing of the most militant and the best elements among the young workers in the important fields of struggle becomes a burning task in the immediate future.

The National Executive Committee has recognized the above weakness and took measures to correct it. At the Enlarged Bureau Meeting, held Feb. 7-9 1928, the resolution on the work of the League declared:

"There are several causes for this failure to recruit new members. Briefly they can be enumerated as follows:

Overcoming Our Errors

1. Lack of knowledge of the League as to how to recruit new members, and inability to hold them after they are recruited. This is a general shortcoming that can be overcome only thru conscious efforts and persistent work to recruit new members and develop the internal life of the League.

2. A tendency to hide the face of the League in the struggles and to have the League participate not as an organization, but only thru its members as left wing fighters. The National Executive Committee categorically repudiated such a policy. The Enlarged Bureau Meeting in its resolution adopted Feb. 9, 1928, declared: "The participation of the League in the coming struggles must be done primarily by the League as the vanguard of the young workers and as a youth organization championing the interests of the young workers in these struggles." The resolution further pointed out that it is necessary "to crystallize the mosters around the League on the basis of these struggles." The outstanding example of this tendency was manifested in the Pittsburgh District where the District Committee decided not to include the League as one of the organizations initiating the Youth Conference, altho conditions made it imperative that the League come to the front. This error was immediately criticized by the National Executive Committee, and the Pittsburgh comrades recognized their error and corrected it in further work.

3. A theory that during the struggles, the League only leads the struggles, and when the struggles are over, it gets new members. This theory is fundamentally wrong, and in practice means that the League acts only as a left wing organization. The NEC declared, as soon as this matter came to its attention, "All conceptions which declare that now is the time for struggle, later will be the time to build the League, must be pushed aside. It is during periods of struggle that the League can be built into a mass organization."

4. An idea that the young workers must be good Communists before we can allow them to join the League. This was manifested in Eastern Ohio, where the League organizer that it is inadvisable to admit into the League all young workers who wanted to join because there was no guarantee of how good they were and also in New Bedford, where there was some hesitation about making the League a broad organization accessible

to all the young textile workers. These errors have also been corrected, and both in Eastern Ohio and New Bedford, the League is being built up.

Broad Mass Organization

The last three errors are a result of a wrong outlook as to the role of the League and its relation to the young workers. The League is a Communist organization, but at the same time it is a broad mass organization taking in every young worker who is willing to carry on a militant battle against the bosses, and who is willing to allow the League to train him for more effective participation in the struggles of the workers. Once in the League, it is our duty to make a good Communist out of every young worker, and make him a leader among the masses of the young workers.

The League must be made a broad, fighting organization that holds the door open to every fighting young worker, even if that young worker has not yet mastered the "polittimum" or the "A. B. C." The League membership and the young workers with whom the League comes in contact must be made to understand that, and thus enable the League actually to develop in a mass organization.

LEAGUE NOTES

SHOAN TOUR ON ELECTION

Comrade Rudolph Shoan, District Organizer of the mid-west district of the Young Workers (Communist) League of America will make a tour on his return to Kansas City from the National Nominating Convention of the Workers Communist Party of America during which he will cover the following places on the following dates: Pittsburgh, June 4 to 11; Columbus, June 12 and 13; Dayton, June 14; Cincinnati, June 15 and 16; Indianapolis, June 17; Springfield, June 18 and 19; St. Louis, June 20, 21 and 22. Comrade Shoan will speak on "Youth and the Elections".

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. A series of meetings in connection with the election campaign and the building of the League has been arranged for C. Miller, District Organizer of the Young Workers (Communist) League. The dates are as follows: Wilmington, Del., June 5; Chester, Pa., 6; Vineland, N. J. June 7; Bethlehem, Pa., June 11; Allentown, Pa., June 12; Reading, June 13; Minersville, Pa., June 14; Shenandoah, Pa. June 15; Dates for other points in the district will be set.

PLAN SERIES OF CONFERENCES ON SHOP NUCLEI

All districts of the League have received instructions to arrange conferences within the next two months for the discussion of shop nucleus work. The proposed agenda for these conferences is: (1) Report of District Organizer on district campaigns in connection with shop activity. (2) Reports by Nuclei and factory delegates on their work in the factory. (3) Organizational tasks of district and in each individual factory.

These conferences will be attended by Representatives of factory nuclei, members who work in factory where no nucleus yet exists, representatives of Party factory nuclei, unit organizer and industrial organizer, representatives of District Committee, a representative of National Committee, non factory members who are doing some factory work. Factory delegates are urged to start preparing their reports now.

Slaves Of Handkerchiefs

NEW YORK CITY. In the International Handkerchief Company, over 500 girls are working forty nine and a half hours per week. The most they can earn is 20 to 22 dollars per week. The girls work under a terrible speed up system.

"WRITE AS YOU FIGHT" PAGE

Kenosha Labor Holds Huge Parade In Behalf of Allen-A Strikers

Leaders Make No Efforts To Pursue Militant Tactics

RANK AND FILE MUST DEMAND ACTION

By SAMUEL A. HERMAN

On Saturday, May 12th, there was held in Kenosha, Wisc., the largest demonstration of organized labor and sympathizers ever held in many years. The demonstration was held under the auspices of the Kenosha Trades and Labor Assembly.

Biggest Labor Parade

The huge parade of over 5000 workers started at 3:15 in the afternoon from the headquarters of the Allen-A strikers at 215-60th St. Every local of organized labor in Kenosha and neighboring cities made up the mile long column of marching workers. There were huge banners carried by the Painters, Milk Drivers, Sheet Metal Workers, Plasterers, Iron Moulders and other trade union organizations.

To the rear of the column were the locked-out Allen-A workers with banners reading: "We were locked out in a body, we will go back in a body", "Lincoln freed the slaves, the Allen-A Co. would enslave us", "The strike-breakers of the Allen-A Co., must Go!" and countless other signs. Slowly the long column marched down the center of the street past the open-shop Allen-A Co. and on to the Library near the downtown section of the city. Along the sidewalks thousands of workers cheered the marching men and women until the air was deafening with cheers and applause. Hundreds of automobiles followed the marchers tooting horns in sympathy with the demonstrators.

Leaders Non-Militant Policy

After arriving at Library Square the column broke up and gathered close to a speakers stand containing a microphone and four powerful loud speakers. A representative of the Kenosha Trades and Labor Assembly acted as chairman and after a few preliminary remarks introduced one of the leaders of the strike, Louis F. Budenz. Mr. Budenz pointed out the splendid struggle of the strikers against the vicious Allen-A thugs and gammen. However he failed to mention what future policy the union will pursue in regards to the injunction and the calling out of the unorganized. No efforts worth mentioning have been made by the leaders to organize regular daily picketing around the open shop firm, and the unorganized have been entirely neglected and allowed to remain in the plant to help the scabs. In spite of the fact that with the proper methods they could easily be won over into the union. Instead of outlining a militant policy for the future, Mr. Budenz trumpeted the lofty virtues of the late Robert LaFollette and Co., with whom he was once closely associated.

Y.W.L. In Phillips-Jones

NEW YORK CITY—The Young Workers (Communist) League issued several leaflets and bulletins which pointed out the miserable conditions under which the young workers in Phillips-Jones and Company are forced to work. The bulletins pointed out the long hours, low wages, "speed-up" system making greater profits for the bosses while the young and adult workers were living and working in miserable conditions. A group of workers realizing that the problems raised by the League were correct joined the League in order to fight for the demands put forth by the latter.

The Young Workers (Communist) League group in the Phillips-Jones factory is making the young workers realize the reasons for the unbearable conditions in the factory and how to fight against them. They are showing the young workers that they must organize from the ranks of the Y.W.C. and fight on the streets for better conditions.

MILLINERY LOCAL NO. 43

By Young Millinery Worker

NEW YORK CITY—Local 43 of the millinery workers is an organization of some 4000 young workers. Only 2% of the members are adult workers. Because of the steady work of the left wing leadership of this local the following conditions were established: 44 hour week, \$1 per hour for piece workers and 44 hour week with \$33 per week the minimum for week workers.

Now the right wing leadership is determined to break us up. They issued an order that local 43 must dissolve itself and become members of local 24 (which is controlled by the reactionaries).

1500 girls twice voted down the decision of the right wing and are sticking solidly behind the local.

SOVIET UNION COMMUNIST YOUTH HOLD CONGRESS

MOSCOW, May 6—By mail—The 8th Congress of the All-Union Young Communist League opened here today. The Bolshoi (Big) Theatre was crowded with delegates and guests. The delegates, of whom there are about 900, represent a gathering of the most active of the youth of the League organizations from every quarter of the vast country.

Here are White Russians and Great Russians, Caucasians and Armenians, Tartars, Uzbekians Siberians and representatives from the German Volga Republic. Here can be seen young Kirghizian girls from Central Asia, who have still not yet quite freed themselves from the superstitions and religious traditions of the extremely backward people of their far country away in the Asiatic Steppes.

\$15 A Week In Pilots

NEW YORK CITY—Some time ago the Young Workers (Communist) League distributed a leaflet and the "Young Worker" in the Pilot Factory exposing the terrible conditions in the factory. Have our conditions improved since? No. We still work long hours and make only \$15 per week. We are constantly forced to speed up and are never sure of our jobs. The bosses are making our conditions worse and worse because they know we are not organized.

Sign This Blank Now!
JOIN THE YOUNG WORKERS (COMMUNIST) LEAGUE

"I pledge myself always to fight for the interests of the working class and the toiling youth and to do all in my power to learn to become a loyal fighter for the overthrow of the rule of the capitalists and for the establishment of the rule of the workers and farmers."

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 City & State _____

ILGWU Rank And File Conference Tackles Problem Of Youth

DELEGATION OF UNORGANIZED YOUTH WARMLY RECEIVED

BOSTON, Mass.—A Youth Delegation representing the unorganized young workers in the Ladies Garment Industry came to the convention of the I. L. G. W. U. to demand organization and the struggle for their special demands. As was to be expected the Sigman wrecking crew refused them admission into their fake convention. When the delegation went to the rank and file conference held at the same time, they received a warm welcome. The statement of the delegation follows in full:

Organize Unorganized Youth

Analyzing the situation in the Ladies Garment Industry, we find that due to the introduction of the efficiency system the young workers are beginning to play an important role in it. We also find that the vast majority of them have not yet been organized, therefore, the unorganized young workers found it necessary to present this problem before the organized workers of the trade.

We came together and dug our last pennies out of our pockets to send a delegation to the convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, which is now being held in Boston, Mass.

Coming Monday to Boston with hope that we would be admitted to the convention to present our problems which are not only problems of the Young workers but which effect the whole industry we presented our credentials to the credentials committee which was composed of police only but we were immediately turned down. Walking down we found groups of workers who we learned were the delegates from the rank and file I. L. G. W. U. and who were also not admitted to the convention.

Being firmly convinced that the people within the hall who claimed to be the leaders of the union (who have more police than delegates at their convention) are no more interested in the problems confronting the workers, no longer capable of leading the union we have joined the conference of the rank and file led by the progressives left wing leadership and we were warmly received.

At this conference we found ourselves among men and women who understood the problems confronting the workers and the specific of the youth in the industry and are willing and ready to organize the unorganized young workers in our trade.

Demands of Youth

We have a number of proposals for the organization of the young workers to present to this conference, some of them are:

- An immediate drive to organize the young workers
- Equal pay for equal work
- 36 hour-5 day week for all young workers under 20 years of age.
- Abolition of the speed up and piece work systems.
- No overtime for young workers
- A full hour for lunch and two rest period at companies expence for all young workers.
- Union control of sanitary conditions
- Installation of social, educational and sports features for the young workers in the union.

We feel confident that this conference of the rank and file will proceed in building up the union in which the young workers will not only be included but will also become active participants in.

Delegation of the Unorganized Young Workers in the Ladies Garment Industry

NEW HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE PLANS PICNIC

Five units of the Young Workers of New Hampshire are planning a monster picnic to be held in either Penacook or New Hampshire. The Gardener, Mass. League will also be in it. It is going to be the best and biggest summer affair ever held by the League.

YOUNG NEW BEDFORD WORKER TELLS WHY HE'S ON STRIKE

BY YOUNG STRIKER

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—I am a young striker who used to be unexperienced and unorganized. My work is in a cotton mill where I used to spool. I worked and worked but still my wages were small. My average wages were \$10 per week which was not enough to live on. Now I am out on strike for a twenty percent increase in wages, a forty-hour week, and 8 hour day, a 5 day week, better living conditions and the elimination of the speed-up system. Now I am organized with the New Bedford Textile Workers Union and will fight to the finish. For win we must.

PASSAIC TEXTILE WORKERS GET WAGE CUT FROM BARON

Force Workers To Take Co. Insurance

By Young Worker Correspondent

PASSAIC, N. J. — A few weeks ago the Gea and New Jersey Worsted Mills closed down for the Easter Holidays. After the Holidays they recalled their workers, and announced a wage cut of about twenty per cent and if they did not like it, they could go to hell, as they could get plenty of help at that rate. There is about 20,000 workers unemployed at present here. It doesn't look like things will improve so soon. In spite of the fact that the workers are working part time.

The workers in the Potany are being forced to take insurance given by the company but paid by the workers. The foreman go between the workers and tell them to take insurance. If they refuse they are told that things are slack and they will be the first to be laid off. They are also discriminating against our most active union members. Two weeks ago they issued a slogan on their pay envelopes as follow:

"A pay check is bigger than a relief check"

Young Workers, support the Union and fight wage cuts, Company insurance etc. Also join the Young Workers League which always fights for the interest of all the Young Workers.

QUESTION BOX

Comrade H. Singer of Denver wants the following two questions answered. The best answer will be published in the YOUNG WORKER. Send them in at once.

- (1). What are the main reasons for the dissolution of the Socialist Labor Party?
- (2). For what crime is there capital punishment in the Soviet Union? Why?

"Workers of the World Unite!"