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## Forward to Fighting Unions!

For the first time in the United States special Communist papers have been issued for the armed forces of American capitalism. The Communist youth group in the Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Hoyle, Md. has issued the first of these, "The Fort Hoyle Spark" and the League group in Camp Custer, Mich. the second, "The Camp Custer Rookie."

Both of these papers contain considerable material explaining to the recruits the Communist views on militarism and war, the role of the CMTC's, what the young workers in the CMTC ought to do, notes and stories on camp life, the Porter case, the contrast between the capitalist army of the U.S.A. and the Red Army of the Soviet Union, etc. Both of the papers were extraordinarily well received by the recruits and many valuable contacts were made.

The anti-militarist work of the Communist youth has produced a great disturbance among the military officials. Arrests and suppressions have multiplied five fold in the last few weeks and high military bureaucrats are making all kinds of speeches and threats against the Young Workers Communist League. Officials of the Department of Justice are promising to introduce into the next Congress a law enabling them to suppress the anti-militarist activities of the Communist youth.

For distributing a Communist leaflet, issued by the Young Workers Communist League, to the National Guard members near Rockford, Ill., seventeen young Communists were arrested and kept in jail for 24 hours. The military authorities refused to release them on bail and threatened to press Federal charges against them.

This followed the arrest of ten other League members in connection with a big anti-war open-air demonstration held in Rockford a short while before.

The contacts made by the League in the National Guard here are very good and considerable influence has been gained.

Big anti-war and Porter defense demonstrations, organized by the Communist youth and attended by hundreds of young workers, were held in Superior, Wisc. and Duluth, Minn. The Duluth meeting at which there were over 400 young workers was disturbed by the police and the speakers interfered with. In reply an equally large protest meeting was arranged. Regular anti-war and anti-militarist demonstrations are now being held in Duluth. The Superior demonstration with over 300 present was not interfered with by the police.

More reports on the struggle of the militant young workers against capitalist militarism and the danger of a new imperialist war will be given in the following issues of the Young Worker.

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As the Young Worker goes to press we have the following telegraphic information about the Textile Youth Conference, held in New Bedford, Mass., August 12. It is evident that the Conference, was a considerable success:

Forty-nine mill delegates from twenty-two Mills of New Bedford, Fall River, Providence, Lawrence, Malden, Nashua, etc., including forty-two thousand workers met in the Textile Youth Conference at New Bedford on Sunday Aug. 12. Among the delegates were several child laborers. The New Bedford and Fall River branches of the Young Workers (Communist) League, the Pioneers and the Strikers Childrens clubs had fraternal delegates. Eulalie Mendes, secretary of the New Bedford Textile Workers Union was chairman of the conference. Eli Keller, well known union organizer, spoke in the name of the union. Very important resolutions were adopted. An executive committee of thirteen was elected to supervise the carrying thru of the conference decisions.

The next issue of the Young Worker will contain a detailed account of this important conference. The Young Workers (Communist) League which was the driving force behind this conference and heartily supported it, calls upon all young textile workers to rally in support of the Textile Mills Committee movement for the formation of a new strong militant National Textile Workers Union which will be a real defender of the economic demands of the youth.

### Bosses Speak Through Hoover's Mouth

#### Only Communist Program Defends Youth

The "acceptance speech" of Herbert Hoover as Republican candidate for the presidency of the United States is nothing more than a promise made to the big bosses and bankers that as president he will continue the same capitalist policies of exploiting and oppressing the working class at home, enslaving the masses in Latin America, Hawaii, the Philippines and other American colonies, preparing for the next imperialist war and for an attack on the Soviet Union and in every other way serving the bosses. This is just what all the capitalist parties—the Democratic, the Republican and fake "Socialist" parties are there for. They are for the bosses and the bosses are for them.

Young workers should be especially interested in what Hoover said about the children and the youth. Hoover, as the candidate of the Republican textile barons whose wealth comes from the sweat and blood of thousands of little child workers, could afford to get very pathetic about the "little children" who are "the chief asset of the nation" and who would not be subjected to "injurious labor"—he can say all this, as long as he keeps quiet about the three million child laborers in this country. Hoover, the candidate of the capitalists and the militarists, can well afford to throw around phrases about the

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### MILITANT NEW UNIONS TO BE FORMED IN MINING TEXTILE AND NEEDLE INDUSTRY

In three of the most important industries of the country—mining, textile, and needle trades—tens of thousands of fighting workers are fast moving ahead towards the establishment of strong militant national Unions in their industries. A great national convention will be held in Pittsburgh on September 9-16 for the formation of a new National Miners Union; in New York on September 22 will be held the first convention of the National Textile Workers Union; while the formation of a National Needle Trades Union will also take place about the same period.

In each of these cases the formation of these militant new unions comes after years of struggle on the part of the workers against the most brazen acts of union-smashing, sell-out and betrayal on the part of the reactionary A. F. of L. carrying on a year long policy of betrayal and union-smashing which reached the climax in the recent sell-out of the heroic sixteen months strike of the soft-coal miners and the disintegrating of the UMWA, which is well known, equally familiar is the record of the craft-union fakery of the various so-called unions in the textile industry who have consistently refused to organize the thousands of unorganized workers and lead them in struggle, who have always served as the best agents for the textile magnates, as witness New Bedford and Fall River. The bitter struggle of many years standing in the needle trades against the yellow right wing union-smashers is a part of the same great struggle on another front.

The masses of the militant workers in these industries have learned the lessons of the past few years very well and are now determined to set up real fighting unions controlled by the rank-and-file and com-

mitted to the policy of militant class struggle against the bosses.

The formation of these new unions is of the greatest significance for the youth. In the first place, the organization of the masses of young workers into the new unions is an absolutely necessary part of the campaign for it is the working youth who constitute the most exploited, most oppressed and most unorganized section of the workers and at the same time the most potentially militant elements. In the second place, the new militant unions will fight for the first time in American labor history in defense of the economic interests of the youth and for the real improvement of their conditions. Youth sections and youth commissions will be set up in these new unions to mobilize the young workers and to defend their interests. The movement for the new unions means much indeed for the young workers.

The Young Workers Communist League greets this movement and gives it its most energetic support. We call upon all young workers to rally to the support of the movement for the formation of these militant unions and to send youth delegates to the conventions.

## War Dep't Drive on Young Communist League

### SECRET MOVE TO SEND JOHN PORTER TO LEAVENWORTH

Under a veil of deep secrecy Comrade John Porter, New Bedford strike leader and Young Workers Communist League organizer, sentenced to two and one half years in military prison, has been removed from Fort Adams in Rhode Island to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. At the same time the military authorities announced that a request has been sent to all papers to withhold from publication the facts regarding the court-martial and the subsequent developments, in other words that the case should receive absolutely no publicity in the press.

This is especially significant since it was at first announced that Comrade Porter would be taken to Fort Jay on Governors Island, New York. It was expected, as the Boston Herald Washington despatch states, that "the sentence would be served at the eastern branch of the United States disciplinary barracks at Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York. Only long-term prisoners from the East are shipped to the main prison barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas." It is very clear that the military authorities made this last minute change in the face of the expectation of mass protests of the part of the New York workers and young workers that would have greeted Porter's arrival here. out in Leavenworth, where the militant labor movement is weaker, the military authorities probably expect less interference and less protest. But they will find themselves mistaken! This brazen move of the government authorities, will only have the effect of arousing a new wave of resentment and of mobilizing even larger numbers of workers

and young workers in defense of Porter

Of special importance to all young workers is the reason for the official policy of a systematic silence and suppression on the part of the military authorities. This is no accident. According to the Boston Herald, the reason for this policy "might be that federal officers may be conducting a secret inquiry into the activities of the Young Workers Communist League."

In other words, the federal authorities are laying the ground for a big attack on the Communist youth movement. Other signs point in the same direction. This is undoubtedly the response of the bosses government to the work our League has been doing in fighting capitalist imperialism and the war danger and in winning over to the working class the young workers and farmers who are in the armed forces.

But we cannot be threatened or scared. The Young Workers Communist League will continue its struggle in the interests of the young workers against capitalist militarism and war and will intensify more than ever its campaign to free Comrade Porter. In this we are sure we will have the support of thousands upon thousands of militant young workers and farmers and of the whole militant labor movement.

In his last public statement Comrade Porter again calls upon his fellow strikers in New Bedford and Fall River to carry on and extend their heroic struggle and he appeals to the young workers and workers all over the country to support the textile workers strike, the struggle against militarism and the movement in defense of Porter.

## Get Into the Big September Youth Press Drive!



# New Bedford Fights On! Remember Sacco and Vanzetti!

After eighteen weeks of heroic struggle, the militant strikers of New Bedford with ranks intact have successfully kept the mill gates shut, despite the extreme provocations and terrorism of the police. Not only have they succeeded in keeping the mills closed, but they have succeeded in spreading their strike among thousands of unorganized and exploited textile workers in Fall River.



"Law and Order" in New Bedford

One of the most outstanding features of the strike, is its youthful leadership and character. Rubenstein, Donnelly, Stone, Sroka, Mendes, Figureto and Valenti are only a few of the outstanding young workers who have become strike leaders. But not only in the leadership, on picket lines, at the mass meetings, the young workers are in the lead. Of all the arrests in New Bedford more than 70 per cent were young workers.

As the strike progresses, it is clear to see the difference between militant trade-unionism. The Textile Mills Committees instead of prating about arbitration, compromise and similar schemes have used the tactics of workers solidarity, of militant offensive, of spreading the strike as a means of licking the bosses. The A. F. T. O. and the U. T. W., by their cringing attitude of licking the bosses' boots, have only received the general contempt of the workers who are leaving the

ranks of these "unions" joining hands with the workers in the New Bedford Textile Workers Union!

In Fall River, where the strike has been on for only a few days, the workers have proved their fighting ability. In one week times the bosses have arrested and imprisoned more than one-hundred strikers and have given as high as six-months jail sentences to some of the workers on the mere charge of picketing. The brutality of the police cosacks can be best illustrated by the brutal murder of Johnny Madeiros, aged six, who was driven off the picket line into the river and where he drowned without an attempt of assistance from the police. These attacks, however, will only pull out more workers in Fall River, until the 35,000 workers there will join hands and fight together with the New Bedford strikers towards victory and a strong militant textile workers union.

The various mill groups of the Young Workers Communist League in New Bedford and Fall River, the Young Pioneers, the Strikers Children's Clubs, and the Textile Union Youth Section are rallying the young workers and the workers children for the



More Of It

strike. The young workers actively in the lead—the children on the picket line—these are very encouraging signs for the success of the struggle.



A year passed since the brutal murder of the two workers, Sacco and Vanzetti. Having framed-up and executed them on a charge of murder, the capitalist class thought that by killing these two workers they would succeed in crushing the revolutionary movement. The crime of the two workers was their intense loyalty to the workingclass. What these butchers do not understand, is that despite persecutions or even death, the movement of the workers cannot be stopped—but will go on. It is not individual "radicals" as the bosses would want us to believe, that create the struggle of the workers, but capitalist society with its exploitation, child labor, unemployment and general misery. The capitalist class should learn that the murder of the Haymarket martyrs, Joe Hill, Frank Little, and Sacco and Vanzetti will in time be fully revenged. The workers never forget! Zar Nicholas murdered the brother of Lenin and thousands of other revolutionaries, but when the time came the Russian toilers under the leadership of Lenin more than evened the score.

Sacco and Vanzetti were executed because they fought militantly against capitalism, and especially against the last World War. Today, the young and adult workers are facing another imperialist war—for Wall Street and capitalism. The banner of struggle against the capitalism and war has fallen from the hands of these two valiant fighters into the hands of the Communists—the Communist Party and the Young Communist League. It is we who hold aloft the banner of militant struggle, who fight for the final overthrow of capitalism. It is the Communist youth who work among the young workers in the army, navy in the shops and factories.

Young workers! Join the Communist youth and in the name of Sacco and Vanzetti!

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YOUTH!

## Communist Demands for Servicemen

The Young Workers (Communist) League has taken up the struggle for the rights and interests of the enlisted men. The National Executive Committee has officially issued a program of demands. All servicemen and all labor organizations are called upon to fight for the realization of these demands.

The League does not wish to give the illusion that any considerable improvement of the condition of the servicemen is probable under the capitalist system, and the fight for these immediate demands will be linked up with the struggle for a workers' and farmers' government which will free both the civilian workers and those in the military service.

The demands of the Young Workers (Communist) League as issued by the National Executive Committee follows:

1. 50 percent increase in base pay for privates and 25 percent increase in base pay for non-commissioned officers.
2. \$1 a day food ration for all soldiers.
3. Government allowances to dependants in addition to soldiers' pay.
4. Enlistment uniforms furnished free by the government. Laundry and all other necessities to be furnished free.
5. Maximum duty of 8 hours daily, including guard duty.
6. Abolition of K. P., civilian employees. Election of mess sergeant and inspection of commissary accounts by the men.
7. To be handled by the government for this work.
8. No restrictions in passes for soldiers

- off duty.
8. Abolition of restricted districts.
9. Use of salute only in line of duty.
10. Soldiers not to be restricted from any part of military reservation and to have free use of all recreational facilities including tennis and polo.
11. No compulsory special duty without agreement of soldier.
12. Right of union men joining service to retain union affiliations. Right of specialists to join unions of their respective trades.
13. The right to vote for soldiers.
14. The right to join labor and political organizations and to attend meetings.
15. Free speech and the right of soldiers to select their own reading matter.
16. Abolition of general court martial with civil trial for serious offenses (except general court martial applies to sentences over 6 mos.) Substitution of trial by elected jury of soldiers for summary and special court martial.
17. Regular furloughs for all soldiers without discrimination inclusive of those in the colonies, with pay in advance. Right of soldiers in colonies to spend furloughs there if wishing.
18. Non-interference of officers in personal affairs of soldiers including right to marry without officers' consent, etc., etc.
19. Right of all soldiers to wear civilian clothes at any time when off duty.

20. Election of non-commissioned officers by men.
  21. No use of army in strikes at home or in the colonies.
- Refuse to act in strikes!  
Refuse to be a policeman for the bosses.  
Support your fellow workers in their struggle for better conditions.

- Refuse to act as a policeman for Wall Street.  
Support the colonial peoples in their fight for freedom.  
Fight the war threat against the workers' and farmers' government of the Soviet Union.

### HOOVER SPEAKS FOR BOSSES

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"splendid idealism of the young people of this country" as long as he keeps quiet about the miserable conditions of the young workers and farmers, toiling long hours for less than the pay, unorganized, filled by the capitalist class and newspapers with all sorts of lies and with their flag, right, honor and needed as cannon fodder in the text imperialist war.

Hoover is a Republican and Stalin is a Democrat, yet as far as the workers and the young workers are concerned they are one and the same thing—servants of the capitalists. The political ideas and policies of them are the same, although different words are used, and

their ideas all mean: exploitation and oppression for the workers.

The Workers Communist Party is the only party in this country that stands for the interest of the workers. The chief slogan of the Communist program is: **FOR THE WORKERS AGAINST THE BOSSES!**

The Communist platform is the only platform that stands up for the interests of the working youth. It is the only platform that contains real youth demands, the youth demands put forward by the Young Workers Communist League. Every young worker, young farmer and working class student should back the Communist platform and ticket and fight for the Communist youth demands.

### The Labor Sports Union Meet and Convention

The second national convention of the Labor Sports Union will take place on August 27 and 28 at Progressive Hall, 15 West 126 Street, New York City. Preceding it there will be a great two-day sports and athletic meet under the auspices of the L. S. U. at Wingate Field, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Delegates representing about seventy affiliated clubs all over the country will attend the convention. There will also be fraternal delegates from all sorts of labor and fraternal organizations. Special efforts are being made by the Arrangements Committee to secure representation from athletic clubs not yet affiliated with the L. S. U.

It is expected that this convention will really lay down in clear form the principles and organizational structure of the L. S. U. and provide it with a plan and basis for future work. The experiences of the past year will help greatly in this direction.

The consolidation of the district organizations of the L. S. U.—district organizations have already been established in New York, Chicago, and Detroit—will be an important task before the convention.

The big Meet that will precede the convention will take place on August 25 and 26. From the entries that have already reached the office it is expected that there will be over 600 athletes taking part in this affair. On August 19 labor athletes from all over the middle west will compete in a L. S. U. meet in Chicago at the famous De Paul field. The Chicago district will send a minimum of 15 athletes to the meet. Athletes are coming as far north as Sudbury, (Canada), and as far west as St. Paul and Minneapolis.

A big program is being arranged for the two days. There will be 30 track and field events. About 250 athletes are expected to take part in the track and field competition alone. The Metropolitan Workers Soccer

League is arranging a special competition, in which 8 to 12 teams will take part. The semi-finals will be played on Saturday and Sunday at Wingate Field.

A mass drill is being prepared by clubs all over the country and 300 are expected to take part. The drill is the first of its kind in this country and arrangements have been made to take moving pictures of it.

A tennis tournament will also be staged and the Arrangements Committee is concentrating on making it as much of an inter-racial affair as possible. Since the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association enforces a strict color line, the action of the L. S. U. is of especial significance.

On Saturday night there will be a big swimming meet and a big open-air festival and dance. The famous Washington Baths have been secured for the occasion. A moderate admission price of only 35 cents will be charged for both the swimming meet and dance.

The Meet will be climaxed by an affair on Saturday night at Progressive Hall, 15 West 126 Street, New York City. At this affair there will be presentation of medals, a gymnastic program and dancing.

From all indications the L. S. U. Meet this year will be one of the biggest meets of any kind ever held in this city and certainly is a welcome sign for the development of the labor sports movement in this country.

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## THE LEAGUE FIGHTS ON!

A rough calculation shows us that in the last four weeks or so over one hundred League members have been arrested in various parts of the country in the course of their struggle in defence of the interests of the young workers against capitalism. A list of towns affected would include the best in our industrial centers of the country; the activities that lead to the arrests include the most outstanding day-to-day activities of the Communist youth—the election campaign, economic struggles, but above all our anti-militarist work.

It is significant that the most important of these arrests arose out of struggle against the danger of a new world war and against capitalist militarism. The Communist struggle against capitalist militarism has become a matter of great concern to the American bourgeoisie—and the heavy hand of repression falls. Yet this is only an acknowledgement of the success our activities have found among considerable sections of the young workers and, what is of special significance, among many elements in the armed forces of American imperialism.

It is no accident that General Sumerall finds occasion to declaim against the League and that the Department of Justice feels obliged to announce that it will seek legislation at the next Congress to curb the anti-militarist activities of the Communist youth. The arrests and the increasingly sharp repressions will only have the consequence of steeling our comrades for the struggle and winning the support of thousands of young workers and farmers and—yes—of working class soldiers, sailors and marines as well whose eyes are being opened to the real role of the armed forces under capitalism.

The League fights on!

## FOR THE PARTY OF CLASS STRUGGLE

"But the fact of the matter is that Republican and Democrat at this moment mean less than at any time since the Republican Party was founded. Once there were issues that divided the parties. What are there now? At this moment the differences between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party are not much more important than the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee."

—From the Chicago Journal of Commerce.

FOR once we must agree with the Chicago Journal of Commerce. The Republican and Democratic Parties, as far as the workers and young workers are concerned, are about as different as two peas from the same pod. They are both bosses' parties, controlled by the big bosses and bankers from beginning to end, with the purpose of running the government for the benefit of the bosses and for the suppression of the workers and farmers. Both parties have as their big job to serve the capitalists and to keep the workers in their miserable conditions of slavery and exploitation.

The only party in America that stands for the workers and farmers and fights for their interests is the workers Communist Party. The program of this party is a clear program of class struggle—"For the workers—against the bosses!"

As far as the young workers are concerned the programs of the capitalist parties hold out nothing for them except promises of further exploitation, lower wages, longer hours, more discriminations, more preparations for new imperialist wars, more militarization in the interests of the bosses. The Workers Communist Party, on the other hand, has adopted the election program of the Young Workers Communist League, and is fighting for the real interests of the young workers of America. Here are the five most important planks of the youth program of the Young Workers Communist League which are in the Communist election program:

1. A vote for all young people over 18. Old enough to work—old enough to vote.
2. A \$20 minimum wage for all young workers.
3. A 5-day 6-hour week for all young workers.
4. The complete abolition of child labor under 16 and the state support of the children involved.
5. Against capitalist militarism! Fight the militarization of the youth for the bosses' interests!

Young workers! Young farmers! Working class students! Boost the Communist platform and ticket! Fight for the Communist youth demands!

## LABOR SPORTS TO THE FORE

GREETINGS to the big Labor Sports Union athletic meet and second National Convention to be held in New York City on August 25-28!

The LSU is putting up an effective fight against the capitalist hold on the sport and athletic activities of the working youth. Up to the appearance of the LSU as a factor in the American labor and youth movements this monopoly was not only complete but was even formally unchallenged! The bosses had a free hand, thru the AAU, thru the YMCA, thru the factory and industrial sport clubs, thru a thousand-and-one other schemes, in order to take advantage of the natural tendency of young workers to sports in order to deaden their class feelings, break their class solidarity, create all sorts of illusions and to keep the vicious "company loyalty" so beloved by the efficiency engineers and the working class has taken up the challenge. Thru the LSU, which in its short period of its existence, has grown and developed to a very gratifying degree, the working class has set out to smash this capitalist class monopoly of sports and to create a proletarian mass sports movement that will unite the young workers on a working class basis in defence of the interests of the working class.

The Young Workers Communist League heartily endorses and supports

# BUILD THE LEAGUE

## THE SHOP NUCLEUS WORK CONFERENCES

The series of Shop Nucleus Work Conferences, held all over the country under the direction of the Org Department of the N. E. C., have proved to be great success. So far very good conferences were held in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Detroit and New Haven. The Superior sub-district which includes most of Wisconsin, and part of Michigan and the whole of Minnesota, is holding two such conferences in this territory. One has already been held which was a great success. There were present about 100 delegates from 32 towns.

At all these conferences the problem of building shop nuclei was the central point and as a result a number of shop nuclei have already been established and the basis laid for still others.

## OUR LEAGUE SCHOOLS

This year, six districts have either held or will hold summer training schools. District No. 9 has already held two elementary courses and one advanced. District No. 1 has just completed a five week elementary training course. District No. 12 has also completed a six week elementary training course, and Districts No. 8 and No. 6 are holding their schools at the present time with District No. 2 starting its school on August 20th.

The schools already have been highly successful in training the League members as both theoretically and practically. All of the schools have had their students do fine anti-militarist work while at school. In Washington, four comrades were held for a few hours successfully distributing hundreds of leaflets to C. M. T. C. recruits. In New England, the comrades succeeded in distributing special leaflets to the recruits in Fort Devens. In Illinois, the comrades were arrested twice because of their activity, one for holding open-air anti-militarist meetings, and the second time seventeen were arrested for distribution at Camp Grant. A special task of the schools has been the training of the students for organization work. In District No. 9 five of the students of the school are covering the immense Northwest territory in order to organize League units in every town. In Ohio the police authorities have attempted to close-down the school, arresting five comrades because of the election work carried on by students. The comrades despite this are determined to continue with their Communist education, and will not be stopped by the authorities.

All this speaks well for the activity of the League during the past two months.

## FORWARD TO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY!

The struggle against the new war danger and the mobilization of the working youth against capitalist militarism will be the keynote of the world-wide celebrations of the fourteenth International Day of Youth that will take place during the first part of September to mark the anniversary of the Berne Conference of Socialist Youth Organizations (September 1915) that came out for a struggle against the bloody world war.

In America the period of September 7 to 16 has been set aside as International Youth Week during which the American young workers and farmers, under the leadership of the Young Workers Communist League, will demonstrate their solidarity in the struggle against capitalist militarism and war, and in defence of their economic and political interests. Big mass meetings, open-air demonstrations, picnics, and other forms of gatherings will be held in most of the important towns throughout the country.

At the International Youth Day meetings speakers will also explain the election program for the youth as put forward by the Young Workers Communist League and adopted as part of the whole election program of the Workers Communist Party, the only working class party in the country.

Young workers! Young farmers! Working class students! Boost International Youth Day! Come to the meetings and demonstrations! Get your clubs and organizations to support International Youth Day!

## Communist World Congresses Convene

Two congresses of the greatest importance to the young workers and farmers of the whole world are taking place in Moscow during the months of August and September.

The most outstanding leaders of the world Communist movement are now meeting in the Sixth World Congress of the Communist International. Hundreds of delegates from scores of countries are present. The most vital questions of the international labor and revolutionary movements are being discussed. Comrade Bukharin reported on the world situation, and the tasks of the various Communist Parties, followed by a lively discussion. One of the most important reports at the Congress was the report on the Communist youth movement by Comrade Schuller. A report and discussion on the program of the Communist movement followed and then the situation in the Soviet Union was discussed.

The Congress of the CI will be followed by the Fifth World Congress of the Young Communist International, the world organization of all the Communist youth leagues. Problems of the greatest importance to the revolutionary youth movement in every part of the world will be discussed and directives outlined.

The "Young Worker" will print in the following issue material on the CI and especially on the YCI Congress.

## International Workers Sports Spartakiad

Over 5,000 athletes from all over the world—3,500 from the Soviet Union and 1,500 from other lands—are participating in the gigantic world workers sports meet in Moscow, the Spartakiade, held under the auspices of the Red Sports International.

This international labor sports meet is taking place at the same time that the capitalist sports organizations are competing against each other in the Olympic games at Amsterdam.

On August 12, the opening day of the Spartakiade, big athletic exhibitions and festivals were held in all public squares in Moscow in which about 50,000 athletes participated. The Moscow workers gave a mighty enthusiastically welcome to the visiting workers sportsmen.

At the capitalist Olympics all of the athletes are professionals at the Spartakiade the participants are all workers in industry. Moreover, while the Olympics are arranged in order to stir up nationalistic rivalry and jingoism, the Spartakiade is a demonstration of the solidarity of the world working class and the determination of the workers to defend the Soviet Union against the threatening attacks of capitalist powers.

in every way the workers sports movement organized in the LSU. We look upon it in the first place as the firm base for the development of a broad mass labor sports movement in this country, as a center for the training of the working youth for resistance and struggle against the forces of capitalism, as a rich ground for recruiting for the Communist youth.

The Meet and Convention scheduled for the end of this month will show the real strength of the young labor sports movement of America. They will receive the unlimited support of every militant young worker.

Labor Sports to the fore!



# FROM THE SHOPS AND FACTORIES

## WHAT YOUNG WORKERS IN THE CHICAGO WESTERN ELECTRIC MUST DO

By Chicago Young Worker Correspondent

The Hawthorne Works of the Western Electric is now hiring in preparation for the large scale production of the talking movie apparatus. The young workers who are being hired are receiving the minimum wage to start. The work is bonus work, each section bonus being determined for each period. The total bonus is then divided among the workers in each department in proportion to their set scale of wages. As a result of this complicated system of wage payment, the young workers, who are the unskilled and the lowest paid, receive practically no bonus.

A wage cut is systematically being instituted in the Hawthorne Works of the Western Electric. The whole plant is being speeded up to produce "talking movie" apparatus. Already six buildings are working exclusively on these machines. Workers are being hired in all departments to support this heavy production of "talking movie" machines. The new workers being hired for much lower wages have in many cases already cut down the wages of the other workers. The new employees are promised raises which they never get.

Another practice going on in the shop that shows that the Company has a concerted policy to lower the standard of wages paid to its employees is in connection with the

opening up of new departments. New machines and equipment is being installed and new low paid operators are being hired to run these machines. Work is gradually taken away from the other sections and the other workers who used to receive higher wages are laid off.

The Western Electric has a slick way of handling their slaves. The bosses do not act like bosses until they fire you. They give you a lot of sports and cheap prices for food and clothing. They don't cut wages at one time all over; they do it by laying off and hiring, transferring work, speeding up production, and in a hundred other ways. But wage cutting is now a definite policy.

The young workers are the greatest factor in the wage cutting plan at Hawthorne. They are being used to cut the wages of the adults and the young workers who have been working for some time. The young workers must wake up to this condition. The young workers must organize and fight for the following demands:

1. A \$23 weekly minimum wage.
2. Equal pay for equal work—no bonus systems.
3. A 44-hour week.
4. No speed up, no piece work.
5. Instead of the boss controlled spy-infested Hawthorne Club, organize a real union of workers in the electrical industry.

## Plumbers Helpers in Phila. Form Union

By Norman Aleswetter, President P. & S.H.U.

The plumbers' and steamfitters' helpers now have an organization in Philadelphia, the Plumbers and Steamfitters Helpers Union. Until about a year ago the steamfitters helpers were organized into the Steamfitters Union, but the fitters kicked them out. The plumbers' helpers in this city were never organized. The helpers of these trades receive very low wages, as they are unorganized and had no union to fight for them as do some of the better paid helpers in the other building trades.

The steamfitters' helpers while they belonged to the steamfitters' unions received 87½ cents per hour now they seldom receive 60 cents per hour. The plumbers' helpers used to receive 50 cents per hour but now they work for whatever they can get.

The reason for this is because the bosses in conjunction with the board of health are enforcing an apprenticeship system. By this system the helpers must get an apprenticeship card at City Hall and be paid according to the number of years he worked at the trade. His wages range from \$8 to \$18 per week.

This will also reduce the wages of the steamfitters' helpers, because the boss will hire plumbers' apprentices and use them on fitting.

There is an understanding that when a boss hires an apprentice he will not use him on heavy work nor fire when there is a shortage of work. But the bosses do not stick to this agreement. They use the apprentice on heavy work and fire him at will. These conditions are bad but will surely get worse unless the helpers organize a union, 100% strong. Unless we organize a strong union we will soon be slaves in the hands of the bosses.

## Conditions at Barnot Cleaners In Philadelphia

By Phila. Young Worker Correspondent.

The conditions in Barnot Cleaners and Dyers plant located at 34th and Lehigh are very bad. There are about 400 workers employed most of whom are young workers. About half of the workers here are Negro workers.

The wages of the workers are very low. The young workers receive from \$8 to \$18 per week. Generally the conditions in the plant are pretty bad. The young workers, many of whom are only over 14 years of age and are still attending continuation schools, are forced to work in rooms that are saturated with chemicals. These chemicals are used for cleaning purposes. It is no wonder that the young workers look so pale and sickly.

The colored workers are even worse off. They get less wages and in addition they are discriminated against in other ways. The

## Slavery in Montgomery Ward's

By Chicago Young Worker

Three weeks ago the Montgomery Ward Co. instituted the so-called "incentive wage payment plan." There was an announcement of President Everett posted on the time clock and distributed to the workers in the various departments. The statement went into details of the plan which provided for a rating of each worker on standardized work on the basis of his "efficiency."

This plan proved to be a combined wage-cut speed-up and fine system for the workers of Montgomery Ward. In the adjustment department the girls received a wage-cut of from \$18 to \$14 per week. This wage-cut affects about 200 employes in the department. The statement of the Company that "no penalty is exacted for below normal efforts" has been proved to be a lie. After the first week the Company cut the basic wage for various groups of workers. The young workers found that they were working harder for less money. They could not make their old wage by the new "bonus" plan.

In addition to cutting the already low wages the Montgomery Ward Co. is actually fining the workers for mistakes. For instance when the adjustor of claims makes a mistake that costs the Company money the amount lost is taken off his wage. Nobody working in this department knows what their wage will be at the end of the week.

In spite of the promise of the Company that "below normal efforts" will not affect the basic wage, they have transferred men and girls to lower paid work because they did not make the scale.

The new plan has worked great hardships on many. In the tube station a crippled girl named Anna did not make the scale and was put on lower paid work. She had to continue to work at \$3 a week less pay. An adjustor by the name of Isabelle was transferred to the tube station with a \$4 week cut. She has a sick husband who cannot get work and a six year old child, and so she could not quit but had to work at \$14.

Montgomery Ward is taking advantage of the present high unemployment among the youth and the lack of union organization to cut the pitiable wages of the young workers, to speed them up to the point of exhaustion and to victimize them in all sorts of ways.

The young workers of Montgomery Ward should organize under the slogan of "Down with the Incentive Wage Payment Plan" "Down with wage cuts and speed up!"

The boss tries to keep the workers divided by having separate dressing rooms for the white and colored girls.

The only thing for workers in Barnot's to do is to organize and fight to improve their conditions.

## THE TRIPLEX FACTORY IN PASSAIC

By A Young Worker in the Triplex Factory, Passaic, N. J.

The Triplex factory has just been built in Passaic. It is a terrible place. It is a glass factory and employs twelve hundred workers. The time is divided in three shifts. Workers work a 48-hour week and some even a 60-hour week.

The lunch hour is so arranged that the workers are forced to eat their lunch with their acid soaked hands. The work is dangerous and the workers are pretty certain to be cut in some part of their body. A whole hospital would be required for those that are hurt in their day's work. But the bosses keep only one nurse for the whole 4th floor factory because they know that there are enough slaves waiting at the gate.

The ventilation is very bad and on the hottest day the suffering is terrible. It is just on these hot days that the speed-up system is worst.

If any glass is broken it may mean the job of the worker. Signs all over the factory read: "Too much broken glass may mean your job."

The bosses pay the lowest wages—30 cents an hour for the girls and 40 cents to 45 cents an hour for the men.

Most of the workers in the Triplex Glass factory do not yet really understand that the bosses are their worst enemies but they are learning fast enough.

## Six Months of Allen-A Strike

By SAMUEL A. HERMAN

For close to six months the 330 knitters and toppers of the Allen-A Co., of Kenosha have been struggling for the recognition of their union and for the abolition of the two machine system.

The conduct of the reactionary A. F. of L. leaders of the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers, headed by the fake "liberal" Louis F. Budenz, has been typical. The reactionary strike leadership has persistently refused to call out the hundreds of unskilled and unorganized Allen-A workers who are working in a second mill of the same firm just across the street from one where the strike is on. The firm welcomed this kindness on the part of the Budenz-Steel "leadership" by using the profits to hire gunmen and private detectives to break the strike. Nor has the strike leadership permitted picketing, except occasional demonstrations. Thanks to this the Allen-A Co. has utilized its time to secure scabs locally and out of town. Many of the scabs were not even informed that a strike was taking place and when they came to Kenosha and failed to see any sort of picket line they did not find out about it until it was too late. Once in the employ of the firm most of them are induced to remain by promises and higher pay. The firm has succeeded in getting about 235 scabs.

The reactionary strike leadership has succeeded in keeping down some of the discontent and resentment that would arise among the workers by paying out high strike benefits and by big promises that the strike benefits will continue for two years if necessary. This is nonsense. The union now has strikes on its hands in many parts of the country and could never fulfill all these rosy promises.

The police have of course been very helpful to the company in trying to crush the strike. Up to the present day the police have made over 500 arrests. It is interesting to note that neither Budenz or Steele, the vice-president of the union, who are supposed to be "leading" the strike were ever seen on the picket line since the injunction. Apparently they regard it as too "undignified" for them to be arrested.

All of the above is slowly opening the eyes of the workers and convincing them that if things go on as they have the strike will be lost. At the strike meetings the takers allow no discussion at all and try in every way to suppress the rising tide of protest.

If things go on this way the strike will be certainly lost. The Young Workers Communist League appeals to the young strikers to make an end to this. Organize mass picketing and take the lead on the picket line! Extend the strike by calling out the hundreds of unorganized employed in the Allen-A

## IN THE LAIRD AND SCHOBER SHOE FACTORY

By A Young Shoe Worker

The Laird & Schober Shoe Factory is a center of exploitation of the young workers. The wages of the young workers employed in this factory, though very small, are continually getting smaller, thru wage cuts, etc. Knowing that these workers are not organized to protect themselves and taking advantage of the dull period in the industry the boss figured it was a right time for him to cut the wages of his workers.

The boss most of the time gives a wage cut in the new work introduced in the factory, and this happens quite often. The young shoe workers of Laird & Schober must organize with the adult workers and fight any attempt of the boss to lower the standard of living.

The young girls working in the 6th floor are getting little or no wages at all. These young workers are getting from \$6.00 to \$18.00 per week and do not forget that to make \$18.00 a week a young worker must work quite a while in this factory.

The sanitary conditions of this shop are very bad. The mistreatment by the foreman is intolerable in the shop. The girls in the Laird & Schober Shoe Factory must realize that they are in the industry to stay, and they may as well look out for their own interests.

Girls, young workers! You must demand equal pay for equal work and no discrimination against the young workers and against the women workers. Young shoe workers! Organize into a shop committee and fight to better your condition. Only thru the organizational power of the workers can the workers better their standard of living.

The Young Workers Communist League will give to the young workers of the Laird & Schober Shoe Factory and the young workers working in other shoe factories all the aid necessary to form a strong union, a union that will represent the interest of the workers and not the interest of the bosses. We will help you organize a powerful and militant fighting Union.

## The Phoenix Hosiery Co. of Milwaukee

By Milwaukee Young Worker Correspondent

The Phoenix Hosiery Co. of Milwaukee employs thousands of girls. The girls start work at 20c an hour. After a few months they are put on a higher rate that pays them \$12 weekly except on piece work. When the girls work on piece work they never know what they will get for it a machine breaks down they have to wait a long time while it is being fixed without any pay for the time lost.

The girls must operate two machines, at times three. The work is dangerous and frequent cuts and bruises are received by operators. These hosiery workers have the poorest conditions possible in the industry. The need for organizing is great.

The wages, even though they are miserably low, are still being cut. The workers need organization. The Young Communist League of Milwaukee is ready to assist the young workers at Phoenix to obtain an organization of their own thru which they can better their miserable conditions. The Young Workers Communist League puts forward the following demands:

1. A \$20 weekly minimum wage.
2. A 40-hour week.
3. No speed-up—one machine.
4. Two weeks vacation with pay.
5. No night work for young workers under 18.
6. A hosiery workers' union that will include all workers in the industry.

The Allen-A Hosiery workers in Kenosha struck against the two machine system for they knew that this system would destroy all their conditions of work. They organized their union and have fought for weeks. Their example is for us to follow. Their fight is our fight.

mill! Fight for the recognition of the union, against the two machine system, for the 44-hour week, and for two weeks vacation with pay! Fight for a regular weekly wage against the health-destroying piece work system! No night work for young workers under 21! No night work for women! Fight against and oust your fake reactionary "leadership"!