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NEW TRADE UNION CENTER ON AUG. 31

GASTONIA TRIAL STARTS AUG. 26

Organize Protest to Save These Workers

The Southern Textile Barons not satisfied with the attempt to murder fifteen workers of the National Textile Workers' Union, have also placed Clarence Miller, member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League on a first degree charge of murder. Now, sixteen workers are facing the electric chair or long prison sentences for their militancy in fighting for the interests of the working class.

Change of Venue Only Trick

On July 25th, when the trial started, the defense was granted a change of venue which postponed the trial to August 26th, and moved the scene of the trial from Gastonia to Charlotte, twenty miles away. This hypocritical attempt at "fairness" is only a maneuver in order to fool the great mass of workers, who are indignant at this attempt to murder innocent workers. The bosses are trying to make the workers forget the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti and other innocent workers, so that they will be (Continued on page 7)

'Land of Soviets' On Way Here

Will Cover Siberia, Alaska and U. S.

The Soviet Airship, "Land of Soviets" left Moscow on August 5th, on its scheduled trip across Siberia to the United States. This airship, manned by five of the Soviet Union's finest aces will arrive in the United States about two weeks after day of departure. They will stop at Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago and New York in the country.

12,000 Mile Trip

The airship left the Moscow military flying field at 2:50 A. M. a few hours before its sister ship, "Wings of the Soviets" arrived from a tour covering more than 50,000 miles of Western Europe. Many workers waved farewell to the airship as the ship gracefully left the ground, noise pointing to the flight which will bring the Soviet plane to America, over 12,000 miles, a great deal of which has never been passed over by airship, and part of which is still wilderness.

The airship will demonstrate to the American workers the scientific and technical progress of the Soviet Government in the twelve years of ex-

STOP THE MASS MURDER!



The bloody hand of capitalism, not content with the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti and many other militant workers, is descending upon 16 innocent workers in Gastonia. The young workers must defend their brothers in Gastonia by organizing mass protest. The bloody hand must be stopped!

WORKERS BATTLE POLICE—RED DAY

100,000 Demonstrate Defense of U. S. S. R.

RED DAY was a living example of the growing process of radicalization which is taking place in America. RED DAY marks the beginning of a higher stage of the class struggle under the leadership of the Communist Party and Young Communist League. This is proven by the amount of workers who succeeded in mobilizing on RED DAY. We herewith publish a resume on our participation on RED DAY.

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Y.C.L. SENDS CABLE

The following cablegram was received from the Young Communist International on the anti-Party Lovestone opposition. This cablegram was sent after receipt of statement signed by Rubenstein, Welsh, Lurye and Silvas supporting the splitters and renegades:

"WE CONSIDER INTOLERABLE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMINTERN DECISIONS AND WILL AID NEC MEASURES CARRYING THEM OUT. WE PROPOSE NEC PUT CATEGORICALLY QUESTION TO SUPPORTERS DOCUMENT SIGNED RUBENSTEIN, ETC., BECAUSE SUPPORT OF DOCUMENT INCOMPATIBLE WITH LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP."
Y.C.I.

NEW AUTO UNION CONFERENCE

A preliminary conference for the establishment of a new Auto Workers Union will be held on Saturday, August 21st at 1 P. M., at the Auto Workers Hall, 3782 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. This conference is being called by the Auto Workers Union, Local 127, and the Trade Union Educational League.

Delegates will be present from all points of the United States. The recent struggles in Detroit, Oakland, etc., have laid a firm basis for the establishment of a real militant union in this industry.

Many young auto workers will be delegates at this conference.

YOUNG WORKERS SEND DELEGATES

T.U.E.L. Issues Call

TO ALL YOUNG WORKERS:

The National Committee of the Trade Union Educational League has issued a call for the formation of a new trade union center to be organized at a convention in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 31st-Sept. 2. This Convention is of great importance to the working-class youth of this country.

In no country in the world is there such a great percentage of young workers as in America. Out of 40,000,000 workers, 10,000,000 are young workers and 3,000,000 are child laborers. This is a direct result of the rapid process of rationalization. With the continuous development of new machinery the skilled workers are being replaced by unskilled laborers the bulk of which are young workers.

Youth More Exploited

It is we, young workers who are the most exploited section of the working class. It is we, young workers who, as a result of ra-

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Southern Textile Youth Hold Meet

By SI GERSON

Twenty-eight young Southern textile workers met Sunday July 28th, at Bessemer City, North Carolina, in what was the first conference of this kind ever held below the Mason-Dixon line. The conference met directly after the huge all-day conference of Southern textile workers called by the National Textile Workers Union for the purpose of mobilizing the workers of the South for struggle against the slave conditions imposed upon them by the textile barons.

All Native-Born

The young workers who met were all between the ages of 14 and 24. All were native-born Americans. Their wages ran around 12 dollars a week—many of them receiving less. Their discussion was brief and to the point. Each and every one of them knew that the big point was organization, and each of them went back to his or her mill with the idea of becoming an organizer for the Youth Section of the N.T.W.U.

Many Conferences Planned

A Provisional Executive Committee of 15, representing 12 different mills was elected. This Executive Committee will immediately tackle the task of organizing the young workers in the Southern (Continued on page 3)

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DEMANDS FOR YOUNG WORKERS

1. Six-hour day, five-day week, for young workers under 18 years. No overtime.
2. No young worker to receive less than \$20 a week.
3. Against the speed up system, abolition of piece-work, for the limitation of the speed of the belt; 15 minutes rest intervals twice daily.
4. Complete abolition of child labor under 14 years of age, with state maintenance of all those now employed under that age.
5. Equal pay for same work for young and adult workers. No discrimination against young workers.
6. Four weeks vacation with pay each year.
7. Vocational training for young workers between 14 and 18 on company time and under workers' control at not less than the minimum living wage.

T. U. E. L. ISSUES CALL TO YOUTH

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tionalization, are being speeded up working for long hours and for low wages, under unsanitary conditions. The bosses not only exploit us, not only give us the hardest and dirtiest jobs, but also use us against our own fathers and brothers, because we are not organized into militant trade unions which would protect our living conditions.

The A. F. of L. has degenerated into an organization which does not fight for the interests of the workers but for the interests of the bosses. The A. F. of L. is, therefore, naturally not interested in organizing the unorganized young workers. More than that it is doing everything in its power to prevent the young workers from becoming organized. Has it not been proven by the policy of the A. F. of L. not to allow the young workers to enter the trade unions, through direct boycott, or through high initiation fee, high dues, difficult examinations, and other shameful methods?

The so-called "progressive" Munde group which has appeared recently in the labor movement criticizes in words the A. F. of L. labor fakery, but in deeds is betraying the workers the same way as the A. F. of L., as they did in Elizabethton, Tenn. We must be aware of the treachery of this so-called "progressive" group, the latest agent of the bosses.

Used As Cannon Fodder

The clouds of a new world war are coming closer and closer. The present united efforts of the bosses throughout the world thru their governments to start a new attack against the Soviet Union, the "fatherland of the working class all over the world, on the one hand and the growing danger of a war between U. S. and Great Britain, on the other hand, is of great importance to all young workers.

We are used not only as cannon fodder, but also at the present time, of war preparations, the bosses' class in order to perfect their war machinery will increase the exploitation of the young workers, putting into effect greater speed-up, longer hours and more wage cuts. The bosses are also beginning to sharpen their attack against the militant workers class organization.

Treachery of A. F. of L.

The working youth of this country must also take note of another treacherous act of the A. F. of L. who, through its representative, William Green, endorses the C. M. C. as well as the U. S. policy to build the biggest navy in the world which will be used against the workers and interests of the world.

T. U. E. L. condemned the treachery of the A. F. of L. This convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 15-17, 1938. The organization of the young workers...

The young workers must, together with the adult workers, form shop committees and elect delegates to the T. U. U. C.

To Organize Young Negro Workers

In the existing trade unions the young workers must raise the question of the T. U. U. C. and put forth their candidate to go as delegates to the convention. In the factories and mines the young workers must elect shop committees. These shops committees should send delegates to the regional conferences of the T. U. E. L.

At the convention there will be organized a special youth conference that will make a thorough analysis of the conditions of the youth in industry—and will find effective ways and means to organize the young workers into militant trade unions. The convention will take immediate steps to organize the young Negro workers who are even more exploited than white young workers.

At this convention a program of economic youth demands will be worked out for the purpose of fighting to better the conditions of the young workers.

Demands of Youth at Convention
At this convention we will also lay the basis for strong youth sections in the trade unions which will fight for the following demands:

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The American young workers are awakening and they are already playing an important role in the present struggles. Passaic, New Bedford, Fall River, Colorado, Pittsburgh, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Gastonia, Elizabethton, Detroit and New Orleans. These are places where the young workers stood in the front ranks in the struggle against the bosses and for better conditions.

Young workers! Organize with the adult workers for the coming T. U. U. C.

Build a militant trade union center in the United States.

For: Organization of the young workers.

Special economic protection for the young workers.

Against speed-up, wage cuts and long hours.

Against the treachery of the A. F. of L. and of organizations that are against the youth.

Admission of the young workers...

ON TO CLEVELAND!



Young Workers should answer the call of the Trade Union Educational League by sending delegates to the Cleveland Convention which is to form a new Trade Union Center.

ers into the trade unions with equal rights.

For the abolition of child labor and their maintenance by the state out of the profits of the bosses.

Against the coming imperialist war.

For the defense of the Soviet Union.

Build a new trade union center. —Youth Committee of Trade Union Educational League.

Nat'l Guardsman Exposes Camp

Young Workers Faint Daily in Camp Smith

Camp Smith, Peekskill, N. Y.

Fellow Workers:
When I got here last Sunday, I thought I would die. Besides having to wear my blouse, I also had to carry a machine gun on my shoulders. You see that's part of our outfit, but by golly, it nearly killed me carrying that up the hill in the blazing sun. Of course, I'm getting used to it, and on the field drilling I don't sweat so much.

Kids in 174th

We drill about eight hours a day. It's hard and hot, but as much as I suffer, there are some that even have it worse. In the 174th Infantry, then, from Buffalo and here at the present time, there are a bunch of kids and several of them faint nearly every day on the field. One of the fellows told me that eight fellows fainted on the field the other day from his company alone.

Sleep in Cold

Some of the general conditions aren't what I'd call good neither. At night it's cold, and sleeping on a straw mattress without even a pillow is not very pleasant. Why, the first morning when I got up I thought I was gonna die—all my bones were nearly broken.

Seeing that this is my first time in camp, and I am only a "private", I have to do all kinds of dirty work. I'm used from corporal up they don't do a damn thing—they're boss. I wash dishes, peel spuds, rake and sweep the grounds, pick up match sticks, cigarette butts and what not.

That's all for the time. I will write you more later.
A Young Guard man.

YOUTH IN AUTO INDUSTRY SUFFER FROM SPEED-UP AND LONG HOURS

Show Readiness to Fight by Forming Shop Committees and Joining Auto Union

Many Young Delegates to Cleveland TUUC

By LEO THOMPSON, Youth Organizer of Auto Workers Union

Due to the fierce competition and the intense rationalization in the auto industry and the consequent elimination of skill, the number of young workers has grown tremendously to the extent that now it is estimated that they constitute 25 percent of the total.

The youth is an essential source of cheap, unskilled labor, which is

used by the bosses to replace adult workers at much lower wages, thereby reducing the living standards of the adult workers. And as a result of the working youth's lack of experience in the class struggle, lack of organization, etc., the youth becomes the most exploited and least paid in the industry. Simultaneously, the young workers can produce much more for less wages; they are better able to stand the intensive speed up, the long hours, etc.

35 Cents an Hour

The young workers in the auto industry feel the pressure of the ever-worsening conditions, and they have shown their readiness to fight back militantly against the bosses, as for example in the recent Murray Body strike, Fisher Body No. 18, Flint, Graham-Paige strike, etc. The speed-up system is killing their lives and energy. The wages of the young workers (average not more than 35 cents an hour) are constantly being cut. Young workers also suffer from long hours, especially in the accessory-producing section of the industry, where young workers (including girls) work 50-54 hours a week. Night work is not at all uncommon for young workers. The girls are paid even less than the fellows, the girls making on the average of \$12 to \$14 a week. In addition to this, young workers suffer from unemployment and lay-offs just as the adult workers do. We also see many hundreds of Negro young workers entering the auto industry and being subjected to much worse conditions than even those of their fellow white young workers.

As a result of these rotten conditions, the young workers become the most militant in the strikes that are now taking place. The young workers in the Murray Body strike took the leadership of the mass picket-lines of 1500-2000 workers, fighting police brutality, carrying on street-fights against the mounted and motorcycle police, etc.

Youth Most Aggressive

There is mass discontent among all of the auto workers, and the youth is taking the most aggressive role in fighting back against the bosses for better conditions. The young workers are responding well to the work of the Young Communist League, which recruited 35 new members as a result of the Murray Body strike, and the Auto Workers Union Youth Section. Hundreds of young workers are reached by the morning and noon shop-gate meetings in connection with the Trade Union Unity Congress, organization of a new industrial auto workers national union, organization of shop committees, etc. The YCL and the Youth Section hold on the average of 2 to 3 meetings daily in front of the principal auto factories in Detroit, reaching masses of young workers with the YOUNG WORKER, AUTO WORKERS NEWS, and other literature, in spite of all the arrests and police interference.

Great sharpened mass struggles are facing the young workers in the immediate future. The best way for the working youth to strengthen themselves and prepare for these struggles is by building a mass YCL in the auto industry that will lead their battle against the auto monopolists.

SHOP COMMITTEE AT FRANCIS KEIL

League Holds Shop-Gate Meetings

New York City, N. Y.

Fellow Workers:

I am taking this opportunity to express how satisfied we are with the efforts of the Young Communist League to organize us. We see that your organization is a true young workers organization, which not only by words, but by deeds, tries to help to better our conditions.

Have Shop Paper

The League held meetings in front of our factory explaining to all the workers the necessity of organization. They gave out different leaflets and the Young Worker, which all the young workers read and liked. But the best part and the surprise came when we received the first page factory paper called "Workers' Key" written by our own workers!

Every worker took home a copy and carefully read it. Some of the workers of my department already wrote to the "Workers' Key", 28 Union Square, Rm. 207, about the hardships in the factory. Many others, intend to write in the near future, so that their correspondence will be placed in the next issue.

The "Workers' Key" certainly was a great success.

Must Build Shop Committee

I realize that the matter of organizing a big factory cannot be done instantly, because first you have to prepare workers for organization. Organization of the workers, means struggle against bosses. We must organize strong Shop Committees in all departments. Thru these Shop Committees in all departments we will hear the voice and the demands of all the workers in the factory. This takes time, and we are eager to see results. We are anxious to see the Young Communist League more often in front of our factory, with meetings, leaflets, papers, etc. The more activities carried on by the League in our factory, the quicker will the workers and the young workers especially, understand the necessity of organization, and the sooner will our aim be achieved. A Young Worker at Francis Keil



STICKLESS FAN PAY \$10. WEEK

Young Workers Form Shop Committees

New York City, N. Y.

Fellow Workers:

We young workers employed at the Stickless Fan were very glad to see the leaflet brought out to us young workers here, by the Young Communist League. This leaflet pointed out to us young workers employed at the Stickless Fan the miserable conditions under which we are working and urged us to organize a strong shop committee of the young workers employed here, a shop committee that will fight for better conditions for all young workers, regardless of race, color, or creed.

Exploited Then Fired

We young workers at the Stickless plant work 48 hours a week. For this we are paid \$10 per week with a few exceptions of \$11 and \$12 per week. For any overtime that we may put in, we are only paid straight time. We are given only one half hour for lunch, this giving us barely enough time with which to eat our lunch. There are only a few outstanding examples of the terrible conditions under which we young workers are forced to work here at the Stickless plant. Side by side with these rotten conditions is the fact that we are never sure of our jobs and can be fired at any time and for any reason whatsoever.

Our task must be the organization of a strong shop committee that will fight for the following demands for all us young workers employed here:

1. A 40-hour week for all young workers.
2. A minimum wage of \$16 for young workers.
3. Time and a half for all overtime.
4. Abolition of the speed-up system.
5. One hour for lunch.
6. Pay for all legal holidays.
7. Recognition of the Workers' Shop Committee.

Fellow Workers: If you are interested in the building up of a strong shop committee that will fight for your interests, write to the Young Communist League, 26-28 Union Square, N. Y. C. No names will be published of those young workers interested in organizing this shop committee at the Stickless Fan Co.

A Stickless Fan Worker.

U. S. Behind China in Railway Seizure Expose Proves

The seizure of the Chinese Eastern Railway from the Soviet Union in Manchuria, is still the basis for an armed attack of world imperialism against the workers' fatherland. The Chinese war lords have not returned the railroad to the U.S.S.R. and all negotiations have been broken between Russia and China. The Soviet Government, speaking in the name of the millions of workers and peasants of Russia, has refused to negotiate until the Russian officials are returned to their posts, and the status quo maintained.

Stimson Sends Note

The Tass News Agency has exposed the fact that the U. S. Government thru the Stimson proposal for "enforcement of the Kellogg Pact," was maneuvering to seek control of the road for world imperialism, as a means of preparing an attack against the Soviet Union. Stimson and the U. S. Government have failed to deny the nature of their note to England, France and Japan. These latest exposures prove the correctness of the statements of the Communists and the YOUNG WORKER, that the seizure of this railway was not an act of only the Chinese war lords, but was primarily instigated by American and world imperialism.

The present events must be watched carefully. The fake "pacifism" of the U. S. Government must be fully understood and exposed to the workers. The young workers must actively defend the Soviet Union.

Aug. 1 YCL Speakers Charged with Criminal Syndicalism in Mich.

HANCOCK, MICH. — Denouncing imperialist war, and calling upon the workers to defend the Soviet Union was the cause for the arrest and imprisonment of Sam Reed, George Maki and Velma Stark, all League members on August 1st.

These three comrades have been charged with Criminal Syndicalism and are being held on \$5,000 bail each. The International Labor Defense will defend these three young workers when their case opens.

Wipe out pacifist illusions, do feat the reformists who betrayed the proletariat in 1914 and are now active participants in preparations for the new imperialist war!

Shoe Conference Forms New Union

A new militant Shoe Workers Union was established at the conference of shoe workers held in New York City on August 10th and 11th, at the Irving Plaza. The conference was called by the Independent Shoe Workers' Union of Greater New York in cooperation with the Trade Union Educational League.

The conference had delegates from shoe factories in Buffalo, Rochester, Binghamton, Boston, Philadelphia, etc. The delegates discussed their conditions, the many wage cuts, the necessity to organize the unorganized, the Boston and New York strikes, and many other important problems linked up with the necessity of building a new militant union.

The conference elected delegates to the Trade Union Unity Convention to be held in the city of Cleveland from August 31st to Sept. 2nd, and promised aid in the building of the new Trade Union Center and militant unions in all important industries of the country.

Southern Textile Youth Hold Meet In Bessemer City

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textile mills. A series of conferences in the mill centers is planned, winding up with the big conference at Charlotte, October 12th and 13th. Hand in hand with this will go the job of building up Youth Sections in the various local unions.

The young workers are a very essential part of the textile industry. They form half of the workers in the Southern textile mills and the most bitterly exploited section. Low as wages are for the older workers (the young workers are paid even less.

Here is a typical case. Listen to Binney Green, young worker

"We got a large family and so I had to go to work at 14. I weighed 69 pounds when I began working at the mill. So I had to put on a coat and high heels to get a job. The inspector never did open my coat to see I was too small. I worked for two weeks and one day and they paid me 25 cents. I wanted to stop work then, but I had to keep at it because my family needed money. I worked a long time and the most I ever got was \$4.95."

Organizing Youth—Foremost Task

The National Textile Workers Union places the organization of the youth among its foremost tasks. Contrary to the policy of the corrupt U.T.W. the N.T.W.U. raises certain special demands for the young workers. They are:

1. Abolition of all night work and overtime for young workers under 21.
2. An 8-hour day for all workers—a shorter workday for the young workers.
3. Abolition of child labor!
4. For the building of workers' sports through the Labor Sports Union as against bosses sports.

The Bessemer conference which endorsed these demands is the first milestone on the path of the Southern young workers. In these struggles the young Southern textile workers will show the stuff they are made of.

Young Strikers Says N.T.W.U. Is the Bosses' Enemy

Gastonia, N. C.

Fellow-Workers:

I am a young striker of the Loray Mill, Manville Jenks Co., and I have been for some time. The conditions sure are bad there. The bosses come around every few minutes and bawl us out.

But that is all over with me now, because I have become a member of the National Textile Workers Union and we are fighting for better conditions. Even the houses that we have to live in are rotten. We haven't any baths and they make us pay high rent and light bills.

Worked 55 Hr. Week

In the mill I was running 6 frames, making \$18, for a 55-hour week. Then they put me on 10 frames and cut my pay to \$10, for a 65-hour week. If I got sick and was out a day they would send out after me and tell me if I couldn't work I would have to vacate the company house.

Some men with a wife 6 or 8 children don't make more than \$10,000 per week and their wives make from \$6. to \$8. per week. Anybody knows what people can't live on that low wage. And the worst of it is that the poor little kids have to go without shoes all winter while the bosses' kids have plenty.

E. B. T.

Young Loray Worker

Prepare For I. Y. D. On Aug. 6th—!

Fight Imperialist War —Defend the USSR

The 15th International Youth Day will be celebrated by the youth of America on September 6th, by the holding of mass demonstrations against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

Started at Berne 1915

Fourteen years ago, (1915), under the leadership of Karl Liebknecht a conference was held in Berne, Switzerland, of young workers representing the revolutionary youth of the world. This conference was called to organize a common struggle against the World War, and for a revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of Capitalism. At this conference it was decided that the day open which the conference was opened (Sept. 6th), would henceforth be celebrated as an International Youth Day against Capitalist militarism and war.

This year, when the danger of an imperialist war is greater than ever, the working youth under the leadership of the Young Communist League must make this day a living example of our struggle against the coming imperialist war. At the present time we are not only confronted with a possibility of war between the imperialist nations themselves, but are facing the beginning of an armed struggle of the imperialists against the only workers and farmers government, the Soviet Union.

Demonstration on Friday, Sept. 6

On Friday, September 6th, in all important cities the YCL will hold meetings and demonstrations against the coming war. On Sunday, September 8th, there will be held in all districts of the League mass outdoor district meets. Every young worker and League member must be prepared to make International Youth Day this year a real mobilization of our strength. Thousands of leaflets will be issued to young workers, soldiers and sailors.

International Youth Day must be connected up with the general work of our League. International Youth Day must be the beginning of a drive for membership for the Young Communist League. This drive will last until November 7th, the 12th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union. Hundreds of young workers must be recruited into our League. The Young Worker, the only young workers' paper in the U. S. must also be built into a powerful organ. International Youth Day must also be used as a demonstration and mobilization of the working youth against the attempt to murder and imprison the framed-up workers of Gastonia. We must make International Youth Day the beginning of real mass work. Every young worker, every young communist, must work immediately for International Youth Day, for the struggle against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union, for the building of the Young Communist League.

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Last Issue's Puzzle Solved

2nd Year Nat'l Guardsman Writes From Fort Ontario

In a second year National Guardsman. The 212th Coast Artillery (anti-aircraft) is my outfit. This is the second year of camp that I've attended and let me tell you that each year the work becomes harder. The instruction we get is that they're preparing for a strike.

What Strike-Breaking

There's plenty of work on the anti-aircraft guns, trying to bring down the "enemy" — which was destroyed by a plane. Besides that we get infantry drill more or less regularly. The drill in the morning, we were told by the sergeant was for use in strike-breaking and in "quelling riots."

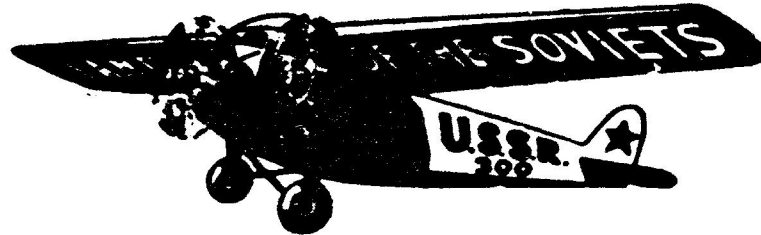
As usual, was pretty hard. Any battery wanted anything decent to eat, you had to get it from the battery fund. The sergeant in the world

can't afford to keep up on the for its National Guardsmen!

awaken

The discipline was strict. The officers, who are bosses in real life, tried to make us real strike-breakers for the boss class. But they've got another guess coming. Most of us are workers and many of us are beginning to see through the boss propaganda of the officers. It won't be so easy to make us act as strike breakers!

We'll write more later. Keep on printing stuff for us soldiers, fellow-workers!



MOSCOW TO NEW YORK

However, we workers are not going to stand these conditions very much longer. The local of the N.T.W.U. is fighting to organize us. The only way we can better our conditions and get more pay is to join the NTWU and fight as they are doing down south. Show that you know how to better your conditions by joining the fighting NTWU.

—A Young Weaver

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THE NEW TRADE UNION CENTER

The Trade Union Unity Convention to be held in Cleveland from August 31st to September 2nd, will mark a turning point in the development of the American labor movement, and will be of greatest importance to the working youth. The struggles that the workers are engaged in today; Gastonia, New Orleans, Detroit, Boston, New York, are all reflections of the leftward trend of the American workers, their ever greater will to struggle.

The American Federation of Labor has time and again disillusioned the American workers by betrayal after betrayal. An ever greater section of the workers realize that only by organizing their own Trade Union Center of new militant unions, based upon the great mass of unskilled and unorganized workers, can they successfully wage a struggle against the speed-up, long hours, and low wages, which are more and more their lot.

The young workers who form a large and important section of the working class, and who are in the main unskilled and unorganized, will greet this convention. The A. F. of L. while hypocritically speaking of organization, and fighting for the needs of the workers in order to fool them openly and brazenly refused to organize the young workers or to even consider their conditions. The new Trade Union Center will work out ways and means of reaching the millions of exploited young workers, and organize them into the new militant unions. The Cleveland Convention will discuss the conditions of the youth in industry and prepare to carry on a real struggle for the every-day demands and needs of the young workers in shop, mill and mine.

The young workers have in every struggle of the workers proven their readiness and ability to fight. The young workers will also be in the forefront in the building of the new Trade Union Center.

YOUNG WORKERS! ON TO CLEVELAND!

BOSTON AND GASTONIA

Two years after the atrocious murder of Sacco and Vanzetti by the American ruling class, we find sixteen workers facing the electric chair in Gastonia, N. C.

The change of venue, which postponed the trial from July 29th to August 26th, and which moved the scene of the trial from Gastonia to Charlotte, must fool no workers. The change of venue was only to cloak this attempt at legal murder of sixteen workers, with an atmosphere of "fairness", so as to lull the workers into passivity.

The young workers must fully realize the danger that confronts our fellow workers in Gastonia. The majority of those facing the murder charge are young workers,—many of them are members of the Young Communist League—all of them ARE FIGHTERS for the working class.

August 26th is the day set for the legal murder. Mass demonstrations of protest must be organized everywhere. The young workers must be mobilized to fight against the attempt to murder and send to jail fighters of the working class. The workers in Gastonia defended themselves against the attack of the hired gunmen of the bosses. We as workers must fight for the right to defend ourselves, the right to organize!

Remember Sacco and Vanzetti!

No death sentences, no prison sentence for the Gastonia workers!

Fight for the right of workers defense! Smash the frame-up!

LABOR SPORTS

The ruling class well understands the importance of sports as a medium through which to win the young workers for capitalism. That is why we find that millions of dollars are spent annually in support of the Y.M.C.A., the A.A.U., and many such organizations. Sports is not only used as a means of making the young workers ready slaves in industry, but is especially used to train and prepare the youth for future imperialist wars.

The Labor Sports Union of America is the only working class organization on the sports field that organizes the young worker sportsmen for the working class.

On August 21st to 25th the Labor Sports Union is holding its third annual convention and field day in the city of New York. In the three years of its existence the LSU has

THE HUT AND THE MANSION

Last night I had a wondrous dream,
A dream I've longed to dream,
A dream that must come true some day;
I'll now relate that dream:

I saw a shattered little hut,
Upon a lonely hill;
And there within nobody dwelt,
For all was quiet, dark, and still.

I saw a marble mansion,
Upon a lofty mound;
And there within were thousands,
And more that way were bound.

And there was mirth and feasting,
And there was joy and song;
The money piled in very fast!
Oh! Could this sight last long?

A shadow passed the mansion,
A shadow clad in red,
She peered in through the window,
Then towards the hut she sped.

Two and twenty years passed by,
The hut no longer remained dark,
Within were working people,
Who had seen bright freedom's spark.

A long time everything stayed black,
I could not see at all.
And then! Behold! A bright light came!
I saw the mansion fall!

I saw a bright red banner,
Float over land and sea!
A longing came into my heart,
That this could really be.

The hut, our growing league so small,
Unite the workers of the world to-day!
To rid this earth of Capitalists,
And fight in every way!

The sun will rise upon a land,
Where freedom's found in every crag.
The sun will shed its golden rays,
Upon the workers' scarlet flag!

THE BOSSES' LOVE FOR THE WORKERS

(Tune: "Jesus Loves Me")

The bosses love us, this we know
For they always tell us so.
But when we grumble at long hours
Then we feel their loving powers.
Oh yes, they love us to slave
And oh how they love us to speed.
That's the only love we get—
They love our toil and they love our sweat.

-help!



GASTONIA ACCUSED

made much progress, and has proved itself an essential factor in the struggle of the workers against their exploiters.

One of the important problems at the coming convention will be the question of international affiliation. The LSU must reject the Socialist anti-labor, Lucerne Sports International, and must affiliate itself to the only workers international sports organization based on class struggle—the Red Sports International. In this way the LSU will maintain its tradition of militant struggle.

The LSU Convention and meet are very important. They will help build the Labor Sports Union into a mass labor sports movement of the American workers.



Free Speech!

Red Day was another example of American "democracy." Hundreds of workers were beaten and arrested by the police. Every young worker should learn the lesson of Red Day, and realize that only by joining the Young Communist League and fighting for the overthrow of capitalism, can we do away with war, and have real democracy.

Russian Youth Push the Five Year Industry Plan

Workers Enthusiastically Follow Lead of Leninist Young Communist League

By I. AMDUR, Moscow Correspondent

Moscow.

"To overtake and surpass in industrial development and production the foremost capitalist countries." (15th Party Congress.)

Such is the mighty task that has been placed by the Government and the Communist Party upon the shoulders of the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union. The Young Communist League, particularly, has thrown its efforts into the fray and mainly through its initiative and example, has roused the workers in all central cities to a greater urge and striving in accomplishing this task.

Y. C. L. Starts Competition

Some three months ago the Y. C. L. Executive Committee flung out to its membership the cry, "Organize Throughout the Country a Gigantic Industrial Contest." It was replied to most gallantly. In every factory and industrial enterprise the nucleus formed small "komsomolskoye udarny brigadi" (industrial shock groups), consisting of from 6 to 10 Y. C. L.'ers. These shock groups (with the sanction of the Director) were placed on such work where the operations necessitated the closest cooperation of each member, the product being finished within the group.

The idea was that by placing the work of such a group in a po-

sition of independence and responsibility, output would increase, initial costs lowered and spoilage decreased.

Organized on Mass Scale

At first these "industrial contests" were organized on a small scale — group against group. Soon however, the adult workers observing the increased production of the groups, their steadiness, their smooth disciplined cooperation, were speedily infected with the spirit of the "Contest," and they too, formed similar groups, until it had grown out of a purely YCL affair, from which it had started, and department was competing against department.

Great Enthusiasm

Even this new development was not sufficient to curb the ever increasing enthusiasm and pride of the worker in the productive capacity of his factory and finally, some two weeks ago, representatives of seven of the largest textile factories in R. S. F. S. R., with a total strength of 60,000 workers, met in Tver (from where the challenge had emanated) and at a ceremonial meeting signed a compact in which one factory challenged another to compete with it in reducing initial costs and increasing production within a fixed period.

This compact pledges the factories concerned to lower costs by ten per cent within two months of date of signing and to complete a cost reduction and increased production plan by September 30.

In Moscow, a number of metallurgical plants, textile factories and other industrial enterprises have signed similar challenge compacts one with the other. "Hammer & Sickle," a huge metallurgical plant has, thanks to the impetus created by this contest, surpassed its industrial program by 12 to 14 per cent. Another Moscow metal plant, "Dynamo," is ahead of its industrial program by four per cent.

M-O-V-I-E-S

In no other country has the ruling-class learned to use the movies for the purpose of spreading its propaganda as effectively as the American capitalist class.

The reasons for this are simple. There is no more direct means of conveying ideas and facts than thru the medium of animated pictures. An old Chinese proverb says: "One picture is worth a thousand words." But, no doubt, the capitalists do not need Chinese proverbs to recognize the value that both pictures and printed words can have in furthering their profit-making interests. They are making full use of their press, their movie houses, their radios to prepare the American working-youth for war, to make them more obedient slaves, to inspire them with fear of God, respect and love for home and country."

Shortly after the Russian Revolution, Lenin said: "Of all the arts the motion pictures is for us the most important." And the Russian workers have since produced films that inspire the workers and cause the capitalist class to tremble with fear lest the working-class of the world learn the lesson that the Russian workers have taught them. Very rarely are Soviet films permitted to be shown in this country. And when occasionally some picture succeeds in running thru the gauntlet of censorship it is so badly cut up as to be hardly recognizable. That is what happened in such masterpieces as "Ten Days that Shook the World", "Potemkin", "The End of St. Petersburg", etc. On the other hand, pictures like "Wings", "Tell it to The Ma-

lines", are widely shown thruout the country to instill into young workers jingoism and a flag-waving spirit.

"The Godless Girl"

There has recently been a regular flood of this brand of poisonous screen bunk especially conceived to appeal to the youth. Only yesterday we sat thru a long film entitled "The Godless Girl". Cecil E. de Mille is the director, which only proves that only the best talent is resorted to in order to dish up a film that will be palatable and arty enough for everyone to swallow. The story attempts to show that to forsake God is the greatest evil that can befall the American youth. That the youngsters of this country are running amuck with fanatical ideas concerning atheism, that they are falling for the vile literature of the A.A.A.A., etc.

"No fanatics are as bitter as youthful fanatics", reads a subtitle. A struggle develops in a high-school between two factions, one respectable and God-fearing and the other venomously portrayed as unbelieving. Finally, a girl is accidentally killed in a rotten-egg fight and the youthful culprits are sent up to a reformatory. To make a long and silly story short: Only after having been well tamed by brutal handling and having learned their lesson in respectability are our heroes released from the reformatory and live happily.

Technically "The Godless Girl" is weak in interpretation and brilliant in setting, lighting and photography. But, what of it? Can a golden cage improve the odor of a skunk?
—S.B.

IN OTHER LANDS

ENGLAND: Due to a 12½ per cent wage-cut, 500,000 textile workers are out on strike in Manchester. The MacDonald "labor government" is doing its best to end the strike by forcing the workers to accept the wage cut.

INDIA: Eight workers were killed and twenty injured when the police shot at local strikers in Calcutta. The strike started some weeks ago when 120,000 textile workers went on strike against the attempt of the bosses to introduce a sixty-hour week.

POLAND: 4,000 taxi drivers in Warsaw went on strike against the heavy fines of the police. Every taxi is at a standstill.

RUMANIA: Fifty-eight miners were killed and 200 injured, when the police shot at the ranks of striking miners.

CUBA: A reign of terror has been instigated by the police and officials against the Communist Party of Cuba. Many workers and leaders of the Party have been arrested on the charge of "plotting to overthrow the government".

COLOMBIA: The U. S. Fruit Corporation and its tool the Colombian government has taken steps to crush the Communists. They fear the ever growing influence of the Communists among the exploited banana workers.

Youth Under the Soviets

It is a strange sight to see a girl with a rifle dangling from a strap over her shoulder. A girl with a rifle, it is still a novel sight. Novel sights arrest attention, causing either surprises or laughter. My companion finds it something to laugh at:

"A girl with a rifle. . . How funny!"

She lifts the rifle. My friend keeps on chuckling:

"She should rather be carrying water from the well. This would be more like it."

The two of us watch the YCL columns marching to the Krasnaya Presnya. He likes the military step of the youth, their firm and courageous mien, their strong breasts, and trained muscles. There is no denying this. Our young people are growing strong.

My friend from the Duxe Factory pulls my sleeve:

"What a fine lot of fellows!"

Indeed, they are fine. With their bodies, as if they were denizens of the Sunny South. They have learned to be fond of sunshine, air, gymnastic exercises and sport. Their hearts beat stronger than ours. And their nerves are stronger too. This cannot be denied.

The Duxe worker says in exultation:

"What a fine lot of fellows!"

We are impressed by the display of anti-gas outfits. Our defence has long since progressed beyond the simple and poor means. We are marching forward on the road of military technique, and our population, of course, in the first place the young people knows how to defend itself, is equipped with the proper knowledge.

Still more are we impressed by the calm demeanour of the marchers. Simply, impressively, without noisy gestures, the Young Communists are marching with a firm and well-measured step. This contains a great intrinsic meaning. It is just in this calm and even mood that the country of the Soviets gazes into the world's future.

Only strong people, only those of firm conviction, can thus look into the future.

The columns are marching on. Again we see girls with rifles across their shoulders. And my old friend looks now more benignantly upon the girls. He smiles. He tells me that he has seen how the girls can really shoot.

"Yes, I saw it," he says. "Mind you, I saw a little strip of a girl, I should say a mere child . . ."

He scratched the back of his head and went on:

"Now, she picked up the rifle which was bigger than herself. But you should have seen her shoot, she alone will silence a tank. You understand?"

"I understand you perfectly," said I.

There is so much significance in this calm and even somewhat business-like parade, in this military marching, in this array of anti-gas equipment, in these rifles carried by the youth.

The Young Communists are marching by. They sing. The sportsmen give a beautiful display of their achievements. Bronzed bodies and wiry muscles.

My friend from the Duxe slaps me on the shoulder:

"Fine fellows!"
And I heartily agree with him.

Now that Tommy Loughran has renounced his claim to the lightweight title, the boys in this town are betting busy scrambling more ears in the hope of one of them being recognized by the State Boxing Commission, the executive committee of the professional manly art of socking chins, as the logical one to receive the big end of the purse.

Joe Sekyra, an old trial horse, will exchange biffs with Geo. La Rocco, for a distance of ten rounds his Monday. This match is one of about fifty elimination contests that is being organized in all parts of the country. It is strange that when these elimination contests start, no one knows when they end. It is well for the promoters since by playing up these so called elimination contests, more shekels can be gotten in thru the turnstiles.

The contest, we say contest not fight, held between the Rockford bantam Sammy Mandel and Tony Canzoneri last Friday, proved to be anything but a fight. Sammy as usual danced around the slower moving Tony thru full ten pounds in a decision.

Last week the writer predicted that Sammy would win, but a correction to that statement is now necessary. We wish to add that Tony as well as Patty Harmon, members of the Chicago Stadium boxing club. The poor suckers that paid from two to ten dollars a seat for the losers. The total income from the affair was \$136,191.00. Out of this \$17,000.00 went to Mandel and \$20,180.00 to Canzoneri and the balance of 65,711.00 went to the pockets of Harmon. Promoters are taking or any other sport from any other industry which is used for a double purpose—to dope the minds of the workers and to extract what few cents the work-

LABOR SPORTS

ers may have left from their miserable wages.

The third National Convention of the Labor Sports Union will tackle many important problems that have the labor sports movement and the working class as a whole. The question of linking up the work of the Labor Sports Union with the new Trade Union Unity Center on a much closer basis will be given serious attention. Plans are being laid to send a delegation of five members from the Third LSU Convention to the Trade Union Unity Convention, which will take place a week after the LSU Convention.

The opening night of the Convention will be held in the Progressive Hall, 35 W. 194th Street, on

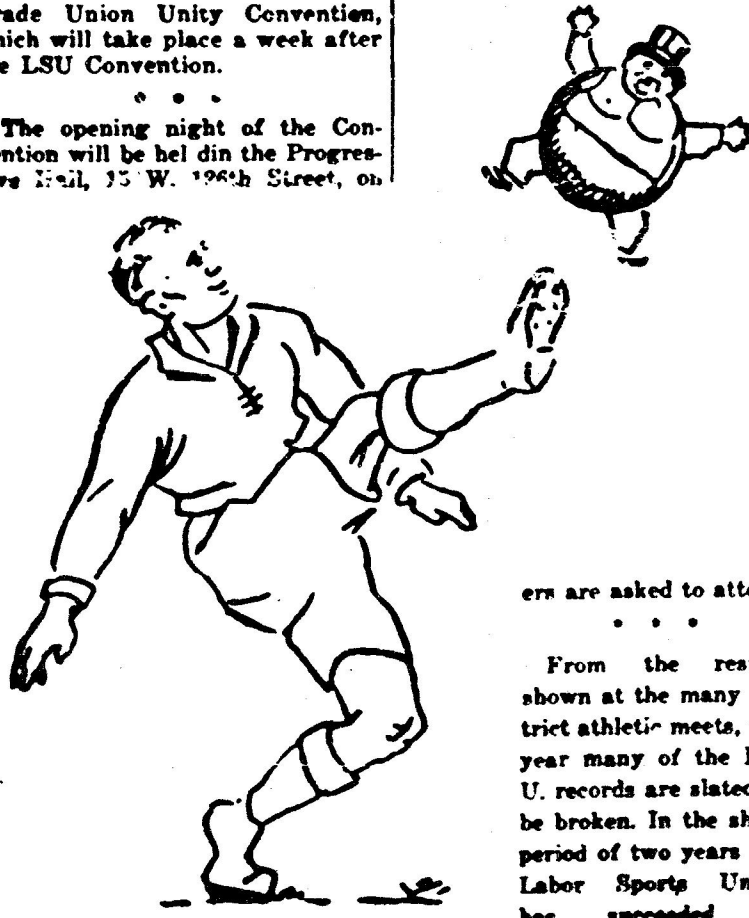
Wed. Aug. 21st. The program for this evening will be the greeting of out of town delegates and a showing will be made of the Spartakiade Film. This film was recently shown at the Cinema Theatre and those that were fortunate enough to see it spoke of it with great praise. The Spartakiade Film is a news reel of last year's Workers' International Meet held in Moscow. After the showing there will be dancing. All work-

developing some good athletes. Although it is not to the interest of the L.S.U. to develop stars, nevertheless, it is interested in fine performances as this acts as a gauge on the development of the organization.

One of the outstanding athletes in the L.S.U. at the present time is Paul Ahola, a boy of 19 years, member of the Toverit A. C., Jamaica, L. I. He has broad jumped within a foot and a half of the world's record and with several more years training, he should equal it. He has also turned in some good performances in the high jump, clearing the bar at a height of close to six feet.

I. Prim of the same club is one of the best distance runners in the L. S. U. Up till this year he has been a member of a bourgeois sport organization, the Finnish-American A. C. He got tired of watching all the graft and corruption going on within the bosses organization and decided to join a class conscious sport organization, the L. S. U. He holds the L. S. U. record for the 10,000 meter run, covering the distance in 33 minutes and 57 seconds. Jauri Palonen, and Eino Heikkila of Norwood, Mass., as well as Tony Cabarello of New York, are also outstanding athletes in the long distance runs. Matti Sundell of Alston, Mass., is about the best polo vaulter that we have in the L. S. U. at the present time. However, he will have no cinch in winning this year as there are several other contenders for its record.

The one, three and five mile events will provide many thrills for the spectators, as the trophies offered to the winners are worth competing for. The National Miners' union has donated a fine trophy representing a winner standing



with a pick over his shoulder. This prize will go to the winner of the mile run. The National Textile Workers' Union has also offered a trophy for the three mile run. And the Needle Trades Industrial Union, not to be outdone by the other two industrial unions has also promised a trophy for the five mile event. The Daily Worker is also in the race. So far it has succeeded in out-distancing the three industrial unions by the offer of a fine Daily Worker Trophy to the club scoring the most number of points at the meet.

If any other working class organizations wish to offer some prizes for this meet they should communicate with Walter Burke, National Secretary of L.S.U. at 74-40th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.



An L.S.U. Athlete

Cleveland Youth Elect Delegates T.U.U.C.

FISHER PLANT ROBS YOUTH

Workers to Have Delegates at T.U.U.C.

Cleveland, Ohio

Fellow Workers:

I am a young worker in the Fisher Body Plant in Cleveland. I am writing this letter so as to tell you that I am with in your fight to better the conditions of the young workers.

Only Time for Work and Sleep

The conditions of the young workers in the Fisher Body Plant is certainly something to kick about. Besides the general long hours and small pay, we have a speed-up system that drives us crazy. When we get home after a day's work, every bone aches, and about all we can do is eat, and flop down to sleep, so as to be able to wake up and work another day. This is how we live.

This is not all however. Because of the great speed-up, we find that the bosses don't need so many men, and the result is that many of us are fired regularly—forced out on the streets without a job. Imagine, working our young lives away, and them told to "get out", "you're not needed anymore."

Learning to Fight

I've been reading the papers, and I'm glad to see that all over the country the workers in the auto industry are beginning to organize and fight. Just the other week they had a strike in the Murray plant in Detroit, and sometime ago there was a strike in the Fisher Body Plant in Oakland, California. This goes to show that you can't rob the workers all the time without them waking up and fighting back for their rights.

Shop Committees

We, young fellows have got to get busy and organize in our own shop. Let's organize Shop Committees, send delegates to the Trade Union Unity Convention to be held in this city, and it won't be long before we have a strong militant union in our plant that will be really able to put up a stiff fight to better our conditions.

'WORSTED' YOUTH WANTS UNION

Cleveland Mill Builds Live Shop Committee

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

Some time ago the workers in the Cleveland Worsted Mill received copies of *The Young Worsted Worker* issued by the Young Communist League. We sure liked this paper, as it told us the truth about our conditions, and not only that, it told us what to do in order to better them.

Boss L. Bully

The conditions in this shop are terrible. The young workers get paid low as \$1.81 a week, and we have to work 34 hours a day, and we have to work overtime. Besides these long hours and small pay, we have to stand the bullying of the straw bosses and foremen who haul us out and drive us away if we were horses. You fellows are free when you

Cleveland Newsboys Organize Club in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OHIO. (Special Young Worker). — The newsboys have organized themselves into a club which is to be the basis of a newsboys' union comprising all the newsboys of Cleveland. This club is organized and is working in exactly the same manner as a shop committee in a factory.

Fight Rotten Conditions

The members are greatly enthused over this club and the work it is doing. They have an executive committee whose duties consist mainly of gaining special knowledge of the rotten conditions which all newsboys have to suffer, and to raise their demands against speed-up, and the unbearable long hours. For instance, they are organizing a struggle against the practice of the truck drivers in always making them sell more and more papers for the same wage, or for a very small increase.

Part of the work of this embryo union is to organize sports, games, etc., in opposition to the fake charity schemes which the swell society dames have fixed up for us.

We are also going to send delegates to the T.U.U.C. convention in Cleveland, August 1. Meanwhile, we are going ahead with our work of organizing the newsboys into a strong union which will protect us and fight to better our conditions.

National Carbon Co. Cuts Wages 40 P.C.

Shop Committee to Organize Workers

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

This shop employs about 400 workers of whom about one-half are young workers. The speed-up here is hell. Everything in conveyers and automatic machines. The average wage for men is 45 cents an hour, and for girls 32 cents an hour. Not so long ago they installed automatic loading machines and the wages were cut 40 per cent. Before the workers had a chance to make \$7 to \$8 a day. Now they make \$4.50 a day.

We have here a functioning Shop Committee which is getting on the job in mobilizing the workers. Several issues of the Red Battery have been issued here and it is making a favorable impression on the workers.

tell us to organize into one union so as to fight the boss. The bosses are organized in the Textile Manufacturers Association, and we too should be organized. I want to get in touch with your Shop Committee, and I am sure that many other young fellows will only be too willing to join into a union in order to better our conditions.

A Young Worker

YCL SHOP-PAPER IN FRANKOLITE

Young Worker Writes About Exploitation

Cleveland, Ohio

Fellow Workers:

The newspapers published by the bosses always speak of prosperity and good conditions. I wish I could put an editor of one of those papers in this shop, and give him a taste of the "prosperity" we young workers have to face every day. The only paper that tells the truth about the young workers is the *Young Worker*, so that's why I am writing you.

Received Y. C. L. Leaflet

The young workers in the Frankolite Company suffered under miserable conditions without knowing what to do, until the Young Communist League distributed the first issue of the "*Young Frankolite Worker*". Most of the young workers liked the paper, and even those that hollered about the "reds", had to admit that everything in the paper was true, and that it was time we got busy and bettered our conditions.

Piece-Work Rates Lowered

The young workers on the average, get about 35 to 40 cts. an hour. Some of us work for piece-work and have our rates lowered every so often. The company don't give a damn about the health and lives of the young workers, because many of us are injured because of lack of safety-devices and the speed-up. The young workers work on the drill presses, the punch presses, in the lacquer and paint rooms, and on all the dirtiest and hardest jobs in the plant.

In the lacquer and paint room there are Negro workers who work for \$17 a week breathing the poisonous air. In the wire department the girls work for as low as \$12 a week, and in the buffing room, altho the workers get a bit more money, they have to work in the dust and dirt, many of them getting the TB.

We've got to fight for the following demands so as to change these rotten conditions:

1. Abolition of piecework and speedup.
2. Not less than \$22.50 a week.
3. Increase of 20 per cent on day rate.
4. Installation of safety appliances, better ventilation and wash basins.
5. Equal pay for equal work.
6. No discrimination against young workers or Negro workers.
7. Recognition of Shop Committees.

A Young Worker

It is necessary that the Young Communist League combine its education, its studies and its training with the labours of the workers and peasants and not shut itself up in its schools and limit itself merely to reading Communist books and pamphlets.
Learn: "Learn and the Youth"

REPORT OF THE FIFTH NAT'L CONVENTION

Speeches, reports and resolutions adopted by the last convention of the Y. C. L. of the U. S. A.

Every young worker should have a copy.

Order from the National Office. Price 15 cents.

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

43 East 125th Street

New York City

"Bedaux" System At Goodrich Is Only More Speed-Up

Akron, Ohio

Fellow Workers:

They have a system here at Goodrich called the Bedaux System where one worker can produce almost as much as two workers could before the system was organized. But you can bet that the workers don't get more wages on account of that. Oh no. Why, what would the bosses do without their neat little profits of millions and millions every year? You know that a worker has to get along very well on from \$25 to \$35 a week, with a wife and babies to support, but a boss simply couldn't exist without his little \$2,000,000 a year. He simply couldn't do it. But the idea is that he isn't even satisfied with that.

More Profits—More Speed

More and more and more—that is the only way a capitalist's mind works. Not more for the workers—the only thing the workers bet more of is work. And in order to make this more and more profit for himself, the bosses have a cute little trick of hiring young workers, women and girl workers, paying them low wages and then speeding them up more and more—all with the purpose of getting more and more profits for themselves.

Here are some official figures on Goodrich profits. A clean profit of \$14,580,307. Not so bad? How long will one of us young workers have to sweat his life away before he can make 1-1000th of that amount? Figure it out, young work and then make your mind up that the only way to improve your conditions is to organize right here in Goodrich, get all the young workers to organize with you, organize together with all the other workers in the factory—but don't forget that you are the youth and that you have special youth demands for which you must fight.

Fight for These Demands

Fight for equal pay, for equal work—fight for no overtime, for a 6-hour day for young miners, for a vacation with pay and for no more speed-up. Organize a youth section of the fighting shop committee and send youth delegates to the convention of the Trade Union Educational League, which will meet Cleveland, August 31st, and which will take up the question of organizing the millions of unorganized workers especially young workers. ORGANIZATION — that is the only way to fight the bosses.
Rubber Worker

BOYS WORK IN OIL FOR 40c. AN HOUR

Must Organize Fight For Youth Demands

Cleveland, Ohio

Fellow Workers:

I work at the Grinnell Fire Extinguishing Co. on a tapping machine for 40 cts. an hour. We have to work in the oil, and let me tell you, it's work—no play. If we boys slow up or don't work so fast, Bill Weston don't hesitate a minute to haul the hell out of us. The oil and foul air poison the skin and blood, and often I get boils all over my body because of the oil.

Sometimes I get a chance to go thru the other departments, and the conditions there aren't any better, in fact many times they're worse—if that's possible. The

GLASS WORKERS GET 35c AN HOUR

Three Girls Faint From Hard Work

BY A YOUNG WORKER

Wheeling, W. Va.

Fellow Workers:

In the Hazel Atlas Glass Co. there are employed about three hundred workers of whom 200 are young workers. The most important work there is making caps for fruit jars and all other kinds of caps.

We work here under the most unsanitary conditions ever seen. There is dirt and oil all over the floor in the mason dept; a few weeks ago three girls were carried out because they were exhausted and overworked.

Machinery Takes Place of Workers

In the lacquer dept. the place is about 10 feet high and they have big ovens, besides the other machinery with which the place is overcrowded. The smell of the different paints is very bad. They are supposed to have a cooling system, but it doesn't work, for everyone is complaining about the rotten air. New machinery is constantly being introduced which is throwing worker after worker out of a job.

Wages are very low. Girls get as little as 28 to 35 cents an hour, and men get 37½c an hour. Some girls have more and more speed-up, and they make the great sum of maybe \$3 a day. One worker there for 30 years, and he is still making 37½ cents an hour. Also a few girls have worked there for twelve years and they are getting about 35 cents an hour yet.

Must Build Shop Committees

The workers here have been working overtime for about 3 months and in Sept. they will probably lay most of us off. The only way we can protect ourselves and advance our interests, is to organize into a strong Shop Committee which will lay the basis for a strong union.

The bosses try to fool the workers by giving them a dance once in a while, a baseball game, and the usual talks and sermons advising us to be good and useful slaves. However, the "*Young Glass Worker*", a shop paper issued by the young Communists in the plant, is exposed the fooling of the workers in this manner.

packers, the inspectors, the round-dry men, the girls in the core room, etc., all work for measly wages. In fact a shopmate told me that he knows a girl that works for as low as \$8. a week.

Y. C. L. Only Friend

Many times the young workers that work with me talk about our conditions and what we can do to better them. The Young Communist League is the only organization that is interested in our welfare, and that has come out and tried to organize us.

We must also be represented at the Trade Union Unity Convention to be held on August 31st to September 2nd in this city. We should elect a youth delegate who can speak up and tell the workers about our conditions, and that we are with them in the drive to organize the workers into new militant unions. Only by doing this, and by joining the Young Communist League, can we really fight against the boss.

LONG HOURS AT WHEELING STEEL

Young Worker Killed When Crane Breaks

Martins Ferry, Ohio

Dear Friends:

Many of us young steel workers here have read the paper the "Young Steel Worker" which have been passed out here in this plant and we sure like it. We also like the Young Worker which we have seen sometimes contain articles about different shops, so we thought maybe you would let us write something about our place.

Crane Carried Too Much

One of our fellow workers in the rolling department was killed when a chain on a crane broke. We know that this crane was only supposed to hold 5000 lbs.; but when it snapped it was holding 6000. This is only speed-up as the "Young Steel Worker" tells us, and we know it will happen again as long as we are unorganized. They won't even give us our half hour to eat lunch in peace. We have to grab a sandwich while we are working, as best we can. This is in the sheet galvanizing department.

10 to 12 Hours a Day

And the hours,—well only about 10 to 12 hours a day, and more for the night shift, and every two weeks we have to work 18 hours on a stretch—and many times on Sundays, and then we get layed off when it gets slack.

Foreman Is Slave Driver

One boss we must fight against is the foreman, Ed. Ed, has been bossing us around for 21 years and he gets worse with age. But what can we do? We must take all his slave-driving because we cannot fight him back without organization. First we must organize, then we'll be able to talk business with Ed and all the other bosses who make life miserable for us.

Some of us are afraid of organization. Well, if we are afraid of organization, we might as well lay down and let everyone walk all over us. We ought to realize that only when we are organized will the time come when we will never be afraid.

Well, at least we are two workers who are not afraid to organize to improve our working conditions.

Two Steel Workers

RAYON YOUNG WORKERS TOIL IN 98° HEAT

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Comrades:

In the Industrial Rayon Co. there are approximately 1000 girl workers of whom I am one. There are also many men and boy workers. All of us work for low pay and long hours at a driving speed. We work 9 hours with only one-half hour off for lunch. You can imagine by the time we get our hands washed and we have waited in line in the cafeteria how much time we have to eat. We all look forward to this half hour so as we can rest our feet from standing all day but it is precious little rest we can get.

Start at \$13 a Week

Those who start to work get \$13 the first week, after that if you work fast enough you can make \$15. If you are slow in catching up to the work you make less. It is never too hot for the girls. The windows are not allowed to be open for a cool breeze now and then. The ventilation is punk. Always it is 90 degrees and many times more than that.

Eat Rotten Food

They seem to think it is a favor by running the food. But the food is of

Natl Training School In Cleveland After T.U.E.L. Conference

Upon the conclusion of the district training schools, five of which have been held in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Massachusetts and Washington, the N.E.C. has decided to hold a five-week national training school. This school is to be held in the city of Cleveland, immediately after the Trade Union Unity Convention which is scheduled from August 31st to September 2nd.

Every district has been sent instructions on the national training school, and steps must immediately be completed to raise the necessary finances and also for the selection of the best possible comrades as students.

Advanced Curriculum

The purpose of the training school will be to develop and train comrades for national leadership. The curriculum will be based upon advanced study, and will link up the theory and practice of our movement.

The school will be held in the city of Cleveland in order to give the comrades practical lessons in mass industrial work, give them actual contact with the basic industries and the problems of the young workers. Every student of the school will be an industrial young worker, and many of them will be delegates to the T. U. E. L. Conference.

New Needle Union Organizing Youth

By ADOLPH BASSEN

Entire lack of any union standards, the abolition of the 8-hour 5-day week, absolute disregard to even the minimum wage scale, starvation and suffering as a result of long periods of unemployment, are some of the characteristics of the present situation in the needle industry.

Fakers Allied with Bosses

This situation is directly due to the union-smashing, strike-breaking, anti-working class activities of the scab agents, the adherents of the A.F. of L. Their three-year-old campaign against the workers has been featured by an open alliance with manufacturers, the police, the underworld and the Socialist Party, and has recently ended in a complete and open betrayal of the cloakmakers as well as the smashing of the furriers strike. This cannot long endure. The working masses have absolutely no confidence in these lackeys of the bosses. They are at the present time organizing themselves into shop committees under the banner of the Needle Trade Workers Industrial Union.

To Organize Unskilled

We must speak from an industrial and not a craft point of view.

WHO IS HOLDING UP THE YOUNG WORKER?

One of the basic weaknesses of the YOUNG WORKER, is that it does not appear regularly. In fact, it appears very irregularly. Of course, it is usual to blame the management and the National Executive Committee for this. This is partly true, but the most important reason, is that YOU—reader, subscriber, or League member, have not given us the necessary support.

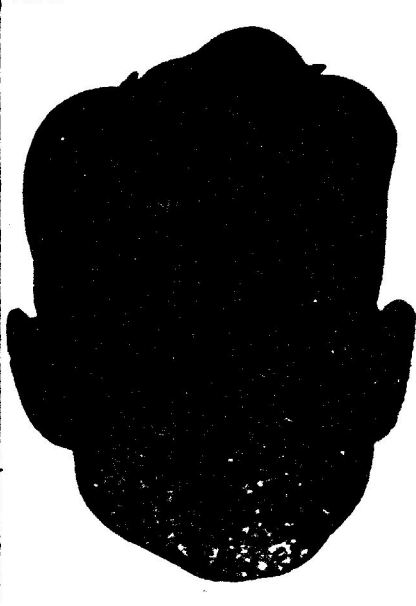
We believe that the YOUNG WORKER can be made into an important weapon in the struggle of the working youth of this country. We are going to do all in our power to have OUR paper off the press regularly on the 10th and 25th (dated 1st and 15th) of every month. We know that the first step in building the YOUNG WORKER is to have it appear regularly—to stabilize it. In order to make this possible, the following must be done:

- (1) Every reader must become a subscriber, and every subscriber must get a new subscriber.
- (2) Every unit of the YCL must order a bundle of the YOUNG WORKER every issue—and PAY for same. Units receive bundles but don't pay for them too often.
- (3) Every reader must become a Worker Correspondent to the YOUNG WORKER—write in stories of interest to young workers on your life, conditions in shop, general events, etc.
- (4) Every League member must turn in his day's pay assessment.

If all comrades will bear in mind that YOU also carry some responsibility for the YOUNG WORKER, it will not be long before OUR paper will be a weekly. Build the YOUNG WORKER!

such poor quality one can scarcely eat it. They charge the same rate as any good outside cafeteria without having the expense of waitresses. So they take money off us in that way also.

We are completely unorganized in our plant, however there is a great feeling of discontent. I have only to listen to hear girls complain about having to leave in this hole for a few dollars a week. Recently we suffered wage cuts and we attempted to pull off a strike.



GASTONIA TRIAL ON AUG. 26

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able to put across their atrocious scheme to murder the union members and organizers.

Most of the workers facing the electric chair are young workers, many of them members of the Young Communist League. All over the country mass meetings of protest have been held by thousands of workers. The young workers have also demonstrated against this murder. Conferences are being organized in all important cities of the country, mobilizing youth organizations for the defense of these workers.

The issue in this trial, is the issue of whether workers can be attacked by armed thugs and gunmen. It is an issue which is based on the right of the workers to defend themselves against any armed attack. To permit the bosses to go thru with their scheme, is to allow a precedent to be established which will give the bosses the right to attack and shoot down workers who go on strike. The young workers must be wide awake. We must remember Sacco and Vanzetti, Frank Little, Centralia, and the many others who died for the working class. Defend the Gastonia workers!

KIWANIS "HELP" CHILDREN

Warren Ohio.—Some time ago we read in the Tribune Chronicle that the Kiwanis club is holding a fresh-air camp for tubercular children—for 36 of them. First they squeeze us of all our energy, and then they rob a little salvage-overs us in the way of charity.

—A Young Worker.

We must discuss not only the so-called partially organized sections of the industry, (fur, dress, cloak, Amalgamated), but also take into serious consideration the semi-skilled and entirely unorganized section of the industry, (white-goods, dresses, novelty workers, handkerchiefs, neckwear workers, etc.). Also, the fact that under the term "Industrial Unionism" we mean every worker in and around the factory (office, clerks, shipping clerks, floor boys, errand boys, etc.). From this point of view quite a substantial number of workers are young workers and must be organized.

In connection with the coming T.U.E.L. Convention, especially, must we raise the question of organizing these young workers. The attempts to exclude and disregard the young workers has been the chief characteristic of the labor fakers in their policy of resistance to the organization of the unorganized. This resulted in subjecting the young workers to further exploitation because there was no union to support them. Secondly, by allowing young workers to work in unorganized shops has helped undermine the conditions in the industry.

We must raise the banner: Organize the young workers under the same union banner with the adult workers.

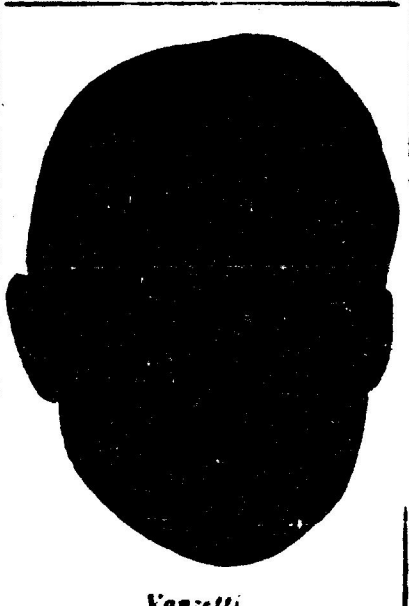
In this sense the Youth Section must become the organized mass expression of the young workers and the link between the young and the adult workers.

Concrete Youth Demands

In line with the demands accepted for young workers by the convention last winter, we must proceed to concretize them in our every day activity:

- 1. General guaranteed minimum wage of \$22 per week.
- 2. 6 hour day for all young workers.
- 3. Two weeks vacation with pay annually.
- 4. No overtime, no speed-up.
- 5. Two 15 minute rest periods per day.
- 6. Equal pay for equal work.

Around such economic demands the young workers will rally to the support of the adult workers, and together they will build a strong militant Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union under the banner of the New Trade Union Center to be organized at the Trade Union Unity Convention.



Vanzetti

NEGROES IN NAVY DISCRIMINATED

Forced to Work as Coal Stokers and Stewards

By ALBERT WILLIAMS

For over a hundred years, or since its organization, the American Navy has maintained an attitude of intolerance towards the admission of Negroes into the various branches connected with its operations. However, the Negro has been identified with practically every major engagement or expedition since the battles on the lakes under Perry, to the recent World War and Chinese river patrols.

While, until recently, enlistments have been open to Negroes in the Navy, the Negro has always been forced to occupy the lowest and most menial positions in the service. No Negro has ever served as a commissioned officer either in the Navy or the Marine Corps. Altho officially, Negroes are not debarred by law from entering the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis for training for commissions and Negroes have actually attended the school, but none have graduated. The last Negro to attend the Academy was told before starting on a practice cruise that he would not return, in consequence, the Negro Midshipman resigned and none has since entered the institution.

Do All the Dirty Work

At various times during the period since the Civil War until the World War, Negroes have served in large numbers as enlisted men in the Navy, usually in the less skilled branches, such as coal stokers, water tenders, messmen and stewards to officers. Few have ever served in the more technical branches such as seamen, electricians and gunners, none have reached the grade of Warrant officers and only a few became Chief Petty Officers.

Treated with Contempt by Officers

While our workers know something about the hard lives which the average white workers must live in the Naval service, few know anything about the gross insults and ill treatment which Negroes are forced to undergo in order to serve out the time of enlistment. As an example, when Negroes have been enlisted into the service, they are seldom sent to the regular training schools for preliminary training. They are sent direct to ships, where, if they have asked for assignment in the technical branches, they must start at a disadvantage plus the contempt of the white officer and prejudiced enlisted men. Fighting is the order of the day, beginning early in the morning and continuing throughout the day. This fighting continues during his entire service, or as long as he happens to be stationed on a ship where there are only a few Negroes.

Receive No Promotion

In the matter of promotions, Negroes fare as badly as in everything else connected with the service. Negroes, as a group, are the last to receive promotions and not until several groups of whites have been trained by the Negro Petty Officer and passed over him does the Negro pass on to the next grade. Of if the Negro shows a militant spirit he is kept in the brig or under arrest on shipboard and denied shore leave until his record becomes so bad that he either is dishonorably discharged from the service or deserts. In this fashion the bosses keep the ranks of the white and colored workers divided even in the Navy.

Youth Demonstrate on Red Day

DEFEND U. S. S. R. FIGHT POLICE

100,000 On Streets — Hundreds Arrested

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NEW YORK CITY, N. Y. — 20,000 workers participated in the demonstration. It was the greatest demonstration ever held in New York City. Thousands of workers denounced the preparations for a new imperialist attack against the Soviet Union. They also demanded the release of twenty-three textile workers who are facing the electric chair because they dared to defend their jobs and union.

The Y.C.L. was one of the best and most militant sections of the demonstration. The entire League wore uniforms and paraded in an organized manner to the demonstration, where they were greeted by the workers with loud cheers and applause.

Under the leadership of the Y.C.L. hundreds of young workers staged a demonstration at the Socialist headquarters, denouncing the reactionary activity of the Socialist Party and the Y.P.S.L.

After the Union Square demonstration the headquarters of the Y.C.L. was raided in the Bronx, and after a big battle with the police eighteen League comrades landed in jail.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Never in the history of Pittsburgh, was there such a powerful and militant

ARRESTED YOUNG WORKERS FIGHT ON



These 18 young workers, all members of the Y.C.L., were arrested in Bronx, N. Y., on Red Day. The above picture was taken after their release the next day. The brutalities of the police, instead of stopping these young workers, have only made them more determined to fight imperialist war, and to defend the Soviet Union.

demonstration. 15,000 workers participated in a huge demonstration. From five o'clock on there were mounted police and detectives in large numbers. These Cossacks started to chase the workers, but the workers resisted and despite the police demonstrated for the defense of the Soviet Union.

EAST PITTSBURGH, PA.—2,500 workers of the Westinghouse Electric Co., participated in a noon-hour demonstration. The workers stayed about ten minutes past their lunch period to listen to Party and League speakers. The workers dis-

played an excellent sentiment, and showed a willingness to struggle against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

McKEESPORT, PA. — Three thousand workers of the National Tube Co., (Steel Mills) participated in a demonstration at noon at the factory gates. The police made attempts to arrest the speakers and those holding signs. The workers resisted, and when the police arrested some of the comrades, the workers followed to the police station and demanded the release of the comrades.

AMBRIDGE, PA.—Six hundred workers participated in a demonstration in the down-town section of the city.

BOSTON, MASS.—Two hundred police tried to stop 2,000 workers who gathered to demonstrate their solidarity with the revolutionary workers of the world and for defense of the Soviet Union. Police autos crowded the curbs with machine-guns and tear gas bombs in readiness. The speakers were arrested, and a battle between the workers and the police ensued. Many signs were also carried for

Y. C. L. LEADS IN MILITANCY

On to International Youth Day—Sept. 6

the release of John Porter, young worker-soldier, at present in Fort Leavenworth.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. — 5,000 workers participated in the demonstration. After a terrific struggle, in which many heads were hurt by the clubs of the police, the masses made an attempt to hold their meeting but an armed barricade of police barred the workers from getting together. The workers showed real militancy, and resisted all the attacks of the police, fighting back with their fists. Many comrades were arrested.

WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS. — A successful demonstration was held here in spite of the efforts of the American Legion. The Y.C.L. of this city led 2000 workers in a mass demonstration against imperialist war and for defense of the Soviet Union, as well as for defense of the Gastonia workers. Gas-bombs, threats of lynching, and streaming headlines in the capitalist press, calling upon the workers to "Prepare to Suppress the Communists", could not stop the demonstration.

NEGAUNEE (MICH. — 3000 workers participated in the August 1st demonstration in this city. Many of the workers were iron miners.

RED DAY ON UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK



20,000 workers demonstrated against imperialist war and for defense of the Soviet Union on Aug. 1st in Union Square, New York. The Y.C.L. led the demonstration in uniforms. Rain and police failed to stop the demonstration.