

# YOUNG WORKER

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## FIGHT IMPERIALIST WAR-YOUTH DAY

### GASTONIA TRIAL IS STARTED

#### Prosecution Attempts to Murder Thirteen

As this paper goes to press, ten jurymen have been selected to try the sixteen strikers of Gastonia for their lives. The charge of murder against them is a result of their heroic struggle to organize and fight for better conditions, and also to defend their union, homes, and lives, from the armed attacks of the police and thugs. In a day or two the other two jurymen will be selected, and the greatest trial in the history of the American labor movement will start.

#### "Fairness" Only Sham

It is clear from all the proceedings in the court-room that the bosses will stop at nothing in order to send these innocent workers to the electric chair. The clever "liberal" and "fair" attitude of Judge Barnham, is part of the attempt to cloak the trial with an air of impartiality, and in this fashion to execute these workers before the working class have been aroused to action.

The many venemans who have been called upon to be questioned for jury service, by their answers clearly show the effect of the vicious anti-labor propaganda of the mill-owners and their newspapers in the South. Workers in textile mills are not permitted to serve, and any worker who believes in the right of self-defense and the right of workers to organize are also excluded from the jury.

Also the bosses are trying to send the thirteen male defendants to the electric chair. It seems as if their entire strategy is to especially concentrate on the main leaders. Fred Erwin Beal has been clearly picked out for the lion's share of the attack, and next to him is the young leader, Clarence Miller, who is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League, and is being centered upon by the prosecution.

#### Youth Conference for Defense

All over the country special youth conferences are being organized in order to defend these workers. The conference in New York will be held at the Irving Plaza on Sunday, September 15th. At the same time, the Young Communist League has organized special youth demonstrations and meetings in order to defend the Gastonia strikers.

The trial is on! Little time is to be lost. The young workers must actively work for the release of our comrades.

### International Youth Day



**YOUNG WORKERS!** Fight against imperialist war, speed-up and worsened conditions under the banner of the Young Communist International and its American section, the Young Communist League, U.S.A.!

Actively defend the Soviet Union, the only fatherland of the workers throughout the world!

Defeat the American capitalists and their Chinese hirelings in their war against Workers' Russia!

Smash the military youth organizations of the bosses (CMTC, National Guards, etc.)!

**YOUNG WORKERS!** Join the Young Communist League!

### DEMONSTRATE ON I. Y. D. FOR DEFENSE USSR

The 15th International Youth Day will be celebrated all over the United States with huge demonstrations of the working youth against imperialist war, and for the defense of the Soviet Union. On Friday, September 6th, thousands of young workers in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Boston, and in all important cities of the United States, will militantly demonstrate that the youth are aware of the ever-growing danger of imperialist war and are organizing to fight those responsible for war—the bosses.

At the present time we find that the imperialists are organizing an attack upon the Soviet Union, the fatherland of all the workers the world over. The events in Manchuria, the many provocations during the past few years and especially during the recent weeks, are all steps in the attempt to destroy the Workers' Republic.

We also see at this time the fact that the Arabian masses have revolted against the bloody rule of Great Britain. Not only in Arabia are the colonial peoples struggling against imperialist rule, but in India, China, South America and all over the world. The young workers of America may be called upon at any moment to fight their brothers in the colonial countries just as America is doing today on a smaller scale in Nicaragua.

International Youth Day will not only be demonstrated in America, but has been organized by the working youth in every important country of the globe. The young workers of France, Great Britain, Germany, Russia, etc., will join hands in a united fight against imperialist war and for defense of the Soviet Union.

The Young Communist League of America has organized besides outdoor mass demonstrations on Friday, Sept. 6th, also district and territorial youth rallies all over the country for Sunday, Sept. 8th. These rallies will bring the revolutionary youth of various cities and centers together for joint demonstrations.

In New York City, the demonstration on Friday, September 6th will be held on Union Square, at 6:00 P. M., and the rally will be held on Sunday, at the Palisades, New Jersey.

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army and navy needed for the next war.

The capitalist class is piling up profits; the stock exchange activity is record breaking; the few are becoming richer; Wall St. is extending its domination over more colonies and semi-colonies, especially in South America; Wall St. is playing its Chinese military puppets against the Soviet Union; but, by the very growth of our ruling class that could take place only by increased exploitation of the workers, it has awakened the slumbering masses.

The American workers are awakening. When the working class arises, the whole bloody rule of the capitalist system that rests on the bent shoulders of the workers, will crumble down. The American working class is beginning to wake up and move, the rule of the master class, based on wage slavery and soaked in the blood and life of the working class, is crumbling.

The Southern workers, those 100 per cent "docile" Americans, are gathering their forces for a struggle. They are taking their place in the front ranks of the militant working class. Workers, even in the A. F. of L., despite their leaders, are putting up a splendid fight (New Orleans, Marion, etc.). Spontaneous struggles in a number of important industries, and the response to the Trade Union Unity Convention, are all indications that a powerful movement of the workers is on foot. The long asleep Giant—the American working class—is waking up!

The Communist Party and the Young Communist League are taking their place in all of these struggles as the leader of the working class. The Young Communist League is especially establishing itself as a leader amongst the young workers in the armed forces.

The mouth of the capitalist class is beginning to foam. They are forgetting all about their "Christianity," "Democracy" and "Justice" are beginning to unrobe themselves and show their shameful nakedness.

The terror against the working class is being increased. The use of the National Guards is becoming a common occurrence. Bullets and bayonets are being used indiscriminately against the workers. Attempts are being made to outlaw the Communist Party and the Young Communist League. Once again the same class that has burned Sacco and Vanzetti in the electric chair, is to repeat its performance. This time it is to be 13 of us.

But we say to our master class: "You fill your dungeons with members of our class. You 'outlaw' the Communist movement. You shoot down strikers in cold blood. You may be able to send us to the electric chair, but you cannot save yourselves. Your rule is doomed. Your finish is near."

The International Day of Youth this year coincides with a change that is going on in the country. The working class is waking up. The young workers are in the front ranks of the awakened sections of the workers. New sections of the working youth, hitherto unreached, must receive our message on this day.

The working youth must receive its fundamental lesson in the struggle against the war. The next war must be turned into a civil war, a war against capitalism. This slogan must ring from coast to coast, from the Canadian to the Mexican borders. The mobilization of the working youth will be a guaranty that the hand of the North Carolina executioner will be stopped.

FORWARD TO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY—A MILESTONE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALISM!

## OAKLAND NEWS BOYS PREPARING

### To Strike Next Time Under Militant Union

Oakland, Cal.

Dear Comrades:

In their hunt for more profits the Circulation Departments of the two local papers recently combined. The effect was, where formerly a boy was a hustler for one paper, he now had the double job of handling both. To make still more money, the boss-parasites cut the wages of the newsboys, in some cases in half. The boys were chafing under a recent raise of half a cent in the price of papers, without raising the price to the public.

It was the old story of speed-up and wage cuts, and the slaves began to wake up to the fact that they must organize.

Strike! The boys hadn't heard that since the old defunct union had broken up. Sixty newsboys responded and formed a committee of action. Officers were elected which also acted as the strike committee. With the assistance of the Young Communist League a leaflet was issued. Previous to the help of the YCL, illusions were that the business men's and women's clubs and the American Federation of Labor would help the strikers—they didn't.

Mr. Spooner, A. F. of L. organizer, advocated the strikers' return to work under the bosses' terms before he would recognize the union. The first two weeks three leaflets were issued to the workers asking their solidarity. The result was a constant impounding of "stops" to the paper from subscribers. This encouraged the strikers tremendously. Previously to this the papers used all the methods of strike-breaking, even hiring scabs for \$12 a day. This did not help, so they went to the biggest strikebreaker of them all, the A. F. of L.

The striking newsboys exposed Mr. Spooner and his strike-breaking tactics, and he was the laughing stock to the rank and file of the A. F. of L. Guiseppe, the secretary of the strikers, will long be remembered here for his militant work in rallying the boys together.

What broke the strike more than anything else, besides our inexperience, was the fact that so many of the boys left town. Some of the "slump" elements accepted the boss' terms, some found jobs on other papers (San Francisco papers sold in Oakland). The failure of the boys on the other papers to strike, especially when they were told to by their bosses to either disown the union or lose their jobs, was another cause for the failure.

There is no doubt of the tactics to be assumed in the next strike. We intend to organize anybody that has anything to do with the papers in any way—who are not as yet organized, and the complete works will come out solid next time.

We will come out as a revolutionary trade union, affiliated with the New Trade Union Center.

ARCHIE BROWN.

### 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.

## Youth Reporter at T.U.U.C. Meet

### Sroka Tells of Youth Problems in Industry

More than seven hundred delegates representing workers in the basic industries of this country gathered at the Trade Union Unity Convention in Cleveland, August 31st to September 2nd, and formed the New Trade Union Center and the Trade Union Unity League. Among these seven hundred delegates were representatives from the new militant unions, from locals of the old A. F. of L., and especially from the mass of unorganized and unskilled workers. The delegates representing the unorganized masses were elected by shop committees in hundreds of factories, mines and mills. Many of the delegates at the convention were young workers.

The convention discussed the Gastonia trial, the movement in the South, the leftward drift of the masses, the betrayals of the A. F. of L., the question of organizing the unorganized, the problems of the Negro workers, and also, the problems of the youth and their immediate demands. Bill Sroka, youth organizer for the T.U.U.C., made the report at the conference on the problems of youth in industry, and the convention resolved to take firm measures to organize and better the conditions of the working youth.

Affiliates to R. I. L. U.

The Trade Union Unity Convention also took up the question of the labor danger, and took a categorical stand for the defense of the Soviet Union. The convention also affiliated the New Trade Union Center to the Red International of Labor Unions.

Wm. Z. Foster, famous leader of the 1919 steel strike; John General Secretary; John Schmie, Detroit auto worker, Assistant Secretary; Jack Johnstone, National Organizer; and James Ford, Negro Organizer.

The new Trade Union Unity League will lead to the organization and mobilization of the workers of America towards real struggles against Capitalism. This new center will also become the rallying point for the young workers in their every-day struggles.

## Police Use Tear Gas Bombs at Ironwood Gastonia Meeting

Ironwood, Mich.

Dead Comrades:

A protest demonstration against the Gastonia and Hancock frame-ups was held here Friday, August 9. Comrade Onni Kartinen, the first speaker, was brutally forced from the platform by the police and the American Legion, just as soon as he started to speak. George Rahnkonen, another speaker, was also forced from the platform.

A few moments later the meeting was continued in a nearby hall, where Comrade Uno Kroskolm and Tauno Lehtinen also spoke. Members of the American Legion were in the hall but they were afraid to bodily break up the meeting. However, they attempted to interrupt by cat calls and slander. When the police saw that their friends, the Legion, could not make headway, the Chief of Police threw a tear gas bomb into the hall, and pistol shots were heard outside. The audience in the hall rushed outside choking from the gas, while the American Legion stayed in safe territory jeering and laughing at the defenseless workers.

The workers in Ironwood are learning the leading role of the police and American Legion as the forces of capitalism, and even for this reason alone we can say that our demonstration was a success.

Many more meetings will be held here by the Young Communist League, and the workers will learn more of the terrible truth of the miserable conditions of their class.

A. KULBERG.

## POLICE BREAK UP QUINCY MEET

QUINCY, MASS.—The Young Communist League protested at a mass meeting, August 21, against the arrests of five Leaguers for daring to hold an anti-war meeting on the street. The charge against the defendants was speaking without a permit.

The speakers at the protest meeting were Comrades Danato, L. Pizer, Tom, Lauri Laukenen and Hilma Neva, Pioneer leader of Quincy. The meeting was attended by workers from all sections of the city, who applauded the speakers very warmly.

Because of the militancy of the workers at this meeting the judge was forced to dismiss the case against the arrested comrades when it came up before "His Honor."

The League is determined to hold a demonstration on International Youth Day, September 6th, regardless of what action the police will take.

KARL LIEBKNECHT

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY—'29

By CLARENCE MILLER

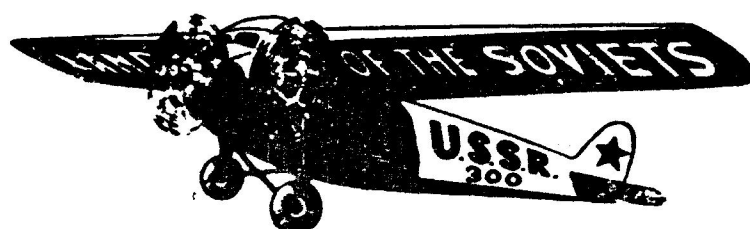
(Written in Gaston County Jail)

International Youth Day is approaching. A day born in struggle of the revolutionary working youth against the last capitalist war. This year International Youth Day is marked with beginnings of a movement that will challenge the very existence of the most powerful of imperialist ruling classes. The preparations for war, and the increase in ratification of industry, that terrific speed-up that is sapping the life and blood of the workers, the attack on the standards of living of the workers until it has reached way below a minimum needed for the workers to maintain themselves in "health" and "decency," is the lot of the American workers.

The young workers, whose importance in industry is continuously increasing, are the most exploited section of the working class. The rationalization of industry, the very essence of industrial war preparedness, affects the young workers mostly. The young workers, whose bodies are not yet fully developed, are being drawn into the grind of rationalized industry in ever greater numbers. Their wages for the long hours spent under the worst of conditions is industrial sickness, increased accidents, a shorter lifespan, and misery in their homelife. Many are thrown out of a job and forced to either join the army or become criminals and fill the penitentiaries.

But this is not all. Rationalization of industry is not sufficient for war preparations. Human beings must be trained to feed the cannons. The young workers must supply the bodies needed for cannon fodder. A whole plan for fooling the young workers to join the National Guards, the Citizens' Military Training Camps and other military organizations has been developed.

The Socialist Party, the defunct Young People's Socialist League, the Musteite "progressives" in the trade union movement are all preaching "revolutionary" phrases against those "terrible" wars. Their methods of "struggle" against the war is to preach the doctrines of the Plague of Nations, the tool of the British Imperialists in the struggle against the Soviet Union. They preach the "King Peace" Pact, the strategy that hides the preparations of the chemical poison gases, the building of an air force and the



MOSCOW TO NEW YORK



# YOUTH PROGRAM FOR MINERS

## N.M.U. Fights For Young Miners

The following proposed youth program for the N. M. U. was adopted at a meeting of active young miners in Pittsburgh, Pa., August 4th. This draft program will be discussed by all young miners' conferences to be held prior to the Cleveland Trade Union Unity Convention and final action will be taken at the special conference of young miners in Cleveland.

### Conditions in the Industry

With the attacks on the wages and working conditions of the miners by the coal operators and U.M.W. officials continuing, we find the following situation in the industry:

(1) of those fields where the old union was strong in the past, we find it completely smashed (in Pennsylvania and Ohio) while in the Anthracite and Southern Illinois there are only remnants of the old organizations with the men already working under non-union conditions and those locals of the U.M.W. which remain have degenerated into instruments of the operators used against the rank and file.

(2) Although it is only a few months since the union has been smashed, the miners already find themselves below the level of the 1917 scale. Their conditions are being rendered even worse by the crisis in the industry which the operators are trying to solve at the expense of the miners through new machine methods, speed-up, wage cuts, which affect the young miners most of all.

### Young Miners on Increase

(3) These changes in the industry, the shifting of production to the formerly unorganized fields (Kentucky, West Virginia) and the introduction of ever-more extensive machine methods in the mines is greatly increasing the role of the youth in the mining industry. In some districts, such as Pennsylvania and Ohio, the young miners are leaving the fields for other industries, but at the same time the percentage of young miners in the industry is on the increase in the completely unorganized fields, while a similar tendency shows itself in all those mines where machinery has been most extensively introduced.

(4) These changes in the industry are crystallizing specific youth problems for the young miners. In those mines where machinery has been installed the young miners are already replacing the older miners with young miners who better stand the greater physical work. In some mines older young fellows are on the job who are less than older miners, and who are mainly the pick

up boys. Together many of these young fellows who do the same work with less and less pay. On the outside the young miners get definite wages than the adult miners, sometimes receiving \$1.00 a day. The young miners are also given the most dangerous jobs (trip riding and

the reason for the large number of accidents each year. In some mines children are taken to work at the age of 12 and 13 as breakers. Many of the breakers employ as many as 100 young mine-workers. The breakers boys are forced to sit on the conveyors for eight hours a day listening to the grind of the machines, which has a very

# All-American Anti-Imperialist League Organizes Tour

The All-America Anti-Imperialist League, militant fighter against imperialism, and defender of the oppressed peoples of the colonial and semi-colonial countries, announces a national coast-to-coast tour from Sept. 15 to Nov. 1st, on the subject, "The Struggle Against World Imperialism."

William Simons, National Secretary of the United States Section, will be the speaker.

This tour should be of interest to all young workers, and must receive cooperation of all Y.C.L. units.

The schedule of the meetings for September are as follows:  
 Sept. 15 and 16, Philadelphia.  
 Sept. 17 and 18, Pittsburgh.  
 Sept. 19 and 20, Cleveland.  
 Sept. 21, Toledo.  
 Sept. 22 and 23, Detroit.  
 Sept. 24 and 25, Chicago.  
 Sept. 26, Gary.  
 Sept. 27 and 28, Milwaukee.  
 Sept. 29 and 30, Minneapolis.

disastrous effect upon the health of these young workers.

### Youth Section of N.M.U.

(5) The young miners are the most explicit section of the workers in the mining industry. Due to this the U.M.W.A. officials have done everything possible to prevent the organization of the young miners and their participation in the struggles in the industry. The National Miners Union, which was organized on September 9, 1928, has taken into consideration the special problems of the young miners and the special steps necessary for their organization.

In order to further the organization of the unorganized young miners and to better fight against all discrimination against the youth in the industry, the N.M.U. has formed a special YOUTH SECTION in all its locals with its separate membership role and officers. The main purpose of the Youth Section is to fight to better the conditions of the young miners, at the same time developing certain activities attractive to the youth (such as sports, socials, etc.) which will draw them closer to the union.

The Youth Section will at the same time be a definite part of the union with representatives of all National and District Executive Boards and Local Committees. The Youth Sections will devise special methods for recruiting more young miners into the N.M.U. and for interesting and educating young miners in unionism and the class struggle. The Youth Section will guarantee that the young miners get equal rights in the union with the adult miners. All young miners who belong to the Youth Section must belong to the N.M.U.

(6) The Youth Section fights for all the general demands of the N.M.U., i. e., against wage-cuts, speed-up, overtime—for one man for one job, etc.

### Special Youth Demands

The Youth Section also fights for the following special demands for the young miners:

- 1—Six-hour day for all miners!
- 2—No underground work for young miners under 18 years of age! Vocational training (including general education) for all young mine-workers between 14 and 18 in mine schools on company time and under young miners' and union control, at not less than the minimum wage!
- 3—Complete abolition of child labor under 14 with state main-

# PAYS LESS TO NEGRO YOUTH

## Divides Workers on Race Issues

Cleveland, Ohio.

### Fellow Workers:

I am a young worker at the Briggs Body Motor Co., and I want to tell some of the other young workers of how the bosses here try to fool us and try to divide us. They hire colored labor from the Detroit sweathouse they pay these colored workers much lower wages and so they drive off the old white workers and put colored workers in their place and this is how they make enemies of colored and white workers.

Only a short time ago 15 colored workers were put on the job at 80c an hour, and they produce 475 jobs a day. These colored workers took the place of white workers who were making \$1.25 an hour and produced 220 jobs a day. That is how good the super, Al, is to the colored workers.

The bosses are trying to play the white and colored workers against each other so as to make us hate each other. They think that if they make us hate one another then we will not want to organize together into one union of all the workers and so be able to fight the bosses who are attempting to divide us.

The bosses want to keep us separate because then they will be able to do anything they want to with us. But we, workers who see thru these schemes of the bosses to keep us enemies, when really the only enemies both the white and colored workers have is the bosses. We, workers, are not fooled by the promises of the bosses to raise our wages. They find it very easy to promise such things, but try to find a wage raise when you get your wages. Just try! When the new models were introduced on June 1, the boss promised everyone a raise. But until now, we haven't gotten a penny.

What we must do is for all of us, fighting workers, to get together in a secret shop committee, keep out the bosses spies, and elect delegates to the convention of the Trade Union Educational League, which is the only trade union organization which is taking up plans to organize the unorganized workers, regardless of age, race, or color.

Let us elect our Shop Committees and they will elect delegates for the August 31st convention of the TUEL to take place in Cleveland.

"BILLIE"  
of Briggs Motor Co.

tenance of all those now employed under that age!

4—Equal pay for equal work for young and adult miners!

5—Equal division of work for young and adult miners!

6—No young mine-worker to receive less than \$25 a week and every young miner to receive the full union scale for his particular work!

7—State benefits to be furnished to all unemployed young miners without discrimination, to consist of not less than the minimum living wage!

8—Full social insurance for all young miners in case of sickness or accident!

9—Two 15-minute rest periods each day for all young miners working on conveyors or machines to lessen speed of work!

10—Young miners under 21 not to be employed at dangerous occupations such as trip riding and loading!

11—A four weeks' vacation each year with pay for all young miners!

# New Victims of the Fascist Terror in Yugoslavia

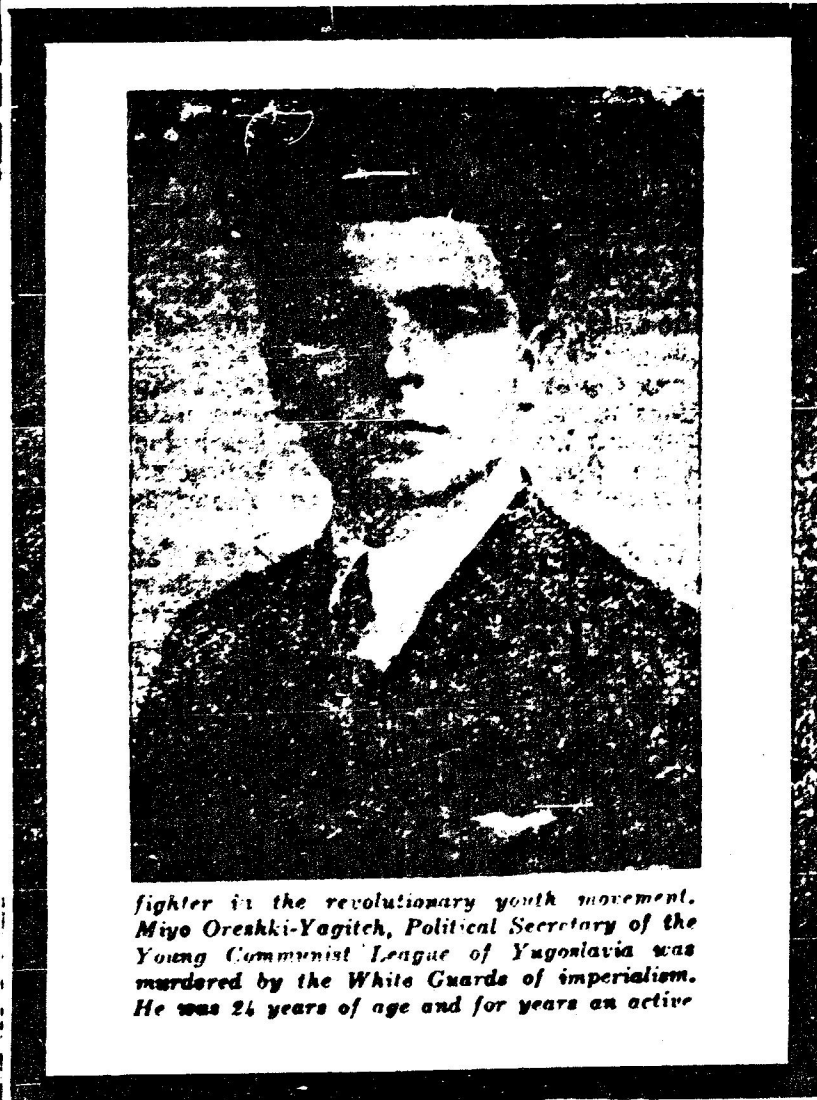
## Three Leaders of Young Communist League Murdered

The brutal murder of Juri Jackovitch and Nikola Hekimovitch is still fresh in everyone's memory, and now reports of new murders committed against youthful workers come from Yugoslavia. A little while ago the police in Zagreb were informed that in a village in the neighborhood there was a secret office of the Young Communist League. Early in the morning of the 27th of July at 3 A. M. a detachment of gendarmerie under the leadership of the Zagreb police chief, surrounded the house and ordered those in it to surrender. Comrades Miyo Oreshki-Yagitch, Yanko Mishitch and Slavko Oreshki who were in the house, refused to surrender and defended themselves against the overwhelming numbers of the gendarmerie. A fight took place which lasted for an hour. When the firing from the house ceased, the gendarmerie stormed the place and found the corpses of the three comrades. The wife of Comrade Oreshki-Yagitch, who left the house during the fight, was arrested.

barracks secretly in order to participate in the sessions and conferences of the League in Serbia. He directed the work of his branch from the barracks and in 1928 he League of Yugoslavia. In 1920 organized a peasants' conference in which he himself participated.

After his release from the army, a number of members of the Central Committee were arrested and he then had to take over the political leadership of the League. He performed this work up to the time of his murder. At the 5th Congress of the Young Communist International he was elected a member of the Executive Committee. A few months ago the fascist government placed a prize of 50,000 dinar upon his head in connection with his participation in the escape from prison of one of the leading members of the Young Communist League. In him the Young Communist League of Yugoslavia and the Young Communist International have lost one of their best and most courageous leaders.

The Yugoslavian capitalists, led by the dictators King Alexander and General Shirkovitch, aim at robbing the revolutionary working-class movement of its leaders. These new murders dealt a heavy blow at the revolutionary movement in Yugoslavia in general and at the Communist League in particular. However, the fascist dictatorship will not succeed in destroying the revolutionary organizations of the workers and peasants and their advance guard, the Communist Party and the Young Communist League. These murders will not intimidate the masses, and certainly not the masses of the working youth. On the contrary, the life and death of the three fallen comrades will serve as a glowing example for the young working class in their struggle against the bloodthirsty fascist dictatorship.



fighter in the revolutionary youth movement. Miyo Oreshki-Yagitch, Political Secretary of the Young Communist League of Yugoslavia was murdered by the White Guards of imperialism. He was 21 years of age and for years an active



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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

On the 15th. International Youth Day, the working youth of the entire world finds it more necessary than ever to organize the struggle against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

International Youth Day was first founded at the historic Berne Conference of 1915, called by the revolutionary youth, to map out the struggle against the World War.

This Conference, born out of the treachery and betrayals of the Social-Democrats (Socialists) was held under the leadership of Karl Liebknecht, and clearly declared that there is only one method of fighting against war, and that is by revolutionary means—by working for the overthrow of capitalism.

The Young Communist International will be ten years old in November. It has in the past decade clearly proven itself the only leader of the toiling youth the world over.

On International Youth Day, 1929, we must remember the lessons of the last war and of Lenin and Liebknecht. Today, more than ever before, pacifism is used as a smoke-screen by the imperialist powers to hide their tremendous preparations for war.

On International Youth Day, 1929, the masses are more and more becoming radicalized and revolutionized. In America, this radicalization has grown until today it can no longer be called "sectional."

The Young Communist League has today better objective conditions in which to work, than ever before. International Youth Day must mark the beginning of the building of a real mass League, of the League really becoming the vanguard and leader of the American young workers.

Young Workers! Fight against imperialist war, speed-up and worsened conditions, under the banner of the Young Communist International and its American section, the Young Communist League.

Actively defend the Soviet Union, the only fatherland of the workers throughout the world!

Defeat the American capitalists and their Chinese hirelings in their war against Workers' Russia!

Smash the military youth organizations of the bosses (C. M. E. C., National Guards, etc.)!

Fight against pacifism, the smoke-screen for the bosses' war preparations and the poison-gas for the workers!

Fight for the release of John Porter, soldier-worker, imprisoned by the Federal Government for his activity in the New Bedford Strike!

Fight for the freedom of the Gastonia strikers!

Join the only revolutionary youth organization, the Young Communist League!

A MILITARY PRISONER'S PLEA

By GEORGE PERSHING,

(A former soldier from Hawaii, recently released from Alcatraz military prison)

The whistle calls, the lock-bar falls And I am fast within the walls. I have no fear, I shed no tear O'er hand of fate that placed me here.

My life is marred, from joys I'm barred

And I shall always be thus scarred. O yes, I fell, perhaps 'tis well That in this place of hell I dwell, For with this fall I've heard the call

That echos 'round among us all: While I, locked in, await and hope to hear

The cry of workers, without fear, Proclaiming that they have the right

To fight and smite with all their might.

Arise (There's no gain by delay)! This is the day! Come, clear the way!

You must with steady thrust Break down the things that are unjust.

Down with the superstitious cry That hell awaits all you who try. Remember class! Rise with the Mass

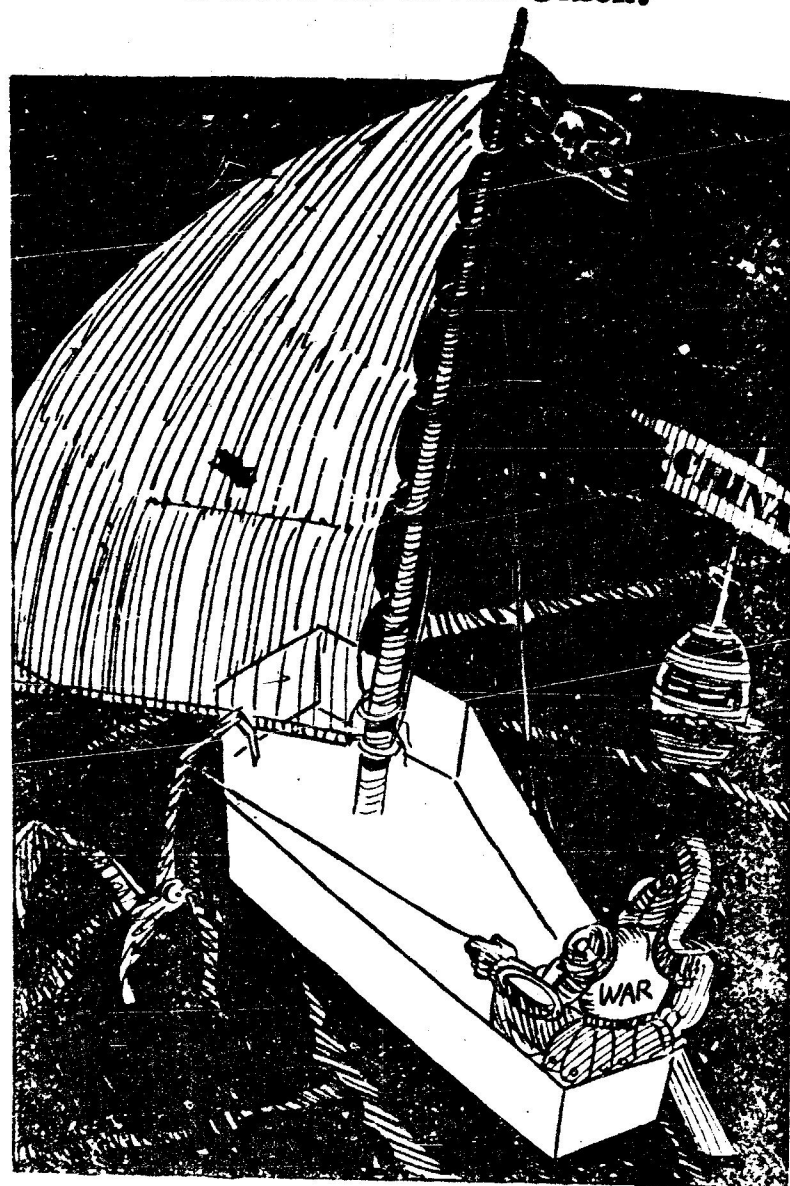
And all our wants will come to pass.

To sick, to poor, forlorn or weak, Black, white or brown, to all I speak.

Strike off your chains and be made free,—

A prisoner's plea, from me to thee.

Defend the Soviet Union!



The imperialists are organizing the attack against the Soviet Union at the present time in the East. They are using the military puppets of China to start the war against the Workers' Fatherland.

THE COWARD

Ivanov had run away again. Ivanov's eyes were blinging again, he was flushed and perspiring, while the battery commissar was upbraiding him:

"A fine Communist you are! You are only a discredit to the Party. And you call yourself a Communist! Get out of here. You possess no consciousness, you cannot control yourself!"

Ivanov sank his head and walked away. Everybody knew. In the doorway of the hut there was only one word that could be heard: "Coward!"

In the evening a meeting of the Communist nucleus was held.

The second item on the agenda was: Comrade Ivanov's conduct.

"Step forward, Ivanov. Give an account of yourself. Tell us straight and without evasion."

He rose to his feet, heavily. He fastened his glance upon the chairman, but did not utter a word. Everybody was waiting for him to speak out, to confess; but he was speechless as though his mouth was full of water. And when it had become awkward to remain silent, he said in a muffled voice:

"Well, it must be my character. I am nervous. It is hard to control oneself, if one has no fighting experience."

"No, Comrade Ivanov, this is not all. There is no excuse whatever

for your non-Communist conduct." Then it started.

"We have no use for such fellows. A mere disgrace to the Party. I propose that he be expelled and placed on trial before the Revolutionary Tribunal," said one in the audience.

And Ivanov listens. These words cut him like a sharp blade. He is ashamed to cry. Finally, Ivanov could no longer contain himself and he yelled out:

"I give you my word, comrades, that I will be better in future."

It was decided to give him a chance.

Ivanov went then to relieve the observer. There were two of them walking. Rifles on their backs, and bullets in their pockets and belts.

They walked about 3 versts, first across fields, then they passed by a ditch and turned to the right, taking a straight course. The observer was stationed near the bush, and beyond were the trenches. It was not the first time that Ivanov went on this errand. The positions had not been changed for a fortnight. They reached a swampy place, where there were no trenches. They sat down to smoke. The comrade struck a match and began to smoke, offering also to Ivanov. But what is the matter with Ivanov?

He looks at the swamp and his

face becomes drawn and pale as a sheet. He made a motion and thought to run, but suddenly he says:

"The bullets... Run Quick. The Polaks..."

The comrade ran, and Ivanov remained alone. The swamp is within a stone's throw, barely five hundred paces away, and upon the edge of the swamp are the Polaks; he can plainly distinguish them by the grey buttons on their uniform.

Ivanov stooped and crawled closer to the swamp, picking a point of support for his rifle, and then he aimed at the foes, shooting them down, one after the other.

A bullet whizzed past Ivanov's head.

"They have noticed me, the scoundrels." Indeed, there were ten Polaks advancing on him, one of them brandishing his sword.

"Surrender!", he was yelling in Russian.

Ivanov clutched his rifle and shot out again and again. The enemies were drawing near. He stood up. He saw the Poles with the rifles on their shoulders, one of them taking his aim. He got hit in the shoulder, then in the leg, and he fell down.

"It is my death, but what of it," Ivanov thought as he fell, and crimson spots and horses dazzled before his eyes. Whence came the horses?

At that moment he perceived the clanking of sabers and the roar of guns. "These must be our people. How good!" And he fell asleep.

Six weeks afterwards Ivanov returned to his battery. He had recovered and refused to take leave. The order was read throughout the battery:

The "Red soldier Ivanov for his action near the village of Tchurlianka, shall be decorated with the Order of the Red Flag."

The commander and the commissar congratulated him, and shook his hand in comradely fashion.





# M-O-V-I-E-S

## "HER WAY OF LOVE" AT THE FILM GUILD CINEMA



Don't mind the label. American viewers will do anything to make a film pay. And what could be more alluring than a title like the above? What glorious possibilities! How easily the fiery imagination of our dreamy youth can be set afire by such true-confession!

Put the love that you will find in this picture in of a different kind entirely unlike the mushy, sentimentality you saw in "The Street Angel," "The River," "The Tempest" and others. This gem produced by the studios of the Soviet Union of Moscow far from exploits the love theme in the sensational, obscene and at the same time hypocritical manner of Hollywood. It is a film thru which runs an idea worthy of a country which was the first to shed its aristocratic shackles.

The simple story of an intelligent peasant girl who in the dark days of Tzarism is hastily married off to a petty property owner whom she despises. The war breaks out and he, together with all able-bodied men in the village, leaves for the front. One day a group of Austrian prisoners are brought into the village to be used by the peasants for help in the fields. Praskova, our heroine, is a simple peasant girl. She is not prisoner to a thousands petty-bourgeois moral restrictions. She possesses

neither the feminine bravado of a Phyllis Haver nor the sickening prudery (what bourgeois reviewers call "coyness") of a Lillian Gish or a Janet Gaynor. So that when Ian, a handsome prisoner in the group, appeals to her womanly taste, she does not hesitate to pick him from among all others and make him her companion in the wheat fields and in life.

The village gossips may pour their venom, the village elders may condemn her—but Praskova is true to herself. And now the revolution! Ian soon joins the Red Guards. And while he is away on another front fighting the enemies of his class, the village is captured by a Tzarist band, led by Feder, Praskova's first husband—a drunk, a bully, a rat in the service of the bandit hordes of an overthrown bourgeoisie. After a few days, the village is recaptured by a brigade of Red Guards headed by Ian. A struggle ensues in which both Ian and Feder are killed and Praskova, left with her dead lover, begins to understand it all. She sees it all no longer as a personal tragedy over which to weep, but as something which concerns her class. Ian died that the workers might be free, and if she is to avenge, there is only one thing she can do—help to further the cause for which he died. "And when the Red detachment left the village that day" Praskova rode with them, a rifle on her shoulder. And with her is her little son, taken along that he, too might learn.

It is a great picture from fade-in to fade-out. Emma Zessarskaya as the peasant girl deserves great praise for her restraint and understanding of the cinematic medium.

If you can afford it, then spend a dollar and see "Her Way of Love" at the Film Guild. You will see a great picture and rub elbows with the best (?) folks in town (intellectual snobs, "Village" freaks, etc.) If not, then read this review over again and wait and pray until this picture will crawl out of the "aristocratic" Guild and appear in your neighborhood movie-house at a jitney per. And that's that!

S. B.

### BLAME MOSCOW (Our Comic Strip)



## Chinese Militarists Murder Five Young Workers—Fear I.Y.D.

SHANGHAI.—The Chinese war lords fear the militancy of the Chinese masses in their fight to defend the Soviet Union. This is clearly shown in the fact that the Shanghai officials have recently executed five more revolutionary workers all under twenty years of age. The crime of these comrades is passing out leaflets calling upon the proletarian youth to demonstrate on International Youth Day. All the executed were members of the Young Communist League of China.

The hand in hand workings between the imperialist powers and the Kuomintang is shown by the fact that our five young comrades were arrested in the International Settlement, or foreign section, which is controlled and governed by foreign laws. The comrades were handed over to the Kuomintang. The murder took place in less than two hours. These brutal measures are failing to halt the militant young Chinese workers from carrying out their International Youth Day demonstrations, and to unite with the workers of the rest of the world for the defense of the Soviet Union.

## LABOR SPORTS

Sir Thomas Lipton, the multi-millionaire who exploits thousands of Hindus in the tea plantations of India and Java, will spend ten million dollars to recapture the American Yachting cup for the British exploiter "sportsmen". J. P. Morgan and Cornelius Vanderbilt head a committee of American exploiters and coupon-clippers, who will also spend millions of dollars gotten from the exploited American workers in the steel mills, oil fields, textile mills, etc., to show that they are even richer and better "sports" than Lipton. The bosses spend all this money to fool the workers. Let us, workers, fight these exploiters and build up a real workers' sport movement in this country.

The "Socialist" government of France refused to allow a team of Russian workers to enter France in order to participate in a meet arranged by the Red Sport International. Hundreds of French workers-sportsmen are fighting this attack against the Soviet Union. The worker-sportsmen have declared that they will defend the Soviet Union from the attacks of the bosses. Only in the Soviet Union, where workers and peasants rule, is there real workers' sports.

William Wrigley's Cubs and Connie Mack's Athletics have practically cinched the pennants in their Leagues. Connie Mack and Wrigley spent millions of dollars, gotten from the workers, to build up pennant-winning teams. The Cubs and the Athletics have developed several outstanding stars this season. Jimmy Fox, young Philadelphia keystone sacker, is leading the league in batting, and is one of the mainstays of the Philadelphia team. Pat Malone, Cub southpaw, is one of the outstanding pitchers in the National League. The Cubs have been handicapped by the loss of Charley Grimm, veteran first baseman, who

# The Book

## A CRY FOR FREEDOM

"An Anthology of Revolutionary Poetry" is the only one of its kind. It fills in an important gap in the anthologies of world poetry. It is now forty years since the publication of H. S. Salt's "Songs of Freedom" and these were limited to original English poems, while the present volume includes, outside of America, poems of Australia, Canada, China, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Roumania, Soviet Russia, Scotland, Spain, and Ukraine. The question that now remains to be asked is whether this volume of world patriotism is as revolutionary as the revolutionists might have hoped. Personally, I do not think so.

The editor, Marcus Graham, has a weakness for good poetry, in view of which fact he stretches his idea of social protest beyond the limits in order that he may include poems he is especially fond of. Poems like Thomas Hardy's "Going and Staying", Byron's "Stanzas", Goethe's "Begin Anew", Robert Frost's "Fire and Ice"—and, of all unimaginable specimens of poets to voice a social cry, Nietzsche's "Among Enemies"—are decidedly outside the editor's territory. Marcus Graham might have, by leaving the aforementioned poems out, had space

for the complete versions of such fine revolutionary poems as Giovanni's "When the Cock Crows", Blok's "Twelve" and others.

The vital points of historical value are those poems dedicated to martyrs like the five Chicago anarchists, or Sacco and Vanzetti; or to causes like the Russian Revolution of 1917 or even Whitman's "Europe, 1848". On general topics, however, those poems by unknown authors found in the section entitled "Initialed and Anonymous Poems" are of the most revolutionary character, the finest among them being "Labor", a parody on Kipling's poem in praise of the present society.

It is interesting to note that this anthology includes more poems by Negroes than any other single anthology. Among these are Paul Laurence Dunbar, Claude McKay, Georgia Douglas Johnson, James Weldon Johnson, Countee Cullen's "From the Dark Tower" being the most directly revolutionary, while Langston Hughes' "Silhouettes" runs the smoothest, poetically.

In the same style as "Silhouettes" is written "modernistic" E. E. Cummings' "Impressions," the finest poem of the anthology, from a literary point of view. It is propaganda only indirectly, but it voices very sharply, as well as beautifully, a social protest.

fractured his left hand. Wrigley is searching far and wide for a first baseman to replace Grimm, who will be out all season. This may affect the Cubs pennant chances but the tottering Pirates and Giants are in no position to win.

Mickey Walker and Leo Lomski "put over their outstanding battle of the year" in a slow ten round bout in which Mickey got the decision over the Aberdeen Assassin. Those customers who could see the bout, almost fell asleep and the rest were gypped by the racketeers and they couldn't ever see it. The next one should develop into a real fight (!!!) when Tommy Loughran vacates his light-heavy title to enter the heavyweight limination.

## L. S. U. AFFILIATES TO R. I. L. U.

The third National Convention of the Labor Sports Union, which was held in New York on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of August, marked a real step forward in the building up of the Labor Sports Union into a mass working-class sport organization. In all there were over one-hundred delegates present, representing workers' sport clubs from all parts of the country. The convention unanimously decided to affiliate with the Red Sports International.

The representation to this convention consisted mostly of young

workers, many of them from the basic industries. The Youth Section of the National Textile Workers Union of Gastonia was represented by three delegates.

The convention formally opened on the 21st of August. At this opening night greetings were received from many labor organizations. A telegram from the worker sportsmen of Great Britain and one from the Red Sports International as well as many from the district organizations of the LSU were received. After the greetings the Spartakiade Film (a news reel of the workers' international meet which was held in Moscow last year) was shown. On this opening night the convention unanimously, and with great applause, decided to elect Fred E. Beal, the leader of the Gastonia Strike, as the Honorary Chairman of the Convention.

During the two days of the business sessions the Convention took up many tasks. The most important ones were the question of International affiliation, connecting up the L.S.U. closer to the struggles of the workers, the fight against bosses' sports and company sports in particular and the question of developing more American mass sports in the organization, such as baseball, basketball, etc.

After the Convention the National Track and Field Meet was held in which over 200 athletes took part. Results as well as pictures will be printed in next issue of Young Worker.

I wish to become a member of the Young Communist League. Please notify me where and when the next meeting will be held. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ (Mail to Y.C.L., 43 East 125th Street, New York City)



# WORKERS FOOLED AT MURRAY BODY

## Yellow Dog Contract Forced on Workers

**Fellow-Workers:**  
After the Murray Body strike, the bosses of Murray Body decided that it was "dangerous" to tolerate any kind of union-men or union ideas. Many of the most active and militant workers were victimized. Others who got into the factory, got weeded out slowly. The rest of the workers, the company has attempted to muzzle by a yellow dog contract.

**Strike Ended by Bosses' Lie**  
When the strike was still on, and the report brought back by the Negotiations Committee that one of the head foremen, Red Turk, had entered into a "verbal" agreement to permit the workers to go back to work on the old rates; not to put thru any wage cuts; and not to discriminate against the strikers; the Auto Workers Union and the TUEL advised strongly against accepting a verbal agreement. The Union and TUEL proposed instead that the strikers fight for a written agreement.

The Murray Workers accepted the "verbal" agreement. The word of a company official was believed to be good by the workers. As soon as the strikers went back to work—immediately—victimization, firing of militant workers, more wage cuts, etc. The word of a company official was found to be rotten.

**Must Pledge Loyalty to Boss**  
And now—the workers and young workers of Murray Body have got to pledge themselves to be "loyal and true" to Murray Body profits. One must promise not to become a Union member, nor support of belong to a shop committee. And in the meantime, wage cuts proceed merrily. Metal finishers were cut recently. The bosses believe that they have broken the spirit of the Murray workers.

The Murray Body Local of the Auto Workers Union is proceeding to build itself up. Meetings have been called. Noon gate meetings are being held once again. The Youth Section of the A.W.U. is proceeding to call the young strikers together from time to time. The young Murray Body workers will be represented at the Cleveland Trade Union Unity Convention.

A MURRAY WORKER.

# Thompson and Marr Arrested at Buick Meeting in Flint

Flint, Mich.  
Dear Comrades:  
John Marr, organizer of the YCL in Flint, Mich., and Lee Thompson, youth organizer of the Auto Workers Union and a member of the YCL; were arrested Tuesday afternoon, in front of the Buick plant in Flint, Michigan, when they attempted to hold a noon-gate-meeting.

Marr and Thompson distributed the youth section leaflets calling upon the young auto workers to rally to the support of the Auto Workers Conference on August 24th and the T.U.U.C. of August 31st. They also sold copies of the Young Worker in front of the factory.

Their bail was set at \$500 each, and they must have two personal vouchers to insure their presence in court.

Flint, Mich. is a completely company controlled town. General Motors Corp. owns the town—from the mayor to the police commissioner thru the entire police force. The police terror in Flint is such, that no distribution of leaflets is permitted, no meetings allowed, or anything remotely connected with trade unionism permitted.

The arrest of these two comrades will be the starting point in the fight against the black reaction raging in Flint, Mich.

—A Young Auto Worker.

# L. A. Young Makes Big Profits But Pays Little Wages

Dear Comrades:  
In the Michigan Manufacturer and Financial Record, there is a big story about the many millions made in profits by L. A. Young. That, of course, is to be expected.

L. A. Young employs many hundreds of young workers. The wages paid to the young workers would be enough to make a miser ashamed of himself. The young girls work 9 or more hours a day. The wages received by the young workers is no more than 33c an hour.

L. A. Young makes millions in profits every year—but the young workers get miserable wages. This explains the way how the big profits are made.

**Youth Section Auto Union Active**  
It is of utmost importance for the young workers of L. A. Young to be organized. The Youth Sec-

# Young Communist On C.P. Ticket

## Jack Mahoney for City Treasurer in Detroit

The Communist Party of Detroit has put up a slate of candidates for fall city elections. Com. John Schmeiss is the CP's candidate for Mayor. Jack Mahoney, member of the District Bureau of the YCL, is the Party's candidate for city treasurer; Phil Raymond for councilman, and E. Rushton, city clerk.

The Party needs to get over 9,000 signatures before the Party can get on the ballot. The CP is waging its fight in the coming election campaign on 1) struggle against rationalization and its effects (wage cuts, speed-up, layoffs, worsening of conditions, etc.); 2) fight against the war danger; 3) fight for unionization and the right to organize; 4) struggle against police terror, and right of the streets for the CP; 5) social insurance, unemployment insurance; 6) question of women workers, Negro workers, youth workers, and child labor, etc.

**Election Youth Demands**  
The YCL is drawing up its election demands for young workers. These demands will be the social insurance demands of the YCL nationally. These are: 1) 6-hour day—5-day week for young workers 18 years of age and under; 2) Minimum wage for young workers; 3) One month vacation with pay; 4) Two 15-minute rest periods for young workers; 5) No child labor of any kind; 6) Right of young workers 18 and over to vote; 7) Struggle against imperialist war, etc.

The YCL intends to develop its election campaign with special youth methods. Meetings will be organized with Mahoney as a speaker. The League is linking up its work in the factories with the election campaign. The election campaign will be used to recruit new members into the ranks of the YCL.

tion of the Auto Workers Union has distributed leaflets from time to time. But a real campaign of organization will have to be started by the Auto Workers Union. The young workers and especially the girls are pretty much dissatisfied with conditions.

The time has come to fight for better conditions, and to organize the young workers of L. A. Young.

—A Young Worker

# Jewelry Apprentices Starts at \$5 a Week

Dear Comrades:  
Much has been written about existing conditions in every field of industry, but if memory serves right, I have never seen any correspondence depicting the conditions in the jewelry trade.

As a young worker I feel and take the initiative of writing about the jewelry trade, because there are hundreds of errand boys and apprentices who are working for an inadequate salary under the most miserable conditions.

**New Union Organized**  
The jewelry trade, which takes in jewelers, diamond setters, engravers, etc., is now in a chaotic state. The old Jewelry Workers' Union, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, did not do anything to organize the thousands of unorganized workers in the industry. Due to the energy of a few comrades a new union has been organized, the Allied Platinum and Jewelry Workers Union, which has already brought some good results. But the real task of organizing the workers is yet to begin. It is natural therefore, that the qualified workers being unorganized, the apprentices also suffer the consequences.

It takes an average boy from about 2 to 3 years or even more to learn the trade, starting usually with a \$5 a week, working over 50 hours a week. As a matter of fact I am in the trade over two years, starting with \$5 a week and am getting now \$10. It is now the duty of all workers in the jewelry trade to join the A. P. and J. W. U. whereby we will re-establish union conditions in the trade.

Comradely yours,  
Arthur Marson

# Ternstedt Slave Wants Union

## Noon Meeting, Young Worker, Make Hit

Detroit, Mich.  
To the Editor of the Young Worker:  
Dear Friend:  
Several weeks ago, some of your members sold the Young Worker in front of Ternstedt's. They also had a noon meeting, and spoke to us about our conditions, and about organizing a Union of auto workers.

Every word spoken by your members was true. Conditions in Ternstedt's are positively rotten. When I first went to work there, I was started off at 32c an hour. I worked on a punch press. Later on, I was put to work on production and instead of a flat rate of 32c an hour, was put to work on piece work. All we can earn now, after working our heads off, is 35c an hour. I know girls and women who are working here for months and have not worked for more than 35c an hour.

**Speed Up Kill Nerves**  
We must work 11 or 12 hours. And let me tell you, it is simply killing my health, and the health of all the girls. This speed-up is just making our nerves "pop". Work, work, speed, and speed to go! The girls are afraid of what the foreman will say in case they don't make production. And the foreman is always telling us to rush, and rush some more.

We have to work nights. Many of the women and girls work nights here.

This week, the bosses gave an excursion. We had to lay off several days in order to "enjoy" this

# Y. C. L. BULLETIN AT CAMP DENBY

## Young Negro Run Out of C.M.T.C. Camp

Camp Denby, formerly Camp Center, located near Battle Creek, Mich., saw a well planned distribution of the Camp Denby Rebel, a bulletin issued by the Young Communist Nucleus in the Camp.

After a hectic campaign to get an overflow registration for the C.M.T.C.'s in the Michigan Corps area, this campaign failed to materialize. The Camps were about 75 per cent full, and the elements obtained were not young auto workers. In some factories in Flint, Mich., the bosses offered a month's full vacation with pay; but even there the results were negligible and the newspapers had to admit a partial defeat insofar as mobilization of the young workers was concerned.

**Anti-Soviet Propaganda**  
In Camp Denby, this year, there was more anti-Soviet propaganda than ever before. The company streets were named after soldiers who had died or were killed in action in Siberia during the attack on Soviet Russia in 1920. One of the captains of the Polar Bear Expedition was in charge of the work at Camp Denby; and from the very first day a most systematic barrage of lies was directed against the Soviet Union and the communists.

These things were pointed out to the recruits when they first left. The YCL of Detroit issued a leaflet that was distributed when the recruits left. The C.M.T.C. authorities immediately launched an attack on the YCL as a result of this distribution. The leaflet was later on followed up by the bulletin, and the effective distribution made a favorable impression on many of the recruits, and the political contents of the bulletin impressed some of the young worker elements in the Camp.

**Search Tents**  
As soon as the distribution of bulletins was noticed by the officers, they demanded that every one be turned in. Many of the recruits refused to do this, and the "blue" men were ordered out to search the tents.

During the course of the Camp life, a strike took place in Company "E." The C.M.T.C. records demanded better food, and raised a hell of a rumpus, and won their demands partially. Also, at the beginning of the camp, a Negro young worker, who had joined the Camp, came to Camp Denby, and was run out. He was a Negro—and he was not wanted in the "white-man's" camp.

The role and purposes of the C.M.T.C.'s were exposed to the young workers in Camp Denby.

**Excursion**  
It was simply a lay-off that they bluffed up to a "good time" for the workers here.

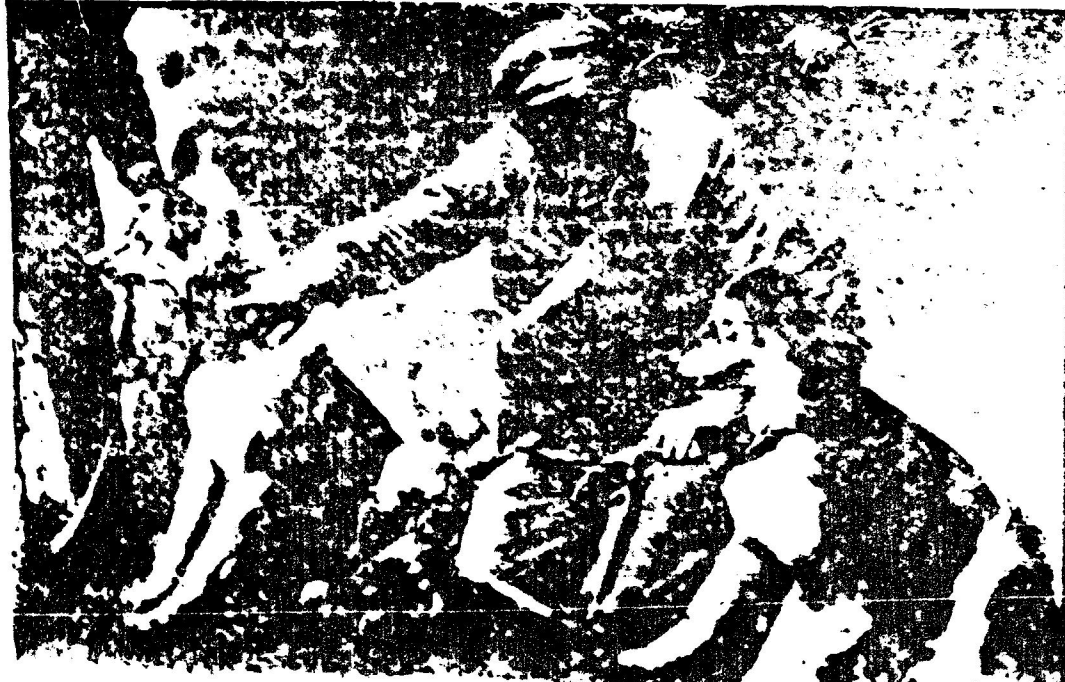
**Accidents Chop-Off Fingers**  
I know of many accidents taking place. About a dozen had taken place in the last few months. Of course, it ain't the bosses' fingers that come off, so what should they worry about.

Your paper can help us a lot. Print this letter, and I will see that many papers are sold in the factory. Help us to organize. We need a union.

Yours for better conditions,  
A Young Worker in Ternstedt's

**Wipe out pacifist illusions.** defeat the reformists who betrayed the proletariat in 1914 and are now active participants in preparations for the new imperialist war!

# Soviets Prepare for Defense



The workers of the Soviet Union are using all possible means to train themselves to defend their fatherland. Even dogs are being trained to help the Red Army combat the attacks of imperialism.



# MILITARISM AND THE T. U. U. C.

By GEORGE PERSHING

As militant labor weds itself into a strong centralized organization, with the approaching Metropolitan Trade Union Conference and the Trade Union Conference in Cleveland, it is necessary to take into consideration the imperialist program of militarization of the youth in the United States, in order to lay a basis for the trade union struggle against militarism.

At no other time in the history of the labor movement has there been such a need for an understanding of the imperialist military program. The use of the National Guard to crush the strikes of organized labor in Gastonia, New Orleans, Elizabethton, etc., the increasing number of young workers in the Citizens' Military Training Camps and Reserve Officers Training Corps, the unemployment problem forcing young workers into the regular Army and Navy; the Boy Scout jamboree in England with its program of glorifying war; the organization of a Senior Boy Scout movement and the provisions being made to hold Citizens' Military Training Camps for girls, points directly to the anti working-class and mercenary nature of imperialist militarism, and make imperative the adoption of strong resolutions against the preparation of the young workers for imperialist cannon-fodder and traitors to their class.

### Compulsory Membership R.O.T.C.

Military Training in the schools and colleges is one of the most damnable forms of militarism imposed on the young worker-student. Nearly half the schools of the country have R.O.T.C. units and attendance is compulsory. The War Department furnishes an officer who acts as "professor of military science and tactics". This officer has direct supervision of all military training in the R. O. T. C. unit and is able to carry on the anti working-class propaganda of the War Department while at the same time to prepare the worker-student as faithful slaves.

Special inducements such as free clothing (uniform), credits in Military Science toward a college degree, summer camps with pay, special sports activity and various "honors", are given by the War Department to the students of more than 224 institutions in this country.

The Citizens Military Training Camps offer a four years training course taken one month each year and have trained more than 125,000 young workers in the use of war machinery. As in the R.O.T.C. the C.M.T.C. is also used to stress the anti-labor program of the imperialists and to develop a hatred for the first Soviet workers republic, in preparation for an attack on the U. S. S. R.

### Anti-Labor Weapon

The National Guard with its present strength of 185,000 distributed thruout the various states with additional forces in the colonies, stands as the minute arm of imperialist aggression and capitalist exploitation. Each summer these forces are trained in the uses

# DIPLOMA DENIED LEAGUE MEMBER IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, CAL. — Max Rosenthal of Los Angeles, a member of the Young Communist League, has been denied his diploma from Roosevelt High School, because of his activity as a member of the League.

The principal of the school, Mr. Thomas H. Eason, clearly admitted that refusal to grant a diploma was only because of the boy's political views and activity, and not because of any delinquency in study.

The International Labor Defense is fighting the case.

of war equipment, especially in the use of the bayonet, hand-grenade, gas, and small arms used in street fighting and in crushing strikes. Here also special efforts are made to inject the anti-working class propaganda of the imperialist government and to make the National Guard into a labor weapon for the boss.

The attitude of labor must be maintained equally towards the standing army and all forms of democratic militia, because both of these forms of military organization represent the armed forces of anti-labor elements. However, the adoption of a uniform attitude does not mean a uniform struggle against militarism must be conducted. The United States is well on the road to becoming an "armed nation" (industrial militarization, military labor must adopt a new technique, on the eve of another imperialist war, against militarism.

### Demands For Soldiers

The new technique in the trade union struggle against the imperialist war machine must involve both Defense, Legal and Economic rights for the workers in uniform. A struggle for the abolition of compulsory residence in barracks, dissolution of standing principal military units, dissolution of state police and other armed forces used against labor. Other demands must be raised, such as:

1. The right to vote and attend political meetings.
2. Increased pay and improved maintenance.
3. The right to organize into soldiers and sailors councils.
4. For the organization of soldiers and sailors councils.
5. The right to elect all officers.
6. The right to leave the service at any time.

When the only workers government, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, is faced on every hand by the guns and armies of the imperialist powers, these demands take on a new meaning to trade union members. When the forces of labor (young workers) are being trained in the R. O. T. C. and National Guard to carry on the struggles of labor for improved conditions (Gastonia, Elizabethton, New Orleans, etc.); when provocations, imperialist and white guard army mobilizations against the U. S. S. R. are screened by fake moves for disarmament, peace treaties and pacts, it is the time for the militant forces of organized labor to act.

# Men Fired—Girls Hired at Firestone

## Work Hard For Low Pay

Akron, Ohio

Dear Comrades:

Something very funny is happening at Firestone these days. The bosses are laying off the men and they are putting young girls in the places of the men at very greatly reduced wages.

### Young Workers Work Faster

But maybe it isn't as funny as it seems. The bosses know that young workers can be trained to work faster than older workers because the young workers are fresher and have more endurance. The bosses also know that they can get young workers at the rubber mills for much lower wages than adult workers. In other words, if they are laying off has a family to it all a question of profits.

The bosses don't care if the man support or not; they don't care if the man has little children who will go hungry if their father is not working. All the bosses know is, that unless they can beat the prices of the other tire manufacturing concerns, who also employ many young workers, they will have to go out of business. Therefore, more speed-up, cuts in wages, hiring young workers, etc.

Some men in Akron are afraid and ashamed to come to Firestone for a job, because they know that they have girls working there who have taken the places of men. So we see that the rubber industry is turning into a youth industry, in which all the workers in it will be young boys and girls. We know what the bosses have done to the adult workers who are unorganized, so we can imagine what they will try to do to the young workers.

### Organization Only Solution

But we young workers have a way of fighting them that is organization. When we young workers are organized then the bosses won't get away with anything they want to. The way to begin is to get all the fighting workers in each department into a department committee, which will elect a shop committee which will direct the work of organizing the whole plant, and which will elect delegates for the T.U.E.L. convention in Cleveland, August 31, a convention which will lay down plans to organize the millions of unorganized workers.

Tireworker.

*"FREQUENTLY representatives of the generation of the saddle-aged and old do not know properly how to approach the youth, who of necessity are compelled to progress towards socialism by other paths, in other forms, and under other circumstances than did their fathers. For that reason we must unconditionally support THE ORGANIZATIONAL INDEPENDENCE of the Youth leagues, not merely because the opportunists are afraid of this independence, but because it is necessary in itself; for without complete independence the Youth will be unable either to train themselves into good socialists, or train themselves for the purpose of carrying socialism further."*

Lenin's "Youth and the Youth"

# LAWLER Y. C. L. ACTIVE

LAWLER, MINN.—The Lawler, Minnesota, Branch of the Young Communist League has been picking up in activity the last few weeks. At the last meeting, Aug. 16, two new members were added, making a membership of 12 to this growing unit. The outfit is having an ambitious program for the near future of popularizing the League to the young workers of this section, and raising funds for the defense for the three-League members who were arrested in Hancock, Mich.

Keep up the work, Lawler, and let's hear more from you later!

# 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 first 6 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. Through 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

# NEEDLE YOUTH FOR T. U. U. C.

The Youth Section of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union has led the struggles of the young needle trades workers against the exploitation system of the bosses and their agents, the A. F. of L. For the first time the slogan was raised of the 6-hour day for young workers, 4 weeks vacation with pay, two 15 minute rest periods during the day, etc.

Despite the police brutality, during the dress and fur strikes the young workers most militantly showed the entire capitalist class plus the A. F. of L., the Socialist Party, the Y. U. C., and the Muste group, that we certainly know that they are fighting for a real Industrial Union. For the first time the Youth Section has led many fur pointers against their miserable conditions, and together with the Industrial Union has succeeded in establishing union conditions in many shops.

Our Youth Section is now taking up the struggles of the youth in the unorganized fields such as white goods, shirts, house dresses, etc. We must wholeheartedly endorse the Trade Union Unity Convention at Cleveland and we feel sure with the establishment of a youth department in the coming Trade Union Center will succeed in rallying the many thousands of young workers for an energetic fight against the bosses.

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We feel sure that the Trade Union Center will not only raise the economic demands of the young workers, but will also raise the political demands of young workers, such as the War Danger and the defense of the Soviet Union.

Down with the bosses, the exploiters of the working class!

Down with the A. F. of L. and the Company unions!

Down with the Socialist Party, the Muste group agents of the bosses!

Long live the Industrial Union!  
Long live the new Trade Union Center!

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

# REPORT OF THE FIFTH NAT'L CONVENTION

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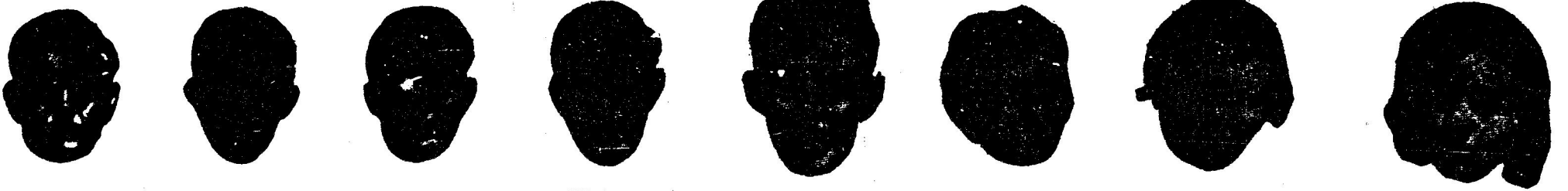
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# WORLD WORKERS MUST PROTEST

## Gastonia Workers Must Go Free

Gastonia, N. C.

Dead Comrades:

I am a young textile striker from Gastonia, N. C. We came out on strike April 1. We were forced to strike on account of rotten conditions in the mill. We worked from 12 to 14 hours a day, and slaved like dogs. We were speeded up until we had to run to keep the bosses from firing us. Because of the new speed-up in the mill, we were doing twice as much work as we ever did before, and yet our wages were cut in half.

The second day of the strike, the International Labor Defense started taking us out of jail, and the Workers International Relief started to feed us. The bosses tried to bar us off the streets, but they didn't have enough force, so the Manville-Jencks Co. sent the mill-owning Governor Max O. Gardner, word that they must have help. Immediately the Governor sent the National Guards to Gastonia to help break the strike. During this time the thugs smashed our relief store and destroyed \$500 worth of food.

On the 7th of June the scabs sent word that if we picketed the mill that evening they would walk out and join the strike. The bosses were in a fury. That day they sent a bunch of thugs to break up our meeting so we couldn't picket the plant. But we strikers ran the thugs off. When the meeting was over we formed our picket line and started for the mill, but the thugs in conjunction with the police, succeeded in breaking our line after heating up about 12 of the strikers.

That night, while strikers were sleeping in the tent colony, the police (some of them drunk) rushed into the colony and started to destroy the tents. Ropes were cut, and the tents came down, and bullets started to fly everywhere. The children and women were mad with fright and were screaming. One of our young leaders, Joe Harrison was shot and wounded, two policemen were wounded and later one of them, Chief of Police Aberheld, who led this murderous raid, died in the hospital from wounds. Now the bosses are attempting to electrocute 16 of the strikers charged with murder.

Comrades, the working class of the entire world must defend these strikers. If we let the bosses send these militant strikers to the electric chair, the workers of the entire world will lose. If we save them, the workers all over the world will win a victory. Collect money for their defense. Agitate among your workmates. Raise your voices high in protest. Textile workers, join the National Textile Workers Union.

ALBERT TOTTEROW

## Gastonia Worker Is Not Scared—Wants More Reds in South

West Gastonia, N.C.

To the Editor:

I take the pleasure in writing you this little note about conditions of the Southern workers. It is about as rotten as it can be. The mill bosses work us from 12 to 14 hours a day and night and we make 22 to 25 cents an-hour for our work. I came out of the Loray mill on strike April 1st and I have had more since I came out on strike than that I had when I worked 60 hours a week. And as for the WIR cutting us off, that is as big a lie as the gassy Gazette could have printed.

I never could get money to marry till the N.T.W.U. came to Gastonia and I wish that Mr. Beal had come to the South ten years ago. As for "Rus-suhian Reds," if the South was filled with them it would be 100 per cent better off. Give my solidarity to all fellow-workers.

W. T. Haden

## "Gastonia Paper Lies" Worker

West Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Fellow Workers:

I was born in 1888, and went to work in the textile mills at the age of 18. I want to tell you a little about the conditions in the South. There were four of my family working in the mill at the time the strike was called. I was just looking for something to better our living conditions when Comrade Fred Beal and other organizers came South. I have seen women and children work in the mill until they would fall on their feet and have to be carried out. I have asked the bosses time and again to raise my wages, and they would tell me if I did not like what I was getting, to get the hell out. They discharged my son because he would not work overtime.

Thanks to the Workers International Relief I have not suffered hunger since I went out on strike. During the time we were working there were whole families who suffered for something to eat. At different times I divided my lunch with workers in the mill.

The mill never helped any of the families here who were in dire need. The inflammatory ads of the mill barons in the Gastonia Gazette against the strikers are nothing but lies and damn lies.

I am writing this to all working-class people of the world. I have a lot to write, but I will not write more this time. Workers, remember the boys who are in jail, for they have suffered very much for you and me.

Yours for solidarity,

J. B. BYERS

## PAY YOUR DAY'S WAGE!

Some time ago the National Executive Committee levied a day's wage assessment on all League members. This assessment was to help build the Young Communist League and the Young Worker. Thus far, very few units and districts have responded to this day's wage campaign. In many instances the unit and district organizations have collected the assessment from various comrades but have failed to remit to National Office. The following list gives you the receipts on this campaign in the National Office to date:

Date	Rec. No.	Received from	Amount
June 28	55	D. Sandler, Philadelphia	\$ 1.75
31	58	J. Murray, Detroit	5.00
July 5	64	Wm. Albertson, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1.00
5	66	D. Sandler, Philadelphia	15.30
8	72	M. Piaturck, Downtown Unit No. 2, NYC.	20.00
9	73	Walter Maki, Iron River, Wis.	21.00
11	76	Al Ross, Detroit, Mich.	4.00
11	82	Katz, Brownsville Unit, N.Y.C.	11.00
12	83	M. Himoff, Harlem Unit, N.Y.C.	7.00
13	87	Central Philadelphia Unit	2.00
15	88	M. Friedman, Bronx	6.50
15	89	Central Philadelphia Unit, Goldberg	6.50
15	92	Jean Brody, Washington, D. C., Unit	15.45
15	93	South Philadelphia Unit	5.00
16	94	Downtown Unit No. 2, N.Y.C.	2.00
16	95	M. Gray, Seattle, Wash., Unit	10.60
16	96	P. Frankfeld, Detroit	8.90
17	99	Lower Bronx Unit, N. Y. C.	4.00
17	100	Viljo Anderson, Astoria, Ore., Unit	7.50
18	106	Olavi Kainu, Kalama, Wash., Unit	12.00
18	107	Lydia Laukkanen, Aberdeen, Wash.	6.75
19	111	Tynie Sibila, Superior, Wis.	21.00
19	112	Brownsville Unit, N.Y.C.	13.75
19	113	S. Mikell, Upper Bronx No. 2	8.50
19	114	East Pittsburgh Unit, Pittsburgh	5.00
19	115	S. Mikell, Upper Bronx No. 2	2.00
20	116	South Philadelphia Unit, Phila.	5.75
20	119	R. Albert, Harlem Unit No. 1, N.Y.C.	2.00
20	120	G. Pershing, District 2	4.50
20	121	Bill Hill, Superior, Wis., Unit	29.75
23	128	Williamsburg Unit, N.Y.C.	12.00
24	133	Lower Bronx Unit, Savitt	5.50
26	139	D. Sandler	4.00
26	140	Bill Hill, Superior, Wis., Unit	10.50
26	141	Upper Bronx No. 2, N.Y.C.	5.00
26	142	M. Himoff, Harlem Unit No. 1	5.00
29	147	Harlem Unit No. 2, N.Y.C.	4.50
29	148	Laino Nordlund, Waukegan, Ill.	6.50
30	155	S. Mikell, Upper Bronx, No. 2	3.50
Aug. 1	162	John Marks, Milwaukee, Wis.	9.00
2	166	Laino Nordlund, Waukegan, Ill.	12.20
3	168	Bill Hill, Superior, Wis.	19.00
3	169	P. Frankfeld, Detroit, Mich.	2.50
5	175	John Kasper, E. Pittsburgh Unit	15.50
6	176	P. Frankfeld, Detroit, Mich.	3.10
7	178	E. G. Mendes, New Bedford, Mass., Unit	1.00
8	183	M. Bross, Milwaukee, Wis.	11.00
8	184	S. Mikell, Upper Bronx No. 2, N.Y.C.	8.00
19	216	Lower Bronx Unit, N.Y.C.	6.00
19	218	Williamsburg Unit, N. Y. C.	4.00
26	232	M. Gray, Seattle, Wash., Unit	7.50
26	237	District T, Downtown Unit	5.00
29	249	J. Little, District 13, San Francisco	13.75
			\$406.80

# FIGHTS BOSSES; FACES CHAIR

## K. O. Byers Tells Story From Gastonia Jail

Gaston County Jail, Gastonia, N. C.

Editor Young Worker:

I am a young striker from the Loray mill local. I have worked in Loray for the past four years. I know about the conditions young workers slaved under in this mill. Several years ago they used to make us work Saturdays until midnight. Everybody kicked but they told us we could quit if we were not satisfied. When we talked about walking out together they told us that they would let us go home at noontime.

**Stretch-Out Doubles Work**  
The stretch-out began in the Loray mill during 1926. Before the stretch-out I used to run 38 cards. We used to clean off once and lay laps twice each night. The cards doffed every two hours. Today, in the Loray mill a card hand runs 38 cards, cleans off twice and lays laps five times each night. The cards doff every 30 minutes.

In 1925, before the stretch-out came, we were getting \$28 per week. In 1926, right on the heels of the stretch-out came a wage-cut, and wages were reduced to \$20 per week. The following year the wages were cut again, this time to \$14.20 per week. This is the wages card hands were getting when we came out on strike in April.

**Arrested After Raid**  
I was active during the strike, most of my work being on the picket line. I went to Lexington, N. C., to help organize a picket line there, and remained several weeks. I returned to Gastonia and was arrested several days later with 70 other active workers following the raid upon the tent colony, June 7th, 1929. Today I am lying in jail awaiting trial. The bosses are trying to railroad us to the electric chair.

By K. O. Byers.

## Plumbers' Helpers Association Grows

Montreal

Dear Comrades:

The Plumbers' Helpers Association has more than doubled its membership during the past three or four weeks. This is the result of our membership campaign which we are carrying thru. It is only about one month since the Young Communist League started to organize the helpers here, and the membership is now well over a hundred.

We have a lively element to work with, and our meetings in turn, are also very lively. We are soon having a picnic, we will soon organize various sports, we are about to start an educational club within the association, etc. All this tends to put more life into our organization.

**A. F. of L. Paid by Bosses**

The helpers are continually receiving talks, and are beginning to see what the A. F. of L. really is, and who the fellows are at the head of it. It was pointed out by most of the speakers that about fifty years ago, the men at the head of the A. F. of L. were honest men, protecting the interests of the workers, but since their officers became highly paid officials, they found it more profitable to receive tips from the bosses every

now and then, and keep quiet about the workers' conditions.

We have an example of this right here in Montreal. The plumbers made a demand for \$1.00 per hour, and a 40 hour week instead of 85c per hour and a 44 hour week as at present. The bosses flatly refused this demand, and the union, an A. F. of L. union, didn't say a word about this defeat, and now the men are working under the same conditions as before. The A. F. of L. is now more than ever showing up its true colors. The helpers are beginning to see all this clearly, and are explaining to their mechanics the role the A. F. of L. is playing, and this way win full support of all plumbers in building and independent union!

A Young Plumber's Helper.

