

# WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS

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## SOCIALIST OFFICIALDOM BECOMES "INTERESTED" IN MILITARISM

By SAM DARCY.

THE New Leader in its current issue carries a leading editorial attacking the campaign which the Young Workers (Communist) League is carrying on against the Citizens' Military Training Camps. The character of the attack and the circumstances under which it is made clearly show the use that the socialist party bureaucrats are making of its machinery against the militant workers even tho it plays into the hands of the bosses.

### Examine Facts.

Let us examine the facts. This year 34,00 young men coming largely either from factories or working class homes have been lured into the camps by the slogans, "Citizens' Military Training Camps, Let's Go! and One Month's Free Vacation!"

### Anti-Union Propaganda.

When they enter the camps they find an entirely different situation from the one pictured in the advertising circulars. There is no vacation for they get four hours and more drill per day which is mighty hard work. The food is generally rotten, and they are fed up on what is known as citizenship talks which are filled with anti-labor and union-hating propaganda. By various devices such as stopping all activities but church services on Sunday they are forced to attend chapel. No suggestion of any democracy is allowed them even to the point of refusing them the right to wear civilian clothes on Saturday and Sunday when they are supposed to be off duty.

### Need to Fight in Camps.

In this situation the league realized that it is useless to merely attack the Citizens' Military Training Camps because these men were already there and raising the slogan, "Boycott the Citizens' Military Training Camps" would do them no good. We therefore evolved a series of demands for the men which they are to use to fight for better conditions in the camps.

### Young Workers' Slogans.

The demands were put up in stickers and circulars and distributed by our comrades in the camps. We print below some examples of these circulars:

### "C. M. T. C. RECRUITS!

"They told us the camps were for a free one-month vacation.

"Do you think that four hours' drill daily is a vacation?

"Demand a maximum of three hours' drill each day!

"The government is supposed to be free from religious influence.

"Why are government funds used to maintain chapels in camp?

"Demand the doing away with religious services!

"The government is supposed to be impartial in labor questions.

"Why do the camp officers lecture against organized labor?

"Are you a worker? Is your father a worker?

"Defend the workers from attack!

"Young Workers League of America."

### "C. M. T. C. RECRUITS..

"They told us that the food would be wonderful in the camps.

"It's not wonderful—except the food the officers get.

"Demand the same quality of food the officers get!

"They told us that the camps are not so strict as the army.

"But they don't allow us to wear civvies on weekends if we want.

"Demand the right to wear civvies on weekends if you want to!

"They told us that camps would be run on a democratic basis.

"Why aren't the recruits allowed voice and vote in running them?

"Organize meetings to take up your grievances and opinions!

"Young Workers League of America."

It was thus that the Young Workers (Communist) League fought for the improvement of the conditions of the young men at the Citizens' Military Training Camps. Some of our comrades were arrested for leading the fight in the camps, but most of those sent in are yet there fighting the military despots.

While we are thus carrying on the struggle on behalf of the youth the New Leader, a so-called friend of the workers, begins to take an interest in the anti-militarist work. How? By attacking the C. M. T. C.? Not the socialist party officialdom! They carry a leading editorial attacking the Young Workers (Communist) League for thus fighting for the interests of Citizens' Military Training recruits.

### Y. P. S. L.—a Social Club.

Their tactics, however, are winning no friends among the working youth and children of workers. The sign of this is, that after all their attempts, they have not succeeded in organizing even a semblance of a socialist youth movement. Their pet child, the young people's socialist league, means nothing to the young workers anywhere. Their role is that of a social club where nothing of a class nature is done. We tried on several occasions to get them to unite with us on an anti-militarist program. But every time that we called the conference or attended conferences called by other organizations, we found the representatives of the socialist party and once

in a while a representative of the Y. P. S. L. refusing to take even the most elementary steps against militarism.

Three years ago at the Bear Mountain conference, the largest of the kind, for example, the socialist party and the young people's socialist league lined up with Y. M. C. A. and the pacifists to defeat the proposal to hold demonstrations against militarism and instead adopted a program to hold hikes and dances jointly.

### Absent in Workers' Struggle.

The young people's socialist league was most conspicuous by its absence in great struggles of the workers where young workers were involved. In the Passaic strike there isn't even an odor of them present, either in the strike or in the building of relief committees. In the Furriers' strike they were absent. In the coal crisis which involves so many thousands of young miners they are absent. And in the struggle against militarism they are absent.

The only time when they appear is when the Communist youth attacks the military camps, and then they join with the militarists to repulse our attack. Instead of fighting to better the condition of the recruits they devote leading editorials to ridiculing any attempt to do so.

Thus it is that the socialists serve the boss class. What does the rank and file of the socialist party think about this? And how about the Y. P. S. L.?

## Boston Truck Party Sunday, August 28th

BOSTON.—A truck party has been arranged by the Young Workers League here to which all are invited. Sports and games are on the order of the day. The affair will be held on Sunday, Aug. 28. Trucks will leave from 36 Causeway St. and 42 Wenonah St., Roxbury, to Idel Wood Lake, Mass.

### Plan Youth Ball in Boston.

BOSTON, Mass.—The Young Workers League of District No. 1 is arranging its fourth annual ball, which will be held October 15, at Scenic Ball Room, corner Berkeley and Warren avenues.

All friendly and sympathetic organizations are kindly asked to withhold from arranging any affairs on that date.

## Waukegan Y. W. L. to Have Dance Next Sat.

WEST ALLIS, Wis., Aug. 25. —The Young Workers' League of West Allis will sponsor an entertainment and dance to be held at the Labor Temple, 5th and National Ave. on Saturday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p. m. Admission will be 35c. for gents and 25c. for ladies.

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