

# Model Youth Congress Votes On Its Bills

## Y.C.L. Gives Support to Declaration of Principles

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MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 5.—

Hundreds of bills dealing with youth problems were ground out of the committees of the Model Youth Congress yesterday. Today they are being voted upon by a joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The first session of the Senate last night ratified the declaration of principles as modified to meet the conditions of 1937. This declaration reaffirms the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It calls for the strengthening of peace movement, condemns fascist brutality in Spain, takes a strong stand for democracy, labor organization, free educational and recreational facilities.

The only group to oppose the declaration of principles was the Young Peoples Socialist League. No substitute declaration was offered. Y.P.S. opposition was offered solely on the grounds of insufficient militancy.

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The statement of the opposition was met by a veritable avalanche of statements of support from the Senators representing numerous trade unions, and religious groups.

Carl Ross, Secretary of Young Communist League, stated simply that the Young Communist League gives its full support to the declaration of principles.

The peace legislation passed by the Congress this afternoon reaffirmed the adherence of the United States to the Kellogg Peace Pact and made a series of provisions to supplement this pact. Governments giving aid to the fascists against legal democratic governments were defined as aggressors. The neutrality bill was amended so as not to apply against nations under attack of aggressor nations.

Resolutions were adopted to ex-

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tend aid to the struggle of the Chinese youth and sympathy to the Spanish people in their fight for democracy.

A resolution for the Congress to support and to be instrumental in achieving unity in the labor movement and to urge the continuance of organizing the mass production industries along industrial lines was unanimously adopted.

Bills were adopted guaranteeing collective bargaining to all groups including WPA workers. A special teachers' and students' Wagner Labor Relations Act was passed.

Labor's right to strike was legalized. Spies and vigilante groups were outlawed. Laws against the possession, use and transportation of tear gas and arms by employers were adopted.

One Harrison-Fletcher-Black bill to provide Federal aid to education was adopted as amended by the American Federation of Teachers and the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

A resolution requested the addition of representatives of the American Federation of Teachers and the Model Youth Congress to President Roosevelt's committee to investigate education.

Other bills called for the inclusion of courses on peace, trade union history, Negro history, and sex in school curricula. A subcommittee was formed to study the whole question of curriculum revision so as to meet the needs of what a teachers' union spokesman called a people's culture.