Anti-Child Labor Amendments Up For Consideration in Congress As Child Slavery Increases

By MAX SHACHTMAN

Among the numerous resolutions which have been introduced in both houses of the Congress, the joint resolution by senator Shortridge of California which proposes an amendment to the constitution of the United States is the most typical. The Shortridge resolution calls for an amendment to the constitution which call of the Farmer-Labor Conference when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the states shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the consti-

The amendment to give the suf-

the child labor amendment does, took

forty-two years to become a part of

the constitution. The first amend-

ment to give womenthe suffrage was

introduced by Senator A. A. Sargent on January 10, 1878 and the final state to ratify it, after it had been

worn almost to death in the congress,

A clinching fact in our argument

have been proposed to the constitu-

tion, only 19 have thus far been adopted. The first 12 were really

since then not a single amendment

of a fundamental nature has been

The same fate awaits the Short-

ridge amendment and the others

The southern states will kill it if

the congress lets it pass thru—quite

an improbability, not to say impossi-bility.

The Young Workers League of

America, together with all other

class-conscious working class ele-

ments in this country, is sick and

fed up on investigations by govern-mental committees and uplift agen-

cies, of fawning pleas by labor to the government's soft heart. We have

ad about enough.

We call upon the working class of this country to join us in an effective

program for the remedying of this

1. The increase of wages of child laborers to 50 per cent. of The increase of wages of

2. Limitation to a maximum

of 3 hours per working day for

children.
3. Punisment by imprison-

ment and confiscation of proper-

4. Free accommodations of

undernourished and sick working

class children in recreation and

vacation homes, etc., the expen-

ses to be paid by a direct tax on

and do not include our ultimate de-

mands which we know cannot be re-

alized so long as capitalism still

of the child of the worker and in their own direct interests. These de-

mands can be accomplished by a

tal, and by the organization of

shall pledge its elected representa-

tives to stand for and fight for these

elementary demands in the legisla-

The time for action has long been here. It is now time to act! We cannot let the lives of working chil-

d'en wait on investigation and con-

stitutional amendments which will be

passed from hand to hand with cyni-

take this matter out of the hands of

politicians and see to it that AC-

(For additional information on the growth of child labor and our

demands, see article in this issue by

U. S. Navy, Frisco District

(Special to "The Young Worker") SAN FRANCISCO.—According to

figures issued by the 12th district

naval headquarters there have been

4123 desertions from the navy in the

past five months. Of these, 1978 are

in explaining the desertions contain.

navy life and insufficient cruising,'

showing that something more allur-

ing than "Join the Navy and See the

World" is necessary for inveigling

the voung workers of this country to

be trained in the art of killing off

their fellow workers in other coun-

tries as soon as another war for pro-

Life in the navy ain't what it is

cracked up to be, as can be seen from

The list of reasons given by officers

"misrepresentation of

4,123 Youngsters Desert

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John Williamson.)

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We ask that labor go along with

These are our immediate demands

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the adult workers'.

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We demand:

which have been introduced!

adopted.

was Kentucky, on January 7, 1920.

tution. The resolution incorporates the following article: "The congress of the United States, distributed have power. concurrent with among 13 of the smallets states, can that of the several states, to limit or prohibit the labor of persons under the next of sightern with the labor of persons under the next of sightern with the next of sighter the age of eighteen years."
After having gone thru two read-

ings in the senate it was referred to the senate judiciary committee.

The fate of the two previous child labor regulations and prohibition laws which were passed by congress and signed by the president is wellknown. The superannuated body of fossils and faithful flunkeys of capitalism known as the the Supreme Court ruled that the laws were un-constitutional and held that the lives of the children of the workers of this country did not weigh an ounce in comparison with the deprivation of profits the law would entail to the exploiters of working children's

flesh and bone. Where does the Young Workers League of America stand on this question?

We know of the indescribable miseries of the exploited children of this country, unequalled in any other part of the world with the possible exception of China. In every part of the country little children, barely out of their teens, slave away so that the profits of capital may be greater and acquired without the troubles which adult and unionized labor usually gives to the bloated swine. Knowing as we do that the capitalists of this country, its real rulers, do not yeld an inch where their profits are concerned, we are certain that no remedial measures for the child slaves will be adopted without a ferocious struggle against them by those who are interested in maintaining things as they are. After the Shorttidge amendment is passed in the Senate and the House of Representatives and receives the president's signature, it will have to have the majority vote of 36 of the 48 state legislatures. And it has been computed that on this basis, approximately one-fifteenth of the population

League Secretary and 37 Others Dead in Johnston City Mine Explosion

By BARNEY MASS. (Special to the "Young Worker"

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill.-Victor Lakotich, secretary of the Johnston City, Ill., branch of the Young Workers League, was among the 38 miners killed in the explosion in the Crerar-Clinch Coal Company mine here today. Ten minutes after the superintendent came up from the mine and annuonced that everything was safe, the explosion occured. Rumor is rife among the miners that the company has been neglecting the regulation precautions agains gas flooding the mines and resulting in the horrors of a mine exploion. The county coroner and Martin Bolt, state director of mines, are already busy on an investigation. This is the second terrible mine disaster in two davs one at Shanktown, Pa., which snuffed out the lives of 49 toilers having come within 24 hours of the Johnston City explosion.

The Young Workers League branch here is holding a specia memorial meeting.

CHICAGO.—The National Exe cutive Committee of the Young Workers League of America has sent the following message of condolence to the Johnston City. Ill., branch on the death of its

"The sad news of our comrade Lakotich's death has just reached us and we wish to express our deepest sorrow. His death is but another of the innumerable red spots in the bloody history of capitalism's mad rush for profits. As a rank and file worker, slaving in the mines at day and working for the sacred ause at night, comrade Lakotich deserves the greatest com

memoration that we can give to his martyrdom. In honor of his death at the hands of capitalism we can do nothing else but pledge our unfailing efforts to the Cause whose coming shall forever abolish the conditions of capitalism which take their daily toll of blood of the working class.

"Honor to the death of our comrade Victor Lakotich! "On with the work for the emancipation of the working class from the horrors and miseries of capitalism!

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, "Martin Abern, Ex. Sec'y.

No Delay in May 30th Convention, Farmer-**Labor Leaders Declare**

CHICAGO.—Farmer and labor po itical opinion all over the country is decidedly against any postponement of the May 30th convention of all progressive labor and farmer organi zations to be held in St. Paul at the of Minnesota, the Federated Farmer-Labor Party, the Committee of 48, and state labor parties of Montana, South Dakota and elsewhere. The proposal for postponement was first voiced by William Mahoney of Minneapolis, one of the leading spirits in he call for the conference which is to initiate a huge nationwide party of the working people of the country. frage to women, a proposition which after a conference held by him with did not attack the property interests political leaders in Washington. of the rulers of this country any-where near to the degree in which

Any attempt at postponement of the convention, which has aroused great enthusiasm everywhere and has the endorsement of influential farmer and labor bodies, was mmediately opposed strongly by the Workers Party of America which is leading the fight for a labor country and has announced its intention to participate in the St. Paul conven-

A meeting of the Working People's Non-Partisan Political League of Hennepin County (Minneapolis and environs) went on record by an overis the history of amendments to the constitution. Of over 2000 which whelming majority against any change in the St. Paul conference part of the constitution, the next three were adopted only by force of arms—after the Civil War—and from the date originally set.

Dilatory action was also protested against by the Denver conference of Farmer-Labor Party of the United States, attended by organizafrom western and southwestern states. The Denver conclave also went on record unanimously as being opposed to the exclusion of any radical workingclass group from the May 30th conference, as was proposed by certain disgruntled elements in the organization. A clean-cut resolution on the United Front of workers and farmers on the politi-

cal field was adopted. In Minneapolis, the home of the proposed conference, which contains many leading figures, practically every leader of the labor movement there declared emphatically against any postponement of the national conference. R. D. Cramer. editor of the official organ of the Minneapolis Trades and Labor Assembly, I. G. Scott, labor member of the board of aldermen, R. S. Wiggin, assistant country attorney. Dan Stevens, secretary of the central labor body, C. A. Hathaway, business represen-tative of the Machinists' District Council and numerous others made unequivocal statements against the postponement, declaring that any such attempt was a serious mistake and amounted to permitting middle-class politicians of the Republican and Democratic parties to dic tate to the class forces for a labor party. "It would be the greatest folly," said C. A. Hathaway, "for the rank and file class movement to gamble its whole future on the prospective future action of political adventurers in the ranks of the capitalist parties. This is precisely what

the postponement means." Joseph Manley, secretary of the Federated Farmer-Labor party, in a us on these demands in the interests statement for that organization, said, "The Federated Farmer-Labor Party believes that the action of the determined stand on the industrial Penver conference constitutes an emfield, in labou's struggle with capiphatic repudiation of middle-class leadership and indicates that the workers and farmers political party workers and farmers political movewhich shall incorporate these de-mands in its platform, and which

Nicolai Lenin, Leader of International Revolution, Is Dead as Workers Mourn

Young Workers League Pledges Itself to Go On With Lenin's Work

CHICAGO.—On the occasion of the death of Nicolai Lenin, the Young Workers League of America sent the following cablegram: Communist Party of Russia, Moscow, Russia.

We will carry on comrade Lenin's revolutionary work.

The Young Workers League of America,

Martin Abern, Exec. Sec'y

The Working Class of the World Stands Bowed in Grief Before the Grave of the Leader of Workers' Revolution

Nicolai Lenin, for seven years premier of the first working class republic in the world, Soviet Russia, and leader of the Communist International, lies dead in Moscow.

Before his body hundreds of thousands of workers and peasants of Russia pass with mournful hearts for their beloved leader. All over the world the workers and peasants feel the great calamity that has befallen them by the loss of their leader. Wherever a proletarian heart

April 10, 1870, the son of a school master of noble blood. He attended all

Second International, Karl Kautsky, and proved him to be nothing else than a perverter and renegade to the principles of revolutionary Marxism, which he professed, "The Infantile Sickness of Left Communism," which pointed out the road for the Communist International to take in the struggle against the semi-anarchists and syndicalists who thought that the program of the Communist International and the teachings of Lenin were not sufficiently radical for them.

Besides these polemical brochures, Lenin had previously written numerous important workers on economics, history and philosophy, which obtained for him a reputation as a keen thinker and analyst and one of the foremost students of Marx in the

When the Kerensky revolution broke out in Russia in 1917, Lenin hurried to his native land with many of the other leaders of the Bolsheviks, and began to prepare for the overthrow of the bourgeois government of Kerensky and for the assumption of power by the workers. This was accomplished on November 7, 1917, when the Bolsheviks took over the power, instituted the dictatorship of the proletariat and proclaimed the Soviet

Lenin was made premier of Rus-

every situation that Russia faced during its stormy career it was found that Lenin's judgment was always the soundest and wisest. On the question of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, on the institution of the New Economic Policy it was Lenin's program that carried the day for the Russian workers.

In 1917, and again in 1918, attempts at assassination were made against Lenin. The last attempt by terrorist, left him in a critical condition. In the past year his condition became worse, and in spite of occasional recuperations, he succumbed on the evening of January 22, 1924, not quite 54 years old.

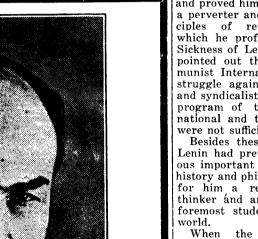
The whole nation is in mourning and huge demonstrations have been held all over the world in honor of the greatest leader of the working class revolution.

The Russian Soviet Republic will probably continue to be ruled for some time by the comrades Rykov, Kamenev and Stalin, who had been ruling the affairs of state during Lenin's illness. Stalin, who is minister of nationalities, is mentioned as the most probably successor to Lenin's position of premiership.

As a small mark of feeling towards 'Ilyitch," the Petrograd Soviet has voted unanimously to change its name to Leningrad.

The working class of the world stands by the grave of Nicolai Lenin with bowed head, in grief at the terrible misfortune which has deprived it of its greatest teacher and leader.

beats, it beats with sorrow for Nicolai Lenin. Vladimir Ilyitch Ulianov (Lenin's real name), was born in Simbirsk, the elementary schools and at a very



ed from the University of

Kazan for revolutionary propaganda,

he went to the University of Peters-

burg, where he studied law and was enabled to form contacts with the

revolutionary movement there. He

gathered around himself a group of

true Marxian revolutionaries and

fought with a trenchant pen against

the groups which did not adhere

strictly to scientific revolutionary

principles. In 1897 the Czar banished

him to Siberia, where he spent the

next three years in studying and

writing. He was released in 1900 and

moved to the center of the Russian

revolutionary movement at that time,

Switzerland, and the other foreign

countries to which the socialists were

forced to retire because of the czar's

persecutions. He rose to a position

of leadership and soon challenged the

power of Plechanoff, who was at that

time the head of the revolutionary

socialist movement. He mercilessly

exposed all the compromisers in the

Russian Social-Democratic Party,

and when he saw that Plechanoff was

departing from the path of Marxism

Because of the differences within

the party, he organized the Bolshevik

section of the Social-Democratic party

of Russia in 1905 and remained it

he attacked him as vigorously and

brilliantly as the others.

NICOLAI LENIN

H. C. L. Still Rides the High Horse early age became interested in the revolutionary movement of Russia. WASHINGTON, D. C.—The high He became acquainted with the works cost of living is being maintained in of Karl Marx, which he studied caremany of the most necessary articles fully. of food used by the workers of this country in the latest retail food in-dex compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The following 19 articles of food showed no decrease of price from the month of November, 1923, to December, 1923: Rib roast, churck roast, plate beef, fresh milk, evaporated milk, cheese, lard, bread, corn meal, rolled oats, corn flakes, wheat cereal. rice, potatoes, baked beans, canned corn canned peas, canned tomatoes and coffee. For the entire year of 1923 the increase of all food prices was 3 per cent; from the last ten years the increase of all articles of food combined was 45 per cent. Proment is ready and able to stand on fits are continuing to pile up as the wages of the workers are being cut.

Just now a campaign is in progress over the entire country to recruit boys into the scout movement and to collect money for the development and functioning of that organization.

Great as is the effort put behind the Boy Scouts of America, but a small number have been fooled into joining. In the city of Chicago with its three to four hundred thousand school children, only 10,000 boys are counted in the ranks. Even this figure can be taken as an exageration; for the leaders of the boy scout movement, tho they may preach "honesty" to the kids, are no George Washington themselves. New York has a poor scout record. Other big cities, also, show a falling-off in the enthusiasm for scout work.

scout movement (Congress has even tv of churches giving moral and "spiritual" as well as financial support to this kindergarten army, success has

Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, joined with former President Harding in commending the boy scout movement about a year ago when a nation-wide campaign was started. In matters of creating future anti-labor forces Gompers can combine with those elements who later stab labor in the back (remember the Dougherty injunction), while when it comes to organizing the youth in the trade unions, this short, fat, toddling monkeyform individual hides himself, and like a hypocritical priest, weeps torrents at the mention of child labor, but does not invoke one ounce of labor's power to

forces in the matter of building up the boy scout movement.

The boy scouts are a class instrument. Behind all the sham that is built up around the Boy Scouts of America, there is a definite antiworking class element in charge of the movement. The boys are taught to obey their masters. This is designed to last thruout their life. They are taught to become meek wage slaves, a detrimental training so far as the union membership is concerned. If that were all, it would not be so bad. But the worst is, the boys are taught to become the active, militant elements in the fight of the bosses against the workers.

Those misguided labor leaders who sanction the boy scouts might not have memory enough to remember that in Massachusetts during the war, the boy and girl scouts (together with the Y. M. C. A.) were used to heat down the wages of the mill workers. Class conscious workers do not

leader until the day of his death. From the outside he carried on a

consistent propaganda in Russia for the revolution of the workers, aided by innumerable silent workers and especially by his devoted wife, Krupskaya. When the war broke out and Joined by revolutionary parties and groups in other lands, conferences were held in Kienthal and Zimmerwald, at which the foundation of the Communist (third) International was It was largely due to the reawaken-

ing of the Marxian revolutionary spirit that the Communist International was formed and rose, and this reawakening can be traced back to the books and pamphlets written by Lenin, translated into numerous languages and read by millions of workers. His "Collapse of the Second International" exposed the inherent weaknesses of that organization and the treason of its leaders; "The State and the Revolution" clearly showed the revolutionary teachings of Marx forget any injury to the working on this question; these were followed these figures, which are compiled only from one district. Wait until we outside of the Young Workers League hear from the others! To take a nand in the scout moveland moveland in the scout moveland

American Young Communists Greet German Red Youth

CHICAGO.—In a message sent to the Young Communist League of Germany, the Young Workers League of America, the communist youth organization of this country, greets the German youth and promises them full the socialist leaders of the entire support in their struggle against reworld traitorously gave up their action and fascism, and hails the working class principles, Lenin and news of the rise and progress of the the Bolsheviks stood out against the communists in Germany in spite of war and denounced it as imperialist. the persecutions and oppression of the reactionary dictator, Hans von Seekt.

The Young Workers League, in its greeting, condemns the suppression of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party of Germany and pledges itself to unite with the progressive labor forces of this country, the Workers Party and the Trade Union Educational League in a combined effort to furnish relief to the starving German masses of workers under the direction of the Friends of Soviet Russia and Workers' Germany.

The letter points out the reactionary character of the relief now being contemplated by various bourgeois organizations and by the Gompers relief committee, whose only purpose is to stave off a working class revolution in Germany.

"We, too, in America, will not

Boy Scout Campaign Failing; Labor Must Act Against Anti-Union Gang By HARRY GANNES

This is significant. With all the government forces behind the boy there is a unanimity among social

During Past Five Months not smiled on the B. S. A.

send this dastardly practice.

The American Legion has seen fit to take a hand in the scout move-

15,000 Child Slaves Used to Harvest for California Growers

(Special to "The Young Worker") SAN FRANCISCO.—Revelations of the miserable conditions of more than 15,000 child slaves employed to harvest the 24 big crops of California were made here in a survey just completed by the state boards of education and health.

The children are taken from school early in the spring and slave away until late in the fall, most of them working with their parents whose wages do not suffice for the maintenance of the family. The harvesters work towards the south until they reach the cotton fields in the Imperial valley, toiling with all their strength, at miserably low wages and under the vilest conditions, conditions that rival those of the tiny mill workers of New

England and the south.

Many of the children are little more than babies and during these migrations they are obliged to live with their parents in wagons or tents, overworking themselves and ruining their health permanently. It is estimated that over 75 per cent of them are permanently retarded to a sixth grade intelligence, bearing it with them to the grave because of the greedy feudal lords of California and their absolute indifference to the welfare of the workers and their children so long as they can squeeze more profits out of the blood and lives of

The state of California is notorious for its readiness to persecute any working class group whose intention ago. The members of the Y. P. S. L. it is to better the conditions of the who still have any revolutionary working class. Not an inch does it feelings in them are becoming dismove, however, towards protecting the gusted with their organization and lives and health of its future citi- are joining up with the Young Workzens who toil in the fields so that Ca- ers League of America as the only lifornia may boast of its fruits and revolutionary youth organization in

Yipsel Remnants Now Join With Young Workers League

MINNEAPOLIS. — At the last meeting of the Minneapolis branch of the dying Young People's Socialist League, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"We, the Young People's Socialist League of North Minneapolis, a revolutionary organization of youth, realizing that the Socialist Party, and its append-age, the Y. P. S. L., no longer represent the principles for which we stood, do hereby recognize the Young Workers League of America as the youth organization that has remained steadfastly true to our ideals of socialism, and

"Therefore we hereby instruct or secretary, (1) to turn over to the Young Workers League of Minneapolis whatever funds remain in our treasury, (2) to order our share in the Labor Lyceum stock - \$10.00 - officially transferred to their account, and (3) to notify all members of former socialist organizations of this action, urging them to join the Young Workers League of this

(Signed) Cecilia T. Guttman. Leo G. Walewitch.

New York Laggeth Not Behind!

A New York Branch of the Y. P. S. L., not to be left behind by their Minneapolis comrades, has passed a motion condemning their officials for not having taken any action towards uniting with the Young Workers League as was expressed in a resolution passed by the branch a short time

Working Class Education

By LOUIS BRAVERMAN

In order to be a militant young worker one must be equipped with a sound Marxian understanding. These masters such as interpreting every statements were expressed by Comrade Lenin in an address to young communists in Moscow.

The fact that modern capitalism is divided into two classes, whose interests are not alike, is self-evident; and young workers must understand their function in the structure of so-

Karl Marx said that the ideas morals and ethics of the ruling class are the ideas of the masses. The ruling class tries its utmost to propagate and popularize these slogans thru the church, press and schools. The secret of their supremacy lies in the ignorance of the great mass of

The capitalist class influences the working class youth in the same degree as the press and church fixes the heads of the adults. When the young worker comes to school, ignorant of the things surrounding him, he is great men of history who builded up modern society; how these great men were born of poor people, educating themselves to such a height of social rand economic rank are not such a height of social rand economic rank are not such as height of social rand economic rank are not such as height of social rand economic rank are not such as height of social rand economic rank are not such as height of social rand economic rank are not such as height of social rand economic rank are not such as height of social rand rank are not such as height of social rand rank are not such as height of social rand rank are not such as height of social rand rank are not such as height of social rand rank are not rank are not such as height of social rand rank are not rank and economic rank, and she proposes that this can be achieved in a simple

The secret key of happiness lies in the following statement: "Early to bed, and rearly to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." The young worker puts this idea into his head, believes it, acts on it. He goes to bed at nine, rises with the alarm clock, works hard and saves all he can from his miserable wage. He may be healthy, he is getting wise, but is surprised to find that the promised wealth is not there.

The boss goes to sleep at midnight, rises at noon and-look at him!

Since he is dissappointed in school or deprived of the "advantage" of schooling, he seeks consolation in the Gospel of Christ, expressed by pothellied and contented sky pilots. Blessed are the poor for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven! shouts the ser-

vant of Christ. that while the poor slave's eyes are see the Knightgowned Klowns. The fixed on the skies, the boss fires him krazy Koo Koos kouldn't kwite konfor not producing!

perhaps more than any of the other agents. These degenerates and pen prostitutes do the dirty work of their day events, such as strikes, trade union movement, and working class 1922: activities, from a master class point of view. They have a firm hold on the mind of the slave by feeding him on cheap novels and bed-time stories. which are digested very easily in the weary mind of the modern worker, who, deprived of all sorts of pleasures, naturally seeks sensations and thrills by reading such trash.

These are the means employed to maintain the supremacy of the exploiters: The dominant thoughts and ideas of the ruling class and its state. But the working class youth is equip-ped with the proletarian method of looking at things and will nevertheless ! counteract these propagators of starvation and human enslavement, and show them up to the great mass of people in their true light.

The capitalist system was not born by accident, but developed from a confronted with a teacher who reads system previous to it. Already workto him from the text book about the ing within the feudal form of so-

> Just as feudalism showed its first signs of decay, the rising capitalists, in order to gain the support of the proletariat which was of course not developed as it is today, issued such phrases as Liberty. Fraternity and Equality, which in the long run meant nothing but liberty, fraternity, and equality to those who owned propertv. When their time came, they broke the backbone of feudalism, as in the great French revolution.

From this we can learn how they came into existence. To make them disappear is the task to perform and we can accomplish that great task by education, organization and agitation!

Australians Give K. K. K. the Razz. SYDNEY, N. S. W .-- The first appearance of the Ku Klux Klan in Sydney—they call themselves the Anglo-Saxon Klan there-was met with boos and jeers from a huge But the funniest thing about this is gathering of people who came out to vince the Australians of their neces-

Child Labor Increases Three Fold

Recent disclosures in the number of these startling figures include only forced to suffer from the moment the children between the ages of 14 and those who made legal application for enter the world from their mother? way from 4.4 per cent in Manchester, N. H., to 307.3 per cent in Waterbury,

A survey of the last six months in

1922 in comparison with a similar period of the previous year shows that and only 6 a decrease in the number of applicants between the above men-

16 applying for work certificates work permits and it is a well known show a tremendous increase in youth fact that many thousands never bother labor. The increase ranges all the with this formula. It is well to note that this includes only those children over 14 years of age and makes no mention of the other child workers.

Further the figures presented do not include "vacation permits," issued for a limited time only. From many out of 27 cities, 21 shows an increase cities it is shown that even these "vacation permits" were issued in larger numbers than heretofore. tioned ages. The following cities all From Paterson, Brooklyn and Philahad a percentage above 100 per cent. delphia the attendance officers have Fall River, Mass., 121.1 per cent all issued statements to the effect that above 1921, Louisville, Ky., 140.4 per cent, Milwaukee, Wis., 123.6 per cent, New Haven, Conn., 110.9 per cent, The great majority of the cities re-

Springfield, Mass, 179.1 per cent, porting such frightful conditions are Waterbury, Conn., 307.3 per cent, located in the textile and manufactur-



AMERICA'S WHITE SLAVES

cester, Mass., 220.8 per cent, Yonkers, N. Y., 109.5 per cent.

show 28 cities with a substantial in-crease and only two with a decrease. not satisfied. They still crave for the over 100 per cent for the first six months in 1923 in comparison with

Bridgeport, Conn., 100 per cent, Hartford, Conn., 155.2 per cent, Louisville, Ky., 351.9 per cent, Manchester, N. H., 402 per cent, Milwaukee, Wis., 309.5 per cent, New Hamen, Conn., 177.5 per cent, Pittsburgh, Pa., 126.7 per cent, Springfield, Mass., 214.7 per cent, Waterbury, Conn., 674.3 per cent.

Revere Passes Lenin Resolution. The Revere. Mass., branch of the Young Workers League passed the following resolution on the death of comrade Lenin:

"The Young Workers League of Revere mourns the loss of our beloved leader comrade Nicolai Lenin. His body is dead but his ideas will ive on forever. We pledge ourselvesto carry on the struggle for which comrade Lenin liver and died."

pealed." The judges decided for the affirmative.

Wilmington, Del., 181.2 per cent, Wor- ing centers of New England. In this section is located the gigantic textile ers, N. Y., 109.5 per cent.

A further comparison will show manufacturing plants which turn out that during the first six months in the great majority of commodities 1923 the increase was still higher, manufactured in this country. Here actually being 674.3 per cent above in "puritanical" New England we find that of the same period for the year previous in Waterbury, Conn. A surbeing ground into profits. The divivey of the first six months in 1923 dends of these textile and manufaccovering 30 leading industrial cities turing companies amount into millions The following cities had a percentage labor power of the youth because of its relative cheapness.

The Young Workers League has been waging a consistent fight for the complete abolition of child labor. We maintain that it is the right of every child to have a chance to develop itself physically and mentally till it reaches a mature age before they enter and give useful service to society. Under the present conditions this chance is they are mature. We must continue our struggle to enforce recognition of dren of the working class. They are our demands.

League Debater Wins in Frisco. SAN FRANCISCO.—Ebe Bassi, a member of the local Young Workers League, carried off the honors for the affirmative side in a debate between high school teams on the subject, "Resolved that the Criminal Syndicalist Law Should be Re-

From all reports in our paper, you can see that the Young Workers League of America is definitely on the advance, both in membership and influence. We have been able to do this because we have put every ounce of our energies and money behind this work. We still have the energy and lots of it—BUT WE HAVE NO MONEY! WE ARE UP AGAINST IT!

We cannot send out literature with energy alone. We cannot publish papers on energy alone. We cannot tour speakers and organizers on energy alone. WE MUST HAVE MONEY-AND WE MUST HAVE IT NOW! We cannot go back to our old condition but we must keep on forg ng ahead with more vigor and effort.

This is a plain statement of the fact. We appeal to you, who are member or who are a sympathizer, to help us now in this moment of need. We are not going to use up any more space. You realize the situation we are up against and you are the one that will help us. WE ARE APPEALING TO OUR YOUNG COMMUNIST ARMY! DO YOUR SHARE!

(Fill out this blank.)

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE SUSTAINING FUND, 1009 N. State Street, Chicago, Ill. Dear Comrades,-Enclosed find my share \$___ towards the league sustaining fund. I am with you in your work! $\mathbf{Address}$

Boy Scout Campaign Failing; By J. WILLIAMSON. Labor Must Act Against The Anti-Union Gang

This rotten cancer of capitalism is

assuming greater and greater pro-

portions as the previous tables show

and nears the two million mark today.

The capitalist government of the

United States refuses to make an

and adopted by Congress were de-

clared unconstitutional by that "privy

council" of American capitalism that

stands and plays the part of watch-

ism. The many liberal and humani-

are making investigations and circu-

duces the causes of this dread cancer,

Alone stands the Communist or-

food and shelter. We propose the fol-

lowing demands and work for their

2. Free provision of the children

Undoubtedly many workers will not

understand the practicability of the

second demand. Being realists the

Young Workers League knows that

hev cannot feed, clothe and shelter

their own offspring. We also know

that any member of society that con-

tributes to the upkeep of that social

system, as the workers certainly do,

are entitled to a proportionate return.

The children are regulated by state

laws when it is in the interest of the

capitalists, such as forcing an ele-

mentary education for a few short

years to make them more efficient

slaves. We maintain that it is the

duty of the state to safeguard the

children of the nation and provide

them with the proper support until

Mr. Union Man?

Out of every thousand boys and

girls who enter the high schools

of this country, five hundred and

sixty one leave before the end of

These young people do not stay at home. They enter the industries of this country and compete

with the adult workers. And they are not alone. These are only the

young workers who attend the

high schools. Innumerable more

than these are the ones who never

enter the high schools but go into

the industries before or after gra-

Altogether they form a mass of

unorganized young workers who

stand ready to resume the places

But they are not like ordinary

They have the psychology of

youth which calls for fair play.

With a little effort on the part of

the workers, they can be organ-

ized into the trades unions of this

The Young Workers League of

America has a program for their

organization. It is in the interest

of organized labor to cooperate

with the league in bringing about

the good result which the adop-

tion of such a program would of-

left vacant by striking workers.

They are potential SCABS.

duation from the public schools.

fourth year.

country.

What Do You Say

Abolition and prohibition of all

are baffled.

circles.

child labor.

by the state.

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who are against capitalist wars. Nor can any intelligent worker overlook the fact that 95 per cent of the train-

ing of the boy scouts is military.
The boy scouts were organized as effort to check this growth. Tho Child Labor Amendments proposed a militarist unit. All scout organizations descend from the group formed by Gen. Baden Powel in England after England's trimming in the Boer Wor. Too much praise has been heaped upon dog of modern American industrialthe boy scouts by army officers the world over to let the leaders of this tarian organizations, which forever organization hide behind the transparent slogan of: "The boy scouts are not a military organization.

lating petitions on behalf of the "poor children," but care nothing Scout leaders are the most conabout abolishing the system that protemptible sort of cutthroats. Most of them belong to the state militia; nearly all of them have army records The A. F. of L. makes similar (which so far as working class infutile pleas, which means nothing, terests are concerned, are worse than because the capitalist state knows too criminal records). well that Gompers stands 100 per cent

Every member of the working class behind the dollar plutocracy that should hinder the development and reigns supreme in Washington, and growth of the scout movement. Those when told to stop and be a good dog, who have children should keep them will lie at their feet and wallow in the dirty mud of politics and graft, which out of this body. Working class children themselves should stay out of it. stinks putrid around government Active propaganda must be taken up against the B. S. A. Not one penny of the measly wages of any worker ganizations and the Young Workers should go to pay for the training of League in particular demanding a future enemies of labor-the Boy ronstructive program. We not only Scouts. Whenever a worker meets a demand the complete abolition of misguided kid, he should persuade child labor but put forth a construchim to get out and to bring others along with him. Trade unions can tive program to support those children who will starve and die if not given help by passing anti-boy scout resolutions as matters of self-interest. All that the scouts give the boys that can in any way (by any trick of the magination) be called good, is more than supplied to the lads by organizations formed with working-class in-

No good to the workers can be expected from the boy scout movement. in strikes the boy scouts will never aid the workers; and they are known certain conditions prevail among the to have aided the bosses. That they adult workers of this country and are in a position to do material that their wages are so small that damage to the trade unions was proved by an investigation by the Illinois Federation of Labor, and this conclusion has never been refuted. Every workers should, not only sabotage the boy scouts, but should deal it a death blow at every opportunity.

Vets "Boo" Coolidge and Mellon at Bonus Rally Held in Chicago

CHICAGO.—Filling the Garrick theatre to the very aisles and lobbies. veterans of the world war laughed and booed the mention of the names of President Coolidge and his financial wizard, the secretary of the treasury Andrew Mellon, at a meeting called by the American Legion to discuss the subject of a bonus for the veterans

Gales of laughter greeted the announcement by C. B. Slemp, the president's secretary, when he said, The president regrets that his stand on this question has been a disappointment to some of his friends.

"Friends! How does he get that vav?" some one shouted, and the audience roared with laughter.

The legionaries were addressed by their ex-national commanders Macnider and Owsley, who attempted to soothe the feelings of the ex-service men by taking a bold stand in favor of the bonus. Every word in favor of the bonus was greeted with applause and cheers by the soldier audi-

No attempt was made by any of the speakers to tell the soldiers why they had been fighting except to hand out the old buncombe about "demo-cracy." The Young Workers League members, however, were on hand with literature and with their special anti-militarist leaflet which was distributed in large quantities and well received by the veterans.

Many of the veterans expressed their interest in the league and questioned the young comrades on the work and activities of the young communist organization, which is well known for its stand in favor of a bonus to be obtained by a direct tax on the incomes of those who profiteered by the millions during and after the war while the veterans were giving their lives and limbs for a false cause.

fer.
Shall the youth be scabs or shall they work together with union labor? What do you say, union man?

The press performs its function sity. America, take notice! With The Leagues

The mas demonstration in New York on International Liebknecht Day was certainly a success from every point of view. Over two thousand workers, young and old, filled the large Central Opera House where comrades Sam Darcy, Samuel Dun and Ben Gitlow addressed them

on the significance of the day. Com-

rade Max Shachtman, editor of the

Young Worker also spoke.

Chicago and Los Angeles Hit It Up. Chicago had a splendid meeting, in spite of the inclement weather, second only to New York. Comrades Bob Minor, Bill Foster, John Edwards, Max Bedacht and Peter Herd held their audience at the highest point of interest as they portrayed the various phases of Liebknecht Day and the situation in Germany today. A novel feature of the meeting was the presentation of several tableaus by the comrades, portraying Capitalism and its many agencies; their blinding effect upon the proletariat and finally the victory of Communism over all such obstacles. Singing and music by the League

band topped the program. Los Angeles had a meeting which erh came and listened to the YWL vity in this country. In Canonsburg cessure any yet held in this country. The YWL has a very successful meeting was held try.

Liebknecht Meetings Big Success. 1 been commended and taken considerable notice of by the Party comrades since their successful meeting, and it is expected that greater cooperation in all activities will be the result.

Gary and Easton.

Earl Browder spoke to a meeting at Gary, Ind., the well known steel town where the 12 hour day reigns supreme. From Easton, Pa., comes the report that a successful meeting was held with a member of the National Hungarian Propaganda Committee as the principal speaker. The local members feel proud of their success which undoubtedly will result in many new members joining the

Philadelphia filled the hall with a crowd of six hundred. Gitlow and a comrade recently arrived from Germany spoke. It is the best Liebknecht meeting ever held in the Quaker

Mining Territory Covered by Kaplan. In the steel center of the world, Pittsburgh, an attendance of 250 was demonstration. recorded. Comrade Kaplan spoke at great length on the German situa- all the branches and units and they tion. The significance of the German | will be contained in the next issue. was unparalleled in the history of the shop councils was dealt with and We can safely say however, that this youth of that city. Over 750 work- their relation to our shop nuclei acti- Liebknocht Day was the most suc-

200 young miners attended. The Junior section gave a play 'The School Struggle' which went across big and one member recited the International in a very dramatic style. Comrade Merrick also spoke at this

meeting. At Daisytown a small mining camp with a population of 2000, the meeting was a great success. The comrades worked hard and had an audience of 350. Comrade Helen Heinonen is very active in this vicinity and acted as chairman. Kaplan was very much impressed with the caliber of the workers in this vicinity. In Monesen, a twin town to Daisytown, the least successful meeting of the group was held. This was due primarily to the fact that the majority of the voung workers, are employed on the night shift of the Tin Rolling mill. This is the basic industry of the town and here we find existing the well known 'Steel Corporation' conditions. Nevertheless the small audience showed much enthusiasm and Kaplan pointed out that such a meeting should not discourage the comrades as this was an international meeting and Monessen was only a very small part of a gigantic world

Reports have not yet come in from

In and Around Cleveland. The Cleveland territory was covered for a period of 11 days by comrade Martin Abern, executive secretary of the League. Besides holding

some fine Liebknecht Day meetings in Cleveland, Dillonvale, East Liver-pool, and Youngstown, membership and committee meetings were held in most of these cities. A complete revision of the work of the leagues was a result of these visits. Cleveland in particular can be expected to resume again its position in the fore front of our active leagues. Already ts quota of Young Workers has been tripled and union work is increasing by rapid strides. The individual members are taking it upon themselves to begin real activity in every phase of our work and it is expected that in a short time Cleveland will have a half a dozen or more functioning shop and school units. The work s being consolidated and the leagues in that section are advancing with sure feet along a carefully chosen

The Dillonvale branch is going strong and there is now a junior branch in East Liverpool where a

Comrade Rebecca Sacherow, of knecht Day.

Detroit Expects to Lead Country Organization work in the Auto-City has gone ahead so fast that the last two months that the older League members threaten to be swamped by the new comers.

There are now five branches with total membership of nearly a hundred and the applications are only peginning to come in.

Branch One, meeting in the famous House of Masses, has opened a permanent headquarters. It is equipped with a pool table, two book cases with books, library tables, reading lamps, boxing gloves and other athletic The Detroit Y. W. L. basket-ball

team, under the captainship of Bradford Wignat, are enrolled in the City Recreation Commission League and regular weekly games will follow Complete uniforms have been furnished the players by the League. The emblem is made up of the letters Y. W. L. in a red star, which is in a red circle. The first girls basketball team is to be organized the week

league branch may soon be counted of Jan. 21st, and report will be made upon. Youngstown, the heart of on their activity in the near future. Ohio steel, has a steel-spined branch The soccer team, organized by the which is flexible enough to allow the Delray branch, will be taken under leagueto enter into communist activ- the supervision of the C. C. and will be strengthened by the addition of new material from the other circles. to the same school in that town. Cleveland, spoke at Martins Ferry John Steigerwald of Branch 3 is exand Yorkville on International Lieb- jected to be placed in charge as

A complete departure from past study class methods is contemplated by the educational committee who will attempt to form a workers' college on a small basis, but with a regular curriculum and capable instructors. The subjects contemplated are English, Public Speaking, Economics, Sociology and Evolution. It is not expected that this will be working before next fall, but a start will be made before spring.

A monster City Central celebration, ball and dance is under way for Paris Commune Day, Sunday March 16th. Something new in the line of a celeoration will be staged with an entertainment that will outrival any put on by any worker's organization before. On Feb. 10th, Branch One will give ts annual Valentine Ball. This year it will be a Leap-Year Special with plenty of novelty to make it interesting. Time: 8 P. M., Sunday night.

Hibbing Will Have School Nucleus

In spite of the difficulties confrontng the Hibbing Young Workers League branch, they are going right ahead with the work. This young product of Minnesota is already talking of nuclei, and though there are not many industrial workers in the branch, there is every chance that in the very near future, a nucleus will be organized of the comrades who go More power to you, comrades, and let your example be followed all over the country!

School Struggle Looms Big Chicago as Centre Point

By NAT KAPLAN

On October 1, 1923, Cook County officials of the state of Illinois decided to submit to the voters of the county, for the November 6th elections, a proposition calling for a tax levy which provided a total of approximately \$7,500,000 for a zoo for wild animals. The main argument presented by the zoo promoters was: "The wonderful educational advantages such a zoo would afford to the school children of Chicago and vicinity.

The county politicians did not mention that land speculators had alleady reaped a harvest of \$500,000 on vacant lot deals in the vicinity of the proposed zoo. It was estimated at the time that these real estate deals would reach a \$1,000,000 proportion if the proposed zoo went thru in the

Schools for Children or Money for Monkeys.

The Chicago Teacher's Federation position, favoring in its stead the fective. proposition of raising the tax on property for the purpose of building new schools, thereby intending to curtail the shortage of about 75,000 school expenses they allow veritable to the Gary System) in Chicago's

At the time the Teacher's Federation voiced their oponion in the following manner: "School buildthe forest preserve—is the crying anything about the fire hazards need of the thousands of school chil- Chicago's public schools. dren of Chicago who, for lack of school buildings, are crowded into by the Daily Worker was visited by portables, basements, cloakrooms and the writer. F. C. Donecker, the prin-other unfit substitutes for school-cipal of the Newberry School, gave rooms, or are attending school only the visitor the general hot air story half a day and spending the other namely, that everything was O. K. half on the streets" (or in part time jobs in the factories or doing industrial home work.)

"The Teacher's Federation congratulates the voters of Chicago upon the opportunity which the board of education has given them to exercise their option to vote either to tax themselves for 20 years for a zoo, a total of \$7,500,000—enough to provide a seat for every lion in Africa in a fitting zoo—or to vote to tax themselves half of that amount now as a step towards providing a seat for every school child in a fitting school." Thus the Chicago teachers made this issue "a money for the children or money for the monkeys'

Chicago Labor Against Monkeys. The Chicago Federation of Labor took a hand in this scrap and wholeheartedly endorsed the stand taken by the Teacher's Federation. The Federation of Labor's decision read in part as follows: "Complete opposition to the expenditure of any public moneys for the establishment of a zoological park until such time as adequate school facilities have been furnished and adequate facilities for the health, safety and comfort of the citizens through the sufficient appropriations of money for the various city departments.'

Even the officials of the board of education were forced to take a stand on this issue. C. M. Moderwell, president of the Chicago board of education sent an open letter to the board members in which he pointed out the following facts:

"I am advised that there are 52,-242 half day pupils, 21,406 pupils in we join the fight 242 half day pupils, 21,406 pupils in rortables and 2,324 rotary pupils. While this makes a total of 75,972, I and against the general rotten consultations are supplied to the supplied of th will not undertake to say that some of the half day pupils are not also in portables. Double schools are in operation where children have to go early and leave school at noon in order to make way for another set of children. You are also familiar with the fact that we have the relay system and the rotary system in certain schools.... This seems to leave open only one way to meet the emergency, and this method is available only in case the people put the seal of their approval on the plan."

Under the revenue section of the school law, passed in 1921 and amended in some particulars in 1923, the Board of Education to submit to laws in the states of Delaware, Misa vote of the people of Chicago the souri, South Dakota and Wyoming. tax for Chicago from three quarters of one per cent to a full one per cent of the assessed valuation of prop-

Battle Won-Nothing Gained.

The battle clouds have now passed over. The November 6th county elections is gone and forgotten. Conditions within Chicago's public schools are still indescribably rotten. The Chicago Board of Education has again resumed its former role as the staunch opponent of the teachers and very well be expected from a class of children. It is now endeavoring, thru legislators who are daily found to various maneouvers, to institute some have been corrupted by unsavory form of the Gary System in Chicago's financial deals with the big industrial

The ruling class of this country can admire itself as an accomplished child-murderer. On the one hand there are over 2,000,000 children grinding away their lives in the mines, mills factories and farms of under the leadership of Miss Mary
Abbe, its president, then stepped indue to the underpaying of the adults. due to the underpaying of the adults, to the political arena. They declared hundreds of thousands of children instant warfare against the zoo pro- are undernourished and physically de-

seats and also the necessity of insti-tuting the Detroit System (a sister school buildings. The Daily Worker in its exposure of the rotten conditions in Chicago's schools is investigating at least 50 of these fire trap buildings. The board of education lowing manner: "... School build-ings near their homes—not a zoo in time and time again refused to do

One of the nfty schools mentioned Upon an investigation the following tacts were found:

There were no fire escapes in the building. (2) There were two stairways both made of wood.

(3) The assembly room was the corridor of the 3rd floor. Ordinary movable chairs are

used during an assembly period. (4) The toilet and a so-called rereation room was in a filty condition, papers and food remains were strewn along the floor. An old rusty cabbage can stood in the corner Many pupils ate their lunch in this

Thus another fire trap school building built in 1858 is allowed to remain intact, thereby dangering the lives of ver 750 children.

On the Front Against the Real

Enemy.
The Young Workers League of America and its Junior Section is not fighting blindly against the fire hazards in Chicago's public schools, or the general rotten conditions existing in those institutions.

We recognize that the public schools of the United States are bourgeois institutions. That the various lessons learned by the child served as a medium of poisoning his mind as to the actual conditions existing in society. The public schools are factories which turn out children with "from office boy to president" psychology, with nationalist and religious dope running ram-

'Down with Capitalist Education."

American Solons Ignore Child Labor

NEW YORK.—The past winter has not been a fruitful one in the field of child labor legislation in the law-making institutions of this country, according to a compilation made by the National Child Labor Committee here.

The only bills of importance which the legislature rave the authority to were passed by state legislatures were proposition to permit the Board of On the other hand, bills were defeated Education to raise the school building in Massachusetts, California, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Kansas, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio and Maine. Some of the bills which were defeated called for such elementary protective measures as a 54 hour week for children.

It seems that our legislators are more interested in protecting the interests of the exploiters of child labor than they are of protecting the lives and health of the children of the working class. Not much more could lords and bankers who control them.

Murders and Rape Inaugurate Gulf Coast Children Terrorist Bulgarian Regime After Worker-Peasant Revolt

(Special Foreign Correspondence of "The Young Worker")

SOFIA.—The cold-blooded murder of Radoslaff Noteff, young editor of the organ of the agrarian youth, is but one of the hundreds committed by the agents of the terroristic dictatorship of M. Zankoff, present premier of Bulgaria, who came into power last year by the assassination of the former premier Stambulinsky and the seizure of the government of Bulgaria with the aid of the combined forces of all the blackest elements in the country.

nave just been made public here, compiled by the foreign committee for the relief of the victims of the white terror in Bulgaria, composed of such well-known public men as W. Aranoff, G. Najdenoff and 9 W. Dodoff. The real terror against the workers and peasants began after the uprising of the workers and pesants caused by the sudden arrest more than 2000 communists and the closing down of all offices a few

Facts of the most revolting nature

At Ferdinand, a city of 6000, 150 prisoners were massacred and the wounded in the hospital were also slaughtered. At Beli-Mel, a nearby city, 33 young men were shot; and at Gaganitza, 42 young men were murdered. The director of the college at Borovan, Costa Petroff was tied to a speeding automobile until his corpse was unrecognizable. After being forced to watch helplessly the rape of his wife, the communist deputy, Tzitsoff, was assassinated in Brego-The well-known deputy Boris

Sotiroff and the lawyers Kosta Petrunoff and A. Maltcheff of Samokoff, were arrested and murdered after their ears, tongues and noses had been cut off

The collection of documents of the relief committee contains no less than 64 headings of this kind. Some of the torutres used against the repels are not paralleled except by the history of medieval times and the Spanish inquisition. In Slavovitza, for instance, the school master was actually cut into little pieces. The aged Markovski, a respected political figure, was poisoned in the hospital

The atrocities have sickened even the socialist supporters of this vile in "investigation" into the reprisals. 'Enough blood has been shed." the meantime, the wretch Zankoff continues with his murderous tactics.

It is well to note that the Zankoff government, in spite of its horrifying record of murder and rape, has found no fault in the eyes of the "civilized" covernments of the world. The United States of America, which rein the public school, if he is not too hungry to learn: if he is sufficiently soviet republic of Russia, maintains, "an eye may be kept on them," and well fed to memorize his lessons, just the best relations with what is today there they are subjected to all sorts the bloodiest rule on the face of the

Little Tin Soldiers Faint

By MORRIS SCHINDLER (Special to "The Young Worker")

fainted and many others felt sick two rooms. under the belt at a lecture in the ing Corps.

fellow, made no attempt to spare his native born. nearers any of the details of militarist life. He spoke in detail on the interesting and highly instructive subof men being blown to pieces and of

be stabbed in the guts by a bayonet. their conditions very much. While the uncritical major was speaking, one of our future tin soldier-heroes, a potential lieutenant, of child labor, and the unspeakably sank down into his seat in a dead faint. Before anyone had a chance and health of these unfortunate kidto revive him, another brave buck dies is not likely to be stopped unfaltered to the door and was just able less American labor as a national to open it and get a breath of air, force decided to make a concerted before he too lapsed into unconscious- and determined effort to put an end.

Roth natients were taken to the officer's desk and as they recuperated he lectured to them on fainting and

It is said that, besides many luncheons and dinners having been missed by the lectured soldier boys, a great number of them are beginning to lose their enthusiasm for the noble art of two in a war hospital.—ED.)

Slave in Canneries 66 Hours at \$4 Wage By CHARLES WITTER (Special to "The Young Worker")

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Little children working from 60 to 72 hours week at the most unbelievable wages in the oyster and shrimp canning communities of Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana, and living under the terrible conditions that always accompany the exploitation of the children of the workers of this country, forms another episode in the black history of child labor in Amerall by telling in this section next isica which is as awful as any yet pictured, according to an investigation recently made for the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor by Viola I. Paradise, special representative of the bureau.

Of the more than 1000 children in studied, those from the ages of 10 to dance with national decisions. 15 showed a percentage of illiteracy which is 600 per cent. greater than the average for the same age group YWL succeeded in having at least five in the rest of the United States, cent. of these children are illiterates. Forty-one per cent. of them did not attend school and 106 children had never been inside a school house in

The cannery work is done under the most miserable conditions. The cold, damp, drafty sheds, where the work is done, are not only discom-fortable for the child workers, but are filled with physical risks other than bodily diseases. The oyster shells are sharp and the shuckers must use a knife, cutting their hands frequently. An acid in the head of the shrimp eats into the hands, making the flesh raw and sore. Many workers can work on shrimp only two days at a time and must then take a few days off to let their hands heal. The shimp "thorn," which protrudes from the head of the shrimp may run into the hand and break off, an accident which often results in serious infections. than three-fifths of the families reported some injury caused by the acid and occasionally serious accidents.

The extremely low wages earned by the parents of the children was explained to be the cause for the widespread use of children as workers in the canneries. The earnings government and they are demanding of two-thirds of the children averaged less than \$5 a week, and more Even the "Mir" (The World) writes, than one-forth earned less than \$2 a week. In answer to inquiries, it was found that 19 of the children had earned less than 50 cents in their best week; 47 had earned less than \$1; and 79 had earned less than \$2.

Of 544 children under 15 years of age 334 were under 14, 1 was 4 years old and another 5 years old. The smaller children are often taken by "an eye may be kept on them," and of physical dangers: being run over by an oyster car in the steam-diffused rooms, falling off the piers or being cut by shells.

The vast majority of the workers When War Horrors Are Told toil from between 9 and 10 nours a day, living in miserable shanties toil from between 9 and 15 hours a day, living in miserable shanties which afford no protection from the elements and which are conducive to the most serious diseases. Some of the families live in one room, most the families an American living these families an American living these families and American living the solution of the boss's wage they might go bankrupt. PITTSBURGH, PA.—Two students of them in the luxurious number

These conditions do not hold true. University of Pittsburgh by a major as in many other child slavery comin the Medical Corps to a group of munities, of the foreign-born workstudents in the Feserve Officer Trainers only, for in this particular sectio nof the country, the overwhelm-The major, being a frank sort of a ing majority of the workers are

Apalachicola is the only place which makes any pretence to union or anization, containing four unions ject of amputations of legs and arms; affiliated to the American Federation of Labor, but they are more or less the strangely small number of men under the control of the wishes of the who live to tell what it feels like to bosses and are unable to improve

No definite stand has ever been taken by any of them on the question wretched exploitation of the lives once and forever, to this horrid use of children for the coining of profits front of the room, laid out on the to the leeches who control the industries of the United States today.

Comrade Paul Kucinic writes from Barackville, W. Va., that he is out to do his best for the youth movement and we can expect to have a league and junior section right in the heart of the reactionary state which is war. (A leg in the socket is worth overrun by Ku Kluxers and American Legionaries.

been drawn up; not a moment of the overseer, submissive and mute like a whipped poodle-dog that dares not bark. One morning the employer had devoured a breakfast more formidable than usual; he had gobbled down

himself on dishes of cod, kilograms of meat and mountains of macaroni. for two hours; when his overseer put him on his feet for the regulation another. walk, this enormous mass of undigested food bore down like a dead weight on his stomach. He went foot. along heavily by the side of his guard, dragging his legs painfully, with his head sadly inclined forward; at a turn of the road he dashed into a group of men and women talking and him with blows. laughing. Sch---- was strutting along in the center, the gayest of all, his coarse and noisy laugh sounded like a flourish of trumpets, while his a dejected steer; but sometimes even the medical specialists corroborated fellow revelers were ready to faint

will box you up like a lunatic, those execution of the contract that had stopped, sat at the command of the had gone hungry for three days?"

Industrial Notes

From New York City comes the news that they have organized their first shop unit (nucleus). It has been established in one of the many milli-nery shops in New York that turn out thousands of hats per year for the epartment store trade. We are sure the New York comrades will not top here but will continue in their efforts to further the work of the National Industrial Committee. In fact we have heard that one girl comrade sells fifty Young Workers in the shop where she works. The New Yo k comrades should not allow this chance to pass by without taking immediate steps to crystallize this

sentiment. Let us hear the experiences of the comrades in their successful work.

In Monessen, Pa., the members have divided their entire territorial branch into school and shop units. sue the advantages of the change.

Minneapolis has good prospects of organizing a nucleus soon, the members only being afraid to take the In the great majority of cases the initial steps. The recent Twin City large cities are making the poorest convention elected a committee to showing. To date no returns on inhandle this work exclusively and bid dustrial registration have been recommunities alone who were them carry on the work in accor-The national convention of the U.

M. W. of A. is now in session and the

of their members from various parts which is 4 per cent. Twenty-five per of the country sent as delegates representing their local unions. This is the kind of union activity to carry on. We must establish ourselves and gain the confidence of the rank and file of the union members. At every union convention we should attempt to be represented and carry on the

militant struggle as well as further he propaganda in favor of organizing the young workers of America.

It is now past the time limit set for all branch industrial registeration to be in the national office. Sorry to say the members have not responded as they should have. While we have received returns from approximately thirty per cent. of our branches, this is a poor showing for Young Communist organization.

large cities are making the poorest ceived from such large industrial ities as New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Bridgeport, Newark, Pitts-burg or Detroit. This must be remedied immediately and the comrades in these cities should see to it that their industrial registration is compiled and forwarded immediately to the natonal office.

On a national scale the industrial work of the League is improving and the comrades are showing that they are realizing more and more the importance of this fundamental activity. To work, comrades, and build a nass organization based on the mil-'ant industrial woung workers.

ON THE JOB

by Worker.

Detroit, Mich. Dear Comrades:

I think it is my duty to write you what experience I have had in the sugar fields in Michigan, for I was out there in 1920 during the industrial crisis. Being out of work for 9 months, I applied for work. Now, they do not take Americans for that kind of work knowing that they will not stick it out; so I told them that we came from Hungary a few years ago and were used to work. So I landed the job for \$23 an acre, never having seen a sugar beet before. They told me that for every family would get they would pay me \$1 and they told me the reasons why they wanted the foreigners was be cause of their big families. They said hat while the father has to work he wife and children could help him

Being a member of the Y. P. S. L. hen, I tried to get as much information as possible. One German family told me that they had not enough money to get back to the city and so and work in the fields. There was Sometimes, in the fields, you would

find a family of three or four living in a small shack and when it happened to rain they would get a shower cate him boys and still they know bath. I have seen places where the farmers clean out their chicken coops and put families in there. When the families come out there, they are usually broke and they are given credit by the beet company; when they get their pay checks they have to repay their debts which leaves them very little to buy the necessities of life. If you want to make a living out

o'clock till sun down, working by the find out who the terrible agitators light of a lantern. Especially at the lining. If the ground is not lined when they are one inch out of the ground the grass will grow that takes the strength away from the beets and also makes it harder for you to work. If you are not fast enough the beet field boss will give it to some one else. Well now, with the pulling it is the hardest of all for the children and also for the men. They start pulling about September 15th and don't get a cent until the last beet is pulled. The children suffer by their being out even when it rains, crawling over the fields and getting rheumatism. For the rest of their lives there is no cure for them. The school teachers obligingly give them a leave of absence for two weeks and sometimes the weather is

Michigan Beet Fields Slavery Told | so bad that by Christmas time they are still pulling beets.

So I say there is no need of investigation. All the farmers know what the children have to suffer. There is only one remedy for this situation and that is the organization of the workers into an industrial union. This can be made possilbe by Young Workers League members going out on the farms and working alongside of them to spread working class propaganda.

There is much more I would like to write but this will be all for this time. Hoping that this letter will lead the Young Workers League into

Your fraternally, LOUIS STEIGERWALD.

Leaguer Fired for Propaganda Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrades:-I was employed by the Nechin Construction and Iron Workers, 3513

Ogden Ave., since last September and was laid off last Saturday because I passed around the weekly Worker and the Young Workers League paper and the smallest children had to go out other magazines and books to the workers around the shop. I was also no way out of it, for the father could trying to get signatures on the donanot earn enough money and the children had to help out. It is a joke to workers. When I was laid off, I think an investigation was necessary asked him what reason he had, and Former Governor Sleeper, I think, he told me that I did not understand could give them all the information my work. I said that this was not that was necessary. The real reason so. I told him that he had given me own father. The father has ofter mentioned among the workers that he had spent plenty of money to edunothing! Mr. Ben Nechin can try his frame-up propaganda and use his excuses, but the real reason for having been fired was that I passed along workers' papers and donations for workers among my shop mates.

Fraternally yours,
Morris Frimet. (Note:-Comrades should see to it that when they distribute our literature it is done with care and discrehere you must start out at four tion so that the boss will not so easily are.—ED.)

> 14 Cents a Day for Cracking Nuts BOSTON.—The Massachusetts state labor inspectors report that children are working in direct contravention of the law in the factory of the Tsivoglou Company, one of the largest nut concerns in Boston. The inspectors found a number of children cracking and picking nuts for the company at the magnificent wages of 14 cents a day. A lovely example of Boston's respectable hypocricy.

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Escaping from the custody of the overseer, after getting him intoxicated, he runs to the house of his torturer. Sch---, jocose and rubicund, his body active and his mind cheerful, was about to seat himself at the table. Terror seized him at seeing Emile Destouches, disheveled, haggard, a pistol tightly grasped in nis hand. "Help!-don't kill me!"

"You coward, you villain, you hog, you glutton! You have tortured me, you have put others to a painful death

belly, he stretched him on the earth. Thinking him dead, he went to the police office and told his story; the commissioner thought him crazy; his overseer arrived out of breath, and learnedly. Sch-, cured of his "I have labored, I have suffered wound, resumed after a few weeks

The sight of his employer happy and in good humor inspired Destouches with a resolution, he pressed through the crowd and threw himself at his feet. He wept, related his griefs, his disgust, implored pity, tureenfuls of fish soup and had gorged begged that he be delivered from his abominable slavery, offered to return the money that he had received; he Emile was crushed, he slept heavily asked only one favor, to be allowed to rest, and no longer digest for

"What does that lunatic want?" said Sch-—, repulsing him with his

The guard seized Emile by the collar, raised him from the earth and dragged him across several fields. Once at their lodgings, he belabored

"That will teach you to trouble th digestion of our employer.' Destouches submitted passively, like cattle become enraged.

that the other might enjoy, I have the course of his exaggerated repasts. them, "would any one believe that this endured everything; at the end of Emile Destouches was shut up in way. His belly must rest, so yours to perform the most necessary physio- jected, lived without will power, al- animal has just been murdering himmust work. Leive your marginal that larger and the most necessary physio- jected, lived without will power, al- animal has just been murdering himmust work. Leive your marginal that larger and the most necessary physio- jected, lived without will power, al- animal has just been murdering himmust work. I give you warning that logical functions. But his keeper was ways digesting, always ill, always self with victuals that would have been beaten. Death of shower-bath and strait-jacket, for the first time you try enjoids again. I committee the first time you try enjoids again. I committee the first time you try enjoids again. I committee the first time you try enjoids again. I committee the first time you try enjoids again. I committee the first time you try enjoids again. I committee the first time you try enjoids again. I committee the first time you try enjoids again. I committee the first time you try enjoids again. been too much for ten peasants who is near at hand. Come! take courage, having sold his appetite. I there is nothing to lose.'

and you would like to kill more still. -you have done your last eating! With a revolver shot full in his

confirmed him in that opinion, which

The Sale of An Apetite

By PAUL LAFARGUE

The next day a solidly built fellow

brought him a letter from Schit announced to him that from that time to the expiration of his contract of servitude, he would live under the surveillance of the bearer of the

"My little fellow," said his keeper brutally, "I am your overseer; no more farces, understand! You no longer belong to yourself, you have sold your appetite and roped in forty-eight employer's factory, he was to digest certificates, the orders from police thousand plunks, now you have to under the eye of an overseer. Over- headquarters, the judge's permission, live and you have no right to kill your- whelmed by the monumental repasts in fact the whole business for chuckself. If you were to take your life, of his employer, he had suspended his ing you into Charenton! And there what would become of our employer? hygienic walks, prescribed by the con- I will take you with a club, like the The dear man, doesn't he need to tract: he passed his days and nights, digest what he eats? There's no other extended at full length, moving only the first time you try suicide again, I commissioned to see to the rigorus trembling, he lay down, rose, walked,

are my words. But don't worry, you Mad with pain and tired of life, he will not grow old at it, I have watched walked along the wharves; the water attracted him, he threw himself into the river. He was fished out and capitalist is, by thunder! His appetaken home, calmed by his cold bath. tite comes as he eats, it's all very fine for him; he isn't the one who gets the indigestions. He crams until the digesting machine that he has bought bursts."

"To die of indigestion! That is my future.'

A new life began. Like the artisans who work at home for their employer, Emile had up to that time lived with a shadow of liberty, but from that day,

precious time he had sold was to be At the break of day he dragged him from his bed and obliged him to take long walks in the fields in order to prepare a morning appetite for the employer. In the afternoon, when filled up to the neck and stretched out on his back, he would have wished to remain motionless, but he was obliged to put himself on the march, in order to promote the current process of digestion and to prepare for his employer a new appetite, fresh and solid.

Emile had his caprices of revolt. "Don't kick, my little fellow," said his overseer at the first sign of insubordination, "you are dealing with too strong a party, you will get hurt like the proletarian imprisoned in his I have in mv portfolio the doctor's

convicts."

from listening. "What boorish gaiety." said one of

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NICOLAI LENIN

The untimely death of our comrade and leader, Nicolai Lenin, comes as the greatest shock that the working class of the world has had for decades. His death is the greatest loss to working class revolutionary leadership since the death of Karl Marx whose most bailliant disciple

As Lenin, the man, he had qualities which were respected and admired universally, but it is as Lenin the revolutionary leader and the work he carried on so steadfastly that we mourn his loss. As the spirit who translated Marxism into Leninism, revolutionary theory into revolutionary action, as the clearest thinker in the international movement his loss is irreparable. Great as was his need to the Russian working class and their revolution, his keen, analytic mind and uncompromising integrity makes his death an even greater loss to the movement for emancipation all over the world.

Lenin's whole life and all his energies and works were devoted to the movement for freeing the working class from the chains of capitalism. It was he who forged the mighty, unconquerable weapon of the Russian workers, the Russian Communist Party. He stood up against all odds for revolution when it was a matter of many years. When the moment came for the workers to strike, it was Lenin who led them in the struggle. As premier of the first workers' republic, he guided the destinies of the nation in the face of attacks from all sides, and brought the Soviet Republic to its present unconquerable power.

And before the revolution, he led the fight against the

traitors who sold out the working class on the eve of the world slaughter. His teachings and ideas led to the concentration of the divided left wing forces in the international working class movement, to the formation of the powerful Communist International which today strikes the fear of the workers in the heart of the masters in every corner of the world. When there was strife and wrangling within the workers' movement in any part of the world, Lenin came forth with judicial council and there was unity. He was wise with the learning of the rising proletariat. He knew capitalism better than its supporters and his Marxist knowledge coupled with his strong revolutionary will enabled him to guide the class conscious workers along the road to power.

Almost to the end he took an active part in the ruling of Russia. In spite of his malady and the assassin's bul-lets in his body, his indomitable energy kept him alive and interested to the last in the Revolution.

Beside him, the puppets of capitalism are miserably insignificant. When his contemporaries, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Lloyd George, MacDonald, Poincare, Millerand, and the host of other representatives of the dying order. are completely forgotten or remembered only by their evil deeds, he will stand out as the spirit of the new day,

as the greatest figure of his time. We mourn the death of comrade Lenin. But his work lives on forever. The he has died his work stands as the glorious commemoration and tribute to his life. The Communist International will continue along the path which he indicated. The working class of the world will follow the lead of those of whom Lenin was a part—and

Could Lenin have a word to say now, he would plead for no memorials. We have only one to give to him: to continue, to carry on where he left off. The road is easier to travel because Lenin was a pathfinder and a prophet. Victory lies nearer because Lenin fought the first battles. Our determination and courage are greater because Lenin

Lenin is dead, but the march of the workers goes for-

Lenin is dead, but the revolution of the workers is the order of the day.

Lenin is dead, but our hearts are firmer and our arms are stronger for the struggle against the enemy.

the spirit of Lenin we pledge ourselves to ward with the work of the international proletarian revolution, the rule of the workers.

LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL! LONG LIVE THE WORLD REVOLUTION OF THE

FOREVER LIVES THE MEMORY AND SPIRIT OF NICOLAI LENIN, LEADER OF THE WORLD REVO-

When a Rebel's Blood Booils

Additional and astounding details to the story printed in the last issue of The Young Worker by a New York correspondent have just come to hand. The stomach-turning story of the horrid exploitation of children in New York which was brought to light by the New York Welfare Commission was not half

told in our earlier correspondence.

Fifteen thousand houses were visited by the investigators and the cases show a state of affairs which would have Simon Legree turn red with shame or green with envy. In some of the families the adults are for varied reasons unable to go out of their homes for work and as a result they take the work home. In such families everyone, from the grandmother to the babes, works. And when we say babes we mean it. Infants of 18 months were found working, doing such jobs as stringing coral so long as they helped increase the family income which is continually hovering about the starvation point. A third of the kiddies are under ten years of age, the rest of them under fourteen and a number of them have not yet reached the age of four. Those who go to school rush home at lunch time, and put in a few hurried minutes at the work which they later continue into the small hours of the night.

A representative of the Brooks Brothers firm admitted at the hearings of the commission that their goods are turned into clothing by just such labor. Another gentleman from the Julius Keyser Company declared that all the delicate fineries of milady are finished in these slave pens; garments which sell for \$49 cost \$2 to make up! Gloves, handkerchiefs, hosiery, toys, dolls, artificial flowers, powder puffs and what not are turned out by these children who live in this horrible state of

Sometimes we are accused of being unnecessarily brutal in our language, of being vicious in our attacks, and hasty in our accusations. But when we are confronted with a situation like this and the numerous similar ones all over this glorious land of the slave, there are no words in the language strong enough. no attack sufficiently expressive and no condemnation powerful enough to give form to our feelings on this matter, to express our disgust and hatred towards this cursed and eternally damned system and its devotees and high priests, its beneficiaries and apologists. All the blood of the masters that has been shed by the uprisings of the oppressed classes all thru the course of history is as nothing to us by the side of the workers' blood and flesh and bone that have been torn and sucked by the vile vampires who ridetheir backs in bloody splendor.

Each day, as another patch is torn from the hideous body of capitalism, our loathing for this despiceable crew increases. We shall not ven this anger by crving to the high heavens. We shall not weep or tear our hair. We shall continue to organize our mighty strength for the day when the last of the dirty gang of our masters is burned beneath the dung heap of their

Our Own Bi-Weekly Horror Story.

SAN FRANCISCO.—General Apollo Levantouyev, former brigade commander in the czar's army is now commander of the mop and broom squad of the Emporium department store.

Join the Young Workers League and OWN THE World!

The Labor Party Can't Wait

The proposal made by William Mahoney that the St. Paul conference to organize a united farmer-labor party of the United States be put over until after the nominating conventions of the Democratic and Republican conventions is detrimental to the best interests of the working masses of this country on the political field.

To delay the convention in order to suit the convenience of old party politicians who do not find themselves in a position to break away from control until after the old party conventions have adopted their candidates and platforms would amount to flinging in the teeth of the workers and farmers all the hopes and confidence they have placed in the May 30th convenion which has as its aim the formation of a national party of labor and farmers, the adoption of a political program and the nomination of candidates for the presidency and the vice-presidency. It means a surrender to the middle-class political spokesmen in the old capitalist parties who are afraid to throw their lot in with the organized producers and still Friends of Soviet Russia and Work hope to make a compromising deal with the controlling forces in the Democratic and Republican parties, the big business and financial men.

The farmer-labor party that must come out of the St. Paul conference should have nothing to do with the political adventurers who hang around the the fringes of the corrupt old parties. It should not make any compromises and deals with middle-class principles and desires, which would delay the development of a distinct class party for some time. united farmer-labor party must come out with a definite class class program, suitable and acceptable to the needs of the huge masses of exploited workers and farmers, not a shillyshally platform of rehashed platitudes.

The detaching of the working masses from the ideology of the old parties is an achievement that would make the new party from the start. The adoption of a class program would insure its integrity and life. And the radical and revolutionary elements that are participating in the new party, and which are the driving force behind its development, will see to it that s class nature is maintained and emphasized.

There must not be any delays in the organization of the farmer-labor party. The farmer-labor party is the crystalliza-tion of the hopes of the oppressed workers and farmers. It is the beginning of the first mass attempt on the political field to better their conditions. While it is not a communist party, we the organized communists of this country, support it and will continue to support it as a progressive step in line with our policies and tactics. An organized farmer-labor group in the legislature of this country will fight against the organization of miltary preparations which are going on full blast in the congress and the state legislatures. The young workers of this country who are the first victims of any imperialist, militarist venture are particularly interested in this phase of the policy of the farmer-labor party. The together with the opposition to child labor will be the particular youth aspects of the party. Besides, this the young workers, as part of the great mass of the workers, have a vital interest in its formation.

Any attempt at the putting off of this imperative step can eceive nothing but opposition from the labor and farmer forces which have been fighting for its accomplishment.

It is our fervent hope that the organized workers and farm ers who stand for a genuine class party will so voice their opinions that Mr. Mahoney, who has been temporarily misled by capitalist politicians, will come to see the correctness of their

The Bloody Toll of Capitalism

Forty workers were killed by an explosion in the Standard Oil Company's Corn Products Refining plant at Pekin, Ill. Nearly 275 miners barely escaped death from a burning nine near New Goshen, Indiana when a trolley wire was short

John Burt was found dead after six hours of fighting fire damp in which 20 miners were overcome in an attempt to escue Burt.

In Johnston City, Ill., 32 workers' corpses lie in the morgue. dead from an explosion which took place in the mine. Six

more are believed to have perished. In Shanktown, Pa., 49 more lives of as many workers are given up to a mysterious gas explosion which occured in the

All these terrible incidents occurred in less than a month. All these disasters were preventable. Not one of these deaths was unavoidable. All that was necessary to prevent them was the rdinary mechanical safety devices and precautions which exist n almost every other country in the world. In Great Britain, where the miners have a strong union control over the industry, only one-third as many miners are killed each year as in United States. Here, however, the infernal greed of the capitalist swine is so fierce that they fight furiously against the nost elementary enforcement of adequate safety measures.

This complete disregard of the lives and health of the workrs is another damning nail in the head of the capitalist system. A social system which is ruled with such a total disregard for the overwhelming mass of its people does not deserve to exist and cannot maintain itself for long in the face of the rising rebelliousness of those whom it crushe

The British Labor Ministry

No sooner did Ramsay MacDonald kiss the hand of King George and declare his fealty to the British Empire, after having been called upon to form a cabinet at the fall of the Baldwin ministry, than he was faced with a critical test of his prime ministerial powers. The Labor Party premier finds simself with a huge railway strike on his hands. And it is vpical of what the Labor Party cabinet will be in the future hat it is not doing anything about the present strike in Great

Britain. MacDonald is setting up a commission or some sort of affair for the postponement of definite action, but he fears to take determined stand. A stand against the strikers would immediately influence a large portion of labor support away from the Party; a stand against the railway lords would get him in bad with the Liberals, by whose votes he was put into office. What is the poor fellow to do?

Nothing better can be expected of the Labor Party regime n England. The ministry has done one good thing in recognizing Soviet Russia and oppointing an ambassador. True enough. But at the same time, MacDonald is a strong advocate of the League of Nations, which is nothing but a mask for the imperialist designs of Great Brittain, and a discussion house where the division of the international spols between her and France takes place. The Labor Party cabinet is made up of the pinkest—and the yellowest—collection of "socialists" that ever active work is a serious blow to the ruled in the name of the workers. We have Lords and Admi- movement in Spain, which is now unials and Generals and Colonels and all sorts of respectable persons in it and there need be no fear on anyone's part that the Labor Party government will do anything radically diffe-

ent from those that have gone before it. Neverthelss, the advent of the Labor Party to power is a step forward which American labor might well emulate. It gives the left wing forces within the British labor movement an opportunity to prove conclusively that the socialists have no real solution for the ills of the working class and that the only road towards emancipation lies thru a proletarian revolution by the working class itself. The communists are gaining in influence every day and the leaders are more and more obliged to turn their attentions to the "red menace" which will soon threaten seriously their power.

In the United States, there is not yet a labor party of natio nal character that has anywhere near the strength of its Bri tish cousin. All the more reason for the workers of America forming one, which will thus give them a chance to express themselves definitely on the political field and once and forever divorce them from the similar chains of the Democratic and Republican parties. In such a Labor Party, which must be a united front organization of all producers' political and economic units in this country, it is the duty of the communists in the Workers Party and the Young Workers League to propagate continually for the revolutionary principles for which we stand and fight.

The labor party which will be formed in this country must not be permitted to degenerate into the conglomeration of liberals, labor bureaucrats, guild socialists, dilletantes and the general pot pourri which today composes the British Labor Party, and it is our duty to see that it doesn't.

"Without a quiver, a member of the capitalistic group will run tens of thousands of pitiful child laborers through his lifedestroying cotton factories, and weep maudlin and constitutional tears over one scab hit in the back with a brick. He will drive a compulsory free contract with an unorganized laborer on the basis of a starvation wags, saying, 'Take it or leave it, knowing that to leave it means to die of hunger and the next breath, when the organizer entices that laborer into a union, will storm patriotically about the inalienable right of all men to work.

JUNIOR NEWS

The junior members of the Young Workers League are today conducting a campaign for the relief of the starving children in Germany. Each junior group should elect a commit tee of the children for this purpose The children's relief committee can work out plans for the collecting of money at all workers' meetings, at parent's evening affairs, at dramatic performances, at special affairs ar

ranged by the juniors, etc.

The junior groups should be represented in the local conferences of the ers Germany so that they can work in close cooperation with and under the guidance of that body.

Fire Trap Schools.

The Daily Worker is conducting a campaign of exposing all the fire trap schools in Chicago. The juniors groups thruout the country should get into this campaign. This can be done very easily. See to it that all the public schools attended by the members of your junior group has at least one young comrade investigating the fire hazards in that particular school. Send in your reports to the National Junior Section. The expose of the fire hazards and the general rotten conditions in the public schools of this land should be coupled with an expose of the nationalist and religious dope peddled by our capitalist institutions of learning.

Have You a Little Text Book in Your Home?

Junior leaders are requested to push the book collection drive being conducted by the Young Communist International. Surely the members of your group have some old school text books at home, such as histories and readers used by children between 10 and 14 years of age, which are not in use. Send them in at once to the National Junior Section.

The United Front of Parents and Offsprings.

The junior section is conducting a campaign to get the support of the parents for the junior groups. Each group has been requested to call a conference of the parents of the junior members. At these meetings, the children can arrange little programs, small plays, recitations, speeches by the Juniors, etc. The life and work of the children in the junior groups should be discussed at these meetings and acted upon in an advisory capacity by the parents. The conferences should not be coordinated on a city scale. They should not maintain dictatorial powers over the junior groups.

How Is the Fight in the School Being Conducted?

The outstanding feature of the junior groups is that they are real, ive organizations of struggle. Every time that your is ior group does something in the public schools, whether it is the duestioning of the teachers, the individual agitation of the juniors, the investigation of rot ten conditions, school nuclei activities, etc., it should be written down in detail and sent in to the national office. These incidents make live. snappy news for Young Com-

Spanish Reaction Sentences 5 Leading Young Communists

(Special Foreign Correspondence

of "The Young Worker") MADRID.—The trial of the five eading members of the executive committee of the Young Communist League of Spain, accused of sedition has just ended here with their being sentenced to a vear of hard labor. They had published a manifesto

in June 1922, against the imperialist adventure of Spain which had volved it in a war with Morocco. For this the five comrades were arrested and accused of a seditious act. The public prosecutor recommended a sentence of four years of hard labor The councel of the defendants, how ever, argued that the manifesto had not been addressed to the army and rould not therefore be seditious. Seeing the logic of this argument, the council of war dropped this charge, but sentenced the five young communists to one year of hard labor on the charge of insulting the army, although this charge was not included

by the prosecutor. The removal of the comrades from active work is a serious blow to the dergoing fearsome persecution at the hands of the fascist government of Primo de Rivera.

Reactionaries Propose Aid to Boy Scouts in "Americanizing" Youth (Federated Press.)

JOS ANGELES. - Not satisfied with the regular work of the schools in Americanizing the youth of this ity. 3.500 "representative" citizens' of Los Angeles have organized for this purpose particularly, according to public announcement of the Thirtyfive Hundred club. A fund of \$35,000 is to be raised by a membership fee of \$10 annually. Most of the fund is already raised, it is reported.

The club proposes to aid Boy Scout and kindred organizations. There is crying need for this, according to club spokesmen. It has been estimated that there are 68.000 boys in Los Angeles and the 3.500 representative ritizens will reach all of them "either directly or indirectly" with an "understanding of American principles and ideals."

"PUCHINA"

is the name of a Russian drama in 4 acts by Ostrowsky, which will be presented by the Russian Worker's and Peasants Theatre Sunday, Feb. 10th, at 7:30 P. M., at the Soviet School, 1902 W. Division St. Arranged by the Society for Technical Aid to Soviet Russia.

IMPROPAGANDA

A policeman, married seventeen years to two women, is in

jail. A railroad man it was also revealed, having two wives for twenty four years is now dead.

-Two good arguments against dual unionism. For Walt Carmon, Impropagardist:-To Y. W. L. Branches.

Try this at your branch meetings to the tune of the popular war-time song, "Homeward Bound." We are sure it will make good impropaganda for the bosses:

Soviet-bound! Around the world that welcome sound That will set the bosses quaking.

It is the sound of workers waking It may seem far away

But we will live to see the day-The day when worke s-farmers in every land

Are the ones to issue every command! We are Soviet-bound!

That's the slogan we'll rally around!

-I. D.

But, comrades, you can't be Soviet-bound without something to read on the way—. Did you send in your subscription to THE YOUNG WORKER?

Sure! We have often headed there! Have you noticed that were the Y. M. C. A. and Y. M. H. A.

only have Club-houses-the meeting places of the Y. W. L. are called HEADquarters? SMAXICO OF NEW YORK.

Oh! We are sure you are a dirt farmer!
"Coolidge Message Asks Aid for Farmer."—Headline. What better aid for the farmer than Coolidge's message? Isn't that what they use for the soil? P. S.—If the above is not bull, excuse my ignorance, I am

A DIRT FARMER.

A party pest J. P. Grine If there 's a job He'll sure decline.

Bourgeois Tragedies.

It was a tragedy. The great financier, ruddy faced and prave, shook with emotion, while his wife made no effort to stiffle her sobs. Over in the corner Mary, a beautiful girl bit her lips with vexation. Little Johnnie, too young to realize the enormity of the misfortune befallen his family was looking on in bewilderment that contrasted strangely with the abandonment of grief on the other faces. There were all the evidence of misery common to novels except one fainting away-and the maid was doing that in the kitchen.

The grandmother entered with the slow dignity of impeccable

generations behind her. She stopped in consternation "What is the matter?"

With an effort her son mastered his vioce. "We-wesomebody has lost a tile of the Mah Jong set!" "My God!" said the grandmother, as she sank into a chair.

Ford sent a peace ship: it was a flivver. Ford campaigned against the jews: it was a flivver. Ford tried for the presilency of the country: it was a flivver.

From the Chicago Daily News: "Rebel Cavalry are said to nave cut General Ogregon's communications. Class, do you realize the seriousness of this news? A general with his communications cut is almost as badly off as a column conductor deprived of his mail."

Leaving the woes of the column conductor aside for the moment, think of what the consequences would be if the general's rear had been cut off?

-Clipke Poor.

"The wave of immorality which is menacing the integrity even of our boys and girls of tender years has an origin that is easily traced. It dates from that time when the dark and sinister shadow of Darwinism first fell across the fair fields of human life. "Monkey men make monkey morals."—Dr. John Roach Stratton.

But why make monkeys of others Doc?-You prove Darwin was right by aping Bryan!

They say hootch is better tasting! Commissioner Estill of the Salvation Army in New York,

speaking on increase in popularity (?) of the bible says: 'When you see a bulge on a man's hip do not jump to conclusions; it is as likely to be a bible as a flask."

What matters if one guesses wrong? Won't both of them

THE MARXIAN.

Is it Impropaganda?—Send it in!

equally muddle your brain?

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