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LONG TRAIL NOW WINDS FOR CHILD LABOR MEASURE

By CHARLES WITTER (Special to "The Young Worker")

WASHINGTON.—By a vote of 297 to 69, the house of representatives adopted the Israel Foster amendment to the constitution giving Congress the power to limit, regulate or prohibit the labor of children under the age

This vote has created great jubilance among the organizations which have lobbying for the amendment, and it points to a victory—of sorts. What is overlooked is the fact that this amendment itself does not limit, prohibit or regulate child labor, but only gives Congress the power to do so. What is also overlooked is that the process of getting the senate to adopt the amendment, of getting the president to sign it and of getting three quarters of the states to ratify it will take years to accomplish. Also, that there are great probabilities that even with more years of work, the amendment will not be ratified by a sufficient number of states to insure its becoming a part of the grand and glorious Constitution of the United

Opposition From South Opposition to the passage of the amendment came almost exclusively from southern congressmen, representing states which depend on child labor to a great extent for the working of their industries and agricul-Amnog those who made themselves infamous by opposition to this weak amendment were Mr. Pou, North Carolina, Mr. Tydings of Maryland, Mr. Tucker of Virginia, Mr. Gar-ret of Tennessee and Mr. Graham of movement was announced here by Pennsylvania, all of them from states which are notorious for their heart-less exploitation of little tots in is in accordance with an "Imperial mines, tobacco and cotton fields and the like. They veiled their opposition to this vicious exploitation by appeals that the rights of the separate states wiuld be infringed by the empowering o fthe federal government to legislate and enforce decisions against child labor.

Other Side Not Much Better should not be thought, however, that the supporters of the constitutional amendment, were much better in their "fight" for the measure. All sorts of excuses were given for their advocacy of the proposition, the main one being that the amendment gave the federal government only power to limit, prohibit and regulate child labor, but that it probably would not be used very strongly.

Implicit in all their arguments was the acnowledgment, for example, that guided enough to enter this labor-hatthe Supreme Court of Degenerated Fossils had the power and right to rule the two previous federal laws and crook, Clarke, former big gun in unconstitutional, alho there is not a the Ku Klux Klan, or from the line in our glorious constitution giving actions of the Ku Klux Klan in varithem the right to pass on the constitutionality of anything. And there they lynch and beat up anyone that isn't anyone in either house of con- doesn't happen to suit the particular gress today, from Senator Lodge, fancy of the local chief cuckoo, is not hidebound republican to Congressman yet known. Victor Berger, veller socialist, who decision of an alleged sovereign body like Congress.

And In the Meantime never reach, the number of child um of the Junior Ku Klux Klan of slaves continues to grow day by day.

YOUNG COMMUNIST IN . **PUBLISHING HOUSE TO BE** RUN IN SWEDEN-OR HERE

(Special to "The Young Worker")

STOCKHOLM, Sweden.-The Publishing House of the Young Communist International, which was recently banned from Germany by orders of the dictator, General van Seckt, is now being established in this country, and the work of issuing the various publications previously printed by the house Is now well under way.

This new arrangement may, how ever, be changed in the near future and the entire establishment transferred to the United States... Possibilities of printing a number of pamphlets and books in the United States in the next few months are now being considered by the management of the house, which is the official printing establishment of the Young Communist Interna-

tional. It is considered that the printing of the English publications in this country will make possible a greater circulation of literature, since America is the largest consumer of the books and pamphlets issued by the Publishing House.

JUNIOR KU KOOS TO FIGHT YOUNG REDS, KLANIDEA

CHICAGO.—The organization or a unior Ku Klux Klan for the purpose Charles G. Palmer, Grand Pooh-Bah of Decree" in which the "Imperial Wiz-Junior Ku Klux Klan with Paul A. Poock of Atlanta, Go., as national director.

To Fight Reds. The Junior cuckoos will take in youths between the ages of 12 and S and its avowed purpose is, as the Illinois Fiery Cross, official nightgown organ, states, "to counteract through a national organization the Red propaganda conducted throughout the

United States." The Grand Whangdoodle of Illinois. Palmer, states that the juniors are entitled to "The inspiration and strengthening influence that comes thru affiliation with such a loyal and patriotic organization as the Klan." Whether the youngsters who are mis-

The junior Reds of the Young has the nerve to challenge the right Workers League are waiting anxiousof the Supreme Court to override a ly for any development of this inspirational and strengthening organization and are tickled to death to think of the counteracting of their While the amendment is now on propaganda which may be accomits road for more votes, signatures, plished by the morons who are to ratifications, the end of which it will direct the Kowardly, Krazy Kloncili-

CANADIAN YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE SHOWS 100 PCT. INCREASE; CONVENTION LAYS BASIS FOR COMING ACTIVITY

By LESLIE MORRIS

Secretary, Young Communist League of Canada

The second national convention of six hundred during the course of the the Young Communist League of Can-year, in addition to the thousand ers. While the gazers-on were thrillada took place in Toronto on April children that have been connected with the League junior section. The 22nd. Delegates were present from National Executive Committee looked ing nickles and dimes for the veterans most cherished inheritors of Amerithe Case for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored almost every branch of the League, upon the second convention as being but owing to the fact that the branches themselves were unable to finance their own delegates, many policy dealing with every phase of credentials were given to the dele- our work. gates to the Party convention held the three days preceeding. In spite of this, however, the affair marked a deavor to engage in the economic batdistinct departure from the convention of last year when the League a working policy calculated to bring up and will form the basis for a camthe League membership into close touch with the masses of the youth

of Canada. The first convention of the League accomplished the task of laying down the next year, and a consistent camthe basis of a league. The work durpaign carried on that will draw to the basis of a league. The work during the past year has been primarily of a crystallizing nature, and we may youth that exist on this side of the border. The first convention did not take up in detail the tests of the border. The first convention did not take up in detail the tests of the border. The first convention did not take up in detail the tests of the worth labor here. say that we have succeeded in gathering into our ranks the revolutionary condition of Canadian capitalism deyouth that exist on this side of the League, altho during the year the national executive committee has carthrown in on the side of the exploited try. The young miners are coming inried on campaigns and issued instructional bearing with the state of t recent decisions of the oung Communist International. The report of wherever possible, and in co-operation
want more and more of the mining other articles and stories on the conmunist International. The report of wherever possible, and in co-operation
where we have a conmunitation of the mining of the min bership has increased from three to

Economic Struggle

The League in the future will en tle of the youth for better conditions. A set of demands that express the was formed, insofar as it laid down needs of the youth have been drawn paign in the trade unions and in the Canadian Labor Party. The Trade Union Congress of Canada will also be approached by the League during part of the next issue of our paper is going to be printed and circulated struggle in this and other countries: the attention of the unions to the deplorable condition of the proletarian youth of this country. The economic

(Continued on Page 2).

OF CHILDREN IN N. Y. TENEMENTS By JOSEPH NARBRICK (Special to "The Young Worker")

REVEAL SLAVERY

NEW YORK CITY.-The complete eport and recommendations of the state industrial commissioner. Bernard L. Shientag, on children's work in New York tenemant houses, just made public here, reveals the most horrible conditions prevailing among these children who are forced to slave away in their homes from their very earliest days.

Repeated violations of the child welfare and factory laws were found in many of the cases investigated, largely as a result of the arbitrary cutting down of the force of inspectors who are supposed to look after the enforcement of these laws.

All Kinds of Work Done Over 2000 families were investigated, most of whom live directly in New York City. Three quarters of the child home workres were found to be slaving away in old law tenements in which congestion, overcrowding and general unsanity were found to be very great. Many of them worked in tenements which had no license, al tho the law provides for one. All kinds of work was-and is beingdone by the children, a compilation showing that more than 60 different kinds of articles were manufactured by them.

The report admits that the wages were exceedingly low and the hours meant working into long hours of the night, clear cases of sweated labor being found everywhere.
2 and 3 Years Olds Toil!

Altho the majority of the tenement louse slaves are between 5 and 16 years of age, exceptional cases were found in which babies of 2 and 3 years of age were doing work, stringing beads or some other simple job. More than a third of the children were 10 years old or less and they would come running home from school, into the house, and immediately get busy on their work, slaving away until the late hours of the night, sewing gloves or some silk finery for the enhancement of the beauty of some rich and aristocratic dame.

Most of the work done was on men's clothing, flowers, feathers, beads, embroidery, silk and the like, the children receiving unbelievably low wages for their long hours of toil. Is the State Impotent?

amount of illegal child labor in the tenement houses so long as the pre-sent system of licening homework continues and that no staff of inspectors, however large, can adequately cope with the problem. This is a ing gang will receive their inspiration from the actions of the white-slaver to cope with a situation which is demost amazing admission of impotence grading the children of the working their birth.

The reason for the great employment of children at home is given in the results are simply staggering. another report which shows that the family budget of numerous families s too small to meet a most meager that the city Board of Child Welfare keep thousands of families from actual starvation.

In the meantime the newspapers the children carry accounts of the willingness of J. P. Morgan, of New York City, to

The government appropriation for nutrition. the veterans having been used up in ing his life here climbing skyscrap-

rans passed around with hats collecters and Fourth of July orators, the to Elisha Scott, attorney who handled home at Sawtelle, California. Several ca's greatness. hundred dollars were thus collected. According to the Los Angeles Examiner, "the crowd got its worth in thrills.

Mars, bring on the next war for

FREE 3 ITALIAN YOUNG COMMUNISTS IN TRIAL; 5 STILL KEPT IN COOP

CHICAGO, ILL., MAY 15, 1924

(Special Foreign Correspondent of

"The Young Worker") ROME.—The trial against the 30 comrades of the Young Communist League and Communist Party of Italy, directly indicted by the high, grand mogul of Castor Oil, Mussolini, has partly ended with the release of 3 comrades, D'Onofrio, Berti and Introna. D'Onofrio has been in another anti-militarist trial since 1920 because of his agitation in the soldiers' barracks of Rome. Berti has been a member of the executive committee of the Young Communist League since Its foundation and Introna is a typical young revolutionary representative of the peasant youth of Southern Italy.

These three comrades had been arrested together with 27 others, comprising almost the entire delegation from Italy to the 4th congress of the Communist Interna-The charges were based tional. mainly on the anti-military propaganda which had been carried on with great success and under the greatest difficultise. The defendants, however, refused to budge an inch from their revolutionary posi tion and instead stated and reafirmed their communist stand without quible or evasion.

The trial has made a great impression on the wide masses of the working class and has given the communists another opportunity to state their ideas to the work-

Comrade Longo, Cassitta, Telo, Guermandi and Maggioni, all members of the executive committee of the league, are still being held in the Fascisti jail, havnig been confined since last May.

This is how Faseism tries to sup-

press the revolutionary workers.

NEW YORK CITY .- The free coun try, the land of plenty which the Ital-The report makes the statement that there will always be a certain that there will always be a certain they now know to be the country ian immigrants came here to find, where their children are continually on the verge of starvation, mostly undernourished and suffering, as a consequence, of all sorts of terrible diseases.

This fact has now been made clear the Association for Improving house section to the level of coolie tion of the well-known Dr. L. C. slaves practically from the moment of Schroeder, among the Italians in the Mulberry district of this city. Over 4,000 boys and girls were studied and

One-Third Are Undernourished. Of the total examined, it was found that over one-third of them were in standard of living. Even after the an undernourished condition. This children are drawn into some kind of same percentage holds true of chilwork, the income is so insufficient dren two and three years old? As a result of this state of underfeeding makes up from between 45 to 50 per among the Italian children up to the cent of the family income in order to age of 10, which is as far as the investigations went, it has been found that numerous diseases exist among

Children Suffer Many Diseases. A conservative estimate, based advance one hundred million dollars mostly on X-ray diagnosis, showed towards the American loan to Ger- that 50 per cent of the babies in the

district developmarked cases of rickets. Other children showed serious PAGE THE WAR FOR DEMOCRACY nose and throat defects. Protuberant LOS ANGELES .- "Shipwreck" Kel- abdomens, palpable spleen and other ly, a world war veteran, has found a abnormalities were found in every way to help his fellow war veterans. sixth child, all proving a state of poor

This horrible conditon exists in the the "graft splits" Kelly is now risk- richest city of the world. This is the state of affairs among the children of this country who are supposed to be. ed today by the human spider, vete- if we are to believe our school teach- and similar advantages. What bunk!

subscription to The Young Worker? -or are you going to celebrate now? Let's have it!

YOUNG WORKERS

(By The Federated Press)
NEW YORK CITY.—Calling upon the annual convention, American Newspaper Publishers' Association in session in New York to break the power of the union menace by training more apprenticse, the Printing Trades Schools committee reported 'that the publisher who has the right to employ apprentices and fails to do so is as much a menace to the news paper business as the union.

Committee's Kind'a Clever "The promotion and development of printing trades schools will tend to make more journeymen and better journeymen, and to keep down the arbitrary and injust demands of the trade unions for a wage which in a few years, were present conditions to continue, would become prohibitive," said the committee.

Education Takes Big Jump Under Soviets

(By The Federated Press)
(Special to "The Young Worker") MOSCOW, Russia.—In 1920 only 319 out of every 1,000 Russians could Every effort has read and write. since been made to eradicate illiteracy by means of schools, clubs, etc. The following table shows the increase in schools and scholars since

First grade scholar 4,186,480 January, 1914.... . 62.650 1921... 76,052 January, Second grade schools

January, 1914...... 10,003 January, 1921.... Children's homes have increased from 659 to 3,089, and their inmates from 26,691 to 145,560.

'Young Worker' Expose SFREEDOM THIS Gets Dowell Teacher's Goat; Leaguer Is Fired

(Special to "The Young Worker"). DOWELL, Ill.—Because of the ex pose of his third degree tactics in fighting against free expression in the school here, a teacher named Robertson was instrumental in securing the expulsion of Germinal Allard, member of the Young Workers League of America, who had stood up for his rights to distribute The Young Worker and the league's anti-militarist leaflet to the students.

The league branch here is deterthis precedent and intends to get the class in New York City's tenement Condition of the Poor under the directory backing of the local mine workers' union in the fight. They do not in tend to stand by while even the capi talist law gives them-on paper at least-the right to express their ecopulsion of Comrade Allard.

Mass meetings of protest are going to be held and the struggle for free expression is going to be carried on until even the ignorant Mr. Robert- He gave as an instance the charges of son has learned that he cannot trifle reactionaries that liberal thought in with a working class organization and teaching made the schools hotbeds of get away with it.

School Segregation Attempts In Kansas

COFFEYVILLE, Kan.-Many towns in this state have opened their school doors to negro children for the first segregation of colored children has been handed down here.

In numerous cities the colored kiddies were refused any of the privileges of the whites, such as being denied the use of the swimming pool for the Advancement of Colored People, the state board of education has now eliminated all discrimination Did you celebrate May Day with a putting all children on an equal basis. How far this ruling will be carried into actual practice and how much it will be enforced, remains to be seen.

PROPOSE BREAKUP PULLMAN STRIKE BRINGS OF UNIONS WITH OUT HIMIDEDS OF VOIM OUT HUNDREDS OF YOUNG **WORKERS AS WELL AS OLD**

PULLMAN, Ill.-Not being satisfied with having developed and intensified the speed-up system, beyond the limits of human endurance, the scabherding, anti-union Pullman Co. cut the wages of its workers and forced 700 of them to strike in protest.

only the riveters, buckers and reamers, the men who assemble the luxurious cars that they never ride in, had the courage and understanding to strike. Up to now 700 men are out on strike, and of this number about one-third

are young workers.

In spite of the fact that the men are working under the nerve-racking, health destroying piece work system, and that they are compelled to work under the most miserable conditions, the conditions of the young workers are even worse.

Starvation Wage for Youth. When the young workers come into the factories, they are put under the direction of more experienced work ers and receive the magnificent wage

ARKANSAS CHILD LABOR RATE LEAVES NATIONAL AVERAGE 'WAY BEHIND

LITTLE ROCK, Ark .-- The sovereign state of Arkansas is not to be left behind in the ranks of the states which enslave little children on the farms and industries. Far from it! It even passes the national statistical average of $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of child laborers in the coun-In fact, it comes in ahead almost 225 per cent more child laborers than the national

According to a state document just issued here, $18\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of all children from the ages of 10 to 15 are employed gainfully in some occupation or other, farming work prevailing. Out of 259,593 children in the state between the above ages, 48,140 are at work. Why there is so large a percentage is explained thus: "Why should an employer pay a grown boy \$15 a week to do work that a 12-yearold boy would be glad to do for \$4 a week?"

The state of Arkansas spends loads of money to protect crops from tick and boll weevil contamination. The slavery of little children, however, is considered to be perfectly O. K.

California Official

(By The Federated Press.) SANTA CRUZ, Cal.—Will C. Wood,

California superintendent of schools, nomic and political beliefs, a right paid his respects to the state of the which was plainly violated by the ex- nation at the convention of California school principals here. "As a result of war-time propaganda," says Wood, 'America today is the victim of false Americanism and medieval bigotry. radicalism.

UNITED FRONT TO DRUG YOUTH. and league and the Daily, and

NEW YORK CITY.—The third an- which stood by them. nual conference of business men and Get It In The Neck teachers, sponsored by the Eastern Commercial Teachers' Association has Shachtman, editor of The just ended here, having been addressed by prominent men in the busi- speak at later meetings. ness world. Its main work consisted time now that a court decision against in laying plans for the further dopeing of the minds of the youth of the country in favor of continuing to slave for

The the workers were not given even a day's notice on the wage cut of from 15c to 24c an hour to start. After working a number of months for this miserable sum, and when they become more experienced they then have their pay raised to the immense sum of 30c per hour. Most of the workers who receive these wages are between 18 and 20 years of age.

Sweated by Efficiency Expert.

The fact that the young workers are compelled to work these miserable wages are not sufficient for the owners of the Pullman company. When the workers begin to work, they are immediately compelled to work under the degrading piece work and speed-up system. The worker are urged time and again to wor faster and faster. Every move th make is watched. An "efficiency e pert" stands over the men and time every operation. They are made increase their output. They are tol that the faster they work the mos money they will make Thework thus encouraged, foolishly begn worl ing faster competing with each other the amount of work done by the fast est workers is the standard that all workers must reach. Then when the workers have speeded up production enough when the boss finds they are making "good" wages the pay is cut and the men are compelled to work harder and harder in order to get a living wage. The harder they are compelled to work, the more energy is used up and the weaker, mentally and physically the worker bec Workers Standing Fast.

The workers have been ou strike for three weeks as this s is being written. They are putt up a splendid struggle. Day by the picket the factory gates induc Ag more and more workers to join them in a fight against the wage cuts. Until recently they have not been organized, except for a company union. However, when they began their fight against the Pullman company, John Holmgren, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Rail Carmen, came into the fight and it the leadership which was so b lacking among the strikers. He been at every strike meeting, gi the strikers the benefit of his experience in the labor movem He organized them into a local of union he represents.

League and Party in Fight. The splendid co-operation and s port given the strikers by the me bers of the Workers Party and t Young Workers League is given the strikers the only publicity are getting and the members o Young Workers League are dist ing these papers at the factory One of our comrades, Samuel G was beaten up and arrested fo tributing the Daily. At a Ma meeting held here, addressed b Salzman, member of the leag E. C., Holmgren publicly praise co-operation of the Workers the workers to support the A strike meeting will be addr

Worker. Other league speakers

The senate has declared the air is the inalienable property of the That's one thing we get anyhow

"WE CAN PLAY AS WELL AS FIGHT!" PROVED BY SUCCESS OF WORKERS' SPORT MOVEMENT IN SOVIET LAND

(Special Foreign Correspondence of "The Young Worker" Moscow.—Workers' sport in Soviet to the Russians 28.

Russia is on the increase not only in the number of participants but also in the matter of sports by the necesin the ability of the teams.

Worker is the Mine Special. A large cial of The Young Worker, which is latest news of the youth in the class sisting of eight players from Petro-enthusiasm. In Petrograd alone the only three additional players for substitutes. Before going to Sweden, zations are affiliated as a national Norway and Germany, the team play- body to the Red Sport International. ed the Reste of Moscow where it lost stands for the participation and acby goals to two and in Petrograd it tivity of working class sport organisingle game on its tour, winning 15 cratic sport international with head-games and tieing in 3. The success quarters at Lucerne. The Lucerne days, and that a railroad journey of members in Russia alone, with hun-2,000 kilometers was made during dreds of thousands in Czecho-Slovakia, in a big order immediately! Don't those two weeks. In Germany, the Sport International has over 3,000,000

Altho Russia is greatly handicapped sity for other work and by the limitacer team of Finland where it met tion of such important equipment as seven Finnish elevens, scoring 30 good soccer balls and other material, points to their opponents 3. In Augit is making excellent progress. The The coming issue of The Young | That is the reason for the Mine Spe- the regular work of the league; the ust, another team was forced, con-

The Russian workers' sport organi-Workers' Union played the Russians the Scandinavian countries, and nuthree times but scored only one goal merous other European countries.

NEXT ISSUE OF THE YOUNG WORKER TO BE SPECIAL EDITION DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF YOUNG MINERS

lems of the young miners all over the possible. country and will give our program to meet these problems.

League.

going to be devoted to the many probamong the young miners wherever The Mine Special is going to con-

The young workers in the mines are ern Illinois district organizer of the ders immediately for extra copies of lost 2 to 1. Yet, this team, which was zations in the revolutionary struggle take up in detail the tasks of the youth labor here, and the whole Yorkers League has many branches tee of the U. M. W. of A., Jack Johntions that were in alignment with the League is instructed in the resolution chance to show them our program. We burgh mining fields and numerous the secretary showed that the mem- with the TUEL and the Party at- and units of the Young Workers in this country. Besides these special articles there will be many of ars on

editorials, the Impropaganda column and numerous other features.

All branches and individual comtain articles by Barney Mass, south- rades are urged to send in their or-Special will be received by letter up of this team can be considered reto the night of May 10th. Orders by telegram will be received up to the first nine matches were played in 13 about 1,000,000 adherents. The Red

Get aboard the Mine Special. Send wait until the last minute!

Everyone ready! Shoot!

CANADIAN YOUTH LEAGUE SHOWS A 100 PCT. GROWTH

(Continuped from Page 1). tempts will be made to introduce the same slogan that you American comrades have, "the entrance into the unions of young workers on equal terms at lower entrance fees." common with the American League, we have the same barriers to fight against and the same tasks to accom-

agitation amongst the youth for the demands that the League are putting forth. The growing peasant farmer movement and the slogan that the Party has adopted a "Farmer-Labor Party" will assist the League to express the desires of the rural youth and to lead in the struggle against exploitation.

Forward the Youth! The relations to the Party have to bring home to the adults the growing necessity and prime importance of a militant League. Our Party is now an open Communist Party, and waged as the class struggle grows plish as far as the economic struggle more intense. The Party will have teacher calls on the children to rise need of the League during those

The following message has been received by the Young Workers League of America from the Young Communist League of Canada: The Second National Convention of the Young Communist League of Canada greets its brother league of the United States. Knowing that our problems are common, we pledge ourselves to support your struggle against American imperialism and its hideous methods. The young workers have a special duty to perform in the fight for emancipation in organizing the proletarian youth for the revolution. We trust that the closest co-operation may prevail during the coming

Long live the Young Workers League of America! Long live the Young Communist International!

LESLIE MORRIS Executive Secretary, Y. C. L. of Canada.

Shop and School Nuclei. the proceedings centered around the Party units and organizers to set up adoption of this resolution. In the youth branches. To carry out our Party convention a few days before, the suggestions of the National Executive Committee has carried on an idealogical campaign in order that the membership could become acquainted with the meaning of the ter m"nuclei" with the result that seven have already been established. The League has realized the necessity of erecting the movement upon the basis that the nuclei affords, and during the coming year all possible effort will be directed towards this end. Canadian conditions warrant peculiar tactics, however, and only in certain parts of the country that are industrialized can the plan be followed. School uclei are also possible, and there is

doubt but that several will be esablished in the near future. Already there exist two or three ossibilities of the League initiating chool strikes. The task of the in-oming National Executive Commit-Will be to consistently explore nuclei in shop, mine and school.

Junior Section. So far no definite dues paying junior section has been established. It was realized that in order that the childre, could be definitely connected with the League that this would have to be done. Over a thousand chil dren are already connected with the League, and the work of the children will be begun in earnest from now on.

have reason to believe that over thousands of working class chilwill be enrolled into the Junior ion before many weeks are past. rangements have bee nmad for the tablishment of management comactees consisting of League and Parmembers fitted for the work of leading the children. All the work and control of the junior section will be invested in the National Executive

Committee. Many Other Policies Adopted.

The fight against capitalist milism will be conducted with greater in the future. The jingoistic senents that flood this country will combatted to the fullest extent by League, and every possible form activity engaged in that will bring r to us many of the working class th in our battle against the coned militaristic propaganda that is alged in so freely by the Canadian s class. The work among the foron-speaking youth is also an impornt phase Many of our members are reign-speaking at the present time. d we realize the importance of inifying their work as well as the

ing up of an English speaking ment. Two propaganda commithave been functioning for some s, the Jewish comrades having alstarted their organ in spite of pted police suppression. ol of the propaganda committee be vested in the National Execu-Committee; they will possess the power to translate the poli of the National Executive Come into action as far as the youth heir nationality are concerned work of the League among the I youth also assumes importance. farmers of the west are becom more and more the slaves of the n trusts and implement comnies, while the plight of the youth nothing short of damnable. In orr to reach the masses of the rural oung workers with our militant pro cam the League branches in the ural districts will have to adopt tactics whereby they can interest and

hold the young farmers. Excursions

are to be made into the farming dis-

tricts surrounding our branches and

times, and in anticipation of this, A remarkable, the necessary part of greater efforts will be made by the tasks the League must have an organ of its own. The youth section in the adult paper does not suffice, and realizing this, the convention instructed the incoming National Executive Committee to immediately issue a youth paper at all costs. This will be done. denerally speaking our League has our work during thsi year will have as its purpose a greater participation on struggles, a membership of two thousands, and active and militant League organ, and above all and incidentally with these things, and greater contact with the masses of We were sorry that no American comrade could be sent, but we expressed the opinion that our rela-

tions should remain close. The Young Communist International was hailed as the only revolutionary youth organization internationally in combat with capitalyism very possibility of the formation of and we pledged ourselves to follow its militant lead.

The incoming National Executive Committee consists of Comrades Hill, Toukanimi, Steinberg and

FORWARD TO A MASS LEAGUE OF MILITANT CANADAIAN WORK-ING YOUTH!

NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR 'EM!" NEW YORK CITY .- "Nothing is ore pathetic than the many disabled soldiers who themselves ended life's battle, 2,000 having gone out in this regrettable way," says a report of the Save-a-Life League, commending on the after war suicides of ex-service

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NEW YORK CITY, May 2.-While detectives of the bomb squad were stationed in Webster hall, the junior branches of the Young Workers been cordial during the past year, but League of New York gave a very init has remained for this convention teresting program before a large audience of children and adults.

On of the features of the program was a one-act play demonstrating how we have reason to believe that during to conduct a successful school strike. the coming year bitter fights will be The curtain rose on a classroom scene, the children in their seats. The and sing "The Star Spangled Banner." The children refuse to do as com-The teacher asked why, manded. whereupon one of the pupils explains 'Our national anthem is the 'International". The teacher becomes very

> birch. triumphantly, singing "The Interna-

DOWN ON THE FARM

aged 12 and 9, picked up 1100 barrels America. o fpotatoes in the Caribou fields during the last season. Isabelle and Pearl child laborers who work in the potato picked up 49.

MORE AMERICAN PROSPERITY NEW YORK CITY .- Health conditions are worse, especially among children, in the country districts of America than in the cities, accordthe exploited youth in town and city. ing to the annual report of scientists o fthe Rockefeller Foundation.

That nationwide bankrupcy among farmers and the rapid increase of enantry, prevents the rural popula- paid a visit to the American branch ion from improving sanitation, the report does not state. Ignorance is occasion he said to the leaders of the put forward as the chief cause

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EXPOSES BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AS CAPITALIST MILITARY MACHINE

By HARRY GANNES

classical country of capitalism, Eng- recruits. In the meantime all the young stuland. They are the Salvation Army, "There is no doubt that a boy who dents decide to strike not to sing the the Young Men's Christian Associapatriotic song and to stand together tion and the Boy Scouts. When transsoldier." solidly. By the time the teacher re-planted to the United States, all of believes that "from the Boy Scouts turns the strike is beyond control. these movements sank their roots the future soldier joins the junior re-She is forced to apologize and assures deep into the exploited masses and serve officers' training corps in high school, then he becomes a member of the children it will never happen again. In the end the strikers leave to proportions far larger than the senior R. O. T. C.," and so on untheir neverthedress in the British Em. pire.

We are for the moment mainly conerned with that organization in this country that claims 500,000 boys with-CARIBOU, Maine.—Two little girls, in its ranks, the Boy Scouts of

It is not widely advertised that the Kinney are only two of the army of Baden-Powell in 1908 as a military unit. During the Boer war in Africa, and berry fields. In one day Isabelle Colonel Baden-Powell discovered that developed in a gratifying manner, but got in 52 barrels of potatoes and Pearl the ill-trained, weak, battered-bodied English proletarians made very poor soldiers. The founder of the Boy Scouts conceived the idea of training the working youth while still very young to become efficient cannon fod-

> Begin as Military Group. In 1910 the germs of the future boy army were planted on American soil. and the organization began to grow very rapidly. Colonel Baden-Powell of his military invention, and on that Boy Scout movement: "Gentlemen, it is more than gratifying to see how sloppi

ness men who are interested. So very, very early the boy military machine was put into the right hands, was put into the control of the men

the organization is progressing imme-

diately it is put in the hands of busi-

who own the country. Right at its beginning the Boy sian clothing factories will appreciate from capitalists, mainly from Wall street financiers. This is not denied the leading to conto a scout official we read that "in York City, will welcome your sup- the early history of the limited budget for (Boy Scouts) the limited budget for the early history of the movement national work was met largely by contributions given by men of means thruout the country, but principally

Since its initiation, the Boy Scouts been endowed with the right to life, of America has co-operated with every liberty and the pursuit of happiness, anti-labor organization in the counbut the right to work and to eat was try. The Rotary clubs, the Kiwanis. denied her. So she tried to commit suicide by jumping into the East river. At the hospital it was found friends of the Roy Scouts. of Commerce are particularly good friends of the Boy Scouts.

The boys within the Boy Scouts are mainly children of the working class. The boys of the toiling masses are BUTTE, Mont., May 2.— Thirty tricked into joining the Boy Scouts by thousand signatures are being sought all sorts of inducements and promises. to petitions to place before the voters Co-oeprating with the Boy Scouts is nearly every institution of the government, the church and the press. Get Reactionaries' Support.

Recently, especial stress has been laid on the importance of building and of compensation for industrial acci- fostering the Boy Scout movement Every capitalist in the country who was not too busy counting his money at the moment joined in helping to militarize the youth thru the Boy MONTREAL.—A board of investiga- Scouts. Barron Collier of New York tion has been set up by the dominion had 60,000 street car cards printed in minister of labor to inquire into the which General Pershing, Elbert H dispute between the longshoremen Gary, of 12-hour day exploitation and the shipping companies. The men fame: Charles E. Hughes, bewinsask for 70 cents an hour days and 80 kered secretary of state and champion American anti-Bolshevik, joined with Sammie Gompers, president of the panies offer 50 cents and 60 cents, the American Federation of Habor, in callrates in force last season. C. Bujold, ing upon the American poys to join secretary-treasurer of the Syndicated the Boy Scouts, and asking the work-Longshoremen of the Port of Mon- ers to give it their aid. Thousands of treal, has been elected to represent the columns of newspaper publicity were and are given to the organization

without charge. Why are the capitalist press, Wall treet and the American Legion so deeply interested in the devlopment of the Boy Scouts? The war demonstrated that the Boy Scouts of America can be used as one of the most efficient military units available. In peace, the Boy Scouts make themselves useful as a scab organization as well as an instrument for anti-working class propaganda.

When first organized the Boy Scouts of America insisted that it was not military. But its military nature is becoming so obvious that it now hides under the phrase that it is not militaristic nor anti-military, but "it is, however, patriotic." To state that it is not militaristic is in eevry sense of the word a direct lie.

Are They Militarist? Oh, No! Congress permits the Boy Scouts of America to wear the uniforms of the United States Army, Navy or Marines; the Boy Scout drills are based on regulation army and navy manuals. During the war the Boy Scouts mobilized within 24 hours-for war! 'Many scout officials, scoutmasters and scouts entered the army, navy or marine corps during the war. . . ."
The New York Military Training Commission recognized the military character of the Boy Scouts when it permitted the boys in that organization to be exempted from railitary training, 'in view of the character of the work covered by the program of the Boy Scouts of America.'

Over 100 regular army and navy men are scoutmasters, and there are 361 government employes helping to organize Scouts. Training room for the Boy Scouts is provided in over 51 rmories in the United States, while 43 Chambers of Commerce se to it that the embryo army has proper drilling quarters. Over 50 American Legion posts have Boy Scout units

Three great modern capitalist in-connected with them. The Boy Scouts stitutions that becloud and taint the have been requested by the War Deminds of American workers, and es-zen's military training camps in an angry and leaves the room to get a pecially the youth, originated in the endeavor to enlist the possible 270,000

makes a good scout will make a good Lieutenant-Colonel Lister their parent bodies in the British Em- til he becomes a full-fledged professional butcher.

Training for Murder

In many parts of the country the boys take up rifle practice, and in Chicago they are given free ranges, but they must furnish their own bul-Boy Scouts were organized by Colonel lets. Some day the bodies of the workers will furnish them free targts—unless the working class realizes the true nature of this menace.

Are the Boy Scouts military? It makes one smile ironically to think of the hokum and bunk that is spread about the makeup of the Boy Scouts. In a few months the War Department will mobilize 400,000 soldiers as a war manoeuvre; in this mimic war the Boy "couts are counted on to do their And when a capitalist war brezks out again, the Boy Scouts will be cound in the front ranks.

What "Be Prepared" Means. The entire psychology of the Boy Scout is the psychology of a slave, of a soldier whose duty it is to "do and The Boy Scout laws are the sloppiest bunch of rot ever stuffed into the mind of boys. They can be boile ddown to one word: OBEY. A Boy Scout must obey his master, whoever he be; a Boy Scout must love those who exploit him, and he must fear God. The slogan of the Boy Scouts is: Be Prepared. That slogan has an intersting history. In strikes it means, "Be prepared to break the strike"; in war it means, "Be prepared to fight for the capitalists": revolution it means, "Be prepared to stamp out the workers' revolt in a sea of blood.

Every section of the ruling class pays strict attention to the Boy Scouts. The factory, mine, mill and bank owners shower them with money The Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial Foundation last year presented this young army with \$100,000, and some mysterious source provided a single donation of \$500,000. The army officers give the Boy Scouts the benefit of their training and war experi ence, and Sammie Gompers trails along like the monkey in the show.

Workers Must Fight Scouts. But the working masses heed not The average worker is too busy sweat ing his life away in toil for a livelihood to pay any attention to the youth. Many of the American wage slaves are glad to get rid of their kids in order to get a moment's peace and rest. But let us hope and work to-ward the end that the American workers be not awakened by the prodding, blood driping bayonets of their one ime Boy Scout sons.

Youth Movement Of World Opposed By Girl Scouts

The opposition of the Girl Scout movement to the Communist "youth novement" of the world was recognized in the Convention of the Scout Council now meeting at the Drake Hotel. Mrs. Jane Deeter Rippin, naional director, praised the Girl Scouts for their efforts to assist in a new international understanding and in romoting peace.

Girls Led by Capitalist Wives

The girls and boys of this country are doped by the big bosses who lead these organizations, or whose wives lead them. Mrs. Herbert Hoover, whose husband has just had some unpleasant and fishy-smelling charges made against him, was re-elected president of the Girl Scouts. One of the vice-presidents is Mrs. Julius Rosenwald, wife of the merchant prince who heads Sears Roebuck and Company.

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Today, after five years of experi-nce, the Communist Workers Party campaigns of the Party have been ence, the Communist Workers Party nitiated and carried thru effectively. stands out as the influential factor Never for a moment has the Party in the American labor movement. forgot its fundamental aim, that of Despised and cursed by the labor organizing the workers and farmers to overthrow capitalism and institute faker and political charlatan in unia workers government thru the dicson, but honored and respected by tatorship of the proletariat. the rank and file of America's work-"Line Up Behind June 17th" ing class: this is a position that any The campaigns of the Workers communist movement might cherish

Communist, Party serve as a rallying force behind the great mass of work ers who must gain the confidence of Builded from the expelled members the leadership of the communist party in these everyday struggles so that in of the old reformistic Socialist Party a time of crisis they know that these and the militants from other workingclass organizations the Workers communist leaders as the vanguard of the communist party represent and Party has thru its many struggles fight in their interests and they must finally welded itself into a potent force in the labor movement which organize themselves in whatever form is felt in every nook and corner, wherconditions may desire to fight for their independence. The immediate ever America's worker live. This is because the Workers Party is a comtask of the hour is to make the June 17th convention a gigantic success munist party and is ever alert to the and this requires the immediate moconditions and sufferings that the bilization of the entire communist workingclass endure. It is ever awake forces in America. We must throw to the organizational needs of the our entire influence and power be workers against the organized capitalist class and lends its support to hind this move to launch a class farmer labor party that will carry rally the toilers against these enforward the banner of independent croachments of the bosses. The camworking class political action. paigns among the trade unionists. who were disgusted with the old bu-Role of Young Workers League reaucrats and labour fakirs and who

The Young Workers League as a ection of the American communist movement must always follow closely the tactics of the party and render useful service in these many cam-While it is true that the paigns. league has its own campaigns and struggles we must never for a moment forget that a distinct line of division must never be drawn be tween the struggles of the youth and adult workers. They are all mempers of the one class, the working class. Our organization is necessary because of the psychology of the young workers and because we are able to reach the much better than an adult organization.

Since we are politically subordinate to the Workers Party it is necessary that we take an active part in forwarding these campaigns to success. While we may be in the communist reality aimed at the radical foreign youth today we must ever strive and expect to take greater part in the zation of these workers and put the struggle tomorrow by entering the open shop or 'American Plan' into ranks of the Workers Party there thru our experience and strugcessful in the short time since it was gle in the Y. W. L. prove ourselves well-drilled, active disciplined soldiers of the revolution. The Young Workers League is a wonderful training camp for the party. If we carry thru successfully our campaigns begun by the N. E. C. we can then begin to think of ourselves as capable of entering the larger tasks of party work. It is therefore necessary that every Y. W. L. member be acquainted with the aactivities of the Workers Party. Only by studying and taking a part in these struggles can this be achieved. Members Solid Behind S. E. C. Regarding the more details it is

necessary that we cooperate keep flying high the Daily Worker the Party by exchanging delegates colors is a task which every comand their subordinate bodies. It is or youth organization must always just as necessary for every city unit keep in mind and continually support follow this rule closely as it is that the N. E. C. of the League and the The labor party campaign which C. E. C. of the partyadhere to strict has been carried on in various phases ly. The Workers Party of America during the past year or so is now is the leader of the Young Workers entering the decisive stage when League. The Fosters, Cannons and every member must rally around the Bittelmans are the political leaders Party's standard. This campaign has of the Party and watch closely the met with huge success. The old worn development of the communist moveout non-partisan policy of Compers, ment. These comrades are interest endorsing ed in seeing the Young Workers "friendly" candidates in both the League grow into a fighting militant old parties or at it is well known mass organization of yiung workers "the policy of rewaring your friends just as they are interested in seeing and defeating your enemies," has the Workers Party develop and grow been scrapped by many thousands of into a mighty communist party, the workers. The Workers Communist leader of the American working Party has been successful in showmasses. Let us give the full heart ing to the great masses of workers ed support of the entire Young Workthat only by organizing a political ers League membership to the Cen-party of their own, i. e. class farmer-tral Executive Committee of the abor party representing the exploit- party in its campaigns. The activied workers and working farmers of ties of the communist movement, America could they hope to rally youth and adult, are many and we themselves effectively against the need a well drilled organization to further encroachments of the capital- carry them thru successfully!

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YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE DEMANDS BROUGHT TO FORE BY APPROACH OF **UNEMPLOYMENT IN UNITED STATES**

ting visibly worse day by day. Unemployment becomes more than a spect-Illinois, one month showed an in- carry on our economic campaign thru crease in the number of unemployed the shop nuclei. of nearly two per cent; the entire eastern manufacturing district complains of slackening of work. Steel your workers fo ra definite stand class struggle in action. The call of orders indicate depression in this imagainst the decrease in the living the Y. W. L. to its member to join orders indicate depression in this important basic industry.

In short, economic developments point to a severe setback for the entire American working class in the must grasp this opportunity to reach matter of wages, hours and standard of living; and this brings into un- they are most bitterly hit. usual prominence the economic struggle of young workers in the United States.

Firstly, with the parents out of work, the children are forced to leave school and hunt for a job, which instead of aiding the unemployment si tuation, makes it worse. It is like throwing kerosene on a burning fire. Secondly, where the bosses need workers, they force the old men out and take in young people at less wages. Times of unemployment are

propitious for cutting wages. The resolution on the economic struggle adopted at our last convention declared:

"In spite of the much boasted boom on the industrial field, the fundamental feature of the working class youth in capitalistic America (as in all capitalistic countries) is that they are exploitation under the system of wage slavery, and are thus deliberately excluded from education."

With the "much boasted boom," not much boasted about, this process of proletarianizing the American young workers goes on apace, and the matter of pressing our economic demands becomes a foremost problem

Just what are our demands and how they are to be put into effect? Our demands for the youth are first of all based on the needs of the working class youth. They are based on an understanding of the exploitation of the American Young workers in the factories, mine, mills and offices. Under no circumstances do we demand things in harmony with the 'good" of capitalism, as is many times the case of trade union officials who believe the capitalists have the right to a margin of profit. All profit we declare is extracted by exploitation of the working class and, in considering our demands, we do not take into account the exigencies of capitilism.

We recognize that the majority of young workers are forced out of school at a very early age and are plunged into production as mere ma-Therefore, we demand the education of the young workers upon the proper basis, at time paid for by

not grown to its full stature and his developments. He cannot bear the long hours so common in American industries. Hence, we demand a shorter working day for youth. We de-

Thru them we can get the young workers to put up a struggle in the shop and in their industries. In that Workers Do way we teach them their power as a class. The unions are appealed to fo rhelp, and the young in turn, are urged to join unions to carry on whole, the fight for these demands, which the young worker undoubtedly want, is a political as well as an economic education.

We find much dificulty in propagaton that we are not yet organized in them, to the working youth who work in great numbers in the large industries. But this is a handicap we can our shop nuclei activities. There is dren. no doubt that the best place to iniciate our economic struggle in the

New England to Fight Child Labor

Conditions in this country are get-ng visibly worse day by day. Unem-trate on the shop nuclei. On the one hand we are able to build our shop nuclei thru activity on the economic re in many parts of the country. In field and on the other hand we can

> Now that the workers are beaten back by economic depression, becoming ever worse, we must rally the standard. The economic struggle, tho always with us, looms up the most important as the present moment. We the masses of young workers where

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By I. WEINTRAUB

I am a member of the cloakmakers' union and also a member of the Young Workers League. I am actively participating in the present strike and have learned more about the class struggle than all the lectures in my branch could teach me. This is the the picket line was a good one for on the line an education is soon obtained When we speak in the branch of the "Class Struggle," it sounds like a mere phrase, but here on Market Street you see policemen, sluggers, gangsters and private detectives protecting the bosses and the scabs, beating up nnocent girls who try to better their

conditions.

The solidarity among the strikers is wonderful. Jew and gentile, white and colored, march cheerfully around the picket line. A strike is of tremendous importance t othe workers It gives the mpractical lessons in the class struggle and even if it is lost it teaches the workers how to be vic-

torious in the future.
Our Y. W. L. members should at-Feeling sure that this man's point tend the union meetings and join the workers in their struggles, activity which will help them become good and practical communists.

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AMERICA IS THE FOREMOST **EXPLOITER OF YOUNG CHILDREN**

No other so-called civilized country in the world exploits and sweats and tire working class is threatened unbleeds its children as does the cap- less a stop is put to child labor. Unilitalists of the United States of Amer- dren are used as workers because ica. Two and one-half million children they work for extremely low wages. -a veritable army of babies-work This is a menace to the standard of from morning until night under the living of the entire American workingmost miserable conditions and for class. Where low wages are paid to wages that do not keep them from children, adult workers must accept starvation. Under the blistering sun a reduction or join the ranks of the of the South, little children from 5 unemployed. Youth and children in to 14 drag about heavy cotton sacks this country are arrayed against adult so that the wealthy plantation owners labor. What harm this will bring to When the young fellow goes to work, he is not mature, his body has can loll in ease; poisoning their little the American toilers needs no expectation of the control of the first little than the firs fingers, little children work away plaination for the intelligent worker. vital processes are undergoing critical their tender years in the shrimp and oyster industries of the Gulf states; hundreds upon hundreds, thousands upon thousands drag their weary mand yearly vacation with pay and bodies over the clod and dirt of the demand the complete abolition of truck farms of Michigan, New Jersey, California, while thousands upon And that brings us to an interest- thousands work illegally in mine and ing phase of our every day demands. mill and especially in the health-des-

Workers Do Little.

Yet nothing is being done by the workers of this country to stamp out this menace to their children and the struggle more effectively. On the themselves. So far, the task of relieving the aching bodies of the overworked children has been left to the ican working class to do it. The chilenemies of the working class—the dren must be brought into the struggraft-ridden government at Washinging our demands for the simple reas- ton, or to the many scavenger philantropic organizations which thrive the best manner possible to present on the misery of the workers' children. Labor speaks only thru Gompers and Gompers yelps in harmony overcome and are overcoming thru with the very exploiters of the chil-

What has been the result? In every one of the firty-eight states in this country exist different provisions pertaining to the right of exploitation of The New England district convention the little children. Two half-hearted Boston, laid plans for the holding a attempts at halfway national regula-convention in the near future of all tion met their doom at the hands of working class bodies, trade unions, the United States Supreme Court with the exploiters of children about labor political organizations and any which Gompers refuses to fight. The the best method of exploiting the chilother bodies engaged in a fight number of child laborers grow and an dren. against child labor for the purpose increase of thirty-eight per cent is ful body for the successful carrying recorded in less than one year. In political power the American workon of a struggle against the slavery some parts of the country the num- ing-class can annihilate the child labor of the children of the working class. ber has doubled. The history of the Arrangements were also made for the past 20 years shows that me number union for its own protection as well financing of the district committee of children forced to work in the Unitwhich is planning to make Massachu- ed States has been gradually mountsetts and the other parts of the district one of the strongholds of the young communist movement in this cent of all the children in this country between the ages of four and 14.

The health and welfare of the en-

Every worker in the United States suffers because of the 2,500,000 children slaving away their lives so that profits may pile up for the wealthowners of this country.

The danger to the working class cannot be denied; it cannot be covered: it grows and demands the attention of every worker. Meanwhile, the children continue to spend their lives in grueling work. The American working class cannot afford to per mit half of its numbers to be battered down in childhood and in youth. Child labor must be abolished—immediate ly; and it is in the power of the Amergle and every means to better their lot employed in the battle against child labor.

Working Class Unity Necessary.

Only a united working class on the slogan of ABOLISH CHILD LABOR IMMEDIATELY can thwart this menace and danger to the toiling masses of the United States.

The aimless talk about child labor in Congress adds to the menace. The children still slave. To rely on Gompers or the National Child Labor Committee is to hand the little children over to those who are willing to talk

Thru its organized economic and monster. Every trade and industrial as for the good of the entire working class and immediate benefaction of the working children must put forward as one of its pressing demands. the ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOR.

The formation of a farmer-labor party would be one of the quickest routes to the realization of the demand: ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOR. The exploitation of the 2,500,000 assumes primary political importance for every worker, and a mighty farmer-labor party would insure the protection of

the American working children. Children Must Be Organized.

The children themselves must be drawn into the campaign for their own emancipation. It is a fact that in those states where the majority of the child laborers slave labor is weakly organized. Organization is restricted to the aristocracy of labor. The children themselves are utterly neglected. In getting the children themselves to fight for demands that are to their own benefit a spirit of militancy and class consciousness is instilled into the children and at the same time they are given a lever to an amelioration of their miserable

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Soviet Traders Announced. MOSCOW, May 2nd.—The council proved the following list of Trade Re-

Latvia Buying Woolens From Russia. LENINGRAD, May 2.-Much inof People's Commissaries has apterest has been of late evinced on the proved the following list of Trade Representatives of the Union of Soviet part of Latvia for wool goods produc-Socialist Republics abroad: Mr. Sto- ed by the Leningrad trusts, as these moniakoff-for Germany; Mr. Mias- goods are better in quality and cheapkoff-for Poland; Mrs. Kolontai-for er than German fabrics. An offer has Norway; Mr. Gardinin—for Sweden; come in from one of the biggest Riga Mr. Heinz-for Denmark; Yuzbasheff firms, proposing to the Leningrad Texfor Latvia; Mr. Ignatieff-for Fin- tile Trust to supply wool goods to all land; Mr. Yurieff-for Estonia; Mr. of Latvia. The threads manufactured Lomovsky-for Czecho - Slovakia; by this Trust are ousting the British Mr. Levitsky-for Austria; Mr. Gor- and Finnish made threads and are tchakoff—for Italy; Mr. Shumiatsky— quite successfully competing with the for Persia and Mr. Vasilieff—for Mon- Japanese threads in the Russian Far

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RUSSIA AND GERMANY

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FRENCH MILITARISTS AND GERMAN CAPITALISTS FORGET THEIR FIGHT IN UNITED FRONT AGAINST WORKERS

By ANISE

ESSEN, Germany, April 14 (By Mail).—The three-cornered fight still drags its weary way along in the Ruhr between the French, the Big Business Interests of Germany and the German workers. It is a confused fight, but so far the German workers are having very much the worst of it. Under the pressure of patriotic feeling, they combined with their bosses to fight the French, and now the beaten bosses have combined with the French against them. Reparations, as far as may be, are to come out of the hide of the miners and steel workers of the Ruhr.

In the past six years, they have sunk down and down. Not only are wages far below pre-war, while prices are fifty percent

are there a million unemployed against the insolence of invading arand west. But, step by step, they with their blood in the revolu-

It is easy to forget that there was a revolution,—of sorts—in Germany. I forgot it all the time, for nowhere in the world is exploitation of workers more raw than in Germany now. Nowhere are they expected to live on such starvation wages. From ten to of eight francs a ton on the remaintwelve cents an hour is the wage for a skilled worker of the highest class Ruhr can barely operate; the German in the steel mills, and in almost ev- industrialists declare, and perhaps ery works there is much part time truly, that it cannot keep on operwork, due to disorganization of trans- ating under this tax. Some of the port under French attempted manage- mines are losing money, they say, and ment. Krupps, with their old tradi- others are only getting by because of tions of paternal care for workers, have been parcelling out twenty-four tension work put in during the "passhours to men with families, giving German people. thus a wage somewhere between two and three and a half dollars a week. ly exults over one good result of the

they are lengthening the hours of dai- eight-hour day. It gives them the ly labor. "They have established all threat of foreign bayonets behind most every length of working day ex- their dealings with their workers. It cept eights," said a member of the gives them a vast reservoir of unfactory council in one of the big employed, hungry enough to break plants, to me bitterly. "They have any strike. The catastrophic fall of seven and a half, and nine and ten,everything but eight. They are out by the Ruhr War, in its drain on the to break in principle the eight-hour

While I was standing in the office of another Factory Council, written the old age pensions of the workers. notice was brought in from the fac- They have nothing left; they are tory management that henceforth any down to potatoes and margarine; and worker wishing to consult the factory watching them are a million une council, must first obtain leave of ab- ployed who haven't even those sence from his foreman. The secre- tatoes. tary of the Factory Council turned to me: "Step by step they have taken day. I talked with representatives away all our power" he said. "Our Big Business who were cheerfully workers' council is nothing but a claring that "at least the Ruhr"

Yet he could look back to the thrill sense about the eight-hour day of the days when there was a Red workers' committees." I talked Army in the Ruhr, and the miners representatives of the French, who but the local Majority Socialists also ter of German internal policies." took part in it, urged on by the spirit I went into German miners' homes The output of coal rose steadily.

es, but announced in the same breath nothing to eat. that the act of the Ruhr miners was | I went into office after office c sick mines in due and orderly fashion.

again,-not now for nationalization, cent honest people who obeyed it, but to maintain the six-hour day un- while the men who invested in dolderground. And even while the strike lars and raw materials, got rich. breaking corps and the armies, sent I heard the secretary of the Em-

Ruhr and the workers laid down tools. til, . . ." they played into the hands of German | But that "until" is a precarious Big Business thru their patriotic feel- hope. It means until they seize the ings. They realize this now, very bit- mines again with a Red army for a terly. "It was not that we thought Soviet Germany. This might have a German capitalist any better than been done easily once, if they could a French one," many of them said have held the mines when they first to me, "but we thought we could took them, but they surrendered them control our conditions better under again to a German government too our own German labor laws and with feeble to know its own mind. A govthe protection of our trade unions." ernment which gave them back to It was a hard situation. They struck their private owners and then bank-

tives of the census bureau.

in this small concentrated re- mies; they carried on the greatest general strike known in history in the gion, only a couple of hours most complicated industrial area of travel north and south and east the world. But all its result was to give German Big Business a superb have lost all the gains achieved weapon to use in making terms with the French. Even with this weapon, they did

not make very good terms. The invading armies were too strong for them. They agreed in the end to produce one-fifth of their coal free of charge for the French, to be charged against reparations, and to pay a tax der. It is a tax under which the the nine months of safety and exhours a week to single men and thirty | ive resistance," and paid for by the

But Big Business in the Ruhr open-Yet with all this surplus of men, French pressure. It has abolished the the mark, which was directly caused treasury of the German Government, has broken the trade union treasuries and the sick benefit funds and the

That's the situation in the Ruhr did one thing, it smashed the seized and nationalized the mines, ap- litely declared: "All that we asl is pointing a "Commission of Nine" dele- that they shall pay the coal tax that gated from local trades councils and they owe us on reparations; it is nothmine committees, to take over the ing to us whether they collect the whole of the Westfalian Coal Indus- costs from the German Government, try and manage it in trust for the or pay it themselves, or get it out of state. The Communists led the way, the German workers. That is a mat-

of the workers towards a new Ger- where they were sleeping in the cormany. That was in 1919—the pale, ner on straw under a ragged quilt disillusioned secretary of the Factory And these were not Russian peasants, Committee in a big establishment, but Germans, famed for generations whose name I shall not mention be- of thrifty housekeeping and well arcause it might affect his job, told me ranged homes. I went thru one of with a tired smile that "those were the big dormitories-maintained by good days." The managers came to Krupps, with its roof garden, library, work or remained away at the per- club rooms-all solid in enduring mission of the workers' committees. stone. And an irrespressible youth stuck his shoulders over the parti-But the coalition government of So- tion of his cell-like bedroom, crying: cialists, Catholics and Democrats sit- l"Long live the unemployed . . ." He ting in Berlin, declared themselves in was staying in bed thru the afternoon favor of nationalization by their voic- to keep down his hunger, for he had

an act of war. They sent an army to pensions, unemployment pensions, intake control, and the miners gave in surance of all kinds, and heard the to the will of their own Socialist rep- sickening story repeated of how *hey resentative in the Reichstag, trust- were ruined by law,—the law that reing them to bring nationalization of quired them to place their savings in municipal bonds and government A year later they were striking loans, and that bankrupted, the de-

by the Socialist government, was ad- ployers' Association in the biggest vocating against them, the same So- steel center saying: "The workers cialist government was thrown out of have become sensible; they see they Berlin by the Kapp Putsch. The loyal must work ten hours And I miners of the Ruhr rose at their call heard workers' representatives say: and joined a general strike to save "Not at any time has there been such Ebert, Scheideman and Noske. And hate as now against the bosses. We within a fortnight, the Socialist lead-know that we have been betrayed. ers, back in their seats thru the up- They told us to strike to save our rising of the workers, sent the same eight-hour day and our German workroyalist troops who had just been ing conditions. Now they have made fighting against them, to put down the terms with the French to kill all the "red rebels" in the Ruhr. So a dem- gains of the revolution. If they reocratic Socialist government was sav- fuse to sign the next contract with ed to Germany, but the most active, the French,—we will not do another able men of the Ruhr who helped save passive resistance job for them. We it, were slaughtered by it like sheep. will run the mines for the French, or When the French advanced into the for anyone who pays us wages. Un-

ROCKFORD, Ill., May 2.—The offi- WASHINGTON, May 2.—Americial population of Rockford May 1, can Federation of Labor officials are 1924. will be 78,298, while Rockford now convinced that George L. Berry and its immediate suburbs will count of the Printing Pressmen's union and 86,737. This information was vouched the American legion, will be nominby Clarence E. Patrick, secretary of ated by the Democrats for vice presithe Rockford Chamber of Commerce, dent. regardless of the indentity of the following conferences with representa- head of the ticket or the trend of the platform.

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special young mine workers' features, announced in another part of

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of the young communist movement from the days of the left wing

an interview with the secretary of the French league by a special correspondent of The Young Worker, now in Europe, who will send us

this number, the following added articles:

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Gannes, the second of his series of articles on American capitalist

tion, by C. E. Ruthenberg, executive secretary of the Workers Party,

giving the stand of the revolutionaries on one of the most important

points now being decided by the American workers.

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Three Rousing Whispers For Congress!

And give them with a will! For the great child labor amendment has been passed by the house of representatives by a vote of 297 to 69! That for which Mr. Gompers and the National Child Labor Committee and the National Consumers' League and the editor of the Buckwheat Squawk have been agitating these many years has finally come to pass-

if we are to believe what they have to say.

But let's see. The author of the amendment, Mr. Israel Foster, of Ohio, has this to say in its favor: 1. This constitutional amendment is NOT a child

"2. It is NOT a reflection on the United States Su preme Court.

3. It does not propose to forbid child labor under 18. It is NOT expected that congress under this Rockefeller-Gary and Co. grant of power will pass legislation affecting children up to 18, altho it MIGHT be considered wise to forbid boys under 18 to operate railroad locomotives or mine ele-

vators, for instance. "5. The 20 or more national organizations favoring this amendment does NOT want congress to include employment of children on the home farm and would OPPOSE such national legislation."

There you have examples of the piffle which is handed out in defense of the child labor amendment by its own Evidently he doesn't think much of his son,

regarding him more or less as illegitimate.

As is pointed out by our Washington correspondent the amendment must now travel the torturous road before it is ever become a part of our constitution. And when it finally gets to that stage we have no doubt but that whiskers or moss will have grown all over it-or over the children it is supposed to protect. And when the great day comes, we will find that, in Mr. Foster's words, "it does not propose to forbid child labor under 18" and that "it is not expected that congress under this grant of power will pass legislation affecting children

This is the kind of legislational rot which even the misnamed progressive members of congress try to palm ers' Aid. off on the workers of this country. It is past high time that the workers themselves, the workers who are old in years and the children as well, unite in a real fight against the evil which is eating away the lives of the youth of the working class. The Young Workers League rogram of actual struggle against the menace of child the problems of the homeless waifs. bor is one behind which all workers and working class

ganizations can line up. Our demands for the organization of the youth into te unions, for equal wages for equal work and better inditions for the child worker in accordance with physil and mental necessity stand out as the only realistic ogram yet presented in this country. A belief that gress will ever move one single millimeter towards a manent, or even a temporary solution to this problem, to be blind to the experiences of the working class in e capitalist countries the world over.

Capitalist patriotism consists in being loyal to the flag that provides the greatest profits.

Peoria to St. Paul

The call for the organization of a real state farmer labor party in Illinois at a convention in Peoria, May 18th, is at this time in the hands of every workers' and farmers' organization in the state. That Illinois needs a farmer-labor party which will actually unite all the to walk for miles to the nearest city. tion of discredited capitalist politicians. The alleged F. L. P. which consists of and is led by Gifford Ernest and his immediate worshippers But the capitalist press does not proclaim cannot be considered seriously for even a minute.

The sincere working class groups and individuals which are signatories to the Peoria convention call contain such well known names as Duncan MacDonald, John Hindmarsh, J. J. Watts, Morton Johnson, Arne Swabeck and others. They are not only fighting for a state party but for a national party—the party which is going to come out of the June 17th convention at St. Paul. In order for the national party to be successful in any degree it is necessary that it have as its backbone strong parties. These are in the process of being organized not only in Illinois, but also in Ohio, New York, Michigan, Oregon, California and elsewhere.

The need of a united farmer-labor party has been told in The Young Worker in the past and in this issue will be found further information. It is the duty of all progressive workers to get their organizations lined up behind these movements. It is especially the duty of members of The Young Workers League to get their trade unions to send delegates to these various conventions. The successful organization of a national farmerlabor party means the beginning of a widespread struggle against child labor, against capitalism's attempt to drag the youth of this country into another war against the use of injunctions to kill the attempts of the workers to better their conditions.

Our comrades in the mining sections of the country must take special note of this political campaign. As part of the working class of this country, as a part which is more oppressed than any other, it is their duty to get into this campaign with all their strength. same holds true, of course, of our members in other unions and organizations. All together, now, for the organization of a huge

class farmer-labor party in this country, in the separate states and nationally!

Bonus, Bonus, Everywhere— But not a cent in sight.

Almost six years after the end of the greatest slaughter of the working class of the world in the interests of the capitalist class, the United States senate has voted a bonus to the deluded young men who fought the combined war for democracy and to end all war. And the generous bonus consists in a full-paid endowment insurance policy which will be graciously handed down to the soldiers—those who are left to receive it—in 20 years.

Thousands of young workers who had been shoved into uniforms died in No Man's Land; thousands of others suffered living deaths; thousands still remain in the government hospitals all over the country where they are occasionally amused by free vaudeville performances by the National Vaudeville Association. Those who escaped have learned of the democracy they fought for, when they went out on a strike for better wages and conditions and less hours of toil. These young workers, the majority if not all of them, were fooled and forced into fighting a war in which they had no real interest. And those that yapped loudest about the necessity of fighting the war remained at home, the dollar a year man who coined the dough out of the blood and sweat of the workers in the trenches of Europe and the trenches at home

The latter, when they piled up profits to the skies, are the patriots. The former, the soldiers, who now ask for the insignificant return in the form of a bonus, are called bolsheviks and anarchists. You see, there must not be a premium on patriotism—for the workers. They must be taught that patriotism is a duty for which they are not to be paid, which they must carry out in a 100 per cent American spirit. Of course, the millions made during the war by the plutes is taken as a matter of course. That's perfectly proper and is as it should be. But ordinary, common workers who did the real fighting and dying, how dare they ask for a bonus! Treason!

But treason or no, they demanded it and the senate has now thrown them the sop of an endowment insur-It merely intends to give congress discretionary power regarding the labor of children up to 18 but not beyond. has been granted them for their service to Morganance policy to be realized in 20 years. The great reward

> This sop, however, is not going to satisfy the ex-soldiers so easily. They are beginning to see thru the whole affair. It is a small sign of the times to note that the American Legion Book Service now includes John Dos Passos' famous anti-war book, "Three Soldiers," in its collection. When the young workers who make up the armies of capitalism awake to the fact that it is not their business to do the boss' fighting but to join the revolutionary workers' fight against the boss, the war to end all wars will have been begun.

And there won't be any need for a bonus, either

The proper study of the wise man is not how to die. but how to live. There is no subject on which the sage will think less than death.—Spinoza.

Russia's Children and Ours

A children's model city, where all the best educational and mechanical and agricultural equipment will be provided, will be built (for the 10,000 homeless orphans) in the environs of Moscow, states a report from the American delegate of the Committee for IInternational Work-

The report goes on to tell of the tremendous efforts which are being made on behalf of the children. Thousands have been taken from the streets and placed in institutions. The Lenin fund for children organized recently by the All-Russian Congress of Soviets will solve

Krupskaya, Lenin's wife, has opposed any memorial to her husband except the fund to be used for the care of delinquent children. Lenin loved children and always insisted that the children shall be provided for first. Krupskaya carries out his wish.

But the capitalist press is howling about nationalizaion of children in Soviet Russia, about the neglect of children, about Soviet Russia being overrun with homeless waifs. This is not out of pity for the children, but out of hatred for the first workers' republic. Now that the workers all over the world are clamoring for the recognition of Soviet Russia the kept press is intensify-

ng its campaign for discrediting the Soviet republic. Nothing is said by the capitalist press about the suffering of children in this country, where there are over two million five hundred thousand child laborers, more

than in any country in the world. Recently a case has come to light of an orphan boy in Canada who was kept in practical slavery working on a farm from early morning to night without receiving any wages at all. He was then sent away penniless and had for independent political action has been made obvious working class and farmer elements which really stand are thousands such cases in Canada, and in this country. by the recent stand of Fitzpatrick and his gang of the old In New York City children under ten years of age in over hand of death. But millions are doomed and millions will die. two thousand families are doing sweatshop work in

> But the capitalist press does not proclaim these facts and only digs up reports about suffering of children in Russia and distorts these reports in its campaign of slander. Instead of suggesting that Soviet Russia be recognized, the kept press is intensifying its campaign of hatred.

Half my life has been spent trying to forget the know a lot more had we learned a lot less.-H. ... Boote.

A Correction

In our issue of March 15th, 1924 (Vol. III, No. 6), there appeared a news item on page two headed "Nor-way's Youth for Army Strike." This item is based on incorrect facts and gives the wrong impression as the actual situation in Norway. The so-called "Left Young Communist League" is led by Haakon Meyer, who worked together with Tranmael in the latter's work of splitting the adult party away from the Communist International and is at present doing everything to fight the Communist International and the Young Communist Internation. Also, the position of this alleged left on the question of anti-militarism is far from a Communist stand. We hope to have in the next issue, impossible a more detailed article from one of our Norwelman comrades on the anti-militarist activity of the Young Communist League, Norwegian section, Young Communist International. We wish to state here, however, that the news item previously mentioned contained statements which do NOT express the position of the Young Work ers League, The Young Worker, the Young Communist International or its Norwegian section.

You cannot have a "new world," you cannot make comrade. better men, under the capitalist system

My Flight From Siberia

By Leon Trotzky

What Has Gone Before

After Russia's defeat in the Russo-Japanese war, the misery of the workers grew more intense and they presented a petition for greater fredom. The result was the massacre known as Boody Sunday. The news of the massacre spread and cause spontaneous uprising in the form of Soviets. When the Soviets met to consider a general strike they were arrested, tried, and 15 of the accused were sentenced to Siberia. Trotsky, one of the 15, describes in the following pages of his diary the trip across they snowy wastes of Siberia to the prison. Now go on with the story:

ANUARY 16.

I am writing under the conditions which I shall describe. We are in a village, twenty versts from Tiumeni. t is night. We are in a peasant's hovel, a low, dirty, room. No part of he floor can be seen. It is completey covered with the bodies of members of the Soviet of Workers' Deputies.

They are not yet sleeping. There is much talk. laughter As a result of drawing lots I received a broad sofa-like bench for my bed. Strange, what good luck I have in

In Tiumeni we stayed for a day and a night. We were greeted—we are already used to such greetings-by a tremendous number of soldiers, infantry, and cavalry. The cavalry—volunteers—bustled about, making their horse prance, driving the street arabs away. We walked from the sta tion to the prison.

Pokrovskoya, January 18. I am writing from the third stopping place of our journey. We are very weary from the slow travelling. We do not cover more than six versts

an hour and we travel only four or five hours a day.

It is a good thing that the cold is not too severe-20-25-30 degrees Reaumur. About three weeks ago the thermometer registered 52 degrees of

rost. How could we, with our little

children, have endured such a temperature! We still have a week's journey before we reach Tobolsk. We have no newspapers at all, no letters, no news

of any kind.

I am writing from here without any assurance that the letter will reach its destination. We are still forbidden o communicate, while on the way, and must make use of any accidental -not always reliable—means of communication.

In reality, however, all these things do not seem very important. We are all warmly dressed. We breathe the pure frosty air with great joy, after the bad ventilation we had to endure in solitary confinement. Say what you will, in that far away period when the human organism was formed it

Two Anecdotes

It is a rainy night, late in spring

there in the night and speaks to him.

murdered by a fascist hand, lies buried.

blasting cold only to see him once more.

Was ever man loved more than he?

know it is two o'clock?"

pockets. Up and down, up and down—in thought.

save the Russian workers and peasants from starving

T is the year of the famine-1921-which cost the lives of millions of men,

women and children in Soviet Russia. The Soviet Government is making

the most tremendous efforts that a government ever made to stay the

torrents. The Kremlin is deserted but for one man. Unheeding the storm

and the sound of the big clock in the tower which strikes two, he walks up

and down. His collar is up, his cap down over his ears. His hands in his

Another comrade enters the Kremlin, approaches the strange figure out

"What are you doing out here in the rain, Vladimir Ilyitch? Don't you

"I can't sleep," Lenin replied. "The workers and peasants are straving."

On the Red Square, where the thousand Red soldiers lie buried in a

On the Red Square, where the Red Army marches, showing the prowess

On the Red Square where often he spoke to the revolutionary workers

ommon grave—lying in death as they had fought in life—together as they

battled against the common enemy. Where John Reed lies; where Vorovsky,

the old Bolshevik and plenipotentiary of the Soviet Government, who was

of young and mighty Soviet Russia. Where the old cathedral of many

of Moscow, explaining to them the nature of State policies, and exhorting

hem to safeguard the Proletarian Revolution and to prepare for the World

On either side is a sentinel's box where a soldier stands on guard. And

There he lies, the beloved leader of the World Proletarian Rvolution.

One million workers and peasants of Soviet Russia saw him for the last

between the two boxes, in cold, black letters stands the name LENIN.

turrets stands and where the chimes ring out the Internationale.

In Siberia everything remains as it was of old—at least just as it was changed. Not only have the Siberian soldiers changed—and how greatly altered they are!—but the "Tschel-(peasants) have changed as well. They talk of political matters; they ask if this state of things will last forever or whether it will end soon. Our driver, a boy of thirteenhe assured us he was fifteen-kept shouting during the whole drive: 'Wake up! Wake up! All you working people get ready for the fight, you hungry people!" The soldiers scolded him (altho it was plain to be seen that they sympathized with him) and threatened to report him to the officer. The lad knew quite well that they were all on his side and he continued to roar his call for the workers to revolt.

The first stopping place from which I wrote you was, as I said, a peasant's grimy hut. The two places at which we stopped later were government halting places—not less grimy but a little more comfortable. They had separate quarters for men and women, and also kitchens. We had plank beds to sleep on. We can only try to make an appearance of relative cleanliness. That is perhaps the worst feature of our journey.

The peasants bring milk, curds, pork, bircuits, and other foodstuffs to these halting places. Altho it is really against all orders they are allowed to enter. The "instructions" forbid all unauthorized persons to have any relations whatsoever with the prisoners, but then it would be difficult for our escort to find any other means of provisioning us.

We have invested F, our superior in years, with soverign authority and the responsibility of keeping order, and we all—the officer, the solliers, the police, the market women call him "doctor". He displayed an extraordinary amount of energy; he tea with them. No, our escort would packed things up, bought what we wanted, was our cook, our general the non-commissioned officer at the caretaker, issued orders, gave sing-head of our escort had given his per ng lessons, etc., etc. Each day some of us were appointed to help him—but in such a loud bawling voice that the it was always possible to tell which nembers of the party were on duty because they never had anything to do At the present moment sup-per is being prepared and things are quite lively. "The doctor wants a knife." "The doctor would like to have some butter." "The man on duty wants to take out the garbage."
The voice of the doctor—"You don't eat fish? I can fry a chop for you. It is all the same to me."

After supper tea is served on the plank beds. At teatime the ladies are on duty. It is one of the rules ssued by the doctor.

day 90. We arrived at our headquarters tired out and turned in early. We are now in an East Yakutian village, in a dirty little cabin. In the smoky gloomy kitchen the soldiers have been escorting us are stamping up and down among the tipsy Yakuts. Poor soldiers, they had, obviously, no chance to adapt it | were frozen almost to death. In the

By I. AMTER (Moscow).

It is dark and the rain is falling in

| self to the conditions of solitary con- | next room a lamb is bleating .

marriage is being celebrated in the vallage. It is the time of year for marriages among the Yakuts. Most five or six years ago—and yet, at the of the Yakuts seem to be drunk. From same time, everything seems to have time to time they come here, peer at us, exchange a few words with each other

A little old man from Saratov came to visit us. He was also drunk. He was fermerly in a government post but had been exiled. He and a few of his comrades had come here from Beresov to lay in a supply of meat. 'They are "politicals".

An incredible amount of prepara-

tions have to be made for our further transportation. As I told you in a former letter our train consists of twenty-two sleights, for which about fifty horses have to be conscripted. Very few villages have so many horses, so they have to be brought in from other villages, often over great distances. At some of the stations we learned that horses had been brought from villages one hundred versts away. And yet the distances between the stations here are rather shortusually from ten to fifteen versts Thus the Yakuts have had to bring horses from one hundred versts away to drive two members of the Soviet of Workers' Deputies a distance of ten versts! Since the time of our journey thru this section had not been definitely named many of the men who brought horses have had to wait for two weeks or more. They could "himself" went thru the district.

I have already spoken of the sympathy of the local peasants for the "politicals" in general, and for us in particular. We had an example of this in Belogoryia, a small village in the Beresov district. (You see we are already this far on our way.) A group of peasants had arranged among themselves to prepare food and tea for us-and they had taken up a collection for us, six rubles. Of course, we refused to take their money, but we were quite willing to drink not permit this. As a matter of fact, mission, but the corporal objectedwhole village heard him-and threatened to make a case against the offi cer. The whole village followed us when we left the hut where we were to have been entertained. It was regular demonstration.

(To Be Continued)

League News

Four Nuclei in New York. in the waist maker's industry, one in ment is not a new dance. Reads a millinery factory and two in automobile industries; there are prospects of many more soon. The agitation for also the Party Discussion. shop nuclei has increased very much, Attends all meetings and when writes comrade Jack Stachel, D. O., since the visit of comrade Max Salzman to New York. Comrade Morris have you stay a while to—dis-Pasternak, recently of Pittsburgh, is cuss things. Is there one in the now industrial organizer and things movement? are going to boom.

New York just held a city convention, at which it was reported that there are about 750 members, 520 in good standing. There were reports on tion which is characterized by the pre-children's work, education, shop nuclei, the local bulletin and other very ly incongruous in the choice or treatimportant maters. New York still ment of a theme. Humor may be maintains its position on the top and further distinguished by its sympathe formation of new nuclei, the possi- thetic quality, by force of which it is bilities of which are almost unlimited. often found blending the pathetic with will soon give the league in New York the ludicrous and by the same stroke and then some.

And In Maynard, Too!

John Louko, D. O. Massachusetts. s working on the organization of a nucleus in Maynard. There is no reason at all, why, especially in a highly industrialized state like that, there should not be some real live fighting nucleus. The establishment and good functioning of one nucleus should be but one figure will get a girl there." And he marches up and down, in deep thought, trying to find a way to an inspiration and a proof of its worth to all the other comrades. Get busy! Every member a nucleus organizer, is our slogan!

We Almost Forgot Minneapolis

This seems to be nucleus week! A Minneapolis comrade has got together with another comrade in the big machine shop where they work and have to see to it that definite work is carried on there. Nucleus week is right! Come on, comrades, let every week be 'nucleus week!"

There he lies in the midst of these other soldiers of the Revolution, who also fought their fight and died. In a tiny mausoleum they placed his body. A new society founded on industrial it speak for itself: peace and forethought, bearing with it its own ethics, aiming at a new and higher life for all men, has re- And every effort bendtime in the Hall of Columns of the Temple of Unions. They stood in the ceived the general name of Socialism, and it is my firm belief that it is des-And now again, the lines form in front of the little mausoleum; the lines tined to supersede the old order of of the workers and peasants who pass in and take another look at the great things founded on industrial war, and to be the next step in the progress of humanity.-William Morris.

IMPROPAGANDA

A WE ASK FOR A VERSE-AND LOOK

To Walt Carmon, Impropagandist.

(With apologies to Ralph Chaplin.) cannot lose the thot of you. You haunt me like a little pest, eminding me the whole day thru

How can I woo the fleeting Muse With trouble knocking at the door? et. I can not your plea refuse For just one verse, just one verse

Of your importunate request!

And now you'll vanish from the scene For two short weeks, two little weeks:

And I shall go my way, serene, Until once speaks!

Sam Gompers is against the Constitution. He wants beer back again.--

Sam Gompers wants to ruin our constitution.

THE BOY IS AWFFULLY THANKFUL!

Congress has passed the soldier onus bill—nearly six years after the war's end. Las year two thousand war veterans committed suicide. If there are any left who have not died remember only one other, similar of hunger, accident or old age they case. That was when the governor can now die happy. A grateful government has taken care of themwith an insurance policy. And some one will surely get it. If this isn't generosity then I'm a cock-eyed, lopsided, homely, flat-nosed son of a groundhog.

A THANKFUL—GAWD HOW THANKUL—BUCK PRIRVATE.

Lucky Cal and Santa Claus Hughes are calling another Disarmament Conference. You can't tell us that our politicians have no sense of humor.

SEND PHOTOS AND MONEY FOR FREIGHT CHARGES WE'RE PUTTING ON EXTRA HELP TO TAKE CARE OF THE ANSWERS.

In the spring a good looking young man's fancy turns to the ideal radical girl. Mine: Buys her own cigarettes. Eats little when out and a lot at home. Does not smoke or cuss like an amateur. Pays her own car fare. Prefers the gallery at the New York now has four Nuclei, one show. Knows the radical moveyou take her home---likes to

BRICK LAYER.

"Humor is that quality in composimoving to tears or to laughter."—Th Century Dictionary.

(Note to Editor:-Be sure to put his in. I don't know whathehellhe's talkinabout but it does sound good, doesn't it?) -BUT-

If it's Impropaganda-Send it in!

It takes an income of six figures to get a man in the rotogravure section, Which gave us an idea that shaped

itself out like this: If you subscribe
—you're friend will also—just ask

In the spring we are very lenient to poets. Verse that almost always is reserved for the formed a shop unit! Literature is editor's private collection—at being distributed and we are going this time of the year appears in editor's private collection—at print. The editor has a lot to say about the following contribution sent in by Office Beane-Oh, a whole lot!—but we will let

> No matter how you strive and struggle Environment is like a sorset It's bound to shape your end, -OFFICE BEANE.

Cue for the exist of -Walt Carmon, Impropagandist.

Is June 17th?" of discontented workers and bankrupt ing to them at every step the in- Communist everywhere supprot every unions, a bureacracy that has fought shutting out delegates from local rank and file meeting is assured. Among the youthful workers as farmers that a farmer-labor party and adequacy of reformism, of parliamen-revolutionary movement against the every progressive measure such as unions and poor farmers organiza-

among the adults, confronted by the the reforms possibly to be gained tary struggles—of the program they existing social an dpolitical order of amalgamation of the craft unions in tions. Also, the very date of the conquestion of the formation of a farmerlabor party, misgivings and misunder- their massed forces afoot on the path ineffective except by experience. We to take part in the tremendous up- nimed to deflect the great current of tions, shows that if a so-called "good first outpost of the enemy. Before standings arise concerning not only which part of the many non-communist elements now tending toward a separation from the old capitalist of the political struggle of the the Workers Party are not like other ing to speak for independent political political parties are permissible al- classes. lies in the United States as against the colossal power of the great bourgeoisie, but also a question of the basic advisability of a Communist organization uniting with any non-

communist element whatsoever. Communists Have No Illusions we must recognize that the "Communist of the Workers Party do not ram will answer their needs.

thru it will be or could be the final now believe in so implicitly and trust- things." goal of these masses once they set fully that they cannot be convinced In thus being undoubtedly our duty sion, is leading a movement that is Republican and Democrats conven bosses, the union bureaucrats are the regarded by the Communists as the clarity but dispell the confusion and political power, where remains the final goal but as a bare beginning illusions of the masses, because we of question of what elements now claim-

in political understanding, but we unit with an iron discipline equally It must be remembered that in know that we whose final goal is a exacting upon membership and leader working class political groups, just as Communist society thru which the ship and for these reasons capable of in working class economic groups, lowing to trade it off for personal working farmers, butn its inclusive overthrow of capitalist rule and the mixing with any and all elements there are self-seeking misleaders, transition era of proletarian dictator- while retaining its clear indetity and place-hunting careerists and lieutenship, cannot hope to realize our aims ideology. unless we can win these masses to Dealing with the last question first, our support, unless we can convince

parties but fight as a unit with trust- action for the workers and farmers of the union bureaucracts. They real-We do not share the illusions of those broad masses not yet advanced worthy and vigilant leadership with those broad masses not yet advanced objectively calculated programs, a Communists.

Communists Support Progress them ultimately that only our prog- in the Communist Manifesto of 1847 threatens the rule of big business. dislike a real working class assembly lacking organization, the St. Paul constated that the Communists are not The movement for a farmer-labor

ants of the capitalist class who seek to befuddle the workers and to side-

June 17th or July 4th?

The so-called Conference for Progressive Political Action is the organ parties.

to industrial unions of power and vi- vention of the C. P. P. A., after both In the fight of the unions against the the C. P. P. A. intends to betray the with their own ranks solidly united, class upheaval and ask its followers to support one of the two capitalist

convention called for June 17th at St. mers and workers, but knowing the Paul, Minnesota. Not only is the St. in the farmer-labor movement and demand they pretend to be favorable Paul convention called by organiza in the unions too, is fighting the class -but only seek a farmer-labor fol-tions composed of actual workers and struggle. favors offered by the capitalist part- plan of representation allows any ies, republican or democrat. The C. local union of workers to send a de-P. P. A. is holding a convention at legate. Also, recognizing that the Cleveland on July 4th, but the fact poorer farmers are generally most munist of the Workers Party do not Share the illusion of the broad masses them in their battles, while explain- ies, on the contrary as he said, "The land reactionary bureaucracy of the barring all rank and file delegates, ize a representative. Thus a positive mers.

By Earl R. Browder Editor, The Labor Herald It must be understood that this

they must rout the traitorous capitalists agents who call themselves union officials and install revolutionary lead-On the other hand, we have a great ership. Fighting the union bureaucrats, ousting them from leadership

These are the reasons the big capitalist newspapers and the powerful organs of the union bureaucracy are attacking the St. Paul convention.

It must be remembered that Marx track any vital movement which that the union bureaucrats fear and discontented while at the same time why every Communist, young and old, And these are the reasons as well should throw every effort behind the is seen in the C. P. P. A. limiting re- vention will admit a delegate from attempt to establish at St. Paul a presentation to union officials and any group of 25 farmers who author class party of workers and poor far-