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The Young Workers League Calls On Young Miners of America To Join and Fight Their Rotten Conditions Of Life and False Leaders!

THIS is a special issue of The Young Worker and a large part of it is given over to the problems of the young miners of this country and what our program for these problems is, what the program of the Young Workers League of America presents to

First of all, what are your conditions, what wages do you make, what hours do you work, how do you live?

You are living under a capitalist system of society where a few people own all the means of producing and distributing what is needed to live. These few hand out the jobs to the millions who are workers. It is these workers that produce the necessary things of life, it is these workers who produce the profits of the boss who most probably never saw a mine in his life, it is these workers who do not get all the things that they produce but re forced to give a rake-off to the boss for the job.

What does this lead to? The American miner who can produce about two and three-quarters times as much coal in a certain amount of time than the British miner can, is paid more miserable wages, lives under more miserable conditions, and has less freedom than has the coal-digger of England or any other counrty. While the coal operators of this country make millions of dollars in profit every year, while they live in luxury, in Palm Beach, at Monte Carlo, in their palaces and yachts, the mine workers get about \$430 a year less than the minimum standard of living as compiled by government experts. While the wives and daughters of the coal owners give parties to their pet poodles, the miner lives in a tumbledown hovel of a shack.

Is it any wonder that as soon as the son of a miner is old enough to be a breaker boy or trapper, the father of the family is forced to take his son into mine work in order that the few extra dollars in wages may make easier the hardships of the family? Is it any wonder, therefore, that there are thousands and thousands of young workers under the age of 16 who are slaving away in the mines for the profit of their fat bosses-in order to help along in the house with his pitiful wages?

This is only part of the picture of the life of the young miner under the present system of capitalism.

This system is based on profit for the boss. That's why he doesn't give a damn about the lives of his workers. He can miners who succeeded in escaping are suffocate, bind, entomb the workers. always get others to fill the places of those who are gone. That is why the mines are not safe for the workers to toil in. That is why the bosses buy up the corrupt mine inspectors. That is why they don't give a rap if hundreds of miners are blown sky high in some explosion.

In the period of less than six months to date we can mark with the ink of the workers' blood the following disasters, the following sacrifices made by the working class on the altar of capitalist profit:

Pekin, III. 40 dead
Johnston City, III. 38 dead
Shanktown, Pa. 49 dead
Crosby, Minn. 43 dead Castle Gate, Utah......165 dead Charlestown, W. Va......26 dead Benwood, W. Va.....125 dead

Is this what men live for? Is this why you go into the mine? Your boss thinks so. If you are killed in a mine explosion which is due to the boss' negligence in keeping the mine up to standard, old story, retold in the same tragic sides, it is not only limited to the terms, of failure to water the dust, boys, but the girls have found in the the boss doesn't shed a tear: there are are hundreds of other workers he can get for the mine. He is interested inly in profit systematic circulation of air—thus, on their interests as well. and not in life and happiness for the workers.

When these conditions become intolerable and you go out on strike, what do you find? Immediately the boss gets the soldiers and militia of the United States government and the state government. These armed workers, who are misguided into fighting interested in saving their mules to class, which are and will be the enemagainst their own class, are ordered to see to it that you are driven pile up greater profits for bigger did ies of the workers). Yet, what is back to work, that you do not win your demands for better condi- vidends to stockholders) enrages the good for the boss is bad for the work tions of work and life.

You know this to be the case. It was the case in the great strike of 1922; it is the same thing in every strike that the workers manifest. carry on. The government is simply a tool in the hands of the bosses of this country. Your union couldn't get the U. S. soldiers to come out and protect their rights when the boss declares a lockout or shuts down his mine. But the minute you endanger living purgatory! SURE! That was of that ilk) and will not allow himthe profits of the coal operator you have a gun shoved right his crime! Hence his fate is only self to be influenced to condemn his under your nose.

GOVERNMENT!

THAT IS WHY WE SAY TO THE YOUNG WORKERS OF THIS COUNTRY TO UNITE WITH THE OLDER WORKERS AND RUN THE GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES FOR THE WORKERS, OF THE WORKERS, AND BY THE WORKERS!

There is one more enemy that the workers, young and old, must unite to fight against. That enemy is the false leader of the workers. That enemy is the leader who says he is with the workers but is always working on the side of the boss and against the workers' interests. That is the type of leader typified by (Continued on Page Two)

DORIOT, CHIEF OF YOUTH LEAGUE, JAILED FOR ANTI-MILITARY WORK; STANDS AS COMMUNIST CANDIDATE

(Special to "The Young Worker")

PARIS.—Jacques Doriot, national secretary of the Young Communist League of France, arrested and jailed because of his activity in the Ruhr among the French troops of occupation, has been nominated as candidate of the Communist Party for election to the chamber of deputies from the fourth section of the Seine.

Comrade Doriot is well-known for years as a brilliant anti-militarist propagandist having been sen tenced to two years in prison in 1920 for an article appearing in The Conscript. At the beginning of the Ruhr occupation, the German and French leagues carried on joint anti-imperialist work among the troops, as a result of which Doriot and numerous other were arrested and sentenced by the corrupt French and German leagues, the

Sentences varying from 15 days raided and papers seized. Tho this to 18 months were given to the was done with a view to crippling young communists Lozeray, Besthe work of the league, it is going nard, Ayme, Pannaro, Besserve, on as strongly as ever. Collignon, Haas, Offenbroich, Gross, Fuerstoss, Savin, Voltaire, Guyot, tion are not yet known in sufficient Descamps, Charras, Rousseau, Dub- detail to know if Comrade Doriot lineau, Tchernikoff, Fournel, Tre- has been elected.



JACQUES DORIOT

and and Lebertois. In an attempt to uncover a "plot" between the French league's headquarters were

The results of the French elec-

The Y.W.L. and the Young Miners

By BARNEY MASS

awake. Pandemonium reigns. People tion. Only thru organization of the hurry to and fro. Again dreaded ex- young workers on the political field, pectation has become reality. A mine the scene of the disaster, hoping, praying their dear ones are safe.

Miners Lead Dangerous Life. The following day tolls in the tragic mass funeral. The town is in mournng. Mothers are shaken with grief; demoralized, dreading to think of the morrow, not knowing whether to remoney for railroad fare and debts, incurred while on strike or during periodic sieges of unemployment, children of miners are reared. Later, we hear whispered about, incidents of the explosion,—how sons died in the arms of their fathers, tragic last JOHNSON CITY, where the most red is becoming an influence in the minlist the Young Workers League med them the distribution of training lasts from August fresh in memory.

Explosion Due to Boss

part of the bosses was responsible coming from work, is becoming a comand on, excuses and reasons pile up remedy this aggravating situation sudden increase of Communist propamen and immediately sentiment for er, and vice versa. No longer will direct action to abolish everything rethe young miner be misled by the

Being born a child of the worker, he mine explosions, enforced strikes, is doomed to a life of suffering, a lockouts, wage cuts and all other ills to labor, exposed to the most danger- own to labor, exposed to the most danger-ous accidents, to continue the supply of more coal, so the mine owners can the bosses have reason to be alarm-

liberately, cold bloodedly. Can you remain satisfied with your Illinois position? Are you willing to have such predatory interests crush your manhood, arrest your development and | WORKER'S LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Join the Young Workers League
JOIN THE YOUNG WORKERS'
The Young Worker is the organ
LEAGUE OF AMERICA! In practicalof the fighting young workers of this
They are conducted by the war de-

THE fierce shriek of whistles pierces The young miners see in this organithe air. The town is jerked zation their only hope for emancipabased on the theory that as long as has exploited, many men are entomb- there continues to be boss and worked. Mothers, wives, sisters and sweet- er, the latter producing all wealth, nearts rush with throbbing hearts to and the former appropriating all wealth, so long will we have mine explosiions, Oil Scandals in our Government, our sisters forced to prostitute their bodies for a living, and other manifestations of degeneracy leaking down thru countless strata hearts of loved ones are broken; the of the rotten capitalists system, to their obligations to their country."

> Are For Workers' Republic We the members of the Young such a system and establish a Workers' and Farmers' Government to be efit the "young men individually" is composed of workers and farmers, more than is explained in the tons of serving the needs of the working-class propaganda issued by the C. M. T. C. to the exclusion of all other classes. about it? RIGHT! Then JOIN us.

cent disaster occurred, yet remains in camps of Ilinois, is demonstrated by the increase of members. New Camp Appropri Numberless rumors spread concerning possible causes of the mine explosion. But, the miners are fully plosion. But, the miners are fully suggested and know that neglect on the state of the miners, while going to and suggested and know that neglect on the state of the miners are fully sound miners. While going to and suggested and know that neglect on the state of the miners are fully sound miners. While going to and suggested and know that neglect on the state of the miners are fully sound miners. While going to and suggested and know that neglect on the state of the miners are fully sound miners. While going to and suggested and know that neglect on the state of the mine appropriation.

In 1922, the appropriation raised to \$2,700,000; the number of men trained was around 27,000. But then the camps hit a snag. All over opinions of the miners are fully sound miners, while going to and the country the misled youth who had citizens' military training camps, I sto 61.

Why the Bosses Are Scared their pitiless mountain. The impotence of the rank and file miners to citizens are becoming alarmed at the idue to the uter indifference of the ganda among the young. (Mine own-pie-card U. M. W. A. officials, lack of ers, Iocal Chambers of Commerce, sponsible for their suffering, becomes Red Bogery. He is beginning to think and remembers, yes, remembers those The Tasks of the Mining Youth
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The Tasks of the Mining Youth make more money. This is what the ed, because, within a few more months there will be branches of the stunts resorted to is the pushing of a Y. W. L. in every mining campt of ball weighing 350 pounds across the mine owners plan and execute, de months there will be branches of the

Kicking Isn't Enough—Act! LET'S ALL JOIN THE YOUNG destroy your sisters' womanhood? If AND FREE OURSELVES FROM not, what are you going to do about OUR PRESENT CONDITIONS OF

ly every mining camp of Southern country. Read it and pass it on your Illinois, we have organized branches. | friends.

CITIZEN'S MILITARY TRAINING TO TRAIN YOUTH FOR BOSSES' NEXT WAR

By HARRY GANNES

"To plan for war" is the first duty of the General Staff of the United States War Department. In planning for war an army is needed. Congress has limited the sive or the regular or enlisted army to 135,000 men and officers, but the reserve, militia and so-called student and citizen forces are unlimited.

A special department has been created in the war office under what is known as the G-3 Section, the division of the general staff that deals with the training of cannon fodder. That special apparatus is call the citizen's department, and it is the duty of this appendage of the war machine of the United States government to train as many outside of the regular ranks as are willing to be misled.

First, comes the Reserve Officers Training Corps which seeks to enroll all the students in the high schools and universities for the creation of an officer caste in order to lead the vast

hordes of workers in the event* for the Citizens' Military Train-

ing Camps.

The object of the Citizens'
Military Training Camps is to create a military force to back up American imperialism. Those

United States is to maintain the foremost position in the capitalist world which it now holds. It is pointed out by "military experts" that with the threatening position of Japan, with the scramble for oil, with the growing antagonism between the leading nations of the world, a huge military force must be

maintained, now more than ever. The purpose of the C. M. T. C. as stated in circulars that they issue for

the gullible is the following:
"The object of these camps is to bring together young men of high type from all sections of the country .. to simulate and promote citizenship, patriotism, and Americanism and thru expert ing, to beenfit the young men indi-

"Benefit" Stuff Is the Bunk. Hereis a carefully worded and veiled death warrant while-you-wait. Workers' League, want to abolish With 12,000,000 dead in the last world

to the exclusion of all other classes. The C. M. T. C. started to function "HE THAT DOES NOT WORK, in 1921 when Congress appropriated NEITHER SHALL HE EAT." How \$900,000 for the work. During that year, 10,000 young men were trained as soldiers. The camps enrole young get them to leave the organization. League Grows in Mining Fields as soldiers. The camps enrole young Bet That the Young Workers' League men from the ages of 17 to 24, and the

Camp Appropriation Increased.

part of the bosses was responsible for the catastrophe. It is the same old story, retold in the same tragic old story, retold in the same tragic old story and story of the catastrophe. It is not only limited to the old story of the catastrophe in the same tragic old story of the catastrophe in the same tragic old story of the catastrophe in the same tragic of the country the misied youth who had joined expecting milk and honey and the country training camps, I hope that each year an increasing of the catastrophe in the same tragic of the country training camps, I hope that each year an increasing number of young men may take adof the country training camps, I hope that each year an increasing of the opposition of 4,000,000 workers of the country training camps, I hope that each year an increasing number of young men may take adof the opposition of 4,000,000 workers mules and were given the food fit for vantage of the opportunity which is to the present coalition government fan belt in poor condition preventing systematic circulation of air—thus, on their interests as well.

Young Worker a paper devoted to the same animal. When 1923 came, the number of recruits willing to accept the blessings of free military training visibly dropped. Despite all the propaganda and howling set up reaches camp must rise at 5:45 in the by the combined capitalist press (and morning. Then he drills all day. sad to say, the trade union as well), the C. M. T. C. were compelled to admit that the American youth were not mit that the American youth were not officers and at 9 he must be in bed.

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The vote a few days later in France showed also a distinct drift on the part of the masses of the workers to the left. The Communist Party, taking in

resented in the military training otherwise. camps"Out of 900 vacancies, but The C.

many young men as the seven camps is but a will hold. One of the advertising to come.

Cootie Cal Does His Stuff.

partment.

"These camps are an essential in war as well.

of war. Then provision is made YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE STUDENTS IN COLLEGE FARMER-LABOR PARTY

By WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
(Special to "The Young Worker")
LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Interest in the workers' and farmers' movement most ardently urging citizen for indepedent political action was shown here in the University of California training declare that a force of from 3 000 000 to 7 000 000 re from 3,000,000 to 7,000,000 re- held, buttons, leaflets and banners will be distributed and all efforts will be held, buttons, leaflets and banners will be distributed and all efforts will be serves are necessary if the made to counteract the propaganda of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

By PETER ALLARD

DOWELL, ILL.—Because of the working class activity that is being carried on by members of the newly organized branch of the Young Workers League in the schools and coal mines, the officials of the coal comvidually and to bring them to realize pany are planning on the discharge of all league members working there,

Louis Joich Already Canned The first comrade to be fired from the mine is comrade Louis Joich, Germinal Allard having been expelled from school here a short time previ-ously for having distributed The Young Worker, and the anti-militarist leaflet of the league.

All this is being done in an effort on the part of the bosses of the town to workers, nowever, sticking better than was expected and the branch is keeping together in spite of all the obstacles.

Some Opportunities! Here are some of the opportunities:

ployers kept their young workers who joined the camps on the payroll, showing the direct close co-operation between the factory owners and the militarists.

This was no point or heins are being training. Each year convinces the fall and its place be taken either by heads of the American military machine that the army must be increased in size and voluntary enlistments cannot be relied on. The C. M.

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the scab outfit. In this regard Gom-President Coolidge recently issued pers is following in the footsteps of has heartened the workers and ey have gone out on strike in the Ruhr America," declaring that "the government has established the citizens' military training camps, which are essentially schools of citizenship. They are conducted by the war dependent of labor in the functions not only on the field of labor but in the supersolates in England have gone out on strike in the Ruhr coal and steel region, led and insuired by the communists. If circumstances front carry out the imperialist policy. Gompers, as labor lieutenant, carries out his functions not only on the field of labor but in the sphere of capitalist chains of controlling and establishing and established the citizens' who are but the appendages of British in the Ruhr coal and steel region, led and insuired by the communists. If circumstances front carry out the imperialist policy. of labor but in the sphere of capitalist chains of capitalism and establishing

Knightgowned Knuts Fail To Terrify May Day Meet Of League

DILLONVILLE, OHIO.—The Ku Klux Klan here failed to scare any of the celebrants of the Young Workers League May Day demonstration which began with a parade of over 500 workers, led by the members of the junior group. At 10:30 p. m. the Ku Koos fired shots in the dark and burned their fiery crosses but no one even shivered. Over \$200 dollars was clear ed by the league branch here out of which \$20 was given the sub-distrist of the Workers Pa W. W. defense in California, \$20 to the Daily Workers, \$60 to the German children and \$20 to the national office

of the Young Workers League.

TO COMMUNISM

BERLIN.-The most remarkable in dication of the rising wave of communism among the workers of Europe

in Germany, but also to the report of Dawes, which seeks to enslave the German workers in the hands of J. P. Morgan Co.

France to the Left, Too

overly anxious to be drilled as war horses.

Youth Stay Shy.

officers and at 9 ne must be in bed. He can talk in bed with the lights out until 10 p. m., but after that time time, increased the number of its national deputies and captured the additional deputies and cap On May 26, 1923, the Chicago Tri- sponsors of the camps claim the food Linistrations of a number of important bune said, "Chicago will be poorly replis good now; but experience proves towns. In many cities it led the national bloc candidates, and ran a close The C. M. T. C. is the first step to second to it in Paris. The reactionary as were any of the rest of the scoun-

The fear of a workers' revolution in Germany is so great that the black Fascist organizations of Ludendorf ball weighing 350 pounds across the country; and in this the baby fascisti, the Boy Scouts, do their part.

Sam Gompers and his retinue has and the little the same and endeavor to scare the workers into submission. But the Sam Gompers and his retinue has and the Hitlerites are massing their show of strength of the communists

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FOREST PARK

The Young Workers League Calls On Young Miners of America To Join and Fight Their Rotten Conditions Of Life and False Leaders!

(Continuped from Page 1). John Lewis, Phil Murray, Wm. Green, Fagan, Feeney, Hall, Far- in central Illinois on a royalty basis. rington, Fishwick, Bitner and their supporters and tools. These to clean up the mine and buy the are the "leaders" that try to make eyes at the operators when necessary supplies but the miners and they should be lining up the membership of the United Mine mine was located advanced the neces-Workers of America for a strong, united, solidified, militant and sary amount to start with. The mine uncompromising fight for their elementary rights. What they usually employed something like 165 do instead is show by their having bamboozled the membership men and all that was necessary to into voting for the Jacksonville agreement which ties the miner to the bosses for three years, which gives him practically no advantages but which locks him up tight and hands over the key to Lewis and the operators.

And when the rank and file revolt against such traitorous and reactionary leadership, the most shameful methods are used to stifle their voices. You know what happened to the Kansas district, to the Nova Scotia district, the Fayette County mine workers. They are too progressive for Lewis and his henchmen and they were kicked out or "reorganized."

The young workers have got to line up in the fight! To the young miners of America, the Young Workers League says: You are living under the most awful system of society known to history, a society of war, misery, poverty, unemployment, murder. You are lied to in the school when you are a child, when you are taught that everything is lovely in this world and that if you work like a mule you'll become the president of the country or a millionaire like Morgan. You are dragged into the mine when you are only a kid and you work there under the most hazardous conditions, breathing in coal dust, in danger of being blown to shreds at any moment. When you try to fight against your masters, you are lied to by your false leaders.
YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT THEM ALL!

The Young Workers League of America calls upon the young miners of America to line up with their older brothers in a fight against the reactionary leaders of their union, to line up with the International Progressive Miners' Committee.

Stick in the union! Don't leave it! Stay inside and fight

your false leaders in their home territory! We call upon the young miners to join our organization and we can upon the young inners to join our organization and help us carry on the struggle, the fight for the young workers of this country, the fight which is THEIR fight!

We ask that the young miners rally around our program for the youth in the mining industry! 1. No young workers to work down in the mines under

16 years of age. 2. A guaranteed minimum scale on the basis of equal pay

for equal work for old and young workers. 3. A six-hour day and a five-day week for all workers under

4. A two weeks' holiday per year with full pay to be paid

These are our immediate demands. These are the demands

which we want the young miners to rally around, for which we want them to get the support of their unions, on the basis of cent. In Milwaukee the writer saw which we make our appeal to them to join the League and fight side by side with us.

These are the demands of the Young Workers League of America for the young miners of America.
YOUNG MINERS! JOIN THE YOUNG WORKERS

JOIN HE BATTLE FOR THE FIGHTING, REBEL YOUTH AGAINST THE BOSS CLASS OF AMERICA!

CHILD LABORERS, IS BOSS REPORT

workers between 14 and 15 years age in the United States are unprotected by law. Half of the factories of the country are working their employes longer than 48 hours a week. These are some of the points brought out by a report of the employers' National Industrial Conference board, New York. The report states in part:

"Thirty-five states and the District of Columbia have fixed an 8-hour day as th emaximum for children, while in Virginia 44 hours is their maximum work week. In 19 states the weekly period is shortened so that children may attend parttime school, and in a few such cases the working week for children under 16 is only 40 hours much to quiet the hotspurs.

during the school year. "The workday for women is held down to 8 hours by law in only 8 after a few more meetings of this sort states. Fourteen permit a 9 hour day occur. and in 18 states 10 hours or more are permitted. Although the customary legal limit of work for men is 10 hours a day, in special occupations it is set at 8 hours."

In agriculture which has 46.6 percent of all working children, according to the report, there is no legal protection. Nor are the many children in domestic safeguarded by law.

South Dakota Won't Let You Work Kids

State Supreme Court against the on- to girl silk workers except for foreslaught of capitalist interests which women. think the limitation to fifty four hours of exploitation an unwarranted interference with the sacred rights of privare long. Toilet facilities are in many ference with the sacred rights of private property.

If you suffer your people to be illeducated, and their manners to be you first make them thieves and then the slave of him who is equipped punish them .- Sir Thomas More.

NO LAW PROTECTS League Branch Holds Meeting In Spite O Meeting In Spite Of Hardboiled Eggites

The Englewood branch of the Chicago Young Workers League has won a decisive round in the battle which it si carrying on against a group of with the yolk of a raw-and stale-

quietly organized themselves into a ney Mass and followed by another from Comrade Bill Dunne, the erstly listened to the convincing speeches of the two comrades. It is said that long he holds his job." So the cripples the shoulders of Bill Dunne and the fist of a young Italian comrade did

Many of these former 100 percenters will be found inside the league

OF YOUNG GIRLS

(By The Federated Press)
WILKESBARRE, PA.—Girls empolyed in the silk mills in this 100 per More Than 54 Hours cent American town are getting as low as seven and eight dollars a week. Mayor Hart and his friends, who at-PIERRE, S. D.—The South Dakota law setting a maximum of fifty-four hours a week for employed women ican industrial conditions that afford and children was upheld today by the a maximum of thirteen dollars a week

> Most of the girls get the seven and cases too filthy for description except in a health inspector's report.

The tool is the weapon of man's corrupted from infancy, and then supremacy over nature. Master of the punish them for those crimes to which tool, man harnesses nature to his their first education disposed them, service, and maintains his freedom what else is to be concluded but that against his fellows; without it, he is therewith.—Daniel De Leon.

339 DEAD IS TOLL PAID BY MINERS IN MARCH; 750 DEAD IN 3 MONTHS

By CHARLES WITTER

WASHINGTON.—Deaths, caused by accidents largely preventable, laid low 339 coal miners in the month of March, according to the monthly report of the U. S. Bureau of Mines. The amount of dead for the first quarter of the year amounts to 750. The number of miners killed by gas and coal dust explosions per million tons nearly doubled, rising from .924 in 1923 to 1.7786 in 1924. This is the toll of the miners to capitalist industry.

Waking Money and Cripples By Duncan McDonald Provisional Secy., F. L. P., III.

He did not have the means whereby he could pay for the work required get the required number was to send out the word that the mine was to be operated and they came flocking there

for a job. Florida and Profits For the Boss The party making the lease of course didn't go into the mine. That might involve a risk as mines are dangerous, so he employed a manager to look after his interests. The man was now what they call a coal operator and opened an office in Springfield miles from the mine and lirected the work over the telephone. After the returns began to come in in good shape he left for Florida and spent the winter there leaving a girl in the office to take orders for coal and see to it that the coal was lelivered. After leaving Florida the 'Operator" went to New York and spent some time there before returning to Illinois to see how much money the men had made and turned over to him during his absence.

Profits and Wages close friend of the "operator told the writer that the profits that winter were \$2,880 a day, or a profit of approximately \$17 a day for each man working at the mine and being given to one man who never even went near the mine. If each man had earned an average of \$8 a day according to the scale of wages or even \$8.50 the company got two dollars from each men's labor for every dollar they paid him for work-

Of course this was during war time and we are told that this is not the case today but ask any worker in the cities if he gets his coal any cheaper today. We don't, here in the heart of the coal field where the coal is hauled direct from the mine to the home. But granted that it was only true during the war period, it shows how paytriotic these coal operators were in helping to win the war. While the boys were in France they robbed the boys' mothers in a profit of from 100 to 1000 per cent in the price of fuel.

While Wages Stand Still to the coffers of the ones who never soiled a finger in that transaction but sit in an elegantly furnished office in Chicago, St. Louis or some other place where the conveniences are everthing that can be desired and where they can have their chauffeurs bring them to the office and take them home, servants to keep them supplied with clean homes, inen, shine their shoes and feed them n return for the hazardous labor of

thers what to do. child open meetings with the pleasant idea ancial way the employers take out inforbid child labor up to the age of 18 surance on every man in the employ years.

of the company much like the farmer of the speaker of the company much like the farmer of the samuel calls attention to the fact insures his stock. Now unless some men get killed or at least injured the about safety for the men? that when the meeting actually began with a speech by Comrade Bar a state inspector on the job to see But how about the law? Isn't there that the laws are enforced? Sure Mike again! "But you let any blankwhile hecklers sat quietly and serene ety blank state inspector take libert ies with our property and see how

clare dividends on the alleged invest-

SHED A TEAR FOR THIS POVERTY-STRICKEN CO. ONLY 2800 PCT. PROFITS

Day by day in every way Island Creek Coal Company's profits grow larger and larger. Tens of thousands of miners are idle and with out the means of supporting their families but the stockholders will not miss their dividend checks. Profits for the first quarter of 1924 amounted to \$7.76 a share on the common stock of \$1 par value. That is a profit of 776 per cent in three months. For the same quarter of 1923 the company's profit was equivalent to 558 per cent on he common stock and profits for the entire year meant a return of 2,039 per cent to common stockholders. If the increased rate of the first quarter is maintained thruout 1924, stockholders will get in a single year a return of more than 2,800 per cent on their invest-

ments. So they make money out of cripples and making money is what business is run for anyway, so who

Leaders False to Miners Now what are the miners doing

the miners for that period if the com- they must control the courts,

JUST prior to the late war for demo-cracy a party formerly connected with the coal business leased a mine have voted to take over the mines on the basis of nationalization but when the convention was over the ones who demanded this were called "Russian Emissaries" and "Reds". And the skin game goes on.

The sad feature about it is the fact that recognizing the injustice of the whole arrangement the miners vote for it and reelect officials that lead them backward almost every time. Now the miners' union cannot be expected to do all the work in bringing about the changes necessary, so the workers must get together politically and if they will do that they can bring about a successful strike on election day that will serve notice on private exploiters that they can no longer make money and cripples with the approval and consent of the ones affected.

Must Unite For Labor Party

This is the work mapped out for every intelligent worker, young and First by organizing his own community for a political organization, then carry onto the County, then to the State, then to the Nation. Get busy at once! Start now to organize your communiy. Send delegates to the St. Paul meeting. Make out your plans on constructive lines: Abolish private ownership and exploitation.

So long as private ownership continues it will be necessary to control the agencies of government as was done in the Hog Island scandal, the Tea Pot Dome deal and every other about it? A three year contract has steal that disgraces our national life just been entered into by which the at Washington. Not only is it neces-miners' officials pledge the labor of sary to control the government but labor pany wants them. If the miners go colleges, the press and the labor out on strike they are fined and driven from the mine and expelled from the union. If the company gets sore ers. The Future is in their hands!

GIRL STRIKERS WIN Activities Of Arne And Barney Alm

ditions and a 10 per cent increase have been won as a result of three weeks strike at the clothing shop of Marvin While Wages Stand Still
Wages remained practically stationary while coal advanced 1000 per
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ary Milwaukee the writer saw

delight of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union. A minmum wage of \$12 a week is establisha sign thirty feet long advertising imum wage of \$12 a week is establish-"Illinois Coal Reduced to Twelve ed by the agreement which runs for Dollars Per Ton." Reduced to twelve a year. The contract permits a wage dollars. Imagine the profit going in-revision October 1. The union is striking the non-union Sharfstein shop here and also that of Berman &

"Don't Worry, Nick!" Says Sam To Butler On Child Labor Amendment

WASHINGTON.—Samuel Gompers. president of the American Federation sitting in a splendid office telling of Labor, has called the attention of Senate to the fact that Nicholas Mur-Insurance Scheme Is the Bunk
Of course mining is a dangerous University, has raised a false issue occupation and men are constantly when the latter argues that the child getting hurt and killed. In order to labor amendment is silly because it young rowdies who come up to the keep from taking chances in a fin-permits congress and the states to

> congress the right to forbid child labor of that right—when it gets it!

And Barney Almost Nipped In The Neck

(Special to "The Young Worker"). BENTON, Ill.—After preventing May Day meeting in the park at Christopher, Ill., to have been adressed by Barney Mass, organizer for the Young Workers, Ku Klux Klan morons followed the automobile in which the two speakers were being driven to the county seat at Benton, to be held safe against any attacks, and demanded that the two prisoners be turned over to them. Their intentions were made plain by the fact that they had some long rope.

The sheriff, however, turned the tables by turning a Kluxer's gun on him, thus scaring the yellow curs away. The two comrades were obliged o miss their meetings in Ziegler and Johnston City and had to hang around all day in Benton. They later admitted, however, that this was better than hanging around elsewhere.

the bosses to teach the youth to be ficial gang, to hide their misdeeds, scab building workers, the president lied gloriously and took the occasion of the New South Wales board of to villify Myerscough, Ray and standing. Many locals are refusing trade stated that the conditions of others. It was at this local training are very unsatisfactory. An Myerscough held membership at the apprentice cannot be turned out in time the district vice-president told disruptive proceedings of the convention.

been turned out in attempt to break tants. Samuel calls attention to the fact that the amendment will only give thing has evidently failed. The unions are learning to take the teaching of men get killed or at least injured the congress the right to total apprentices into their own names but that does not mean, don't you apprentices into their own names but that does not mean, don't you without allowing the bosses to horn when a number of league members when a number of league members when a number of league members when it is the congress will avail itself in with their advise of "cooperation." apprentices into their own hands

group "For the Care of Boisterous we insured?" Sure Mike! Let the Visitors," which had such good effect insurance company do the worrying. SNOWED UNDER BY LAFOLLETTE IN HIGH SCHOOL TRIAL VOTE

Cleveland.—A "Republican convention" of the students of the Central lution, but the tools described how the High School here "elected" Robert LaFollette president of the United States by a vote of 276 for him, 162 for Coolidge, 57 for Hughes, and 24 for Hi Johnson. Altho the students have not yet realized that even LaFollette as the plan; and non-concurred in the increase in number every day, every week, every month, every year. It is no crime to cripple miners, but don't president will not work in the interests of the working class, the vote shows let the machinery or mules get bung- a tendency of the students away from the reactionary outlook.

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DISTRICT FIVE MINERS' CONVENTION BEATS THE REACTIONARY BATTING AVERAGE OF INDIANAPOLIS MEET

By PATRICK H. TOOHEY

made the Indianapolis fiasco resemble a chess game in character. Convention Packed

The official ring, by packing the convention with illegal and "blue sky" delegates succeeded in defeating the militants, and legislating laws which they hope will hold the miners in bondage for 2 more years.

They did everything from endorsing the candidacy of the secretary of the Charleroi Chamber of Commerce for the state legislature to demanding that Soviet Russia pay her "honorable obligations." downing the labor party, amalgamation, nationalization and every other resolution of a progresive nature.

Old Jimmy Oates, former organizer, nade a great fight, as did Guiler, Bradiich and others, but with the "sky" delegates backing every speaker, clamoring "question on the mo-

tion," etc., they were helpless.

Reactionaries Spread Slime Thick Murray, Feeney, Green and Co., baptized the progressives with some new names such as "character cast-"pernicious philosophers", igators", 'deranged infidels", "meddling Moses" and so forth. President Fagan, who is a candidate for delegate to the ton County, due to the blacklist. democratic national convention, was very uneasy when the labor party resolution came up and taking no chances steamrolled it with many delegates demanding the floor.

lature, voted in the last session of Workers of America."

Delegate, Local 1724, United Mine Workers of America. PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The miners' that body against labor measures as convention of District 5 held recently follows: Women's Tax Bill, against; here, was, in my estimation, and in Full Crew Bill, against; and on the the estimation of the rank and file of old age assistance bill he was conthis large district, an affair which made the Indianapolis fiasco resemble ington County Fedeated Farmer-Labor Party is getting into action and our labor friend may soon lose his meal ticket. The figures are complied by the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor Legislative Department.

Ran and File Up In Arms

However no mater what the gang loes, they, as their ilk usually does, sooner or later meet their Waterloo. The rank and file are up in arms over the convention and some are threatening to hold back the tax.

But the clearminded miners think otherwise. They know from many years of experience that in the end the rank and file will and shall triumph. Comrades Merrick, Hamilton, Meyerscough, Ray, Nat Gomez and Kitty Harris (Chicago) were "eulogized" somewhat by the official family.

Phil Muray told me something I never knew before: that I was a spy of the operators, for introducing a resolution demanding the ment of his Reverend Jawn L. Lewis. would have asked him, had I the chance, why it is that for the last seven months I have been unable to get a job in the mines of Washing-

Y. W. L. In Thick of Fight The Young Workers League members, six of whom were delegates, fought the machine, and were a valuable aid to the old militants. As one James Heffran, the bird of passage of the old miners told me. "They are whom they endorsed for th elegisthe future leaders of the United Mine

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE DISTRICT NO. 5 MINERS' CONFAB AGREES AS TO DIRTY CHARACTER

By CHARLES O'NEILL

PITTSBURGH, Pa. district 5 convention, succeeded in defeating every progressive measure which came before the convention Altho the progressive element was in the majority of the delegates representing bona fide locals, the machine expulsion for the horrible crime of had payrollers from all over the or- criticizing their officials. Merrick, ganization there voting in the aye Hamilton, The Daily Worker, Myers and nay vote.

Leaguer Makes Fight.

Committee, "Jimmy" the skirts of girls. nternational Oates and Fat H. Toohey, were the spokesmen for the rank and file. six members present as delegates, and Much credit is due these men, one a it was this small group who fought mere boy, for the brilliant fight they the machine on all issues. Sluggers Delegate Toohey, when the and strong arm men were in made. committee on officers reports were nence at all times, attempting to in reporting, insisted on an explanation of the revocation of the charter of the machine. Local 1446. statement regarding the graduates him down but under "Outlaw Strikes" from "trade schools" maintained by he made the same demand. The of-12 weeks when it should actually the men to strike and when they did take about 2 years.

Hundreds of half-baked youths have der to weed out the forty-three milistrike the charter was revoked in or-

Honest Delegates Disgusted. By this time the honest delegates weer plainly disgusted with the steamrollering tactics used by the ing that evening. Myerscough, Guiler Oates and Toohey spoke at the meet

When the committee on resolutions reported, the gang had every progressive measure painted red. On amal- joint picnic of the T. U. E. L. and the gamation, Bradjich and Toohey fought for the adoption of the original reso-Western Federation of Miners had been disrupted by the wobblies trying resolution. (Such brains-)

curred in a resolution demanding the repeal of the state sedition law and the release of Jacob Dolla. Ten Communists are indicted in this state under the sedition law. On the Dolla case, International Organizer Feeney E. L. are the logical successors. (expense account artist extraordinary) made a grandstand speech on Dolla's important part in the steel Fagan refusing the floor to several supporters of the resolution. Toohey for Soviet Recognition.

The committee substitute for the resolution calling for the recognition of Soviet Russia was fought by Comrade Toohey, who in a spirited address from the floor urged the defeat of the committee substitute. "The substitute states," he said, "that if "The Russia pays her honorable obligations, and if the Communists and amalgamators let the U. M. W. of A. alone they will then concede the principle of self-determination. Fellow Mine Workers: I can take the substitute to Wall Street and the Chamber of Commerce and have it unanimously adopted. To whom does Russia owe honorable obligations? Wall Street or J. P. Morgan? If so, since when did the U. M. W. of A. become the debt collector of Wall Street? No family—be sure to bring them out. one opposes recognition but the capitalists and labor fakers and if the substitute is adopted it will be a disgrace to the organization." But the substitute carried after a scurrilous attack on Toohey by John Lewis man Friday, Van A. Bittner.

secretary, of local 1724, calling for special international convention to reinstate Howat and impeach Lewis, brought forth such a torrent of vile language from Murray and Bittner have to pay for those advances of that their speeches were ordered science which have reduced the deprinted in pamphlet form! Much mand for labor, without giving the amusement was afforded the progres-sives when Murray sternly pointed to Dr. Clifford.

-The Lewis Toohey and dramatically exclaimed: tools, reinforced by their army of "Oh, ye of solittle faith, with your "blue sky" delegates at the recent slimy mind and pernicious philosphy!" Summarized, it can be truthfully said that it was one of the most re actionary conventions ever held in the history of the labor movement. Oates, Guiler and Toohey are facing

cough, Ray and others got their share of poison from the officials. W. A. Guiler, chairman Progressive said that the Communist hid behind

> The Young Workers League had At this writing, the various dele-

gates are reporting to their constituents and the hardest job of the radical element is convincing the locals to to pay their tax, as a result of the

PICNIC WILL BE

ent itself as that on May 30 at the Y. W. L. at Altenheim Grove (German Old People's Home) in Forest Park. In adition to the grand opportunity ofr diversion and sport that T. U. E. L. picnics have always presented, the militant workers and youth can pay homage in visiting the graves of the tounded when the committee content tounded in a resolution described States. In the committee toursed in a resolution described States. In the committee toursed in a resolution described States. ted States. In the cemetery across the road from the grove lie the bodies of Parsons, Spies and other victims of the Haymarket Riots—gallant fighters in the struggle, to whom the militants and the youth connected in the T. U.

Rarely does such opportunity pres-

At no time has a radical affair been so well timed and a place so appropriately chosen. Decoration Day, a time strike, but the next minute a labor for beautifying the graves of our party resolution was steam-rollered, predecessors in the class struggle and a picnic where the militants and youth gather to enjoy themselves and gather new strength and clearer vision in the struggle in which the pioneers of the workers battles have layed their lives.

Plans of the committee in charge include well-known speakers. Games and sports have been arranged. And food will be cooked in a fashion that will satisfy the taste of even a radical Epicurian. The Food Workers Group of the T. U. E. L. mean to prove why they deserve more wages. And dancing-and music-and-and-

If it rains, there is shelter. If it doesn't, there is room. And either way the arrangements made promise "the time of your life." And if you have seriously taken to heart our propaganda for a mass children's organization and have one or more in your There are swings and a merry goround in the grove. Be there!

Don't delay with the extra bundle orders of A resolution presented by John Cresko, president, and Pat Toohey, worker

> It is scientifically proved that unemployment is part of the price we

YOU; HELP COMFORT THEM!

Birthdays in June of political prisoners confined in the American

prisoners are announced by the Workers' National Prison Comfort

Club, 2923 Chestnut Street, Milwau-

At Massachusetts State Prison,

June 11, Bartholomeo Vanzetti.

At Folsom Prison. Repressa.

June 16, Herman O. Suhr, No.

At Leavenworth, Kansas, Box

At Senior Farm, Dewalt, Brazoria

June 30, Jesus Gonzales, No.

36458; June 30, Leonardo Vasquez.

Cora Meyer, National Secretary, invites friends and sympathizers

to send birthday cards and letters

(money is advisable for gifts) to

these political prisoners. Books and

publications must be sent directly

June 10, Joe Baltursaitis.

Hobby, Texas: June 29, Pedro Paroles.

County, Texas:

from the publishers.

At Blue Ridge State

June 22, Louis Allen, No.

Farm.

kee, Wis., as follows:

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No. 7:

La Federation Jeunesses Communistes Francaise These Men are in there BECAUSE THEY FOUGHT FOR

By CATHERINE BICKLEY (Paris)

The great task before the Young compelled to serve not less than 18 only is it a law, but a law that is the historic traditions of the French people. In France, more than any is honored. the hands of the people to the "herohas its living monument of future wars, L'Ecole Militaire, the military And in Paris, under the Arc de Triomphe, in one of the big squares, lies the grave of the Unknown Soldier of 1914. Always it is heaped high with newly brought flowers, always people are gathered there in silent tribute, always at the head of the grave is an eternal flame of fire!

Young Reds Fight Militarism So it is not only a law that must be formative period of youth. reckoned with but a tradition rooted and nourished for years in the hearts of the French people. However the young communists are very much on the alert. Naturally, in combating the militaristic system they are acting against the government and are hence being "illegal." At present they they are issuing two papers for antimilitarist propaganda and are spreading them within the ranks. They also get out bulletins in Algerian for the black man from Tunis and Allive groups. giers, of whom one sees a great many in the streets of France. Even a special program of soldiers' demands worked out to awaken the soldiers to their rights within the

In regard to the economic field, the of France youth, now subjected to the national militaristic slavery. In France today the youth of twenty in the first that a child must be first first that a child mu ever, if the child passes certain exmonths in the government army. Not aminations before reaching 13 years of age he is allowed to go to work. held in reverence and honor thruout Evidently this is a very big loop hole, for the law is evaded on all sides. Hundreds of children from 8 years other country, the soldiers's uniform up, is the rule rather than the excep-Every little town has tion. The Young Communist Federaits memorial monuments, raised by tion is anxious for all those who do work, regardless of age, to be class es" of the past wars of 1871, of 1914 conscious and within the union. The and so forth, and every little town unions themselves are open to them. but do not bother about recruiting the youth. Thus it has become the barracks overflowing with boys in primary task of the young communits to work for the following demands:

Economic Demands in Program Equal pay for equal work of children and adults.

2. Abolition of night work work in mines for children. The task of becoming a mass organization of the French working 3. Hygienic conditions, especially of light, air and sanitation, during the

4. The cooperation of youth and adults in strikes, etc. 5. The organization of the youth into trade unions.

Shop Nuclei Have Bulletins The factory nuclei organization has been in existence six months now and is making great progress. In several districts where the groups had been very small, the introduction of the factory nuclei has caused them to flourish and brought about large act-The different cellules d'-Usines, of factory nuclei, are even issuing their own bulletins.

Work in Sports Movement. Another way that the Federation has of reaching the French working youth is through the workers' sport

CAPITALISM'S YOUNG VICTIMS



Breaker boys. These young lads risk their fingers and arms to make profits for the mine owners. Some of them are under legal age to work. Many times, their mangled bodies are thrown, bit by bit, into gunny sacks by

COMMUNIST POLICY IN JUNE 17TH FARMER-LABOR CONVENTION SET BY WORKERS PARTY CENTRAL COMMITEE

The following decisions on the policy to be followed by the communist delegates to the St. Paul convention, June 17th, to organize a farmer-labor party, have been made by the central executive committee of the Workers Party of America and are binding on members of the party and Young Workers League:

1. Should the June 17th convention be dominated by the delegates representing industrial workers and exploited farmers we shall endeavor to or ganize a Farmer-Labor Party on the basis of the constitution adopted by the convention at which the Federated Farmer Labor Party was authorized. We shall intensify our propagan-da for organization of such a party. 2. If such a Farmer Labor Party is organized by the June 17th Convention we will merge the Federated Farmer Labor Party in it, the Federated going out of existence as a separate organization.

May Acecpt Only Coalition. Should the June 17th Convention not be dominated by the class elements, but there be in the convention representatives of industrial workers and exploited farmers so that the party if formed would not be a class par- and honorable." ty of industrial workers and farmers, organization of a party, but accept a loose coalition for the election campaign.

F. F.-L. P. Is Class Party 4. If the conditions in point 3 pre-vail we shall maintain the Federated Farmer Labor Party as the expression

To Submit Straight Program. convention a clear-cut class program nature.
and make a fight for its adoption. A "Even the primary object of teach-Committee of three shall be elected ing history to the children in the for the purpose of drafting this proschools is to teach them to be not ungram.

State Communist Position on LaFollette

6. The same committee shall draft a statement on the question of the candidacy of La Follette which shall be read to the convention after his nomination, if he is nominated, pledging our support but stating our Comnunist attitude toward LaFollette.

Central Executive Committee, Workers Party of America, C. E. Ruthenberg, Executive Secretary.

It All Depends Upon What You Are Really hting For, Peat!

cLFW) D.—"Private Peat" res it is to a large group of Cleven, as business men, containng a number of disgusted was profieers. The Canadian declared: "Our newspapers and even our schoolbooks are saturated with praise for military glory, and are largely siletn as to the cost and criminality of it. We who served know was has four elements: tears, filth, wooden crosses, and a desuch a strong admixture of other than generating influence," declared the soldier author. "The pupils today are learning that it glorious, chivalrous

To Be Ready To Fight

later on in wars, Bertrand Russell, of the class party of industrial workers and farmers and seek to affiliate with it all such elements. The Feder-Russell, "by those who pull the strings ated under these conditions will form that Nation A shall go to war with been going almost directly north, at part of the coalition and during the Nation B, the newspapers are filled the rate of ninety or a hundred versts election campaign seek to organize it-self. with stories of horrible atrocities and crimes that the unfortunate enemy has gree of latitude with each stage. Ow-5. We shall submit to the June 17th are lies and the other tenth are human

My Flight from Siberia

By Leon Trotzky

federation already existing. It is a sport league maintained solely within

the ranks of the workers and so in-

stead of having to develop a separate sport league within the Communist

group, it has been the policy of the

young Communists to capture the al-

ready existing machinery of the work-

ers' sport leagues. They have already

made good progress in "boring from

The French Communist youth

movement is today a consummation

of radical youth over a period of 35

years. It was a legal organization long before the Communist Party,

which is only three years old in

was able to capture the machinery of

the left wing socialists, so the Com-

munists youth movement won to its

cause the greater part of the social-

after the war, and today the mem-

bership stands at approximately 7,500. The membership is almost en-

tirely industrial (the majority of

farmers in France are petty landhold-

ers), and it is made up almost equally

youth is gradually being attained by

the Young Communist Federation of

France by its work on all fields of

its youth—especially

of girls and boys.

working class avticity.

As the Communist Party

was this so

within.

France.

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE.

After the failure of the Soviets of 1905 many of the members of the workers' bodies were arrested and the whole place washed and scrubbed and cleaned. In one cell we found a big table with a with them that we would not try to WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE. sentenced to Siberian exile. Fifteen table cloth, Vienna chairs, a card ta- escape while under their escort. None of the sentenced, together with Trot- ble, two candlesticks with candles and of us took this agreement very serisky, are sent out under military guard. On their way thru the vil-In War, Bert Russell lage of the Beresov district the peas-CINCINNATI.—History is taught to children to make them ready to fight with the story from Trotsky's diary.

BERESOV PRISON, February 12.

During the last few days we have been going almost directly north, at committed. Nine-tenths of such stories ing to this rapid advance the increasing lack of cultivation—if one can use the word cultivation at all in connection with this region—becomes daily more apparent. Each stage brings us further into the realm of winter and of us who might be caught or to those further into the realm of winter and of us who might be caught or to those into wintry barrenness. It is like who must remain behind, prevented climbing a high mountain, passing thru different zones of vegetation. At plans into execution. The soldiers of well guarded by the police. . It would our escort would be held responsible be better to show one's heels to this plans into execution. sian peasants, then the Russianized too, and severely punished. At To-place—and that immediately. Yakuts who have to a great extent bolsk we found the escort especially (To Be Continued.) Yakuts who have to a great extent lost their Mongolian features as a result of intermarriage. Then, when we had left the zone of arable land behind us, we encountered the Osiankans—fishers and hunters—shaggy creatures, short and sturdy, speaking Russian with great difficulty. Horses became more and more rare—and more and more poor in quality. There are no roads in these parts where the dog is more necessary and more valuable than the horse. Our route became more difficult, narrow and rough. Nevertheless the natives of this region are, according to the inspector, a people of high culture in comparison with those who inhabit the tributaries of the Obi river. The people here are rather undecided in their attitude to us. They seem inclined to accept us as high officials temporarily out of office. One of them asked us today-"Where is your general? Show me your general. I have never seen a general." Another was harnessing a horse, a very poor horse, and another said—"Bring out a better horse. You are not harnessing for the inspector." However, on still another occasion, we overheard one remark—"These people are not important.

Last night we reached Beresov. Of course you do not want a description of the town. It is like Vercholensk, Kirensk, and a host of other villages of about a thousand inhabitantsa chief of police and a revenue of-In this district—so we have been told, but without guarantee as to the truth of the assertion-is the grave of Ostermann and that of Menschikov. An old woman was pointed out as having dined with

the place-some fifty-were lined up strict and harsh. Last year an officer to receive us. We learned a little later from Tobolsk had been sent to a distinct that they had been preparing for us ciplinary battalion because he had allowed a student to escape.

ously, but it was enough to paralyze lages they find many of the peasants very sympathetic to them. In a vil-When we left the railway and be- to recover from this inertia that had gan our journey by sleighs I looked seized us. Already I stopped looking back towards the station—to see with backwards, gazing ahead constantly, horror that we were going directly planning to arrange for a supply of away from the railway. Obdorsk, then, was not to be our final goal. a long stay. In Beresov this mood which all leagues must propagate and Not one of us had given up the idea vanished, promptly.

of escaping or at least of making an "Is it possible to get away from of escaping, or at least of making an attempt. But our escort was unusually here?" I asked someone strong in numbers. The regime under which we were travelling was unusually severe. It became clear that any attempts to break away must

"In spring time it is easy." "And now? "It would be difficult but not imsible. No one has ever tried it, tho." have observed that forty-five exiles

e intentions

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the The Young Worker will be a special antimilitary number, dealing in particular with the Citizens' Military Training Camps and the danger of the new war. This is just the time, with all the agitation for the camps, to order a big bundle and distribute them among the workers in your shop or your friends in the school and neigh-

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"Loudly the Whistle On the Old Tipple Blows"

By THOMAS MYERSCOUGH Secretary, Progressive Miners' Committee

non Johnny, you better be gettin up, it's a quarter past five and if you don't hurry you'll miss the These are the familiar man-trip!" first words that come to the ears of the son of the average miner, tho only when the "Whistle" or whatever other signal the company may have at the mine, to announce to the men who comprise its army of slaves, that the mine is going to work today. When the whistle has announced that the mine will be idle, and that therefore the slaves will not be needed, Johnny gets to sleep and in this manner, usually, a meal is saved. It is more than an event in the average mining town, this blowing of the whistle is! It has become an institu-tion! The very misery of the life is increased or lessened, as the case may be, according to the number of shrills emamating from the noise-producing nozzle, for according to the number of times the whistle blows, is determined whether or not you go to dig black diamonds or whether you sleep or go fishing, usually at eight o'clock, the men and boys can be found grouped at the pool room, waiting to hear what the whistle holds in store for them, while just as regularly their

wives, mothers and sisters congregate on the porches for the same purposes.

Whistle Is Slave Call The tenseness of their every nerve can be discerned as the "zero" hour approaches, their conversations abruptly end and with the beginning of the coal company pronouncement of "What is what" for the next day, grim tragedy is writ on every face. As soon as this daily ordeal is ended, the conversations are again started but not always on the subject that preceded the blowing of the whistle, for it usually has broken the line of thought. If "work" has been the verdict, it usually follows that the crowds begin to disperse, each wending his or her way to their respective home so to prepare for the morrow, while if "no work" has been announced, the cursed ills of the mining industry are dragged on the carpet for discussion.

The many needs and the innumerable desires are talked over, and tho there is seldom any hope of any of them being acquired, they content themselves with whatever kick or additional misery they get out of such discussion. That much for the mining communities that are thus able to get a day of work once in a while Small Towns Are Worse

Let us see what the less serene circumstances are in the isolated towns where nothing but one or two idle mines are located. After dragging along for months, in most cases, on a hand to mouth existence, the future social order will be made. To see the wan faces of the inhabitants, things, either legal or illegal, does wondering, it seems what they are not deserve to go on any longer and having returned from a fruitless Let us resolve then that we will do all search for a new job and trying to in our power to build up the Communsome more groceries. Hard To Change Jobs

fortunate enough to get work in some clock." How much longer then, will other line, but when one has given you be satisfied with hunger? Change a whole life to mining, it is not an the system from one of exploitation, easy mater to adapt himself to any to one in which only those who work other occupation. There is the dif-will benefit and enjoy life! ferent atmosphere, the different terminology, with which he is not as familiar as to that applying to coal 5 Years of Factory mines, the different hours in many instances and the, all-too many different things with which he is forced to contend: and because he is not an expert at the work he takes up, the pay is often much less than that prevailing in the mines. One can also, tory at 16 cannot last beyond 21 withon the occasion of such visits, see a out a breakdown in health, Sonhia moving truck backed up at a house Reben, Evansville, (III.) cigar: ker, and hear such remarks as "Going told the national industrial assembly, over to Mine Six, not working steady Young Women's Christian Associabut it's better than none," or "I can tion, convention, in New York.

get my boy in with me there and that will help some." It is often the case, that the boy referred to is not old enough to work in the mines, according to the LAW, but the parent needs his help and the company needs the profit, so the parent will say that the kid is sixteen and he begins his

From Youth to Old Age

With the rest of them, he begins to take an interest in the blowing of the whistle and unless "chance" takes him out of the mines, he starts his day with the early ringing of the alarm clock, every time the boss says he needs him, until old age overtakes him and says "no more, you're too old," or until the too frequent negligence of the boss results in an explosion, and, along with the rest of those in the bowels of the earth, he is gathered in by the grim reaper.

It is getting now that the toilers of today are all possessed of either a "Work Whistle" or "Time Clock" psychology, they fit quite snugly into the scheme of things as arranged by the poss and it is time to change this order. Human energy and emotions in many instances are being replaced by beings of mechanical action, because of the sordid conditions that prevail and you might just as well realize now as later, that they will change just as soon as you determine they will, not before.

Present System Outworn

To the members of the Y. W. L. who read this, let me say, it is your movement that the moulders of the word is suddenly passed around that the reader who is not already a memthe mine is going to shut down. Some | ber of the Young Workers League or times it is for a few weeks, the boss of the Workers Party, I say, prepare taking advantage of the shortage of to join, for we can never hope to get orders to do some necessary repair anywhere with the present system. york, sometimes for an indefinite per- To all workers, into whose hands this iod. which makes the uncertainty paper get, I say that the sooner we harder to bear, for it involves a risk rid ourselves of the system that proin moving elsewhere, while in some duces parasites, crooks, grafters and cases it has been known for the mine every kind of human leeches. the to be sealed up, never to reopen. As better will be the lot of the ones who one goes thru such towns, he can toil. The system that follows these going to do next. The men usually it is up to us to make the change. figure out where to go next, while the ist movement in these United States, women folks, por souls, are forced to let us say that we will do all that is employ the cunning of a professional possible to bring about the complete beggar, as they approach the store- emancipation of the working class. keeper and ask to be trusted with Until this is done, the miner will continue to wait for the boss to blow the whistle and the workers in other There are some who are industries will continue to "punch the

Labor Is Limit Of Girl's Endurance

NEW YORK.—A girl entering a tac-

League Nucleus Must Unite With Adult

Workers in Fight for Economic Demands THE nucleus must be familiar with sist the young workers, whether it be the international demands on be- in calculating the piece work, in the half of youth labor which the Young distribution of the work or the varifight for. It is as well that the nucleus should also know the demands on behalf of the youth, if any, set up by the respective trade unions in the shop.

In all problems the nucleus represents the international demands in general and with them the special national nucleus. Enforced Legal Regulations.
The nucleus will naturally begin its economic struggle with those prob-

the shop at the given moment. It will will it be able to fight the boss on its be good to begin the struggle with de- own. It must co-operate closely with mands for the fulfillment of legal reg-ulations in the shops, where these mittee, and with the party nucleus latter have been neglected. In this for the representation of the economic case, the victory will be easy, and interests of the youth, and must enwill win for us in the beginning the symapthy and confidence of the young workers and will answers the young the yo workers, and will encourage the members of the nucleus itself. The nucleus must carry on an ener-

and must struggle inside the trade meetings where the nucleus will apunions for the granting of full rights point a special speaker to represent to all young members. Discuss Youth Problems at Meet.

Special shop meetings of all the young workers must be called by the nucleus for the discussion of all immediate problems of the youth, and at the trade union and party meetings. The attitude of the adult workers tonucleus for the discussion of all imout to the young workers their legal wards the demands of the young rights, and the duties with which they are charged, and the course they must stance, it is hardly possible for the uation of the young workers. The first obtain the support of the adult nucleus must know every need of the how their needs express themselves. general strikes and thus be enabled to It must never allow itself to be surparticipate in the results of successful prised by any movement of the young strikes. workers. Every movement of the young workers in the shop must be in he hands and under the control of ence the relations of the adult workthe nucleus which must organize ers towards the young workers con-every struggle. It must make the tinually in the spirit of solidarity. necessary suggestions, to send a delegation to the shop committee to the for the rights of the young workers manager, to present demands to the in the shop as a whole. Almost everytrade unions for the carrying thru of where the young workers are excluda fight for the special demands of the ed from the election for the shop com-youth in wage agreements, etc. The mittee or the workers' council. Where nucleus must not wait until the young ever the young workers have not workers act themselves, but must organize the struggles and develop it fight for it, and in the meantime see where possible into a struggle of all to it that a representative elected by the workers of the shop. Not only in the young workers is admitted to the great events, but also in the petty sessions of the shop committee with daily happenings the nucleus must as-

ous other small shop matters

Use League and Party Press. The nucleus must report all bad conditions existing in its shop to the league and party press, as this is a good means of attracting public attention to the situation of the young workers and winning the sympathy of the workers for the struggle of the

Naturally, for the economic work of the nucleus the general regulations for the economic work of the league as a whole apply also. The nucleus must not be isolated in its work on this field, and only in exceplems which are of the most interest in tional cases and in smalled matters

The enlightment of the adult workers in the shop on the problems of the youth is extremely important. This getic propaganda for the entry of all must be done individually, thru the young workers into the trade unions, party nucleus, and at general shop the demands of the youth.

Get Adults on Side of Youth! The best way to interest the adult workers in the work of the nucleus adopt if they wish to improve the sit- youth to carry on a strike unless they young workers, and must observe special demands for the youth in all Voice and Vote in Union.

The nucleus must attempt to influ-

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YOUTH OF RUSSIA

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The Second Year

THIS last month (May 13th) the Young Workers of existence the organization of the young Communists the ultimate aim of abolishing the profit system, Socialin this country has shown to all that not only has it a reason, a duty to exist, but that on the basis of its work it has built up a record of achievements.

Two years after all is a very short period. And yet in that time we have co-ordinated the organization of about 4,000 young workers into the league and about 33,000 young children of the workers into the junior section. In that period of time we have laid the basis for our work in the factories and schools of the country where we have comrades functioning. We have carried on campaigns in the interests of the young workers of this country; we have helped in the work of relief for the starving workers of Russia and Germany; we have worked for the formation of an independent party of the exploited workers and farmers; we are now enterlaid the groundwork by the development of our official organs, by the sending of organizers into the rural districts and into the mining fields, by our work for the formation of shop nuclei.

Comrade Oliver Carlson, in another part of this issue, begins his serial on the history of the League up to a short time ago, and we are sure that all the comrades will follow it with interest. As to the rest of our work | freedom. we can do no better than to quote from a recent circular of the Young Communist International which discusses the Young Workers League of America:

. . . The League has made quite good progress on the two fields. It succeeded furthermore in improving its social composition of the membership. The former composition had been criticized by the executive committee.

"The improvement of the League organ with regards to contents as well as to make-up has been considerable. It speaks in horrified tones of "ectrain magazines and The Young Worker has today really developed into an organ for the masses of the young workers.

"The American league has achieved a great work for the creation of the American farmer-labor party. It is man . . . and yet some intelligent (A-Ha!) students are affiliated to this party (the Federated Farmer-Labor devouring this bolshevik propaganda as fast as they Party) and works in it for the realization of the alliance between the workers and farmers of North America. its rural work makes good progress. It sends, from time to time, regular special propagandists into the farming districts.

Party by carrying thru a great collection campaign for of which organizations and similar ones have been the creation of a financial fund for the publication of a daily party organ.

"The league has reacted well on the events in Gerthru a broad campaign under the slogan: 'Hands Off war for capitalist profits. Workers' Germany' among the broad masses of the young workers.

Creation of shop nuclei, economic-trade union work, to fight well and with discipline. work in the country. More attention must in the future tinued."

another page, we are beginning a widespread anti-mili- are trained to fight on the side of the bosses. tary agitation thru The Young Worker and as the comrades are aware, by the activities of the membership "devouring this bolshevik propaganda" and we are sure

still to be travelled. Our problems are great but we to devour our propaganda and not be scared by the must meet them with all the strength that we have at petrified bunk and tommyrot which is peddled to them our command. Let us begin the third year with a prom- by such papers as that from Los Angeles which is not ise to treble our activities until we have fulfilled our an expression of the students but solely of the officials task of becoming the leader and the rallying point for of the school, the tools of the property holders of one the vast masses of the young workers and students of of the most corrupt cities in the country.

Rally to the standard, young workers! Long live the International Communist Movement! Long live the revolution of the working class!

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Is it an artificial distinction to speak ties.

into factions.

"HE two terms "Farmer-Labor | about a class Farmer-Labor Party and

guishing line between these two terms, they are being accused of en-

deavoring to disrupt the movement against the old parties and split it party they are seeking to organize. They want an all-class party. The Re-

The Workers Party declares that discredited and bankrupt, they argue,

the June 17th convention is a conven- so let every one who is disgusted with

tion which promises to bring into ex-

istence a class Farmer-Labor Party they put up get together in a new and that the July 4th convention exparty. Farmers, industrial workers,

What are the facts of the matter? the decrepit, discredited two old par-

term their idea of the make-up of the

publican and Democratic parties are

Hooray! We're the Free Youth!

WHAT is left of the Young People's Socialist League together with some money obtained from S. P. controlled unions, is publishing a dinky little magazine called "Free Youth." This "youth" affair is edited by a voung worker named Gertrude Weil Kein, who, it is said, is nearer 40 than 30 and its youth articles are written by superannuated priests, social workers, college professors, and just ordinary nuts like William Morris

The profound standard of wisdom of this mess can

be judged from this quotation out of its May issue: "We believe that a Labor party, representing a large and important part of the country is at last to be born. Whatever attitude the Conference for Progressive Political Action takes at Cleveland this July 4th, whether it be mildly radical or strongly socialist, if the elements there represented decided to build an independent party of Labor-call it what they will-for the purpose of put-I League was two years old. And in its two years ting into effect such measures as they desire and with ists everywhere will rejoice."

The thought of the leaders of the C. P. P. AC. organizing into an independent political party of labor and contemplating the abolition of the profit system, throws us into fits of hysterics.

Even more typical of the reactionary outlook of these alleged "young" socialists is an appeal in the same issue written by the so-called delegation of Young Socialist Revolutionaries of Russia in Paris, calling upon all young socialists to protest the imprisonment of "socialists" in Soviet prisons. These Young Socialist Revolutionaries n Paris consist of the defeated riff-raff of Denikin's and Wrangel's army officers and reactionary students who assume a working class name in order to be better able to carry of their slimy propaganda against the Workers' ing upon our real period of growth and activity, having Republic of Russia. And in this pleasant pastime, the "Free Youth" lends a ready hand.

> "Free Youth" is perfectly free, of course, to make nonsensical statements about political questions in this country about which they really pretend to know nothing. But when it comes to assisting in the villification of the rule of the workers of Russia they are overstepping the boundaries even of their own tin god: petty bourgeois

There is no more perverted type of state than that in which the rich are regarded as the best.—Cicero.

Bogeyman, Bogeyman—Booh!

THE magazine of the students of the Lincoln High School of Los Angeles carries an editorial in the current issue which is entitled, "Beware of Propaganda." pamphlets . . . seen around school which . . . condemn ception of what this really signified. organizations like the Boy Scouts . . . fight tooth and nail against capitalism and are praising the working-

Needless to say, they refer to The Young Worker and the other literature of the Young Workers League of America. We admit that we are fighting against capitalism, unblushingly we admit it. We also admit our "The league gave great help to the American Workers opposition to the Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls, both pointed out by us as being nothing but gangs which are being used for the sole purpose of training the youth of this nation to be good slaves to their bosses and for many. Even before the executive committee it carried being willing and capable cannon fodder in the next

We fail to see, as the Lincoln paper says, any fineness n the Boy Scouts. We see in them only an organiza-"The league has made good progress in its work among tion for the preparation of workers' children so that the the children. It has organized its children's groups in bosses of this country will be able to put an army into the form of groups of young pioneers. The movement the field at a moment's notice when the time comes to is numerically strong and belongs today already to the fight another war for capitalist democracy. We can see kest of the International. A cause of this good develop- nothing fine in putting young fellows into a uniform, ment is that the league was in a position to issue its training them in the arts of war for the sole purpose own children's organ, which is gradually becoming very of fighting for their bosses. We are quite willing to see satisfactory and continuously increases its circulation. the young workers of this country train for a different The next tasks of the league remain now as before: purpose entirely. We are even anxious to see them able

For the young workers of this country, as well as the be paid by the league in connection with the develop- old, need to know how to fight. The organized young ment in all America of the anti-militarist work. Fur- communists of America are quite willing to fight and to thermore, the work among the children must be con- have the other young workers fight-but in the war that will be of profit to the workers—for a change, at The advice of the executive committee of the Young any rate. We want to see the workers carry on a fight Communist International, of which we are the American in the class war, the war of the workers against the the shop nuclei organization. And as can be seen on based on their being trained for war but because they

We are glad to see that the "intelligent" students are that an ever growing number of young workers and Two years of work! And the road ahead of us is students—who are future young workers—will continue

> The earth cannot be anyone's property; it cannot be bought and sold, any more than water, air or sunshine. All have an equal right to the advantages it gives to

BACKWARD

the International.—Ed.)

ing the Young Workers League of nothing of this. America. A considerable amount of the three months prior to the conveninitial congress, for factional strife was still running high within the found its reflection in the youth movement which we were striving with might and main to create.

To the young comrades who have come into our ranks since the creation of the Y. W. L. and who know but little or nothing about that period of illegality, of persecution and of long and bitter internal party struggles, which began in November and December, 1919, and lasted for nearly three years, to these comrades it may be of interest to review the situation as t was then.

Once Upon a Time. the Socialist Party in 1918, when large sections of the rank and file became imbued with revolutionary ferver (due largely to the Russian revolution) culminated in September, 1919. At that time there was formed, not one but two Communist Parties, each of which proclaimed its unwavering alliance to the Communist International.

The Young People's Socialist League—a very loose organization had already at its first national convention in May, 1919, declared for a revolutionary policy and had demembership as a whole had no con-The long and bitter struggles of the left wing within the Socialist Party brought about a crisis within the Y. P. S. L. Very many members, whose

tee which prepared the convention realizing that this meant a cleavage that brought the Young Workers of the revolutionary elements who League into being. He was a member were in the youth movement. Those of the first executive of the league of us who held responsible positions and editor of The Young Worker. within the Y. P. S. L. at that time Sent across by the league as repreand who were also Communists found sentative to the congress of the ourselves in a very difficult situa-Young Communist International, he tion, for not only were we being atwas elected on the executive committacked by the moderate and reactiontee of that body, a position he now ary elements of the S. P. but we were holds. Comrade Carlson also has also being attacked by the Communist charge of the English publications of Party to which we did not belong. On top of this was the fact that we tried Socialist Hall in Broklyn, the dele- S. P., and then to make that the begates from the various Socialist and ginning of a move directly into the Communist youth organizations and camp of the Communists—but our groups who officially brought into belown party (the C. P.) would hear

> extraordinary convention of the Y. P. tional. (The Young Socialist Interna- C. L. tional had consistently maintained a revolutionary chartcer. At the same time when the Y. P. S. L. convention

was too perilous. They dropped out 1921). Comrade "Turner" parties themselves were organizing as the newly formed Y. C. L.

strengthening the underground par-The Young Communist League. At its second national convention, the United Communist Party took up interests in the league were social the question of building a Y. C. L. rather than socialist dropped out. This was in December, 1920. The con- taken. Due to a number of events, Others felt that it was necessary to vention was an underground one, so matters had not shaped themselves give all of their time and attention the half a hundred delegates present to the party fight and so turned away were confined to the spot where the were away. As the outstanding fea-

The Question By F. C. Weiskopf

And set on fire ND we march. A March, march, march, march. Side by side. Conquer, Die -- --

Many. Very many. Body next to body And arm next to arm And shoulder next to shoulders And foot next to foot. Many. Very many.

And at last in equality side by side. Feet And arms And bodies.

And bodies and bodies and bodies And all the bodies quite without souls,

Because Man has been lost! And we march. March, march, march, march.

And shoot

No matter whence. No matter whither. "Do you know the goal?"
"Who asks?" The mouth in the face, Dumb and mute, Does not ask. But the feet: The poor feet are sore and stupid, They complain,

But ask no question!

We march farther.

Cry out Ever again th equestion: "Why?" "Why march to death?" --

Translated from the German By IDA DAILES.

Section, is sound to the core. We must go ahead with capitalists. Our opposition to the Boy Scouts is not POLISH COMMUNIST YOUTH SINGS 'INTERNATIONAL' AS 23 OF THEM ARE JAILED FOR ANTI-WAR ACTION

trial of a large number of young Com- Communists on trial. munists for agitation against the imperialist adventures of the reaction defense, spoke boldly on the necessity ary Polish government, when the of the workers to form a Soviet re court entered its room the defendants the charges against the arrested. began to sing the International.

courtroom by the mixture of the sing- of the charges.

WARSAW, Poland.—"The comedy ing of the prisoners and the wails and is ended!" called out Comrade Zithershouts of the audience, among whom spieler, one of the defendants in the were several mothers of the young

court ordered the imprisonment of public in Poland but was halted in the fifteen boys and eight girls between middle of his speech by the judge who the ages of 16 and 21. And as the ruled that it had nothing to do with Agitation is being begun for the re Great commotion was caused in the lease of the prisoners and the repeal Class Farmer-Labor Party or Third Party?

ting apart these groups.

By OLIVER CARLSON Stockholm

(Comrade Oliver Carlson was the parties were formed, each tried to many problems of importance up for secretary of the organization commit-win the Y. P. S. L. to itself, without discussion, and among them was the one dealing with a youth movement A lengthy resolution, dealing with the whys and wherefores of a revolution ary youth movement, as well as pro posing the method of work that it should follow, was unanimously adopted. Subsequently, a comrade was placed in charge of this work.

The Y. C. L., like the U. C. P., was to be an underground organization, or ganized on the group system. A spe cial leaflet addressed to the "Rovelu Two years ago, May 13, 1922, there to follow a tactic of spliting away tionary Young Workers of America' gathered together in the Finnish the whole of the Y. P. S. L. from the was issued in which was given the was issued in which was given the call for revolutionary work and ac tion versus revolutionary talk and inaction. Then too, a small pamphlet entitled "The Young Communist International, What It Is and What It Seeks to Accomplish" was published. preparatory work had been done in In December, 1919, we convened an Here, for the first time in English was a short and plain summary made tion, but in spite of that we felt none too confident abut the success of the Y. C. S. L., where it definitely broke off all of the aims and purposes of the Y. C. relations with the S. P., declared it. I. and its sections, and wherein these relations with the S. P., declared it. self "independent" from all political differed from other "Socialist" of parties, but declared itself for the "Young Workers" organizations was still running high within the parties, but declared itself for the "Young Workers" organizations. Communist International and affiliation to the Young Socialist Internativules for the organization of the Y.

The initial work was very difficult. Individual contact had to be made was taking place in Rochester, the with responsible young revolution-Y. S. I. was holding an illegal con- ists. Very few of them had any congress in Berlin, where it changed its ception whatsoever of underground name to the Young Communist Inter-work; and those who did have were national). Itwas just at this time when the party. But little by little groups were "red raids" became the outstanding established in the larger cities of the feature of the day. Thousands were East and Middle West. The work had arrested; other thousands were being only just gotten under way when word The crisis which had arisen within searched for. Large numbers of was received that the Y. C. I. was to be Socialist Party in 1918, when those who had declared themselves hold its second world congress (This Communists decided that the game was to take place in Italy in March, of the movement—and the Communist Carlson) was sent as a delegate from best they could under ground. That gress did not take place in Italy beall of this should also reflect itself cause of the increased activity of the in the youth movement is obvious. Fascists. Instead it convened illegally Section after section gave up its in Germany, (Jena and Berlin), but ghost and died. Others carried on as after a few sessions it was adjourned mere social centers, doing no revolutionary work. A few-and very few increased danger of its continuance, indeed, sought to go ahead as best because several important league delthey could with their youth work. Nationally, neither Y. P. S. L. or I. Y. P. not arrived; and above all because nounced the Second International as a bankrupt and renegade Socialist movement. But while that decision had sought to work amongst the mediately following that of the North Park the sought to work amongst the mediately following that of the work amongst the mediately following the work amongst the mediately following that of the work amongst the mediately following the work amongst the mediately following the work amongst the mediately followed the work amongst the work amongst the mediately followed the work amongst had been made by the conference, the youth, now threw their full weight Communist International. This was into the work of building up and done.

Our Y. C. L. was represented in Moscow by two delegates, Turner and "Morton" (Gus Schulenberg). Upon their return to the United States the work of building up and enlarging the work of the Y. C. L. was undervery well during the time when they from the youth movement. When the convention was taking place until it ture of the new tasks before the Y. Communist and Cummunist-Labor had finished its work. There were C. L. was the need for getting into contact with the masses the workn imposing class youth. This ' sibility if the Y. C. L. v function

organizasolely as an undergre Contact with the asses demands that we appear before them, act with them, let them know who we Objective conditions determine whether a league or a party as such must function illegally or legally, but under all conditions ways and means must be found to secure, to maintain, to widen and deepen our contact and President and now Supreme influence upon and among the workers, young and old.

With the C. P. and the Y. C. L. alike there had developed a certain thought struck me. tendency which saw in underground organizations a principle and not a tactic; yes, one may even say that there were those who considered legality or open and aboveboard organizations as "centrist," "yellow," "reformist." Consequently, there raged a long and bitter struggle within our own ranks on the question of forming "legal movements." It is not my purpose to go into a lengthy explana-tion or history of these inner conflicts. Suffice it to say that within the Y. C. L. the proposal to utilize and form legal groups and organiza tions was accepted.

Next Issue: "Into the Open."

The old social order must be perish; it has been judged and condemned: let it meet its due! Let it be destroyed, the old world where cynisism flourished, and where man was exploited by man. Let them be utterly destroyed, these whited sepulchers, where lies and injustice have their dwelling place.-Heine.

Rush in your extra bundle orders for the next issue of anti-war Young Workers!

It requires a strong stretch of vision for a man to see beyond his own prejudice.-Opie Read.

By C. E. RUTHENBERG Executive Secretary, Workers Party

Party" and "Third Party" are being used interchangeable by many people to describe the growing movement against domination by the capitalist parties of the government of the United States. Because the Third Party Takes in All.

Inird Party and "Third Party" are being used interchangeable by many people to describe the growing movement against domination by the Capitalist parties of the government of the United States. Because the United States. Because the United States are the United States at the United States are the United States at the United States are the groups which a class basis professional men or small business would not exclude from the new party of the new party to be made answer the question.

It sees in the groups which are supported the same as those of the exploited farmers and workers are not the same as those of the predominantly of farmers and workers, and its platform to be writted to the professional men or small business party, this party would split apart professional men or small business of the exploited farmers and workers are not the same as those of the predominantly of farmers and workers, and its platform to be writtened at third party? O brief examination of the new party to be made answer the question.

Third Party Takes in All.

Third Party Takes in All. guarantee of profits of the railroad companies, but it would not propose and the interests of the farmers and two workers, and its platform to be written in the interests of the farmers and the middle class of the rich and workers. Since the interests of the farmers and the fought for and this cluded over measures which were to be fought for and this class. There would ing the June 17th convention and ask-naturally come a struggle within a party in which both groups were included over measures which were to be fought for and this class. While fighting for a class Farmer-

and the farmers and workers would be the tail to the kite. Its ideal would grop, those who want a Farmer-Labor cause of the division of class inter-zation and its statement of principle ests of the exploited farmers and in-The Workers Party states these dustrial workers, the Workers Party facts to the workers and farmers now realizes that under certain circum because it will be a much healthier de- stances an alliance can be formed bevelopment of the existing movement tween the class Farmer-Labor Party by the exploited workers and farm- and the Third Party on definite issues ers and the petty bourgeoisie if they for a common struggle against the

It is not the Workers Party which is the disrupter of the Third Party party as a Farmer-Labor Party have formation of a class Farmer-Labor a Communist Party fighting the bat- fact of class divisions in capitalist sosomething different in mind. They Party now because it knows that even the of the exploited class, is giving ciety which brings the division be-policy of the Workers Party is a real-

IMPROPAGAND

There's a cry that's in the air: June Seventeenth! Hear it echo everywhere June Seventeenth! Bosses, bankers seem to fret All of them agree "You bet. We don't want our slaves to ge To June Seventeenth!"

There's a cry that's in the air: June Seventeenth! Hear it echo everywhere June Seventeenth! Farmers getting out their Fords, Workers feeling just like lords, Going to their very own June Seventeenth!

Burns' successor, Attorney General Harlan F. Stone said: "I may not replace W. J. Burns at present, but take over that job myself. I am not much of a detective, which ought to qualify

When the YOUNG WORKER is printed on asbestos we will print what W. J. Burns said when he heard about this statement.

THE LATEST MOVIE

Rev. Franklin Cole Sherman of Cleveland, President of the American Guild of health saids "A true Christian never swallows a pill without saying a prayer, for he has more faith in the power of God than in the power of the

They say the power of God can move mountains. But, brother, $the\ pill.....$

A comrade we know must be a true Christian. Whenever he takes a pill he always says "I hope t' Christ it does me some good." Now he doesn't know God very well-but he does know pills -and they usually do.

OFFICE BEANE

If you are in Chicago - - Be at the Picnic - -May 30.

OH, BRICK! LOOK! IMPROPAGANDIST:

Please tell BRICK LAYER that in the spring a good looking young girls fancy also turns to the ideal radical man. Mine: Is no piker. He knows you can't enjoy the show from the gallery. Buys his own cigarettes. Pays two fares in the street car... and taxies on pay days. Guesses I like candy—and love flowers. Takes me home from the meetings and know enough to go home early, Reads "The Eleventh Virgin"—and doesn't use it to tell other sloppy stories. Discusses Party Problems-and not his own. —You guessed it—it's NOT BRICK LAYER.

RED'S SISTER.

M-m-a-s--? Oh, Yes ,Of Course! I just saw a picture of ex-Court Justice Taft.

I looked at his size and this

If he got up from a chair-

'mass uprising?'' BRICK LAYER. Johnny Red Says: The miners are a peculiar people. They bravely make their

propaganda and speeches in the But they have to go underground to make a living.

SURE—IT'S A JOINT PICNIC. Yes—of the T. U. E. L.—and the Y. W. L.

FINAL SPEECH. Didja notice the new appearance of the Young Worker? Rough paper, rough type, rough lan-

guage to the bosses...
What's that, Mabel? You like the
Young Worker rough...?
So-0-0-0-- M-m-m-m-m-Well... so does

WALT CARMON. Impropagandist.

How unjust is the fate which rdains that those who have the least should be always adding to the store of the more wealthy .- Terence.

'COME TO JESUS,' IS CALL OF SKY-PILOTS TO INFIDEL YOUTHS CHICAGO .- Bemoaning the fact

that the youth is not taking an interest in religion any more, sky pilots at the Western Unitarian conference, representing about 150 churches, gathered here to con sider ways and means of interest ing the young in the church. Rev. Fred M. Eliot declared that

what was necessary was the creation of "a personal hero who personifies the ideals of youth and an opportunity to put into practice with a group of other young people the ethics and teachings which a faithful ambition will impress on Whatever that means!

The youths are not being bam-boozled so much nowadays by the Christ pumpers and are turning for their ideals to the working class movement which has more idealism in one year than the church has had since Peter be came an architect.

ploited farmers and workers. want a class party—a class party of if both the exploited farmers and in- its strength and energy to the forma- tween Third Party elements and ex- istic policy based upon economic facts

presses a third party movement store keepers, merchants, small busi-Those who oppose the Communist de-ness men of every character, profesdown to the groups composing the ploited farmers and industrial workorganize in separate and distinct policy in capitalist parties, and its policy in litical organizations now, than if they cludes the formation of such an alliclare that this is an artificial distinc sional men, doctors, lawyers, bankers, middle class, enabling the latter to ers with any other group which tion, and that both the June 17th con-brokers and real estate dealers, promake a really comfortable living with- wishes to go along as the tail of the vention and the July 4th convention fessional reformers of the Committee unite in the same party and are com- ance if the circumstances warrant it. out too much worry. express the same movement and that of 48, yes, even the small capitalists pelled to separate later Communists Demand Class Party. Class Party Needed. W. P. Supports June 17th. there should be unity between the two -let them all get together and form Those who describe the coming new The Workers Party advocates the The Workers Party, because it is movement, but it is the hard economic one great, glorious third party to fight

ly be dominated by the middle class the rich and well-to-do farmers more

be to make the great capitalists be Party even go further and demand

"good," and to be "good" would mean that the new party be led by and its to run their system of exploitation platform be written to express the

and oppression in such a manner that interests of the poor exploited farm-

some of the loot taken from the farm- ers and industrial workers. In other

ers and industrial workers would seep words, they want a class party of ex-