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THE YOUNG WORKER Stands For Unionizing the Youth!

Equal Pay for Equal Work for A 6-Hour Day, 5-Day Week for Young Workers! Abolition of Child Labor! A Fight Against Capitalist

A Fight Against the Boss Class!

MARTIN ABERN, Executive Secretary, Young Workers League

ST. PA work rates to the huge June 17 convention to organize the Farmer-Labor party of the United States are pouring into this city by the scores, ready to go ahead with the bled by the traitorous statement by Robert LaFollette, which was made with the intention of preventing the formation of an independent political party of the oor farmers. The viewpoint of the rank and file fighters for a farmer-labor party in speaking of LaFollette and J. A. H. Hopkins, of the so-called Committee of 48, can be su med up in these few words: "Good Riddance!" Both of these political tricksters have already been repudiated or made doubtful by such well-known figures in the movement for independent political action as Duncan MacDonald, candidate for governor in Illinois; Tom Ayres, candidate for U.S. senator from South Dakota; John C. Kennedy, secretary of the second largest state farmer-labor party, Washington; Wm. Green, secretary of the Progressive party of Nebraska; Wm. Mahoney, Robley Cramer and C. A. Hathaway, of the Minnesota movement; Joseph Manley, secretary of the Federated Farmer-Labor party; Wm. Bouck, of the Western Progressive Farmers, and dozens of others.

## Western Electric Exposed!

# LEAGUE OPENS

Y. W. L. Program For Youth Stated

#### By KARL REEVE

Thousands of young workers are being used by the Western Electric company to scab on the older workers by working under the speed-up system at a lower standard of living and for lower wages than the older married workers can exist upon.

While waiting in the employment office I had the opportunty to notice that a large majority of those hired by the Western Electric are youngsters of high school and college age. I counted 22 young men under 18 years of age, in short pants, waiting in a line of 60 people to ask for a job.

Those admitted in to be interviewed by Mr. Noble were mostly college lads around 20 years of age who had quit school. One straw boss told me, tries to save its face by running a technical school which pretends to take the place of the college. In reality they teach nothing in their technical school except how to become a faster worker or how to drive other slaves as an ill-paid straw boss.

I was given a job as a straw boss, and was insulted by getting a lot of

the Western Electric hires boys who are obviously closer to 14 years old than they are to 16. I talked to sev eral score young men, both in the employment office and inside the plant. The large majority of the men who work in the Western Electric, and this means thousands of young workers are all the same type. They are in-experienced, many of them holding down their first job in industry; they are enthusiastic about gaining promo

Young men with no experience in the hot air talked by every large employer—that there is plenty of chance advancement—take the Western Electric dope as gospel truth. The Western Electric caters especially to young men. In Tuesday's News there stricted by any treaty." was a large advertisement of the Western Electric company featuring a cartoon "Hawthorne Johnny," he's stupid like a fox:" This ad was especially run to show the many boys working at Western Electric that the company is thinking of them-of their problems and troubles. The company "for these boys," according to the bunk peddled.

The Western Electric also gets out Electric News, a weekly paper, the Microphone, and numerous bulletins and pamphlets explaining the virtues of the company. The thousands of dollars spent on this propaganda is chalked up to expense, and comes out of the profits garnered from the labor of the employes.

Slop Instead of Wages.

The company also conducts the Hawthorne club for loyal employes wild deed may be the first step toand gets the boys and girls to forget wards a new war in which the investtheir low wages by conducting numer ous socials, dances, amateur plays, so- capitalists of this and other countries cial events ,sporting events, speeches and entertainment.

All this bunk to cloud the real facts.

#### PLUTES GET BRILLANT IDEA FOR WORKERS TO KISS THEM ON CHEEKS

NEW YORK CITY.—Workers can now forget all their sorrows. They can forget child labor, coming wars, unemployment, injunction government, Teapot Domes and strikebreaking presidents.

The bosses have got religion. The Golden Rule is to be the order of the day and every worker is expected to faill into the open arms of his dear boss and kiss him on the

The American propaganda group of the international golden rule society was just organized at the Bankers' Club here. Among the members of the national committee are such well known golden rulers as Newton D. Baker, Charles G. ("Hell-an'-Maria") Dawes, Theodore Roosevelt, Charles M. Schwab, and Leonard Wood of Filipino fame. No information as to results so far has yet been given.

"The Western Electric company Navy Must Dominate in Case of War By CHARLES WITTER.

hot air about loyalty to the company as a slave to the low salary offered me.

The law is that boys under 16 years of age are not allowed to labor, but the Wayter with the Wayter of the low of the low salary offered ican naval forces second to none at a meeting of Republican women in the District of Col-

least, in every respect of any 10 minutes of discussion. These same power on land or sea," he de-LaFollette supporters, who had only clared. Altho I say at least 100 recently made a big fuss about the June 17 convention and the Commuper cent equality, I see no realists in it, raising the red scare, got son why we should not under- a taste of it themselves, when they along lines not restricted by mutual agreement so that we

The Western Electric also gets out in a position, as soon as possible, to personal lackey in the high places of the government.

in battles on the high seas. Situation Is Critical

by the assassination of the Austrian kicked around in the convention at archduke in Serbia in 1914. A similar every single opportunity. wards a new war in which the investments and colonies of the imperialist given the Gompers-LaFollette policy will be the real bone of contention over which the workers will be told to

lay down their lives.

and Dawes Run

the run for the presidency on the Republican party ticket. Charles Dawes, head of the would-be Fascist Minute Men of be Coolidge's running mate for the vice-presidency.

and the candidates selected to try. Not a word is said about to the youth of this land. In-WASHINGTON. — Adding his bigger and improved army and stead, the demand is made for a for the outcome. huge American navy and army, of Morgan are endorsed whole-Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, heartedly. The plank on labor

LaFollette Gets it in Neck. mbia.

The allegedly progressive Lafol-lette platform, which was presented per cent navy, the equal, at flung out of the committee without take also to advance our navy were booed and hissed every tim

they voted against the machine.
"Ship 'Em to Russia!' The boobs who were the tools of the will again be in a dominating machine always yelled at the Wisconsituation and can again secure mutual limitations on all activities along lines at present upped to the mildest propositions. Like inmates of ties along lines at present unre- a lunatic asylum, the delegates from the various states would start parad-It is becoming increasingly plain ing around the hall whenever one of that all these preparations for the interpretation of their favorite sons were mentioned. crease of naval and army forces has Pretty soon they cooled down under shipment of munitions to either Rou-States ready to participate in an approaching war on an equal basis with candidate was finally accepted. Dawes rations being made by these reactionany other great power. Wilbur's frank statement is that the American navy should "dominate" that of any other is a link in the J. P. Morgan financial Russia. country; in other words, we should be chain. Morgan is thus assured of a

LaFollette Up a Creek. Agitation against America in Japan vention is poor LaFollette. After havs increasing every day and feeling is ing denounced the only strong moverunning very high. The slightest in- ment for independent political action, cident may again set the machinery of that which is now gathered at St. on the slightest pretext, as was shown fulness to the reactionaries by being arabia. This has now been stopped.

The reactionary republican conven-

world, when there's enough to make in order that the small minority may

#### Delegates Flocking to St. Paul.

From all over the country the delegates are flocking to St. Paul. Whole caravans of poor farmers' delegates are arriving from North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska and other northwestern states, travelling in Fords. Delegates are coming in from Washington, California, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri, and what is more important from the industrial states of the east and middle-west: Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. In fact, there are delegates from practically every important state in the union.

The prevailing opinion among the delegates is, of course, for the immediate formation of an independent political party, representing the interests of the workers and poor farmers, with its own presidential and vice-presidential candidates, and candidates Reactionaries Coolidge in all the states on a farmer-labor ticket. All the preparations are being made for the actual building up of a political organization. The national arrangements committee, it is announced, is meeting continuously, working out the basis for a constitution and a CLEVELAND. - Calvin Cool- program for the new party which will be representative of the idge, the moron president who interests of the productive elements in society. The party to be took credit for breaking the formed will represent the class interests of the workers and xstrike of the Boston policemen ploited farmers, and will not be a miserable hodge-podge of petty for better conditions, will make bourgeois, middle class and prosperous farmers demands.

#### Many State Parties Now Organized.

The party to be organized already has the backing of numerthe Constitution, leader of the ous state parties which have announced their adherence to "June open shop drive in the state of 17." Strong class parties are now in existence in such strategic Illinois, and author of the im- states as Minnesota, New York, Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts, perialist, war-making, Dawes Missouri, California, Colorado, the Dakotas, Washington and elsereparations report on Germany, where. These parties, together with numerous local city organiwas selected by the G. O. P. to zations, form the backbone of the strength of the new movement.

The news of the nomination of Coolidge at the Republican convention and the quick rejection of the so-called LaFollette The convention was one of program has merely confirmed the stand of the farmer-labor the most reactionary in the parties for an independent class party, irrespective of the personal eareer of the Republican party, wishes of Robert Marion LaFollette.

The Communists, represented by the Workers Party and the Tragedy of "Join Navy run are typical of the platform adopted. Not a word is said LaFollette and the lesser lights like Hopkins and Schaper, clears about the terrible conditions of the field for the nomination of a real class farmer-labor ticket and the child laborers in this coun- the adoption of a clear cut, class program for the new party.

The convention proper is expected to go into session immethe dangers of new wars coming diately on June 17 and will most probably last three days.

The eyes of the workers and farmers are eagerly watching

#### voice to those who demand a navy. The imperialist schemes JEHOVAH, CHRIST AND HOLY GHOST UNITE TO DOPE SCHOOL CHILDREN

By JOSEPH NARBRICK

NEW YORK CITY.—Three machines for the religious poisoning of the minds of working class children in particular, and others in general, met here to unite on a common platform for the teaching of religion to children. The leaders of this new movement include D. de Sola Pool, rabbit of the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue, Michael Di Lavelle of the Catholics and Watson E. Moore of the Protestants.

All of them bemoaned the falling off of interest in religious matters. It seems that nowadays people are looking for pie on earth instead of in the sky.

Archbishop Hayes, speaking of benighted America, said: "What a land were joining the police force of prove their lot," h etestified. Three of promise this is." It seems that the venerable monsignor has become hopped up with his own dope!

Red Youth Arrested

for Anti-Militarism

The secretary of the Young Com-

## COMMUNISTS ACT Twelve of Norway's

PRAGUE, Czecho-Slovakia. workers' committee of the railroaders,

The huge Skoda munitions works at Pilsen, controlled by the reactionary French steel magnate. Schneider. has been working overtime shipping The funniest part of the whole con- munitions to the two French-controlled countries, which has been renewing their anti-Russian activity lately. Especially has this been the case with Roumania which has been fighting war into action. War may be declared Paul, he was rewarded for his faith. Russia over the question of Bess-This incident shows what the work ers can do to prevent war once they make the attempt.

> The workers of the world were never so restless. This is a sign that the masses are awakening to the Why should anyone be poor in this realization that they are being fleeced

### From the June 17 Convention The militant young workers of the United States expect

What the Militant Youth Expects

the farmer-labor convention in St. Paul, June 17, to go on record for the following demands which are based on their political and economic needs: the minimum at the present

The complete abolition of child labor under the age of 16.

2. A minimum wage for young workers.

3. A six-hour day and five-day week for the youth in in industry and agriculture.

4. Firm opposition to the increase of military armaments to be used in imperialist wars. 5. A demand for organized labor to have a voice in

deciding the work of bodies like State Militias, Guardsmen and other official forces which are often used against the interests of the workers in times of industrial conflicts. Will the farmer-labor convention put itself squarely and

clearly on record for these demands? The Young Workers League of America is keenly watch-

ing the answer!

## TO 48 SAILORS

## and See World"

SAN PEDRO, Calif .-- Forty eight young fellows, in the best years of their life, were sent to their death here in an explosion of children by the Society for the in Turret No. 2 of the United Prevention of Cruelty to Children in States battleship Mississippi. New York is charged in testimony by The cause of the explosion remains mysterious, but what is too tragically evident is the deits \$2,000,000 building, objects to the parture of 448 comrades to the use of the building. rest of the crew.

posters which told them to "Join and then as soon as that purpose was the Navy and See the World." were joining the police force of American capitalists to protect the Caribbean sea or Latin- the similar society there, he said, America or any other place to which they might be called. They did not know that they were to be mere tools in the hands of American capitalists for the shooting at ships which were being manned by young workers of other countries.

munist League of Norway, Henry W. Mystery May Uncloud. Kristiansen, as well as Jorgen Vogt The mystery of the explosion is and ten other prominent comrades, highly to be suspected. Rumors are violently ill in a lodging house where have been arrested by the Norwegian current that some new murder weapon he had taken refuge. The landlady government for carrying on Commu- was being tried out and that the phoned the central emergency hospital nist anti-military work. The basis of the charges are an anti-militaristic The remainder of the crew of the hospital saying that it was not an article in the league's official organ, "Klassenkampen," and the resolutions go on shore leave or in any other way Caffery died. The coroner is investof the last convention on anti-milicommunicate with the outside world. igating the liability of the emergency Questions are being raised as to hospital.

whether the things that the comrades of the dead might tell would not be inpleasant to the high officialdom of the navy and govrnmnt.

"Sympathy" for the Dead.

Secretary of the navy, Curtis D.

Wilbur, has sent messages of sympathy to the nearest relatives of the This is the consolation given the altar of American imperialism.

## CHILD JAILERS

(By The Federated Press)
NEW YORK CITY.—Imprisonment

Children "Restrainers." "It turned out that the society's Most, if not all, of the youths function was to pen up for several joined the navy thru the alluring days children who were wanted by the courts for one purpose or another served, cast them loose on the world hundred times as many children are "restrained" by this society in Mantheir financial investments in hattan alone, as in the British isles by

#### A Brave Soldier Boy Fought for His Land and This is the End

SAN FRANCISCO.—Frank Coffrey, a war veteran recently discharged from the base hospital at Palo Alto, fell

## Is the U. S.-Japanese War Coming?

NEW YORK CITY.—Retired Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, in a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, Curtis D. Wilbur, just made public here, hints at the necessity of speeding up the improvement of American naval forces because of a possible war with Japan. "It may be pointed out that the Japanese and Americans have taken attitudes that irreconcilable and that the Japanese have virtually broken off diplomatic relations by giving their ambassador a 'vacation.'.. Such attitudes and such acts have usually preceded wars, tho they have not always been followed by wars.

"If Japan should go to the extreme of taking the Philippine Islands and thus force us into war, we should find ourselves in a deplorable condition because of the lack of trained men as well as of other requisites." Shall it be again?

AMERICA'S THREE MILLION CHILD SLAVES

BY MAX SHACHTMAN--PAGE 2

## LEAGUE OPENS CAMPAGN FOR YOUTH LABOR

Y. W. L. Program For Youth Stated

(Continued from page one) ers in the Hawthorne plant get \$20 the same time the report admits that are engaged in working at something young men and 50 young women are hired every day. The young work-children who are employed on farms ern Electric plant. He quits his fore turning to slavery on the farm; job because he has learned by this also it does not take into considerafor a low wage on the chance for pro- of 10, of whom there are legions, and motion has brot him nothing. The children between the age of 15 and 16. young men told me that when the last raises in pay were given out, the first like; and it omits the little children confined to institutions for the inof June, their hourly pay was raised, but their piece work rate cut, so that of their homes.

in reality they received a reduction in League Demands Made.

The system whereby young workers exert their energy to the utmost simply because they are promised higher wages in the future, is what the GOVERNMENT'S Young Workers League is out to fight. The league not only insists on the abolition of child labor, which goes on to some extent in the Western Electric, but it insists that the system or cheap labor whereby young workers receive less pay for the same work than the adult workers, which system is the foundation and backbone of the slave driving Western Electric company, be abolished.

For Union Shop. 'The Young Workers' League declares itself in favor of the organization of the Western Electric company into a strong union with the young workers receiving full membership and the same scale of pay and working conditions granted to the adult workers. The league declares as its aim the establishment of the six-hour day and the five-day week for all

very common in the Western Electric, and the Young Workers League demands that overtime for the many thousands of young workers in the plant be abolished. Many of the girls cinnati, himself a scarred vet 1914. are forced to work on the night shift and a holder of the empty honor in the Western Electric-the league of a distinguished service cross. demands that all overtime and night work be abolished for both girls and boys under 20 years of age. The Western Electric company grants no thousands of veterans in hos- lars and a similar sum to Great Brivacation to its employes until after pitals and more who required atthey have been employed five years, and then only six days vacation is granted. The Young Workers' League wounds or diseases as a result demands that this be remedied, and of their army service." said ists of this country, they fixed up this that all young workers in the plant Marx. "But did Congress make that all young workers in the plant Marx. "But did Congress make be granted a fully paid four weeks

is saddled upon the 40,000 employes of the situation facing the veterthe Western Electric company. The problem of young working girls is one ans, we found affairs in Washof the biggest problems faced by the ington a veritable hodge-podge." workers in the Western Electric. Over 20,000 young girls are employed at piece and day work rates by the West- fies 4,000 odd beds in the veterans' than the pay of the young men for still housed in fire traps and tempo-identical work.

Crowned With Titles.

Many of the young men, altho with places remove from medical centers, no experience in the telephone ap- where proper care cannot be given the paratus line, are hired as straw bosses, with the title of inspector or inspector.

Training Piffle Is Bunk tion head. Several thousands such young workers in the Western Elec- those being trained by the governtric plant are thus placed over under- ment will never be able to fill the jobs young girls and forced to drive them and keep up their production. Divided We Fall.

The Western Electric affords a per-fect example of women and men di-cause of injuries to their backs, canvided into two opposite camps, each not stoop over engines," continued the underpaid, each working as scab labor judge, "are trained as auto mechanics, and in an anti-union concern. The and one man who never even reyoung men are willing to work for a time at scab wages because they are proud of their straw boss title and because they have hopes for further ad-

Many of the girls are forced by necessity to become semi-prostitutes. They do not know what some of the bosses in the Western Electric revealed when I was working there as a straw boss, that the company's policy is to hire good looking men as section heads, in order to use these to turn the sex appeal into Western Electric profits.

Must Can Rotten Conditions.

The Western Electric shop is filled with many thousand young men and women workers, divided against each other, all forced to work speed up under a non-union, low standard of pay, filled with hot air which is given out to insult the workers who make the with them would be thrown on War Against Western Electric.

The Young Workers' League declares war on the policies of the Western Electric company, and invites the lotment of capitalist cannon fodder to workers in the company to join the league in their demands for a higher standard of living. The league invites the Western Electric workers to demand of their bosses that the Western Electric bunk be issued in the future in proportion to the size of the pay envelope. The Young Workers' League demands the unionization of the Western Electric plant 100 per cent, with the young workers receiving the same pay and treatment as any other employe.

#### U. S. Is Not the Only Land of Child Labor

LONDON.-Figures given in parliament show that 7,602 children under 12 were at work in mines in British India in 1922. Later figures are not available. In the same year there were 78,806 women, of whom 25 were men. The total of miners employed in 1922 in British India was 228,511.

## AMERICA'S 3,000,000 CHILD SLAVES

dren 16 years and under are employed in the industries and agricultural fields of this country? How many children are really subjected to the frightul exploitation that always accomanies work for profit of the boss?
U. S. Report Runs Short.

These are questions which must be which have been given up to now are this country between the ages of 5 decidedly conflicting and insufficient. The official statistics of child labor between those ages who attend school, given by the children's bureau of the The facts are that the wages paid by United States department of labor, Western Electric company are enough to support a single man. that 1,060,858 children between the whelming majority of the children of Most of the thousands of young work- ages of 10 and 15 are at work. But at those ages who do not attend school An average of 50 the census was taken in January, a or another. er lasts about a year in the West- are at school, waiting for summer betime that his energy put into working tion the child laborers under the age Western Electric runs a double sys- It does not take account of the chil tem of average hourly rate combined dren in the street trades, like bootwith a piece work system. Several blacking, newspaper sellers, assist-ty of children who do not attend

> Child Labor Committee Figure. The National Child Labor Commitee almost doubles the estimate of the children's bureau in the June 1924 is- will, for the moment, completely boys, office work and similar tasks. sue of its official organ, The American eliminate from our calculations the

TREATMENT OF

Thru Buncombe

Accuses Congress

Hospital Conditions Awful

rary wooden shacks. Hospitals have

been built at a cost of millions in

Marx showed that thousands

"Men who were trained to be ex

pert accountants shoveled snow last

ceived grammar school education

was sent to the University of Califor-

nia to be trained as a Chinese inter-

Marx Blames Politicians

Marx laid the entire scandal at the

pressed in one word—politics. The

"The trouble can all be ex-

door of the politicians. "That is the

situation after six years of endeavor,"

lisabled veteran has been made the

Marx, together with his associates,

was one of the foremost advocates of war while it was on, and urged every-

one into it in order to "make the

world safe for democracy." The ex-

soldiers are discovering at this late hour what the radicals had told them

all the time: that as soon as the

Called Me a Red-

saw a picture in the paper of

Barbara La Marr, a wealthy actress, and she was taking a

bath in a big tub of milk. In

the same paper there was an

article by Dr. Royal S. Copeland,

health officer for New York City

and he said thousands of babies

died every year from malnutri-

tion. I looked up that word in the dictionary and it said, "Lack of nourishment." So then I

said that it would be better if

the babies were given that milk.

Barbara La Marr could wash as well in water and the milk

Called Me a Red-

would save the babies' lives. So After That They

capitalist-militarists were

So After That They

football of politicians."

Does He Sees the Light?

preter. He had been a jockey."

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he said.

be selected.

"The government itself still classi-

**VETS BRANDED** 

OW many child laborers are there Child p. 4). "It is now reliably estimated that at least two million children under 15 years of age are being gainfully employed," it declares. But even this figure does not tell the full story!

A Different Estimate. We believe that a more accurate estimate of the extent of child labor can be secured in the following manner: If we compare the statistics of answered correctly; the answers the number of children there are in and 16, with the number of children the difference will more closely approximate the number of child slaves. whelming majority of the children of

According to the census of 1920. the ages of 5 and 16 attending school. The total population of children of those ages is 25,863,907. This is of that we can use as a basis for computing the amount of children in industry and agriculture in the country. The overwhelming majority of majoricourse, these last form a very small ing season in the agricultural fields. percentage of the total. The rest

work.

EIGHTY BILLIONS

By Max Shachtman

attending school, leaving us 2,764,996 cotton, and so forth) as exploited who are supposed to be at work. But wage earners. (The figure of 2 and 3 of the youth to be used as an object because of the fact that in many states and rural localities children do not start to go to school until after they are seven, and yet do not work in the meantime, we shall omit the entire section, although thousands of children of these ages are at work. This leaves, as the total of children between the ages of 7 and 16 who do not attend school, the sum of 3,181,946.

Real Extent of Child Labor. This, it can be safely said, is the real extent of child labor in this country. At any rate, it is a figure that is much more correct than any that has yet been given. It may be said, in contradiction to this estimate, that prime significance. It is this figure there are thousands of children among these who neither go to school nor go to work. True! But the amount of these children can be more than overbalanced by the following factors in child labor calculations:

1. There are scores of thousands of children who go to work during the who slave in the unsanitary confines sane, hospitals, jails and the like. Of summer, especially during the harvest-2. There are other thousands who are employed in part time work, after In order to get a nearer figure, we school, doing such jobs as messenger

years of age, although rather rare, for exploitation instead of education. may seem absolutely beyond belief, Reformers Better'n Gov't. but may easily be confirmed by reading the report of the New York state commission whose recent investigation of tenement labor in New York City revealed horribly appalling facts.) Balance Leaves 3,000,000.

These facts easily balance the other actor, especially when it is remem- at by the writer above, taking into pered that thousands of children were omitted because of the possiblity that thay are able to enter school, that is, children of 5 and 6. Even the department of labor, however, agrees that there are thousands of 5 and 6 year old child laborers in such industries as canning, packing, and in truck farming, cotton and beet picking, and other agrarian pursuits. The Reliable and Unreliable.

The report of the children's bureau of the department of labor is admittedly incorrect. No estimate is made of birth! of children below the age of 10 or the children working on farms in the summer; neither does it take into account the child laborers who work ence. part time and in home work indus-

go to school, are slaving in tenements, reliable estimates are that 2,000,000, working at flowers, clothing, jewelry, at least, are at work under the age of 15. Child labor should be consider-4. There are hundreds of children, below school age, children as young still the average year of the passing these two ages, there are a total of as 2 and 3 years of age who work in decided as tenements, or in the fields (beets, tendant changes of body and mind which make it dangerous to the future

> At any rate, the reformers of the National Child Labor Committee have a better figure than the department of labor. They say "at least" 2,000,000 children are at work. Add to this the children at work under the age of 16 and compare it to the amount arrived consideration all the important factors mentioned, and it will be seen that there are at least 3,000,000 children in this country who are working for an

> employers's profit. Three million child slaves in the most glorious land on the face of the globe! An average of more than one child in seven who is forced to spend the tenderest years of life coining profits of the country who are never to bloom, but whose bodies and minds are withered almost from the moment

A system of society which tolerates such a hideous state of affairs has not the slightest claim or cause for exist-

the child laborers who work indus-ime and in home work indus-The figures of the National such conditions to go unchallenged Child Labor Committee are also in-correct since they merely report that march to freedom.

## FEMALE ASSES "EXPOSE" RED PLOT ON KIDS

Bolshies Behind Chila Labor Bill!

WASHINGTON .- Are you opposed to the slavery of little children in the industries and fields of this country? Are you in favor of even that mild concoction of bunk that is now passing as a constitutional amendment on the question of child laborthe Foster amendment?

Then you are a Bolshevik!

At any rate that is how you will be classified by the directors of The Woman Patriot, which has exposed the whole thing in 15-page memorandum just printed in the Congressiona  ${
m Record.}$ 

Patriots Pick Poorly

Florence Kelley, Grace Abbott, Julia Lathrop, Owen Lovejoy, Anna Louise Strong, dear old Vic Berger, Alice Paul and Marguerite Prevey are among the pale pink radicals who are named as the bolsheviks behind the child labor amendment. Only The Beginning

"The spearhead of the communis campaign in the United States is the ioint promotion of two measures-o this amendment to prohibit the labo holding them in the past, without taking advantage of the opportunity to financial support for children a neces sell our literature and spread our sity, and of the Reed-Sterling federa education bill, engineered by the self same groups to obtain general con trol of the minds of the American youth, destroy their love of country work during the summer is by holding and willingness to defend her by open air meetings. While holding inmeans of doctored textbooks, prepared means of doctored textbooks, prepared in the interlocked interests of social ism and bureaucracy.'

> The Woman Patriot group is gen eral identified with Mrs. James Wadsworth, wife of the notorious reactionary senator from New York. This gang has opposed woman suffrage and prohibition, maternity care and educaional appropriations

Among the Saps

They are typical 100 Also, typical jackasses.

Comrades, in the past, we have per mitted ourselves to become less active determine that this year we will break from this habit, just as we will ulti mately break with all habits that are a reflection of capitalism.

#### What Can We Do During The Summer? tage of this opportunity to befuddle their hikes pass thru small farming

By MAX SALZMAN

SPENT IN RECENT UNPLEASANTNESS the winter. We will then continue to (Special to "The Young Worker.") carry on the work we have done in NEW YORK CITY.—The total cost of the war to all nations, expressed in carry on the work we have done in the winter. We will then continue to carry on the work we have been dothe value of 1913 dollars, amounted to ing, and in addition take advantage Ex-Militarists Seeing the value of 1913 dollars, amounted to the additional opportunities we are the amazing sum of \$80,680,000,000, of the additional opportunities we are given to reach broader masses of according to an analysis prepared for young workers. the Bankers Trust of New York by Don't Get Lazy. In previous years our comrades have done very little work during the ALBANY, N. Y. - Another Fisk, the value in gold of goods un-

bitter protest against the treatprofitably consumed during four and the class struggle stopped going on ment given by the government one-half years of insensate strife. It during the spring and began again in to the veterans of the last war is sheer waste equivalent to all the the fall. This is a very bad attitude. The practice of working the piece was voiced here at the state con-workers during their lunch hour is workers during their lunch hour is last was voiced here at the state con-wealth accumulated by the people of ploiting the workers, during the sumvention of the disabled veterans' organization by Superior Court Justice Robert S. Marx, of Cincipnation by Superior Court from 1688 to consider the state considerable wealth accumulated by the people of France and Italy combined in the course of centuries. It exceeds by 50 ploiting the workers, during the summer; if they were not to use their state power against workers during the summer, there might be some excipnation by Superior Court from 1688 to the summer of Great Britain from 1688 to the summer, there might be some excipnation by Superior Court from 1688 to the summer of Great Britain from 1688 t cuse for this attitude. Even then it would be no excuse, because once the capitalists did this it would then be Besides This the Debt! No figures are included of the debts our duty as workers to take power.

> "The end of the war found United States over three billion dol-Must Increase Nuclei Activity All last winter a campaign was car The Ones to Pay. Altho the money was paid directly wounds or diseases as a result out of the pockets of the big capital-

privisions for them? No; they hours of labor, decreasing their wages hours of labor, and give the workers the opportunity to use this leisure time for the building up of their

which are piled up as a result of the

war. France, for example, owes the

bodies and minds. But then, this capitalist system of society of ours never did Ex-service men are thing sane about it!

> Communism will bury sectional hate, sectional pride, and sectional for the development of the junior section is during the summer months.

on our side.

ried on thruout the organization in order to acquaint the membership with the necessity for shop nuclei. This summer we show the fruits of the campaign. All comrades must intensify their work tion of the workers, increasing their in the shop. They must devote more in the shop. Abolish Piece Work.

Abolish Piece Work.

The piece work and speed up sys
ment hospitals. When we turned ditions. The eighty billions, under a shop nucleus can system of excitety might have energy than before to the building of the piece work and speed up system of society might have the same system of society might have been used to build up the industries of time to put this slogar into practice. time to put this slogan into practice. the nation in order to decrease the During the summer we must take every advantage we have to reach our fellow workers in the shops in order

to win them for our league.

dream. Let us face realities.

son for not doing their work. Summer Best for Junior Work. The best time of the year we have and adult workers. the fight for the young workers attend school and therefore roam the should be taken along to be sold along Young workers: get into the fight streets and parks. Organizations such the route of the hike. as the Boy Scouts wait to take advan- Some of the leagues in holding

the minds of the workers children. While the children are in the parks t is an easy matter for a comrade to go among them and teach them a new game. It is easy to get the children to learn new songs, and it easy to get the names and addresses of the children so that they can be got to form Some comrades had a junior group. tried this method even during the win-

ter and they have been very success ful. The best junior groups we have are those that have been formed of children who were gotten to join in this manner. In reaching these children now, we are preparing to reach way we will even be able to reach adult workers, who probably could not be reached in any other manner.

Summer is here. Let every member become a leader of a junior group. In this field of activity also, summer, inour best aid. Work and Play Together.

In the past most of our leagues arranged hikes during the summer months. At these hikes comrades However, let us awake from this months. come together, play a few games, sing few songs and then think that they have done splendid work for the organization. In very few cases do our comrades take literature along with them when they go on hikes. These to organize shop nuclei. We must de hikes are generally disorganized and therefore in no way help to spread the fact that our organization is a determined group of young Communists who are striving to end the exploitation of the workers by the caiptalists. We must see in the future that our hikes and outings are of some benefit to the movement.

How This Can Be Done. In the future in arranging hikes, our comrades should see that they are organized. We should see that the comrades who wish to develop the comrades march while they are hik-shop nucleus will not feel "tired," nor ing. If possible they should carry ing. If possible they should carry ganization, or with appropriate slogans that are of interest to the young

On these hikes we should always tion is during the summer months, take with us leaflets to distribute, and The Young Workers League is in During this time the children do not copies of league and party papers

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towns, and thus are able to help spread our propaganda among the ru al workers To hold hikes the way we were

propaganda is criminal and we must not permit it to happen in the future. Open Air Meetings. Another method of carrying on our

dicriminately does not help us much if our comrades were to carefully pick the street corner or factory gate their parents in the future. In this where they wish to hold the meeting. There is no doubt but that these meetings will prove of some value to Besides the propaganda value we get from the open air meetings and the opportunity we get to sell literathe open air meetings are valstead of hurting the work, becomes uable in so far as they permit our young comrades to develop them-

selves as speakers. In places where it is possible to hold meetings, and there is no doubt but that it is possible to hold them in most places, they should be held as often as possible. These are but a few of the things we can do during the summer. Of course we all recognize that the most

to organize shop nuclei. We must de

Not Only

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THE subscription campaign for The Young Worker is showing all signs of going over the top in full form. The subs are beginning to come in by the dozens and it looks as tho the quotas of most of the branches will be reached before the alloted three months is up.

Chicago has just held a mass meeting at which Comrades Tom O"Flaherty and Max Shachtman spoke with good effect. Numerous subs were rounded up, as well as numerous new members for the league. New York is also collecting them, but has not yet sent them in; they must be waiting for their full quota to be collected. Good luck, any way! Los Angeles now stands to the forefront.

To all comrades getting five or more subs a free copy will be given of Communism and Christianism, by Bishop Brown; Youth Under Americanism, by Harry Gannes, and another booklet to be selected. Get on

Remember your quotas! They are as follows:

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	O'Fallon	20	Toledo	10	Bruce Crossing	5
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More than a month has already passed and the comrades have only two months to go. Every branch ought to go well over the qquota assigned to them, and The Young Worker expects them to do it. Remember

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## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES OF THE COMMUNIST WORKERS

## OUR GENERAL STAFF IN SESSION

#### By ALEXANDER BITTELMAN

of the revolutionary working class at present thru an intensive process revolution has a real world outlook, from every corner in the world will of internal crystallization of policies and strives towards no other objective indeed. With a working-class made assemble in the city of Moscow on and tactics of revolutionary struggle. but the final triumph of the world up of foreign-born and natives, and the 15th of June to review the activi- The Left Wing of the party seems to revolution. ties of the international communist be definitely in control, but it has not The Communist International and the army during the past year, to lay as yet evolved with sufficent cleardown the strategy of struggle for the days ahead, and to reaffirm in thundering and flaming terms the undying and flaming terms the undying as to the soundness and correctness as the could compare with, with no revolutionary leadership that down the strategy of struggle for the ness a program of action which would struggle and to conquer

The Unbelievable Happened

flaming, life-generating ideal of a One mind, one heart, and one will. Communist International became a

the parties of the 2nd International.

comes into session, the Communist problems will be discussed and solved International represents a powerful, by the present congress, and the declaration of the class-letarian fighter. revolutionary soldiers that numbers in incalculable value to the Communist the reverberations of the revolution- gress, let us again reaffirm our faith its ranks millions of workingmen and Party of England and to the working workingwomen all over the world. Now the Communist International is the only real international organiza- the Congress. Our Russian comrades tion. Composed of almost all the liv- will be in a position to report that ing races, nations and languages, yet its membership of millions knows constantly improving, that the econonly one loyalty, one objective and omic system of the new order is gainone language of struggle. It is the ing ever new ground, and that the world revolution and the proletarian International position of the Union of dictatorship.

The Fifth Congress.

This is the Fifth Congress. It meets the leaders of International Communat a time, when the working-class ism. But the thing that will most struggle in the most important coundeeply reach into and gladden their tries in the world is again on the up- hearts will be the report that the ingrade. Life and hope and determina-ternal conflict in the Russian Comtion are once more coming back into munist Party has been settled de the struggle of the workers in Germany, France and England. The commany, France and England. The comhas been overcome and the Russian to the hospital and after waiting uning "The Bear". His wife took the
but I could see a horse hitched to a plications and contradictions of capi- Party is once more the unfied and talist rule have again brought the centralized party of Lenin. masses to the werge of ruin, which compels the revolutionary workers of into the problems of the class-struggle the world once more to seize the in every country in the world. Much initiative in the class-struggle.

the Congress. It will most problional party whose national sections alone. ably occupy the central place in its stand to each other in practically the clothes, eat supper, and I will take "I hear that the chief of the police is stood outdoors for sometime. important country in Central Europe of one national section. It is one are fast coming to a head. It will party, with one centralized leadership. you over the mountain route. He sov." "The chief says it is impossible face. My hands were terribly cold. require all the wisdom, knowledge And the International Congress of this and experience of the Communist International to steer and direct the blems of each national section in the "Is this final?" I asked, doubtfully. fully thru the ripening conflict for the local problems of their own sub-

Because of the approaching final cism and Communism in Germany, the every other country in the world, inpowerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way Three big lamps hung from the ceilthe day episode in the life of a married barracks. The hall was crowded. couple. A hospital inspector played the part of the husband who is spend-

Communist International. Leaders cently by leaps and bounds, is passing gress. This general staff of the world-

This Congress will once more take its authoritative word on the problems So it was. Five years ago very that are at issue in the ranks of the party, and for this the American work- years would it have taken to crystal few believed the thing to be possible, German party. And is in the past, so ing class will forever be grateful when lize a Communist movement in Amer-Lenin was the first one to proclaim also will it be in the future! When it finally comes to realize the role ica had there been in existence no the idea. It was then taken up by the voice of the Communist Inter- and importance of a Communist party. Communist International? his most trusted and closest co-work- national has spoken, the ranks close, And within a few months this and the party proceeds to action. make up our party at present were actually passed. Luckily for our party

When it started it was Russia, the bor Party had closed a chapter in militants at large. It was a loose, us all the benefits of its knowledge, Russian Communist party primarily, the development of the class-struggle shapeless movement striving painfully experience and influence. that was the basis and substance of in England. The recent experiences towards self-expression and a definite the new world-organization of the re- of the English working masses in the crystallization. volutionary working-class. In fact, the only real party that participated in the first Congress of the Community and the first Congress of the Community that participated in the first Congress of the Community that partici ist International was the Russian English proletariat is becoming more fighting organization. Now it is an of their movement. Inspired by the party, all the other delegates re- susceptible to the ideas of Commun- army in the class-struggle, the ad- doings of the Comintern and guided presenting either small Communist ism and revolutionary class struggle, vanced guard of the American work- by its brotherly advice, the revolutionpresenting either small Communist lash and revolutionary minorities in which raises before the Communist ing class, with a recognized leader- ary working class youth of the world the parties of the 2nd International. Party of England a series of new proship and a well established program has been able to create a powerful And now, when the Fifth Congress blems of policy and tactics. These of action. well-trained and disciplined army of cisions rendered will no doubt be of struggle in America, of course. And

> class as a whole. And Russia, too, will come before conditions of life in Soviet Russia are Soviet Republics was never been

stronger than now. Good news, indeed, this will be to

The Congress will practically enter more so than the previous Congresses, My family and the whole household Germany will be on the agenda of this one represents a real internadeliberations. Events in that most same relation as city and district units working class of Germany success- same always as these latter deal with divisions

By this taken, Italy, Bulgaria, the

powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the powerful German Communist Party cluding the colonies, will in one way the new of the husband who is spending in his holidays in the country. In the part of the husband who is spending in his holidays in the country. In the part of the husband who is spending the walls were candles ing his holidays in the country. In the part of the husband who is spending the valls way. We moved forward the powerful German Communist Party function of the powerful German Communist Party function in the cities of the part

THIS is the fifth congress of the whose influence has been growing re- or another be taken up by the Con- Communist International. Leaders cently by leaps and bounds is passing traces. This

American Party.

Five years ago the elements that just a left wing of something or other. and for the labor movement of Amer-England, too, is on the agenda. The Communication of the Socialist Party, ica as a whole the Communication Intercoming into power of the British Latine left of the I. W. W., radicals and national was formed in time to give

ary struggles in Europe. But this in the ideals of communism and our change would never have been pos-determination to continue in the sible in such a short space of time if struggle until the final and complete not for the directing assistance of the victory.

By LEON TROTSKY

On the third day, February 18th,

til I was alone in my room he said,

We will set out at twelve. "The Bear."

with great emphasis.

"Final and conclusive."

All day long I paced the floor of my

see you.

To crystalize a Communist party in America was a difficult proposition, these foreign-born in their turn divided into several races, languages and nationalities, with a political backwardness on the part of the Communist International as does the could command general recognition up the German question and will say American party. The influence of the and support,-with all these condi-C. I. was really the making of our tions as a background, how many

Many, many more years than had

The same will be said—the same is being said—by our communist international organization which is wonderful fast becoming the pride of every pro

On this occasion of the fifth con-

ness people, and scattered here and

My Flight from

## THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE Y. C.

YOUNG rebels from all parts of By HARRY GANNES of being jailed and maltreated by the agents of the wealthy class of their the policies of the Young Communist t**a**lism.

Communism Is Binding Tie An international congress is an inspiring spectacle. There is a common tie that binds the delegates, the interest of the working calss youth; there is a single goal drives them on communism.

The Young Communist International young, not only in the age of the members under its leadership, but in the years of its existence. The Y. C. gress about to be held in Moscow is the fourth.

Leadership In Constant

The leadership of the Y. C. I has changed but little since its birth. Lazar Shatzkin and Richard Schuller, present secretaries of the internation al are still at their posts—and are still very young. Both participated in the first international gathering of the communist youth. Nearly every member of the executive committee of the young communist international held a prominent position either in the international or in one of the leagues affiliated to it in 1919.

Y. C. I. A Solidifying Force

### Since the close of the war, when the Siberia

Nikita was waiting for me. "You there were political exiles. In the have just time to eat some supper and rear sat the plain people—clerks, change your clothes. I told Nikivor A T least twenty four hours to wait small bourgeoisie, and youths. to drive to the spot we have agreed and the chief of police might Soldiers lined the walls on both sides. upon when he hears the bell strikes and youths. to drive to the spot we have agreed at any moment order me off to Obdorsk. A bad beginning!

The kov's "The Bear" was being presented on the stage. The big good Near the stage of the bear in the stage of the bear in the stage.

Near midnight we went out into the

humored and corpulent regimental courtyard. The darkness seemed inpart of the beautiful neighbor. Our sleigh. I stretched myself out on the "doctor" himself sat in the prompt bottom of the sleigh, after having "Come to my house at eleven o'clock tonight, without letting anyone the curtain fell on the last act of me with a great truss of straw and bound it with twists of straw, to look During the pause that followed, the like a load of some sort. He even will be at the theater and I will be political exiles gathered in a group scattered snow over the straw, so it You can put on your warm and began discussing the latest news. would appear as if the sleigh you on a horse to the woods where sorry that the deputies with families warmth of my breath melted the snow you over the mountain route. He sov." "The chief says it is impossible tells me that two Yakut sleighs have to escape from here." "Yes, but that I had forgotton to put on my mittens is an exaggeration. People are being brought here, therefore it must be possible for them to get away again." The music stopped, the curtain rose mediately afterwards the sleigh began oom. About eight in the evening I again. This time the play was "A to move.

concluded that it would be well to go Tragedian in Spite of Himself", a holi-Because of the approaching final show-down between the forces of Fas- United States, Japan, the Balkans and to the theatrical performance in the day episode in the life of a married beginning." The cold was now merely a pleasant reminder that I was really However, continues the resolution, my bonds I heard him mutter to

> "What is it?" I whispered, hoarsely, thru my straw covering.

"The devil only knows what he is up to now," Nikita grumbled. "Is he drunk?" I asked, my heart

sinking. "That's just the point. He's not

sober.' saving.

A muttering Nikita untied my bonds. Facing me was a huge man, a peasant, with a shock of hair and a face that betrayed both cunning and drunkenness. The snow and the mous. Nearby stood a young lad, and

doesn't lose his head even if he's tipsy. Don't worry on that score. How could I fail to bring you thru safely with The necessity for reading and study-pointed to his reindeer. "Uncle Minary bearing and study-pointed to his reindeer." the mountains. Two Yakut sleighs went that way the other day.' Myself I'd rather go over the mountains. All along the river everybody knows I asked Michael Yegoritch to eat some cakes with me the other day. A decent kind of a peasant Michael He wandered on and on.

"Shut up, Nikivor, and put these things in your sleigh," Nikita commanded him. Nikivor began to hurry. In five minutes everything was settled and I was in the new sleigh. "Ah Nikivor," said Nikita reproachfully, "I told you not to bring these

people along. Now remember, you men," he said addressing the others, 'don't you say a word about any thing.

"No no, we won't say anything," answered the young peasant. The old man merely waved his finger about, helplessly, comically. hearty farewell of Nikita.

"Go ahead." Nikivor uttered a short imperative cry; the reindeer took the strain, and our journey began.

To Be Continued

elements now composing the Young country, will gather in Moscow around Communist International were strivthe early part of July to work out ing to rebuild the world organization, the Y. C. I. has been solidifying its International. These are the red forces. One of the big objects has been youth. These are representatives of to draw together all the leagues afthose members of the working class filiated to the international and put the reign of reaction? What has the young who are working the world them under one generalship; to carry over to arouse the toiling youth to on the struggle not with a view solely tary field? How have the Scandinajoin in the fight against decadant capi- to national prejudices or idiocyncraand economic situation. This does taking place in that country? Questions not mean that the national divisions such as these will come up and the were to be restricted in applying their forces with a knowledge of the local conditions, but history had taught leagues. these young rebels that a loose international organization at the time of a crisis (like the world war) spelt death and destruction. The revolutionary proletariat of the world must was born in 1919 in Berlin where stand firm and under an iron leaderit held its first congress. The con-ship toward off the attacks of world capitalism. Mutual Aid Between Sections

This work of unifying and solidifying the ranks has progressed marvel ously. Every section of the Y. C. I. viewed, and a program of action based has done its part to build up the international and the international in its turn has not stinted its efforts to aid in building up the national sections and has concentrated most where help was needed the greatest. The fourth congress of the Young Communist International will present young communist leagues that have established an organization and are ready for real work, and in many countries represents mass organizations of the working class youth.

Fundamental Policies Unchanged Since the second congress of Y. C. I there has been but little change in the of sections on religion, education, etc. fundamental policies of the interna-tional communist youth. The problem has been to amplify the decisions, to apply them to practical work, to carry them out, and to broaden the struggle of the working class youth in every country.

U. S. League With Y. C. I. In the United States the league has endeavored the carry out the decisions of the third congress as well as the fourth bureau session. The N. E. C. most persistently strove to impress the members with the meaning of the theses and resolutions. to interpret fourth congress when these are availthem and to translate them into ac-Our league did not have the unity of structure that was most de-lif the membership does not acquaint sirable; but then we are even younger itself with the decisions arrived at, than the international. The league has and then proceeds to put them into

expressed the will to carry forward action?

the struggle of the Y. C. I. as applied to this country. And today the work s proceeding at a rapid pace.

Experience To Serve As Guide There will be no especially new problems taken up at the fourth congress; yet the results of this congress will be of extreme importance. How French league done on the anti-milivian leagues weathered the party concies, but with an understanding and flicts? Is the Japanese league prewith an outlook to the world political paring for the developments that are

Nuclei and Anti-Militarism

experiences brought out will serve as

a guide to the less experienced

Our old friend the shop nuclei will have its day. Anti-militarism will come in for its proper share of atten-The economic and trade union tion. struggle is never overlooked by the Y. C. I.

We can count on this: The faults of the league during the past eighteen months will be brought out, the successes counted, the world situation reon actual conditions laid out. Then the work will proceed again.

Program To Be Adopted

It is expected that the Y. C. I. will adopt a program at the fourth congress. This program has been in the making for a long time. It has been before the leagues for discussion. The tentative program has been printed in booklet form by the E. C. of the Y. C. I. and translated into about five languages. It is my view there will be but little change from the present basis, and that the program will be adopted unanimously with the adition

Commission On U. S. Because of the growth of the Young Workers League of America it is the belief of the comrades of the national executive committee that a special commission will be formed to delve into some of the unique problems met with in this country. This commission will be more than helpful in formulating special demands to be fought

by the Y. W. L. Should Learn From Decisions Our members should make sure to read and study the results of the able. For what avails the work of the delegates and E. C. of the Y. C. I.

## Push The Nucleus Work!

#### The Educational Work of the Nucleus is a Job That is Carried on Systematically

dered, much disturbed. Nikita seemed the league and even small theoretical way home, the meal times, etc., offer uneasy, for instead of unfastening subjects are eminently suitable. These ample opportunity for political enspeeches should be short, for the sub-lightment work, and the experiences sequent discussion is the more im- gained in this way must be presented

The Question Box Method

A very good means to draw those members of the nucleus who do not usually participate in the discussions into them is the method of question papers. All the members of the nucleus write down questions on a special subject which are read one by one Meantime people were approaching. at the meeting and thoroughly dis-"That doesn't matter, Nikita Serapio-nitch, don't worry." I heard a voice question hox may be fixed somewhere "The fellow needn't be an in the shop, in which case it it better xious. That is my friend and this old if one particular member of the nucchap is my father... he needn't be leus committee is charged with the afraid of these men." answering of the uqestions.

Use the Communist Press

The nucleus should discuss the league and the international press in its meetings and the articles contained in them, it may in special meetings even deal with the daily press, the communist and workers' press and the press of the opponents also.

Reading evenings should be organized by the nucleus in order to prothe provision of literature, the nucleus should distribute books etc., from the branch library amongst its members.

Typical Subjects Given

In the course of the monthly program of meetings, which should be on will make the evening interesting. well arranged so that there are many interesting meetings and not too many difficult ones, the nucleus should sys- extensive distribution of literature tematically provide a definite and basic knowledge of the labor move-winning of new members for the nucment and of Marxism. For this pur- leus and the league, and permanent pose, during the course of a longer period, it should deal with a number same time the nucleus should carry of subjects as for instance, (1) The on an energetic struggle against the situation of the working class youth trashy literature of the capitalist in capitalist countries; (2) What do press combines, and provide we want? (program of the Young Communist International; (3) The history of the Young Communist International; (4) The history of the labor movement; (5) the history of the trade unions, etc. The carrying through of such a program requires young workers nearer to the life of done in a popular manner.

Study Classes With the extension of the work, the

increase of the membership and the general consolidation of the nucleus French Young it may proceed to establish definite study classes for the study of the conditions of life of the young workers, for the study of the youth movement, and for the study of the adult movement and of Marxism. The first method of carrying

through the enlightment propaganda I ried on "anti-militarist prepaganda."

THE nucleus must systematically in the shop is by individual work train its members to make speech- The nucleus members must commence to the full nucleus meeting so that all members can take use of them.

Nucleus To Invite Outsiders The second form of educational

work amongst the young workers in the shop is the organization of a pub lic nucleus to deal with the vital problems of the situation of the youth. The nucleus must try to inform all the young workers on all important political problems, and should invite them to the nucleus meetings which should be carefully prepared beforehand. The nucleus should organize various kinds of mass educational work, for instance, evenings for newspaper reading, for questions and answers, ettc. Always bearing in mind the charactre of the young workers in the shop, the nucleus should organize socials, humorous evenings, musicals, singing and dramatic perform

#### Celebrate Workers' Days A particularly effective form of

mass educational work is the celebramote individual reading amongst the tions of the proletarian anniversaries. members of the nucleus. Apart from Revolutionary eveings for these celebrations should be carried through if possible with the support of the branch and should be very carefully prepared. Speaking choruses, tableaux, dramatic performances and so

A further means of mass education at the disposal of the nucleus is the readers for the league press. At the young workers with books for labor literature. By occasional invitations to special

meetings of the branch at which young workers from other shops will be present, the nucleus can draw the our organization and can interest them in the regular branch arrange-

## Communist Pinched

PARIS.—Following a conference or ganized by the Young Communist League at Decazeville, comrade Henri Crespin was arrested for having car-

#### BOOKS FOR THE In glancing thru "the immediate, that have appeared in the party press (Young practical steps which the national exe-

Fourth Bureau Session of the Young Communist International Workers League, 20c a copy, 15c in cutive committee must take" in putbundle orders.)

The Resolutions and Theses of the cisions, we note how closely these Fourth Bureau Session (which have have been followed by the Young recently arrived in this country) are a Workers League of America: guide to the success of the leagues

In reading the results of the bureau (It will be remembered in this recutive committee has endeavored to tho some of the leagues, as for infollow out the basis for work laid stance, New York City, delayed their down by the international body.

The fourth bureau session began munist youth of the entire world was bers virtually kept alive the existing

ting into effect the shop nuclei de-

registration for months.) "Personal participation of members

only two articles on the shop nuclei since the last Workers Party convention.)

And so on, one finds in reading this ly striven to carrying it into effect;

loubt that the local

nust be carried on. attitude against religion a duty. "Religion," says the resolution, "is a form of mental suppression works. of mental suppression weighing heavily on the masses. . . . Religion is today one of the most important weapons of the capitalist ruling class;" and then follow ways and means of activity

work, educational work.

union work has been pushed into the at Taft, California.

'It is necessary that every league should concentrate upon the most imresolution that the N. E. C. has ernest-portant and topical demands in its respective country and that it should and that even tho a bumper crop of direct its endeavors especially to the "Continuation of the propaganda nuclei cannot be boasted of, the propaganda for these demands

The American representative at the In adopting the report of the exe-bureau session pointed out that the sion urged the league to take greater adopted by the second national coninterest in party political struggles, vention of the league; that the league pointing out that in Norway and Swe- was participating in strikes wherever den the leagues were instrumental in possible; and that the Y. W. L. workhas striven to put into effect through has done most to link the party up the anti-military resolutions prepared by the bureau session. There is no league has been organized. No members should study strike that has assumed any proportion in the larger cities in which the big man, in whom I recognized Nikivor, this is my party. I'll vouch league has been organized. No members should study strike that has assumed any proportion in the larger cities in which the league has been organized. No members should study strike that has assumed any proportion in the larger cities in which the long man, in whom I recognized Nikivor, this is my party. I'll vouch league has been organized. organizations masses of young workers have been have not carried into effect the de-reached, it is true, but our efforts tails of the anti-military campaign out- to get our demands before the toiling such steeds as those? —

ences. In this country, anti-military ing the Resolutions and Theses of the chael Yegoritch says: work must become one of our fore- Fourth Bureau Session cannot be too most tasks. The desire for a greater strongly impressed on the league and more efficient army is becoming a members. In the introduction to the passion with the American capitalists pamphlet containing these important and real communist anti-military work documents, the E. C. of the Y. C. I. says: "No decision must be allow-The resolution on religion will in- ed to remain unknown to our memterest those of our comrades who do bers . . . Read them! And then read not understand the communist at them again!" the N. E. C. of the Y. titude toward religion. Heretofore the W. L. echos: "Every member of the Y. C. I. did not deem it necessary to league, if he is to consider himself an adopt a special resolution on religion; active young communist, must read but recent events have made a clear- this pamphlet and read (and study) it

# "Articles in the party press, influctually, the shop nuclei, anti-militarism, and the matter of reaching the agrarian youth received most attential models." "Articles in the party press, influctually, in narmony with the C. E. with the trade union work. Since the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this in accordance with C. I. decisions. "Articles in the party press, influctually, in narmony with the C. E. with the trade union work. Since the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this direction. It has taken part in overview of the N. E. C. printed the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this direction. It has taken part in overview of the N. E. C. printed the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this direction. It has taken part in overview of the N. E. C. printed the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this direction. It has taken part in overview of the party press, influctually provided the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this direction. It has taken part in overview of the party press, influctually provided the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this direction. It has taken part in overview of the party press, influctually provided the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this direction. It has taken part in overview of the party press, influctually provided the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this direction. It has taken part in overview of the party press, influctually provided the close of the bureau session, the Y. W. L. has doubled its efforts in this direction.

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affiliated to the Young Communist amongst the entire membership. Dis-efforts to achieve the reorganization amongst the masses of young work-gathering, the American comrades spect that the N. E. C. completely cir- cutive committee of the Young Com- Young Workers League was trying in will note how closely the national execularized the league for a registration munist International, the bureau sese every way to press the demands

The fourth bureau session began July 10th, 1923, and lasted 10 days.

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Every problem confronting the community for the

lined by the N. E. C. But we learn youth in the shops cannot cease. thru our mistakes and by our experi-

combating the influence of religious

background for various reasons.... "the formation of shop nuclei and the himself. carrying thru of the reorganization of the league on this basis is the most important condition for the economic trade union work must be started energetically." Also:

### Low Wages Knocked

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—"Low wages pium.

Other resolutions deal with fascism possible to live on \$15 per. Give girls and reaction, economic-trade union an equal chance with men and they will go higher." This is the conclu-Frankly the Y. C. I. says, "since the sion of Eleanore Walling, 19, who has third congress the economic-trade confessed to armed robbery of a bank

#### THE YOUNG WORKER

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#### A Historic Convention

THE convention now meeting in St. Paul for the pur- lives. pose of organizing a farmer-labor party which will fight on the political field for the interests of the workers and poor farmers, promises to be a historic turning point to menace the life and limb of every wroker. in the labor movement of this country.

It has been one of the tragedies of the labor move ment here that it has had no mass political expression while in Europe huge parties of the workers have grown daily and some of them assumed power of the statealtho thy did not all use it for the benefit of the workers. In this country, the two parties of importance, have been for the last half a century the Republican and the it seems. The other purpose of the camps seems to Democratic, both of them frankly capitalist, handing

out a bone now and then to the sweated masses. The time is now ripe for the formation of a party of the producers. The old capitalist parties are becoming more and more openly reactionary, without giving even a thought to the demands of the workers. The nomina tion of two such black reactionaries as Coolidge and Dawes on the elephant's ticket is merely a sign of the times.

And the Democratic convention will not be much better. The young workers of this country should take a keen interest in politics. They are kept in subjection pecause the capitalists of the United States, their bosses, own and control the political state, the congress, the president, the state legislatures and the city councils. It is of a coal magnate and the miner will forget about the because of this control that child labor exploitation miseries of his life. This is the bunk. In the first place, exists. It is because of this control that child labor the brats of the rich who enlist for training in the C. M. exploitation exists. It is because of this control that T. C. can be counted on the end of your thumb. No the young workers are periodically dragged into military association with vulgar young work people for them! service to leave the land and shoot down their working class brothers in a foreign land. It is because of this anywhere and turn up when war comes on as captains day we can reckon our number in class brothers in a foreign land. It is because of this control that they are urged to enlist in the state militias and the national guard in order that they may be used to suppress the working class activities of their fathers and brothers when they go out on a strike for better wages and conditions.

What will the farmer-labor party, to be organized at St. Paul on June 17, offer to the young workers? What will they include in their program that will be of special and immediate interest to the working class youth?

It is, of course, too early to tell what the final results of the convention will be. This is written before these results are known. This much, however, can be said: The program of the Young Workers League will be presented to the convention and all efforts made to have it adopted. These demands are not based on an imaginary need or some future problems. They are demands based on the needs of the entire working class in general and of the young workers in particular.

We declare a firm stand for the complete abolition of

We demand a minimum wage for the young workers, together with a six-hour day and five-day week, which is the most that young workers should be employed as their age.

We demand that the workers of this country have a decisive voice in the control of such armed bodies as state militias, national guardsmen and the like, to see that they are not used, as heretofore, to suppress strikes and shoot down working men and women, but rather to keep in hand such actually lawless and labor hating gangs like the Ku Klux Klan, the American Legion, and the numerous private armies of the bosses: the thugs and gangsters who are the bane of the fighting working

We want to see the June 17 convention go on record against any increase in armaments which is done for the sole purpose of preparing this country for entry into a war in which the only casualties are the workers

and farmers: both in the army and navy and at home. These are propositions on which all can unite. They are the needs of the workers. "June 17" must take its

#### Mothers or Breed Sows?

DURING the war, Kate Richards O'Hare, the wellknown revolutionary orator, was arrested and sentenced to jail on the charge that she referred to the mothers who were giving birth to children who would be used for cannon fodder in the war as "breed sows." She denied this charge and the government prosecutor really did not prove it; but a little thing like that didn't matter and she was sent to one of the most horrible jails in the country.

However that may be, it is interesting to refer to a re cent speech made by President Millerand of France, at Evreux. He said: "France must have babies and make men of them." He spoke of the fears of France in connection with the declining birth rate in that country and the increase in Germany. The man power of Germany was being increased while that of France was falling.

Clear and simple! The reason why French mothers in this case should have more children is, to afford France the opportunity of having a greater fighting force at its command in a war, military or industrial, with any other nation.

The term is a horrid one, but that is the fault of the capitalist system. Working class mothers are deprived of the very elementary feelings and emotions of maternity. The disgusting bourgeoisie would like to see men as mechanical machines for turning out an army of men to be placed in the industrial field and in the

The capitalist slogan: Produce for the factory and the soldiers' grave!

#### These Are Our Dead, Too.

ORTY-EIGHT sailors were blown to bits June 113 on the United States battleship Mississippi, stationed turret, the unfortunate cannon fodder of the American the hellish heat and poisonous vapors of the explosion.

The financiers and the whole crew of military spitfires in this country have been howling about the incompetency of the navy and have been urging more "efficiency" in killing on the seas. More ships, more sailors, more gunning practice, was the cry.

blance of a chance when the war that the American capitalists are now preparing for takes place.

There is a veil of secrecy shrouding the death of the of th Mississippi experimenting with some new kind of war? There is a way to stop this!

explosive? Did they maliciously subject the enlisted men to cruel death in order to devise some new murderous craft? If such is the case the answer will lodge forever in the black archives of the Navy Department.

The sailors' bodies (what is left of them) will be thrown to the sharks. The bloody decks will be swept clean by their comrades and the ship put back in fighting shape. Capitalism will weep but few tears. There will penses and nowhere any income. And the class struggle; they are the ones be booming of guns, it is true, but the hole that will swallow what were once the sons of American working not come to our rescue no matter how men will disappear as completely as the trail of a ship much it wanted to do so. on the high seas.

The dead of the army and navy are our dead, as are the dead of the mines and mills—all victims of capi-

the lives of the American sailors in the past few years. It is becoming common even in times of peace to hear of these misguided proletarian youths being sacrificed to the war preparations. The sailors should demand more safety; should demand some chance for their

But the growth of the military forces of American imperialism will continue so long as capitalism exists

#### Two Objects of the C. M. T. C.

HE training of young workers so that the United states may have an army ready at a moment's notice gles of the working class." Several is not the only object of the Citizen's Military Camps, be the killing off of any clsas consciousness that the young recruit from the working class may have.

WWriting in the Saturday Evening Post, Frederick done because we realized that the per-Simplich quotes our old friend General Pershing: | The by-products of these citizen's training camps, utterly aside from their military value, is worth far more than they are costing us. . . . They check class consciousness (!) and smooth over sectional friction and feelings. The oal miner's son from Pennsylvania and the young cotton number and too scattered to attempt king from Carolina come together at the same mess."

Fine! All that has to be done is to put the young slave of a Carolina cotton king at the same table and the fact of his slavery will disappear. Put a young coal miner at the same table for a month with a young scion and lieutenants-that is, officers who take part in the thousands whereas, then we were glad battles from the security of a 25-miles-behind-the-trenches chateau

Pershing's frank statement should clinch the necessity for young communists entering the C. M. T. C. and pointing out their true role, at the same time organizing the young workers within the camps to their duty to the class to which they belong and will continue to belong—the class of the exploited toilers.

#### As Others See It.

WE take the following from the newsletter of the International Transport Workers' Federation and print it without comment:

General Amos A. Fries, head of the chemical warfare service of the United States ware department says: "There is one recent development which I hope will

nelp the public to gain a better understanding of the real purpose of gas in warfare, and that is the use of tear and sneeze gases by police, hospitals, and prison

authorities in controlling mobs and fractious individuals." This is a pretty clear indication of the motives behind he attempt to abolish the prohibition of poison gas. This 'humanitarian" weapon is not only to be used against the foreign enemy, but also against the "enemy" at home. And especially it will be used against workers who are on strike, because that is what in bourgeois terminology is meant by "mobs."

The cup of capitalism is filled with gall for the work-

#### The Bonus Simply Ain't!

CIX years after the war profiteers gouged their bellies with the gold wrung from the sweat and blood of working class, a pretense is made at paying the soldiers who were forced to fight in the interest of American capitalism.

It is true that Cal Coolidge did his damnedest to stop even the fake bonus bill from passing. Cal was acting in the interest of those who got their share during the hot days of the war and who insisted that all was to be given out rightfully belonged to them because they made the war a profitable venture. But the bill passed over the veto of the strikebreaker president and is today law. What does the passage of the soldier's bonus bill

mean to those who risked their lives and their health in the service of Morgan and his fellow adventurers in the field of international finance? The bonus is no bonus. When examined it proves to be a scrap of paper—or to use the polite language of the lawyer a limited insurance policy.

It is estimated that 3,038,283 veterans will be entitled to these trick insurance policies, while 389,583 will be paid cash of \$50 or less (lucky boys). After spending months in lousy trenches with bullets whistling overhead and comrades dropping like flies all around, 389, 583 fighters for democracy will get what the bosses think they are worth.

The "adjusted compensation," as some of the more timid of the wealth owners of this country want to call the bonus, is figured on the basis of \$1 a day for home service and \$1.25 for overseas service.

Those responsible for the war now guilty of defrauding the sick war vets, set the price of war service as 25 cents a day above home guard duty.

Just think of it, young worker! You are plunged into a war that is clearly in the interest of the war profiteers on the one hand, and the entire American capitalist class on the other; and when it comes to paying for hardships, for danger, for lost time, they offer 25 cents a day. This is truly capitalist horse sense.

But do you get the money? Not yet! Two years after an insurance policy is issued to those entitled to them, off San Pedro, California. Trapped in a steel-bound the holder of the policy can loan money by cutting down the value of the policy. Again some grafters will get capitalists were torn to pieces or searde and choked by their share by loaning money on what is supposed to be a bonus for war service.

> There will be no more talk of bonus for a while—until first place. By establishing temporarthe next war. The American Legion can go to sleep now; its only reason for existence is no more.

o gain a speedy victory and become The basis of war is not destroyed yet. There will be the leading naval power. The forty-eight sailors on the Mississippi are but a other wars, engineered by the capitalists of the world forecast of the future thousands who will be slaughtered and the working class youth will again be called on to years of building and huge expendiin a most scientific manner and without the least sem- fight. Will the youth permit their exploiters to repeat tures before the United States could the treatment of their buddies when they mustered out gain first place. in 1918; will the war vets condone a repetition of the with 41-50 modern light cruisers, ton-American seamen on the Mississippi. Were the officers treatment accorded the wounded and maimed of the last

## Looking Backward by Oliver Carlson

money whatever. Everywhere exworst of all, the W. P. was in the same boat that we were, so it could Convention Surpasses Hopes.

There were actually more delegates resent at the convention than we had hoped for. Chicago had sent a bunch alism.

There has been too much indiscriminate playing with he lives of the American sailors in the past few years.

Of huskies: Edwards, Gannes, Albright, Oswald, and Eisner; Marty Abern had come from Minneapolis; Jacobson was there from Philadelphia; Marks from Boston; and then there were delegates from Washingcon, Providence, Worcester, Syracuse,

Cleveland, Jersey City, Patterson, Pittsburgh, and so forth. Start Was Modest.

Of course, there was a bit of a tus-sle between the "independents" and ourselves, but we had the overwhelming majority on our side. A revolu-tionary program was adopted, which was at the same time realistic. Stress was constantly laid upon the need for very important phases of work which logically belong to a youth movement were no more than touched (chil dren's movement, rural work, anti militarism, and so forth) but this was iod immediately before us must be one wherein we brought together these few comrades in each industrial center who would build the nucleus L., let us determine to assure it of around which a mass movement could an even greater growth, numerically, around which a mass movement could ater be built. We were too few in to carry on work in all spheres. Beter a more modest start which would vield results than ambitious schemes which we could not possibly fulfill. New Orientation in League.

From that day to this, is a very when we reckon it by years. But if we are to reckon it by the achievements accomplished, then we can say with all due modesty that it has been a long and eventful per-Those pioneer groups of yesterto be able to reckon it in hundreds. Yesterday we were still feeling our way, not sure about the way to work. Yesterday we were still bound by many of the traditions of the Y. P. nany of the traditions of the Y. P. young farm laborers? Very little as yet. Think of the hundreds of thousocial outlook. Yesterday we were sands of colored laborers whom we largely content to talk revolution. To- may gain access to. day we have found the road to suc- number of young trade unionists who

By JOHN HARVEY

COOLIDGE has been instructed by congress to call another naval dis-

It is interesting to note that this

proposal for a disarmament confer

of \$150,000,000 to improve the United

Third Place and First.

deep in their dreams of world domina-

tion, are suddenly awake to the fact

that the American navy has taken

third place among the navies of the

world. Such a state of affairs is en-

tirely out of keeping with the tenden-

cy of American capital to take first

Now that the United States has

taken the place of England as the

financial capitol of the world-conse-

quently replacing England as leading

mperialist nation, American capital-

sts realize that from now on the

ave "the world's biggest navy."

America Fooled at Conference

Inited States must be the country to

The Washington conference of three

ears ago was a failure as far as

and it was a great success, while the

Japanese navy succeded in gaining a

ead on the American navy, despite

the limitations placed upon it by the

Washington treaty. But the fact that

the Washington conference for the

reduction of naval armaments was

used to such advantage by Japan and

dge to call another one in the hopes

England encourages President Cool-

that with the greater economic strength on the side of the American

caiptalists they may come out vic-

Scheme for First Place.

Not that the American imperialists

are so foolish as to believe that in one

conference they will be able to force

Great Britain to give over the naval

lead; but rather that they hope thru

the conference (under the cover of

diplomacy) to lessen the advantage

of England and Japan, so that the na-

be so big nor the time so long before

the United States navy would be in

ily a ratio that is more equal there are

United States Way Behind.

As things stand today it would take

Today Great Britain is credited

better chances for the United States

torious in this next conference.

place in the international field.

calling for an expenditure

American imperialists, still

armament conference.

States navy.

NOW well I remember those trying want them with us also) but to days just previous to the opening of the convention. We had no lions of them scattered from coast to coast. They are the ones who feel who make up the proletariat; they are the ones who must be brought into our movement (nay, their move ment) where they can carry on the fight, against the master class in a more effective manner. Without them, our movement is nothing. With them it is everything. Today we are plant ing ourselves in the very heart and core of capitalism—in the workshops. We are making shop nuclei the basic and organic unit of our movement; and to the degree that we are able to do so, to that degree do we make our Y. W. L. a mass movement, a fighting movement, a true leader and inspirer of the young, to that degree do we become the vanguard for the exploited youth of these United States.

Children's Movement and Press. Our children's movement, which yesterday was non-existent, is already a real factor. It is making the children class-conscious. It is building a generation of young fighters who will be second to none.

Our press—ah yes! It is real, it is effective, it is above all, a youth press. Redouble Our Efforts.

But why go on with praise? Facts are facts, and we can view with pride the Young Workers' League, which is shaping itself before our eyes. let us not imagine for one moment that all is as well as it could be. As we face the third year of the Y. W. intellectually, and spiritually (if one may use the last word in the sense of a "fighting spirit") for we have only just begun the great work which must yet be done. If we have doubled our membership, bear in mind that there are still a hundred times as many young workers to be brought into our ranks or under our influence. If we have succeeded in making our paper attain a circulation of seven or eight thousand, bear in mind that what we need is a Weekly Young Worker, that will have a circulation of twenty or thirty or fifty thousand. It can be done. It must be done!

Problems and Tasks Numerous. Where we have one nucleus today, we must have several tomorrow.

What have we done to reach the Consider the

5-5-3 with American and England each

Figures Show it Up.

Japan only increased their lead:

Scrap and Build Policy.

Japan has not been far behind Great

Britain in this respect and the conse-

British and Japs Ahead.

The British and Japanese have fit-

ted their ships with two and three

armoured decks to protect their en-

gines and powder magazines against

the high angle fire of the modern na-

val gun. The United States has not

made these improvements.
Great Britain has "blistered" most

perhaps all of her ships, and Japan

has "blistered" some, while this im-

provement to protect ships against

submarines has been neglected by the

American Gun Range Poor.

The elevation and range of the Brit

ish guns are much greater than the

American; which, linked with the

ships under 10,000 tons, and while

scrapping capital ships with one hand

the great powers are busy building ships of 10,000 tons and less with the

Behind the Washington Meet.

England has been able to increase her agreement

United States

America was concerned; but for Eng- advantage over America by greatly

British Empire

maining ships.

United States.

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The last Washington treaty agreed

#### SPEED UP ON THE BABY INDUSTRY, IS THE CALL OF FRENCH PATRIOT SOCIETY TO DISLOYAL CITIZENRY

PARIS.—Bear sons for the republic, is the cry of placards all over Paris, osted by the National Alliance for the Increase of French Population. The posters show two babies, one large, blond and blue-eyed, supposed to represent a German child, and the other small, brunette and dark-eyed, represent-

ing the French baby. The text reads:

"France is in danger. The Boche mothers bear 1,145,000 children annually; our women only 760,000. This means revenge; if things continue, France is lost. Therefore, French patriots, produce children, the more the better. And you, French women, do your duty and bring children into the Vive la France!'

But the landlords and food profiteers are not patriotic. Why Congress Wants a Bigger Navy

ence is a part of the naval appropria hive and Japan three.

have already made are as nothing compared with those which we must be prepared to make if our movement is to triumph. As a German comrade once aptly said, "Revolutions are not made by drinking coffee and eating And In Conclusion. During the past eighteen months I

have not had much opportunity to be an active participant in the work of the Y. W. L. But I have followed every move with intense interest, and hope that within the near future shall once more be able to "do my Here in Europe I have seen the

clash of the workers and the mercenaries of the capitalists. Here I have seen our young comrades who gave their lives for the cause of the oppressed. In Germany, in Bulgaria, in Finland,-in all these countries where the iron heel of a ruthless capitalist distatorship is mercuessly exploiting the workers-there the struggle for Communism is a hard and fast reality. There it means life or death. there is no time for dances and banquests. Even as I write these words, a report comes from Norway that the whole of the E. C. of the Y. C. L. has been arrested.

#### Where Workers Rule.

But while I have seen the revolu tionary youth engaged in a mortal combat with capitalism in those countries where "democracy" is rampant so too, have I seen the young workers, thousands upon thousands of them assemble to determine policies for education, for regulation of hours, of conditions, of pay—but this was Soviet Russia. This was in the only country in the world where the workers rule. There it is that our Y. C. I is leading the way for the creation of a new world; they do not have to fight the state, for it is a workers state—it is their state.

If you, comrades in America, could out see the enthusiasm, the joy with which our Russian comrades do their work; if you could but be made to realize how anxious they are to know what you are doing for the cause of the world revolution, then I feel cerat you would redouble all your

ommunists Always in Fight

But it is not alone in Russia where our comrades want to know what you are doing. Everywhere it is the same And tho I try to tell them as clearly ts I can just what you are doing, still feel that you have not done half mough. Think of the trials and enough. can and must be brought into our struggles of our comrades over here, gone far on it. Today it is not the high school boy or girl to whom ous. Our tasks are great. because the work is hard, because the road is long, because they must suffer heavy losses ere they win the goal. Under Liebknecht's Banner.

We, too, must feel as they do, that we are soldiers in an army, an inter national army of the proletariat; that we belong to that regiment which bears the name of the Young Workers League; that every gain we make is gain for the whole army and every fight we lose is a loss to the whole army. One and all, let us march or to new struggles, new victories Strengthened by our lessons of the last two years, and assured of the support of the revolutionary working class youth of all the world, we can

came a complete failure when Japan

Washington Treaty Canned.

ington treaty, which was supposed to

last until 1936, were the British ex-

powers in the Far East that it seems

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China was thrown to the winds when

China among the great powers.

-New Ships.-

Tons.

77,158

542,955

The real death blows to the Wash-

States with 10 light cruisers, tonnage 75,000 Fleet submarine strength is given as follows: Great Britain, 17; States 95. States 95.

Japan, 25; United States, 6. came a complete failure when Japan Naval experts compare the strength changed her strategic plan from one

of the three big powers in the ratio of attack to one of defense; which

of 5-3-1, with Great Britain first, Japan makes it safe for her to stop build-

second and America last. The ratio ing dreadnoughts and to construct fast

that the nations should scrap a cer-penditure on the fortification of the

tain number of capital ships, i. e., bat- Singapore base and the huge naval

tleships of more than 10,000 tons. The appropriations pased by the United

following statistics taken from a table States congress. These developments

compiled by the navy depatrment which caused the death of the paper

show that while keeping the scrap- treaty of Washington, have so aggra

ping agreement Great Britain and vated the relations between the great

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-Old Ships-

\*Including the King George V., Ajax, Centurian and Thunderer to be

scrapped probably during the year 1926 upon completion of the Nelson and

Tons.

500,000\*

163,312

940,052

276,740

set by the Washington treaty was cruisers and submarines instead

banner is the blood-red banner of the Communist International. It was the banner of Liebknecht and Luxembourg and Lenin. It is the banner of hundreds of millions of workers and peasants in Russia. It is the symbol of an unrelenting, an uncompromising, an international struggle against capitalist oppression and for working class emancipation. "In this sign shall

we conquer.'

-April 12, 1924.

#### IMPROPAGANDA

Theo. Burton in the opening speech of the Republican convention said: The country looks to Coolidge instead of Congress for leadership.

The country does no such thing. It would take an expert to distinguish between such similar asininity.

Cal's Cool Machine Working Smoothly.—Headline. Well oiled as usual and running on air.

SEND IN THAT SUB!

Agnes.

The government has placed a tax of 36 per cent on gifts of more than \$5,000,000

We hope that as a protest against the injustice of this, our comrades will refrain from mailing us presents.

U. S. A.—United Soviets of  $4\,merica.$ 

WHEN JEHOVAH BLEW HIMSELF. Ah-Ha! So Jehovah blew smoke thru his nose! What a blow to the Anti-Cigarette League!—L. B.

SEND IN THAT SUB!

JOHNNY RED SAYS: President Coolidge made an appearance in public wearing spectacles.

It's a cinch he hasn't weakened his eyesight looking for help for the workers.

this Henry Ford made ten dollars. LAMPOON.

HOW DID HE BREAK HIS LEG?

While you were reading

Impropagandist: I know you won't believe me but I have found a member of the Party who is NOT going to the June 17 convention.

BRICK LAYER. SEND IN THAT SUB! No, Comrade, at the meeting the

shimmie is not the best motion to make.AND LONG MAY THEY RAVE!

B'lieve me, when the Reds get control, the white guard will be blue. 100 PER CENT.

We would like to help the old parties We offer to see that they are prop erly nailed.

The Republican convention opened with a prayer. To keep in fashion

we will close with one: O Lord, see that the millions take heed of Margaret Sanger's message and that no more asses be born who stray into the camp of the Republicans. And while you're at it, Lord, make that also go for the Do mocrats.

And if you have any time left over, oh Lord, sneak some Improp aganda into the brains of our readso they can send it to WALT CARMON, Impropagandist.

ploitation by the great powers with-

out restrictions or gentlemanly agreements, it is doubtful if another dis armament conference at Washington would be much better than a "free for With competition and antagonism in the Far East as developed very doubtful if they will be able to as today, according to capitalist rules, Furthermone, nile scrapping a fair- even assemble peacefully for another the fight seems to have reached the ly large number of old capital ships, conference, let alone reach temporary point when the imperialists of the various countries can no longer gain Not only are Japan and America no their ends by means of diplomacy. In improving and modernizing her re- longer on speaking terms, but that the Far East; it is the maturity of other paper agreement regarding those causing war which make the American imperialists, their president it was found impossible to divide and their congress so worried that the

United States navy should be inferior

#### "YOU CAN'T FIRE ME; I QUIT!" BOY-BEATING SCHOOLMAN YAWPS

With China once more open to ex- to the navies of England and Japan.

LANSING, Mich.-Floyd Campany, head of one of the departments of the state industrial school, handed in his resignation here today, the state ommission announced. Campany was being investigated on charges that ne had brutally beaten boys under his care. He alleged that they had used insulting language to his wife, but this didn't seem to cover up the fact that scores of boys displayed bodies covered with hideous welts from the strap The state institution, incidentally, is nothing but a fire trap where the

lives of the boys are in constant danger.

#### "WE ARE ALWAYS READY!" CRY OF RUSSIAN CHILDREN IN LENIN OATH

MOSCOW .- "We are always ready!" was the spirited cry of 10,000 Russian children assembled at the tomb of their fallen leader, Nikolai Lenin, in answer to the question put to them by Leon Trotsky. Comrade Trotsky, in addressing them, asked if they were in readiness to hold up Lenin's teachings and principles and then answered with one voice.

other hand; as well as many subma-The young Communists had renamed their organization to "Leninite Pioneers" and were addressed by such notable soviet leaders as Rykoff, Also the British-American tempora Trotsky, Kameneff and Bukharin. The entire Communist congress reviewed nage 190,790; Japan with 25 light ry alliance at the conference in hopes Trotsky, Kamener and Buoruisers, tonnage 157,730; United of weakening the naval strength of the parade of the children.

val appropriations would not have to much greater speed of the British ships, puts the United States at a One of the main reasons the ratio of 5-5-3 never existed except on paper, was that the treaty of Washington did nothing to restrict the building of