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A Fight Against the Boss Class! The Workers' Republic!

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Up Conditions In Bunte's CRY OF PATRIOTISM USED TO Show

SPEED UP AND PIECE PAYMENT FOR THE YOUNG

Boys and Girls Slaving in Sweets' Shop

By BARNEY MASS.

Picture 1,200 young girls and poys, slaving in cold and hot cooms, straining every muscle in their bodies, dipping, moulding, cutting and wrapping chocolates. This depicts the daily eight and one-half hours of toil, which the young workers in the Bunte Candy Co. go thru.

Standing on hard cement floors, with the temperature registering 50 degrees, wrapped in sweaters and shawls, young girls and boys, some as young as 12 and 13 years, dip, cut, mould and perform other operations on the candy. Where the cocoa and other chemicals are cooked to be prepared for confectionaries, the rooms are chokingly hot and

e we find girls, wearing only ons, perspiration rolling vn their faces, laboring for a asly salary of \$16, \$17 or \$18 week. The boys, with cloths apped around their heads, to ep the hair from falling into eir eyes, operate various maines, demanding their alert-

less and attention. \$20 For Young Workers

For heavy labor, the boys receive salaries ranging from \$20 to \$23 per week. The efficiency system week. 'The efficiency system cannot be surpassed. Each sort of candies goes thru a number of operations, and the young workers are forced to keep up a pace, meeting with the speed of the machines. While asking one girl, working in the cough-drop department if it was possible to receive any injury, she replied, no, but at the same time narrowly escaped getting her fingers entangled in a machine simultaneusly.

Machine Replacing Slaves

This machine replaces 25 to 30 old, but the company is well satisfied tween. This old method is still in sales were \$1,229,305 as compared existence. The old way, is very inwith the sales of 1923 of \$6,284,264. convenient and wasteful, as the boy has to judge the time, sometimes causing the candy to be squeezed too tightly. The new policy hurries production and replaces help in periods of business revival. Another new machine is one cutting and wrapping carmels. A woman standing feeds the fudge into the machine, under a high nervous tension. While going thru the plant I noticed that she was replaced by another, within two hours time. More and more modern machinery is being introduced, causing the discharge of many, many workers, harder and speedier work. In some departments, the noise of the machine is deafening.

The Cocoa Packing Room

of the force is working. Sitting under steadily pours, a young girl and boy, been steadily decreasing. apparently of the ages of 12 and 13 (Continued on page 2.)

YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS OF BUNTE'S FACTORY-LINE UP FOR A FIGHT

In another column you see exposed the conditions under which you are working. The Young Worker, in writing this story up, is not interested in it from the point of view of sensationalism. It is interested because it is the paper of the Young Workers League of America, an organization of young workers, boys and girls like yourself, who are united to better their conditions whereever they work.

Do you know what our program is? We want you to join the Young Workers League of America and fight in the factory for the following demands.

Abolition of the speed-up and piece work systems. 2. No night work or overtime

work. 3. A six hour day and five day week for all young workers.
4. A fully paid weeks annual

You can get these demands if you unite into one body and present your program to the bosses who are making hundreds of thousands of dollars while you have hardly, enough to live on. While you sweat at your bench, your bosses are in Palm Beach, enjoying the best there is in life.

You can win if you get together. Join up with the Young Workers League of America and fight side by side with the other young workers of this country for a decent share in life!

Get in touch with us immediately at 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chi-

cago, III. Your fight is our fight!

IS BUNTE PROFIT

By JOHN HARVEY.

Thruout the United States, Canaporforming four to five operations da, England, South America and the was the would-be progressive senator confections are piling up profits. The Another of this progressive species, voung girls and hove who are making workers. It loads, seals the coughdrops in each box. It was recently the candies, on the other hand are lutionists who despise the constitution drops in each box. It was recently the candies, on the other hand are lutionists who despise the constitution boys and girls as young as 6 years officer and soldier of the army, introduced and is only two months being driven at a terrific pace, under and regard its precepts as inferior to is a regular thing in the beet fields national guard and reserve, as what is commonly known as the ef- the teachings of the Communist Interwith it. Another new machine is one compressing the candy to the share ficiency system. The net sales of desired. Before, this operation was these HIGH QUALITY CONFEC- Federation, the organization of the ments offered by contractors in redone by a boy sitting on top of a TIONERY increased within 2 years, paddle with the candy placed in be-

Pass Half Million Mark The profits for the year of 1923 were over the half million mark. (\$547.944) The earning on the preferred stock per share for the same year was 50.51 on the common stock per percent; share \$4.13. The accumulative surplus at the end of 1923 was \$1,893.-

Chicago alone candy sales amount to more than \$50,000,000 of the Bunte factory and its fourannual. How much did the boys teen acres of land and 450,000 square this contract labor were found to be "national stability." He said, "It is in and girls receive who made possible by their hard labor and meager pay

While the directors of the Bunte Brothers are realizing more and more At the present time only one-half profits without contributing any labor, the wages of the young workers two tubes, from which the cocoa (in relation to the cost of living) have

The Chicago Tribune in its book "Chicago the Market Center" speaks

EDUCATION GOES WHEN CHILDREN ARE EXPLOITED

SAN LEANDRO, Calif.-That owners of asparagus beds in various parts of the state are exploiting children is the charge made by W. O. Davies, supervisor principal of schools in this

As early as March, he asserts, the exodus of children begins. The laws are invaded in some instances by movable part-time schools, which the parents transport with them. These are useless, according to Davies, because there is no supervision and no assurance that the children will

Davies' charges are supplemented by a report of Dr. C. R. Blake, county health officer, who has investigated child labor in the asparagus beds of Sacramento valley.

\$500 for Reply as to Why Coolidge Should be U. S. President

SAN FRANCISCO.—How California schools are being used for reactionary school children by newspapers. The Los Angeles Times and the San Fran-

Alleged Progressive Votes Against Child Labor in the Senate

WASHINGTON .-- Among the senato keep the age limit "for future regumake it, instead, affect only those child laborers of 16 years and under, national."

rich farmers, also opposed the reso-

"NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR 'EM."

ALBANY, N. Y.—Another and more thoro senate investigation of the U.S. veterans' bureau is demanded by delegates to the New York state convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, meeting in Albany. Graft, red tape and too much politics are charges laid against the bureau.

at night.

Build your shop nuclei!

\$20,000,000 IS DIVIDENDS FROM

Six-Year-Olds Toil 15 Hours Each Day

SWEATED SLAVES

By LELAND OLDS. Exploitation of entire families ncluding women and little children under a contract labor system has enabled the American beet sugar trust to pile up huge profits for the year 1923-24. Reports of four leading companies controlling over 60 per cent of the output show profits totalling about \$20,000,000, an increase of nearly 100 per cent compared with the previous year.

The extent to which a high protective tariff served to enpropaganda is evidenced by several rich the profiteer rather than to recent prize essay contests offered to protect American labor appears in the great profit margin which cisco Chronicle both offered prizes averaged \$1.99 a bag or nearly for essays on the federal constitution, 2 cents a pound on the 10,057,based on Randolph Leigh's "The Citadel of Freedom," a book full of mis-the four companies. These

statements of fact and enthusiastically indorsed by the anti-labor Better profits meant a return to owners America Federation. Now the California Republican offers a \$500 scholarship to a high school student for an the case of the loading corners. "Why Coolidge Should be the case of the leading corporament.

profit, profit per bag and profit per given in the following table: Amalgtd. Sugar \$ 2,688,86 \$1.82 \$ 2.62 the age limit "for future regulation of child labor at 18, and to Utah-Idaho Sug. 3,758,159 1.94 1.32 stration next fall. \$19,067,296 \$1.99 Total

The nature of the exploitation which makes such profits possible is refar-east, the Bunte chocolates and from Idaho, William Ewert Borah. vealed in a report of the Children's bureau of the department of labor. The bureau found that the labor of mothers with little children and of of Michigan and Colorado. In fact, the possibility of turning tiny children incruiting the slaves of the sugar trust. In both Colorado and Michigan onefourth of the child workers were under 10, another fourth were between 10 and 12 years old and only one-fith in Michigan and a little over one-sixth in Colorado had passed the age of 14

> One-third of the entire number rereported a day of from 12 to 15 hours, tian. These long hours were continued in

feet of floor space, and tells how it is wretched. More than half the fami- reality a great citizen movement, than set in beautifull surroundings. How lies lived in shacks built of tar paper which there is none more important in such enormous profits for the candy ever, like much of the company pro-bosses? NOT EVEN A LIVING paganda about the plant, it is very boarded shanties frequently with but ever, like much of the company pro- or corrugated iron, or in roughly its far-reaching effects upon good citicareful to omit mention of the revolt- one door and one window. Many of ing conditions inside of the plant these were not weatherproof. Overwith which the young workers are crowding was common with almost confronted but speaks only of the half of the contract workers living 3 "beautiful exterior" which they see or more persons to a room. Testionly early in the morning and late mony before the senate committee showed the Mexican families were imported for this work in order to keep wage standards down.

Millions Sweated From Kids St. PAUL CONVENTION DECLARES FOR 3 Y. W. L. PLATFORM DEMANDS

(Special to "The Young Worker") ST. PAUL.-Among the numerous resolutions adopted at the Farmer-Labor party convention just concluded here were three of the demands presented by the Young Workers League of America. The convention declared its opposition to child labor and demanded legislation to insure its abolition. It declared also for opposition to imperialist wars. The league resolution on workers' control of capitalist armed forces was adopted in the following form:

The convention "declared that the working class must establish its control over the militia and other armed forces by organizing committees of working class members and of such bodies, in co-operation with the trade unions and other workers' organizations to prevent the armed forces from being used by the capitalist class against the workers."

U.S. ANOTHER WAR REVEALED

Pershing Spills Beans in other slaughter of feller-Gary gang? West Point Talk

WEST POINT, N. Y .-- A con-Returned to the White House." At that, it is worth \$500 to find out why! of 73 per cent on their invest- army, and militarist propaganda ors who voted against the proposition Gt. Wstn. Sug. 12,004,304 2.02 18.10 emy, West Point, describing youth of the nation to be ready in the event of a war. 8.10 plans for a monster war demon-

Huge Manoeuvers Planned. "This fall we are to have preliminary defense tests . . . well as every patriotic citizen, all

God and Mars Together. "Religion and patriotism go hand in hand in a righteous war, and our nation will never engage in any other To wage an aggressive war for greed or gain is un-Christian, but to refuse ported working under pressure for 11 to serve in defense of our homes and hours or more per day and one-eighth our institutions is equally un-Chris-

place," according to Pershing.

That the militarist plans are also some instances for weeks at a stretch. to give the open shoppers security 10 and 12 years old and only one-fifth pagainst labor organization is suggested The living quarters provided for by Pershing's reference to the aim of zenship and national stability.'

Join with the Y. W. L.!

Selfishness and Hatred know frontiers; Brotherhood knows them not.

Send in those subs now!

HIDE WAR PREPARATIONS FOR GAINING OF GREATER PROFITS

By MAX SHACHTMAN.

WHAT is behind all the speeches being made this July 4th? Who is backing up the huge celebrations and demonstrations on this one hundred and forty-eighth anniversary of the American declaration of independence?

What is going on in America while the youth of this country is listening with wide open mouth to the speeches of the capitalist politicians and their kept orators?

While the bunkshooters are shouting about the declaration of independence and the revolutionary war for freedom of 1776, the most monstrous and detailed plans for the taking away of what little freedom the workers of this country have left, and for the manufacture of another huge war, are being made by the capitalists and financiers of this country!

Unless the workers of this country, especially the young workers who suffer first, are awakened to the situation in this country today, they will soon find themselves in the midst of a war which will be much bigger than the last world war, which will bring more death and destruction than any other war since the beginning of history.

Do you remember how the last war began?

Do you remember how the munitions trust was exposed in congress as being behind the Army and Navy League which was agitating for preparedness?

Do you remember that altho Wilson was re-elected as president on a "He Kept Us Out of War" platform, he asked congress to declare war on Germany within a few days after he resumed his office?

Do you remember how every attempt at giving the workers of this country a chance to state their opinions on entering the war, was frustrated by And finally, do you recall the tens of thousands of proud young men,

who went across and never same back; and their buddles who did come back with broken bodies and torn limbs, while the millionaire "dollar a year" men sat at home making millions in profits wrung out of the inch ers, or else grafted other millions out of government bureau?

The last war came swiftly and found the workers unprepared. Will the next war find them equally unprepared?

Is America preparing for war? Is the groundwork being laid for another slaughter of the young workers for the profit of the Morgan-Rocke-

The answer is given in almost every important news event of the day. Under the false pretense of preparing for "the defense of the country" millions are being spent on the army and navy. Congress rushes thru a \$330,000,000 appropriation for the army; a few days later \$150,000,000 is ar-

ranged for the navy.

The most strenuous efforts are being made to fill up the quotas for the army, and militarist propaganda citizen's military training camps. The youth of the country is being made societies to check the growing ready to form the army for the next war.

Why all these preparations? The beaut

figures showing total peace agitation and sell the next army, navy, marines, and training camps speak of the opportunity for the share of common stock after all de- war to the people has come to young fellow to develop his body and mind, to see the world and all the ductions for depreciation, taxes, interest and preferred dividends are of General John L. Pershing at youth so that American imperialists can have ready-made cannon fodder of General John L. Pershing at youth so that American imperialists can have ready-made cannon fodder in the time of their need. But behind it all? General Pershing told the the United States Military acad- truth when he said that the C. M. T. C. are a good means for training the

Why a war?

Only a few weeks ago, congress passed the Japanese exclusion law. Feeling is running high in Japan today. Suppose an irresponsible Japanese should harm an American subject in Japan. Immediately the hue and cry would be raised in this country. Our honor must be defended! Our flag must be apologized to! Other "patriotic" slogans will be raised. And be-(which) will involve every com- fore we realize what has happened American battleships will be under full munity, every hamlet and every steam for Japan and a first class war will have been begun. Behind it all are the rich investments in the Phillipines, the rich and

unemployed coal and iron ore mines of China, the oil lands of Persia and Roumania, the possibilities for investments of surplus capital in South America. Everyone is after these juicy profit-bringers. The race is between Gray Silver, of the Farm Bureau to wage earners is one of the induce-dederation, the organization of the ments offered by contractors in re-ticipate, if only to report their between the United States, England and Japan in the Pacific and on the presence at some designated Asian continent. Each seeks for the complete domination of the territory involved and its riches. Each is preparing for the day when the under cover struggle will blaze forth into the open light of the day, when the armies and navies of the countries racing for supremacy will come into open conflict.

The rush of the imperialists for the control of everything in sight is shown plainly in the way in which Morgan has openly taken over the recent Republican convention. His personal agent, Charles G. Dawes, head of the Morgan concern, the Central Trust Company of Chicago, has been ominated for the vice-presidency on the Republican ticket. What can the young and adult workers do in the face of this situation?

What shall be their answer to the insidious plans of the imperialists to drag us into another war for profit? The Young Workers League, together with the Workers Party, the

organized communists of this country demand the immediate cessation of military preparations in the army, navy or air fleet. We demand the control of the state militia and the national guard by the organized workers, so that these bodies shall not be used against the

We call upon the young workers who are the first to fall in capitalist war to unite with th Young Workers League in order that we may combine our efforts in the fight against the war of the boss class, in order that we may successfully carry on our own war, the war of the workers against

On this July 4th, while capitalist orators and newspapers are doing lead them to accept blindly another boss war, let us unite in the struggle

their best to poison the minds of the youth with "patriotism" which will for real independence, for real freedom, the victory of the workers against their oppressors!

Ass't Executive Secretary, Workers Party of America

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Berwyn-Lyons car to Harlem Ave. and walk south to the Grove.

HITTING HIG

SPOTWILLN

Jobs Failing AN O

the Country

Unemployment is keeping its steady increase all over

pointed out that in May, 19

the free employment offi

placed 22,593 men in jc

whereas last month only 11,5

jobs could be found, a decrea

ment declining more sharply

1921, with many mines close

and others closing, and wit

weather," says the report, "th

"With manufacturing emplo

of almost 50 per cent.

1922.

SPEED UP AND PIECE PAYMENT FOR THE YOUNG

in Sweets' Shop

(Continued from page 1.)

load it into cans. The temperature not hire them. All those that did not cents an hour and they have to keep in this rom is very cold, to keep the belong were hired and offered eleven at their work in order to make that stuff from sticking. The air is charged ollars a week. I was one of them much. The "hurry up" call is always at heavily with the odor of cocoa, and that accepted the job. When we came in the back of them. They have to to an outsider it is difficult to catch in the shop it was a very dirty and work nine to eleven hours a day and cues breath. Yet for 8 hours these unhealthful place. two young people (this is when production is at a low stage under normal ing consumptives.

Those who are more experienced go to make them Bolsheviks and tell thru the action so fast, that even a them to belong to a union when they machine would have hard times in beating the speed. One elderly woman was conspicuous, by her frenzied labors, in order to earn 20 to 25 dolfanatical pace, could be judged by the expression on the faces of many of the younger girls. They are paid by piece work and probably this woman had many mouths to feed, this can explain her procedure to premature

The looks that greeted a person, when passing thru, were those of helplessness, apathy and resignation to a fate of gradual death. They earn from \$12 up. But to earn much more means the killing of all woman-hood in every one of the young girl hood in every one of the young girl wage slaves.

The Wrapping Department. Here the girls stand, catching the candy from belts and wrapping them in tissue paper. They also get paid by piece work. As fast as the candy comes, so is their speed adjusted. The machine drives and unless they can keep up with it, discharge is the out-Shirking is not tolerated, but the efficiency system must be upheld. The rooms in which they work are of the same temperature, as that of the cocoa packing room, about 50 degrees. Going out of cold rooms into the hot air, means the tissues suffer a sudden change and with regular repetition, auses i ritation and tuberculosis sets in many times. Buntes' Quality Confectionery Manuacfturers never boast of their producing tubercular patients. The Hard Candy Department

In the future, lemon drops, etc. lose their flavor for me, especially after anti-labor complexion of the jackass one sees that the flavoring includes program for the presidential election. human sweat and blood in its produc- The fundamental right of the work tion. In hot rooms with no ventila- ers to organize into trade unions is tion, the material is cooked, flavored, not guaranteed. Not a word is said cut and shaped. Taking the stuff not about the vicious policy of the capifrom the pot, it is spread on greased talist courts in issuing injunctions tables, and then the process of beat-ing, mixing in the flavor, takes place. better conditions. A similar absence Most of this work is done by young of mention is the fate of the national ous statement; there were the daily boys, as it is too hard for the girls... open-shop drive and the anti-labor their sales v is even worse comparatively they the others. atively than the others.

As one boy confessed, a fellow in 1922. feels like nothing" after the day is inished.

In view of the Bunte Brothers' new Klan ended in a refusal to name it as "feels like nothing" after the day is

not mentioned. The people who enjoy labor activities of the masked hoodthe delicous flavors of Bunte's choice lums.

The convention, like that of the convention, like that of the candies, will have their appetites dampened and the taste will smack of filth, when once they see it produced.

By every timeclock, is a large sign, filth, when once they see it produced.

By every timeclock, is a large sign,

"Those running to clock before the and poor farmers. The complete and whistle blows, will be immediately discharged." This means that the young wage slaves must remain at their post, dipping, cutting, moulding, etc. until they hear the sound of the until they hear the sound of the whistle to deliver them from their living hell. They must not use the time of the company in washing their hands and making themselves suithands and making themselves suit- vice-president that all workers of votable to return home, because it means that the company would lose probably a few dollars and this cannot be tolerated in an efficiency slave shop.

tolerated in an efficiency slave shop.
What have the young boy and girl slaves of Bunte's to say about their strength between the devil and the will they remain silent or get into cratic parties.

Their own party is in the field and

\$2.00 a Year

Chicago, III.

SOVIET RUSSIA PICTORIAL,

19 South Lincoln St.,

CHICAGO, Ill. Dear Comrades: Beys and Girls Slaving

The papers; it was a curtain factory. I went to the place where they had asked for help. By the time I came there, there were many girls already all day. He is always at your heels. There are some piecework jobs which hour, then the boss came out. The first thing he asked the girls was if they belonged to the union. Many

did belong to the union and he would men working day work for 45 and 50 I got to work and it was very hard

work at eleven dollars a week. When times, this room employs 5 to 6 dinner time came around I talked to people) labor under such conditions, all the girls and became very friendly south Bend, from 27 to 40 cents an for a insignificant salary of \$12 to with them, though we did not have hour, and like the other companies \$13 per week. One cannot help but much time to talk in the half an hour seeing that such conditions developing consumptives.

We were given for dinner. The next money.

day I went over to one of the girls and told her that it would be a very Girls crowded together, numbering and 8 atting on each side of heart 1 and 8, sitting on each side of benches, 15 to 20 in all, dip the confections.
On coming into the room, seeing them with white caps, and going thru pework; and that if I didn't keep my work; and that if I didn't keep my culiar motions, exerting and over-ex- mouth shut they would tell the boss ercising every muscle in their frail and I would be kicked out of the shop. bodies, one is strangely impressed. They said I was there to work and not

But there was one girl that understood me and she said that I was right. She will join the union for better conditions. We left the shop the very contempt of her co-workers for her the shop the very Workers' League, to help you with

Yours for the revolution,
REBECCA MASLOVITZ.

SOUTH BEND WAGES. SOUTH BEND, Ind.

Dear Comrades: There are men and women running

DONKEY PROGRAM

(Special to "The Young Worker")

in the union for endorsement.

Anti-Labor Clear Thru.

avowed reactionary character of both

old political parties in this country is

now shown so clearly that the candidates of the National Farmer-Labor

Party, organized on June 17 in St.

ing age can and should cast their

ballot for.

Now, as before, there is no hope for

deep sea, the Republican and Demo-

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the world over.

This is not the only sign of the

jobs. Read the following and you will

realize our situation here: I went around without work for several months and could not get a fellow to live on. The wages for common labor are 50 cents per hour waiting for work. We sat about an There are some piece-work jobs which

> five days a week. The Singer Sewing Machine Company is worse than the Studebaker. They pay about the lowest prices in men have to work hard for their

The piece workers can't make more than 60 cents an hour, and some can't even make their day rate, which is only 40 cents. They work nine hours a day and five days a week. The only good thing about the sewing machine place is that if they work $5\frac{1}{2}$ days a week they get paid for six days.

The Oliver Chilled Plowworks is just about as bad as the rest. just laid off about 900 men for two months. They pay from 25 to 60 cents per hour. Here is the same complaint from the workman: "The 'hurry up call' is always at our backs.' They work nine hours a day and five ays a week. Wages for high positions are higher than \$300 a month.

Some families pay \$20 to \$65 for ome rent. There is as high cost of living here as there is at any other There won't be many flies here this summer, because they will have to starve to death. The people won't have enough to eat!

Fraternally yours, JOHN TEZLA and Dear Comrades:

held, when a constable known as Anderson, or better known around as the K. K. hireling, came over and asked by saying we were doing. We answered by saying we were just having a little conversation. "Well," he said, "you fellows better get to hell out of here,"

But he insisted on me to go for the mule. So he down. I wouldn't. So he mule. This mine works three shifts in 24 hours. If the work were evenly divided by making the work hours and sit down." I turned and looked at him, saying, "That's where I go at him, saying, and I'm going again."

So I went with the drivers in the street of the mule. The work were evenly divided by making the work hours shorter we would not have such large unemployment among the miners as there is.

So I went with the drivers in the street of the mule. The work were evenly divided by making the work hours in Chicago by the Chief stat unemployment among the miners as there is.

Fraternally yours.

and he began to scatter us. We scattered, but that didn't appeal to one of the comrades, because anattempts to scatter them, because the and got my checks and went loading men were a bunch of Ku Klux Klan coal with a friend by the name of that were watching the other lowdown curs that were in the church.

cannot even walk along the streets

the only way to do it is to join the Y. W. L. and help destroy this present system and establish a Soviet government as in Russia.

Yours fraternally, MICHAEL OSSESSIA.

EXPERIENCES IN A COAL MINE.
DILLONVALE, Ohio.

Dear Comrades: When I started to work in the coal mine, I was out on a job, being a trapper for drivers who haul coal from the rooms of the loader to the passway, where the motorman and the triprider get the loads and haul

week about the garment strikers in Chicago, who are not allowed on the streets as pickets.

In o work. Then after being on the boss came to me one morning and said, "Go down or two days like the rest. But we On the evening of April 6th, a few to the mule barn and bring the mule comrades and I were standing on the streets of a little town known as him and said. "Where is the assistment on the world. In this new mine and will be the biggest mine in the world. In this new mine Meadowville, Pa., in front of a church or rather a piece down further where a Ku Klūx Klan meeting was being held, when a constable known as Anheld, when a constable known as A

So I went with the drivers in the coal mine. First thing I knew the next day the boss came up to me other party was blocking the sidewalk and said, "No more company job for not far from us. So he goes up to this constable and asks him why he doesn't scatter that gang. "Well, I will," he said, and walked down and began to talk to them; but he didn't make any it to me and I went to the tipple able living wages, so for the past

James Velek. I'll tell the world how the coal So that goes to show that an officer diggers work. The coal loader works of the government who is elected by so hard some days that he can hardly the people when in office protects one walk. Especially when a coal loader class of people only and the others gets from thirty to fifty inches of stone, and cleans it away for nothpeacably.

There should be a stop to this and if the coal loader wants to make That is surely hard work. And

money he surely must work. And that is not only with loading coal. The coal digger must set posts in order to be safe; also he must fix his own track for cars to run on, drill the hole, must shoot the coal down with powder and have

ready to load. Read The Young Worker, Fraternally yours JOE KOBYLAK, Jr.

ILLINOIS MINES CLOSING DOWN. Dear Comrades:-

I just want to state a few things them outside. After a while on this about the coal mines. Most of the job, I was put on a new job as switchmines in the state of Illinois and also

WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS ON THE JOB UNEMPLOYMENT what few mines are still working, are It was a snap job for me and I'll only working one and two days a I have been reading in the past tell you that I was surely tired of week. In West Frankfort we have

> Fraternally yours, NOEL BERNARD.

IN A FINISHING CO.

Dear Comrades: The small capitalists of the Finishing Co. are not satisfied with employ ing adult workers to work for reasonmonth (May) they have been advertising in the local bourgeois press for May than at any time sin young men about 16 years of age. But they "forgot" to mention the wages

for these young men.

So one day I made a careful examoutdoor occupations held bag nation thru the factory of the com- somewhat by the continued coc pany's plant, and spoke to several young workers on questions of wages.
Young workers from 15 to 20 years of number of unemployed people o age are getting 25 cents an hour. the state has become larger than Young workers from 20 to 25 years of at any time since early fall age get 30 cents an hour and from then up they are paid like the older mployes, 35 cents an hour at intervals. There are also several girl employes working there.

The plant is working on full speed day and night. Young workers to the extent of about 80 per cent work there, the plant having about 150 in all, in-

cluding the night shift. The Finishing Co. produces inside linings for light and heavy overcoats and ships them to the large clothing factories in the large cities in the

emporarily taking the place of "Dad" Walker of South Dakota, who is now

The Party Now and Later The National Farmer-Labor Party retail trade. at present embraces, on the whole, Workers Party members is to agitate this.

Workers are flocking to Chicago in search of jobs and not getting them. Chicago's unemployment index for May, 1924, was 163.3, its worst since March, 1922. Some downstate cities have been hit more severely than has Chicago. They include Danville, where there were nearly 4 job seekers for each available opportunity to work." At Decatur and East St. Louis

there were more than two persons for

each vacancy, the report declares. In the metals, machinery and corveyance group, "There was curtai ment in ten out of twelve industries. Depression in the mining industry is general. Employment decline was also noted in shoe factories, chemical in dustries, wearing apparel, factories stockyards and in the wholesale and

That this situation is not confined to the left section of the movement for Illinois alone can be seen from the independent political action. One of latest report on freight car loadings, the main tasks of the party is to which are an index to the business broaden and strengthen this left wing being done by the country. The revewithin the labor party movement unnue on Class 1 railroads totalled only til the labor party becomes an organ- 819,904 cars for the last week in May ization including the vast mass of This is a marked decrease from the workers who subscribe to independ- freight loadings of exactly a year ago ent political action. A big job for of 112,780 cars and a decrease of 98,30; the Young Workers League and cars from the week just previous to

and work for the affiliation of trades | The workers of the country must unions and other working class or begin to wake up to the fact that there ganizations to the Farmer-Labor is a huge crisis of unemployment com ing in this country.

More than one Million

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Committee for International Workers' Aid

Party Builds St. Paul for president, and a dirt farmer, Wil- Follette has made no statement on it liam Bouck, for vice-president.

By MARTIN ABERN Executive Secretary, Y. W. L.

IVE hundred and fifty delegates gathered in St. Paul on June 17, laid the foundation for a mass farmerlabor party in the United States, and NEW YORK CITY .- In one of the nominated candidates for the nost reactionary conventions of the Democratic party yet held, an effort dential election in November. Thus, in a few words, could be

to include in the program a plank pledging the party to fight for the abolition of child labor, was downed. Paul convention. But in order to abolition but in order to a program a plank of the program a plank summed up what happened at St. The platform of the Democratic Party understand just how all this worked has completely ignored the millions of out, what the forces behind this movechild labor slaves and has not even ment were, it is necessary to go into taken an affirmative stand on the pale greater detail.

pink constitutional amendment which The Spirit of Unity. is now going the round of the states tures of the convention was the comlete unity that prevailed practically all thru the sessions. We say remarkable because every attempt was

New York400

The Program and the Y. W. L.

The program adopted for the new party makes no bones about what it wants. It differs completely from the platforms of "third parties" that have gone before. It is clear, it does not hedge. It comes out definitely for the class interests of the workers and such farmers as are becoming prole tarian-conscious; and states plainly that the workers and poor farmers must take over the government and "end the existing system of exploitation and the rule of the privileged class," the first stop in the direction of the workers' and farmers' govern-

The demands of the Young Workers League fared as well as was to ers Party will accept LaFollette as be expected. Our demand for the a candidate is that he agree to run abolition of child labor is included in as a Farmer-Labor candidate, to acthe platform. Our other demands, such as the one calling for the cessation of armaments, were adopted by the committee in the form of the re solutions. The demand for the sixhour day and five-day week for youth labor was not specifically adopted, but that means only that the militant workers and farmers are not far en- The St. Paul nominees will probably ough advanced and that we, the young stand. communists, will have to get on the provoke a split with lying stories of

he still remains a member of the party of Coolidge and Dawes. This, ogether with the firm stand of the communists against a "one man party" broke the backbone of the La-Follette support. The convention unnimously accepted the nomination of McDonald and Bouck as its can-

However, the opportunity for La Follette was still left open. Comrade William Z. Foster, in a statement on the position of the Workers Party said:

'In the coming negotiations tween the national committee of the National Farmer-Labor Party other groups relative to combined action upon a presidential candidate, the only basis upon which the Workers Party will accept LaFollette as as a Farmer-Labor candidate, to accept the party's platform and its control over his electorial campaign and campaign funds."

This makes the communist position clear, so far as LaFollette's running on the ticket is concerned. However, we have not the slightest illusions about his accepting the nomination.

The convention has achieved what

it set out to do. It has laid the foundation for a class farmer-labor party in this country. It has formed

Chicago, III.

. 20 Canton

animously accepted the class pro-gram of the new party, elected its his being discredited by his actions committee we find men and women national committee and named its and words before the convention and like Alexander Howat, chairman, A. standard bearers for 1924: not the at the Republican convention in alleged liberal politician, LaFolette, Cleveland. Tho it was one of the Joseph Manley, Scott Wilkins, Wm. but a coal miner, Duncan MacDonald, most reactionary in its career, La-Mahoney and Alfred Knutson, who is

One of the most remarkable fea-

nade by the opponents to the convenion to get a portion of the delegates to split off on one pretext or another. There was Gompers' circular letter to the locals of the A. F. of L., telling them to have nothing to do with June 17; there was LaFollette's traitoragainst the striking railway shopmen ed their every nerve in attempts to provoke a split with lying stories of "communist control; and finally there was the issue as to whether the convention should nominate LaFollette of the correctness of our demands."

advertising campaign, gaining world wide recognition for its quality, it should be noted the human side is should be noted the human side is not should be noted the human side is not should be noted. The receptor who eviced all these obstacles, the convention unanimously accepted the class pro-|But LaFollette had himself aided in a labour set who eviced the marked head.

There is every sign that most of the branches are going to be over the top by the end of the three months' drive. But we must be sure of this. Is your branch going to be among those who will be at the head of the list? If not, what are you doing to get it there? Push the drive hard! Get behind it with all your energy! Hundreds of subs have already been received, but we want more and more and more!

Impress your quota in your mind and then go after it! They are small and every branch should Here they are:

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Detroit	200	Duluth	20	Hanna	
Boston	150	Bethlehem	20	Ft. Bragg	10
Philadelphia		Providence	20	Hancock	10
Los Angeles		Benton	20	Collinsville	Ę
San Francisco		Bridgeport	15	Marissa	Ę
Minneapolis		New Haven	15	Eben Junction	5
Houston		Stamford	15	Negaunee	Ę
St. Paul		Johnston City	15	South Range	Ę
St. Louis	50	Belleville	15	Ironwood	5
South Bend	50	Gardner	15	Bai de Wasai	Ę
Superior	50	Maynard	15	Rock	Ę
Buffalo		Grand Rapids	15	Mass	Ę
Pittsburgh	40	Ashtabula	15	Hibbing	Ę
Daisytown	35	Monessen	15	Chisholm	Ę
Oakland		Milwaukee	15	Munising	Ę
Ziegler	30	Baltimore	10	Warren	Ę
West Frankfort		Cromwell	10	Conneaut	Ę
Dillonvale	30	Rochester	10	Washington, D. C	Ę
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Christopher	25	Passaic	10	Gary	į
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Valier		Youngstown	10	Cloquet	!

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'WE ARE ORGANIZING SHOP NUCLEI" SHOULD BE THE CALL OF THE Y. W. L.

By JOHN WILLIAMSON

ranches and not in shop nuclei. They sk me so earnestly, "If our comrades 1 America work in shops, factories or ried on by the national executive comon't they organize a league nucleus?"

imple question of a Russian comrade. am sure that within a very few veeks we could report to the Young ommunist International that we have hat our members find their activities s Young Communists so much more nteresting since they have actually vorkshops.

Now Have 9 Nuclei.

For over a year the National Execuhru bulletins, lectures, pamphlets and ress the necessity of organizing our rganizations upon a shop nuclei basis. the National Executive Committee as spared no effort, but it was necesctual shop nuclei existing. The comavorable reports.

Sister Leagues More Active. But during that same period of time hat we have organized, nine of our ister leagues have been more active. France, 40; in Britain, 20; in Sweden, 10, and so on. We find the United States—an ideal country larger than he situation that must be remedied. will not suffice to talk and write about nuclei any more. We must have

eague must stand before the other will be heard by all these young comeagues at the Young Communist Intrades, "WE ARE ORGANIZING SHOP ternational congress and be criticized NUCLEI!"

N Russia it is impossible for our | for the lack of shop nuclei established young comrades to understand why during the past year. The executive ve are still organized in territorial committee of the Young Communist International endorses the education and propaganda that have been car nines with other young workers, why mittee but they judge our efforts by results. If all the other Young Comwish every comrade in America munist Leagues thruout the world are ould be put in this embarrassing so successful we also can accomplish ituation when confronted by such a similar results and with the favorable conditions surrounding us, a great deal more.

Nuclei Highly Imperative.
The Russian Young Communist

5 or 100 live functioning nuclei, and League is organized exclusively on the shop nuclei basis. It is a mass organization with 700,000 members. Czecho-Slavs and German leagues are unk the roots of organization into the fast becoming mass organizations with nearly 100,000 members. It is only when we sink our roots into the masses of young workers where they ive Committee has been propagating are employed that we can become a eal influence upon the young American workers.

Correspond with Russ Nuclei. These Russian young Communists question me so earnestly and vigorary for them to depend upon the ously about every little detail of our ocal comrades to carry out these de- american league. They are so anxious isions in true Communist fashion. and eager for news of the success of Coday after several failures and in- our movement. They ask for the adumerable attempts we find about nine dresses of our shop nuclei and wonder if our comrades will not correspond ades connected with these send in with their nuclei like the shop units in other countries.

Must Be First on Map. It is up to you, comrades, whether you be in New York, Chicago or Los Angeles to answer. Wherever a branch In Czecho-Slovakia we find 108 of the league exists we can have established; in Germany, 250; in nuclei if the comrades working in the shops or mines will not stop and say, 10, and so on. We find the United States—an ideal country larger than answer to our comrades must be, "It can be done and it will be done." I rated, giving us advantages that our am sure that our members do not other. comrades in other lands are denied. want our section of the International n many of these countries our com- to be laying down on the job that is ing to me, "that better reindeer than ades must work under persecution so easy. Remember the question it the same time while we in America asked by the Russian comrade as he stood proudly with his nucleus in the of the herd. There were seven huniceman on a national scale. This is factory, "If our comrades in America dred animals but there were none to other young workers, why don't they listen to me at first. He said, 'I organize league shop nuclei." Let wouldn't think of giving up these us answer them by our actions so stags. Our American Young Communist loudly that the rumblings of the sound a bottle he said, "Take them."

WHO WANTS TO BUY TWO CHILDREN FROM A VET WHO HELPED TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY?

SAN JOSE, Calif.-George Parker went to war to make the world rate for democracy, was badly gassed, and is rated as a disabled veteran. liness resulting from the gassing has kept him out of work and poor. Now he has announced that in order to make a first payment on a home under the state veteran's welfare act, and to keep up the instalments on ris furniture until he can take advantage of the recent ponus measure, will pawn his two children, three and four years old. With Mrs. Parer's consent, he has agreed to place the kiddles in pawn with any peron who will treat them well and enable their parents to live until they are able to redeem them.

TRAGEDY OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH IS BITTER COMMENT ON "PROSPERITY"

PEKIN, III.-After tramping the streets of Pekin and Peoria for weeks n a futile search for employment Emil Lemoine, a 21-year old bridegroom, whis brains out with a 38 calibre revolver.

When the inquisitive newspaper men wanted the cause of the suicide, plew his brains out with a 38 calibre revolver.

Lemoine's 17-year old bride of two months, pointed to a worn note book n which the dead boy had recorded daily his failure to find a job. The diary furnishes mute evidence of mental anguish and disappoin-

"We'll send for you in a few days," one entry reads, and then he adds

'but he never asked my name or address." The last diary entry, June 20, the day he killed himself, indicates his utter despair. "There is no work. What am I going to do?" he asks; and

then answers his own question with a bullet.

There are thousands of unemployed miners and other workers in Pekin

A Good Time Will Soon They Are Now Looking Be Had by All Workers

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.-Unemploy-

to the Earth Instead

NEW YORK CITY .- "In proportion nent and lower wages over a long to the Protestant population, the de-period of years is the prospect in the cline in church attendance over the United States, President W. G. Besler, last 33 years is 52 per cent," according Central Railroad of New Jersey, told to the report on rural churches by the the American Railway Association in Institute of Social and Religious Re-Atlantic City.

Against Wars!

During the week of July 27th to August 4, the Communist movement all over the world is going to demonstrate against imperialism, treason of the social-democrats and the danger of new capitalist wars. This week is the tenth anniversary of the opening of the world war, in which the workers of the world were betrayed by the yellow socialists, and in which millions of lives of young workers were sacrificed on the altar of capitalist profifit.

The Young Worker, dated August 15, 1924, will be a special anti-military issue, to be used specifically for this antimilitarist week. It will be a specially big issue, rich with articles from the pens of the best writers in the American and international movement.

All pranches should immediately send in a special order for this issue. Each one is expected to triple or quadruple its regular issue for this special number.

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"The War to End All Wars"

O you remember the late Woodrow Wilson? He was the famous author of the equally famous phrase. "the war to end all weer" Well the war to end all weer." phrase, "the war to end all wars". Well, the war which was to end them is over, and the militarists of the world, which includes America, you know, are sweating their hair dry in preparation for the coming war. The picture below is a silent tribute to the "pacifist" Wilson and his last war fairy tales.



My Flight from Siberia

REINDEER have a jolly way of runing. They hang their tongues out at the sides of their mouths and breathe quickly, and loudly. The road was narrow, the animals pressed their bodies closely together. One must I wonder that they do not hinder each

"You must admit," said Nikivor turnthese are not to be had. They are strong as steers, and the very pick work in shops, factories or mines with beat these. Old Michael wouldn't But then when he had drunk when it came to handing them over he began to cry. 'Mind you,' he said, this leader'-Nikivor pointed to the foremost reindeer--- 'cannot be paid for If you come back safe and sound I'll buy it off you again for the That shows you what fine same sum.' animals they are. And I put down a good sum for them, too. But they are worth it, all right enough. The leader alone cost us twenty-five roubles." There was a brief pause, then Nikivor began again.

"Only from Uncle Michael Ossiporitch can one get a free loan of them. Uncle told me straight out, 'You are an idiot, Nikivor.' Yes, that's just what he said: 'You are an idiot, Nikivor. Why didn't you tell me at once you were driving this fellow?"

"What fellow do you mean?" I in-

(By The Federated Press)

NEW YORK CITY.-There is no danger that congress will prohibit the abor of all persons under 18 years of age if the child labor constitutional amendment is ratified by the states. says Bernard L. Shientag, industrial commissioner of New York state. Past acts show conservatism of congress. The last federal child labor law, which was declared unconstitutional, was less rigorous than existing laws in New York and various states, Shientag points out. Answering questions regarding the effect of the proposed amendment on state legislation, Shientag declares in an official statement: "The power of the states is unim paired by the proposed federal amend-

extent necessary to give effect to the legislation enacted by congress.' DO YOUR SHARE IN **COMFORTING CLASS**

the state law will be suspended to the

IRTHDAYS in July of political prisoners still confined in prisons in the United States, are anounced by the Workers' National Prison Comfort Club, 2923 Chestnut Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as follows:-

WARRIORS IN JAIL!

AT PITTSBURGH, PA. Western Dist. State Penitentiary July 4, Jacob Dolla—A-12891.

AT BOISE, Idaho, Box No. 58. July 5, Jos. Doyle. REPRESA, CALIF.-Folson

prison.

their efforts.'

July 4, Warren Billings; July 26, James Price. AT SAN QUENTIN, SAN QUENTIN

PRISON, CALIFORNIA. July 3, T. O. Kleiberg, No. 38119; July 18, Wm. Flanagan, No. 37897 July 26, H. R. Hanson, No. 28114; July 30, Jac Varela, No. 38133.

AT MIDWAY-TEXAS-R No. 1-c.o. Ferguson Farms' July 28, Chas. Cline. Cora Meyer, Nat'l Secretary, invites friends and sympathizers to

send birthdays cards and letters

(money is adviseable for gifts) to these political prisoners. Books and publications to be sent directly from the publishers. Political prisoner—A. Cisneros writes: "Words cannot express my appreciation for what "Comrades" are doing (my tenth year in prison).

Am sure they will never regret

"Well-yourself-for instance." I had many opportunities to notice that "fellow" was a favorite word in my guide's vocabulary.

We had gone scarcely ten versts when Nikivor suddenly halted his "We have to turn off the trail here

and go to a Yakut camp about five versts away. There is a gussi there for me. I wouldn't get far with only the malitsa before I'd be frozen right thru. I had a note about the gussi from Nikita."

I was taken aback by the thought of this nonsensical proceeding. The idea myself." of stopping at a Yakut camp only ten versts from Beresov! I learned that Nikivor should have fetched the gussi yesterday—that he had spent the past

two days drinking.

"No matter," I told him. "I refuse way..." to drive over there. The devil only knows who or what may be there. You should have attended to that before. If you begin to suffer from the cold you may put on my fur coat under your malitsa, this coat I'm sitting on now. And when we arrive safely I'm wearing. It's warmer than a

"Good then," Nikivor answered, cheerfully, immediately agreeing with "Why should we want a my plan. We won't perish from the cold. Ho-ho!" he shouted to the reindeer. "We don't need the stick for these animals. Ho ho!"

But his hilarity did not last long. The liquor overcame him. He wobbled about on the sleigh, fell into a deep sleep. Several times I woke him up. He shook himself each time, touched ap the reindeer with his long stick, muttered, "What does it matter. These —and fell asleep again. The reindeer slowed their pace, fell almost into a walk, and only my repeated livened them up a bit. Two hours passed. Then I too fell asleep, but woke up in a few minutes under the impression that the reindeer had stopped. I was still half asleep and convinced that all was lost.
"Nikivor!" I shouted, shaking him

can't do anything. Let me sleep." My situation began to seem desper-

ate. We had gone only thirty or forty versts from Beresov. It would be quite easy to overtake us, in case my flight had been observed, if we paused here. had no intention of pausing. I saw that strong measures were necessary

"Nikivor," I shouted, pulling his fur cap from his head and exposing him to the bitter cold. "If you don't wake up and drive on and that promptly I'll throw you out into the snow and go on

Either my words or the cold on his exposed head woke him up a little. It leveloped that he had lost his stick while he slept.

Reeling about, scratching himself, ment excepting that the operation of ne found a hatchet in the sleigh, after a long search. With it he chopped lown a young fir tree and removed its branches. With our new stick we coninued. I resolved to keep my driver firmly in hand.

"Don't you understand what you are doing?" I asked him, sternly. "This is not a joking matter. I suppose you think the police will begin to praise

us if they catch us!" "Of course, I understand," Nikivor

replied, waking up a little more. PLUTES BACK UP CITIZENS' WAR TRAINING CAMPS

WASHINGTON: — Big business, nounced that it is back of the military training camp movement in the United States. It has had certain "high" officials of the war department make survey of big business sentiment. This survey shows "that there is a widely favorable sentiment among ousiness concerns to give to their employes who enlist in these camps fullime pay" for the camp period, while importance to workers. business is 100 per cent favorably disposed toward the camps.'

Good or No Good? They find that "a number feel that he employe's morale has been definitely improved by this training," while other employers are not sure that business gets anything out of it, as yet. These doubtful employers that, as implied before, the Commuare 64 per cent of the total, tho all nist viewpoint on many topics is not of them permit their workers to go to given in as full a fashion as it ought.

"What are you driving at? That third steer is no good. The first one is—couldn't be better—and the second is all right, too, but that third onenobody can deny that he's weak. Towards morning the cold became

markedly more severe. I put on the gussi over my sheepskin and was penetrated his malitsa, and the poor to warm up the fur coat as well as or universal military training. An hour later we came in sight of

the yourtas-three of four miserable United States calls for larger armed hovels, built of planks. "I'll just go in for a few minutes gins quite early. On May 24th he and warm myself and ask about the declared "the time is still far distant Nikivor vanished.

Five minutes passed . . . ten fifteen. A strange figure, completely enveloped in furs approached the sleigh, stood there silent and unmovable for awhile, and then went away. Day dawned slowly and the forest and the wretched and melancholy I'll give you the short sheepskin coat yourtas began to assume a threatening aspect. "What will be the end of this whole business?" I asked myself. 'Will I be able to go farther with this drunken rascal? If we go on at this speed it would be easy to overtake us. And when he's drunk-God only knows what Nikivor might say to some one who would report it to Beresov, and that would be the end of everything. Even if they cannot overtake us they may send telegraphic messages to all the stations along the railway. Is it really worth while to go on?" I asked myself despairingly

(To Be Continued.)

NEW YORK CITY.—The Roman by the shoulder. He only muttered, Catholic Church in New York is acincoherently. "What can I do? I tively lining up with the militarists to defeat the No More War crusade. Edward P. Tivnan, a Jesuit priest and head of Fordham university, after attacking the peace pledges as "treach-

ery," says:
"To this appeal Fordham university will make answer by establishing a unit of the reserve officers' training corps here." Cardinal Hayes, who spoke at the school graduation exercises after Tivnan, endorsed his "spirit of patriotism." "We realize our country is of the making of God," was the startling statement made by the cardinal.

Books for the Youth

The American Labor Year Book, 1923-24. Rand School of Social Ssience: \$3.00.

Unlike the year book of 1921-22, this volume of the series is characterized by a square attempt to be impartial in its treatment of the various groups within the labor movement on all fields. In last year's volume, under the editorship of Algernon Lee, it seemed to the revolutionary fervor of the comthe purpose of giving, among other things, a great collection of misinformation about the Communists. In this issue, however, under the direction of Solon DeLeon, the reports on Communist organizations are distinctly fair, but still not, of course, what is to be desired. For example, giving the defunct Socialist party twice as much space as the Workers Party is ertainly a misjudgment of values.

However, there is other material in the book besides reports on Communist and socialist organizations. It is speaking officially thru the National a handbook that ought to be the side Conference Board, an partner of every labor agitator and worker in the country. It gives concise and valuable reports on such important questions as the distribution of income, the concentration of industry, wages, the cost of living, child abor, trade union organizations in America and the rest of the world, labor legislation, international organizations and dozens of other topics of

If you can at all afford the price of this book we urge you to get it for it will be of great value to any worker who needs information of various phases of the movement and who should not need to go to the trouble of doing the research himself. This advice is given in spite of the fact

THE TASKS OF THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE ON JULY 4 ANNIVERSARY

By HARRY GANNES

NDEPENDENCE DAY (July 4th) | tered everywhere.

originated as a revolutionary occasion of the rising American capitalists. armed rising against the British monarchists of that time. After grabbing for themselves thousands of acres of land, the American landholders could owners and the bourgeoisie. They see no earthly reason for paying taxes to a dissipating monarch overseas.

The American people were whipped into a fury of rage over "no taxation without representation" and "liberty or death"; they gathered what armed forced they could and in a most illegal manner confiscated what by all known legal precedent of the time was right fully, by the right of God and king, George IV's property.

July 4 Now and Then. 4th, 1776, was a time of preparing the armed forces for the revolutionary overthrow of the British

July 4th, 1924, is being used as a day for preparing the armed forces of the American capitalists to protect their ill-gotten gains and to annex as much of the world's wealth as the size of their army and navy will permit.

Why the Army? The peace-time army and navy of this country is larger today than it ever was in the history of the United No more do the American militarists depend on the regular army alone for its forces of murder and There has been invented coercion. ome new forms of military appendages, such as the Citizen's Military Training Camps, the Reserve Officer Training Corps and several other like odies.

July 4th comes as a very convenient fairly comfortable, but Nikivor's con- day for the entire tribe of militarists dition had gone, the cold had already in this country to howl for a large army and navy: for millions of dollars man was shivering from head to foot. for war preparation; for the destruction of the Communists and for the "No, it is too late. I would only have curbing of pacifists; for conscription All Yelp for Militarism.

Every capitalist politician in the forces. Secretary of War Weeks bewhen America can lay down her find a conspicuous place there. arms."

army to protect the independence won should take advantage of this day as tariat bids fair to fall for the reams class nature of capitalist armaments of imperialist rot that will be scat- and wars.

There is a revolutionary lesson that the workers can gain from an under-The American revolution was an standing of July 4th, 1776. Let us ask ourselves the question: Who controlled the military forces of 1776? History answers irrefutably: The landused the army in their own interests. Who owns the army and navy today? Undoubtedly the American financiers and factory owners. And they do and

will use the army in their own interests. War and Capitalism.

Armies will exist so long as capitalism lasts. The sooner the workers begin to recognize this fact the nearer will come the solution of capi talist war. The attitude the worker must take toward the increasing armaments and the war preparations is that of an unarmed member of a class that is oppressed by that army.

The Workers' Army. We must not overlook the fact that it was the Czar's army, composed as it was of peasants and workers, that helped greatly to establish the present soviet republic; in Germany the deluded proletarians in the ranks of the Kaiser's armies found better use for their guns than shooting down brother workers in foreign uniforms.

The American army, and especially the one which the arch-militarists in the United States seek to build, would be one that is oblivious to its interests and unmindful of the role it played in the hands of its exploiters.

What is the immediate task in our fight against capitalist militarism in the United States on this most militarist of days, July 4th?

Our Tasks Today.

We must continue to carry on with nore fervor our propaganda among all workers, young and old, to arouse in them a consciousness of their class position and what the armed forces mean to them and to their immediate If possible, the concrete slogan of No more armaments should be advanced in trade unions and other working class bodies.

Since the schools are today being used as military concentration camps, our Communist anti-militarism must

Just as the capitalists use July 4th The keynote of the entire press is: as a pro-militarist occasion the en-"Build a larger navy and a greater I ghtened sections of the working class And the American prole an opportunity of bringing out the

The Work of the Nucleus

The Carrying of the Struggle Against Opponents, Anti-Militarism and Athletics

Struggle Against Opponents
THE shop nucleus should not only fulfilled in the shop.

our movement. Should the nucleus such sport clubs. win the sympathy of members of the ocial-democratic youth or other, even opponent organizations, this does not for us. In the nucleus meetings to sity for their participation in the class which the members of other prole-struggle. tarian youth organizations are invited, the best subject to discuss is the difference between the Young Workers League and all other proletarian youth organizations. It would be particularly if these meetings were combined with certain political events, so that as a result of joint discussion, joint resolutions and joint lidarity between the members of the demands can be put forward.

United Front From Below

On special occasions the work in

social-democratic youth to demand

from their leading bodies a united

front with our organization, in the

fight against fascism, etc. Should the

Be Careful With New Ones

leading bodies refuse their request, the vouth themselves should be won for the cooperation. Where young workers in the shop are members of opponent bourgeois organizations. everything possible should be done to win them for the class struggle, if these young workers are members of reactionary youth organizations, they must be induced to league has been in efficient existence leave them. If after all forms of per- for a very short time, English branchsuasion have been used they still es have already been organized in workers of the shop, acting under mand their dismissal, otherwise the

boycott must be used. Other Tasks of the Nucleus Apart from the main tasks of the eague, the nucleus carries out a number of tasks which were previously performed by the branch, but which the nucleus is more easily able to do, thanks to its structure.

Sport Activity. Many young workers in the shops are members of one be in close contact with the in- or another sport organizations, and hose young workers who are mem- the nucleus must carry on propagandifferent young workers, but also with da amongst them to make it clear to pers of socialist youth organizations. them that sport cannot be the only The separating barriers must fall in activity of a young worker, and in the joint struggle against the offens- this propaganda they must try to perve of capital and the increasing paup suade the young workers to take orization. The shop nucleus must part in the political and economic orherefore always approach the mem- ganizations of the working class also. pers of other proletarian youth or In its campaign the nucleus must supganizations when dealing with the port the agitation of the labor sports shop problems, the abolition of bad organizations in the shops. Where conditions, the setting up of wage de- such organizations are not yet in exmands, and in short, in all economic istence, the Young Workers League movements. Only in exceptional cases thru its various nuclei and in coopera should we appeal to the socialist tion with the fellow workers who are youth in the shop as such, for it interested in sport must form one. By would be hardly brilliant on our part the establishment of shop sections of to take the initiative in uniting them. labor sports organizations, the nuc-The work among the socialist youth leus will counteract the use of sport is for the purpose of winning them organizations in the interests of the for the demands of the communists bosses. Where shop sport clubs are and for the rejection of the anti-labor in existence, the nucleus must carry policy of the social-democratic lead- on the struggle inside them in acers. The united front, but from be- cordance with the instructions issued low, that is a task that can be best for the work inside the bourgeois sport clubs. The members of the nucleus must fractionally combine within The personal contact with members such organizations and with the help of the other proletarian youth organ- of all sympathizers who can be won izations is very important, first to distance they must carry on the struggle cover what is going on in their organ- against the concealed intentions of ization and second to win them for the master class in the formation of

Stick With the Workers The nucleus must never isolate itself from the young workers of the mean that these young workers shop, no matter in what form they hould immediately be allowed to en-organize themselves, the members of ter the league, it is often times very the nucleus must be there also to carmuch better for us if they remain in ry on the struggle for the recognition their organizations and work there by the young workers of the neces-

In order to meet the demands of the young workers for sport, the nucleus must, if necessary, organize its own sport arrangements, football, rowing, wimming, etc. The nucleus should also undertake rambles, hikes, etc. These latter are particularly suited for strengthening the feeling of sonucleus and the other young workers by passing together their hours. Such rambles must also be the shop must aim to persuade the used for another field of the league activity.

The work in the country. According to the instructions of the branch committee the nucleus will receive a particular country district where it must carry on agitation amongst the rural young workers. For this purpose, joint meetings with neighboring nuclei may be arranged.

New League Branches.

Altho the New York district of the refuse to do so, then all the young Passaic, Trenton and Hartford, Conn. Branches are in the process of being the initiative of the nucleus must de- organized in West New York and Jersey City. Besides these, four new branches have been organized in New York City proper. The Hartford branch already has twenty members.

> Under the pinch of economic conditions, the conservative of today often becomes the radical of tomorrow.

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On This July 4th
WHAT does this July 4th mean to the young workers
of America?

From every platform he hears big fat politicians, silk hat in one hand and flag in the other, raving about the glorious declaration of independence, the noble war of the revolution, the holy constitution of the republic, and the greatest country in the world, the good old U. S. A. The spellbinders peddle a good line of bunk. And most of the young fellows, blinded by the spray of oratory to their actual conditions and the actual situation in this country today, fall for the bull.

But let the young worker look around a little and see how utterly different things are from what they are

What does the declaration of independence mean to the young fellow or girl who must slave 9 to 10 hours each day for a miserable wage at the end of the week? What do the guarantees of freedom mean to the young and old workers who are not permitted to assert their

alleged rights in their daily struggle against their bosses for better conditions, hours and wages? What do the riches of the country do for the workers when all the wealth is owned by a small number of hogjowled and huge-paunched individuals who do nothing

but clip stock dividends? What good does the phrase of the "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" mean to the average worker when all he does is "pursue" these things with-

out ever getting them? There is no freedom or happiness or life of a decent kind for the workers in this capitalist America. They are doomed to slave for their bosses in the industries of the country; they are fated to die in the wars for the profits of their bosses, unless -

Unless they unite into working class organizations that stand ready to fight with them against the capitalist system which deprives them of the opportunity of life, liberty and happiness; the system which drags even the smallest child in the cogs of industrial life and maims its body and mind for the sake of profit; the system which produces frightful massacre of the workers in the form of wars "to end all wars"; of the system which divided society into separate classes, whose lives are as different as are their interests.

It is on the basis of these interests that the Young Workers League of America appeals to the young workers to enter its ranks. The young workers are part of the working class as well as the adults and the Y. W. L. of A. is organized to fight for the class interests of the

If you are ready for the struggle for freedom which was only begun in 1776, then join with us, you young workers, join with us and help in the fight!

June 17 and After

IN spite of all the attacks against the convention, in

spite of the attempts made by the news papers to plit the delegates and bring about a bolt, the June 17 convention of workers and poor farmers carried thru its work successfully and nominated its candidates for president and vice-president, Duncan McDonald, an Illinois coal miner and William Bouck, a Washington farmer. In the three days that it met, it succeeded in laying the basis for the organization of a powerful class farmerlabor party, founded on the needs of the masses of workers and farmers. It is all set for the affiliation of all elements that are willing to carry on political action for the oppressed workers and farmers independently of the Republican and Democratic parties.

While the Farmer-Labor Party is not a communist party, and has no demand in its program for a working class revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat, it is the beginning of labor's march on the road to emancipation from the capitalist system. party, having a militant program and led by militant

While the demands of the Young Workers League were not included in full in the program, our delegate presented them and they were accepted in the resolutions committee. Only one of them was rejected from the floor because it was stated that the demand was included in the program: the six-hour day, five day week for youth labor. This demand was not, however, specifically mentioned in the program. This merely proves that we shall have to continue to hammer away for our demands until we have convinced the young and the old workers of the importance of adopting them among the other slogans of the workers.

Let the members of the league get busy in supporting the Farmer-Labor Party, in affiliating to the state organization, in aiding in the electorial campaigns, in widening the influence of independent political organization and action among the working class. That, together with a campaign to have the Farmer-Labor party, nationally and locally, adopt our youth demands, is the job of the moment.

Into the Unions!

WITH the horizon becoming daily darker and darker with the increasing unemployment, one of the immediate problems of the young workers, and in particular the members of the Young Workers League, becomes more pressing than ever. That problem is to have every single member of the league a member of the trade union in his industry and also to become active in the Trade Union Educational League.

When unemployment becomes widespread over the country, the bosses will immediately take advantage of the fact that there are many for one job, to attempt to cut the wages and increase the hours of the men still at work. They have always done this and they will try to do it again this time. And if the workers refuse to take the cut in wages or the hours increase and walk out on strike, they will be presented with the situation of starving unemployed workers rushing to take their vacated jobs. And where the adult workers will sometimes hesitate to scab on their brothers, the bosses will, as they have in the past, use the young workers as strike-breakers.

The young workers must not allow themselves to be This is officially the policy of the amental demands, therefore, altho we fluence and to give them a greater made the tools of the bosses in the latter's attempt to Young Workers League and should put them forward for agitational and proletarian orientation by having lower the wages and make worse the conditions of the be studied and acted upon by the propaganda purposes, cannot be real-them participate in a phase of the workers in general. These conditions will sooner or league with that in mind .- Ed. later be reflected in all classes of toilers, young and old, skilled or unskilled.

In order that there shall be a smaller number of available scabs, it is the duty of every young and old worker to join the union immediately. They must try their utmost to strengthen the unions by uniting the craft organizations into industrial bodies. They must do all they can to make the unions militant, by giving it a rank number of child slaves is admitted naturally, be a step in advance of and file revolutionary leadership. Under the direction of the revolutionary minority in the unions, groused which points out that no statistics bourgeoisie and the labor movement, around the Trade Union Educational League, they must were gathered on children under the i. e., the trade unions. But on the around the Trade Union Educational League, they must push their struggle.

To the young workers, and the league members, especially, it is important that they remember our program, its economic demands, and fight for them, within the like home industrial work, after try: unions and directly in the shops.

With unemployment coming on, we demand the shorter workday and week for the youth, so that there shall be more work for the workless, so that the existing jobs will be more evenly distributed among all, without decreasing the wages of those at work. We demand, for the unemployed young workers, free vocational training under the control of the organized workers, the expenses to be paid by the government and the industries, which have been making huge profits all the time and sapping the vitality from the youth.

This work must be carried on jointly within the unions and the T. U. E. L. This work cannot be carried on ers League. from the outside; and if we are to fight for our demands, if we are to lead in the struggle for the needs of the young workers, we must all get into these two organizations instantaneously. Get into them now!

Our Economic Demands

THE drives which the Young Workers League of Chi- legislatures, 13 of which are enough Party and the Junior Section. The cago is now carrying on hand in hand with the newly where child labor forms one of the rature, Press, and Publicity; united organized district committee should be an example to props to important industries and every other branch of the league in the country. We this would assure the failure of the refer especially to the campaign in support of the eco-amendment's ratification. nomic demands of the young workers which started in the huge Western Electric Co. plant and which is now to our program which demands for being carried on against the slave-driving firm of Bunte's Chocolate Co., a concern which employs young boys and and the substitution of the commungirls almost exclusively.

As can be seen from The Young Worker, the conditions in these plants are described and our slogans put forth. The comrades than see to it that the papers are institution of the work school differs tions of the National Child Labor sold, and that our message is delivered to the young workers by open-air meetings at noon time. What the child labor and the institution of vo- League, fraternal societies and the comrades are doing is what should be done in every cational education made by the Con-like, to attend local conferences city. There are scores of factories and industries in sumers League, National Child Labor which will form permanent organiwhich the very same campaign can be carried on. In the factories where youth labor is employed to a large extent it should be the duty of the local league to initiate a campaign for the economic demands of our program. It is only when the young workers see that we are interested in their conditions of work, and that we are in a move to aid them to better these conditions,—it is only then that they will come into our organization and help us in the struggle against capitalism. It is only then that our shop nucleus work will become intensified tion of the child during youth pro- the organization of a farmer-labor and the amount of nuclei increase greatly, for a shop nucleus which does not carry on the economic and trade union work of our organization is very little better than an ordinary territorial branch.

What are these economic demands? In full, they can earning power and satisfaction in tributed. International Youth Day be read in the resolutions and theses of the second national convention of the league which have been printed in pamphlet form. Here we give a few of the most im-

We want a six-hour day and a five-day week for young workers. This demand is in accordance with the needs of the young workers in the industries and the mines and what is just as important, it will get the young workers into a struggle against their bosses-which means a struggle against the system of society in which they live--and make them ready to join the organization which is leading the struggle for this demand.

The same can be said about the other demands: the abolition of the body-destroying and mind-wrecking system of piece work and the speed-up schemes of the capitalist hogs; for a four weeks' annual paid vacation; abolition of night work and of youth labor in dangerous industries.

We stand for equal wages for all who do equal work whether they are young or old. This is fundamental in its fairness and will go a long way towards doing away with the divisions in the ranks of the working class be tween the youth nd the adult.

the fundamental needs of the young workers of both sexes. The Young Workers League does not stand for any abstract demands which have nothing to do with the life and work of the youthful laborers. Our demands are their life and jobs and it is our task to make them just as inseparable from their minds.

What is being done by the Chicago comrades should It forms the basis of our activities among the working youth and only from that can we build a mass organization of young communists.

Communist Program for the Struggle Against Child Labor

THE following is the program adopt mittee of the Young Workers League at a recent session as the guide for the training of children so that they the lessue in its campaign against may be better fitted for social life the exploitation of child laborers under a classless society. Our fund-

school work, bootblacking, messenger try may be more accurately guaged in dangerous industries. rom a comparison of the discrepancy between the total amount of children young and old. in this country and the total that attends school during the year. From this, it can be seen that the better figure would be 3,500,000. This makes to the labor unions. the problem of child labor a most prominent one, requiring immediate action on the part of the Young Work-

2. The child labor laws passed by the congress were declared unconstitutional by the supreme court Since then, of course, child labor has increased by leaps and bounds. The child labor amendment to the constied method of endorsements by state

ist vocational training (the from the demand for abolition of Committee, rimitive industries like canneries, shall call a national conference. cotton picking, beet picking, and the like, and they see that the exhaust the party and sympathetic elements, resources and production is caused a special issue of The Young Worker by unskilled workers" (b) "Wage-and The Young Comrade will be dis-

ed by the national executive com- "Child Labor", Children's Bureau, U S. Department of Labor.) We demand campaign. work in agricultural, manufacturing and the Workers Party shall particiand mining occupations. That this pate and gain influence and numbers.

even by the Department of Labor these advocated by the "enlightened" age of 10, that the census (1920) was following demands we can secure the taken during January when many adherence of the workers since they farm slaves go to school, and that are based on the joint needs of the no account was taken of employment adult and young workers of the coun-

a. Limitation of the workers' day boys, newsboys, etc. The actual to a maximum of four hours with no number of child laborers in this coun-

> b. Equal wages for equal work for c. Strict supervision of apprentice-

> d. Organization of the children in

Special demands will be necessary in certain instances, and will be formulated whenever and wherever necessary to carry on and broaden the child labor campaign.

The Campaign 5. While we have no illusions

or any of these demands in full, the tution now passed by both houses of the purpose of increasing, organizacongress, has to to thru a longwind-tionally and as an influence, the Young Workers League, the Workers front conferences and mass meetings. Under the first point, The Young Worker, The Young Comrade, The 3. We therefore continue to adhere Daily Worker and the other publications of the Workers Party must be the complete abolition of child labor systematically filled with material; articles must also be sent to the trade work union press. When the campaign asschool), child labor being considered sumes sufficient proportions, leaflets up to the age of 16. Our demand for shall be issued. Calls shall be sent the abolition of child labor and the out to trade unions, local organiza-National Committee and various reports by the zations for the propagation of our de Children's Bureau, U. S. Department mands or as many as we shall be able of Labor, in that the latter have two to put over. The party and the Trade purposes in mind: A. the abolition Union Educational League must be of child labor because they represent the bigger machine industries which require able workers and not the form about 20 to 25 local councils we

THEY

By Siegfried Sassoon

HE Bishop tells us: "When the boys come back They will not be the same; for they'll have fought In a just cause; they lead the last attack On Anti-Christ; their comrades' blood has bought New right to breed an honorable race. They have challenged Death and dared him face to face."

"We're none of us the same!" the boys reply, "For George lost both his legs; and Bill's stone blind; Poor Jim shot through the lungs and like to die; And Bert's gone syphilitic; you'll not find A chap who's served that hasn't found SOME change." And the Bishop said: "The ways of God are strange!"

It should be noted that all these demands are based on POLISH BOURGEOISIE MURDERS 18-YEAR-OLD YOUNG COMMUNIST

closely knit to and inseparable from the conditions of Poland, has been executed by order of the president of the Polish republic, Comrade Engel, 18-year-old member of the Young Communist League of says the Young Communist International in a message received at the national office of the Young Workers League.

"A horrible crime has been added to the long list of crimes committed be the order of the day for the rest of the league by the Polish bourgeoisie," declares the Y. C. I. "Our young Comrade Engel the powerful communist party of the branches. For various reasons this job has not been at sentenced to death by court martial was executed immediately after the future. They are passing through all

tended to by the league but it cannot be longer neglected. endorsement of the sentence by president of the Polish republic." Poland, under the leadership of the French imperialists, has made a practice of killing Communists regardless of age. Engel is just one of the many the future vanguard of the proletariat

who have met death for his work in behalf of the workers of Poland. Everybody with a shoulder to the wheel! On with the Engel's death is an opportune time to increase the activities of the league workers' movement. campaign for the economic demands of the Young Workthe working class may go the way of their system.

big cities. They are the children of culosis, syphilis and other diseases to domain the humanitarian inclinations labor power, locked up in school

tarian child in capitalist society, them sleeping in one bed, eight or ten of them living in one kitchen. They of thousands of helpless childen and poison-tens of the society tection of child labor when it could work, are being subjected. The miser-of work in large factories do not like to work in large factories, no longer make use of it. How can able child who throughout his young ing the minds of the child population, they are sent on the street and into the weak little arms of the anaemic, life in the house of his parents and a process that can only be noticed small workshops to earn their living degenerate children be of any use to in all his surroundings experiences the when it takes place on a large scale, capitalism today? They could not proletarian life himself, could too but which is for that reason all the

cendents of vigorous parents who are and turnips, when the parents more an unlimited period, provided that the being drawn from the country into the than ever were attacked by tuber-children are 11 years of age. Into this weak to be useful for capitalism as the children oughtn't to know.

juvenile courts, reformatory school and similar institutions—the child of What, however, is the true character of child exploitation? This is the orpared for the serious side of life. Undisguised, shameful exploitation has

SAN FRANCISCO. — When little den built up gigantic factories and for handling the extremely simple machines it uses cheap labor power on immense scale.

Terrible Conditions of Children.
In the "mother land" of capitalism the bourgeois child massacre has acquired other forms. Here the children who grow up are not the healthy descendents of vigorous parents who are dendents of vigorous parents who are dendent of the previous gent capitalist states (except Japan.) An gained must be utilized for its mental subjection, for drilling it until it becomes a servile tool of capitalism. The public school, this great acquisity in order to work in the hot sun in the leisure hours which the children are sucception is only found in agricultural work where even today in summer from school in ordent vigorous parents who made such exception is only found in ag

6. The junior groups must be drawn actively into this campaign in

order to gain membership and inized in the framework of capitalist class struggle. This is necessary, for 1. According to the statistics is-society. We must therefore carry on at present most of the members of sued by the Federal Department of a campaign for the amelioration of the groups are not in sufficiently close Labor and the United States Census the conditions of the child slaves, in contact with the class struggle, expe-tions with the children. Their organ-Bureau, there are 1,060,000 children the process of which the Young riencing it only weakly in the veiled ization into nuclei will then be a pos between the ages of 10 and 15 at Workers League, the junior section, form of the struggle within the sibility and its realization will mean schools. "It must no longer happen the carrying on of our campaign by that a group leader, to the question and among the child slaves themnumber does not represent the actual 4. Our immediate demands must, as to whether there was child labor selves.

the propaganda of the demands of the ply vehemently, Yes; but to the question as to whether the communist children's groups sought to reach the child laborers, replied with equal beit in den Kommunistischen Kinder gruppen.) In those localities where child labor is employed, efforts must be made thru the distribution of The Young Comrade, to establish connec-

By BARNEY MASS.

BEGINNING with the time they were organized into branches of the Y. W. L., the young miners of Illinois led the life of continual struggle. They met the attacks of burly, uncouth, ruthless, contemptible thugs. commonly under the leadership of the

It is indeed marvelous to see the branches still living and making progress under such adverse circumstances. Considering their limited experience and short time in the organization, the courage and determination about the possibility of achieving all of these young miners is to be admired. The class struggle is full of campaign should be carried on for reality to these young comrades, and never is discussed abstractly. Each league has a history of struggle behind it, worthy of the sympathy from the whole membership. Some mention should be made of the West Frankfort and Dowell leagues, as they went through the most turbulent times.

The splendid support given the writer during the time that the K. K. of rulers, Kings and Prime Min-K. attempted to break up his meeting in memory of the death of Lenin, by the West Frankfort comrades, and the period of reaction following, did not in the least deter them from their work. Much of their time, from then on, was spent in defending themselves from persecution, making organizational activity more difficult The comrades in Dowell, Ill., went

through a more critical period, and as a result of the splendid battle we find only a few left to carry on the work of the Y. W. L. First it was the most active com-

rades who were persecuted. This became obvious when comrade Germinal Allard was expelled from school and then later threatened to be sent to an industrial home for young criminals. With Allard out of the way, the mine bosses thought the rest was compartively easy. But they found they were tion of the child during youth produces unsatisfactory adult wage slav-party for the successful carrying out rades filled his place. In the face of es; and B. the institution of cocational training because (a) 'Waste in meetings shall be held during which campaign of organized intimidation this the bosses immediately began a discharging by the bunch members of the league. The only alternative left was to leave for other parts and se cure employment. Some went to St Louis and have contributed considerable in strengthening the branch there. The others left for Detroit, etc. CHICKIE? WE JUST ATE IT The ones remaining were abused through discrimination of the worst kind. Their fathers and relatives were thrown out of employment, etc. There are convinced that I am one of remain only three comrades, one of those radicals? I am the only whom, the brother of Germinal Allard, was recently hurt in a mine accident. one in the place who hasn't read The members in the other leagues the soul-stirring and pathetic suffered to a great extent, but still blurb about "Chickie." they are to be found in the ranks, fighting more energetically for the proletarian revolution.

To be a member of the Y. W. L. in that section of the county means something more than just merely paying dues. Here the class-struggle ing when we pay the rent. is felt, not discussed. The only in centive for the young miners to stick in it the thing giving expression to in the league is that they have found their demands, a movement of which they are an integral part. In their ranks is to be found solidarity, complete agreement. This condition is brought about because it is the boss whom they are fighting; they have plenty of external activity, and their eyes are at all times fixed on the class struggle. To each other they are comrades!

The present 350 members in the Illinois territory have the makings of the tests, hardships to qualify as ideal communists. From this material will leadership will be furnished for the tion said about the Republicans—and

ers for the proletarian revolution, not for the private opinion of by words but by deeds of action!

IMPROPAGANDA

At the age of 83 President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard swore off liquor.

When a man swears off a habit that old you can see how bad the liquor must have been

Our interest from Europe increases our interest in Europe.

HE CALLS A SPADE A SHOVEL. "Whatcha take me for- - a fool?" "Well I didn't hide it did I? I called a a Republican!"

BRICK LAYER. We just can't vote the Republican icket. The presidential candidate makes is take to cussing-and the candidate for ice-president makes cussing his plat-

No—we can't vote the Republican icket. Our Christian spirit simply re-CURRENT FICTION (The Week's Best Smeller)

Entitled, "Blah-Blah-Blah!"

"The people-and all the people—have confidence in Calvin Coolidge. In the great array isters, intrusted with power, there is none who can surpass him in honesty of purpose, in courage, or in high devotion to the welface of his country."-Ex-Senator Theo. E. Burton.

The workers and farmers have at last received some relief from Congress-it adjourned.

Senator Phelan of California who nominated McAdoo and according to the papers: who only recently cently returned from a trip to Europe was in the best of spirits."

An honest reporter would have written: "Senator Phelan who onl recently returned from a trip to Eur ope had in him the best of spirits.

expected Madison It is Square Garden is to be torn down after the Democratic convention.

Probably have to. Fumigation can't kill all the odor.

At last the girls in my office 'those radicals." I am the only COMRADE BILLY

A doctor says that a man may be drunk thru suffering a severe shock. Now we can explain that dizzy feel-

BUT IF IT ISN'T—WHAT IS IT?
"Tis at this time of the year that the college graduate slowly wends his way out into the world, for a post graduate course, in which he learns that the class struggle is not the yearly event between the freshmen and the shops.

OFFICE BEANE. OFFICE BEANE.

S'funny. But the new Farmer Labor Party which includes the Communists, who are against religion, received a blessing from St. Paul.

HOT STUFF

We read what the Republican convention said about the Democratsand we agree. They are correct. We be formed. It is of this quality that read what the Democratic convenwe agree. They are also correct. We In the same spirit we should carry believe what they said about each on our fight on a national scale. The other. But they missed a few points American workers have confidence in we have in mind. Send a self-adighters. We must demonstrate that dressed stamped envelope with a all our members are aggressive fight-sheet of asbestos for us to write on WALT CARMON, Impropagandist.

THE ITALIAN FASCIST GOVERNMENT By DOMENICK FLAIANI

me clean my mouth! Who of young young workers does not know of the many crimes committed by the men of the black shirt,

by the fascist murderers of Italy? The last one to be committed was just a few days ago and the victims vere the national secretary of the socialist party and the deputy of the chamber of Italy, Giacomo Matteotti. He was kidnapped by five fascisti in front of his house, pulled into an automobile and taken out of the Eternal City of Rome. Just think of this, in Rome there are 100,000 police but in the moment of the kidnapping of the socialist deputy there were no police

in Rome. . What happened to Matteotti no one knows.

This is not the first assassination for our lost comrade, Matteotti.

EE, the name is too dirty! Let committed by the fascisti. The same men killed the worker Antonio Piccini. The same fascisti pulled out the eyes of the young Communist, Bario Berruti, and shot 25 bullets thru his body. The same men killed the Communist deputy. Comrade Di Vagno. Who committed the brutal crime by

killing the deputy Matteotti? They belong to the same gang which assas sinated 9,000 workers in the streets and fields of Italy. They belong to the criminal party of the fascisti. Mussolini, the renegade of the workers, looks on and is glad to see the workers massacred by his men. What ave the young and old workers of this country to say about this crime committed by the fascisti, which includes the officials of the Italian government?

In the name of the young workers of Philadelphia, I express the sorrow

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belongs to the past, as far as civilized

capitalist countries are concerned. A

similar state of affairs exists today on-

ly in China, Japan, in parts of South

America where European and Ameri-

can financial capital has all of a sud-

den built up gigantic factories and for

proletarians who for generations have led the miserable life of wage-slaves of horror which the working on account of "higher economic inthe circumstance of modern indus."

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