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THE YOUNG WORKER Stands For

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

A Fight Against the Boss Class:

Unionizing the Youth!

The Weekly Will Come Out March 1st

equal Los Angeles?

the Weekly Young Worker.

along this line one bit.'

Young Worker: Who s next?

FRANK ANTI-COMMUNIST

CLEVELAND. -- Open advo-

The slogan of the industrial

It is most essential to bring home

that a reputation for being the center

of radical thought is a most destruc-

tive factor in the life of a community.

the daily teachings that reach the

make for an understanding of the fact

that legitimate business must not only

enjoy to the full the blessings of mod-

be protected but fostered if we would

thru the press are of a character to holders.

The children of wealthy parents family.'

Wages can never keep pace with over 14.

are usually sent to private

schools, where their education

is carefully steered into reac-

the cost of living. They never have

and they never will so long as capi-

A humble slave I despise: a rebel-

lious slave I respect.-Wendell Phil-

tionary channels.

talism endures.

Times-Commercial.

ern civilization."

EDUCATION

assurance that we shall not have As soon as a unit of the league Friends and shop mates should be Preparations should also be THE national executive committo suspend it, as other revolution-collects any money for the fund, it called upon to make contributions made for unprecedently successful tee of the Young Workers ary papers have been forced to do must be sent in immediately to on the collection lists of The Liebknecht Day demonstrations. League has decided that the date because of insufficient finances. In the campaign committee at the Young Worker. of publication of the first issue order to insure the continued publication of fice. No efforts should of the Weekly Young Worker lication of the Weekly it is neces- be spared to make a concentrated Every meeting of the league, to The Young Worker. shall be changed to March 1st, sary that we have on hand the drive for money, MONEY!

1924. This change was decided initiated fund of \$2,000. This Workers Party branches, units of upon because of the slowness of sum has not yet been raised and the Workmen's Circle, Workmen's time with taking up the question

should be visited for donations. Itions should also be taken up.

whether branch meeting or mass meeting, should take up part of its

Arrangements have already been made for the entire proceeds to go

Put your shoulder to the wheel! Make the money roll in!

1st, 1924!!

IN ACTIVE SUPPORT OF TEXTILE SLAVES

ried out by the Young Workers League.

Jim Reid, popular leader of the textile workers of this district and former national president of the National Union of chinery and equipment. Textile Workers of America, has been addressing the workers tional organizer of the Young Workers League.

Organiz Nucleus.

With the aid of young comrades from the Providence From R. L. Wilson down up enough guts to write the eague, Comrade Mass success- to the lowest gang boss, the slogan truth about the war, that is, that fully appealed to the young to the workersis higher productit was purely a war of the capistrikers to join the Young tion, no loafing. The slogan of talist nations for the redivision Workers League and has organ- higher wages or beter conditions of the world on a better base ized about 25 of them into a nucleus of the organization.

Special slogans were put forth junior section of the Young their flesh, raided their headquar-league on that basis. Comrade ters and made the arrests. The Nellie Frabulos and Ralph Komactivities of the wobblies in their insky, of the Providence league, The junior groups feel that in struggles against the boss class have been helping the strikers

on the charge of having distributed leaflets in the schools, calling MIDDLEBORO STRIKE SCENE MIDDLEBORO, Mass.—Activ-

In his tour thru the district into every one of the strikes and

league.

many of the leagues in sending in it is the DUTY of every unit of their quotas for the drive. We the league to intensify its work unions and other fraternal bodies be taken for the fund. Subscrip- Weekly Young Worker by March want to print the Weekly with an in the drive. Los Angeles Goes REACTIONARIES Three Times Over

the first installment of its share of the drive, when the quota

its share toward the Weekly Young Worker campaign. This does not include the amount collected by our members on the dona-

tion lists. These lists are to be turned in at our meeting tomorrow

Young Worker campaign have not been in vain, and can assure

REACTIONARY RAG OUT FOR BEET SUGAR TRUST EX

BOURGEOIS BRATS ARE SAFE 250 PER CENT PROFIT MADE

cacy of putting the school plant dren working excessively long

to work to turn out robots in hours in the sugar beet fields

the interest of big business is of Colorado, Montana and Wy

finding voice in Cleveland indus- oming are producing record

trial circles and thru the capi- profits for the wealthy owners

captains of Cleveland is ex-laires for the year ending Feb. pressed by a leading editorial on 28, 1925, will run over \$13,000,

the front page of this city's most | 000, equivalent to 80 per cent

reactionary newspaper, The on the common stock, accord-

to the minds of our people generally year's production and prices.

How can we best instill this fact into last eight years total \$56,722.

Eighty per cent of the chil- ments for taking the contract

dren in the schools of our large which is especially strong in the

cities are workers' children, case of the head of a large

PLOITS CHLIDREN UNDER

TEN YEAS OF AGE

Mothers and their little chil

of Great Western Sugar Co.

The gains of these million-

ing to the estimate of the Wall

Street Journal based on the

Huge Profits.

earners is one of the induce-

Work Under Ten.

workers were found to be under

10 years of age while only from

one-sixth to one-fifth were

Verily, the way of the revolution-

st is strewn with thorns, but that of

he compromiser and renegade is dot-

ted with the skins of over-ripe ban-

anas.—T. J. O'Flaherty.

One-fourth of the children

The company's profits for the

That's the spirit that is building rapidly towards the Weekly

Its Weekly Quota WILL TRY TO STOP MAILING OF OFFICIAL ORGAN, YOUNG COMRADE

THREE times above its quota! One hundred and fifty dollars as MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL SCARED

set was fifty dollars! Is there another unit of out league that can MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The boast of the same success? Is there another branch that can recent report of the activities of for soviets. the St. Paul and Minneapolis The Los Angeles league has just sent in a check for \$150 as the big "drop in the bucket" for their share of the drive for And this is not all! Comrade Esther Schneiderman, treasurer of the league, writes: "... the league is very proud to forward a check amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars as

Scaring 'Em.

The Minneapolis Journal car-Units in Schools."

you that the success we have met with shall not slacked our pace The bourgeois gentlemen were particularly scared at the prospect of the organization of students councils, by the junior groups, so that the proletarian children could discuss the policies and activities of the schools and be the only bodies to determine reprimands and punish-

Members of the Minneapolis board of education, following the publicity in the press, are having The Young Comrade and the other material of the blies who have been a thorn in their fact. Workers League barred from the mails as treasonable.

response to this new offensive have always received the cooper- in their fight against the extenof reaction in the schools that ation fo the communists and very sion of the two-loom system, their forces more than ever. lished between the two groups on thru the new England textile They will have to draw more the coast. The communists main-district. and more children into the tained a united front with the harjunior groups and set to work bor workers in San Pedro during Comrade Mass, who is also inin earnest to establish working their strike some time ago and a dustrial organizer of the league. class parents' councils for the number of children of I. W. W. pointed out the necessity of the board of education will go easy as a result of their activity.

FRISCO COPS PULL OFF BONER IN ARRESTING WOBBLIES

21 I. W. W. ARE PINCHED IN RAID FOR LEAFLET OF Y. W. L.

Hit "Education" Week

SAN FRANCISCO.—Descending upon the headquarters of the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE Industrial Workers of the World, the Frisco police arrested twenty one members of the organization

An investigation would have junior groups in The Young proved even to the morons direct ity among the young strikers, Comrade have caused quite a ing the police department that the who are out together with their wobblies had absolutely nothing adult brothers in a textile walkto do with the circulation of the out here, is what is being carleaflet among the school children. ried a prominent front page The leaflet was printed in Chicago article for two days with such by the Workers Party and circulscare headlines as "Baby Reds ated by the local Young Workers tion lists. These lists are to be turned in at our meeting tomorrow want to be Dictators in Public Schools," and "Communists promptly. We are certainly pleased that our efforts in the Weekly Dare' Webster to Uproot Red Workers Party. Workers Party.

Opposed Boss Piffle.

The leaflet was issued to coun teract the vicious anti-communist propaganda spread all thru the country, and especially in the schools, during the socalled "Education" week. It urged the work ers and their children not to fol-

low the misleading capitalist slogans issued by the kept government, but to follow the program of the communist in the movement towards communism. The police, seeking an oppor-

tarian children and their prevent them from going to jail on cial youth demnads of the the frame up.

Weeks Asks Increase In Army; Preparing For Next Boss' War

WASHINGTON.—An increase of 13,000 officers and 150,000 men in the statutory strength of the regular army is contemplated in projects mentioned by Secretary of War Weeks, in his annual report as being "held in abeyance by the short-age of military personel." The army now numbers about 12,000 officers and 118,750 men. The additional force would be distributed between the air service, field and coast artillery, infantry, engineers and sig-

nal troops. The capitalists are preparing for their next war in which the young workers will lay down their lives for the profits of their bosses. What are the young workers going to do?

PITTSBURGH SLAVE JOINT CONDITIONS BARED BY LEAGUE

Y. W. L. CALLS FOR MEMBERS

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The ing their time to gain oil con-Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company like all countries, as well as elsewhere. other campanies are organized to make profits for a few men who own and control the ma-

never enters the minds of these for themselves. The rivality of

Clever Methods Used.

dozing methods were used to force United States will probably be pealed to the youth to join the the workers to work harder but the basis of the next world war. today the boss uses more clever methods to drive the workers. The tempts to establish American crushing foreman only antagonized the men and made fighters of rope will inevitably lead to the them but today very clever means development of antagonism are used to drive the workers so with England, which is today they will have to consolidate good relationship has been estab- strikes which are occurring all that he cannot realize he is being the next powerful country in the First of all the company makes

the workers feel it is doing every thing in its power to help them -yes, it does everything but gives them higher wages to better their schools of the Twin Cities. The members join the juniors groups young Communists entering standard of living. It has saving tries, as well as those of other accounts, company stores, cafe-lands, is merely a sign of the when it is confronted with the Every effort will be made to rallying the young workers into teria, clubs, insurance policies, times. Feverish preparations combined strength of the prole- have the wobblies released and nuclei on the basis of the spe- shop committees, relief department, veteran associations, etc. United States, even the official These agencies are used very clev- labor movement, always a tool erly to make the men in the shop of imperialism, has now come think that the company is a huge out brazen facedly as the cophilantrophic organization, prim- worker, together with the finanarily organized for the benefit of cial capitalists, for imperialist the workers. If there are still At the last convention of the they have learned to understand and leading personalities of the party and any workers left who fell that the American Federation of Labor company is not in business for at El Paso, Gompers put thru a their (the workers) benefit, then proposal, which, if the scoundrel they have a very efficient police remained alive to carry thru, portance to us because it is the arments unchallenged, and considers it force, who can handle a club in a would have made him virtually very clever fashion or better still the assistant of the secretary of it is a very simple task to fire those who are discontented.

While there are many times systems of ways of computing the pay of the men, the latest piece of camouflage is the standard party are for us identical. Lenin never time system. Under this system placed himself above the party. He workers who do equal work are as that which is now taking supposed to get equal pay, yet in place in the Balkans to set the practice this is a myth. New men world aflame. The last war beeager to hold their jobs and old gan in that manner, and there cannot be separated from the party, men who if discharged cannot find is every likelihood that the next other work are often discrimin-one will begin in a similar ated against and paid lower rates. manner. The stop watch is the instrument a protest against the misrepresental used in timing the workers. The tion of the Bolshevist Party and its most vicious system is the group system which practically elim- masters who now rule by over inates the assistant foreman. The throwing the capitalist system The Bolshevist Party, the chief fac- earnings of the members of the which is the producer not only tor in the October Revolution, is en group are equally divided and of exploitation and misery, but tirely absent from the picture which each member of the group natur-

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ALBANIA-SERBIA SQUABBL

MAY LEAD TO ANOTHER WORLD SLAUGHTER

YOUNG WORKERS THREATENEL

LONDON. — The beginnings of a new world capitalist war is predicted here freely from the events now taking place in the Balkans.

Albania has ordered a general mobilization of its military forces to repel a so-called invasion from Serbia. Italy has warned Serbia that she will not permit the Jugo-Slavs to invade Albania, and will interfere in any such move.

Italy has her own interests in the revolt since the Adriatic has always been one of its desires. She is sending warships to Durazzo and Valona, Albanian

In the meantime the rival magnates of America and Great Britain are not wasting any time. They have both been us-

cessions in the various Balkan Like Last War. Political correspondents recall that the last world war began over a trifling indident, such as The only reason the non-work- the assassination of the Arching owners of the Westinghouse duke Ferdinand of Austria, also together with Barney Mass, na- permit the shop to run is to make in the Balkans and that from as much profit as possible for this incident, the entire world themselves. Hence the slogan of was thrown into the throca of the company to drive, drive war. It was only later that ev , -drive the men to the limit. the bourgeois writers summed

Germany and Great Britain was the cause of the last war and In days of old the cursing, bull- the rivalry of England and the

> The Dawes plan, which atcapitalists' hegemony over Euworld. This antagonism growing ever sharper is slowly forming the basis for a more terrible world war than the last one. Both nations are preparing

> for it. The increases in the army and navies of both counare being made for war. In the war in mobilizing the workers like sheep for the next capitalist slaughter. Even the militaristic citizens' military training camps were endorsed.

> > Just a Spark.

It needs only such an outburst

The workers of the world must prepare in order to halt the imperialist moves of the also of war and murder.

Charity is not designed to help the poor, but to perpetuate the powers of

For a Leninist League!

The Communist Youth Opposes Trotskyism

the minds of our people? Only by 196 after deduction of all losses, educational methods. We cannot have interest, depreciation and taxes. Note: The National Executive a sane state of public opinion unless This has meant over 250 per of the Young Workers League has homes thru the school children and cent to the common stocktaken a stand in definite opposition to the discussion towards opportunist revision of the fundamentals of The children's bureau, U. S Leninism which have been disdepartment of labor, tells of the played by Leon Trotzky, especially conditions underlying these in the introduction to his recently published book "1917". The national profits. Contract labor, includexecutive committee has also en-This organ of reaction bland- ing mothers and little children dorsed the statement of the central ly warns big business that if the does the work. The bureau executive committee of the Workschool children are "unwisely says: "Both women and chil-

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weapons for the coming fight. From gard to it. wrong representation of the past hiscerned, the greater will be the importance of a right, i. e. Bolshevist interpretation of this period.

In the "Lessons of October," which forms the introduction to Comrade Trotzky's recently published book '1917," he, in our opinion, approaches one of the most important facts in the history of the party, the October Revoluion, from a wrong and politically extremely dangerous point of view. The "Lessons of October," however, are, on the one hand, only a continuation of a whole chain of mistakes and misrepresentations which accompany the expression of other stages of Declaration of the Russian Commun- the fight in a series of previous books, ist-Leninist Youth League on Com- articles and speeches of Comrade rade Trotzky's "Lessons of October." Trotzky. On the other hand, Comrade THE foundation of the Bolshevist Trotzly in his last work deals with education for the youth is the study of the history of the party. The torical side, but he develops as reyoung generation of our party will gards the questions of the internaled the fight against Kornilov and bers speed up and do equal work. only become true Bolshevist, the Com- tioral Communist movement, his pol- which prepared and organized the in- It is a common sight to see girls the rich.

It is our custom to regard respect

In this spirit the Communist Youth 'Lessons of October."

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ers Party. taught they will adopt policies dren are employed at the work destructive of their own welfare and the possibility of turning and hurtful to legitimate busi- even young children into wage

We reprint herewith the statement of our Russian youth comrades on Trotzky's book. We take this opportunity to declare ourselves in wholehearted agreement with the position taken in the statement and urge upon all of our comrades to read it carefully so that they may at one and the same time understand the controversy and be able more clearly to take the Leninist position in this and other problems confronting the communist movement.

THE COMMUNIST YOUTH AND

munist Youth will only deserve its tit- itical program which differs essenle "Communist Leninist Youth." when tially from the point of view of the

assimilate the experiences of the from the last Congress of the Interrecent revolutionary fight in its true national. For this reason the Russian significance, in the spirt of Lenin's Leninist Communist Youth League doctrines. History is of special im- cannot leave Comrade Trotzky's statesenal from which we shall obtain our its duty to declare its position with re

tory of our party and wrong doctrines for the party and sacrifice for the extracted from past experience, false party-both for the party as a whole conclusion as to the present and and the party as a body of combatfuture may and will inevitably ensue. ants-as the fundamental duty of The more important the epoch con- every Bolshevik. Lenin, whose name our League is proud to bear, and the marched before it. He saw further than anyone. But then, Lenin was the leader of the party, its first and best soldier, its standard bearer, Lenin, nor the party from Lenin.

> League was trained under Lenin's leadership. That is why we must raise part in the October revolution which is contained in Comrade Trotzky's

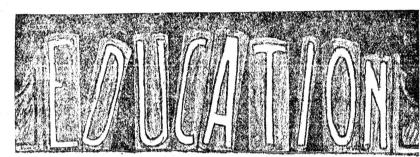
surrection? Where do we find the working at lunch hour. Such is

A 'Weekly' by the First the hand that edits the dailing the hand that dopes the boobs. The hand that edits the dailies is

YOU WILL FIND IT IN THE VERY NEXT ISSUE!

Because of the lack of space in this issue, due to having to publish certain material to be found in these pages, we are unable to print the details of the drive up to date for the Weekly Young Worker cannot be published in this issue. In the next issue, we will give the details of the campaign for the Weekly, including the number of new pledge cards and money collected by the various leagues and comrades.

Watch for it and send in your money in order to get your material printed. Stand at the head of the leagues that are working for the Weekly!



struggle is communist theory. In this is included the experiences of the working class in its struggle for power. Communist theory comes only an isolated bit of ledge is but a burden. knowledge—in the struggle, it becomes a powerful weapon because arming the young communists for it we will take up the place of the olutionary action. The book students of communism,—"Bible cided to establish a "political min- organization. students," Lenin called them—be- imum"—that is, a certain amount come sectarians, not fighting com- of theoretical knowledge that munists. Marxism as an academ- every young communist must tions. ic study is no longer a weapon; it have. This minimum should just

not cut." terian belief, not as a weapon of will occur if we wait long enough. To think of the Revolution as something actually to be accomplished is horryfying. It is much easier and so much more comfortable to believe than to do. Such sistent with every form of reformism and opportunism. The "bible students" easily become suppor-

quit, Noske and Scheideman.

The Young Communist International changed the old motto from "Thru Knowledge to Power" to the slogan "Thru Action to Knowledge." At its last convention our own communist youth organization, the Young Workers League, adopted the slogan "Education Thru Active Participation the capitalists and the workers. time we have learned to enter actually into the struggle of the in factory campaigns, to fight side ism will over-thrown. by side with our shop mates for the demands of the young work- og Capitalist Society. ers. We have passed thru a cycle

THE great weapon of the class of communism, linking it up, as we will, with our continued active lei, shop councils, fractions, and work, the activity in the factories and ity among the youth of the work- soviets.

But we no longer come to the Communist Society. study for the sake of information grows with every new experience, alone. We have felt the necessity of power in Russia, and how we ex- this has simply no existence for him, with every success and failure in strengthening our weapons and we pect it to do so in other countries, or is only mentioned in the third that struggle. To learn commun. turn towards Leninism and Marx- will be discussed. And this will ist theory outside of the struggle ism for help. Approached in this naturally lead to the intriguing in the foreground. is like learning to swim on the more powerful than the social toward which we are striving. dry sands of the shore. Learned democrats. They do not posses from the book," Communism be- the will to action and their know-

It is from the point of view of is "a wooden blade which will include the essential points and be a starting place for individual The social democrats approach study. The comrades should not the study of Marxism as a sec- consider themselves really communists until they have mastered cluded. the class struggle. It becomes this and are starting on the road merely a belief that a revolution to greater knowledge. Our theory, however, should be connected up study on related subjects. Queswith our shop propaganda, our tions on the subject matter will all the right to speak in the name of the factory campaigns, and our nuc- so be found in each issue, in order party (April-Conference 1917, 6th Conleus work. Everything that hap- that organized and definite study in's views. Perhaps it is only done to pens in our industrial life should may be made more practical. be looked upon in the light of the | We cannot over emphasize the tain saviours seem all the greater. a conception of communism is conpast experience of the working necessity of EVERY member of class—that is, from the stand the league following and studying instead of the party. Lenin gives advice from a distance, not without making these leagues closely. By a point of communism point of communism.

and of crisis, as did Spargo, Hill-gin the study of our political min-classes on the basis of this series to the "legality of the Soviets," as to imum thru a course of eight less of lessons. Where it will be found the begining of the insurection in sons to be published in the impossible to form classes some outside the party, in spite of the party, YONNG WORKER. There will be part of the regular time of each by isolated leaders, in the first place one lesson in each issue for a per-branch or nucleus meeting should by Comrade Trotzky himself. iod of four months as follows:

1. Youth under Capitalism. ditions under the present society, can be no revolution." the oppression of the workers, and the inequalities in wealth between

2. Evolution of Society.

The present system is not very young workers of this country. old. Other kinds of societies have We have learned to work within existed before capitalism. They ers are the world; the workers de- were long ago recognized and cor mistakes but to raise a particularly the shops, to participate actively have been over-thrown as capital-

3. Economic Characteristics

The worker is robbed thru the in our development and can again operation of economic laws which approach a more theoretical study every worker should undersand. get rich.—Andrew Carnegie.

The capitalist does not get rich by neans of his brains or his genius, ut by the natural workings of he present system. means of his brains or his genius, he present system.

4. The Class Struggle and Its

This lesson will take up the livision of society into classes and the battles between the classes.

5. Working Class Organiza-

This will include a detailed ex-

7. The Young Workers League-Its Role and Function, to our memory and represented in

interest to all of our comrades. In pression of the existence of a right with it is combined the will to rev- their revolutionary struggle that league in the communist moveyour national committee has dement and the specific aims of our

8. The Young Workers League-Its Tactics and Func-

In this issue of the series will be found how the league intends to accomplish its aims. The immedi- Comrade Trotzky writes: "The fracof its historic mission will be in persons strong, was at this period in And so forth and so forth.

publish lists of books for further This is contrary to the truth, for the

these lessons closely. Branches in mistakes in practical questions Our N. E. C. has decided to be and nuclei are urged to form (as to the time of the revolution, as be devoted to a review of the lessons published. Remember that

> not that they are slaves upon whom capitalism depends for its continued

mand the world.—Stanley J. Clarke.

When wars do come, they fall upon the many, the producing class, who are the sufferers .- General Grant.

Trotsky!

(Continued from page 1) Petrograd Committee- Where are the individual sections of Petrograd? planation of unions, parties, nuc- Where are the agitation, the organizing the military units? . Where is the or-6. The Road to Power and the ganization of Moscow? Where we do find the masses who grouped themselves around Lenin and supported How the working class gained him without doubt or hesitation? All place. Instead of the party he always places the personalities of the leaders

which were made by the closest disciples of Lenin during the eight months of the revolution, are recalled This lesson will be of especial close columns so as to give the imfraction opposed to Lenin.

On the other hand, the facts which are calculated to depreciate the party n the eyes of the reader who did not ersonally experience "October," and s not sufficiently well up in its written listory, are underlined and brought nto relief. The majority of the Bolno way distinguished from the party." With every lesson we shall also why did compade it. Why did Comrade Trotzky have to congress of the party, which alone had depreciate the party and to make cer-

There is no party. The leaders act

Comrade Trotzky pushes the party aside and finally denies its signific-The Communist Youth, which ance. This will tell about the con- "Without communist theory there contains the nucleus of those who took part in the October Revolution, must refute this way of representing It is those who are slaves and know things. October was the work of the whole party, under Lenin's guidance.

Comrade Trotzky crit.cises without ny consideration by Comrade Zinoviev and Kamenev at But the mere reading of the "Lessons The workers feed the world; the time of the October Revolution. of October" is enough to convince one workers clothe the world; the work- These mistakes are well known; they that his object is not to represent past rected by those who committed them. pointed polemic against two comrades Anyone who knows anything about the who hold leading positions in our par-Bolshevik Party, knows that the tem- ty-a polemic which Comrade Trotsky porary mistakes made by these com- continues by connecting it with old rades at the time of the October Rev- mistakes corrected long ago, and Olution are as nothing compared to which is, as a mater of fact, nothing The greatest discovery of my life is their work and their services in the but an atempt, after his defeat in the that the men who do the work never period of twenty years before and party discussions, to make use of old



FROM MONTGOMERY WARD'S.

Dear Friends: More power to you for exposing the hell-hole of Montgomery Ward & Co The parcel post floor is the worst and cheapest place of all. It is run by a On the contrary, all the mistakes feared by all. He sends you home and docks you if you are one minute late. After the Christmas rush is over about three days before so many

Here are some of the stunts and bad features of Ward's. One: The dicks search your clothes in the lockers any time they want to. Two: They "plant" things to see if you will steal them. Three: They lay you off any time for as long as they please. Four: Length of service means nothing when they can hire cheap labor shevik fraction took up a wrong po- Five: Outsiders are brot in to boss sition at the Democratic Conference the place and few get out of the in 1917 when it voted for a participation in the preliminary Parliament. motions. Six: Anyone complaining or telling fellow workers of unjust treat ate tasks of the league in the light tion at the Democratic Conference, 100 ment is called a Bolshevik and fired

continue your drive on Please A Ward Slave.

PIN BOYS.

New Haven, Conn. I am sure that not many of us ever

think of who or what a pin boy is

Lenin appreciated the work of these

comrades and the significance of their

mistakes. He wrote in his letter of

tion and on the following day, some

excellent Communists made a mis-

take which one is loth to remember.

Why? Because it is unjust unneces-

sarily to recall mistakes of this kind

when amends have been completely

the most a few months, all these

comrades recognized their mistakes

and returned to the most respon-

sible positions in the party and the

These mistakes and this hesitation

Within a few weeks or at

"On the eve of the October revolu-

1920 to the Italian Communists:

and what is his work. A brief defini is ventilating fan, one of the best tion of a pin boy is: A human crea ture that gives his two knees and back to the idle, amusement seekers, the rich.

The work of the pin boy is the most difficult, drudging work that could be not a single fan in operation in the devised by the capitalists for making whole office section which covers sevhuman wrecks. This work can be eral hundred square feet. The air is easily rated on the same rung of the stifling-drowsiness soon comes on ladder of misery and slavery as young the mine workers and boys that work in | well sleep on the job-especially when are fired it takes several nights to do the cotton and beet fields of the one's boss has your every move

If you would just think of it-hun-(many are hit accidentally by flying oins that fall onto the legs and arms.) time. And the worst part of this work is that you slave on your knees, instead These young slaves can be found in rich club houses, equipped with bowl same site for over ten years. ing alleys, or in public alleys. Fraternally your,

Philip Horwitz.

It Means Nothing.

Comrade Trotzky not only finds

strong terms with which to qualify ac-

etter of October 1917, which is signed

by Kamenev and Zinoviev, the follow-

ng passage: "The Constituent As-

sembly and the Soviets are the com-

pined type of state institutions tow-

rds which we are steering"-and

"It is strikingly characteristic of

the whole attitude of the Right, that

the theory of the "combined state,"

which places the Constituent As

sembly and the Soviets on one level,

was repeated 18 months to years

later in Germay by Rudolf Hilfer-

ding, who also combatted the seiz-

know that he was plagiarizing."

nakes the following comment:

Milwaukee, Wis. Dear Comrades:

change in the recent policy.

The Julius Andrea Sons and Co., of Milwaukee are the distributors of the

watched. The only place to get air is in the dreds, yes, hundreds of young boys of wash rooms. There, in a narrow, the ages of 14 to 16, who should be dirty dungeon-like room, the one and in school, instead slave away from 8 only window is thrown wide open and o'clock in the morning to 12 o'clock the cold refreshing air rushes in on at night for a measly, unbelievable wage of \$7.00 a week. And here is sult: Bad colds, influenza, occasional the place where they are made future cases of pneumonia. Everybody snifcripples for the rest of their lives fles, sneezes and coughs and wonders why so many people are sick at this

known and supposedly best ventilat-

ng systems in the country. But it

doesn't mean anything to the stenos.

bookkeepers, and office help, to say nothing of the shop help. There is

employees, but one can't very

When asked why there was no ventilating system, one employee anof your feet, always with a bent back | swered that they were "trying to put The firm has been in the one in." It is one of the firms that is always trying to do things. It is always trying to improve the conditions of its employees, but never does. Even the old man has been "trying" to die for the past ten or fifteen years, but his heirs are still depending on his signature

checks.
Fraternally yours,
"Slave."

on their checks.

We know no worse insult to the members of the Communist Party themselves. Thus he quotes from the opportunist scoundrel Hilferding. But Comrade Trotzky forgets what Lenir wrote on Oct. 6th, 1917:

"In the transition from the old to the new, "combined types," appropriate to the times (just such as the "Arbeiter-Weg*") bore witness to) such as the Republic of Soviets and the Constituent Assembly, are possible.

*) The "Arbeiter-Weg," which apeared instead of the suppressed 'Pravda" was, at taht time, the central organ of the party; and the article quoted by Lenin to the annoynce of Comrade Trotzky, issued from Austro-German opportunist did not | Zinoviev's pen.

(To Be Continued)

CHICAGO MEMBERSHIP MEETING THREE TO ONE FOR POLICY OF LEAGUE AND WORKERS PARTY MAJORITY

Following a thoro discussion of flast issue of The Young Worker, the statement of the national ex- and presented at the meeting of

ecutive committee of the Young the members of the Chicago league

after October. Everyone knows that discussions in order to bring about a Workers League, published in the by comrade John Williamson, upon the health and mentality of the American youth. When

this country entered the war in 1917 it conscripted 5 million young men, "the flower of the nation" they were termed. These young fellows were examined by doctors both for physical and mental fitness to withstand the gruelling test

During times of peace, every means is used to cover up the bodily defects that grow out of the awful conditions under which the greatest number of young people live. When war comes it is necessary for those who act as government officials for the wealthy few to pick out of the batteredbodied ranks of the youth a large enough army to storm or resist the forces of the enemy.

Modern war is brutally nerve and body-destroying. If within the ranks there are a number of diseased youth, such as are developed by the poor surroundings of the modern workers, the army is apt to fail in a severe test.

The governments usulaly involved in capitalist wars represent too much wealth to take great chances; so they leave out of their military machines as many of the numerous broken-bodied youth as they think advisable.

Of the many millions of young men called during the world war conscription in this country, thirty-six per cent of those registered and examined were found to be so badly off physically that they were not fit material for the army. That means that about every third man was not worth training, even as a target for the bullets of the enemy. The greatest number of diseased and maimed young men come from the industrial and mining districts. Fifty-five per cent of the young men of Pennsylvania, with its famous Pittsburgh district, were unfit. One Southern mill town, with its thousands of child slaves, had a thirty per cent rejection on account of physical unfitness.

The thirty-six per cent outrightly let out of service is not the best gauge of the physically shattered youth. It is well known that boys with bad eyes, some with weak hearts, and some with even worse physical disabilities were taken and put to work on some light job. A mental test of the army showed that the mind of the

average soldier was about that of a normal ten-year-old child. While this in itself is not the best guide, it does show how poorly mentally and physically the mass of American youth are cared for under our present class society and government.

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national secretary, the meeting went on record indorsing the statement by a vote almost three to one. The resolution was as follows: "The meeting of the members of

the Young Workers' League of Chi-

cago, having heard the statement of the national executive committee of the league on the problems and tasks before us, declares itself in wholehearted agreement and harmony with the position and policies as set forth therein. "We endorse the stand taken by our

national committee on the situation within the Workers Party and we declare ourselves in agreement with the policy of the central executive committee of the Workers Party as expressed in its thesis, published in The DAILY WORKER, November 26, 1924.

"This meeting further declares its approval of the position of the national executive committee of the Young Workers' League and of the central executive committee of the Workers Party in their efforts to maintain the correct Leninist position by following the line of the Communist International, and thru the conducting of the struggle against the second and a half internationalist tendency of Lore, and against the right wing, revisionist deviations of the Lovestone-Ruthenberg tendency."

This resolution was carried by a vote of 67 for it, and 26 for a minority resolution presented by Comrade Kaplan. The discussion was very exhaustive, dozens of comrades speaking. The membership meeting followed a series branch meetings at which the policy of the national committee was sustained with equally overwhelming sentiment.

Society is composed of two classes-those who have more appetite than dinner, and those who have more dinner than appetite.-George Bernard

By HARRY GANNES.

THE workers' children do not have the care of their parents because, as Robert Hunter says, of the "necessity which compels both mother and father . . . to work early and late.' About thirty-seven per cent of the working class mothers

are employed. This is not due to the death of the father. A study of working mothers proved that but 42 per cent of the mothers worked because of either the death or the disability (the latter due usually to bad working conditions) of the father. Of the fathers that worked, most of them made under \$100 a month. This is not enough to keep a single man and it is ridiculous to try to provide for a mother with three or four children with this sum. Here are two examples of how the workers' children

fare insofar as the care of their parents in concerned: The mother of a girl, 11, and a boy, 8, was a paralytic. "The father worked in the steel mills 12 hours a day. The children had not been in school all year and were alone all

day, doing whatever housework that was done.'

"If the mother is dead, the father finds it even more difficult than the mother to take the place of both parents. Leaving the children with relatives often seems the easiest solution of the problem, but it is not always a satisfactory

"Such a case was that of a 12-year-old dependent girl found living with her maternal grandmother and aunt in a house of prostitution. Her mother was dead; her father had married again and had other children. He had allowed the grandmother to keep the little girl. He seldom saw her, and he knew nothing of the conditions of the home." (The Chicago Juvenile Court, page 23.)

It is easy to multiply the above cases by at least ten

The records of the juvenile courts show that almost without exception the young criminals are the children of the workers, who, because of conditions not brought about by themselves, are forced very early into a life of crime.

Our very learned gentlemen connected with the courts and with the long-named societies for the protection of animals and children talk a lot about disease and mental conditions being the cause of crime among children. But they overlook the fact that the diseases and mental ailments come about primarily thru poor nutrition (under feeding) suffered by nearly all workers' children, and most severely by the children of the poorer workers, who contribute the greater number of young offenders.

Dr. William Healy is one of the very wise students of child criminals who blame everything on mental conditions. Let us take one of the doctor's own cases and see what he finds. He is talking about an 8½ year old boy who used to steal habitually. Says the doctor:

"The developmental history showed that there had been much nutritional difficulty in early infancy. . . . The home life was characterized by poverty...." (Child Labor Bureau Publication No. 96, p. 155.)

The fancy term, "nutritional difficulty," means the child didn't have enough of the proper kind of food.

Even the older criminals are composed almost entirely of the youth of the workers. Because of the extremely low wages they get, many of the girls of the working class are forced to become prostitutes.

Robert Hunter in "poverty" estimated that there were, at the time he wrote his book, out of a poulation of 90 million, at least 10 million people living in utter poverty. With the population at 110 millions, the poverty figure has jumped to at least 14 millions. But this does not express the environment of the great number of youth and working class children who live in destitute circumstances.

For a while things might go all right with the parents; the father might work and make a bare living-live on what is known as the border line of destitution. Then comes an accident or unemployment. It is a known fact that every worker suffers unemployment at some time or other during his life; often, most severely. There is a constant army of 2 million unemployed in the United States during normal periods. So there is a constant army of acutely poverty stricken workers. The normal figure is 14 million; and fcr a longer or shorter time every member of the working class helps to make up this gigantic figure of 14 million who live worse than the beasts of the field and whose children are wrinkled and dwarfed in body and mind.

Not very long ago an opportunity was afforded us to .nd out the effect of their living conditions and their work

The Tasks of the Young Workers League

FOREWORD

The following document is the statement presented by Comrade Nat Kaplan to the national executcommittee. It received only Comrade Kaplan's vote. The statement printed in the last issue of the Young Worker is the statement of the national executive committee of the Young Workers League, endorsed by comrades Mass, Gannes, Shachtman, Salzman, Carlson, Williamson, Abern Borgeson, Edwards and Cannon.

A Statement by the N. E. C. of the Y. Tasks of the League. Proposed by NAT KAPLAN Minority Member, of N. E. C. Part I.

MAY 20th, 1923 will always be a the second national convention of the Young Workers League of America took place. In the period that intervened, between the second convention and now, the Young Workers League of America has more than ever before become an intricate part of our world organization-the Young Communist International. The third national convention of our League will have as its basic task to determine to what extent the decisions of the Y C. I. have been concretely carried in to effect, thru their adaptation to existing conditions in this country, and the planning of our future work-fur of this stage. These factory camther realization of the tasks set us by paigns are as yet mainly literature the Fourth Bureau Session and the selling campaigns in front of the fac-Fourth World Congress of the Young tories. This extremely good start will Communist International.

The second national convention of our league laid the basis for the shift efits for the Y. W. L., the organization ing of the centre of our activities from of shop nuclei, etc. That these camthe internal and external, political paigns have not resulted in definite and tactical problems, which were organizational benefits, because of the the working class youth.

ginning of the systematic educational has gone steadily down. inite proposals had not yet commen-

workers, in their daily struggles. This Pennsylvania and Ohio. was mainly due to our lack of understanding of the true role of a Communist youth organization and because our league was still imbued iwth the old Y. P. S. L. deology, the sectarian nature of our work in the underground communist movement and because we had failed to win over a large number of industrial young workers to our organization.

the same goal.

cisions. These were: 1. The period organization at the present time. of the discussion of the decisions and ability of carrying the decisions into bulk of them realize that the very life effect, was typical of most of our other of our league depended upon its reordecisions. This was primarily a reganization.

flex of the opposition of the American The first nuclei organized, due to

period we had the opportunity of en. Detroit and New York leagues have 1923, in response to our open letter to working are branches, as steps towards the question of organizing the unor-league of shop nuclei. The work of ganized young workers, we secured organizing nuclei must be so pushed our historic conference with the arch- in the immediate future that it will reactionary Gompers. The N. E. C. culminate in the achievement of the absolutely failed to take full advantage of the opportunities that such a gram of action. The intensification of conference offered us. It made two out gram of action. The intensification of standing mistakes at this time: (1) our economic trade union activity will The fact that it propagated the de give a greater incentive to the organmand for the establishment of a youth | ization of shop nuclei. secretariat in the A. F. of L., and (2) In the field of press we have made we did not follow up the conference a big advance. At the last convenwith a campaign among the rank and tion we realized that "we had failed file of the A. F. of L., in local unions, so far to make the Young Worker the and so on, on the issue of: Young kind of publication that would appeal workers to be admitted into the un- to the young workers." From our ions with equal rights and lower en-semi-literary Young Worker magazine the part of the N. E. C. to do the lat- born a semi monthly newspaper, durus in the stage of hesitancy.

campaign.

ment Workers in Chicago, the Cigar cessity of taking up the many strug-Workers strike at Bethlehem, we participated in a general way in these walkouts but we failed to set up special demands for the young workers. The one sided factional article by Comrade Carlson in the September which he says: "Another of Kaplan's main points of criticism went up in smoke when Comrade Sigi-Bammatter, reporting on trade union economic work said that it was ridiculous to have expected the Y. W. L. to put out special youth slogans in the Chicago clothing workers strike of this W. L. on the Problems and Political spring," was utterly false. The Y. C. I. in a recent communication to the N. E. C. reprimanded it for the factional articles of Comrade Carlson and Williamson and pointed out that Comrade Bammater did not say the things mentioned. On the contrary, the Y. red letter day in the history of C. I. emphatically declared that it young communist movement of was the duty of the Y. W. L. to issue this country. It was on that day-special slogans and demands in the more than a year and a half ago-that general strike movement of the working class.

We definitely entered the third where we set up a special youth demands, called meetings of the young eus. This nucleus expired a short mass distribution. time after the strike because it was he mail order houses are also typical have to be extended so that it wil result in definite organizational benbeing solved by the Workers Party to failure to follow up the sentiment the special tasks of a young com- created, with the hard, elementary munist organization: that of reaching organization work, is attested by the fact that the actual dues paying mem Prior to this time, as we stated as bership of the Chicago League, which our second convention, "only the be- was in the centre of these campaigns,

work had been made, "the industrial The New York League, which is work had lagged, and the work of the now definitely entering the third stage children's section had been delayed. in economic trade union work, must Anti-military propaganda, linked up take special cognizance of the Chicago with concrete situations and with def- experiences The entrance into the third stage on the field, must not remain the special function of the New York, the junior section has been the main-The period prior to the second con- Chicago, or Detroit league. It must vention was characterized by the fact spread nationally thruout the units of ization of struggle from the very start. that the league, from the N. E. C. to our organization. We have already laid the lowest units was permeated with a the basis for this in the contacts passive and active opposition to the which we have gained with the youth work among the masses of young of the mines, and steel mills in Illinois,

Our Growth on Other Fields. thousand members, in fifty branches, vention, to a much more active league with an estimated membership of from hree thousand five hundred, to four orincapl districts where we have gain work- healthy sign from the viewpoint of ers of this country in their daily strug- the complete reorganization of the by the adoption of the theses calling in the future. The fact that Illinois for the reorganization of the league and Pennsylvania are large indusdecisions of the conventions aimed at dominant industry, should have given our organizers a greater impetus for After the Second Convention-a Turn- the organization of new units on the basis of the shop and factory from the Similar to the leagues in other counvery start. It is a healthy factor, tries, the Y. W. L. of A., from its though, that the new members gained

The reorganization of the league putting them into effect. 2. The per evolved from an extremely slow profor the decisions and 3. The actual character. The extreme slowness, the application of these decisions and the fact that after a year and a half of struggles of the young workers for was caused by the lack of understand-The evolution thru these three stages idea of shop nuclei, a part of our was particularly true of the economic membership in passive or active optrade union work. The special factor position to it, and the non existence on this field of work, namely, the fact of a more aggressive national directhat the N. E. C. was unnecessarily tion. However, the ideological camprolonging the first period of discus- paign conducted by the N. E. C. among sion and the questioning of the advis- the membership finally made the great

delegation at the third congress of the lack of leadership soon collapsed. This tional direction, with the illegitimate Y. C. I., (Aern, Edwards) to the eco however, proved to be no obstacle in excuse of lack of finances, is not a nomic trade union program. This first the path of continuing the organi- healthy sign and can only lead to the period of discussion, hesitation and zation of nuclei. At the present time doubt, then evolved into the second we have five nuclei in Chicago, two period. Our press was filled with a in Pittsburgh, and two in Bostoin. "journalistic" economic trade union There are two prospective nuclei in Detroit anud others are in process of Even before we reached the second formation. Besides this, the Chicago, tering into the third. On June 19th, already reorganized on the basis of the American Federation of Labor, on the complete reorganization of the

Richard Schueller reporting on behalf of the Executive of the Y. C. I. at the recent congress spoke very

birth to a monthly communist child- to suspend and censure members who the Y. W. L. and its Junior section. This is the first paper written primarily by working class children, ever printed in America. We are now changing its makeup and trend to give organ in the everyday struggles of the proletarian children.

Recently, we published three small stage in economic trade union work, pamphlets, dealing with the youth in in the Carmen's strike at Hegewisch, specific industries. The makeup and contents of these pamphlets make them very popular and we should strikers, and organized a league nuc- make every effort to give them a

Our biggest single achievement was he more experienced leading com- Children's Movement, the Junior Secrades in the Chicago league. The cases tion of the Y. W. L. of A. Immediateof the factory campaigns against Bun ly after the second convention the e, the National Biscuit Company, and national junior department began the practical work of realizing the conention decision. Today the junior ection numbers several thousand children organized in more than a undred junior groups thruout the country. The groups are trying to organize on the basis of school nuclei so as to be better able to conduct the school struggle. The American junior in the English speaking movement. The reason for this can be found in the fact that the national junior department has very closely followed made in the first junior organization plan, that of attempting to separate the children according to different age New York and Chicago junior section has won over many children who were formally influenced by the old pedagogy of the Workers Sunday Schools. The most healthy sign of tenance of its character as an organ-One concerted action after another juniors as fighters in the class strugmade decided errors when it refused to take a stand against the "bourge-The League has grown from one oisie greater economy" Detroit platoon system of the Public schools and re-

the junior section in the Creige School strike. The attitude of leadhousand in one hundred and fifty demands as: "Free meals in the ranches and nine nuclei. The three schools for the children to be provided by the state," was charity and that At the second national convention ed new contacts are Illinois, Pennsyl- we cannot tolerate such demands, a set of theses and resolutions were vania, and Minnesota. The fact that greatly hampered the enrollment of a set of theses and resolutions were vania, and Minnesota. The lact that adopted under the guidance of Com- the proportion of new territorial units the junior section into an actual strug- Ruthenberg, Bedacht and Lovestone in for work among the young Negro rade Bammater, the representative of Y. C. I., which aimed at making the ganization of shop nuclei is not a very eral misery of the proletarian chilganization of shop nuclei is not a very deep in the schools. Finally, after the persistent demands of the minority gles. This was particularly portrayed league. This will have to be rectified on the N. E. C. a program of action for our struggle against child labor was adopted. This program remained on the basis of shop nuclei. The other trial centers, coal and steel being the a paper program without action. The unior section must, now, more than ever, be enrolled in an energetic strugwith the league must actively participate in the united front anti-child labor campaign started by the party. it highest to its lowest units, passed to our organization are dominated must endeavor to broaden out this thru three main stages in the applica- from the very start with the spirit of struggle form the issue of securing tion of the second convention de- mass activity which is permeating the the endorsement of the state legislatures for an amendment to the constitution giving Congress the right to enact the questioning of the advisability of upon the basis of shop nuclei has child labor legislation, to one of definite actions based upon the concrete iod of purely journalistic propaganda cess to one that is more steady in its demands of the child laborers and the proletarian children (in connection with the general struggles of the workdirect participation in the everyday agitation we only have nine nuclei, ing class, the school struggle, school cision and all comrades must put their strikes, etc.) In these struggles the their economic and political demands. ing by part of our membership, of the league must endeavor to set up proletarian parents councils of the Public schools and to organize the children into nuclei of the junior section. Greater efforts must be made in the

> tional direction. The recent practical removal by the N. E. C. of this nadisintegration of the junior section. The non-existence of a conscript ardown by the Y. C. I. In the past period lowing lines: very little was done on this field.

junior section to coordinate the class

struggle activities with a systematic

Communist educational work. Our

striving junior section requires now

more than ever a persistent daily na-

n our press.

Comrade Pepper, of the C. E. C. of members in trade unions and the defgles, strikes, campaigns of the young the party, a definite campaign was inite establishment of youth fractions industrial worekrs and finds a ready launched on the Tea Pot Dome issue to advance the demands of the league sale wherever it is presented. Comrade and 100,000 leaflets were distributed. (c) By initiating and leading special Recently we had the experience of a comrade attending the bourgeoisie ried out against Bunte, the mail order Citizen's Military Training Camps. We house, etc. (d) Thru the organiza-15th issue of the Young Worker in highly of the changed Young Work. made a mistake in merely utilizing tion of conferences of the working which he says: "Another of Kaplan's er. The Young Worker must go for this experience for the sake of securward to ever greater achievements. ing information and not as the means The entire membership must be ral- of organizing actions against the lied for a campaign to turn it into a camps from inside. The Y. C. I. deweekly organ by 1925. A weekly clared that the party was right in remouthplece for the American work- fusing to give up comrades from the ing class youth is our immediate goal. party work to go into the camp to L. member a union member, equal merely gather information. The ut-In the last period we have given illization of this issue by the N. E. C. ren paper, The Young Comrade. That, held the minority viewpoint was noindeed, was a big achievement for thing but a one sided factional attack general activities. against the principle of the Y. C. I. decision.

A small beginning has been made in agrarian work by gaining contacts it more of the character of a fighting with the farming sections of Minn. Wisc. and Michigan. These contacts must now be used for the furtherance of our work among the rural youth in connection with the agrarian program laid down by the Y. C. I. The Y. C. I. and Healthy Minority Was

Impetus for Increased Mass Activity.

.The prolongation of the first period of hesitancy and doubt in the realization of the second convention denot given the proper nourishment by the organization of the Communist cisions—the fact that the N. E. C. was carrying out the decisions in a hesitating manner, led to a discussion between the N. E. C. and the Y. C. I. later in connection with the situation within the party, there also arose a discussion between the majority and the minority of the N. E. C., which culminated in a factional dispute.

> The corrective measures proposed by the Y. C. I. and the existence of a healthy minority in the league which "wished a more rapid and less reserved carrying out of the decisions of section is considered among the best the Young Communist International (Richard Schueller) was in the last analysis responsible for the increased

mass activity in our league. The decision of the Y. C. I. that the line laid down by the Y. C. I. in both groupings in the league must children's work. Thus the mistake work together was not realized because of the refusal of the majority of the N. E. C. to abide by this decision. This was portrayed by the degrees was easily rectified. The campaign carried on by the majority delegates in the press against the minority, upon their return from the fourth congress. The false charge that the minority delegate at the fourth congress "had been severely thrashed" only led to increase bitterness in the ranks of our league. As an addition to this press campaign the majority had also nullified the has testified to the capabilities of the practical work of minority comrades in responsible league positions, and gle. In this regard the N. E. C. has under the pretext of failure to go in to the C. M. T. C. to gather information, has suspended and censured lead ing comrades who held the viewpoint of the minority. The intensification at the time of the second national con fused to sanction the participation of of the disagreement between the majority and the minority on the C. E. C. of the party, culminating in the present discussion period, only added fuel to the flames of disagreement between the two groupings in the league. by us which arise out of the exploitaleague alligned itself with the viewth party, while the majority reaffirmed its adherence to the Foster, Cannon Bittelman grouping. To attempt to the junior section. (a) Thru the inhide this state of affairs with a cam tensification of the active school strug gle against child labor. It together in ther league must be settled once and for all in line with the decision of

the Young Communist International The Immediate Tasks of the Y. W. I

and the Program of Action. The disagreement between the two groupings in the league must not result in the stagnation of our activities. Both tendencies must actively work for the realization of our immediate tasks. The program of action, covering a stated period of time, is a correct application of the Y. C. I. deshoulders to the wheel for the realization of the tasks set. The goal set in this program of action for each field of work gives a clear lead to ever district and city to follow.

The theses and resolutions adopted at the second convention are still applicable at the present time, since they were fundamentally correct and remain the basis for our future aclivities, with the added experience that we have gained in applying these decisions as well as the experiences expressed in the decisions of the World Congress of the Y. C. I.

In view of the correctness of these resolutions the N. E. C. believes that the main task before the Y. W. L. durmy in this country somewhat changes ing the next year of activity consists the character of our anti-militarist of the drive to bolshevise the league, work. Yet,, general conditions favor to make our organization a Young the intensification of anti-militarist Leninist league. To this end we must work in line with the policies laid intensify our activities along the fol-

1. To complete reorganization of Some educational activity on anti-mil- the Y. W. L. on the basis of shop nucitarist work has been conducted to lei by the next national convention.

gether with journalistic propaganda The intensification of the economic trade-union activity. (a) Thru The conference with "anti-war" or the active and direct participation of ganizations (students and pacifists) the league in the every day struggles held immediately after the last con- of the working class as the leader of vention meant very little. The Tee the working class youth and the re-Pot Dome scandal, altho it gave us presentative of its demands and needs an immediate issue for anti-militarist thru advancing and fighting for defpropaganda was not considered of inite economic and political demands great moment by the N. E. C. that arises out of the daily struggles.

Attention: Articles on Discussion!

COMRADES are urged to make their contributions to the discussion of league policies as short as possible. The Young Worker is not a daily trance fees and dues. The failure on with nice stories, poems and so on, was paper and has only four pages. Many comrades want to write and it is unfair to send in long articles and expect to have them printed. Articles should ter and to discard the former still left ing the month of Jaunary 1924. This be short, snappy and to the point. Make them two pages, type-written, indeed was a big stride forward. To I double space . There is more likelihood of their being printed.

In the strikes of the Ladies Gar- day our official organ realizes the net Finally, due to the peristence of | (b) Thru the increased activity of our class youth where conditions are favorable, such as, where we already have shop nuclei. (e) Thru conduct ing an energetic campaign to organize the young workers into the trade un ions under the slogan: Every Y. W rights and lower entrance fees and dues for the young workers. (f) By carrying on special youth activities within the T. U. E. L. besides the

> 3. The further development of our press into a living reflection of the lives and struggles of the working class youth. To this end we must strive to establish and maintain the WEEKLY YOUNG WORKER. Efforts must be made to increase the publication and distribution of our national and international literature.

4. Greater and more detailed ef forts towards the internal and external educational work of our league (a) Thru the intensive training of the membership in the principles of Lenin ism and Marxism. (b) Thru popular iz ation of the Y. C. I. as the world leader of the revolutionary youth. (c) Thru the education of the membership towards an understanding of the role of the Workers (Communist) Party s our political leader and the neces sity of closer participation in the problems and activities of the party. (d) Thru transference of all socials into real revolutionary evenings with real educational and propaganda val

5. Anti-militarist work in the true spirit of Leninism. (a) Thru constant gers of new imperialist wars. (b) Thru the consistent struggle against pac and the exposition of the Communist imperialism. (d) Thru the establishgram therein. (e) Thru the popularization of the ideals and principles of

the Red Army. 6. Greaer attention to be directed owards the organizing of the young Negro workers of America. (a) Special literature to be published dealing with this problem showing the young Negro workers that their inerests are identical with those of all other workers regardless of race; the definite enrollment of the young Negro workers into the league. (b) Contact must be established and maintained with the colonial countries and persistent propaganda and agitation conducted among these young workers and thru definite actions rallying hem to our organization on the basis of slogans and demands propagated The minority on the N. E. C. of the tion and oppression of American imperialism. (c) By attempting to util workers, especially of the south.

uvpaign of silence can only lead to in gle. (b) Thru the building of school, creased biterness and confusion in the class, and shop nuclei of the prolelower units of our organization. The tarian children. (c) Thru the coorway to settle a problem is not to ig-dination of systematic educational nore it. The present internal situatio work with the class struggle activities. (d) Thru the maintenance and growth of the YOUNG COMRADE thru increased sales and distribution. (e) Thru the reinstatement of a prac tical national leadership. (f) Thru an energetic campaign against child labor with concrete slogans and demands (g) By enrolling the proletarian parents in the struggle against child misery.

8. Definite assistance to the Work ers Sport and Athletic Alliance (Amer ican section R. S. I.) so as to aid it is organizing a national workers sport and athletic alliance, embracing a wide field of young proletarian athletes. Strenuous opposition to all at tempts to amalgamate existing proletarian culture clube into an organiza ion or alliance to combat bourgeoisie culture.

9. The utilization of the connect tions in the farming areas as a be ginning of our work on the land aimng at the organization of the young agricultural wage workers and the youth of the poor peasantry under our banner. Attempting to win over the youth of the middle peasantry to Fourth Bureau session and the Fourth the idea of an alliance with the city proletariat against capitalism or at The organization of the Y. W. gle. nuclei and the leading of definite ac- Bolshevik guard and the rest were tions of the rural youth with concrete demands.

10. The rejuvenation of the league (a) Thru the immediate elimination of all members over 25 years of age, all above that age to enter completely into party work, (b) Thru the quick development of comrades 23 years of age and under as functionaries in the league to take the place of the older

comrades. 11. The immediate development of

a supplementary apparatus. 12. Continuation of our policy to win over the foreign leaguage speaking working class youth. The maintenance of foreign language propagan da bodies. The issuance of special iterature from time to time.

13. The development of a stronger and firmer discipline and the centralization of activities, thru the complete elimination of factional discrimination by the N. E. C. and controlling bodies and absolutely forbidding the formaion of groups or fractions in the of the Marxist group of Ruthenberg league.

The Political Tasks of the Young Workers League

nal and external political and tactical minate the old guard of our party. problems of the W. P. to the more concrete task of a young Communist organization—that of reaching the masses of young workers, was an absolutely essential factor for our development, it would be incorrect to carry this to its extreme.

The members of the Y. W. L. must now, more than ever before, participate in the discussions, decisions and daily activities of our political leader -the Workers Party. We must learn how to combine our participation in the activities of the party, which pre pares us for our transference to the party, with our own special youth tasks, so that none are neglected.

The Y. W. L., from its highest to its lowest units, must always support the position of the Communist International in the party. We must persistently strive towards the Bolshevization of the Communist move-Marxian-Leninist principles and tac-The main tasks of the Workers

Communist) Party is to gain lead-

rship of the exploited masses of this country by establishing itself as a Mass Communist Party of industrial vorkers, and the securing of an alance with the poorer sections of the armers in the struggle for a Work ers and Farmers Government-the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. The means towards the development of the Workers Party into a Mass Communist Party is first and foremost the participation of the party in the every day struggles of the workers in the shops, trade unions, etc. The intensification of direct work among the rural masses and reaching with our agitation to show the immediate dan-message the exploited masses in the colonies of American imperialism. The development of independent political ifist and social democratic illusions action on the part of the non communist proletarian masses and viewpoint. (c) Thru the establishment ploited farmers, by applying the farmof connections with the revolutionary er-labor united front tactic, which peoples' youth's and student's move- serves the purpose of welding toments in the colonies of American gether the isolated daily actions of the exploited masses into a unified politiment of contact with the young work- cal united front against the bourgeois ers in the armed forces of imperialism state with the Workers (Communist) and persistent propagation of our pro Party, unclaoked and unguised striving for leadership in such a political united front and winning over the most advanced elements to its ranks The Communist International has already seen in the application of the farmer-labor united front tactic one of the best means for the building of the Workers Party into a Mass Communist Party. The C. I. said: "The first task of the Workers Party is to become a mass Communist Party of Workers. It (W. P.) can fulfil this task only by most actively participating in the establishment of a labor party which will embrace all elements of the working class willing to con duct a fight for a policy independent of the capitalist class and by establishing a bond with the farmers who are at present in a state of strong fer-

> TENDENCIES IN THE PARTY. The Alliance between the Foster-Cannon Group and the 21/2 Opportunist

> tendency. There are three main groupings our party with different conceptions rade Ruthenberg, Bedacht and Loveeditor of the Volkszeitung.

The Communist International has already correctly labelled the Lore lows: group as a Two-and-a-Half International, opportunist tendency in the party against which an ideological campaign must be waged. That the Foster, majority grouping, in the C. E. C. of the party, did not carry on concerted ideological campaign against Lore and his followers is incontestable. The reason for this is found in the fact that the Foster group continued the alliance which it had perfected with the Lore group at the time of the last national convention of the party. The best proof of this assertion is found in the voting ecord of the central executive committee from January to October 1 924. The record presents the followng picture:

Foster majority voted for Lore 32 mes. Lore voted for Foster majority 33

Foster majority voted against Lore 3 times. Of these thirteen times, two were later reconsidered; two were formal bloc it contended, would strengthen endorsements of the C. I. decision on the Workers Party. Thru a careful east to neutralize them in the strug- Lore and the Russian C. P. controversy, three months after the minority L. village and large farm and estate fought for the endorsement of the old

> votes on insignificant matters. Lore votes against Foster majority one time. Lore votes for Ruthenberg minor-

ity one time. Ruthenberg minority votes for Lore Lore not voting-one time

In view of this situation the Y. W. . must demand, now, more than ever that the central executive committee of the party wage a concerted ideological campaign against the Two-and-a Half opportunist tendency in our That is in practice following party. the line laid down by the Communist

International. The tendency towards the complete elimination of the old Bolshevik guard of our party, the Ruthenberg Bedacht, Lovestone grouping, who were fighting in our movement at the same time that leading comrades of the majority were completely outside must not be tolerated. The labelling Lovestone and Bedacht as "opportun

ist" can have but one meaning and that is: a campaign for their complete elimination. To follow the line of the A LTHO the shifting of the centre Comintern in this instance means to of our activities from the inter-struggle against the attempt to eli-

Issues in the Party Discussion

(A) The fear of the figuration of the party is mere political childishness. The replacement of the W. P. by a labor party as the practical leader of the struggles of the masses is a straw man created by the majority. Zinoviev recognized that the "American plan" was to build the W. P. thru the farmerlabor united front.

The contention of the Foster-Cannon grouping that the continuation of the farmer-labor united front means the propagation of "the idea that a farmer-labor party' is the natural and only possible leader of the practical struggles of the workers-and it leads directly to the liquidation of the Workers Party" (Summary majority theses) is but a straw man created by the majority to be knocked down ment thru the correct application of by them in the present party discussion. The fear of the liquidation of the Workers Party is mere political childishness. The viewpoint of the Ruthenberg grouping was at all times that the farmer-labor united front was one of the means of making the Work ers Party "the natural and only possible leader of the practical struggles of the workers" and was the means of building the Workers Party into a mass Communist Party. Comrade Zinoviev recognized this as the 'American plan" when he said, "The tactics of forming a farmer-labor parv was absolutely correct on condition of course, that we retain a Workers Party of our own. That is the American plan. In France it was possible to conduct the election campaign under the slogan of a "Workers' and Peasants' Bloc." In America we must drive this party forward, but at the same time we must build our own party. That must remain. In no case, loes this mean a revision, namely, that we do not wish to conduct the work among the farmers. That would be a menshevist interpretation which we must fight. We must not rearet that we formed the federated farmerlabor party. We are glad about this fact that we have a farmer-labor party as the basis for our movement. (American commission E. C. C. I. Our emphasis.)

(B) The reason behind this political childishness was the illusion of the Foster-Cannon group that thru some magic the whole or a great part of the organized American labor movement would be organized in a broad mass farmerlabor party, in the present imperialist era of capitalism, in which the Workers Party would assume the role of a relatively weak left wi

and not the position of leadership and control.

The non-realization of this illusion brows some light on the present or position of the Foster-Cannon group ng to the continuation of the slogan 'For a class farmer-labor party ' as nunciated by the Communist International. Of course, reasons the ma ority, the LaFollette movement has been so instrumental in winning over the sentiment for independent political action, as to make a campaign for this "broad all inclusive farmer-labor of the organized labor movement" not on the tactics to be pursued in the realization of our fundamental aims. ent moment. If the comrades of the ent moment. If the comrades of the They are: The Marxist Group of Com- majority had been willing to learn from the "revolutionary propaganda stone. The Foster, Cannon, Bittelman of Comrade Pepper," Ruthenberg and grouping and the non-communist others, they would have found long grouping represented by Ludwig Lore, ago that a campaign for this illusion would not be profitable or successful. The situation is summed up as fol-

> "The difference of viewpoints in regards to the application of the farmer-labor united front policy developed in the central executive committee of the party immediately after the formation of the federated farmer-labor party. There had been representstives of some 600,000 workers and farmers in the federated farmer-labor party convention. It was the view of the then majority of the then central executive committee, expressed in a thesis and resolution by Comrade Pepper and Ruthenberg, that by an aggressive organizational campaign it would be possible to organize in the federated farmer-labor party from 200,000 to a quarter of a million verkers, thus creating a left wing radical farmer-labor organization.

The group which supported this viewpoint contended that it was to he best interests of the Workers Party to organize such a left wing adical farmer-labor bloc around itelf and under its leadership. This and systematic campaign of education it would be developed closer to the Workers Party, with the ultimate obect, after a period of such preparation, of absorbing the best elements in this bloc into the Workers Party and thus developing the Workers Party as a mass Communist Party.

The Peppe Ruthenberg group also contended that the formation of this left bloc farmer-labor party, under the leadership of the Workers Party, would give the Workers Party a powerful weapon with which to maneuver in relation to a broader farmer-labor united front.

This viewpoint and policy was biterly opposed by the Foster-Cannon group. They contended that the formation of such a left bloc farmer-labor party under the leadership of the Vorkers Party was a misapplication of the united front policy. In a thesis ubmitted at the November meeting of the C. E. C. in 1923, it was argued that the policy of the Workers Party must be directed towards the creation of a broad all embracing farmer-labor arty. It was the view of the Foster-Cannon group that thru some magic

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The Spark May Become a Flame

MHEREVER the dry and rotten wood of capital ism exists, the flames of misery burn up the lives of the workers. The greatest fire of all is capitalist war.

Today, when the contradictions within capital ism are becoming daily more acute, when the rival ries between capitalist powers are as sharp as ever. it needs but some spark to set the world afire with a world war more bloody and horrible, engulfing greater masses of young proletarians than ever be-

As this is being written the spark is being blown into flame in the Balkans of Europe. The state of Albania has ordered a general mobilization of troops to repel an alleged invasion by Serbia. Italy, under the imperialist rule of the blackguard Mussolini, threatens to interfere if troops cross the Albanian frontier. By the time this issue of our paper is printed the flames or war may or may not rise to cover the entire European continent.

The parallel of this incident with the one which preceded the last world war is extremely significaut. Out of a small, trifling occurrence, it seemed that the world war was begun. In reality, pre parations for it had been going on for years, and the murder of the Austrian archduke was the pretext for the beginning of the murderfest. The same thing may happen again at a moment's notice.

The imperialists of the world remain, all of them, unsatisfied with the "solution" of the peace problem of the last war. None of them are satisfied with the amount of territory or gold obtained. All are hungry for another war which will give them an opportunity to re-divide the world into larger portions for themsleves, larger amounts of territory for exploitation, larger reserviors of profit. The conflict of American, British, Japanese and French imperialism, combined with that of their lesser satellities, become intensified with the passage of days. A break may come tomorrow. All signs point to its inevitability.

There is not the slightest doubt that all the mil itary, naval and aerial preparations being made by the United States and other nations are for any other purpose than preparation for new wars immediately. The capitalists feel the coming of war and they are preparing for it. The workers do not yet fully realize the holocaast that is being prepared for them.

We cannot expect that we shall be able to pre vent war. We do not attempt to lie to the workers nor delude them with promises that we can halt imperialist wars. Thru their control of all the institutions of the government and of capitalism, of all the sources of information, the bourgeoisie is able to buy up their fake leaders and get them to support their imperialist schemes. Wars come so suddenly that it is impossible for the workers to successful stop them.

Only one thing can really bring an end to capstrated that. Wars are a result of capitalist society; the end of wars presupposes the end of capitalism. It is only thru the overthrow of bloody capitalist rule that the terrors of wars can be en-

ded. In the struggle for its overthrow the communists present the correct position, lead in the right direcest skeptic in the world. Scores of bankers, bustion. Only uncompromising, relentless class struginess men, skypilots of all stripes, creeds and vargle can bring the workers to success in their historic mission. Class war is the means towards ending capitalist war. The war of the workers against their oppressors is the only war that deserves sup-

A Lenin Enrollment For Us

HEN our great leader, Nicolai Lenin died, his loss was felt in every circle of the working class revolutionary movement. Nowhere was it felt so keenly as in Russia itself, where Lenin's leadership had brought the first proletarian revolution to its present state of power and success, where he had identified himself so closely with every struggle of the workers, where his incorruptible position he ever had one—and the principles—if such a fight all attempts at independent poliin every working class problem had earned him the love and following of millions.

Young Communist League realized the gap left in persism is dead on the labor movement, and the their ranks most keenly. With his death came the organized workers have learned the lessons of solnecessity of enrolling tens of thousands of workers into the ranks of the organized communist movement. The famous Lenin enrollment was initiated, and its results were remarkably successful. Two hundred thousand workers from the benches joined the Communist Party. Tens of thousands of young proletarians joined the Young Communist League. These workers were privileged: they were part of the great Lenin Enrollment.

But the death of Lenin affected not only Russia. but also the revolutionary and working class movements of the rest of the world. In the United States, as well as elsewhere, our Communist move ment has responded to the significance of Comrade Lenin's death. At last year's memorial meetcall. This year these workers must be drawn into profits he makes,

the party and league of Leninism.

The Workers Party and the Young Workers League, under whose joint auspices the Lenin Memorial Meetings will be held, will utilize the occasion, not as a day of mourning, but as another milestone in the development of the revolutionary the speed up system as developed movement in this country. Every effort will be in this workers "paradise." made to enroll workers into both party and league in a big Lenin Enrollment drive. These workers will be equally privileged with their Russian comrades who filled the gap left by Lehin.

Every member of the league, in every unit in the country, should make it a communist duty to bring in at least one new young worker into our ranks on this day. The first step is by bringing ing pushed from above for morethem to the Liebknecht Day meetings. The next is their actual enrollment at the Lenin Memorial Drive! Drive!

Rally thousands of young workers to the standard of Lenin! Let our slogan be: Build shop nuc lei with the young workers from the industries on Lenin Day!

Spread the message of Leninism!

Pay tribute to our immortal leader with new legions of revolutionary youth!

Make the memorial to Lenin a historic day in the bolshevization of the Young Workers League!

The Bitter Cry of Children

EVERY day brings a new report of the condi tions of the child slaves in every industry of the representatives of the workthis country. America, with its capitalist coffers bursting, is degrading and degenerating the health presentatives of the company and and minds of the proletarian children, in order that the profits that are so easily derived from the bitter toil of these kiddies may continue to pour in.

The same hog faced crew that so religiously talks about the sacredness of the home, and the brilliant futures that America offers to its children, turn a stony countenance to the sufferings of the workers whose low wages force them to turn their children ly and fights for the grievances of over to the mill of capitalist exploitation. Instead the men and if this fighter beof parting with some of their ill-earned wealth to comes too insistent the company vation wages and night work. If pay the workers a better wage and give them more wholesome conditions, the urge towards greater profits brings the boss to cut the wages and lengthen the workday irrespective of the harm it wreaks on the worker and his child.

The children who are far from being subject to organization as easily as the workers get into pany shop committee does not trade unions, are exploited more cruelly and viciously than the adults. They are paid even lower wages and work under worse conditions. They take the jobs of the other workers at cheaper rates, bringing greater loads of gold to the purses of their masters.

The workers of America must set themselves the task of eliminating this horrible evil. The attempts made by the liberals and the fake labor leaders whether inside the A. F. of L. or in congresscan never accomplish anything for the workers of heir children. It is only by the direct action of the workers in their own interests that they will be able to achieve any beneficial results for themselves. It is the duty of the workers, especially the young who still feel the pain suffered during child slavery, to unite on the program promulgated by the communists for a struggle against child labor. not by writing pretty laws to which the capitalists never pay any atention, but by ACTING against with pay every summer. A workthis menace to the health and lives of the future er who is able to work, avoid acmen and women of the revolutionary proletariat.

Gompers Kicks the Bucket

A T last he went and done it! After hanging on to not sufficiently numerous so the work for women and girls! the American labor movement like a leech for italist wars, and the Russian proletariat demon- over two score years, Samuel Gompers, arch-reactionary in America, a dodering, seniled old faker

> And the weeping that accompanied him as he was laid between those two sterling friends of the working class. Andy Carnegie and William Rockefeller was enough to bring tears to the eyes of the greatiety, notorious labor fakers-the captains and lieutenants of Wall Street, could not back the salty tears as they trickled down their bloated cheeks farmer-labor party in which the Workand stained their fancy vests. There was hardly relatively weak left wing and not the a banker, scarcely a reactionary individual or in- position of leadership and control. stitution, that did not feel that a good friend had clared that this wide all-embracing

We ain't weeping. The old traitor fought the slightest measure of progress during his life time, and there is no doubt but that his successor, representing the same clique and tendency of class collaboration and treason that Sam did, will continue in the footsteps of the deceased. The fight that was conducted by the revolutionaries in the labor movement was the struggle against the ideas—if scoundrel could have one, again,—that Gompers represented. The same fight goes on today and will Both the Russian Communist Party and the continue tomorrow and the next day until Gomidarity, revolutionary action, and communist leadership.

Don't weep! Organize! Only the bosses bemoan the death of their faithful lackey.

You have not done your share for the Weekly Young Worker what excuse have you for it? When you grow old and your grandchild pops up on your knee and says: "Grandpa, did you do your share in 1924?"—what will you answer? C'mon, send in the money!

Thirty one miners died in the crash of a cage in South Africa. Ah, the terrible risks that the capings, tens of thousands of workers responded to our italist takes in industry! He certainly deserves the

League Exposes Big Westinghouse Electric Plant

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any worker happens to loaf he is liable to find a gum shoe man behind him who reports any infraction of the rules. Foreman often complain that the superintendents are continually pushing them for more production and superintendents in turn are continually beyes evermore—production. Drive!

Fake Committees.

If anytime the workers should become discontented with their a shop or industrial committee which has no power but to merely beg for a few crumbs from the boss. Often a crumb is thrown to the worker in the shape of an in significant reform and he is led to believe that the shop committee has power to help him. The executive committee to which most of the grievances are sent is composed of an equal number of ers and an equal number of reif at any time the company representatives should agree with workers representatives, which is highly improbable, even then they cannot force the company to grant their demands.

It sometimes happens that a committee man takes his job serious running as committeeman. To show how little the girls and women are considered the comhave a single women member. The workers considers this committee held, Andy Gump and Barney Google always receive a large numbers of votes. Yes, it is some

If the workers should finally be forced to strike in order to better tinually becoming worse they will be confronted with a scab agency and cleverly built up. These agencies are as follows:

a gold button to advertise the pany unions! company and two weeks vacation cidents, ill health and is physical- workers for equal work! work ought to be given a one third share in the company and a monument put up in his speed up system! honor. Twenty year veterans are company established a ten year veteran association and these and five day week! vacation with pay. How consider- to the Young Workers League, 805 that we can win the masses away right or left.

ate of the company! These veter- James St., N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa. and North Ave., East Pittsburgh cheap. Now after getting their minds in such shape that these workers believe they have a large share in the company, which is a large share of praise, the Westinghouse hopes to have these men as potential scabs if a strike should

2. The firemen's organization, the Westinghouse Club, the Valley League Girls Club, Westinghouse Tech, the Factory Clerks Association, etc., are the fields of company propaganda, preaching the conditions the company has set up | "virtues" of the company. In passing let it be noted that the employees pay for these institutions while the company lays claim to

"Relief."

the "relief" department. The workers are assessed \$1.25 or fraud. If a worker'is sick, there is no diagnosis. Ht is merely asked what is wrong with him and sized hospital.

into the shop without a trade or from these comrades. experience and he is given stargets rid of him by transfering him he has some one at home to help to another section where he is not him he can get a job as an apknown and not so popular and prentice where for four years he ism. It is unfortunate that Comrad the transfer eliminates him from works for practically nothing Kaplan's statement does not carry while he does th same work as the

their conditions which are con- to fight these conditions and imwhich the company has carefully to better yourself and your fellow workers.

1. After a worker has slaved union of your own that will fight for twenty years the company con- your battles. Only a union built siders him a man worthy of spe-and controlled by the workers will cial consideration so they give him fight for them. Down with com- true.

Join the Workers Party!

Demand the abolition of the to be the outstanding feature of the of ourselves, can be

Demand the eight hour day

worthy men are given one week's For further information write

their financial support.

Another example of the company's kindness to the workers is more each month to pay for this point out our errors and limitations) he is given either red, white, or I blue pills. They are very patriotic In the recent letter to the New York even with pills. Accidents are so frequent that the relief department has developed into a good-

older men.

The Westinghouse works on the theory that the workers are dishonest and cannot be trusted so they have a police force, both a different viewpoint from that exa joke. When the elections are uniformed and in plain clothes which has regular "beats" to patrol the shop. This force is larger than some fair sized cities have.

In view of the above facts the Young Workers League is rallying the youth of the Westinghouse prove them. Young workers: join the Young Workers League

Join the trade union and have a

Demand equal pay for young

Demand equal pay for equal

ans are continually salved or psylor join the Young Workers chologized about their loyalty and League which meets every first tions in the Westinghouse will be are given lots of praise but no and third Thursday each month in published in the Young Worker in money-only praise, which is Workers Home, Corner Electric the next issue.

Further exposures of condi-

THE N. E. C. STATEMENT—THE COMMUNIST POSITION

N looking over the statement of Comrade Kaplan, as the minority of he national executive committee, it is interesting to note that the entire first part of the document, that dealing with the organizational tasks, is word for word, idea by idea, an almost exact replica of the statement of the majority of the committee. With the exception of a few cheap slurs, misrepresentations, half-truths, insinuation and personal attacks here and there. the Kaplan statement is a plain admis-C. is correct.

I do not intend in this article to dea with these half-truths and personal slander, but to reiterate one fact That is, that the Y. C. I. has time and time over, expressed its complete constated specifically that the it may have been hesitant (as we ourselve: nto effect and with successes, even prior to the last Y. C. I. congress, the Y. C. I. line of action (see Y. C. I. de cision, first and second paragraph D. E. C. it is very plain that here again we find the Y. C. I. supporting wholehearedly the N. E. C. leader ship against the actions of the ma by Kaplan. Any attempts at slurring The condition of the young the N. E. C. m respect to the work in workers are worst of all. He comes has accomplished had better not come

> The N. E. C., in its official state ment, criticises the activities of the entire league in an objective manner made to create or further factiona out the same idea, but instead, con tinues his past factionalism.

It is in the political phase of our work that the fundamental divergence between the two viewpoints is to be found. The first striking observation we make is that Comrade Kaplan has thesis of the party and also their ad herents in the party press. Thruout Kaplan's entire document he speaks only of the farmer-labor slogan; the minority, however, do not limit them selves to the slogan alone, but advocate the building of a "class farmer labor party.'

Another outstanding feature of th Kaplan document is the limited space levoted to the immediate issue of future party policy. Much of the political statement deals with past ac tions of the C. E. C. This would lead one to believe that Comrade Kaplan has no arguments to advance on behalf of building a farmer-labor party when the objective conditions are no ripe for such a thing. This is quite The minority are bankrup and cannot produce the slightest Join the porty of the workers! evidence that there is a mass sentiment or demand for a "class farmerlabor party." One cannot merely limit oneself to the document of Kaplan.

> The minority (Kaplan) believe that if we desert the farmer-labor party on the political field, we have deserted the united front on the poli-

2. The minority (Kaplan) believes

from the leadership of LaFollette only thru raising the slogan of the class farmer-labor party.

It is my firm belief that this concep

ion of the united front is a right wing

deviation. We know that the united front is applied on the basis of vital every-day issues arising out of the class struggle around which we can nobilize the workers in action against he capitalist class. Thru these united front tactics on the political and ndustrial field we become the recogized leaders of the proletarian mass s and win the most militant elements nto our Communist movement. The . E. C. (majority) thesis very definitely upholds the correctness of the inited front tactic and proposes, in onducting our future tilize the united front on the basis of vital issues on both the political and industrial fields (child gainst injunctions or use of troops against strikers, against open shop drives, reduction in wages, against he Dawes' plan, building of shop councils, unemployment ital issues (not abstract farmer-laborsm) which affect the lives of the worker, we will be able to carry out he united front tactic as it is undertood by the Comintern and Y. C. I. The farmer-labor slogan is no longer vital slogan because our experience and the existing conditions have proven this concretely to us. es were interested in a farmer-labor arty (massy, jazzy or classy) why id they not rally to our banner on une 17? Is it not a fact that LaFol ette swallowed up this sentiment and till holds it today. NO ONE-NO? EVEN COMRADE KAPLAN CAN DENY THIS-

If the intensification of the class struggle demands only a farmer-labor party today (a wonderful Marxist conades Ruthenberg, Gitlow and Bedacht vote on July 8, to enter the campaign on our own Communist ticket? Pray. loes the intensification of the class struggle jump up and down so rapidly is this would make us believe? No comrades, on July 8, these comrades ensed the correct political situation known to themselves, they support ovestone, the leader of the minority

We can win these masses who are influence of LaFollette away from him only by carrying on our future activity thru the utilization of the united front tactic on the basis of vital every-day issues on the politi cal and industrial field and thus ex pose the true capitalist nature of La Folletteism, and disillusioning the masses who today support him under the farmer-labor movement, and rally them to our own organization.

This, comrades, is the correct Bolshevik and Comintern line to support. solutely hewing true to the correct Communist position of the C. I. and the Y. C. I. No divergence, even if only an inch can be tolerated from this correct line. No move to build another political party under the Demand a 20% increase in pay! We must follow closely the entire name of farmer-labor, but in reality a substitute for the W. P., composed only

> The position of the N. E. C is the true Communist position. Let the membership of the 1. W. L. ad here to this strictly and they will be conducting themselves in the spirit which permeates the entire Commun ist youth movement of the world against any deviations, whether to the

Tasks of Young Workers League opposition and continual struggle to adopt the farmer-labor united front unorganized, relief for the unemploy-

asses.

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the whole or a great part of the organized American labor movement would be organized in a broad mass ers Party would assume the role of a

labor party was an illusion, that the formation of the British labor party, from the top, by the bureaucratic officialdom of the trade unions, occured in a different social era of capitalist development, that the development of the farmer-labor party in the United States occurred in the center of the capitalist imperialist era, when the bureaucratic officialdom are openly attached to the chariot wheels of capitalist imperialism and maliciously tical action of the exploited masses against the bourgeoisie political parties. It further declared that the development of the working class of this country would not and could not be to enter the field of political struggle as a class thru one great stride forward which would carry with it the great bulk of the workers. It pointed out that the policy of our party in carrying on the campaign for a labor party was not primarily to build such a broad mass party but to strengthen and build the Workers Party as a mass Communist Party and if it was necessary to sacrifice the broad mass abor party for a mass Communist Party, that it was our Communist duty to build the mass Communist Party.

Instead of holding the view that the united front tactic was a means of building and strengthening the Workers Party, the Foster-Cannon group the broad mass labor party as a goal in itself. It sacrificed the creation of

farmer-labor party around the Workers Party.

The raising of the bug-a-boo that the continuation of the farmer-labor united front spells the liquidation of the Workers Party is also the outgrowth of the erroneous conception, by the Foster-Cannon group, of the purpose of the farmer-labor united front. Those comrades of the Young Workers' League who supported the farmer-labor campaign of the party, as a means of building the Workers for their past sins. They should be happy that they were instrumental in forcing the Workers Party out of its shell of isolation into the light of day of the class struggle in the United States.

(C) The basis of the farmer-labor united front remains. The intensified struggles in this period of the decline of capitalism demand more than ever that the building of the Workers Party be not separated from the task of setting into motion the proletarian and poor farming masses against the capitalists. The slogan of a class farmerlabor party is the slogan that will crystallize and unify politically the struggling masses in the factories and on the land under Communist

The basis for the farmer-labor united front was not removed in the short period that elapsed between November 4, 1924, at which time the farmerlabor party slogan was still in vogue in the party and was the outstanding slogan used by our party in the elections, and November 7, 1924, when it was declared officially abolished by the C. E. C. Neither was this basis seemed to consider the creation of removed in the last year and a half. The facts in the case show that just the opposite is true. The basis for a left blog radical farmer-labor party the farmer-labor united front, not only the litted front from below) for the remains, but has become more acute. rusion of an all-inc lusive broad labor | What was this basis? The outstand-

against the organizing of the federat- were: (1) The necessity of applying ed, formation of shop committees and the united front tactics of the Communist International to the existing conditions in the United States. (2) country were still supporting the bourgeoisie political parties and therefor, the necessity for independent political action. (3) The fact that the capitalism resulting in the intensification of the class struggle in the United States, thus developing the political consciousness of the workers and Party and the league need not repent exploited farmers and laying the basis or the movement for independent olitical action by the exploited

> These three basic factors have not een obliterated, on the contrary, they have become more acute. For the cress, the Communist International eiterated the correctness of the unitcised deviations away from the corelections the workers and exploited parties and the petty bourgeois "proactor, capitalism in the United States has not been revived but on the contrary is suffering an acute agrarian paign against the two and a half tendand industrial crisis. This together with the clean sweep of reaction in severing of the alliance between the the elections means the intensifica-, Foster-Cannon group and the two and tion of the class struggle in this coun-

The Workers Party, in the face of tively participate in the every-day truggles of the workers in the shops, Ruthenberg, slogans which we advance in these party. This manifested itself in its ing factors which influenced the party erful industrial unions, organize the the Communist International.

party shop nuclei.

The attempts to separate the every day struggles of the workers from the The fact that the workers in this task of building up the Workers Party or to disregard the slogan or a farmer-labor party which serves the purposes of crystallizing and unifying politically the strugging masses in world war has hastened the decline of the factories, on the land and in the trade unions against the reactionary bureaucracy, under Communist leadership would be an incorrect application of Communist tactics and strategy. It would be a repudiation of the line laid down by the Communist International and would tend to have the Workers Party crawl back to its former sectarian shell. The tasks of the Young Workers

League in the present situation with irst, we find, that at the Fifth Con- in the Workers Party is clear. It must fight for the line of the Communist International. It must wholeed front tactic and mercilessly criti- heartedly participate in the party discussion. In fighting for the line of ect application of this tactic. For the Comintern, the Y. W. L., its en the second, we find, that in the last tire membership, must without the least bit of hesitation align itself with armers supported the bourgeoisie and support the position of the Marxist group in the party, of Comrades ressive" movement. For the third Ruthenberg, Bedacht, Lovestone, Gitlow, and Engdahl. The Y. W. L. must demand an aggressive ideological camency of Lore. It must demand the a half international, opportunist tendency, in the party. It must fight, with all the forces at its command, the these facts must more than ever ac- tendency to completely eliminate the old Bolshevik guard of our party, the Lovestone, Bedawnt, trade unions, on the land, etc. The grouping, by.. both the.. Foster and Lore groups, which manifests itself daily struggles must not remain paper in the labelling of the old guard of our slogans. They must be combined with party as "opportunists and revisionconcerted campaigns of action which ists of Marxian-Leninist doctrines." will realize them. Such slogans are: Unless that is done, the Y. W. L. will "For a farmer-labor party," amal- not have fulfilled its task, it will not gamation of the craft unions into pow- have followed the line laid down by