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## Tells of Struggle for World's Oil

By JACK RICHARDS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. - While the naval experts and the airmen continue to dispute over the most efficient me thods of slaughter for "the next war," Rear Admiral W. W. Phelps comes along and says a few things about who will be fighting who when the next world war comes around.

Oil will be the prize for which the imperialists will compete and send young workers to slaughter each other over, and England, already America's rival in the struggle for the control of the world's oil, will be the opponent in the next slaughter, according to the admiral.

Admiral Phelps let the cat out of the bag while addressing the rour day school on "National Defense and Peace Insurance," which is being conducted by President Coolidge, Secretary of War Weeks, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur and other "peace-loving" high officials.

Here are some the things he said: Explain "Open Door Policy."

"The American open door principle has been invoked to help American citizens secure oil concessions. Whereever we turn, this principle has been so successfully combatted by the imperialistic powers and fought by our own provincial politicians for temporary partisan ends, that American rights and interests have been pretty generally affected.

"The result is that the bulk of the world's oil supply is in English control, and within another generation, when our own oil pools are drained, as they are being drained not only by us but also by England and Japan to conserve their own oil reserves, your navy and merchant marine will be at England's mercy for their fuel."

The admiral evidently never swallowed any of the bunk that he handed out to his sailors, about 'defense of country," etc., and has a pretty clear idea of what wars are fought

over. He goes on to say:
"Serious differences are brewing with England over shipping policies. possible. That America determines to build up a great merchant marine fleet has created against us the bitter animos-

ity of the English shipping interests." Admiral Phelps is an old hand in the game of imperialism and the struggle of the bosses for new markets and oil. He has spent 40 of his advance of American Imperialism in toilers in the United States. China. As a result he knows who is America's rival in China and in the Far East: and over what young workers will be slaughtered when the next world struggle starts.

### Cleveland Labor Council Gives God

CLEVELAND, Ohio-Not to be outdone by "the official trade union movement" of New York, which is actively co-operating in the work of raising fit. ported! Without the unstinted support small in membership it has great in teen million dollars for the building of the Cathodral of St. John the Divine the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, cannot live three months. Will you do Young Communist League of Greece the Cleveland Federation of Labor, at your bit to get the 10,000 subscriptions its last meeting, seated the Rev. necessary to support and maintain the Louis C. Wright as a representative weekly Young Worker. of the federated churches.

The federated churches acted upon an invitation extended by the Federation of Labor. The reverend will have the right to take the floor but not vote. "I think it is a fine opportunity to establish mutual understanding beween the churches and the federa-

tion" Dr. Wright said. Cleveland was the scene of the heresy trial of Bishop William Montgomery Brown, last summer. The churchmen are evidently determined to follow up their fight on Bishop Brown with an attempt to innoculate the trade unions of this city against Communist propaganda.

#### Rice Workers in Cuba Killed By U. S. Bosses the increase out of the building funds,

MANILA, P. I., March 8 .- Constabulary sent out from here by General is very serious. It also contains Leonard Wood, dictator of the Phili- a proposal to slight reduc the number pine Island under the command of of teachers. General Crame, have broken up a meeting of the agrarian workers in the rice province of Nueva Ecija, kill- Hangs Crepe on Flag ing seven defenseless peasants. The rice workers are organizing

against their exploiters. Two hundred and fity rice workers gathered on a hill near San Jose, in the province of Nueve Ecija. Wood's showed his grief at the inauguration constabulary, hearing of the meeting, of President Coolidge and "Hell-and-gislature, but all indications at present rode into the defenseless peasants, Maria" Dawes by running a flag in show that it will be defeated when who were unarmed, and shot down his yard to half mast and having seven of them. The constabulary pur- piece of black crepe over it. sued the peasants into the mountains As a result, the American Legion of amendment than they has been were a number of women and several where it is still spreading terror, and Grundy Centre caused Gardner's putting up under the middle class, shooting all rice workers who can be arrest and he was fined \$100 by the pacifist leadership of the National whose crime consisted in medical aid

It is generally agreed that much of capitalism's popularity is due to the steady poisoning of the minds of the workers. This is done thru many ways chief amongst which are the press, moving picture, drama, radio, church and platform. It is litle wonder after all, that millions of America's workers, and especially the young workers, consider revolutionists, (communists) as depraved criminals or worse, when we consider that millions upon millions of papers are published each day which have as a chief function the slandering and vilification of

Against the Bosses Press

To counteract this steady poisoning of the minds of the young workers an organ of these young workers, which will give the lie regularly to all this slandering, is necessary.. Hence, we have the Young Worker.

The role of the Young Worker is to tell the truth of the class struggle to the young victims of that struggle; to lead the fight of the young workers against the boss and against the whole capitalist class; to speed the day when capitalist exploitation, capitalist falsehood, capitalist filth in every form shall be wiped out for all time. Such is the task of the Young Worker. Such is the task of the organization for which it speaks.

Influence Depends on Workers

A Weekly Young Worker! Our own Young Worker, published regularly once each week, can be a very powerful weapon in the hands of our organization, if we will only have the necessary desire to make it powerful. The Young Worker is the only revolutionary youth paper in this country which takes up agressively the fight against capitalist imperialism; the only paper in this country which takes an uncompromising stand for the young workers against the capitalist

The Young Worker reflects the everyday struggle of the young workers; it leads this struggle in all its forms. The Young Worker mobilizes the working youth in the struggle which will give capitalism, and all that for which capitalism stands, its death blow.

Extend Corculation.

To make the work of the Young Worker effective, we must see that have risen more than two hundred its circuation is greatly extended. The per cent. In tobacco production and carried to them with all the force The population has been incerased by

often than the spoken phrase. The property or money, fit only for land colums, virile poems, the whole page upon page of with land or tools. working class truths which radiates, from the paper upon which they are printed, makes the Young Worker letariat. They have a few co-operaour most valuable and effective agitatives, and a very few peasant leagues, 56 years in the American navy, and tional and organizational weapon. But but the land owners are still too commanded the celebrated 1,300 mile Yangtze river patrol of the United States Asiatic fleet in 1922 and 1923, time when we have sent it far and strong. The industrial workers are also badly organized, less than half belonging to trades unions. The a big demonstration celebrating the wide into the masses of the youthful

Every Member Get a Sub

three months at least is to widen the tarist campaign with protection and influence, the circulation of the Young support for war cripples, widows and Worker by getting your friends, shop mates and neighbors to subscribe to

Your branch has the task of conducting house to house campaigns, of former Venizelos party is split into a visiting unions, fraternal societies and hundred groups. The Fascists have Voice But No Vote workers political organizations, as not succeeded in penetrating the well as every young peoples club in trades unions. the city, to get subscriptions and bundle orders for our paper.

The Young Worker must be sup-

### Teachers Get Increase

CHICAGO, Ill.—The teachers will get their 10 percent wage increase in fight against militarism in Greece. Chicago, but it will be taken out of the children thru giving them bigger class rooms, according to plans laid down Chicago League Holds by trustees and department heads i the offices of Charles M. Moderwell coal profiteer and President of the Chicago Board of Education.

Pass the Buck The teachers of Chicago have been demanding an increase in wages for some time, and the Board of Education has been trying to put it off, complaining of lack of founds. The first proposal was to take the money for

out the teachers objected to this. With classes in Chicago already much too large, the increase proposed

### To Honor Coolidge all workers in Chicago to put up a

GRUNDY CENTRE, Iowa.-William mediate menace of child labor. Gardner, a resident of this city,

By Peter Herd

THE EMPIRE PATRIOT 

# Greece Fights for

ATHENS, Greece. — The fruits of Only Three States Are fighting for the capitalist powers are being reaped by Greece. Dependence upon foreign capital increases and financially the country is bankrupt.

In the last two years food prices over 1,500,000 exies from Asia Minor. The written word is more powerful The majority are peasants without articles, pictures, work and who cannot be equipped

The Greek peasants are not organbelonging to trades unions. strongest peasant organization is the League of War Participants, with 60.000 members. These returned sol-Your task today and for the next diers began with a strong anti-mili-

orphans. Politically the government is incanable of dealing with the economic situation or the political demands. The

The Communist Party of Greece is the only political force that can solve the present difficulties. Though is very active in anti-militarist work especially; almost the whole national committee of the league being in jail for anti-militarist activity.

Besides carrying on activities within the Greek army, the Young Communist League, with the Communist But Kids Are Losers Party, has great influence in the exsoldiers and war veterans organizations which are carrying on a strong

### Child Labor Meeting Sunday, March 22nd

A big child labor mass meeting is being organized by the Young Workers League of Chicago for Sunday, March 22nd at Northwest Hall, North and Western Avenues, at 8 P. M. A letter is being sent to trade unions and sympathetic organization as well as tickets and it is hoped to have Chicago labor as well represented at the meeting as possible.

Child Labor Increases With child labor greatly on the increase in Chicago as it is throut the country, the Chicago League is labor campaign, and is calling upon

The child labor amendment has not action is taken, unless the workers Child Labor Committee.

## for Amendment

By JACK RICHARDS

WASHINGTON, D. C.-Up to date the child labor amndment has been rejected by one or both branches of the Young Worker must get into the shipping thousands of men untrained legislature in 28 states. Missouri was hands of wider and wider oircles of working youth if our message is to be in other work swell the unemployed. the last to reject the 20th amendment to the federal constitution, when the and old, who are interested in the House of Representatives voted against it on March 4th.

Only three states have ratified the amendment: California, Arizona and Wisconsin, all states with no large industry depending upon the cheap labor of children. Partial ratification has been recorded in New Mexico.

Other States Expected to Act Five states that employ a large percentage of the child slaves in America have not had legislative sessions this year, but the bosses control the legislatures to such a degree that there is no chance of the amendment being conditions of labor of the adults and ratified there at the present time. These states are: Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Maryland and Virginia.

In the ten states where the legis atures are now in session: Colorado. Florida, Illinois, Iowa, New Hampshire, Maine, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and West Virginia, all indications point to a rejection of the

#### John D. Jr. Makes Negro for a child going to school is useless; School Safe for Bosses Thru "Gift" of Million the Child Labor Amendment to the

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y .- John D. Rockefeller Jr. has given \$1,000,000 to the Hampton and Tuskegee Institute for Negroes, it was announced

of the capitalists in gaining complete stitution for Negroes.

The oil king stated that he was a son high incomes; and be it making this gift "because of his life" FURTHER RESOLVED, that the will not cease to draw "interest" from this source in the future. The school will do its best to "repay" his gift.

#### Miners Class Studies How War Is Swindle

TAYLORVILLE, Ill.—All American wars form the revolution to the world war, and not forgetting the civil war, were swindles on the workers wh did the fighting, Oscar Ameringer told attempting to intensify its anti-child the education classes of miners in the Taylorville sub district.

#### united front fight against the im- White Guards Kill Children in Esthonia

REVAL, Esthonia. - Among the more than 300 persons executed in put up a more militant fight for the Esthonia for the Communist rising to wounded workers.

### Greece Fights for Great Powers and Suffers Starvation CHILD LABOR LAW And ti-Child Labor Resolution of Y.W. Adopted by Y.M.H. Resolution of Y. W. L. Adopted by Y.M.H.A.

A resolution against child labor was adopted unanimously by the Chicago branch of the Y. M. H. A. The resolution is similar to ones being presented to many organizations by the Young Workers League in its campaign against child labor. A special Anti-Child Labor Mass

Meeting will be held in Chicago on March 22, and all organizations interested in a united front fight against child labor will be invited to send representatives and all workers, young campaign are expected to attend.

The resolution, presented by Comrade Shaap for the Young Workers League, was as follows:

WHEREAS, the physical and moral vell-being of the working class youth of this country is being destroyed thru the brutal exploitation of children in the mines, mills, factories and sweatshops to create larger profits for the WHEREAS, thru the exploitation of

hild labor the reduce the wages and make worse the to weaken the trade unions; and WHEREAS, the children of the

workers and poor farmers are entitled to a full education, without economic restrictions and should not have their lives stunted thru hard toil in their childhood; and WHEREAS, children are forced to

work because of the poverty of their parents and a child labor law that loes not provide government support THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we demand the immediate ratification by the state legislatures of Constitution and that Congress shall immedately pass a law prohibiting the labor of children under eighteen years of age; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, since the Child Labor Amendment is meaningless without government mainte-Already one of the most ambitious nance of the school children of the mediately. workers and poor farmers, the state control of the educational institutions and federal legislatures shall pass a of the country thru such donations, law providing full government main-John D. Jr. sees the value of control-tenance of all school children of workling this big southern educational in- ers and poor farmers, the funds for far. this purpose to come from special tax-

long interest in the Negro race." His trade unions repeal from their consti-"interest" in the Negro race has been tutions all discriminatory clauses in the form of profits from the in-against equal rights in the unions of tensive exploitation of the Negro young workers; also that the admisworkers in American industry and his sion fees and dues be made lower for gift is more one to be sure that he young workers to enable them to become members of the unions which will thereby become strengthened in their struggles against the bosses;

FURTHER RESOLVED, to call upon all other working class organizations to unite with us in a common political struggle against child labor exploitation and for full government maintenance of the school children of workers and poor farmers

#### Big Steel Plant Finds Source of Cheap Labor

NEW ORLEANS. - The Carnegie Steel Co. of Pittsburgh, will locate a \$2,000,000 plant at Baton Rouge as a distributing point thruout the southwest and Latin-America. Saving in freight charges as well as the lower wage scale and unorganized Negro labor in the south is responsible for the move.

> In the Next Issue! Collapse of the C. P. P. A." by Allexander Bittleman

### Child Accident in New York Industries

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—Counting only those children seriously injured, the figures show 1,983 child laborers badly hurt in the factories of New hurt in the factori York State in one year, according to a report by Nellie Swartz, chief of the Division of Women in Industry of the

State Department of Labor.
Six Times as Many Minor Injuries Approximately six times that number suffered minor injuries. While a campaign is being launched to prevent a further increase in accidents in New York, a careful study of the accidents show that they are caused by the age tion of child labor.

increase in industrial accidents on a just come out of school and who need national scale at the same time that the working-premits are just the kind of there is n increase in child labor. wage slaves that they prefer, for they The figures for the country as a whole during the past year show an average increase in fatal and other serious accidents of 29 per cent.

Safety Devices Kept in Museum As an illustration of how efficiently the bosses are going to deal with this menace to young workers in industry, the first steps in the campaign in New York, according to announcement by A. A. Hopkins, Director of the Museum of Safety, is an arrangement that time averaging about 17 cents for every pupil of the continuation per hour), were slashed to 18 cents seum of Safety, is an arrangement schools to visit the museum where almost of these safety devices will relowing close upon the heels of this vention of industrial accidents is on came the elimination of the five per exhibit. It hardly need be said that cent weekly bonus which was given ew of the bosses being willing to nost of these safety devices will remain on the exihibt in the museum, spend any of their profits for the proection of the young workers.

### CHRISTOPHER, ILL. MINE CLOSES DOWN; **500 MORE JOBLESS**

CHRISTOPHER, III. - The East Mine at this city closed down indefinitely on March. 7. The company just posted a notice to this effect, instructing the men to remove their tools and clohes and clean up their coal. This throws 500 men out of

This mine was idle seven months last summer, and the mine opened up against the latter part of September. Since that time the men have been working two and three days per week. These workers are in very hard circumstances, still in debt to the storekeepers from the last shutdown. The storekeepers now refuse to carry them any further, so their outlook is black, in-

The Lewis-Farrington policy of squeezing the surplus miners out of little more of it will completely disillusion the miners who still have any hopes of relief from such a source.

To mention Lewis or Farrington in this district today is to create a laugh. Confidence in them is gone, nothing but contempt and scorn remain. They are looked upon a operators' lackeys instead of labor

### German Workers Will most frightened to death, tried to Start General Strike Unless Bosses Settle knowing the truth about their conditions, they threatened all their em-

BERLIN, Germany-A general strike is threatened by the workers in German industries if the Dawes plan railway administration does not settle with the striking railway workers im-A general meeting has been held to

determine further action in view of the failure of the administration to grant the demands of the strikes so

Officials Get Increase The strike is for an increase in wages, and the men are especially indignant over the increase in salary for the officials, while the workers who have been for some time getting the lowest imaginable wages have received no increase. Ever since the Dawes plan started in operation here it was evident that is would not belong before a great strike movement would arise as a result of the slave conditions under which the German workers ers League is doing its bit to mobilare sweated thru the Dawes plan.

Other Unions Sympathetic The unions of other industries have U. S. Fleet Starts Its already instructed all workers to refuse to work in strike districts. The sentiment is very strong for the general strike, and with conditions such as they are in all industries. a general strike is very probably unless the administration is quick to

The average weekly wage for a skilled worker in Germany today is less than \$9 (36 mark and 77 pfen-

### The Only Way Bosses

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 10.-A wage increase agreement averting the threatened strike of enginemen on the Senta Fe Coast lines was signed these 110 warships, in this, the first here yesterday by company officials maneuvers ever held in preparation and brotherhood representatives.

# YOUNG WORKERS Total 1,938 in Year GET LOW WAGES

### Conditions Make Youth Think of Organization

Poland and Katz, better known as "Polecats," are engaged in the noble art of manufacturing umbrellas-that of the children and that they will not be prevented except thru the aboli-business of employing young boys and girls at starvation wages to make the Further proof of this is seen in the umbrellas. Boys and girls who have are speedy, afraid and make no efforts to organize against their exploiters.

#### Starvation Wages.

Wages-if they can be called such, range from \$6 and \$7 upwards, but they never go very high in the scale. And on these wages the boys and girls, young men and women, are ex pected to live! A few months ago the wages of most of the girls (at lowing close upon the heels of this

to the true and faithful slaves. "Eighteen dollars is considered a good wage in this shop," said one of the young men employed there. "But how in hell a man can support him self and a family on that amount is beyond me.

Sweat-Shop System Used.

Fully three quarters of the work done by Poland and Katz is done outside of the factory. Home-work, which permits the exploitation of the entire family from the tiniest tots to old grandfather, and which knows no limitations of hours is always, looked upon as an ideal form of work by those who reap the swollen profits therefrom. And that is the way the honorable gentlemen who run the above-mentioned Umbrella Factory in Baltimore look upon it.

Of course, even those who work in the shop are permitted to do homework. But the pay is no more than that to be gotten in the shop

way, overtime wages need no As For Sanitation-The floors are seldom swep

spite that rapid and vast accumuatio. of dust, dirt and rubbish. The facilles for washing are of the very worst kind. Only one small sink on each floor-and these are almost always dirty and at times so clogged up that they cannot be used. Toilet facilities are just as bad. No wonder then, that even the docile youths are grumbling about conditions. Two the mines is succeeding well, and a hundred and fifty workers, men and women, forced to labor under such conditions and with such low pay are bound to begin thinking about why things are as they are, and what can be done to remedy them.

> Y. W. L. on the Job Our Baltimore section of the Young Workers League, determined to do whatever it could to aid these young workers in their strugles, issued & special leaflet addressed to the um brella workers which was distributed in front of the plant. The bosses, alchase away our comrades but failed to do so. Then, in their determination to prvent their wage slaves from knowing the truth about their condiployes with expulsion if they were to attend the mass meeting which the Y. W. L. called. One of our comrades

> was fired from the shop. Last Sunday, March 1, the bosses sent their tools to spy on all who might venture to the meeting. Only a few of the most daring workers showed up. The threats of their masters had taken effect. But the Y. W. L. is not in the least discouraged. It will go on with its work, and it knows that before long the young and adult workers of Poland and Katz will come to hear their message and organize themselves to fight against their bosses. This they must do to save themselves: for further wage cuts face them. And unless they prepare to resist they will sink deepe and deeper into the morass of poverty while the profits of their employers grow greater and greater. In this and other struggles, the Young Work-

### Practice for Next War

The black fleet of fifty-two United States warships, represented in maneuvers as an invading fleet convoying a train of supply ships to capture a base of operations off the Lower California coast, today is getting into battle formation for its dash to the objective. Secrecy shields its move-ments. The blue fleet, a defensive force of fifty-eight United States warships, is spreading a mobile network Can Prevent Strikes over the waters of the Mexican coast to locate, intercept and destroy the black fleet.

Battle conditions down to the last step in the greatest series of naval minute detail prevail on board all

### PHILADELPHIA LEAGUE CONVENTION OUTLINES BIG PROGRAM OF ACTION

By DOMENICK FLAIANI. PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The Young Workers League of Philadelphia held its semi-annual convention here at 521 York Ave. After hearing the report of the officers, there was a thorough discussion by the delegates on each

The convention shows that the Philadelphia League during a period of six months has grown very rapidly. Three new branches were organized two Jewish and one Hungarian. There are good prospects of organizing another branch in South Philadelphia. The members themselves have done very little to carry out the last convention decision, and the Program of Action adopted when Comrade Carlson was here. The League will work in close co-operation with the Workers Party to fight against the present system, and for the abolishment of child

After the discussion, the following resolutions were presented and unanimously approved:

1. To increase the membership of the League by 100 new members before May 1, 1925.

3. To increase the circulation of the Young Worker by 500 copies weekly in the city of Philadelphia and place it on all city news-stands before May

4. A factory campaign to be started on plants to be chosen by a committee to be elected by the C. C. C. 5. Fractions to be established in all trade unions where we have members and have them function before

To increase the membership of the Junior Section 100 per cent before

8. All members of the League to be subscribers of the Young Worker before May 1, 1925.

9. A committee to be elected at the C. C. C. for selling the Young Worker in the factory and plants.

10. Headquarters of the Young Workers League of Philadelphia to be established and to function as soon as

After the approval of the resolutions elections of the new officers followed. Domenick Flaiani was elected as Young Worker correspondent, A. Sokolov as City Organizer, D. Bierman, Secretary, D. Flaiani, Financial Secretary, D. Milgrom, Young Worker Agent, Comrade Dugo, Junior Director, L. Hoffman, Literature Agent. Comrade Milgrom has already star-

ted on his drive to collect subs for the Young Worker, and we are sure that he will raise more than the 100 subscriptions which we have put forward as our goal.

#### Australian Labor Plans to Boy cott United States Navy

MELBOURNE, Australia.-Militant unionists are preparing plans where by the trade unionists of Australia 2. Five nuclei to be established and will declare the American fleet un to be functioning before May 1, 1925. fair when it arrives at Australia ports. This comes after plans on th part of the bosses for big expend. tures for a greeting of the U.S. flee by the Australian navv. This boycott by the frade unionist

of Australia will be a protest agains naval preparedness and militaris Australian labor is great? also against the reactionary actions aroused over the coming Pacific man euvers of the American fleet as we as by the war propaganda of the Brit ish government and the developmen plans for the Singapore base.

However, despite their protest against militarism and their convic tion that another world war is near the trade unions and the present lead ership of the labor movement in Aus tralia are taking no step beyond this protest to organize against war.

### THE DOPE SQUAD



## Young Workers' Correspondence

### CORRESPONDENTS, NOTICE!

Comrades: -- This section is only possible through the cooperation of the different sections of the Young League. If you don't write e cannot do so from the office of the Young Worker. ppeal to you comrades to send material for this section, news of the shops, conditions in your factories, in your mines, everywhere young workers are employed Send in short the make up, just so they contain some information about the conditions under which the young workers toil, and the work our comrades are carry-

#### First American Letter Going to Russia

(This letter is written by members of an active nucleus in a clothing factory, and for obvious reasons we are reprinting it without giving names of the place or the comrades) Dear Comrades:-We have read

your letter which describes conditions of the young workers in the factory "Serp e Molot" and it reminds us of Belamy's book "Looking Backward." Nucleus Functions Illegally

I will try to describe the conditions of the young workers of an American tory, half of which are young workers. Only four of the young workers belong to the nucleus of the Y. W. L. (the American section of the Y. C. I.) Although the Y. W. L. of A. is a legal organization, the nucleus in our factory cannot function openly: Here are the reasons why .-- Our boss does not like the communists. If he finds out the next letter we will write to you that a worker carries on communist popaganda he calls him "bolshevik" and chases him out.

Officials Protect Bosses Our union officials—(our snop hap- our movement. pens to be a union shop), don't like the communists. Although they represent the workers, they usually protect the bosses. If a worker is active in the union and asks the officials to Letter from Russian fight the bosses in order to better the conditions of the workers, the officials where you can do whatever you please. Dear Comrades:-

Even our fellow workers use the munists as their enemies. Now you factories working for the same indus-

We don't want any bolsheviks in our

each narrow wall but no windows in Railway. the long walls. It is so dark in our place that we use electric lights

work. We can't go out to a restaurant work also in Youth Sections, as well take no chances at being poorly equip-

did before and they work harder. Then comes another cut of the prices

Capitalists Control Everything

ported by the capitalist class.

Hide Class Struggle This is the reason why the Amer-ply, can workers don't believe in class struggle.—Dear Comrades, it is impossible in one letter to describe the conditions of our factory and also the work that our nucleus carries on. In about our nucleus.

Write us more about your nucleus about the conditions in your factory about the conditions in your factory, about everything that has to do with Speed Up Work on

### Railroad Nucleus

We, the young workers of Russia, will cost \$43,000,000 each, or \$86, send you our comradely greetings. The 000,000 for both when completed and Young Communist International has fully eqipped with airplanes, according word "bolshevik" as a bad name. The decided that our nucleus should keep to announcements here by J. D. Beur-American capitalist press tells so in touch with your factory. The mem- et, Chief of the Bureau of Construcmany lies about the bolsheviks tht the bership of our nucleus consists of tion and Repair of the Navy Depart-American workers consider the com- young workers employed in a group of ment. understand why our nucleus is not try. It has 500 members including understand why our nucleus is not try. It has not members including functioning openly in spite of the fact that the Y. W. L. of A. is legal.

Conditions in Shop

Conditions in Shop Now about the conditions in our a day, and between the ages of 16 and fect of their type as exists or is con-We work in a long narrow 18, six hours a day. Our nucleus is in templated anywhere in the world.

Social Life

In the evening all our members take speed of 38 knots an hour and will be the whole day even when the sun is part in some circle or other: choral, able to carry between seventy and continuing the construction of the Lexdramatic, music, drawing circles, etc. eighty planes.

Every member of the Young Com- Well Equipped for Slaughter We have no lunch room in the shop. Every member of the Young Com-We carry our lunch and eat at the munist League is also a member of machines where we work. Everything the club which carriers on cultural around is covered with dust from the and educational work. Our members but the American bosses wanted to waith aircraft an daircraft accessor-

representative who stands up for the Piece Work interests of the young workers in the work eight hours a day and are factory committee. We have also a for yourself, citizen-judge, how is it the court, I am willing to let go at that the court, I am willing to let go at the part of the court, I am willing to let go at the court.

all piece workers. Do you know what it means "piece workers" in an Amerand political institutions. Our youth should not be allowed to see my child? bring him up according to my ideas. ican shop? It means more profit for the the bosses and "losing health" for the spend all our free time in the club right."

I allow the father to see his son, all the court now to refuse to grant the bosses and "losing health" for the spend all our free time in the club right." workers. I'll explain to you why. The and work in the various circles of boss sets a price for a certain work. which we have a considerable number. the judge, "that you don't allow the The worker has to work hard in order Boys and girls alike go in very ex- mother to see the girl, as I under- by a woman full of religious prejuto "make a living," a swe say. It hap-pens that some of the workers are older ones among us, namely those both parents could see their chil-Her working faster and they make more over the age of eighteen work eight dren? then the boss has expected. The boss hours the same as the adult workdecides that he pays to omuch for that ers. We have our own wall newswork and cuts the price. Now the papers and hold a nucleus meeting letters, do not worry about the style or workers have to produce more in or once a week, at which we decide der to make the same wages that they questions which concern the youth. Would Like Leters

Dear comrades, we take a great inso slow? Speed up and you will make ers have to work in the factories, how many young workers there are Capitalists Control Everything
The result is that the boss is getting

din your factory, what cultural and educational work is carried on among richer and the workers lose their them, and where they spend their time health. The only enjoyment that the of leisure. Write and tell us about American youth has are dancing halls, all these things and we will do the noving pictures and soical clubs sup-same. We have a commission of seven, namely one representative from every The capitalist class of America con-industrial nucleus, for we have seven rols the schools, the press and the industrial nuclei amalgamated into 'movies." This gives them the oppor- one nucleus representing all these tunity to give the working youth the branches of industry. As soon as we "proper" education. They try and make the American workers believe that America is the best country, that everybody has an equal chance to become a millionaire or even president try. We are all engaged in the same of the United States. The only thing industry, you build railway carriages clothing factory. There are about that a worker has to do is to work and locomotives and so do we. Let us a hundred workers in our fact hard, save money and be a good citihard, save money and be a good citi-then correspond with each other. And now I must close. With heartly comradely greetings and awaiting your re-

M. NOVIKOV. Chairman of the Liaison Commission.

Locomotive Workshops of the October Railway, the October Station, Moscow, Russia.

### Carriers So They'll Be Ready for War

By JACK RICHARDS

WASHINGTON, D. C .-- Two new 33,250-ton airplane carriers are being constructed at great speed. They

Best in World

There are four windows in Moscow and is attached to the October They will be completed and ready to be added to the navy in December. These carriers will have a

for dinner because we have just three as in trade unions. We have our own ed for the next slaughter, and the a

### Judge Decides That Mother is Too Religious! Can See Child in Presence of Father Only!

From the Russian Paper "Gudok".

after the divorce the father did not satisfied. As soon as she would come allow the mother to see the girl, Tamto see Tamara, the girl, she'd start ara. At the time of the divorce, the talking about "God", and cry, and the mother.

"Why is it, citizen Tuliakov," aski

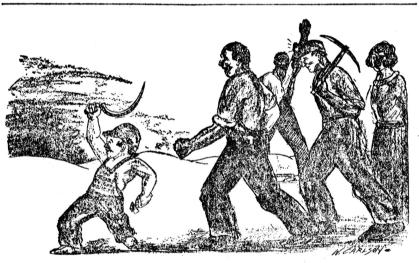
"I'll tell you why," said the father we were so different. She used to go party, and she invited the priests and just got tired of the old wife, that's merchant and I married a member of presence of the father

A couple divorced for two years the Young Communist League. What ppear in court. The case is that more do you want? But she is not court ruling was that the girl was to complain that we don't let the girl go stay with the father and the boy with to church. Since the court granted me the mother.

In answer to the judge's inquiry the daughter, not her mother's. I pity the

ask the court to give me the son on the grounds that he is being brought up

Here the woman broke in-"I sure won't let him have the boy. The thing is not at all about religion, comrade "The reason I divorced her was that judge, it's that he doesn't like me to see how he is loving his new wife,' to church, just as in old days, while I and turning to the public she added would go to lectures on political sub-jects. I handed my application to the have nothing to do with the case—he



### More Marchers in Parade

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propriation was greatly exceeded. After hearing Admiral Beuret's tes- for the two carriers and that it was timony the Appropriations Committee in reporting bill today recommended an appropriation of \$17,000,000 for con- and scouting planes, enough to com ington and Saratoga, stipulated that plete the complement of planes of car The original cost of the carriers \$3,000,000 of this amount be used tow-rier.

They have everything ready in

Admiral Beuret told the committee non fodder.

Mayme Matiskaines Hilma Matiskaines Celia Merson

Bertha Kaleva

Elmer Lamkkala

it would cost \$5,917,500 for the planes cluded in the deficiency bill in buying fifty-four fighting planes and twenty four of the combined torpedo, bombing

Washington now. All that is needed in addition is young workers for can

By HARRY GANNES.

There is not a single state in the country that does not have thousands of child slaves within its boundaries. For the most part, the country can be divided up into sections (in which the conditions of the child slaves remain pretty much the same). The entire south comprises one great big black blotch on the child labor may with red letters shricking: bled to Death without mercy-in cotton field and in mill and factory." The eastern and northern states make use of children mainly in factory, mine and in home work, while the northeastern capitalists and employers of labor find the children just as useful in the truck gardens as in the mill. In the middle west, children are used in mine and factory and on the farm: while in the golden west and in the sunny land of California and vicinity, little children pour out their energy into the loads of vegetables and fruits for which that section of the country is noted. In all parts of the United States, children work outrageously long hours,, for thos some sort of provisions are made by law, they are never carried into effect.

In Mississippi one child in every four, ten to fifteen years of age, is put to work. These figures are based on the imperfect United States census, which, of course, does not ake into account the children under ten. About the same number of children work in the other Gulf states.

What kind of work do these children do? The children in these states are employed in every conceivable type of labor that their little hands can be put to. No matter what the work, the hours are back-breaking and the conitions unbearable. From investigations made by the United States government (certainly a capitalist source), as well as by other organizations, we get a dim glimpse of the bitterness of the life of the child slaves in the South.

The following facts are taken from a report by the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor concerning conditions in "Oyster and Shrimp Canning Communities." The work begins any time from three to seven in the morning. The work place is a rickety, damp shed. Whole families are employed as the pay is very low, and if a living is to be made, every available member of the household must be put to work. Even the babies, unable to walk are taken along, for the mothers must watch their babies while at work. The children shuck oyesters and pick and hull shrimps. The floors are always wet and littered with piles of oyster shells and shrimp hulls. Nearly every child employed in the shrimp canneries has at some time or other suffered blood poisoning from the shrimp thorns, which some-times ends with the loss of a finger or two. There is a constant soreness of the hands from the acid in the shrimps. The wages are extermely low, some of the older people getting but \$7.50 a week, and the children much less.

In eGorgia, Kentucky, Alabama, South Carolina and Tennessee, tho the work varies, the conditions smack of the same brutality.

The state labor commissioner of California reports that four per cent of the children ten to fifteen years old in that state are worked thru some means or other. San Diego has the largest percentage of employed boys, and San Francisco of employed girls. The majority of the children in this state are employed on farms, groves and truck gardens. The hours on the farm are as many as the child can bear without dropping dead and the work is bodybreaking-continually bending over the ground picking beets or other vegetables from the damp ground, or walking thru a blishering field in the hottest days of summer. What is the pay? Children are always employed primarily because of the low wages they get.

With a population of 400,000 in New Orleans, there are 7,971 children between the ages of 10 and 16 working in cotton mills and bag factories.

A report of the United States department of labor shows thousands of children labor at the hardest kind of work in the beet fields in various parts of the country. One-fourth of the children investigated were under ten years of age, mere babies. Says the report: "It is a common thing to see little tots with long, sharp knives cutting tops from beets. . . In many cases they work from six o'clock in the morning until nearly dark with only a short stop for lunch." A study made of two counties of Colorado revealed that: "One-fourth of them (the children) were under 10 years of age, a small percentage under eight. . . Physically the most harmful feature of the work lies in the hours. From 69 to 85 per cent worked nine or more hours

Many of the children worked eleven or more hours a day. A Chinese coolie will have to forego all sleep soon in order to compete with native-born American children. All sorts of deformities were discovered on examination of the beet child slaves. Seventy per cent of 1,000 of such children examined were declared to be physically impaired and unfit. The wages paid the children is from five to ten cents an hour, or about \$114 to \$200 for six to seven

It would make dreary and unpleasant reading to go down the gamut of states similar in the treatment of the children to those already referred to. Their numbers are greater than the little children have fingers and toes. Some people say, "Well, it is admitted that those are backward states. The enlightened sections of the country are much better in their handling of the children." (An examination of the "more enlightened section" of the United States shows us that child labor is a disease that effects every state. In our survey we must rely on the biased government reports; the workers organizations are too poor to make investigations of their own, and certainly the writer is not in a position to investigate conditions a first hand. But even our biased sources pain a picture so horrible, were we to tage it as truth and fact in every detail, it is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the

and the work our comrades are carrying on among them. Nuclei which received instructions and communications from the National Office should especially get on the job right away.

Dear comrades, we take a great in party, and she invited the priests and just got three of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the should and so on. If a worker complains that he can't "make a living" the boss says: "Look, your neighbor makes aliving" the boss says: "Look, your neighbor makes and to pray at night so I'd be forgiven to know everything about your conditions of life and work. Write and the decision that hereafter the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe, that is enough to condemn the capitalist system of the old whe would like that he can't "make a living" the boss says: "Look, your neighbor makes aliving" the boss says: "Look, your neighbor makes aliving the boss of the decision that hereafter the old whe would like the can't make a living the boss of the old when the capitalist system of the old when the capitalist syste vorced her. Now she married a rich should see the daughter only in the America boasts of. Coal and steel are the big industries of Pennsylvania. Few children are employed in the steel mills because it is impractical to employ children to handle thousands of tons of heavy metal. Yet 16,000 children all over the United States must slave away their lives where molten metal flows like the murky waters of the Monongahela.

In the coal districts, conditions are worse. Pennsylvania law provides that no child shall be given a permit to go to work until he is 14 years of age, and that no child under 16 shall be permitted to work underground. But that does'nt mean anything. As one investigator put it, a child in the Schuylkill mining district "had secured employment on a baptismal certificate when he was 12."

Eighty one per cent of the miners' children leave school before the completion of the eighth grade. Out of 3,136 children investigated between the age of 13 and 16, according to a government report, 1,349 were at work nostly in or about the mines.

The young miner begins work at the breaker. The life cycle of a miner as expressed by an old miner is this: "You begin at the breaker and you end at the breaker, broken yourself." In the breakers, the boys are constantly in danger of being mangled by the machines. "One boy told of the death of another while watching the dam beneath the breaker. He and some of the other breaker boys had helped to extricate the mutilated body from the wheels in which their companion was caught; he himself had held the bag into which the recovered parts of the dead body were put." in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Kansas, are much worse than depicted; in southern Illinois, Indiana, Ohio they are about the same as the conditions in Pennsylvania.

Perhaps the most systematized exploitation of child labor in accordance with improved methods is to be found in New Jersey, Rhode Island, New York, Maine, Connecticuit, Massachusetts. In all of these states is to be found the pernicious practice of industrial home work. There is no way of counting home workers. But home work is a method of profit-making for the bosses that could not exist without the use of children. The children are not always kept out of school, but what is more harmful, are sent to school for a certain number of hours a day and are then put to work for an out-(To be Continued)

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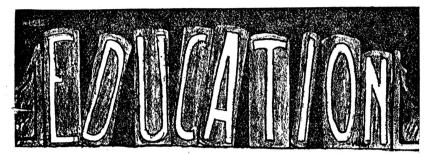
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### Organizations of the Class Struggle

LESSON NO. 5.

ever trying to reduce the workers ize the fight against the Capitaldefend their interests.

increase the price of labor power. direct their struggle. against the capitalist class, these living in a given territory. trade unions generally degenerat- In each local labor union the edness and because of the official- fractions to aid them in their dom) into an aid to the capitalist work of strengthening the unions

The capitalist system, however, struments of the class struggle. tends to bring all labor into the The fractions direct the work unskilled class. The modern work- within the unions and all Comer becomes a machine tender. This munist must belong to them. They makes it necessary to bring great- are not the basic units, however, er and greater masses into the because the place where all the trade unions.

ing industrial unions outside of they are in the unions. the trade union movement, to com- The final organization of the prise all the workers in each in- workers in the class struggle is dustry. Such unions are the In the Workers Council or Soviets. Union. Other workers, especially workers are about to take power. the Communist workers, advocate They are formed of represenjoining the various existing trade tatives of the workers in the shops unions. This amalgamation move- presentatives of the poor farmers ment is increasing in strength and of the soldiers' councils, they from year to year.

of the class struggle, there is a ten- ment of workers Soviets is called dency for the workers to organize the Workers and Farmers Govion shops. Altho the factory and workers have a voice because only or because of the workers' dis- the capitalist is taken from them, couragement with unions, they and they are forced to become tend to strive for the control of workers. The control of Industry production in the factory.

are usually a few who hold the ure, the Communist society, is interests of their class above all laid. other interests. These class con- References: The functions of scious workers form political par- the various organizations of the ties of the workers. A political class struggle is given in "Thesese party is the expression of a class and Statutes of the Communist in society. The Socialist Party International" adopted at its was formed as a party of the work second Congress. ing class but it actually has be-Questions. come more and more the expres | 1. What is the difference be

Today the party of the working trial union? class is the Communist Party. In 2. Name an industrial union America this is known as the outside of the American Federa-Workers Party. The Communist tion of Labor. One inside the A. Party is composed of those work- F. of L. ers who understand the class 3. What are the Communists struggle and who are aiming at trying to do in the local unions? the victory for the workers in that 4. What is the difference bestruggle. While a union must tween a labor union and workers take in all workers of a certain political party? trade or factory, the political 5. How does the functions of party of the workers can take in the fraction differ from that of a only members who have certain nucleus? beliefs. This makes the Commun- 6. What is the aim of a workers ist Party the central organization committee? of the class struggle. All other 7. What are soviets? When are organizations of the working class they formed? What is their work?

I must practically come under the The continued oppression of the influence or control of the Comworkers by the capitalists who are munist Party in order to centralto more abject slavery, has forced ist system. The most advanced the working class to organize to members of the working class who form the Communist Party are During the peaceful develop working within their unions and ment of the capitalist system, within their factories to gain the trade unions were formed to im- leadership of wider and wider prove the conditions of labor and masses of workers in order to

The industrial revolution—that is, To work more effectively the adthe growth of machine industry vanced members of the working had brought an end to the old class—that is, the Communists— Guild system. However, the new organize in each shop or factory skilled trades to which the factory into nuclei. The nucleus is the system gave birth, laid the basis political organization of the class of the organization of the trade conscious workers unions. These trade unions were within a certain shop. formed of the skilled workers of This is the basic unit of the each trade, and aimed at increas- Communist Party. In case, howing the price of the labor of the ever, the Communist are too few skilled workers (often at the ex- in number to form nuclei, terpense of the unskilled). Altho ritorial branches are formed to inbegun as weapons of the struggle clude the class conscious workers

ed (because of craft narrowmind- Communists are organized into and making them effective inworkers are, is the factory, and As the labor officials oppose the Communists must be in touch this, many workers advocate form- with the workers whether or not

dustrial Workers of the World, These are formed only during the and the Workers International last stage of the struggle when the unions to-gether into industrial and factories. Together with re-During the more violent periods become the government when the workers take power. This governin each factory. They elect fac-tory committees. These may be elected in either union or non-un-Farmers Government only the shop committees may be formed workers belong to the workers' because of the counter-revolution- Soviets. During the Dictatorship ary activity of the union officials of the Proletariat, the power of goes to the workers and the foun-In every group of workers, there dations of the society of the fut-

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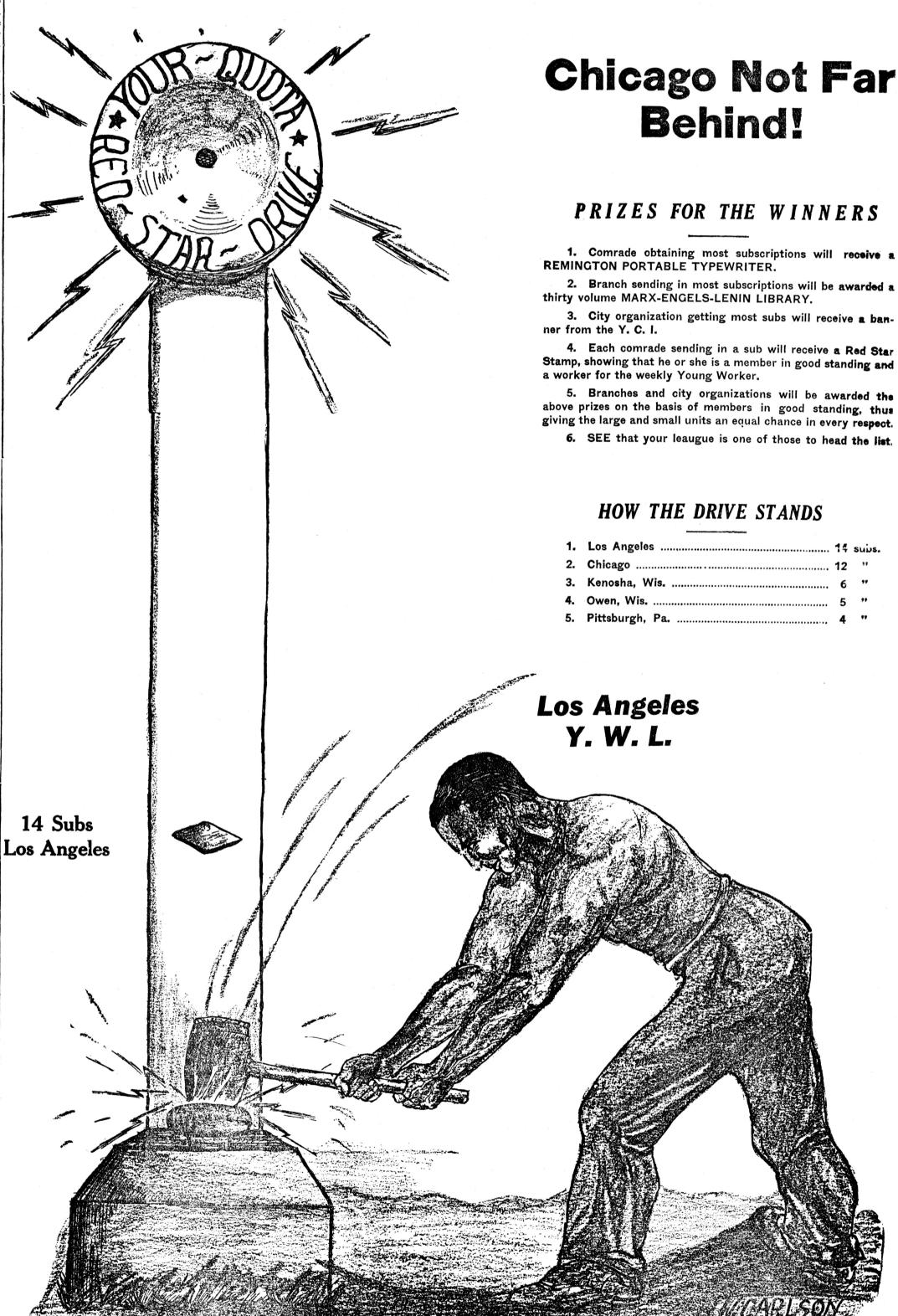
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### Build League with Weekly

Worker for long know, the growth of the Young Worker from a small magazine to a fighting news paper has been closely linked up with the growth of the Young Workers League.

Before the Young Worker was even a bi-monthly and they are also working out means of getting the paper, there was a time when it didn't even come out regularly once a month. As the League grew all this was changed, the magazine began to ap pear regularly once a month, and then as our bigger membership became more active, there was a demand for changing the Young Worker to a newspaper that could better participate and help us in a greater opposition than ever to the war plans of our activities.

Of what value is this history now that the Young Worker is a Weekly?

The most important thing that we learn is that the growth of the Young Worker depends upon the growth of the Young Workers League, and this proves that the best way to insure the continuous existence of our paper as a weekly is by building up the Young Workers League.

But we do not want to wait for the Weekly until the Young Workers League becomes a mass organization, since a Weekly Young Worker is going to achievements of October. be one of our best weapons in building a mass Young Communist League in this country.

So we must do everything in our power to keep up the Weekly Young Worker, at the same time has become a reality, such is the boast of the workremembering, when we get subs, when we get con- ing men and women who have overcome their iltributions, to get new members for the Y. W. L. and literacy. build our League. Also we must remember that now that the Young Worker is a weekly it is our responsibility to see that it plays a more active part in the activities of our various units. That it is an where refreshments are sold. In this little room organizer in our factory campaigns, that it is the you will see our exhibition. You will find there backbone of our nuclei, and that it is a leader in our wall-newspaper which we have published with the everyday struggle of the American young the help of the Young Communist League. It is

You send in news and make use of the paper in factory campaigns! You see that every copy you re reive gets into the hands of young workers!

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### A Leninist League

Inscribed on the banners which greeted our delegates to the last congress of the Y. C. I. were the words "Without Communist theory, there can be no Revolution." These words of Lenin must beome the motto of our League. For in Communist theory is boiled down the experience of our workers in their struggle. Thru these experiences the workers have learned, at tremendous cost, the most efficient methods of organizing for the overthrow of the system of wage-slavery.

We the young workers need the guide book of Communist theory, to keep us on the correct path, for we must direct not only our own footsteps but those of the thousands of young workers who will follow our leadership.

The educational articles in the Young Worker should serve as an outline for the study of Communism. These lessons are intended as the bare minimum of theory which every member should know. Every branch of the League should see to it that its members understand them thoroly.

These lessons should be taken up at regular branch meetings whenever possible. In many cases a short time at each meeting can be devoted to them; in other cases lecture courses or study classes can be organized with the lessons used as

Let us strive to make our League a Leninist League and every member a Leninist.

#### Playing Football with Child Labor

Where is that fancy child labor amendment that was going to end all the ills of the little working children? Gompers raved about it. Every capitalist charity organization pointed to it as the best way to remedy the awful conditions of the 3,000,000 child workers. But where is it?

It is at the bottom of the waste basket in about 40 state legislatures. Most of he 3,000,000 child laborers blistering under the scalling sun of the South, spitting out their lungs in the textile mills of the east, or breaking their backs in the middle Yest truck farms and factories, will be old men when it passed—if it evere passes. Many will be dead. Thousands will be crippled.

That is the road of capitalist reform. That is the way of capitalist legislation. It means death to the workers' children: Glutted profits to the

Relief lies with the workers. A united front munist) Party; until with the working class of all educational bodies of representatives offensive of the workers is the only force that can other lands; revolutionary struggle for the over- of labor protection organs, etc. At our boys and girls are employed do what is mostly required at the make inroads on child labor. A class conscious throwal of the blood-sucking capitalist system, the campaign can end the evil which hits the workers. A united front from the bottom up, a united front dustry and government for the working class—the of all workers, is indispensible if child labor is dictatorship of the proletariat. to be destroyed.

### Advanced Military Training

THE bosses are well aware of the fact that it is the young workers that will be the cannon fodder in the next war; and that compared to the working class youth the student and other elements will make up an insignificant portion of the army.

For this reason they are begining to see that ist) Party or of the Young Workers there must be a radical change in the present system of military training. In the next war even asked shows that there are many withcannon-fodder will have to be very skilled, and in in our ranks who do not yet see the order to train as large a number of future soldiers vital necessity of everyone carrying as possible, the Imperialists see the necessity of of workers within the factory and the gram, against John L. Lewis and his taking military training to the young workers in union

In the past pre-war training has been too much confined to student circles, schools and summer camps. Though large number of children could strength, it has expressed itself in the not grow up without getting some military training various trade union elections that have As all those who have been reading the Young thru the boy scouts, R. O. T. C's etc., plans are now eing made to reach the thousands of young work- the left-wing are only interested in ers who will be the best age for soldiers when the elections, but it is in this manner that

next war comes. In Japan the militarists have discovered that establishment of Communist or leftonly 10 per cent of all young men are in the school, wing leadership.

training to the young workers. America, England, France and other imperialist ountries are doing likewise.

As the militarists more and more attempts to militarize the young workers in preparation for the next war, the young workers must more and more intensify their anti-militarist activities and put up

### We Want Our Parents to be Literate

("Krassny Bogatir" Works.)

The workers run down the hill and slip in quicky through the lattice-work gates eager to get to their club.

Today we celebrate the fifth anniversary of the decree on the liquidation of illiteracy.

Old men and old women go there to testify to the

Who will believe that we were illiterate up to our old age and that we can now read and write? What appeared before impossible and fantastic,

This feeling of just pride is noticeable in every orner and in every seat in the hall: go and see the little room, it is downstairs, next to the orchestra, called "down with illiteracy." Just imagine, we

our own paper. Their joy is great.

The satisfaction and pride of the working men the nucleus is divided into three funand women who have overcome the illiteracy, call damental parts; organizational, ecoforth the feelings of animosity in those who do not nomic and political educational work. want to admit that even old people can be taught. A member of the bureau is in charge Our factory employes 3,000 workers including 150 of such of these branches of work. illiterates. To these illiterates the young pioneers go with this slogan: "We want our parents to be of the proletarian state, which be-

adults with their illiteracy. One can hear her shrill entire work of the nucleus. It elabolittle voice, which can be heard throughout the up for discussion at the nuclei meetarge hall saying: "We, children, are only small, ings. One of the most important and can read and write, but you are grown up and tasks of the nucleus consists in drawyou can neither read or write. We are little and ing all the Young Communists into there are things which we cannot understand, but the work. With this object in view you, who are grown up, cannot explain these things to us. And waving her tiny hands she finishes her tative in the factory committee, ediharrangue by saying: "We litle children ask you tor of the wall newspaper, etc. to begin to learn, as our Lenin told you to do."

The speech of the little girl has come to an end. But she does not move, she wants to say something else, but her litle brain refuses to connect the thoughts as quickly as she would like. And then the echo rang out in the hall—E—IN!" (Lenin). A cute little beggar—was the verdict of those present, and a defending applause drowned the

And late in the evening, after the dramatic performance, some were joyously and proudly discussign, and only a very few hastened to get home, as if ashamed of something.

RISNIK.

"For the working class, capitalism is just one crisis after another, and prosperity is a reality only the Young Communist League, are to those small sections whom the capitalists find it advantageous to corrupt by special privileges. So when we speak of the approaching crisis it means rather that breakdown of the capitalist system of Party youth into the Young Communproduction that closes the factories on a mass scale list meetings of the nucleus. and halts production or brings on a war. Such a cirsis is definite in the near future for the United States. The question is, how soon will it come, and how? Will it be this year or next? Will it express itself in stopping production or in another world our meetings and to help us with our of our trade union, we appoint a rep., the every-day questions of school life slaughter?

These are the questions that are placed upon the order of business for the working class of America. always invited to the Party meetings, And whatever the alternative that history chooses, the basic preparation of the working class for the struggle into which it will be thrown is the same: Organization of the millions of unorganized into the labor unions; transformation of the antequated craft union structure into powerful industrial un- rades are also members of the district ions capable of throwing the mass power of the workers into the struggle; the crystallization of an iron disciplined vanguard in the Workers (Cominstitution of workers' rule and the conquest of in-

Earl R. Browder in the Workers Monthly.

## The Trade Union Elections

"Are you active on the industrial field?" is the question that is being asked every Communist whether he be a member of the Workers (Commun League. It is a very important question, and the fact that it is being

In the Trade Unions

An important phase of this work is within the trade union movement. And where the left-wing has shown any just recently taken place. This doesn't mean that the Communist leaders of we can tell with a certain accuracy just how far we have gone in the

Within the past two years the left wing has come to a better understand ng of how to wage a militant fight against the reactionary officialdom and to the necessity of presenting, in all nion elections, a left-wing slate on a

bureaucrats, of putting up a threecornered fight, is beginning to lose its camouflage and its power to confuse.

The Miners' Election

The recent miners' election was an eye-opener to the Lewis administration election in which the members of the Young Workers League played quite a prominent part. Here the fight was clear-cut. Communist candidates, gram, against John L. Lewis and his class collaboration policy. Despite the fact that the Lewis machine did the counting and stole votes by the bushel the number cast for Communist candidates were so great that they reluc tantly admitted to their polling 66,000

votes. Further handicaps in this election campaign were the lack of finances, and the arbitrary removal of Howat Myerscough, MacDonald, McLaughlin, and other nationally known figures as prospective left-wing candidates for office. Not a single organizer for the left-wing was in the field, the campaign being carried on by a systematic distribution of leaflets.

The Carpenters' Election

For the first time in the history of made its appearance upon a national definite left-wing program. Today, in scale and ran a Communist candidate tration and the so-called premany trade unions, the left-wing has for president upon a class struggle slate led by Jack Anderson. established itself as a separate group, program. Here again the progressives,

expulsions without trial. And the supthe growing strength of the pro the B. & O. eration of Labor.

Machinists' Election

April, is important from many angles. In the primaries there were three distinct slates and although the left-wing made a good showing, getting the nominations of some of the larger locals in the industrial centers, they were this reactionary union, a left-wing didates go on the ballot. This electing o fshop committees and through

Wm. H. Johnston, father and spon-depend upon the Youth,

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and the old method, used by the under Communist leadership, made a sor of the notorious B. & O. Plan, can successful and credible showing. With not, under any circumstances, be sul comparatively little organization, with ported by the left-wing. His long re almost all of the machinery of the cord of incompetence and corruption, union, local, state, and national, in his weakness and treachery in the railthe hands of the conservatives, with road strike, makes left-wing support the usual vote-stealing that goes with impossible. The Anderson so-called this control, Morris Rosen of New progressive slate ar eweak and unre-York was able to record nearly 10,000 liable. One or two are honest progressive trade unionists, but as a This success has brought down upon whole they are not at all satisfactory, the heads of the Communists, mem- and no matter if an election alliance bers of the T. U. E. L., and pro-gressives alike, a series of arbitrary the Anderson slate, they cannot be classified as left-wing candidates. The port now being given to the fight led difficult task confronting the left-wing by the left-wing against this ruinous here is to get Anderson as leader of expulsion policy of Hutcheson shows the ticket to come out openly against gressive movement within the most rescheme, against the expulsion policy actionary union in the American Fed. of Johnston, and for the reinstatement of the expelled members and the right of minority expression within the un-This election, which takes place in ion. At present they give their whispered support to these issues, but the left-wing is demanding an open and public declaration.

What the Y. W. L. Can Do

The Young Workers League can play an important part in the develnot strong enough to win a place on opment of the left-wing within the the ballot, the rule being in this or- union in the shops and especially ganization that the two highest can- among the unorganized, by the formtion is between the Johnston administ these committees drawing closer totration and the so-called progressive gether the organized and the unorgan-

### Letter From Russian Railway

Dear Comrades,

OUR nucleus thinks that it will be interesting as well as useful to you to get to know about the experiences and work of our nucleus, for sooner or later you will have to work under similar conditions, and then the knowledge of our present experiences will be very useful to you. Besides you will learn from our letters al about the life and doings of the young worekrs and peasants of Soviet Rus sia, and especially about their education and training. This will inspire you with still greater energy for your revolutionary struggle. These are the main reasons which prompt is to write to you about our work.

International Class Education

OUR nucleus is attached to the de pot of the Moscow-Kazan Rail way. Our nucleus has 170 members namely 80 per cent of all the young workers employed in our workshop Out of these 170 members, 117 are still unskilled workers and are appreciated to the factory school. This To do all this is a big job, but it can be done IF: who were recently illiterate, have now published school is the fundamental kernel of our nucleus, while the other young Communists of our nucleus are spread among all the crafts. The work of The object of this work is to promote the interests of the proletariat and lieves in international class educa-A little girl from the kindergarten taxes the tion. The bureau is in charge of the every young Communist is assigned his or her definite task, as represen-

AND now I will deal with every branch of work separately: Organizational Work.

ORGANIZATIONAL work comprises superintendence of the entire nucleus, the bureau's preparatory work for general meetings, keeping in touch with social organizations. with the district committee, etc. The bureau of our nucleus consists of seven members. It meets once a week to discuss any questions which might crop up. General meetings are also held once a week. At these meetings reports on economic questions are made, in order to familiar ize our fellows with the economic life of the enterprise as a whole. Reports on the current life of the Party, of also made. General meetings of the Non-Party youth of whom they have about 15-20 per cent are very rare, as we do our utmost to draw the Non-

Contact with the Party Nucleus. A regular contact with the Party nucleus has been established. Several comrades from the Party nucleus have been delegated to take part in work. The secretary of our nucleus is our representative in the Party nucleus. Our Young Communists are at which reports on the work of the Young Communist League is a regu-

Contact with the District Committee. As our nucleus is one of the biggest nuclei of the district, two of our comcommittee. Apart from these comrades, contact with the district committee is maintained thru district tions for same. We also send monthmethods of our organizational work. is composed of young people working separate apprenticeship brigade under gress, April, 1919.)

o coordinate this work with the work which are elected. They deal with

O NE of the most important waymen. The school is under the adforeman. The average earnings of branches of work done by our ministration of the school Soviet at our apprentices, especially on the nucleus is the work connected with the head of which is the headmaster the protection of labor. It must of the school who caries out the dewatch over the state of apprenticeship cisions of the school Soviet. This in the enterprise, it must see to it body consists of three representatives that all the regulations of the Soviet of the apprentices, of the nucleus of Sovernment concerning the youth are the Young Communist League and of arried out, that medical examination the pedagogues and of one representakes place as soon as the need for tative from the factory committee. In t arises, that young workers are addition to the school Soviet there sent into rest homes, etc. In order are also apprentices' committees,

### Drama for Winter Night

(Fifth Avenue)

You can't sleep here, My good man, You can't sleep here. This is the house of God.

Tee usher opens the church door and he goes out.

You can't sleep in this car, old top, Not here. If Jones found you He'd give you to the cops. Get-the-hell out now, This ain't home. You can't stay here.

The chauffer opens the door and he gets out.

Lord! You can't let a man lie in the streets like this. Find an officer quick. Send for an ambulance. Maybe he is sick but He can't die on this corner, Not here! He can't die here.

Death opens a door. Oh, God, Lemme git by St. Peter. Lemme sit down on the steps of your throne. Lemme rest somewhere. What did yuh say, God? What did yuh say? You can't sleep here. . . . Bums can't stay. . . .

The man's raving. Get him to the hospital quick. He's attracting a crowd. He can't die on this corner. rio, no, not here.

> -Langston Hughes. in the Workers Monthly.



resentative in the factory committee, whose business it is to coordinate our work with the work of the factory protection work is divided into two parts: the factory apprenticeship school and comrades directly employed in the industry.

Apprenticeship Schools.

ALL our young workers under the age of 18 are attached to the factory apprenticeship school, which has now 75 pupils. It differs from it is also more difficult here than in meetings of secretaries of political other Soviet schools in that it is at the apprenticeship school to receive tached to the factory itself and that proper training, as one is obliged to these meetings, the district committee there four hours in physical work and assigns the work and gives instruc four hours in theoretical work. This school is under the autonomous rely written reports to the district com- gime of the apprentices themselves. mittee. Such are approximately the It was founded twelve months ago and sidering the advisability to form a the Communist Students' Con-

All questions concerning the life of the school are discussed at the bureau meeting and at the meeting of the committee as a whole. This labor Young Communist League. As to that part of the youth which is not in- peasants' newspaper. The Young Lencluded into the factory school, things inist." Just now (1-18-25) we are are not as satisfactory. The young making preparations for the special fellows are distributed among all the locomotive work shops and are under the supervision of the foremen.

THE latter are frequently too exact I ing with these young fellows, and moment. It happens that these young fellows are kept at one kind of work for a whole month. We are trying to powers, work under the leaderfind a way out of this. We are con | ship of the adults."-(Lenin to

railways, are very small. transport service has suffered very much during the years of the imperialist and civil war and as it is still working almost at a loss, our young workers receive 40-50 per cent of the wage of adult workers, which brings up their earnings to about 30 roubles a month. But to make up for this, they can travel free of charge on the railway on which they are employed twelve times a year and four times a year any distance on all the railways of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Such is approximately our economic situation.

Political Educational Work. GREAT deal of attention must be

A paid to political educational work. Some of our Young Communists who have not gone thru the revolutionary struggle even after the October period, have no idea whatever about illegal revolutionary work. Therefore we must pay a great deal of attention to this side of our movement. In this respect our nucleus has as yet achieved very little. Those of our fellows who worked in the school were taught political literacy. The nucleus has a circle for politically backward young fellows and a circle of the youth movement. These circles are in charge of young Communist students. But not all our young fellows have been as yet drawn into the circles. Last Autumn we had a political examination as a result of which we know how it stands in our nucleus with political knowledge in general. We have in our nucleus a Lenin "corner" where we have newspapers, pamphlets and books. young fellows meet there to read and to listen to informal lectures on Leninism. We publish a small newspaper The Young Communist. All the writing and drawing is done by hand and the newspaper has a very good effect. There is a club in our Moscow district which is called the club of the "October Revolution." It is in a building where the former minister Gutchkov lived. Ln this club the youth is organized into a youth section.

OU nucleus has a corps of young pioneers which is very strong. Two young Communists who are no longer employed in industry are in charge of this corps. In addition to these superintendents other Young Communists give also their time to this work. In the summer the young pioneers go into camp in the provinces and spend most of their time in physical exercises with a few informal political lectures thrown in. This is a brief sketch of the work of our nucleus.

Dear Comrades: We would welcome a letter from you describing your work and the work of your nucleus. This would bring Russian and American young Communists, who are already united by the desire for a world Communist revolution, still

closer together. With Communist greetings,

The Young Communist Nucleus, Moscow Depot of the Kazan Railvay, Sokolniki District.

Moscow, Jan. 8, 1925. P. S. Our letter has been somewhat

delayed and we are at present (1-11-25) celebrating the 5th anniversary of our All-Russian workers' and campaign in commemoration of the death of our common leader VI. I Lenin, during which we will put to a severe test the work accomplished by us without the guidance of Ilyitch. Thereby we will ascertain if we have deserved to be called Leninists.

"Work to the limit of your forces, do not set yourselves tasks which are beyond your