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Military Camps

WHEREAS, The Citizen's Mili-

tary Training Camps are an institu-

tion run jointly by the bosses thru

the Military Training Camps As-

sociation and the War Department

for the purpose of bringing military

training to those young workers in

shops, mills and mines who will be

expected to make up 90 per cent

WHEREAS, The Military Train-

ing Camps Association is composed

of big open-shop employers, includ-

ing such infamous labor haters on

its advisory board as: Richard T.

Crane, Cyrus H. McCormick, Frank

O. Lowden, and thru the Pullman

Corporation is connected up with

the war-loving House of Morgan,

WHEREAS, The Military Train-

ing Camps Association dominates

the policy of these camps and does

its best to see that the camps turn

out scabs and strike breakers as

fast as they turn out cannon-fodder,

WHEREAS, With the other boss-

es co-operating in large donations

and by giving young workers a

month's extended "free vacation"

with full pay as a bribe to induce

them to attend the camps, the

camps are recruiting greater and

greater numbers of young workers

each year who are given the most

intensive military training possible

in a month so that they will be

ready for the fast approaching war,

RESOLVED, That we condemn

the attempt of the El Paso Conven-

tion to offer the machinery of the

A. F. of L. to the bosses for use

in their war-schemes and that we

at all times condemn any attempt

on the part of the bosses to organ-

ically connect the American Feder-

ation of Labor with the War De-

partment to further aid the bloody

plans of the imperialists or to any

way help in the recruiting of young

workers expected to serve as can-

Don't Grow by

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Surrender to Gomes

LISBON, Portugal, April 20.-Fift-

en hundred have been arrested by

he government of president Teixeira

eported. The fighting between troops

he troops of the president lasted for

nany hours and many were killed and

undreds wounded, dispatches declare.

For a time the president was hiding

the main barracks, while cavalry,

nfantry and artillery, several hundred

irectory, and established headquar-

ers in the Paco da Rotondo. The

resident's troops rallied, however,

ebel troops to surrender.

nd after severe fighting, forced the

After Severe Fight

Rebel Lisbon Troops

non-fodder in another slaughter.

American Unions

ship of 5,461,000.

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of the army in the next war, and

with Resolution

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## MANUFACTURERS Bosses Boosting Boys' Week France Between ORAGNIZE FOR THE NEXT WAR

### Prepare Industry For Biggest Profits

By JACK RICHARDS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. - While the federal government is going thru the bluff of starting a suit against the Bethlehem Steel interests to recover \$15,000,000 of excess war profits, the ordinance advisory board, of which E. H. Gary is chairman, is preparing plans for production of artillery, rifles, machine guns and ammunition as a part of the industrial mobilization for the next war.

War Profiteers Organization.

The ordinance advisory board is an able to turn out war materials and right ideas of Americanization, so war profits at top speed when young that we can count on them." American workers are next sent to

How Advisory Board Works.

The way the advisory board works is demonstrated by a meeting held boys because of sentiment, dollars, recently in Boston. Here more than 100 manufacturers of the metropolitan area conferred at the Harvard ent state of industrial civilization in club with the board, to receive tenta- the U.S. enabled a ton to be moved tive orders for war time production. a mile in three minutes for one-half Upon accepting orders for war materials a factory will be designated about the six million children under as an "ordinance reserve plant" and age who are being sacrificed for big will have a status similar to that of business as child laborers. The dol-"ordinance reserve officers" as now lars and cents reason is very evident, provided for by existing law.

Steel Trust Dominates.

The Steel Trust dominates these preparations, which is logical since the steel industry makes the biggest profits out of a war. Thru Gary, president of the U.S. Steel Corporation, the organization is linked up directly with the biggest financial interests in in the country, including J. P. Morgan, and no doubt in starting its preparations for the next war this ordnance advisory board is well informed as to the plans of the U.S. imperialists in the Far East and what chances there are of a new struggle for world supremacy.

Trouble Ahead in China.

for the next war, things are reported to be far from satisfactory for the imperialists in China. Rumors from Tokyo confirm the belief that a secret movement is on foot for armed intervention by the imperialist powers in China. After the armed intervention some sort of a Dawes' Plan would be Young Workers at worked out for China. The reason this movement for armed intervention is being held up at the present time is that the imperialists are having a hard time deciding how they will portion out the booty in case they interthe national movement for liberation from the yoke of foreign imperialism | to a successful finish. which is growing stronger every day in China, there are good chances that and gangsters, hired police, etc., to China long enough to attempt crush this nationalist movement.

#### New York Comrades Will Hold Big Hike Sunday, April 26th

Sunday, April 26, the New York season. Comrades will all meet at the hike.

Many novel features have been arranged for the education and entertainment of the membes of the League and the sympathizers taking part. A Living Newspaper, a feature of all meetings and demonstrations in Soviet Russia, will be enacted by the Young Workers League Dramatic Society. Sature and wit at the expense of Cal Coolidge, Hell 'n Maria Dawes lockout indefinitely. This lockout and other leading lights of American which has been on for a month, is the democracy. Living articles about the greatest labor conflict in Danish his-Communist movement, the Junior tory. The employers by their action Section and the Young Workers in refusing to come to terms with the

ranged by the Red Sport Club. There | port on sea and land may be stopped will be races and games of all kinds, with appropriate prizes for the winners. Comrades and sympathizers coming to the hike should be sure to bring some athletic equipment.

Don't forget the date, Sunday, April 26. The Place, South Ferry at 8:30 decided weather conditions were un- British imperialists for their own ben- about 20 per cent of its members in

## Week Expect Returns; Educate Boy Scabs!

All over the U.S. business men are reparing to make Boys' Week a huge

In Chicago, the Boys' Workers Asociation, representing all the boy clubs of Chicago, with a combined membership of 50,000 boys, met at their monthly luncheon to discuss ways and means of conducting the campaign successfully. Representa tives of the Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimist, Lions clubs, etc., were invited to speak on "Why We as Business Men are Interested in Boy's Week," and to advise in making the campaign a bigger and better one than ever before.

Bosses Gain By Spending. The gist of all speeches that were made was that the business men were going to be "recompensed" for their interest in the work. How they would be repaid was explained very ably by Mr. Cudahy of the Galligan Co., who in his remarks brought out that the interest of the boy attracted was likewise attracting the interest of the parorganization appointed by the gov- ents, and by correcting the problems ernment and recognized by the war of the children they were correcting department. It consists of those big the problems of the grownups. His manufacturers who will make the big- definition of problems being pilfering gest profits thru another war. These and instability in factories and shops, business men want industries pre- also to him it was a very efficient pared in advance so that they will be method to get to the parents with "the

Bankers Agree.

He was followed by Mr. Umberger of the Morris Plan Bank, who believes that business men are interested in cents and civilization. Although he informed the gathering that the presa cent, he failed to mention anything but the writer fails to see the sentiment and civilization.

A school teacher interpreted that ehe business men were in boys work for practical reasons, namely, to reduce crime against private property by organizing open shop schools, increasing productivity to advance civil.

Supt. McAndrews Lends Hand.

Supt. McAndrews has given the association permission to carry their ideas into the schools. In addition to this the executives club of Chicago, consisting of 1,000 employment managers and efficiency men who are organized to eliminate inefficiency and At the same time that the ordinance board is in such a hurry preparing for the next war, things are reported carrying on the campaign. The big-who work in the factories.

"We hope to show the w and plants in the city are among the

#### Greenspan Upholstery Shop Still on Strike

NEW YORK CITY.-The strike in the Greenspan Upholstery shop is still vene. But since they all greatly fear going full speed, with the workers more determined daily to stick it out

The bosses are resorting to scabs,

they will be able to temporarily for break the morale of the strikers, but get their differences and antagonisms on the contrary the strikers, ninetyin regards to the expxloitation of five per cent of whom are young workto ers. fight back harder every day. The season will probably not start until some time in July and the strikers may be forced to strick it out until then. Thru the shop nucleus a strike fund has been started which will help drawn by the petty-bourgeoisie of his the workers as much as possible to get along until the strike is brought to a successful finish. As all of the workers, irrespective of their political views, are receiving the benefits of League will hold its first hike of the the strike fund, they are being convinced that the Young Workers South Ferry at 8:30 o'clock in the League is their only leader and are morning and embark on the Ferry for following its leadership. Whether on Staten Island, the place selected for the picket line to fight the gangsters or in dealings with the union, the shop nucleus takes a leading part.

## Lockout in Denmark

ing to come to terms with the unions, be read daily. the bosses are continuing the huge union, have completely paralyzed all

Dirigible Waits for Weather.

#### "CHILD LABOR IS INCREASING!"



## Comrade Gyptner Speaks Before the Organization Conference of the C. I.

Reporting on the present state of our work, I can say that in Germany we have about 600 nuclei and that 50 per cent of the German League has been reorganized upon the basis of factory nuclei. In Italy we have about 330—350 nuclei, in France 360-400, in Czecho-Slovakia about 200, in Sweden 120, in Norway 41, in Poland about 50, in Lithuania and Latvia from 30—40 in each country, in Bulgaria 80 in the larger factories and 50 comprising members working in small factories, in Jugoslavia 15—20, England 9, America 18. The smaller countries have also already begun nuclei work... From the remarks made by the reporters for the various parties I have gained the impression that the parties have not yet quite correctly understood the ideological significance of the reorganization upon the basis of factory nuclei, and that the nucleus organization is only being built up, because Moscow desires it. The

## PHILLIPS TELLS OF FAKE LEAGUE IN SOUTH BEND

#### Young Negroes Get No Help from 'Intellectuals'

By H. V. PHILLIPS. SOUTH BEND, Ind. - The Young

Spartican League of this city is composed of young Negroes of the high school type. It is a semi-religious uplift organization that apes the ways of the middle class whites. They draw waste in factories and shops, have a distinct line between themselves promised to participate actively in and the uneducated young Negroes

"We hope to show the whites that we are patriotic citizens of the higher principal contributors to this cam- type; it is only thru this means that paign, designed to make good, patri- we can receive their aid and be recogotic slaves out of the boys of the nized for our true value in this community," said Benjamin Curtis, a young Negro who said he was going to spend six years in college.

Young Negro Workers Left Out. The young Negro workers, although they are the overwhelming majority, are left out of the scheme. The young Negro worker sees the class line being sharply drawn and it is our duty to take advantage of this situation and show him the hopelessness of appealing to a hand full of would-be intellectuals who have no interest in his welfare and the need of looking to an organization of his own class that will prepare him for his everyday strug-

The Young Workers League is such an organization-it goes to the mass-There is much work in South Bend to be done among this type of young Negro who is already race conscious and now sees class lines being

### Ohio Dope Bill for Compulsory Reading

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—The dope bill the nuclei. calling for compulsory reading of the bible in the public schools has been passed by the Ohio senate by a vote of 21 to 14.

Tumultuous scenes such as marked its passage in the House, were reas the Buchanan bill, provides that COPENHAGEN, Denmark.—Refust at least ten verses of the Bible are to

#### Syrian Riflemen Bag British Bombing Plane

DAMASCUS, Syria. - Native riflemen brought a British bombing plane The athletic contests are being ar- commercial life in Denmark. Trans- down in flames near the Syrian fron- organization. tier. Two airmen were killed. Britin Syria and as a consequence of the LAKEHURST, N. J., April 20-The British imperialists over Mosul oil, um and big factories. Even the Gerdirigible Los Angeles will not sail for the French imperialists in Syria are man League, 95 per cent of whose Bermuda today, as planned. It was stirring up this sentiment against membership is proletarian, has only

youth began reorganizing the Leagues + upon the basis of factory nuclei long before the Comintern. The decision to do so was made as early as the Third World Congress of the Y. C. I., n which we discussed how the Young Communist Leagues could become nass organizations in numbers as well as in influence, in order to be able to maintain unbroken contact with the young workers under legal as well as under illegal conditions. We set as our goal the defense of the daily interests of the young, workers and came to the conclusion that this could not be done with our old form of organization. Only with a change of the form of organization will we be able to draw new sections of young workers into our organization—the pivotal sections, those who work in large factories. For us the question of reorganization is the path to a mass organization. That is how the eorganization can be looked upon by all parties. We prepared for the reorganization for a long time ideologic-

ally, but soon saw that we could attain no results if we did not start with it and a half hours like the rest of the practically. After a certain period the German League had established about 100 nuclei, but the old form of organ ization remained intact. This soon proved to be a disadvantage, for the members were still more closely atto the nuclei. In strikes and lockouts these newly formed nuclei therefore proved unstable and for the most part broke up. The German League thereupon decided to commence reorganization on a definite date and to elaborate a plan on the following basis with

fulfillment: work.

2. Constitution of all factory nuclei, which can be formed from the present membership, and turning over work to the factory nuclei.

3. Reforming town divisions of the old organization with due respect for the factories and the division into nu-

4. Assignment of all other members, who cannot be organized into factory nuclei, to the nuclei.

5. Convening of town and district of Bible Is Passed conferences, in which the Executives are already to be elected from among

We have obtained very good results with this methodical work. We have that they must at the same time work gained all sorts of experience. We found out that it was impossible to carry out trial reorganizations limited from work. Sickness is no justificato individual districts. The reorgan- tion for not coming to run your punch Ties Up All Commerce peated in the Senate. The bill, known ization must be carried out all along press for nine and one-half hours. If the line, because otherwise all the one is not discharged for being sick, early success will again be destroyed. he at least finds a good roasting in Another thing we learned in this con-store for him. The object of course nection was that different forms of is to intimidate the young workers in organization could be employed by us order to get a maximum of work in reorganization. We discovered that from them. Germany, Czecho-Slovakia and France we could completely avoid Cleveland has started a campaign at street nuclei, and that we only need | this factory, and is calling upon the tne factory nuclei at the sole form of

> The social composition of our ish imperialism is far from popular League is still very bad. In most of our Leagues far from 50 per cent of struggle between the French and the membership is employed in medi-(Continued on Page 4.)

## CAP-SCREW CO. SWEATS YOUTH FOR PROFITS

#### Cleveland League Starts Campaign!

Out of the total of 450 employed in this plant, 250 are young workers, many them below the age limit prescribed by the Ohio state child labor requirements. These boys and girls under the age of sixteen work none

only 211/2 cts. per hours. Running ached to the old organizations than drill presses and sorting nuts are two a maximum period of five months for 1. Complete registration of the The reward for those who finally have membership according to place of learned to sweat themselves hard get "as high as 35 cts. an hour.

The worst of the working conditions with which the young workers here must put up, is'the boss. This worthy is never happy unless he is travelling from one place to another telling the youthful slaves to "sany into it" or hands are told that they must work as fast as is physically possible and with care.

The Young Workers League young workers there to fight with the League to improve their conditions and for the following demands:

1. Abolition of the piece-work sys tem with no reduction in wages.

2. A weekly minimum wage for all young workers based upon the cost of living and ranging from the living level upwards.

3. Eight hour day.

CLEVELAND, Ohio. - The Ferry Cap and Set Screw Company is a ypical den of exploitation where oung workers toil nine and one-half hours a day, six days a week for the lowest wages imaginable.

#### Impossible to Live on Pay. Although the work is of a strenu-

ous nature, the pay for beginners is of the most difficut jobs given to the young workers. Terrific eye strain and sore and lacerated fingers are the result of these tasks. The exploited young workers are promised more pay when they reach a certain degree of skill and speed, but it seems that very few ever attain that degree because of the high standards set by the boss. enough to please the boss, is piecework, another sweating scheme. Some of the boys and girls who have been working in the shop for a long time

There is no excuse here for absence

4. Right to organize union.

## **BOSSES' ORGANIZATION RECRUITS** YOUNG WORKERS FROM INDUSTRY FOR MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Military Training Camps Association, the employers organization that co-operates with the war department in boosting the Citizen's Military Training Camps, is conducting a bigger and more expensive recruiting campaign this year than ever before. The growth of the camps last year was seen to be the result of efforts to recruit young workers directly from industry in co-operation with their bosses who offered those young workers who would attend a month's extended

vacation with full pay. This year as a result of the work of the Military Training Camps Association, more bosses than ever before will bribe young workers with this extended vacation in order to make them attend the camps.

Pulpit and Press Lends Hand The following quotations from the year book of one of the camps shows how much assistance the camps have been receiving, not only from big business, but also from all its supporters and institutions:

"In the enrollment of men for voluntary training the War Department has had the cordial co-operation of the pulpit and the press, of commercial, industrial and banking groups, lawyers, physicians and farmers....' Labor Fakers Help Out

Since the publication of this year

book, the A. F. of L. bureaucracy thru its action in endorsing the C. M. T. C. at the A. F. of L. convention has joined the rest of the fakers in boosting the camps. By co-operating with the war department in boosting the camps, these labor fakers will be working side by side with such big open shop bosses as those making up the advisory board of the Military Training Camps Association, which includes: R. T. Crane, Frank O. Lowden, Stanley Field, Cyrus H. Mc-Cormick, George M. Reynolds, Julius Rosenwald, etc.

Expect To Get Returns

The bosses who are giving so much support to these camps expect to get repaid by the large number of scabs and strike-breakers that the camps will turn out, with the aid of the Citizenship Training Courses given there. Further the Military Training Camps Association is authorized by the War Department to: "create a system of county and local chairmenthus completing in detail a nationwide organization for Citizen's Military Training Camp recruiting in time of peace and for such wider function as may be requested by the War De partment."

What Wider Funciton Means

These local roganizations mean that after having been fed full of scab education at the camps, the young workers are kept in local organizations after they return to their jobs, so that they can be called upon for any emergency strike-breaking or any other such "wider function" that the War Department may request.

Keeping Out Youth Of course, one of the main purposes of the camps is to speed up the preparation of young workers for the WASHINGTON, D. C. - British next slaughter; and backed by warrade unions have increased their loving interests such as the House of membership since 1923 by 1,000,000, Morgan, the camps are striving to according to flures made public in Washington by the North American bring military training to the young workers in the shop who will make up agency of the international labor office, of Geneva, There are some the overwhelming majority in the army when war commences again. 1,135 trade union organizations in Previously military training has been Great Britain, with a total membertoo much confined to student circles, Of these unions, 491, having 80 per and the bosses wish to extent it to the masses of young workers in the cent of the total enrollment, had a revenue from dues and fees in 1923 industries so that they will be well prepared when the next war starts. amounting to 8,000,000 pounds sterling, as compared with 4,000,000 They also hope to increase the supget some pep into yourself." His pounds in 1913. In 1923 they spent ply of officers from those who finish whole existence seems to be centered on unemployment relief 1,500,000 the four year course, thus avoiding around the business of getting the pounds, compared with 400,000 pounds the difficulties met with when the maximum amount of profit out of his in 1923. The capital of the British last war was declared and mobilizaemployes for the least cost. New unions in this major group increased tion was delayed because of a shortin 1923 by over 1,000,000 pounds, and age of officers.

Young Workers League Starts Campaign

The Young Workers League which carries on an active struggle against all forms of capitalist militarism, will conduct a strong campaign against the Citizen's Military Training Camps and will expose the purpose of these camps in the Young Worker and in the shops. The Young Workers League Comes, and the revolt of a section of will also fight the attempt of the A. F. he army has been put down, it is of L. bureaucracy to assist in the training of young workers as cannoneaded by Maj. Filomeno Camara and fodder and will fight in the unions against offering the machinery of the A. F. of L. to the war department for recruiting purpose at the present and against putting the American Federation of Labor in a position to serve the bosses government and the war tiong, under Camara, overthrew the department for the bigger mobilization that will come when the next war is declared.

Get a sub-make another Com-

munist!

#### American Young Workers Must Fight for Sport Organization of Their Class

(Continued from last issue) What Bosses Want.

FROM the above it is clear that the bosses have definite intentions in leveloping sporting activities in this country as they do:

1. They wish to keep the minds of the workers away from "evil" influences, that is to say from contact with radicals, who would infect them with the idea that everything is NOT all right as it is.

2. They recognize that conditions in Durope which have driven the workers to the necessity of revolutionary methods in order to extricate themselves from the vile conditions into which they have been plunged, are bound to be repeated in America—with like conclusions.

3. The employers have found that it is better to keep the workers in sound bodily condition, so that the turnover in industry may not be so large and that they may derive better labor, which means higher output and

bigger profits 4. The capitalists are preparing the college students and those workers whom they can attract to their side, as shock troops—that is to say, as fascisti-to use against the workers when the time comes. They are fillng them with propaganda that poisons them against the working class, mak ing them believe that workers who to not submit to slave conditions are "disloyal," "unpatriotic," etc. As the they are disloyal and unpatriotic, be cause workers want something more out of life than slavery.

What Must the Workers Do? TTO meet these conditions, the work ers need two things: They must prepare themselves mentally, and peasants. they must prepare themselves physic-

These two things they can do only by clearly comprehending that they are workers under the dominion of the capitalists. They must also recognize that they are a class separate and apart from the capitalist and have dedicated them to building ciass, and today are under the con- up the physique and metal fighting trol of the capitalist class and all its agents, also through such institutions as athletic and other sport clugs. ists establish such organizations, just as they found other organizations, in order to keep the workers completely under their control.

To meet the coming struggles, the workers must free themselves from the idea that the bosses do anything for them "for nothing." Everything that the caiptalists do has a definite purpose: to perpetuate their control. If the workers wish to be puppared, fley must also prepare themselves physically. The capital- development. ists have tremendous power, not only in their organizations, but also in the auxiliaries that they have built up, such as the thousands of athletic clubs, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. to speak of the Ku Klux Klan.

The employers also utilize gangsters and thugs to waylay all rebellious workers. Workers must be prepared to meet these bullies and hood. lums. Only bodies well prepared by exercise can meet these gangs. The build up their athletic and sport sections and fill them with the spirit of these organizations must not be to trade. develop "stars," men of unusual ath- made ers into efficient fighters for the rights

Collective Action.

OLLECTIVE action—training of the mind and body of the great masses of the workers for the struggle against all the influences that are at work at the command of the bosses -must be the goal. Collective action and athletic organizations imbued with the clear idea that the workers are a class apart from the capitalist class—with interests diametrically opposed to those of the capitalist class. Collective action is the basis of all sport and athletic life in Soviet Russia. During the time of the czars, the workers had no opportunity whatever to participate in sport life. Since the establishment of the Soviet government, on the other hand, and especially in the past two years, great attention has been paid to sports. In every factory and village club there capitalists understand these terms, is an athletic section devoted to developing the bodies of the workers. This spirit of collective activity embraces both the children and the men and women, and produces the sense of tivities of the Russian workers and

> In Every Country. THERE are athletic and sport asso ciations in every country of Europe, built upon the same principles. Opposed to the control of the capitalists and their agents, the workers have established their own sport clubs

qualities of ther members. The Russian workers and peasants are establishing a RED STADIUM in They must recognize that the capital- Moscow. This Stadium is the center of all the sporting activities of the Soviet State. True to their internationalism, the Russian workers and peasants have dedicated the Stadium o the International Working Class. and now call it the INTERNATIONAL RED STADIUM. The workers' spor clubs in the other countries are begin ning to help in the construction of the Stadium, so that the workers of the entire world will have a place at which to demonstrate their physical

International Organization.

THE workers' sport clubs in the different countries., animated by the same spirit as the Russian workers and peasants, have formed the RED C. A., college sports, the American SPORT INTERNATIONAL—the Inter-Legion and similar organizations, not national of the fighting workers who demand their own sporting facilities must form their own athletic clubs,

#### Matty Woll Praises Class Collaboration in Cleveland School

By PHILLIP SHATZ.

The Cleveland, Ohio, school board has just completed its first successful trial of a new scheme for the adminworker alone cannot meet these gangs istration of class-collaboration dope to and organizations. The workers must technical high school studens. The scheme consists of awarding diplomas to those who have completed the pre-COLLECTIVE ACTION. The aim of scribed apprenticeship in a given One hundred and fifty newly bricklayers, carpenters and letic ability, but to develop the work- | plumbers were awarded such diplomas at East Technical high school, Friday, March 9. The speakers at the exercises included Matty Woll, vicepresident of the American Federation of Labor and labor faker extraordinary, city mayor Clayton Townes, the President of the Association of Plumb ing Contractors, and others.

This new "educational" wrinkle serving two purposes, the production of more efficient wage-slaves and the more firm establishment of the idea most dangerous to the working class. class collaboration. What Matty Woll says is enough to show clearly the anti-working class nature of

"This plan is developing again a oride in workmanship, and it is making the shop not a place of toil alone, but a place of education. From that education shall arise a better understanding between the employer and employe, and a better, more just disribution of their fruits of toil."

Secretary of Labor Davis sent a message for the occasion in which he reassures the will-be carpenters concerning the lot of the working class solidarity that is manifested in all ac- as follows: "We are restoring the dignity of labor. We are overcoming that tendency to look upon work with the hands as menial and degrading. We are providing for the future of America's self-supporting citizens, each a credit to himself and his community. Work is happiness. There

> work well done, of a task accomplished. The diplomas were presented by E. M. Williams, president of the win-Williams Paint Co., and one of the most rabid supporters on the board of compulsory military training

is no joy that stirs the human heart

that is so complete as the sense of

in the high schools. The completeness of the atmosphere at the exercises was marred by the absence of William Frew Long, president of the Cleveland American Plan

Sport International is active in the construction of the International Red Stadium and anounces a RED OLYM-PIAD in Moscow, in 1926, in which workers' clubs of all countries will participate.

The workers of America must fol ow the lead of the Russian workers and peasants and the class-conscious workers of the other countries. They

#### **AMERICAN UNIONS** DON'T GROW BY **KEEPING OUT YOUTH**

(Continued from page 1) it is estimated that an equal greater increase was experienced in

1924. American trade union reports for 1924 show, in general, a much less hopeful tendency. While the Electrical Workers, who had only 22,800 members in 1913, and who had 139,200 the American Federation of Labor, went up to 142,000 in 1924, the Machinists, who paid per capita tax on 71,000 in 1913 and on 330,800 in 1920, reported only 77,900 paid up in 1924 The Bricklayers reported 70,000 in 1913, the same in 1920 and the same in 1924. The Longshoremen dropped from 74,000 in 1920 to 30,500 in 1924 and the Seamen from 65,900 to 18,000 as a consequence of the crushing campaign waged against them by the U.S. Shipping Board and the shipping com-

In the textile industry the A. F. of tile Workers, who had 16,200 members in 1913, 135,000 in 1919, 104,900 in 1920 and 30,000 in 1924.

One of the oldest, best financed labor organizations in America is the Molders' Union. It has 50,000 members in 1913, 57,300 in 1920 and 33.600 in 1924. Another of the old and strong union, the Carpenters, had 210,700 in 1913, 331,500 in 1920, and 317,000 in 1924. The Painters had 70,800 in 1913, 103,100 in 1920 and 103,300 in 1924.

Altogether, the A. F. of L. had approximately 2,000,000 members in 1913, 4,00,000 in 1920 and 2,865,949 in

1924. Secretary Morrison declares that membership is now growing, and that 1925 will prove a year of general gain thruout the American labor movement. He looks upon the past four years as having tested the utmost power of organized business in this country to break down the unions; henceforth the anti-union attacks less destructive. Meanshould be while the British workers are far ahead in the proportion of men orschool board, part owner of the Sher-ganized, and in the sense of the value of unionsm.

> Jugo-Slavs Plan Naval Base. BELGRADE. — The Jugo-Slavian government has authorized credits necessary for the enlargement of the Port Sebanico on the Adriatic Sea and the erection of a ship yard, making that city the chief naval base.

apart from the capitalists. The Red | free from the influence of the capitalists. They must affiliate them to Red Sport International and spread the ideas of the R. S. I. thruout the country.

The Workers Sport Alliance. THE WORKERS' SPORT ALLI-ANCE OF AMERICA is the American section of the Red Sport International. The Workers' Sport Alliance calls upon the workers of the United States to establish workers' sport clubs and to affiliate them to the W. S. A. The Workers' Sport Alliance will aid any group of workers who wish to establish a club and give them suggestions and advice for their work. The Workers' Sport Alliance points out to the workers of this country that they must prepare to fight AGAINST THE THUGS IN THE EM-PLOY OF THE BOSSES: AGAINST THE FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS. WHICH ARE ANTI-LABOR, ANTI-FOREIGNER AND FOR THAT REAS-ON CALL THEMSELVES 100 PER CENT AMERICAN. AGAINST THE NFLUENCE OF THE EMPLOYERS IN ALL WORKING CLASS ORGAN-ZATIONS WHICH THEY USE FOR THEIR OWN ENDS. AGAINST THE SQUANDERING OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR FOR PRO-FESSIONAL SPORTS, FROM WHICH

THEY MUST FIGHT FOR WORK-ING CLASS SPORT, FOR TRAINING MILITANT FIGHTERS OF THE WORKING CLASS; FOR THE FOR-MATION OF WORKING CLASS AND GYMNASTIC CLUBS FREE FROM CAPITALIST INFLUENCE; FOR THE AFFILIATION OF ALL WORK-ING CLASS SPORT CLUBS TO THE WORKERS' SPORT ALLIANCE OF AMERICA; FOR AFFILIATION TO THE RED SPORT INTERNATION-AL; FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE RED OLYMPIAD IN MOSCOW IN 1926; FOR A STRONG WORKING LASS, STRONG IN BODY AND AIND, AND FIGHTING FOR THE IN-TERESTS OF THE WORKING CLASS. SPREAD OF IDEAS OF THE WORKERS' SPORT ALLIANCE IN YOUR UNIONS AND SHOPS. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE EN-TIRE WORKING CLASS. Executive Committee of W. S. A. of A.

Build War Air Fleet.

In furtherance of the plan of Amerween Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, immediate release." Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Paul, In dianapolis, Omaha and other cities.

Cal Relieved at French Turn. WASHINGTON, April 20-The Cool dge administration is greatly relieved that Caillaux, the new French finance minister, will not propose a capital levy, but will insist on rigid economy in expenditures.

## Our League at Work

#### Chicago Recruiting Many Young Negroes Thru Active Campaign

The Negro campaign is already well under way in Chicago, and our activities in this field will be the subject under discussion at the next meeting in 1920, according to their report to of the City Central Committee, Wednesday, April 22nd.

> Phillips Busy Thruout District. Comrade Phillips, a member of Area Branch No. 3 is busy organizing for the National Executive Committee thruout the district, while Branch No. located in the heart of the Negro section is carrying on an active or ganizational campaign among the young Negroes on the south side.

The drive among the young Negroes is already bringing results and many new members have been gained for the League. The experiences of . is represented by the United Tex- Branch No. 3 have shown that the best place to recruit young Negroes is in the shop, and from now on most of the energies in the campaign wil be turned in this direction.

> Nucleus Being Organized. A nucleus is to be organized con sisting of eight new Negro members working in a very important industry Chicago has ordered 1,000 extra copies of the Young Worker containing the special articles on the Negro Labor Congress and the Negro Campaign of the Young Workers League, and these papers are being distributed at the Stock Yards, Pullman and other important industries employing many young Negroes.

Complete plans for the campaign will be mapped out at the next City Central Committee meeting, and it is expected that the campaign will wind up in a city conference of young Ne-

## Sun Yat Sen Meeting Adopts Resolution on

The following resolution, introduced by the Young Workers League, was adopted at the Sun Yat Sen Memorial the comrades at Dauphin Park, and Meeting held by the Workers Party at the Manhattan Lyceum, April 10. The resolution was also adopted, amid great applause at the protest demonstration held by the Young Workers League on April 17.

Army, stationed at Honolulu, have the branch expects many sympathetic been sentenced to barbarous terms of young workers will attend. Comrade imprisonment by a court martial, Paul Barney Mass will speak on: Crouch and Walter Trumbull, young | Every Young Worker Should Join Communists in a country that is fearfully exploited by American imperial- members of the branch will be busy ism, expressed their dissatisfaction getting all their friends and all interwith the present system of society, ested young workers to attend. The with its exploitation, degradation of meeting will be held at the new hall, the working class and subjugation of 91st and Dobson, Friday, April 24th the colonial peoples through force of at 7:30 p.m. arms, and formed a Communist League in Hawaii to carry on the work of education and propaganda and organization of the Hawaiian proletariat. These young Communists, together with some others, sent a letter to the Communist International in which they accepted the principles and statutes of the Communist Internation. al and sought affiliation. This is a crime in the eyes of the American bourgeoisie, which uses the most brutal means to keep the workers in subjection.

"The United States Government made use of the services of a spy to entrap these young Communists; this together with other methods the government employs, the government thought it would crush the revolutionary movement in Hawaii and end the threat to capitalism. But the Hawaiian Communist and revolutionary movement cannot be suppressed by the sentencing to prison of two Communists for terms of 40 and 26 years respectively.

"The revolutionary movement arises out of the intense suffering and poverty of the workers under capitalism. the savagery of imperialism and the necessity of the workers and peasants organizing for the struggle against the exploiting class.

"We send our greetings to Comrades Paul Crouch and Walter Trumbull and the other six indicted comrades. Your fight, comrades, will be an inspiration to the workers of Hawaii to continue to fight. The Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers League will do everything in their power to rally the workers and poor farmers of this country to your cause and will not rest content until, under the leader- have it introduced into the public ship of the Communist International. the workers and exploited peasants of for study. It further points out that all countries will put an end to capitalist exploitation and will establish the capitalist class to make the workthe power of the workers and peasants the world over, in the form of a and to keep them ignorant of the Soviet Government.

"We, the revolutionary workers of New against the savage terms of imprisonment inflicted upon our two comrades and categorically demand their

#### | Conference Saturday of All N. Y. Nuclei

A conference of all the existing eight shop nuclei of the New York District, Young Workers League, will be held this Saturday, April 25, at the headquarters of the Y. W. L., 108 E. 14th St., at three p. m. sharp.

The conference will listen to the reports from the comrades from the various shop nuclei, and will outline the plants for the future activities of the shop nuclei. The conference will also pay attention to the technical functions of the shop nuclei, such as collection of dues, meeting place, selling papers, etc.

The District Executive Committee is conducting a campaign for the organization of shop nuclei in the larger factories where Young Workers League members are employed, and therefore is calling upon every member of the Young Workers League who is employed in shops of over 100 workers to attend this conference, so that we can carry on more effectively the organization of shop nuclei in their shops.

#### New Chicago Branch Starts Life with Real Activity in Industries

Area branch No. 7 has been organ ized at Dauphin Park, in the heart of the industrial section south of Chicago, and has already become one of the most active units of the League. The branch was organized by Comrade Arthur Gibertini, and many of the members of the branch work in the heavy industries located in this sec-The branch will concentrate its energies towards increasing its membership and organizing shop nuclei in a big foundry and car shops where it has members working.

Good Shop Reports at Meeting.

Members of the branch have shown by reports on conditions in their shops that the branch has an unlimited field for work and that eventually more Sentence of Soldiers for work and that eventually more than two functioning nuclei will be built up. At present the branch also takes in Pullman, and members of the old Pullman branch have joined with with their combined strength hope to recruit enough young workers into the branch so that they can have two branches in this territory later on.

All Sympathizers at Next Meeting. The next meeting of the branch will "Two soldiers of the American be an open propaganda meeting which the Young Workers League," and the

Forming Nucleus at "Niagara."

A campaign to aid the organization of a nucleus at a radiator and boiler the branch, which after selling the Young Worker with a special story, is distributing a shop nucleus bulletin at the factory. Every individual comrade in the branch working in a shop where there are possibilities for a of the capitalist institutions. nucleus, will carry on personal agitation and consider himself a shop nu- the Red Flag was echoing thru the cleus organizer.

#### New York Juniors Fight Religious Training

As one of the steps in the fight is against the introduction of religious raining into the public schools of New York the Y. W. L. and the Junior Section have issued a leastet to be distributed among the children in the for a while he had lived at the hotel

The leaflet, which has the slogans "AGAINST CHILD LABOR." "AGAINST ROTTEN CONDITIONS IN THE SCHOOLS."

"AGAINST RELIGIOUS INSTRUC TION IN THE SCHOOLS, is a fourpage folder. On the front cover is a cartoon of a capitalist directing the ger. epresentatives of the variou religious groups to proceed against the public school. On the rear cover there is a contrast between the child of the worker, slaving away in a spinning mill, and the child of the capitalist, enjoying himself in the open air.

The leaflet points out that although religion is supposed to be a private matter, attempts are being made to schools, thus adding another subject religion is only a tool in the hands of ers content with their present position truth. It calls upon the children to join to fight against religious training, York, emphatically protest to join the Junior groups, and to fight for better conditions for the children of the working class.

GET A SUB AND GIVE ONE!

## Y. W. L. Joins with Chinese Workers in N. Y. Demonstration

On April 12th, 5,000 Chinese workers of New York came together to commemorate the death of the leader of the Chinese national revolutionary Together movement. Sun Yat Sen. with the Chinese workers, the revolutionary workers of New York, under the leadership of the Workers Party and the Young Workers League, also participated in mourning for this friend of the working classes, and strengthening the ranks of the revolutionary workers.

The meeting was preceded by demonstration which was very impressive for the number of workers who participated and for the solem nity and fervor of the ceremonies.

After the parade and demonstration the meeting opened at the Chinese Theatre. Speakers from many organizations were present and all united in praise of the work of Sun Yat Sen Comrade Carlson spoke for the Workers Party and Comrade Nikaido for the Oriental Branch of the Party. The speaker for the Young Workers League was Comrade Zam.

## May 23rd Big Day for Young Workers in N. Y.

May 23rd has already been selected by the revolutionary youth of New York as a day on which to celebrate spring in a revolutionary manner. The SPRING BALL OF THE YOUTH will have many features to attract the young workers. Besides the entertainment and music in which the Young Workers League specializes, the feature of the evening will be the selection of the winner of the set of Eugene Sue's "HISTORY OF A PROLE-TARIAN FAMILY ACROSS THE AGES," the contest for which it at present going on among the League members.

All young workers should keep this date in mind and come to the SPRING BALL OF THE YOUTH on May 23rd, at 105 Eldridge St.

#### Boston Also Starts Anti-Religious Campaign

Since one of the means of Bolshevizing our League is to fight religions, the Boston C.C.C. made a decision that all members of the Y. W. L. were obliged to be in the meeting hall, April 8th, on the first night of the Jewish passover. Although there were doubtful smiles

on some of the comrades' faces, yet it proved to be one of the most successful affairs that was ever held.

The hall was packed with more than 150 people, not only Y. W. L. and W. P. members, but also with a great number of young workers who were curious to see how Communists will fight religion.

After singing the International, a comrade of the Workers Party gave a short talk about religion and the workng class. There were also greetings from the Workers Party in Jewish.

The English Branch of the Y. W. L caused much laughter and enthusiasm on their presentation of caricatures ridiculing the rabbi, priest, and others

And late at midnight, the tune of quiet streets.

#### Salvation Army Can't Help Starving Workers

The other day the police found s 19 year old boy in the street. He had collapsed from hunger and exhaustion. At the police station, the boy told that of the Salvation Army, and from the fine foods on which he had been fed in great quantities, he had collapsed from hunger. He also told that he has been unemployed for some time, and had no means of living. He applied to the Salvation Army for aid, and from this aid had almost died of hun-

The Salvation Army is the self-appointed helper of the poor. It spreads the news that all the money collected by it is used to help the thousands of unemployed, hungry and destitute. The generals and captains of the Salation Army boast of the hotels which ne Army possesses and of the fine reatment accorded to those who ap-

Pious people believed the pious declarations of the Salvation Army and dug down into their pockets to help fill the coffers of the pious organization. The Salvation Army in this manner collected hundreds of thousands of dollars from all classes of the population. This money was supposed to be used for the support of the needy.

The boy who applied to the Salvation Army for help, however, was not acquainted with the terminology of the Salvation Army. By needy people, they meant the needy captains, generals and other commanders of the Army who are paid to spread propaganda; for whose benefit the money is collected, and not for outsiders, whose only claim is that they are unemployed and hungry.

For the member of your union and your shop mates, send in a sub.

## Young Workers' Correspondence Superior Belt Company | every week and the young workers | Experience of a Young | Last week the |

#### Sweats Young Workers; Treats Them as Slaves I am going to report from the shop

I am working for. Under what conditions young and old work. I work for the Superior Belt Company which employs about 40 workers, one-half of whom are young work-We work fifty hours a week,

with the wages for the young workers

from \$12 to \$15 a week. Straight

time only is paid for overtime. The shop is as dirty as it can be, and many young workers are getting sick from standing on the cement floor with dirt all around them. The windows are never opened because then the smoke comes in from the lo-

comotive station. Our lunch period is a half hour. We take out our dusty bread and then the foreman approaches and hollers at us: "Why didn't you finish the piece of work you left off." This is the way we enjoy our lunch time.

The boss comes in all the time and tries to speed up the workers. When you come into the shop there is a sign on the clock which says: "We pay for Christmas and New Years. And when it is one day before Christmas he lays you off.

Sometimes the boss wants you to work overtime. If a worker slaves robust these youths grow to be in till 8:30 p. m., he gets a bitter cup of later years. Many of the boys do and work only eight hours per day coffee without sugar. One night a piece work, but if they make too much and make the bosses run a night shift young worker had to go home a little earlier, the boss asked him if he had had pie and coffee. The worker answered yes and then the boss said: "Don't come back any mone, I don't want you."

Here you are not allowed to wash your hands before the bell rings. When a worker needs a tool, the boss says. "Use your hands."

We are searched before we leave the shop and the workers who have Much Discrimination Against Youth. been here eight years are the same to the boss. There are accidents almost discrimination against the workers

boss beat up a man for trying to tell

#### American Can Breaks Record as Slave Joint

Dear Comrades:

We have all heard that a slave house is—a hell where workers, young and old of both sexes become sweated and chilled, get kicked and bawled out and get con and T. B., get their fingers cut off and bodies mangled by the wheels of the great machines, around where these so-called free American people work.

Nine Hours a Day.

The American Can Company (Maywood, Ill.) can be termed such a place. The work day is nine long hours, and three-quarters of an hour for a measly lunch. The average wage for men as old as 30 and 40 years is only about \$20 to \$25 a week. That is if they don't go home sick in the middle of the day as many do, for which they get their wages docked. In the stinking paint room and printing department, where mostly boys around 16 and 17 years old work, the windows are not supposed to be opened.

Piece Work.

You can imagine how strong and money in this manner, the bosses are it would be very much to the benefit sure to see to it that they are put of all the workers employed there. back to stright time.

The women only get 30 cts. an hour or less than \$15 per week. Can a decent woman live on less than \$15 a week? And many people say that the workers well off in America. They should visit the Can Co.; it's a sure bet they would change their minds before long.

Comrades, we can be sure with such

## Worker and Why He Joined the League

Being a member of the Y. W. L., take this means of writing a few lines. In the summer of 1921 I worked at FIT the Booth Packing Co., on S. Wolf St. I worked as high as 81 hours per

week. I went to work at five o'clock in the morning and wouldn't get done work until one or two at night. They paid me and all the rest of the work ing people only 25 cents per hour. was obliged to work Saturday as well as all the other days until late at night. The only day for some real enjoyment was on Sunday. One day I asked the foreman to let me go home at three o'clock in the evening and he said: "If you go home at three o'clock in the evening you may sit home altogether." That day I got fired from the job and went to work in the um

brella plant of Poland, Katz and Co. There I met a member of the Y. W. L. He began explaining to me why the workers are being exploited and invited me to attend their meet

I have joined the League, and since then I have learned many things about workers and bosses. I think that if the workers of that

tomato house would organize a union LOUIS FROMAN.

that they are not going to bear it long. I have talked to a few of my fellow workers and they are interested in the idea of organizing a League branch and to fight to better their conditions here. will let you know in my next communication how we are progressing. Fraternally yours,

J. P.

THE WORKERS DERIVE NO BENE-

ican financial interests to build an im mense fleet of commercial airplanes that may be quickly turned into war planes, the Chicago Aviation company has been formed by business men and will fly passengers and freight be-

#### ANOTHER ILLINOIS MINE CLOSES THROWING HUNDREDS OUT OF WORK

WEST FRANKFORT, III., April 20.-Eight hundred and fifty miners will find themselves without employment Wednesday when Old Ben Mine No. 8 here suspends operations indefinitely it was announced today.

By HARRY GANNES.

(Continued from last Saturday.)

John D. Rockefeller, the richest man in the world, strives hard to control as many of the educational institutions as he possibly can. He has set up a special organization for this purpose, known as the Rockefeller Foundation. A government committee reporting on this Rockefeller tool says: "The foundation is entirely outside and above the government. The power it exercises is practically unlimited. . . The money with which the Rocke feller Foundation was created and is maintained, consists of the wages of workers in American industry. . ."

Dr. W. J. Stillman who at one time held an important position in the United States Department of Agriculture tells how Rockefeller tried to buy him. His own words are:

"Nine years ago I was approached by an agent of Mr. Rockefeller with the statement that his object in establishing the general education board was to gain control of the educational institutions of the country so that all men employed in them might be right." (New York Globe, March 28, 1919.)

The Rockefeller plan is the plan of every capitalist in the United States. It is to their interest to control the educational institutions, (1) in order to train the kind of workers they need, and (2) to safeguard their wealth and to befog the mind of the youth so that they will not see the class naure of society and the impossible position they hold in it.

The school books are all written with these purposes in mind. Otherwise they would not be accepted. The songs the children are taught, the games they play, have this inview. There is so much proof of all this that it would require about 50 volumes as big as the average large city telephone directory to include it all.

Yet even this is not enough, and many organizations, foremost among which is the American Legion, have been trying to scratch out even the least semblance of truth in the school books and put in the outright lies of the capitalists and their government.

Not very long ago the American Legion announced that, "Our schools must be considered as a portion of our government; they must teach no doctrines belittling that government. Any speech made in our schools or any textbook which does not believe in our government, is stabbing the schools in the back."

What are the consequences? An ignorant mass of young people who suffer all the superstitutions imposed upon them by their teachers, the priest and the press. Even a British minister noticed this on a visit to the United States. Says Rev. A. H. Gray in "The Intercollegian," a college paper;

"Your students are strangely docile in mind. Everywhere else in the world I find the rising generation in conscious and intense rebellion against the conventions and methods of life ad thought which dominated their fathers. . . But young Americans are not rebelling."

This should and no doubt does make the rich exxceedingly happy. It is exactly what they want.

If Rev. Gray is not proof enough, we quote two more "respectable" and "learned" men.

(1) H. G. Wells: ". . . compared with what is needed in a great modern state, he (the British youth) is pitifully, dengerously undereducated." "He is-though many Americans are loth to realize this-better educated, better informed than the average American common citizen," (Herald and Examiner, Feb. 24,1924.)

(2) Dr. Viljalmur Stefansson, the world renown explorer, himself educated in American schools and universities: "American education is a mass of miscellaneous information, most of which is incorrect." (Herald and Examiner, Feb. 25, 1924.)

Were it to the interest of the moneyed class, the workers' children would be deprived entirely of any form of education. But we have shown why this is not entirely for the good of the owners of the wealth of society. Therefore the children are given some training, but this is held down to a minimum and is fitted to make them good factory workers. True enough, the teachers do not state as much, but the practical working out of the modern educational system in the United States assures this.

Only one-third of the children in this country graduate from the eighth grade in grammar school. "Those who leave are almost entirely the children of the worker, who, as soon as they reach working age, are thrown immature, ill-trained and with no practical knowledge, into the complexities of industrial life." In four town studied by the bureau of labor statistics 75 per cent of the children quit school before reaching the seventh grade.

We pictured the life of the workers' children at home-poorly paid parents, bad home conditions, and lack of food and clothing. These poorly fed and clothed children are sent to school to absorb capitalist ideas, ruling League. In Chicago five members were class principles. In spite of their obvious bitter condition, the teachers have expelled because they signed a resolu the nerve to tell these children that they have equal chance with little tion, adopted by Local Union 181, pro Willy Millionbuck who goes to a private tutor, dressed in velevt and lace and testing against the Landis Award with a full belly.

In order not to be charged with purely "propaganda" when talking about the underfed and undernourished school children it were best to let some of the capitalists' servants speak about the matter:

Charles J. Hastings, president of the American Public Health Associa-"Three million children go hungry every morning to school."

John J. Lyons, one time secretary of state of New York: "Thousands of children, physically deficient, are compelled, because of the poverty of Rosen, left wing candidate for presitheir parents or guardians, to go breakfastless to school every day. They sit at their desks, wan and faint, until noon-day, and then, unless help comes from the outside, they again go without nourishment." Etc., etc., to a disgusting degree.

National Council of Education: "Three-fourths of our twenty-five million school children are suffering from physical defects.'

Professor of physical culture, Columbia University: "Twenty-five per cent of our school children are underfed, while from 50 to 75 per cent have defective teeth.'

A very small portion of the workers' children ever get to high school. Yet the United States department of interior informs us that 561 of every 1,000 boys and girls who enter high school leave before the end of the fourth year; and without question these 561 are the children of the toilers.

With all the opportunity for education, America has more illiterates, people who cannot read or write, than most of the modern nations. There are 4,931, 905 illiterates in the U.S., or six per cent of the population. Some states have a very high percentage, especially those of the south where child labor is predominant. There are seven states that have 15 to 25 per cent illiteracy, and three that have from 10 to 15 per cent illiteracy. This is a far higher number of illiterates than in Russia, a country that has had but six years of freedom from czaristic oppression. Of 33,250,870 children of school age, only 16,611,270 attend school, and many of these for but a pelled. In Detroit the carpenters have few months in the year. Government figures do not bolster up the opportunity for education idea.

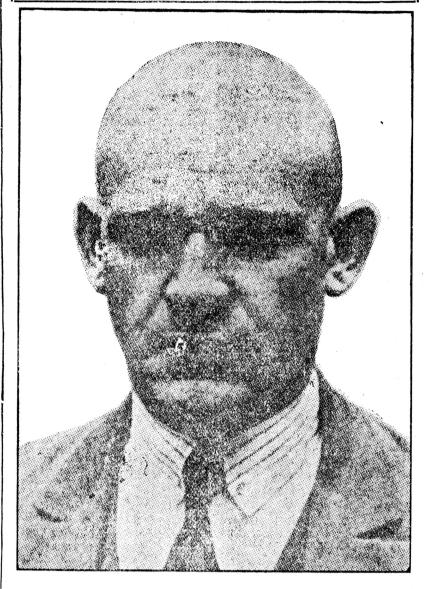
In an article on "Illiteracy and the School," in the March 15, 1924, issue of the "Young Worker, Martin Abern says:

"Capitalism doesn't give a snap any more about illiteracy. So long as it does not interfere with their profits, the bloated bourgeois (capitalist) marches along with calm indifference to this blotch on their pretended democracy. An illiterate worker is more difficult to organize for the purpose of bettering his conditions, or overthrowing the society which exploits

(To be continued)

#### ERNST THAELMANN

Communist Candidate in the German Elections.



#### LEFT WING ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIONS! ARE YOU ACTIVE IN TRADE UNION WORK?

Expulsions for Carpenters.

Joiners is the second largest union in the American Federation of Labor. Many times there has grown up a rank and strike breaking of the Hutcheson machine which dominates the union. But never was the fight against this reactionary machine so widespread as it is at the present time owing to the expulsion policy adopted by Hutche son and his gang against all those who disagree with his policy and seek to enlighten the rank and file as to the corruption of the machine.

Hutcheson has expelled 16 members in Los Angeles; 5 in Chicago; 1 in and every other trick so well known Detroit; 1 in Pittsburgh and others to fakerdom, while the left wing was are threatened.

The expulsions were resorted to in Los Angeles because the members belonged to the Trade Union Educational agreement signed by Hutcheson a year ago without the endorsement of the rank and file. In Detroit, William Rey nolds, president of Local 2140, and was expelled because he was active in the election campaign of Morris dent against Hutcheson.

These expulsions have met with terrific opposition from the rank and file of the union. In Detroit, every local has denounced the expulsion of Reynolds. Over a hundred local unons have endorsed a resolution against the expulsions and demanding the reinstatement of the expelled. In Detroit and Chicago mass meetings of carpenters have denounced Hutcheson for wrecking the union by expelling the best members because they do not agree with his rotten policy of co operation with the bosses.

The solidarity of the rank and file of Carpenters' Local No. 181, Chicago with the militant members expelled by Hutcheson has had the result of forcing that bureaucrat to retreat and allow the reinstatement of the exstood by Wm. Reynolds, expelled by Hutcheson, and refused to recognize nis expulsion.

In the Miners' Union.

The outstanding event of this year n the labor movement with the result of the elections for International officers in the United Mine Workers of America. Only two slates were pre sented; that of the official machine led by John. L. Lewis, and the left wing

led by George Voyzey. Lewis polled The Brotherhood of Carpenters and over 130,000 votes while the left wing received 66,000. This vote for the left wing is the official tabulation counted by the Lewis machine. The history of the counting of ballots in the U.M. and file protest against the corruption W. by the officialdom in the past leaves room for the conclusion that thousands of votes cast for the left wing found their way into the Lewis

> This enormous vote for the left wing was secured in spite of the fact that the Lewis machine has the entire machinery of the union in its hands and this machinery was used to great advantage in intimidating workers, stealing ballots, printing fake ballots, unable to conduct a real campaign because of poverty. The candidates were unable to tour the districts because they had to earn their living digging coal. All that they were able to do was to print some thousands of their program and have them distributed to

It was this program that the miners voted for. It calls for the nationalation of the mines, an alliance of the miners and railroad workers, 6-hour vice-president of the District Council day and 5-day week, organization of the unorganized, and international solidarity of the miners of all countries to prevent international scab-

In opposition to this the Lewis gang can only advocate driving 200,000 min- military authorities here today showers out of the industry, break strikes ed. The German authorities reported of the miners when they attempt to seventy soldiers killed. They were force the operators to live up to the drowned while conducting war manterms of the conract, and expel the most militant leaders such as Alex Howat and Jim McLachlan.

This great vote for the left wing program intimates that at the coming convention of the U. M. W. in January 1926, at Indianapolis the Lewis machine will have the battle of its life on its hands. The encroachment of the open shop, the lowering of wages and worsening of conditions of work, the breaking of strikes, as the recent anthracite strike in Pennsylvania, when he miners attempted to make the operators observe the provisions of the contract—all of these things are forcing the miners to recognize the necessity of the adoption of the left wing

program by the miners' union. (To be continued in next issue.)

#### League and Party Celebrate May Day in Los Angeles

May Day will be celebrated in Los Angeles by the Young Workers League and Workers Party by a mass meeting and entertainment, at which Tom Lewis, new District Organizer of the Party, will be the chief speaker. The Juniors will do the entertaining on May Day, and promise a program which will equal any that they have yet given. The Young Workers League will be represented by a speaker who will talk on the significance

of May Day. Due to the many attractive features on the program, including the first appearance of Comrade Lewis in Los Angeles, our friends and sympathizers are urged to turn out one hundred per cent to this meeting, which will take place at the Cooperative Center, Brooklyn and Mott.

GET A SUB AND GIVE ONE!

## **EDUCATION FOR COLLABORATION** IS BUREAU PLAN

#### A. F. of L. Fakerdom Rules Conference

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 19.-That the so-called "workers' educational" movement is becoming a sys tematized effort of corrupting the minds of the workers with the poison of class collaboration is seen clearly in view of the actions taken by the fourth conference of the "Workers' education bureau" which opened here Friday at the newest and finest hotel.

A School For Class Collaboration. All the speeches of politicians, professors and A. F. of L. labor fakers are in harmony with the surroundings of the conference. Class collaboration in one form or another is the keynote of every speech. This illustrates the truth of the statement made by Earl R. Browder of the

with the old-time bureaucracy of the trade unions . . . the official center of the movement is the Workers Education Bureau.'

Workers (Communist) Party, in his

Real Workers' School Barred Out.

boration" which says:

The delegation from the proletarian 'Workers' School" of New York, consisting of Oliver Carlson, Juliet Poyntz and William Weinstone, were not seated by the conference and the school's application for affiliation to the majority of workers, including the the Workers' Education Bureau was young workers.

All signs point toward the American Federation of Labor taking over erative societies. complete control of the Workers' Educational Bureau and the ousting of even such mild progressives as Maurer, Cohen and Brophy from leadership. The leading fakers of the A. F. of L. reactionary bureaucracy are on the job, including Matthew Woll, Perkins and Frey. These fakers are at the head of the most important committees

#### Left Wing Timid and Weak.

The left wing among the conference delegates tried to put up a fight, but it is not unified and is weak by nature.

William Green, president of the A. F. of L. spoke at the conference Saturday, saying in part:

"There is every indication that the organizations of labor are entering upon a new era, one in which education is going to play a greater part.' The part that it is to play, however, is covertly stated by the bureau's technical director, Spencer Miller, who said, "The power of labor consists in its power to serve, and not to dominate." In other words, the "historic mission" of the working class is to work. And for a master as a servant.

Professor Shotwell, author of the infamous Geneva protocol, is also one of the speakers

200 German Soldiers Killed LONDON, England, April 20.-Two

hundred soldiers of the German reichswehr died in the recent accident in the river Wehr, information reaching euvers.

### Tasks of the Communist Movement.

LESSON No. VIII.

A bourgeois woman who had been in Russia, and who was much impressed with what she has seen there, made the remark that the revolution there would be all right if it weren't for the Communists. This is like say ing, "Oh yes, the building is wonderful, but we have no use for the architect," or "The engineering project would be marvelous if it weren't for the engineers." For the Communists are the engineers and the organizers of the revolution. Without them it is unthinkable. The Communist Party is composed of the best, the most class conscious, most active and brave of the working class. It is the organizing and directing body, not above the working class, but heart pamphlet exposure on "class collaand soul of the working class, permeating its every group, representing "In the so-called workers' educa-lits general and permanent needs, and tion movement, is the combination of embodying within itself the principles a keen, middle class intellectualism and revolutionary will to action of the proletariat.

It is the task of the Communists, young and old, bound together in the Communist International and Young Communist International, to lead the working class to the Communist society. In order to succeed in the great task the Communist Party must have the following aims:

1. It must bring under its influence

2. It must win over the trade unions and all other worker and co-op-

3. The Socialists must be discredited and their influence and that or the labor fakers destroyed.

4. The workers in the towns and country must be brought under Communist influence. 5. It must fight militarism and war.

6. Soviet Russia must be supported as one of the strongest weapons of the working class. 7. Finally in a revolutionary situa-

tion, it must increase the activity of the masses against the capitalist state thru strikes, demonstrations, and direct struggles, at the same time organizing them in workers' and soldiers' councils.

We can only be successful in these aims if we engage in the daily struggles of the workers. Communists of becoming class conscious and are must join with the other workers in clamoring for organization, capital better conditions. At the same time clubs. the workers must be led to see beyond the immediate tasks of the great al colored executive to their staff for struggle for power. Lenin, the greatest of all the leaders of the working the Julius Rosenwald contribution to because he engaged in the petty strug- ganizing boys' clubs, and the Boys' gles of the workers for better condi- Club Federation is also making

lever, the final goal. A Communist can only fulfill his duty if he gains the confidence and trust of the workers by his honesty and his unwaver-

ing lovalty to the working class. Finally, in order that the whole movement may work together effectively for the common cause, there must be rigid international discipline. Local and temporary interest must be subordinated to the general interests of the working class. All decisions and resolutions of higher bodies must be carried out to the letter. Only a disciplined and centralized movement can achieve the revolution. To break discipline, even though one thinks the decisions are wrong, is to sabotage and delay the conquest of power by the working class. Let us all march together as determined, disciplined soldiers in the march toward the New World.

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ganization and discipline?

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Outside of his meals almost everything is deducted from his pay. The government store man ages to get good prices for everything and to cut the soldiers' pay down considerably during the

In other words, even aside from the unpleasant outlook of being used for cannon-fodder, any sol dier has plenty of kick coming on his service con ditions every day that he is in uniform, and since during peace time the soldiers are called upon to do much heavy work and are kept busy for long hours, it seems natural that they should have just as many reasons for organizing economically and politically as the other workers.

But since hte U.S. army is the armed force which upholds the present system of exploitation and is an instituiton supposed to be at all times ready to preserve and extend U. S. imperialism; the bosses' government, the most ruthless of all employers, takes no chances that the soldiers in the army may organize. The function of the army, both in crushing strikes and fighting wars calls for iron discipline and obedience to the master class.

It is for this reason that such severe measures will be taken against any soldiers showing themselves to be class conscious.

But because of the rotten service conditions, because of the use of soldiers to break strikes, and most of all because of the use of soldiers in wars: the bosses will find it impossible to prevent the soldiers in the army from becoming class conscious, and in the end will not be able to prevent their fighting side-by-side with the rest of their class against the exploiters. Even sentences of 40 years in Hawaii or executions in time of war, will not be able to prevent this.

### Destroy Race Prejudices on the Job

THRU our shop nuclei activities and thru our Negro campaign, the Young Workers League has learned that the best place to erase the race line is in the shop, on the job.

It is as a result of his entrance into industry out of the slave-traditioned south, that the young Negro is beginning to revolt against that discrimination which the northern bosses have carried over from the slave south.

And it is in industry, where the young Negro working side by side with a white young wroker can see little excuse for race lines and racial discrimination when he is performing the same work, that the Young Workers League will find it easiest to destroy these race lines and to overcome the prejudices instilled in both white and black workers by the ruling class.

The shop nucleus, also, will be the easiest form of organization into which we can attract young Negroes. Suspicious by experience of all organization on account of the many fake organizations built among them by the master class and because of the practice of the A. F. of L. L. bureaucracy in keeping them outside the trade unions, the young Negroes might be slow to understand what the Young Workers League is and how it can assist them on a first visit to a residential branch. But when asked to organize into a shop nucleus of the Young Workers League in the shop they will be less suspicious, for they can clearly see what interests they have in common with the young white workers on the job, and once they have joined the nucleus and the prejudices and suspicions on both sides have been broken down, the ground will be cleared for such revolutionary education as will make them class conscious fighters with the rest of the working class youth against the capitalist system of exploitation and wars.

#### The Franc and Militarism

At all times while the finances of France were floundering, the Government has been going ahead full blast with its huge military program. Immediately after the war, under the Poincare regime, while the workers were bearing the burden of France's debts, and the already wealthy profiteers were getting wealthier and wealthier, the huge expenditures for the army, the navy and the air service continued unabated.

When the so-called radical era under Herriot was introduced and with it the reign of Wall Street over France was further strengthened, expenditures for the military were far from being reduced and were on the other hand greatly increased. Appropriations for almost every field of service were greatly increased under Herriot, while of course the conditions of the young workers in France have been growing worse and worse. Roriot, Young Communist member of the Chamber of Deputies has been carrying on a strenuous campaign against militarism while a deputy. Previously he was arrested for carrying on activity within the army, but was reeased when alected a Deputy.

Comrade Doriot has been quick to contrast the economic conditions of the Young French workers with the huge military expenditures of the French government. He one said in the Chamber of Deputies: "A government spending four billion francs a year for military preparations could at least give two million francs for the investigation of the working conditions of the French working class youth.'

Today when French finances are collapsing, and the inflation of the Franc will be used as an excuse to lower the wages of the French workers and to make them colonial slaves along with their German brothers, under the extended Dawes plan, the Young Communists will point out to the young French workers that while the bosses are using every excuse to slash their wages, they are at the same time spending more and more in preparations for war.

#### Negroes in American Industry

TIPON the white workers rests the responsibility for bringing the Negro workers into the class struggle. When the white workers rid themselves of their ruling class-inspired prejudices, when they see the Negro worker not as an enemy but as an ally, when they realize and acknowledge in tones the reorganization at once under all other lesson we have learned in the that can be heard by the Negro workers (and by circumstances must be linked up with reorganization is that the work of the the capitalists who profit from and foment division of the races), that the Negro workers are necessary for the victory in both the daily struggle and the final victory over capitalism, the task of organizing the Negro workers will be found to be creased their membership many times. conferences of the young workers. not so difficult after all.

In every union the left wing must carry on a constant and fearless struggle against every manifestation of racial prejudice. The militants must be prepared to challenge the trade union bureaucracy on this issue just as they have on the general question of policy and tactics of the labor movement and as always the Communists must take the

The work among the Negroes in industry must parallel the work done in the unions of white in America also, in Chicago, where propaganda groups, not only to agiworkers, but for some time it will be of a more elementary character and can only progress as the Negro workers can be shown by concrete instances that the American labor movement wants them as

equals and because they are workers. WILLIAM T. DUNNE, in the Workers Monthly.

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To be a Communist, you must be a worker for Communism. To work for Communism you must win the young workers around you in the shop, IN the defense of Comrade Lanzuton the street, in the union, wherever you go, for our League. THE RED STAR MERIT STAMP shows that you have done this first, and important, bit of work for Communism. Earn your stamp by getting a sub today!

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## The Young Negroes in America



the great world empires are looking with greedy eyes for sources of supply for their oil and raw material and markets for their manufactured products, we find much nationalist and patriotic propaganda being spread

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We therefore thought that we would

tion, but experience has taught us

the members not working in factories

manner they support the agitation and

in the factories. Thus in Germany we

to the existent factory nuclei. In this | in the factories.

pense with the older tradesmen. For it is the young workers in the mills, mines and factories who will be called ipon to protest this vast wealth they ave produced but by no means own.

No Equality for Young Negroes. In the United States where the children are taught that all are equal and that opportunities are afforded all in equal measure to become whatever they please, most of them take it for granted that equality is guaranteed by the constitution and that therefore must be a fact, little thinking that he Negro has no equality, regardless of what the constitution may say. The Young Workers League is the one outh movement that has sharply dened class lines that exist between the capitalists and the workers—the one employing labor for profit, the other laboring to live.

After the War.

Thousands of young brought by the world war from the agricultural south into the industrial north, find themselves confronted with a two-phase problem. First, the race problem that has brought them a new race consciousness which is constantly growing; then the class problem that is as yet dim and vague to them.

Comrade Gyptner's Report to C.

sufficiently, we lost members. This,

cent in medium factories, while the however, is due to quite another reas- tact with them. We have obtained

in this case it is no loss to lose such

differently. We endeavored to attack members, when one is enabled to gain braries, and the increase of the sale

What do we do with the members

propaganda of the comrades working who are all alone in a factory? We organization of the youth on the basis

consider even these individual mem-

have cases of a factory nucleus with 10 | bers as small factory nuclei, for they | it is absolutely necessary that our

hundreds of other members working of books in the

remainder work in small factories. on. The former organization contained

require various forms of organiza- work in the factory. In my opinion,

15 members working in a factory, and are always able to gain one or two

with 15-20 attached members. When members in the factory. We have ex-

the factory nuclei have grown suffi- amples of this in Italy and England.

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sible, so that in the locality only the the old members. That is not correct,

nucleus organizations remain. An im- for we would then not need to create

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a very energetic campaign for the re- League also requires to be reorgan-

cruiting of new members. This ex- ized. We now proceed with the pub-

perience has been gathered by two lication of factory nucleus papers in

Leagues in particular: the French order to gain influence among the

and the Italian, both of which have in. masses; we hold factory meetings and

In his report, Comrade Geschke men-Our relation with the working youth

tioned the example of our Berlin or thus grows more and more intimate

ganization, which lost 30-40 per cent and our influence upon them increas-

of its members in the reorganization. es. Formerly, we carried on economic

This example must however, not be work journalistically, abstractly, with

brought as an argument against the out approaching the masses directly

reorganization, for our Berlin com- Today we pick out the most important

rades of the youth stipulate altogether industries and carry out industrial

termination of the reorganization. The great deal of attention to rural agita-

the formation of nuclei was prepared | tate, but to establish village nuclei

elements which did not desire to do influencing and education of young

factories and have been able to dis- ing upon the race as a whole, thus gress, knowing that the young Ne making it easy for the preacher, the petty-businessman and other Negro parasites to play upon him.

The Young Workers League as a true Communist organiation has taken the leadership to erase the race line drawn both by parasite Negroes and capitalists who live upon the backs of the workers. The Young Workers League will show the young Negroes the class line that must be drawn to break completely with the ideology of the present system—to teach the young Negro to use the new ideas, aspirations of the working class -as a weapon with which to bombard the slave ideas of the past.

Destroy Prejudices on Both Sides.

The Young Workers League recog nizes only class divisions and besides agitating among the Negro youth in order to make them understand their class position, it is at the same time carrying on an energetic campaign among the white workers to break down the prejudices that have been inculcated in them by the master class and its institutions.

Realizing that a close, direct and continuous contact with the masses is the first prerequisite for a mass organization of the young, the Young Workamong the youth by the big capitalists | The traditions of the United States | ers League awaits with interest the

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who are "Fordizing" their mills and | make the young Negro clannish, look- | coming American Negro Labor Congroes must take the lead in setting up concrete demands and a working program for carrying on the struggle on the economic field. The Young Workers League will agitate among the young Negroes to win them and train them for the struggle. For only with the abolition of the entire capitalist system of exploitation can the Negro achieve complete freedom.

#### The Economic Status of the Young Negro in America Today

By PAUL KLINE.

Approximately half of the Negro outh labor in the United States is employed in agricultural work in the South. Working from dawn till sun set, in the cotton and beet fields, poorly clothed, underfed and savagely verworked, the mortality among these young Negroes is terrific. These young Negroes constitute the real American peasant youth, and present a fruitful field for the extension of our rural work. With the rapid invasion of manufacture and industry into the south, large numbers of Negro peasant youth are being drawn off the farms and plantations and concenrated in the cities. Our task of the mmediate future is to extend our propaganda and influence to these oung Negro workers of the southern cities, creating connections and a for operations among the masses of the Negro peasant youth.

However, the main activities of our League must be concentrated upon the young Negroes of the north, especially in those important industrial enters where they are heavily employed. Of the 1,700,000 Negroes livng in the north, 1,170,000, or 70 per cent live in 10 industrial centers. hey are distributed as follows:

Indianapolis district.... 56,000 Detroit-Toledo district..... 58,000 Cleveland district Kansas City district 65,300 Pittsburgh district 88,270 Columbus-Cincinnati district.. 89,700 102,600 St. Louis district Chicago district 140,000 .242,340 Philadelphia district New York district .. From the above table it can be seen that our League is geographically well

situated to work among the masses of young Negroes in the north. We have League units in nearly every one of the districts above specified, and the forthcoming year will see them in every one. According to occupation, the Negro

vorkers who are gainfully employed re divided as follows: Agriculture ...

Domestic or personal serv-..1,065,000

Manufacturing and mercan-890,000

tile industries 453,000 Trade and transportation .. 75.000 The fact that over a million Negroes

are employed in domestic and person al service is significant. It is a re flection of the socially and economically inferior position which the Negro occupies under capitalism. It carries There is absolutely no form of organization in these occupations, altho the work is both arduous and odious. and the wages are exteremely low. Exact figures are not available, but it is certain that the majority of these domestic workers are of an eligible age to join the League. There is also a largeand important strata of semidomestic help which is employed in hotels, theaters, restaurants, railroad ways on the job when young stations, and other public places. A

> However, the young Negro workers and mining, are the most important. Here we have a large section (approx. imately 450,000) of young industrial workers, who are employed in basic industries, who are totally unorganized, and who are discriminated against on two counts-youth and color. In factories and shops where the cheapest labor is required, there we find the young Negro boys and girls employed. Altho doing the same work as the young white workers. they are commonly paid less. The employer uses every means to sow distrust between the black and white young workers, and to prevent united esistance and action. It is this suspicion and antagonism which the League must first dispel if it is to rally the young Negro and white workers for a common struggle against the boss.

## - Vouse Communist Lagrue of Daland workers and peasants more and more

By B. K. GEBERT.

too short a time (6 weeks) for the

work in the other districts proves that

THE Young Communist League of Poland is an illegal organization, just as the Communist Party and even many militant trade unions un-

der the present reign of white terror. Nevertheless, in the last few months the League has greatly enlarged its ranks and what is of even greater importance, has extended its influence greatly in the big industrial centers. At the same time the Communist Youth have been successfully reaching the youth in the villages and have organized nuclei in the army.

Completely Reorganized.

IN accordance with the decisions of the Fourth World Congress of the Young Communist International, the basis even before December 31, 1924, the date set by the Y. C. I. The reorganization of the League successfully liquidated the former loose groups and now the League is firmly grounded on the basis of the shops and in the

In spite of terrible persecutions, the Young Communists are carrying on a strong fight for shorter hours, higher pay, etc., thru their nuclei. There has ists successfully organized mass meetstrikes, the youth are the most energetic and active elements.

Defense of Comrade Lanzutsky.

the center of the textile industries and strikes, the youth played a leading

The Young Polish Communists cary on their fight under the worst conditions imaginable. On one side is the government repression and on the other stand the Socialist traitors. The Socialists do not permit the organ-

Socialists Fight Against Youth.

destroy their economic character.

ists fought against this action both in the shops and in the unions. The yellow socialists gave their full sup-their leaders against landlords and ories will do the same in the near

campaigns. We are also paying a

tion. Oud nuclei go out into the rural the policy of the League was correct. district either as units or in special enable us to work even under illegal

> In the unemployment situation the youth played a prominent part, fighting for maintenance of the unem ployed youth and for free government trade schools for the unemployed young workers.

Lead Demonstrations.

ECENTLY the Young Communists  ${f N}$   $_{
m successfully}$  protested against the attempt to murder Comrade Lanzutsky and also conducted a success ful Lenin-Liebknecht Week. These successful demonstrations were arranged when the youth, working underground, were subject to at least two years in jail at hard labor for participating in the affairs. Not only of hard labor. This was for bringing did the youth participate actively in the general demonstrations but they organized themselves separate Youth demonstrations and separate Youth sections in the general demonstra tions. In many legal organizations and in the shops the Young Communings.

Raising the Red Flag.

THE Young Communists succeeded in placing red flags on many buildings, factories, chimneys and sky, in the great strike in Lodz, army barracks. This was done in spite of the organization by the govin the Dombrowa basin coal mine ernment of an army of spies and special police. The banners and flags put up, bearing slogans for the release of political prisoners were flying for days and were of real inspiration to the workers. After this the whole capitalist press especially attacked the Young Communists, showing that they recognized the Youth as the leader ization of youth factions in the trade of the class war against the Polish bourgeoisie

Many Comrades Arrested.

were arrested. But arrests and per-Here are a few examples of how this secutions accompanied with beatings, did not stop the work of the Young In the army metal work shops the Communists for a moment. As the Revolution-for the Workers' and Federation, will throw the miners

look to the Young Communists as port to the government. As a result capitalists and greater number join there is great danger that other fac- the ranks of the Young Communist League. Capitalist Courts Busy.

THE capitalist courts are also al-

Communists are involved, and young great deal of agitation and work is re-Communists have been sentenced in quired among these young workers. great numbers to six years in prison at hard labor, and sometimes even in the last three classifications. manugreater sentences have been dealt out facturing, trade and transportation to the young workers.

In the Lemburg courts much dissatisfaction has been expressed that the constitution prevents giving death sentences to those under 20 years of It happened that a certain comrade brought before the court was 19 years and 359 days old, so that they were forced to give him only 10 years Communist literature to the city.

Lead in Villages

N the villages the influence of the Young Communists is growing every day. They have their best or ganization in the Dombrowa Basin Western White Russia and Western Ukrainia. The youth also carried on a strenuous fight also for national and economic liberation of the White Russians and Ukrainians. Among these it has great support.

The Young Communists in Poland every day become more and more Leninists and more and more capable of carrying on the struggle. This is what the Young Communist League is doing in Poland. There are millions of young workers in America and thousands of young Polish workers in which is carrying on the fight against our comrades in Poland sacrifice so much for the liberation of the working class youth from the yoke of capitalism, what are you going to do? Your condition is getting worse and your freedom; work for the Workers according to Secy. A. J. Cook, Miners' apprenticeship period was increased arrests and persecution of the Com- Farmers' oGvernment in this country. back on their own industrial strength.

#### London Says Defeat of Miners' Wage Bill Means a Rebellion

LONDON, England, April 20. -

The defeat of the miners' minimum this country who should join the wage bill by the combined reactionary Young Workers League of America, parties is termed by F. B. Varley, a moderate, "a direct incentive to revocapitalism in the United States. If lutionary action." The bill. which was rejected 208 to 143, would have guaranteed a minimum wage of from 10 to 12 shillings a day—about three pounds (\$14.34) a week. The miners awaited the fate of this bill before worse every day. Stand under the mobilizing their economic power to banner of Communism and fight for obtain a living wage. The rejection,