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VALENTINE AND TOOHEY JAILED

Young Communists are for Militant Fight in Coal Strike

DEMAND GENUINE STRUGGLE

SCRANTON, Pa.—The strike in the anthracite has been turned into a war against the militant members of the United Mine Workers of America who are supporting the program of the Hands and feet are tied and the Progressive Miners' Committee. In this the largest city in the anthracite tric current is run into the ears. region, four militant miners are behind prison bars. They are Patrick Toohey, a young fighting miner, and a member of the N. E. C. of the Y. W. L.; August Valentine, a young miner and a member of the League, who has been in the thick and thin of the miners' struggle in West Virginia; Alex Zarek, a big-hearted Russian, who wants to see the strike conducted in the interest of the miners and Alex Reid, secretary of the Progressive Miners' Committee, a militant miner, who spent 29 years in the bituminous fields digging coal.

Why have these militant miners been arrested? Only when one knows the real situation can an answer be given to the question. 158,000 miners have been called out on strike in the anthracite region. No one knows better than John L. Lewis, the appointed president of the United Mine Workers, that there is no genuine strike in the anthracite. The present stoppage was desired by the coal operators. J. L. Lewis just helped along the scheme of the operators. The coal operators are not making any attempt



PAT H. TOOHEY

need for it. John L. Lewis knows this demanded 27 death sentences from the express purpose of giving the at Sofia. In the second trial 20 await also. The strike has been called for coal operators an opportunity to util- a similar judgement. In youth trial ize the cry about a coal shortage to in Berkovitz there were 19 young force the sale of inferior grades of coal that has been accumulated in the millions of tons in the last two years. This coal which in normal times is practically worthless because no market can be found for it, is now due to the strike, being sold at exorbitant prices. The opeators are coining millions of dollars while the miners are starving. The operators are very thankful indeed to John L. Lewis, because in addition to affording them an opportunity to sit back and pocket big profits, J. L. Lewis has taken care that the properties of the operators shall not be damaged during the suspension. He has made an agreement with the operators to keep on the job the 10,000 maintenance men whose business it is to see that the mine properties are repaired and kept in good shape. The operators are not concerned about the starvation of the miners that is taking place now because the store keepers have decided not to grant credit to striking miners and John L. Lewis who will not starve and whose only object is to sell out the miners, will hypocritically assume a fighting attitude and permit the starving of the miners to con-

For what consideration has John L. Lewis called this strike? Only hanger's justice! two demands actually were presented to the operators. One for the checkoff and the other for a ten per cent increase in wages. That Lewis will lutionary struggle in Bulgaria! not insist on an increase in wages is (Continued on page 2)

POLISH WHITE TERROR SUBJECTS WORKERS TO INHUMAN PERSECUTION

Population Terrorized

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.-The International Red Aid has received a telegram relating new crimes of the Polish "Defensive Organization."

Mass arrests of workers and peasants have taken place in the White Russian districts of Bielsk and Volkovisk. Up to the present over a thousand workers nad peasants have been placed under arrest. Amongst them are thirteen-year-old

In Bielsk the arrested are quartered in schools, hospitals, etc., in consequence of the lack of room in the prisons.

Hundreds of the arrested have been subjected to inhuman tortures. bare soles beaten with sticks. Elec-Hot urine with salt is poured into mouths. Lighted cigarettes are thrust against lips, etc.

The population of the town is terrorized by the shrieks of the prisoners and is leaving the town in masses. The police are forcing the prisoners with these tortures to make false oaths. The international proletariat must raise its voice energetically against the new crime of the "defensive."



TO SAVE BULGAR YOUTH IN HANDS OF TERRORISTS

TO THE YOUNG WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES.

The Bulgarian hangmen's Government utilized the attempt on the Cathedral in Sofia to continue their campaigns of revenge against the Bulgarian people. Deeds of cruelty and assassinations are being perpetrated without end.

800 prospective death sentences!

1,325 assassinations and 499 "sui-

These figures are in accordance with the records of the Tsankoff Government authority.

Four thousand five hundred people are under arrest and imprisoned, among these there are thousands of young workers who are awaiting judgement, which will either mean the gallows or imprisonment for life. Of the 40 mass trials now taking place, there are seven in which over 200 young workers are being tried. The public prosecutor has already among the 32 young workers on trial workers; three of these were condemned to be hanged and three each to 15 years imprisonment, the remaining to 8 and 12 years. In the trial at Virstzo also one death sentence was passed and in the mass process at Varms there are two young workers among the 33 con-

demned to death. Brothers! Comrades!

Whilst overcome with pain and sorrow on account of these innumerable victims, we are filled with passionate indignation and grim hatred for the bestial deeds of the Tsankoff bandits! The day of reckon- which at times assumed bitter and iming will come!

Young workers of the whole world! Save the lives of thousands of young and brave revolutionaries! Rise in a powerful protest against the cruel conditions in that country of the gallows and the slaughter of people.

Demonstrate outside the embassy of the murder government! Down with the bloody Tsankoff government!

Demand the withdrawal of the trial sentences!

Snatch the condemned from the Our curses on the executioners of

the Bulgarian workers! All honor to the heroes of the revo-The Executive Committee of the Young Communist International.

Young Workers! Rally to the Support of the LEAGUE CONVENTION RALLIES TO SUPPORT OF PARTY C. E. C. Workers and Farmers of Russia!

DEFENSE AND RECOGNITION OF THE SOVIET UNION! BEAT BACK NEW ATTACKS OF WORLD IMPERIALISM!

powers in an attack upon the Soviet Union and in an attempt to destroy what the heroic Russian workers and peasants have accomplished in eight years of bitter struggle.

Eight years ago the workers and farmers of Russia got rid of their exploiters and oppressors, of the czar and of the yellow socialists lackeys of Russian imperialism and thru their workers. Eight years ago the Russia | the military forces of the imperialist | In all of the capitalist countries of

ing its forces against the Workers the building of a society that would Japan and America; against the and Peasants Republic of Soviet Rus- do away with all the brutalities and strangling blockade; against the fasia! Again International Capitalism inequalities of capitalism and would mine and hunger that followed in the is preparing to set into motion all its give to the workers themselves the wake of blockade and counter-revoluown lives.

Soviets established the rule of the armies of the czarist generals; against sion of workers will have no place.

THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD GREET THE REVOLUTIONARY RUSSIAN REPUBLIC

A GAIN world imperialism is mobilized workers took the first steps towards governments of England, France, determination and control over their tion; against the socialist-mensheviks who acted as spies and agents for the For eight years since then the Russian and foreign capitalists. With Russian workers and farmers have back to the wall, the Russian workers been engaged in one long continuous and peasants fought against all these struggle against all the powers of odds, they fought and triumphed. They world capitalism in order to preserve have not only maintained their rule and extend the gains of the revolu- in Russia, but they have gone steadily tion. The workers and peasants, of forward, laying the basis for a social Russia took up the fight against the order where exploitation and oppres-

Europe the conditions of the workers have sunk far below what they were before the war in 1914. Especially marked has been the decline in the wages and conditions of labor of the young workers who are always the first to suffer in any offensive of capital. In Russia—in Workers Russia the lot of the workers-and above all of the young workers-has been constantly improving so that now-in 1925, after years of civil war, famine, and intervention,-the working class is better off than it was before the

in Capitalist Europe Ruin-in Bol-

shevik Russia Achievement. The workers of Russia have suceeded in throwing the bosses off their packs while in the rest of the world these parasites are still maintaining their stranglehold on the masses. In Russia the industrial unions of the workers have the say as to rates of (Continued on page 2)

Ruthenberg Group Heads Incoming National Committee

CROUCH HONORARY EXECUTIVE

The Third National Convention e the Young Workers (Communist) League closed Monday, October 5th, at midnight after having voted a decisive majority to the former minority of the National Executive Committee.

The first session was called to order Sunday afternoon with Comrade Kaplan reporting for the majority of the credentials committee. He stated that in view of the critical stage in which the organization found itself the committee had exercised considerable leniency in seating some of the delegates who were former supporters of the majority in the Party CEC. Comrade Max Shachtman reporting for the minority of the credentials committee denied that the report made by Comrade Kaplan was cor-

Comrade Stachel and Williamson closed the debate. Comrade Stachel pointed out that counting the votes in each district those candidates who ran on the basis of their support f the former minority received a total vote of 1200 while those who ran n the basis of their support of the old NEC. received a total vote of 600.

The report of the majority as made by Comrade Kaplan was accepted by a vote of twenty-nine to twenty. The following delegates were seat-d:

List of Delegates.

District 1, Boston-Nat Kutisker, S.

District 2, New York-Jack Stachel Herbert Zam, S. Don, S. Darcy, W Herberg, A. Thompson, J. Rubin, B. Rubin, S. Milgram, I. Rijak, I. Glas, S. Raskin, Jack Rosenblatt, H. Fox District 3, Philadelphia Domenica Flaiani, I. Lazaravitz, M. Yusem, D. Milgram, S. Whiteman, J. Duga.

District 4, Buffalo-J. Ahlquist. Distrct 5, Pittsburgh-Steve Boyan, Jack Begler, M. Schindler. District 6, Cleveland-George Pap-

cun, Tony Wishtart, Al Schaap. Fraternal: M. Salzman, F. Cheloff, G. Greenberg.

District 7, Detroit-Arnold Zekit, Barney Mass, J. Reynolds. District 8, Chicago-M. Shachtman,

John Williamson, Valeria Meltz, J. Harvey, J. Angelo, Mike Zalesko, G. District 9, Superior-M. Abern, A.

Hayes, H. Ronkkonen, C. Forsen. District 12, Portland-I. Ganapole. District 13, Los Angeles-Anna

Unorganized Territory-Pat Toohey, (alternate, H. V. Phillips), P.Shapiro. Workers (Communist) Party of America-Max Bedacht, Robert Minor, James P. Cannon, Jay Lovestone.

The permament organization of the convention then took place; Comrade Zam was lected Chairman, Williamson, Vice Chairman, and Morris Yusem, Secretary. Greetings were read from Comrades

Pat Toohey and Alex Reid written from jail at Scranton, Pa., where they are serving a six months sentence TEE, Young Workers' League of for their militancy in the anthracite strike.

Tony Wishtart, coal miner delegate from Wheeling, W. Va., introduced a resolution pledging support and sending greetings to our imprisoned

Bedacht Reports for Party. Comrade Max Bedacht then deliver-

ed the report from the Workers (Communist) Party of America. After greeting the youth convention in the name of the C. E. C., and the party, Comrade Bedacht gave a vivid presentation of the world situation that faces the revolutionary movement of the proletariat today. Describing the tremendous concentration and preparation of the world forces of capitalism against the working calss and for the further conquest of colonial peoples, he declared that at no other time was it ever so necessary as now to unite the ranks of our movement. In the impending bloody struggles between the capitalist governments for the re-division of the spoils of imperialism, he said, the United States represents by far the most powerful and aggressive of these predatory governments. Therefore it is doubly necessary for the Communists of America, and especially the Communist youth, to unify and clarify itself in preparation for its serious duties in the coming sharpened struggle.

The imperialist powers recognize its greatest danger in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, said Comrade

Bedacht, and are preparing for a (Continued on page 4)

Mobilize for Unity and Work CALL OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Convention of the League is over. It has chosen a new leadership on the basis of the decisions of the Cominern and the Y. C. I. and has entrusted to this leadership the tasks of the for the beginning of a period of mass activity.

We have just passed thru a period of prolonged factional strugglepermissable forms. Out of this struggle, however, there developed the possibilities for the unification of the League. Thru this struggle there of policy for the League. Thru this struggle there was developed and brot out a co-ordinated leadership capable the whole working class.

MRADES: The Third National struggle in the League liquidated even day demands into a conscious fight Bolshevization of the League and its ganization for nearly two years. The guard of the toiling youth. transformation into a mass Communique liquidation of the political controversy ist League of young workers. It has in the party carried with it similar laid the foundation for the liquidation consequences for the League inasof all factionalism in the League and much as our League leadership had accepted the incorrect line of policy united and ready on the platform of en, Norway, Germany, Austria, Holof the former majority of the C. E. C. The solution of the crisis in the party, of policy of the N. E. C. and the Y. ist Soviet Republics. The Junior Comtherefore, was politically the greatest step forward in the process of unifying the League. There is no longer any basis for factions or factionalism in the Young Workers League.

crystallized the correct Leninist line munist League of America, stand be- League and convert it into an unyieldfore a period of great revolutionary ing iron cohort of the revolution can opportunities. The sharpening of the we win the confidence of the masses of carrying this line of policy into ef- ing the young workers more and more leadership over them. Unity and fect. Thru the ideological struggle into the arena of economic and politi- work! the whole policy of the League was cal struggle. The young workers are brot out to light, examined, and anal- beginning to awaken; they are be- at this period are many and difficult. yzed before the membership as a ginning to take up the struggle for the The N. E. C. is determined that these whole. Thru the prolonged discus- necessities of their everyday life, for tasks shall be met in a Bolshevik and the annulment of the death sion, the political level of the mem- better conditions of life and work, for manner and our League proves itself bership was raised and the League as greater oportunities for self-develop- a worthy section of the World Coma whole more educated to an under-ment—a struggle that is full of the munist League of Youth—the Young pose class distinctions between chilstanding of its role as the vanguard of greatest revolutionary implications. Communist International. It calls dren. the working youth in its struggle for It is the task of the Communist youth upon the entire membership to close "It is necessary to fight religious everyday demands, and as the leader not only to facilitate and accelerate the ranks of the League and unite and in the struggle for the emancipation of this process of awakening and strug- mobilize for work! The Convention has acted and the expand and develop it, assume the ers in the period of discussion and controversy leadership of it, and to transform it come an ora

is over. The political basis of the from an immediate struggle for every before our Third Convention when against the capitalist class and the the National Convention of the Work- whole capitalist system. We must ers Party, with the help of the Com- stand in the front ranks of all the intern, finally put an end to the con-struggles of the young workers; we toversy that had raged within the or must assume our role as the van-The Young Workers League can only achieve this role of the vanguard

The tasks that are facing our League

America.

action behind the leadership and line land, Finland and the Union of Social-C. I. Every, member must take his place in the ranks and on the field of struggle. The unification of our or- Communists organized, their ages ganization now becomes our revolu- ranging about 12 and 14. tionary duty. Only if we unify our Comrades: We, the Young Com- ranks, only if we Bolshevize our class struggle in this country is draw- of young workers and establish our

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST CHILDREN'S GROUPS OPENS IN MOSCOW

outh. Participate in all their strug

gles. Take the lead in all the strug-

Forward to the Bolshevization of

our League and to a mass Young

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMIT-

Forward to a United League!

Communist League in America!

gles of the young workers!

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Sept. 30 .--The First International Congress of gles if the entire membership stands in Moscow with delegates from Swedmunists organized in the Young Pioneers comprise the youngest group of

The Pioneer movement has just barely started in Europe, but in the Soviet Union its organization numbers 1,500,000 members.

In the call for the convention the purpose of the gathering is outlined as follows: "The congress will play a great

role in the revolutionary organization and education of the workers, especially in western countries. The education of children there is now in the hands of the clergy and bourgeois teachers, all of whom oppose the general class struggle and especially op-

prejudices and abolish fear of revolution thru the Pioneer's organizagle but to crystallize it, organize it, Into the messes of the young work- tion and to build thru it the founda-

WAR ON RUSSIA LOCARNO TOPIC

Security Pact Aimed at Republic of Workers

GERMANY A BIG PROBLEM

LOCARNO, Switzerland .-- to create a solid block of Wetern imperialism against Soviet Russia is the final aim of the conference in session here today of diplomatic representatives of the French, English and German capitalist governments. The foreign ministers of France, Great Britain and Germany are busy at work trying to reach some agreement to bring Germany into the League of Nations and thus to perfect the preparations that are being made for an imperialist alliance against the workers' and peasants' government of Russia. The European capitalist press hails this conference and the "security pact" that is expected to result from it as a final guarantee of world peace while as a matter of fact the pact would pledge Europe's three largest capitalist powers to united warfare against the Soviet Union.

Britain the Leader in Locarno Meet. Everybody knows that Great Britain is behind all these proceedings to unite European imperialism against the Russian workers and peasants. The recent "swing to the left" of the British workers, the rumblings and protests of the colonial masses under the heel of British imperialism, together with the growing power of the Soviet Union, are causing the British ruling class many an uneasy hour. England, together with France whose position is no better, is now at the Locarno conference for the purpose of forcing Germany into a new alignment against the Soviet Russia.

It is proving no easy matter, however, for the imperialist governments to patch up even superficially their fundamental differences and contradictions. The problems of Germany and Poland now seem to be uppermost. The German government is demanding concessions to secure its eastern frontier and Briand, the National work, but also in the district French foreign minister, is ready to make some sort of settlement of the cooperation and coordination as will Rhine question if the French tool Poland is given some consideration in the East. In these negotiations Germany will probably try to use her Russian agreement to "persuade" British and French imperialists that substantial concessions are necessary. Other complications are introduced by the fear of a Russo-Pole agreement on the part of Germany especially in connection with Tchitcherin's recent visit to Warsaw where he was well received. All around, however, while the situation at Locarno seems to be pretty much involved, the main purpose stands out as clear as day-the formation of a united front of European imperialist nations against the Soviet Union. And since both Great Britain and France are both now faced, with a menacing situation at home and abroad, the bloc against the Russian workers and peasants is now more important than ever and it is practically certain that some agreement will be reached to bring Germany into the League of Nations and into the alliance against the Soviet

The new attack that is thus being planned on the Soviet Union is also an attack on the whole working class of the world to root out the internationbut the outpost of the international working class. The victory of the forces of imperialism over the workers and peasants of Russia would be the signal for letting loose a new bit ter wave of blackest reaction all over the world to root out the internataion al labor movement as a whole. In such an offensive of capital the young workers would be the FIRST to suffer and their sufferings would be the most severe. The young workers must be the first to rise in defense of the Soviet Union and the workers interests. The young workers must be the first to raise the slogan: "In defense and for the recognition of the Soviet Union! Rally to the defense of Workers' Russia!"

French Imperialists Hard Hit by Defense of Jebel Druse Tribe

The Jebel Druses, an Arab people about 50,000 strong, who live in the mountains of Eastern Syria, seem to have been holding their own well against the armies of French Imperialism.

Some weeks ago they revolted and smashed a "punitive expedition" sent to look after them.

Since then little news has come through. But it is known that an Algerian Division (black troops from North Africa) after being ordered to Morocco and then being ordered to march against the Druses, hasbeen told to stay where it is (at Beirut).

It is stated that this is because two battalions mutinied when ordered out on active service.

At Damascus a very impressive one-day protest strike has been held,

all shops being shut. The French archbishop of Syria has stated that over 800 French soldiers are dead or missing as the result of recent fighting.

The Party and the Y. W. L. of America

By JAY LOVESTONE

T is indeed a sign of progress that it is no longer necessary to pro pagate our Party ranks regarding the importance of the Young Workers

Generally speaking, the leading Party functionaries agree that the Young Workers League occupies a role of first rate importance in the campaign of winning over the majority of the American working class to communism. We have outlived that stage of our existence when the Young Workers League was considday, the leading Party workers firmly believe that the Young Workers League must cooperate most closely with the Party in all its campaigns and that the Party must work together in a most coordinated manner with the Young Workers League in all of the latter's campaigns.

But when we come to the field of activity, there we find hiatus, a gap, between the beliefs and the practices of many of the Party, as well as of the League, responsible functionaries, insofar as the relations between the two organizations are concerned.

This is not a time for avoiding issues. This is not a time for doctoring accounts. We must face the facts and figures of the situation squarely, and without the slighest effort at evasion. The Young Workers League at present is politically, as well as organizationally, not in the best, and not even in a desirable condition. The undesirable situation at hand in the League is in a large measure due to the hitherto faulty relations between the Party and the League. The writer can recall scarcely more than three or four ocassions upon which the Young Workers League came up for consideration by the CEC. during the last year. Insofar as tangible help by the CEC. to the League is concerned, the number of such ocassions during the last year, that is, before the last convention of the Party, is even smaller.

The new Central Executive Committee is bent on eradicating every vestige of this practice, not only in the work. Our aim is to develop such insure the Party's arriving at its campaign plans only after the fullest cooperation with the leading committee of the Young Workers League in these matters. The Young Workers League leading committee must adopt a similar attitude and practice in the preparation of its campaigns. The political leadership of the CEC. of the Party is axiomatic. This should not be taken to mean that the CEC. of fullest extent the help, the cooperation, the initiative and the energies the anti militarist work. The rapid of the Young Workers League in every possible phase of Party activity. The same principle, the same policy, must be applied by every district organization of the Party and the

must be mobilized for its execution. the youth of this country. According Whenever the League launches a spe- to the war Appropriation Hearings f cial campaign, Party speakers, Party the House of Representatives for 1925, f nctionaries, should be drawn in to seventy five thousand college stu-

face with many urgent tasks. Unless Workers League will not get out of its present impotent stage. Today there is, practically speaking, with haps to some extent, Chicago, very little of League organization. A carefully prepared organization drive is

a stern necessity for the Young Workers League. At most, the League has is an insignificant number, wretchedered as a secondary affair, as an ly insufficient number compared with auxiliary apparatus of the Party. To- the need and strength that the communist youth of this country must have in order to become the leader of the proletarian youth. Much has been said in the past

about making the Young Worker a mass organ. The time is at hand to say less and more in this respect Active participation of the Young Workers League in the struggles of the youth workers will afford the best basis for making the Young Worker a mass organ. Factory campaigns. skilfully prepared and energetically persecuted, will serve as the best agents for developing our youth organ into a mass organ.

Special membership drives should be launched by the Young Workers League in such industries where large numbers of youth workers are to be found, for example, in the mining industry.

The Young Workers League mus enlist all of its energies and mobilize all of its resources to help the Party reorganize itself on the basis of shop nuclei. The Party must do likewise help tremendously. For example, the whole mass of the toilers. present Party campaign to Save the Daily Worker, and for the Defense opportunity for both organizations to elopment of the best interests of the Party and the League.

Little need be said that we must more than redouble our efforts at economic trade union work by the mem-

bers of our League. practice of now and then sending ill-League members into short term Such practises can only do harm to militarisation of the United States affords us an opportunity do to effective work on this field. The United States has the largest increase in the proportion of its budget going for militarist purposes of all the impe-Whenever the Party launches a rialist powers. The War Department special campaign, both organizations is working overtime in militarising

mass communist movement in Amer-| List and Directory for March, 1925, as in fancy. ica. At this particular moment the we will find that 745 officers and 1000 Young Workers League is face to enlisted men have been ordered by the War Department to carry on milthese tasks are achieved the Young itary training of the youth in the

schools and colleges. In the Labor Party campaign, the Young Workers League can and must the exception of New York, and, per- work most energetically. The issue of youth disfranchisement, the issue of hundreds of thousands of young warkers being disfranchised, the issue of reducing the age limit for voting, can also be used effectively from only 1800 members; rumors of 4500 the communist viewpoint in order to to the contrary notwithstanding. This help the Young Workers League in its efforts to become the vanguard of the young working masses in fact as well

The issue of unifying the working masses politically is as much a problem for the youth worekrs as for the others, despite the additional obstacles put in the path of the young workers participating in the political life of the country.

We have sketched only a few of the important tasks confronting the Young Workers League of America. The Third National convention of the Young Workers League marks the end of one period, and the beginning of a new period in the life of the Young Workers League and its relations to the party.

the Young Workers League marks the end of the period of practical non cooperation between the Party and the League in their respective political and industrial campaigns This convention definitely marks the beginning of a new and more sound relationship between the party and the League. The third national convention is a signal to all members of the Young Workers League for action. It is a signal for united action, under the leadership of the New Na tional Executive Committee which consists of the best, of the soundest, political elements in the Young Work ers League of America.

Stand By Soviet Russia!

(Continued from page 1) wages and conditions of work. In

In Russia, the government acts not in the interests of the bosses but in the interests of the workers-it is a Workers Government. Injunctions and the courts are turned not against the workers but against the enemies of the workers. On the contrary the Soviet government protects the workers at every turn. It protects the workers from the results of whatever to help the League organize itself on unemployment the prevailing condithis basis. There is not a single tion of Russian industry may necescampaign that the Party wages in sarily involve. It protects them which the League cannot render tre- against injury and against overwork. mendous service to the Party. Every All along the line the Soviet Governcampaign in which the Young Work- ment stands forth as the embodiment ers League engages, the Party can of the strivings and desires of the

But it is especially the young workers who benefit under the new condiof Soviet Russia, afford a splendid tions in Russia. Child labor as it exists in capitalist countries is a thing cooperate most closely for the dev- of the past and young workers are engaged under the most favorable circumstances. Hours of labor are especially limited for young workers. Special efforts are being made to young workers. The 6-hour day and Last, but not least, the issue of the five day week for young workers anti militarism must be made a liv- has already been established in Rusing issue by the Young Workers sia. For the young workers especially League. The issue of anti militarism there are wide educational and culshould not be debauched into the tural opportunities. For the young political enlightenment as well as for and European capitalist diplomacy. the Party should not utilize to the training camps, as so called observers. recreation and the general broadening

> In capitalist countries, the young wavs worst against the working youth. In workers' Russia the young workers and peasants occupy a favored posi- into the tangles of European capitaltion and are always the first to benefit ism. The interests of American capfrom any advances that the workers italists in Europe are continually make.

Soviet Russia---- A Danger to World

Imperialism.

Russia stands forth as an inspiration up for the workers' government of Russia the shop committees elected in their bitter struggle against cap- Russia and for the struggle of the by the workers in every shop stand italist exploitation. The Soviet Union up for the rights of the workers and, is the rallying point of the oppressed because of the power that the work- masses of the earth in the life and ers government gives them, see to it death struggle with imperialism. For that they are maintained. In Russia that reason the Soviet union is a conthe workers are no longer slaves; they stant menace to the exploiters of the are now masters of industry and of whole world—a danger at the heart of America in the coming attack society and are hammering out their of the whole capitalist society. While Soviet Russia continues to point out to the workers the road to emancipation, world capitalism cannot feel safe.

New Attacks on Workers Russia.

Many times before has world imperialism mobilized its forces against the Soviet Union and as often has it been repelled by the united front of the Russian masses and the workers achievements of the workers and labor movement. peasants of Russia. On every side there are signs pointing to a renewed attack on the part of the capitalist governments. What else do the negotiations now going on at Locarno between England, France and Germany for the formation of a "security pact" mean if not the preparation for a concerted attack on workers Russia? Its purpose is to create a solid block of western imperialism to set off against Soviet Russia. Security for capitalism is possible only thru the destruction of the workers government in Russian and the signing of the security pact would mean the formation of a united better the living conditions of the front directly against the workers and peasants republic. This is only one phase of the attempt to patch up, temporarily, the European differences, to make possible a united struggle against the Soviet Union. This is the meaning of the debt negotiations of workers the Soviet government is the American government and of all prepared often unfitted individual creating the greatest possibilities for of the other recent moves of American

In this new move against the Soviet Union American imperialism is assuming the leading part. Thru the Dawes workers are the first to suffer the plan and thru the recent debt negotiaattacks of the bosses which are alltions, thru the ever increasing loans and investments, American capitalism is becoming more and more drawn growing.

under the heel of European capitalism stand by and permit this to happen. But Workers Russia belongs not is an ever-growing threat to the in- Every organization of workers and help the League realizze success in dents, and forty thousand high school only to the workers and peasants of vested billions of American capital. this campaign. The Young Workers students drilled in uniform for three Russia. It belongs to the working As a result, American imperialism is defense of the Soviet Union. Every League is not to play the role of an hours every week during the last col- class of the whole world: For the in the front ranks in the attacks on organization of workers and

young workers of every country Soviet [class conscious workers who stand workers all over the world. The exclusion of the Communist member of the British Parliament, Saklatvala, and the renewal of threats and perse cutions of the revolutionary workers in America, point to the leadership against the Soviet Union.

> Attack on Soviet Union an Attack on Workers of the World.

This mobilization of world imperialism against the Soviet Union is a direct attack upon all workers. The victory of capitalism over Workers Russia would usher in a wild wave of reaction that would attempt to destroy the labor movement the world of all countries. International cap- over. In the safety of the Soviet italism is again moving to destroy the Union lies the safety of the world

For the American workers an attack on the Soviet Union would mean an attack on themselves. It would mean the intensification of the open shop campaign, of the campaign to cut wages and lengthen hours, of the union-smashing campaign. It would mean a freer hand for the American capitalists in their campaign to reduce the conditions of life of the American workers. In such an attack the young workers would be first to suffer and to suffer most severely. The fate of the American working class is bound up with the fate of the Workers and Peasants Government of Soviet Russia.

The fight of the Russian masses against the threats of world imperialism is the fight of the workers of the whole world. The American workers-the American working youthmust stand shoulder to shoulder with the workers of other countries for the defense of the workers' interests. The enemy of the Russian workers is our enemy. The same enemy that is trying to destroy the Soviet Union is also trying to degrade and oppress the American workers.

Fight for the Soviet Union and the Workers Interests.

Young Workers of America! You carry thru an attack on your brothers and fellow-workers in Russia! The The revolt of the oppressed masses | working masses of America must not young workers must come out in apprentice in the development of a lege year. If we consult the Army workers of the world and for the Soviet Russia and on the militant, workers must come out in a united

Young Workers League of America. **Valentine and** Toohey Jailed

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RIALISM AND MILITARISM!!

AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION!!

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AMERICA!!

CAPITALISTS!

(Continued from page 1) apparent to every one acquainted with

the anthracite strike situation. Lewis has entered into a conspiracy with the coal operators at the expense of the miners, the coal operators to make millions in additional profits and the Lewis machine in return to get the check off. That is why there are no picket lines around the mines. That is why no strike meetings are being held. That is why there is no rank and file strike committee in the field. That is why there are no strike headquarters throughout the district.

The militant progressive miners, however, knowing the deplorable conditions confronting the miners in the anthracite have started a campaign to turn this strike into a genuine struggle in the interest of the miners. They have raised the slogan of a minimum living wage for all miners regardless of output. They have raised the issue of a six-hour day and five-day week for the anthracite miners; they have raised the issue of the labor party; they have started a move to make the struggle effective by getting all the maintenance men to quit their posts and join the striking miners; they have raised the slogan against a checkoff settlement: that there can be no settlement without wage increases. and many other demands of vital importance to the miners. That is why Pat Toohey and August Valentine, the two young Communists who have been in the forefront of this genuine struggle are now behind prison bars.

I. L. D. WORK IN CHICAGO GETS will not let your bosses prepare and UP STEAM AMONG UNIONS AND WORKERS; DANCE IS PLANNED

The Chicago local committee for . L. D. is busy with plans for increasing the membership, getting more collective affiliations of workers' organizations, raising special pledged sums for the Zeigler Defense and preparing extra attractions for the Grand Ball and Dance to be held October 24th at the New Temple Hall on Van Buren and Marshfield for the benefit of the defense. Tickets, pluggers, etc., are being widely distributed. The admission price—in advance—is only 50c and includes wardrobe.

Reports made at the last meeting of delegates from branches were very encouraging. Most branches had substantially increased their membership since organizing a month or two ago and were arranging special meetings. The Bulgarian branch has done very well. It started with 19 members and has already held two mass meetings, one of which was attended by over 100 Bulgarian workers, one-third of the entire Bulgarian population of Chicago. It now has 20 members.

Slovak Workers' Society No. 16 (250 members) and Machinists' Union No. 337 (400 members) have recently affiliated to the Chicago I. L. D.

The work here is getting up steam.

TOBACCO WORKERS FOOLED BY COMPANY UNION

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (A. N

L. C.)—The situation among the employes in the Camel Cigaret Factory at Winston-Salem, N. C., owned by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., is very acute due to the formation of a company union and the disintegration of their international union. When the employes were in the International Tobacco Workers' Union, they had some kind of protection. But the company decided to break up that union, so they started a company union. Those who did not leave the International took out withdrawal cards. Soon after the company had smashed the union, it began to cut the wages of the employes by laying them off and then re-hiring them at the reduced wage. It is no wonder the workers are showing so much sentiment for the coming American Negro Labor Congress. They realize they have been fooled and are looking for a means to strike back.

The end of the national convention finds the League ready to undertake the great historical tasks imposed on it

We are left with \$5,000.00 debt which acts as a ball and chain that keeps us from moving forward.

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS TO THE WORKING YOUTH AND WORKING CLASS AS A WHOLE?

We must get the YOUNG WORKER and the YOUNG COMRADE out regularly. We must send organizers into the field. The entire activities must be intensified and extended. In order to do all this we must first

CLEAR THE DECKS FOR ACTION BY LIQUIDATING THE DEBT!

Every member and sympathizer must get behind the drive to RAISE \$5,000.00 for this BUILD THE LEAGUE FUND.

Do you want to see the Communist Youth Movement grow?

Then fill out the blank below and

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THE LEAGUE CONVENTION

THE close of the League convention saw the end of one of the bitterest struggles that the American Communist youth movement has yet experienced.

The beginnings of the period of partial stabilization and the temporary receding of the revolutionary fervor of the masses brought on within the Communist movement a defeatist right wing attitude which found expression in the line of policy of those comrades who supported the opposition to the Labor Party policy, and who favored a program which underestimated the revolutionary potentialities of the situation.

The struggle against this point of view lasted in the Party and League for two years. We can now count the results with pride:

- 1. The expulsion of Lore and several other opportunists of many years standing.
- 2. The stemming of the right wing attitude within some of the Party fedcomrades.
- 3. The correction of the many mathe C. I. decision.
- 4. The crystallization of a clear Communist leadership within the Party and the League.
- level of the Party and League which shevization of both.

One comrade well expressed it when he said that this struggle was the "birthpains" which we must go thru in accomplishing a mass party. The pains which are the aftermath of the schools. process of birth we are ready to accomplish the tasks before us with a united Party and League.

We must now carry the Bolshevization of the movement a step further by reorganizing on a shop nucleithis own name, read and digest the basis. All the energies of the entire propaganda of the bourgeoisie in its membership must be rallied for this purpose. We have proved the vitality of the American Communist movement by emerging from the recent internal fight ideologically stronger than when we entered it. We must now further prove this by carrying order of the day. the reorganization to a swift and suc-

cessful conclusion. Workers (Communist) Party.

which an inexperienced working class bourgeoisie point of view, is not adaptby and are beginning our march for enmasse. ward against the fortresses of capital-

THE A. F. OF L. AND **PLATOONISM**

TT does not surprise us when we opened in September, 1923, the high the American Federation of Labor, and the elementary schools a shortconvention in Atlantic City open their age of 33,375. The local bourgeoisie arms to the "robot manufacturing" politicians on the school board had platoon system of the public schools. two alternates: (1) To build new Although the federation's committee schools in order to accomodate these on education withheld its final verdict children, or (2) To institute platoontheless expressed regret that certain tem which would curtail the seat

the contrary the "official family" of native. The Chicago Teachers' Fedthe A. F. of L. have always retained eration aided by the Chicago Federaa passive attitude to every scheme tion of Labor carried on a propaganda of the American bourgeoisie to en- war against this proposition and slave mentally and physically the raised the slogan of: "Stop tax-fix- to pay some attention to this work, a gusto of humanitarian phraseology new schools. declared himself in favor of the curtailment of child labor. Some child labor campaign came to naught. chine turns out sausages. Never once did the "official" family come forward with the idea of an actchild labor" officialdom of the A. F. of der capitalism.

Resolution of the Convention on the Report of National Executive Committee

The Third National Convention of the Young Workers League, having heard the report of the N. E. C. on its work from the second to the declaration to make concerning the vailing in America with the correct activities during this period:

The second national convention laid down the correct policies for converting the league into a mass organization of the Communist youth. It was the duty of the N. E. C. to realize these decisions, to bring the League out of its sectarianism; to set it well on the road to construction on the basis of shop nuclei. The National Convention declares that this task has not been accomplished. Althe in the period between August 1924 and February 1925 beginnings of mass work were made in the League, in the period before August 1924 and after February 1925 the same hesitation in carrying on mass work which was criticized by the Y. C. I. at its Fourth Congress characterized our national leadership. The Young Workers League' today can in no sense be considered a mass organization. It is not firmly rooted among the broad masses of the working youth in the shops and factories: it has made very little progress or ganizationally. We have yet to lay a firm basis for winning over the working youth to Communism.

The Third National Convention de

L. come forward with the demand o a general political strike of all the trade unions in the country in order to force the hand of the capitalist legislators. Never once did they come erations especially among the Finnish forward with the idea of organizing the child laborers into the trade unions and of drawing these millions of jor errors of the former majority by child workers into the struggle for their own liberation from wage slavery. Green, at the Atlantic City con- rade Shachtman considers the Labor vention offers us the "same kind" of Party an "illusion" and does not a campaign with the additional feat-5. The raising of the theoretical ure of boycotting non-union products.

And now the "fat boys" want to has laid the groundwork for the Bol- prove to the American bourgeoisie that they are even to the right of the "red baiting" Chicago Federation of Labor. They are expressing regret that the Chicago Federation of Labor has declared themselves in opposition struggle is now over. Besides a few to the platoon system for the public

> Capitalism does not require an entire class of well educated proletarians. The educational requirements for the wage worker under capitalist production is that he be able to write varied forms, and have just enough intelligence to be able to perform one continuous operation on a machine. Hence cheaper schools, more machine like procedure in the educational system, with low paid teachers is on the

The main characteristic of the platoon system is that the children mi-The third convention laid the basis grate from room to room, during the for the beginning of the period of morning or afternoon and in each mass activity, it chose a clear Com- room take up a special subject with munist leadership, it correctly estim- a special teacher. Each special teachmovement from developing, it adopted | handles between 400 to 900 children a program which follows the line of during the course of the day. Besides policy as laid down by the C. I. to the this, children entering school at the Fourth National Convention of the age of about 6 are classified either as dull or bright on a single so-called in-We have thrown off all the fetiches telligence test, which, even from the youth movement is generally bound ed to the individual child, but is used

The platoon system became an issue in the local Chicago elections in November, 1923. The slogan was issued that platoonism means greater economy for the public schools. Why was this cry of greater economy raised at that time? Simply because of the fact read that the "fat boys" seated in schools had a seat shortage of 15,352 of experimentation would have to be on the school platoon system, it never- ism or some shift or part time sys- instruct them in the methods of organizations have seen fit to render shortage without the expenditure of failed to understand that the reorganof new schools. It was only natural trial centers and that we should con-Regardless of their protestations to that they should favor the first alter-

Now the so-called leaders of Ameramendment to the constitution for the ican labor in convention assembled in Atlantic City, the bourgeoisie pleasure speeches were made, some resolutions resort of the East, see fit to ally thempassed, some articles printed, and selves with a system which turns out with the negative vote of the required robots from the schools for the capinumber of states the "wordy" anti- talist industries like a sausage ma-

In contrast to this the Communists come forward with the demand for the ual struggle against child labor. organization of the children in the Never once, during the entire period, chools and in the industries, so that when the question of the child labor they may be drawn into an effective amendment was an issue before the struggle against the general rotten 48 state legislatures did the "anti- conditions of the proletarian child un a tendency towards mass work, these

policies.

POLÍTICAL WORK. The Communist International and the Young Communist International have pointed out time after time that without correct Communist policies there can be no proper Communist activity; that no matter how strenuous the organization efforts are, unless they are based on proper Communist theory these organizational efforts can only end in failure and defeat. The N. E. C. has been pursuing these incorrect policies primarily be-Foster group in the Party and therefor shared all the political errors of that group. In its letter to the Communist Party of Germany the Comintern points out, "The main cause of the weakness of the German Youth League lies in the fact that it has up to recently trod the same wrong path which the Party has, been led by its leaders, and has shared all the errors of the Party." The consequence therefor was that the Y. W. L. suffered from the political sins of the N. E. C.

A typical example of the lack of was their attitude on the question of the labor party. Whereas the C. I. considered the Labor Party the most important task before the American working class and the American Communist Party, and told the Party that it can only grow in proportion to its participation in the Labor Party movement, we find our National secretary Comrade Williamson frivolously referring to the Labor Party as "massy classy, jazzy," and Comwish to have the American Commun ist movement partner towards the creation of such an illusion. The participation of the Young Workers League in the internal struggle of the Party over political differences was a necessary and a healthy step. The majority of the league membership supported the line of the Comintern, lined up behind the Ruthenberg group, and thus gained political experience. On the other hand, the National Executive Committee majority attempted to get the support of the entire Young Workers League for the Foster group on a purely mechanical basis, and thus militated against raising the political level of the

membership. The entire work of the League bor the stamp of this wrong political ideology of the N. E. C. The work was carried an haphazardly and in spasms. The N. E. C. had no conception of the political unity of all our work. It considered each field of activity as an entity in itself and consequently the activities tended to

assume a purely mechanical form. The N. E. C. failed to function as the coordinating leadership of all the general slogans it failed to become the dynamic factor which was to to realize these slogans. The N. E. C. functioned generally within the bounds of the dogma:-Programs of cases N. E. C. waited until the lower units took the initiative in the various forms of mass work and then criticized these endeavors, generally without any basis.

SHOP NUCLEI.

The first task which confronted the N. E. C. was the reorganization of the League on the basis of shop nuclei Altho the general slogan was issued, systematic steady work towards reorganization was not realistically begun. The N. E. C. believed that the ally slow process, that a long period gone thru and consequently it was very hesitant in even beginning the nuclei and reorganizinng the League. The N. E. C. did not sufficiently educate the membership to the necessity for reorganization and did not carrying this important task out. It workers into the League directly on paigns."

ECONOMIC TRADE UNION WORK.

At first the majority of the N. E. C. opposed Economic Trade Union work. The higher standard of living of the young workers of this country, as be particularly condemned by this compared with that in other countries, was used as a pretext to completely negate the role of the League as the leader in the economic guise of education was really misstruggles of the young workers. This wrong conception was corrected by the Y. C. I. While the various factory campaigns initiated by the N. E. C. were a step in advance and indicated campaigns were not properly followed

for this failure were the incorrect drawing the young workers from the policies pursued by the N. E. C. and factories into the Y. W. L., and did leadership. Up to the period of the the lack of political character in the not result in the creation of shop Fourth Congress of the Y. C. I. there entire work of the league. It failed nuclei, in the various factories where was a Junior Section of approximate third convention has the following to meet the difficult situation pre- the campaigns were carried out. It ly 2000 members. With the removal is necessary to call attention to the of Comrade Kaplan from the position decision of the Y. C. I.: "While these of National Junior Director and the the League it must however he stated was no definite policy, there was no practical value when the League its influence upon the masses of of Juniors in the Junior Section. young workers, i. e., if it succeeds in organizing shop nuclei which together with the fractions in the unions must carry on the actual struggles for the demands set up. Most of these campaigns have so far been carried on results to record. The first indication cause politically they followed the proof that the instructions of the Y. C. mittee recognized the existence of the significant part of the membership nuclei in the entire League. The step to hasten the reorganization of the League by the organization of working area branches as an intermediary step towards shop nuclei was another healthy tendency but as a result of the incorrect application of the reorganization policy the League lost rather than gained thru reorganization.

Working area branches are only a very temporary form of organization. As soon as an area branch is formed political understanding of the N. E. C. a drive should immediately be begun to form shop nuclei. This was not done. The Working Area branch found itself failing to perform the function for which it was organized and tended to become a permanent form of organization. The reorganization was carried on in a mechanical manner. There was no ideological preparation for the change. Consequently whereever this reorganization to working area branches was carried on the League lost the bulk of its membership as is Chicago and Detroit.

One of the factors for the transformation into a mass organization and a great aid in the reorganization on the basis of shop nuclei, is the trade union work which the League must carry on. It has already been shown by the Young Communist International that it is thru shop nuclei and the youth fractions in the labor unions that the Y. W. L. fights the every day struggles of young workers for which demands have been set up. The work of organizing youth fractions in the labor unions without which the practical carrying on of trade union work is impossible was declared to be one of the weakest points in the work of the League Nevertheless the N. E. C. failed to correct this serious defect and today there are very few youth fractions of the League in the Labor

OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The field of Leninist education was entirely untouched. The N. E. C. failed to make even a beginning in this work. Not only did it not carry on educational work, but it also pre vented units of the League from carrying on activity in this direction. The outstanding example of such a case is the New York League where the N. E. C. actually dissolved a well ated the errors which have kept the er dealing with a special subject lead all the units in their endeavors functioning Y. W. L. training school and turned the entire educational work of the League over to the Party. The N. E. C. must be condemned for action, without action. In certain this disruption of Communist educational work and for its failure to begin the work for the training of the members in the spirit of Leninism, so that we may create a reserve army of trained workers for working in the Communist movement.

Worker into a weekly organ marks a step forward for the League. The important task is how to build the circularization which would enable the ter of the organ in accordance with that when the public schools were reorganization would be an exception the Comintern theses on the Bolshevization of the press and to popularize it among the young workers. So far, the drives for the Young Worker have been mostly financial campractical work of organizing shop paigns. There has not been a popular circularation which would enable the Young Worker to get thousands of new readers. The Young Worker has not yet been able to develop into a mass organ and among the most important reasons is that we we have failed to establish a corps hasty partisan judgment on this ques- vast sums of money in the building ization must begin in highly indus- of correspondents in the shops, factories, mines and on the land to centrate on organizing the young supply the life blood to our Communist press. Another reason has been the factional misuse that the as a result of the pressure of the N. E. C. has made of the Young minority in the Y. W. L. and the Worker. After the Fourth Congress Y. C. I. the N. E. C. finally began of the Young Communist International this reached such a point that masses of proletarian children in this ing and tax-dodging" in order that it carried on an almost purely "jour- it was necessary for the Y. C. I. to country. The late Sam Gompers with funds may be had for the building of nalistic" and "paper selling" activity intervene and call the leading comunder the name of "factory-cam- rades of the N. E. C. who were writing these articles to order for their factionalism. Comrade Shachtman's articles attacking and misre-

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the League without permitting them

to answer or defend themselves must

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education, viz., the articles by Com-

rade Carlson, Shachtman and Wil-

For a time Junior work was one

clares that the fundamental causes up with organizational activities for tivity. This was due primarily to units has given the best proof of the youth and that this work must be proper policies and proper national failure of this policy. campaigns for specific youth demands appointment of Comrade Salzman in mark a step forward in the work of his place, the work declined. There that these campaigns have only a national guidance, and the consequence is that at the present time succeeds in winning and organizing there are less than half the number

ANTI-MILITARISM.

On the field of Anti-militarism, one of the foremost tasks of the Young Workers League, we have no real organization of districts was carried for the children at the expense of the in less important industries." The that the National Executive Comwere not complied with is that problem of anti-militarism was the was organized into shop nuclei. The today there are very few shop beginning of a journalistic campaign youth fractions in the unions can be against the Citizen's Military Trainsystematically conducted, however, crete organizational steps and did not accomplish its object.

In other fields of our work, Child Labor, Negro, Agricultural work, sports activity and the struggle against our opponents there was neglect. Our child labor work was especially neglected. With child labor on the increase and sentiment against it rising, it was the duty of the Y. W. L. to take the lead in the tween the Second and Third Congress fight against child labor and not lag behind and permit the liberal and humanitarian organizations to usurp

ADMINISTRATIVE INCOM-PETENCE.

Coupled with all this neglect of fundamental activities, was a general administrative incompetence which caused whatever work was conducted to be abortive and without results. This incompetence even reached the point of political mistakes, as in the case of the C. M. T. C., where the adopted a program which was fully leaflets to boycott the camps were issued long after the camps had been filled with young workers; the failure to have a single article on the significance of May Day in the May Day issue of the Young Worker; the issuance of an open letter to the delegates of the miner's convention, two days after the convention closed and the absolute neglect of the important revolutionary holidays.

These holidays were not utilized for the purpose of educating our membership and spreading revolutionary propaganda among the broad masses of the young workers.

FACTIONALISM.

With the intensification of the factional struggle in the Party, the majority of the N. E. C. became the coordinating factor within the League of the Foster group of the Party and this became almost their sole activity. Not only did the majority of the

N. E. C. not carry on the necessary constructive work along the lines of the decisions of the Y. C. I., but by its factional activities it prevented the growth of the League in various cities where active work had been begun. In New York the N. E. C. majority dissolved the training school, suspended the local bulletin, hindered the D. E. C. from functioning, and in addition sent down Carlson and Williamson to direct their factional campaign. This went to such an extreme that Comrade Carlson and Williamson prevented the D. E. C. from issuing a leaflet which spoke of the young workers as being "doubly exploited" on the grounds that young workers are not "doubly The transformation of the Young exploited" but only "more exploited." In Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland and Detroit, the N. E. C. majority sent special emissaries to carry on factional work, instead of helping to build up the League in these places. The emissaries only disrupted that work which had been done by the local comrades. In Detroit, the activities of Mass resulted in the reduction of the membership from 100 to less than 25. In Philadelphia and Boston Williamson disrupted the League in his efforts to obtain the mechanical majority on the respective C. C. C.s, while Salzman duplicated this feat in Cleveland. Thus the prestige of a united N. E. C. as the leader of the League was undermined by the N. E. C. majority and group formations became the order of the day.

FOREIGN BORN YOUNG WORKERS. The N. E. C. had absolutely no consistent policy towards the work among | youth, and to carry on youth activities the foreign youth, and this resulted in jumping from one extreme to the other. The N. E. C. at first pursued the policy of mechanical liquidation of foreign language units and later went to the other extreme and appointed a Jewish National Propaganda Committee, composed of nationalist elements and gave that committee organizational rights and powers in the units of the League over the heads of tions were organized throughout the the respective District Committees. This was done by the N. E. C. majority not because it had adopted a failed to carry on educational work definite policy for work among the foreign language speaking youth, but primarily because it wanted to set up a factional instrument to help it in its fight against the supporters of the Ruthenberg group. The total discrediting of the J. N. P. C. among the on in line with the decisions of the members of the League, especially Y. C. I.; that a definite start must be of our most successful fields of aclamong the members of the Jewish made to win over the exploited rural

The result of the wrong policy of the N. E. C., its failure to carry on constructive work, has been the complete failure of the League to begin its development as a mass organization, considering the two year period as a whole. In two years of administration of the N. E. C. the membership has shown no increase, the only place where a big gain can be recorded being New York, while in other cities, Chicago, Detroit, etc., there has been a sharp decline.

on very slowly; we have not broken state, is charity and that we cannot into new industrial districts. An in- tolerate such demands. it is possible, with hard work, with proper policies, and under the close guidance of the Y. C. I. to build a mass Communist Youth League in America.

Part. 2.

In the period which intervened beof the Y. W. L., the Y. C. I. made two major decisions on the activities of the Y. W. L.

THE DECISION OF THE FOURTH CONGRESS. At the Fourth Congress of the Y. C.

I., the Executive Committee character ized the activities of the N. E. C. in the period between the Second Convention of the Y. W. L. and the Fourth World Congress of the Y. C. I., when t declared: "Altho the Second Congress of the Y. W. L. of America in line with the decisions of the Y. C. I. congress, the N. E. C. applied ner which can be accounted for by period of the Fourth Congress.

organization by 1925, a goal which was never attained. The Y. C. I. despicuous place in the Young Worker, this program was never put into movement. operation. On the field of Economic Trade Union work the Fourth Congress of the Y. C. I. urged the N. E. C. to get down to practical work based upon the decisions of our own second convention. The decision declared: "The past activity, which can be termed 'journalistic' activity should now be replaced by the daily and persistant struggle for the demands set up." On the question of whether the League functions generally and abstractly in the strike movements of the working class, or whether it appears as the representative of the special demands of the young work ers, the Y. C. I. declared: "No strike should be allowed to pass, without the League coming forward with its own demands, in each concrete situation. This point must be particularly stressed because the League has, in the past, in many instances, failed to come forward with its own demands for the young workers and contended itself with general participation in the strike work, which of course, is not sufficient."

That part of the decision which arged the League to proceed to call conferences of the working class within the T. U. E. L., was handled in a haphazard manner by the N. E. C. To facilitate our special youth work within the T. U. E. L. and the trade unions, the decision called for the creation of youth fractions within the trade unions. The endeavor to set up these fractions was never realistically undertaken by the N. E. C. No net work if trade union fraccountry. In certain cases youth demands were incorporated in the program of the T. U. E. L. but the decision of the Fourth Congress that "these decisions should not only be propounded but also carried into effect" was practically ignored.

The decision declared that the educational work must now be carried

coordinated on a national scale by the setting up of a rural youth department for the N. E. C. On Junior work the decision declared: "While the work among the children, i. e., the creation of a real children's movement, by enrolling the children of the working class in the class struggle, showed very good results, it must be stated that the utilization of the children for the struggle against child labor was somewhat neglected." This neglect to wage an effective struggle against child labor and to draw the children into the struggle was due to the misunderstanding of the N. E. C. The members that we have in the which took the false attitude that such League are very loosely united. The immediate demands as: maintenance

The creation of a national sports organization was placed on the order of the day by this decision of the Y. C. I. counted on the fingers of one hand. In A sports department of the N. E. C. ing Camps. This campaign was not short we have not yet a unified, well was set up which functioned for a coordinated fighting Communist youth time by drawing up a program of acand was not followed up with con- league in this country. We have a tion on our sports activity, and printnumber of organizations in various ing the same in the Young Worker. sections, small nuclei, around which No definite steps were taken towards the creation of a national sports organization even tho the nucleus for such a body already existed in various parts of the country. The decision of the Fourth Congress that a Negro comrade be placed on the N. E. C. as the first sign of its realistic endeavor to reach the masses of young Negro workers and exploited farmers was opposed in practice when they voted down a motion to cooptate a Negro comrade, who could ably fill the position of an N. E. C. member.

The decision of the Fourth Congress that "the work among the foreign speaking youth should also be considered from the viewpoint of expediency i. e., how we can best carry on the work," was revised by the N. E. C. to a policy of inexpediency and inconsistency.

DECISION OF THE FIFTH EN-LARGED EXECUTIVE.

At the fifth enlarged executive these decisions, in a hesitating man- session of the Y. C. I. another decision was rendered on the situation in the a lack of experience and by the diffi- Y. W. L. This decision in its review cult situation existing in America." of the past activity of the N. E. C. At the same time, the Y. C. I. de- and the League considered the six clared that there was a healthy month period which intervened bekernel in the criticism of the mino- tween August 1924 and February 1925. rity but it declared unfounded that In this decision the Y. C. I. placed on the N. E. C. had willfully sabotaged record that during these six months the decisions of the Y. C. I. The lack mass work was carried on more than of experience, the lack of understand- ever before and that the N. E. C. ing of the true role of a Communist during this short period had demonyouth organization on the part of the strated its capabilities for leadership. N. E. C. and the difficult situation in On the quustion of the political dif-America, was primarily responsible ferences within the Party, the Enfor the lack of mass work, up to the larged Executive of the Y. C. I. declared: "With respect to the conten-In this decision the Y. C. I. present- tious questions, the Enlarged Execed the American League with a de- utive of the Y. C. I. is in entire agreetailed program of action for all fields. ment with the resolution of the E. E. The decision declared that the League of the C. I. on the American question. should set itself the goal of drawing Thus the Y. C. I. reaffirmed the deat least 10,000 new members into the finite stand taken by the Comintern on the Party questions.

The Comintern emphatically declarclared that the League should set up ed that the minority was right in its time limit campaigns for the purpose demand that based upon the situation of organizing a certain number of prevailing in America the campaign nuclei, reorganizing a certain number for a Labor Party must be continued of Leagues, and winning over a and extended. It took an emphatic certain number of members within stand against Lore and Loreism and the time set. Altho a time limit called for not only an ideological camprogram of action was drawn up by paign against Lore but demanded that the N. E. C. based upon the decisions organizational steps be taken to eradof the Y. C. I. and printed in a conjicate this opportunist sore which was retarding the development of our

In dealing with the special League problems the resolution declared that the decisions of the Second Convention still form the basis of our activities. The goal of securing 10,000 new members for our League was again reiterated. Regarding our factory campaigns the Y. C. I. reiterated that we should concentrate on national campaigns in the key industries and at the same time pointed out: "The industrial campaigns will have but a propagandistic and in a certain sense journalistic value, if the League members are not organized in the unions and as long as there are no fractions of the Y. W. L. in the unions."

Besides these vital points the decision again reiterated the immediate tasks of the League in its endeavor to win over the exploited rural youth, our work among the Negro masses, the fact that: "A definite beginning must be made in the educational work of the Y. W. L.," the necessity of increasing the circulation of the Young Worker in the industries and its improvement by the organization of a network of young worker correspondents. With an understanding of the present world situation, the decision called for: "The establishment of active nuclei within the army and navy as one of the next tasks of the League." Not only the organization of nuclei but "in addition we must issue concrete demands for the soldiers and sailors. "The decision reiterated that of primary importance in our children's work is the organization of: "At continuous and energetic nation-wide campaign against child

The necessity of not limiting the struggle against our opponents to the coloumns of the Young Worker, the necessity of the organization of a national sports movement, and the necessity of continuing our agitation and propaganda among the foreign speaking youth was reiterated by the Y. C. I. in terms which demanded

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Y. W. L. Convention

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united struggle to crush the workers revolutionary state. But the task of defending the workers' Soviet Union, said the speaker, is not the task of the Russian workers alone, but also of the proletariat of the entire world. The capitalist government of the United States will be able to put up the strongest force on the imperialist side of this fight, and the Communist workers of America must accordingly recognize their supreme duty, not only to organize and unify themselves, but also to mobilize the entire working class for the defense of the Union of Socialist Soviet Repub-

In the United States, said Comrade Bedacht, we are confronted with the great difficulty which arises from the fact that the American working class has not yet crystalized its class consciousness. In this respect it is something like fifty years behind some of the European countries, tho this does not mean that we commence only fifty years from now in our Communist task. The capitalist development in the United States has advanced further than the capitalism of any other country, thus clarifying the class struggle to a degree where capitalism can no longer befog the consciousness of the working masses. Our foremost problem, to which all else must be subordinated, is the hastening of the party and at the same time appeal development of the class consciousness of the American proletariat. The struggle can be successful only if it is a mass struggle.

If the working class remains inacness and to accelerate its movement. agent of the Comintern. There appears to be very little motion in the American working class. But leadership of our international Com-

same individual comrades had occasion latter to take a party examination on their knowledge of Communist theory, and were unable to answer the simplest questions.

The Leninist quality of our activities must be carefully guarded thru the leadership and advice of the combined Leninist understanding and experience of our international party. The leadership of the Communist Intrenational thus becomes an indispensable element in the accomplishment of our tasks. The Communist International is the international general staff of the revolutionary proletarian army. Any movement which may be started for the purpose of undermining the authority of this general staff of the revolution, the leaders of the Communist International, is an act of enmity to our organization and to the working class. The speaker recalled that Lore had built his movement against the Comintern on the propaganda of the claim that "the Communist International was misinformed." Such propaganda is agitation against the leadership of the C. I. One cannot at the same time propagate the broad masses of the workers for the correctness of the leadership of the Comintern and at the same time agitate the party against this correctness. One cannot

to the party against the Comintern. The speaker declared that the Central Executive Committee of the party will do its duty in carefully guarding the authority of the Comintern and tive, the revolutionary movement can. at the same time of guarding its own not be successful. It is our task to authority in the American sections of develop the working class' conscious- the Communist movement as the

In the endeavor to establish the

HERE ARE NEW OFFICIALS OF YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE ELECTED BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

I ing comrades to comprise the new National Executive Committee:

Sam Daroy; Sam Don; Will Her- it organized itself into the following berg; Nat Kaplan; George Papcun; committees: M. V. Phillips; Al Schaap; Jack Stachel; Herbert Zam; Pat Toohey; Max Shachtman; John Williamson; Max Salzman; Peter Shapiro; Joseph Angelo; Sam Winokur; Morris Schindier; Valeria Meitz; John Harvey; John Williamson, Max Shachtman, William Schneiderman; Jay Lovestone, representative C. E. C. of the Norkers Party.

The following are the candidates lected:

Harry Fox; August Valentine; Moris Tusem; Carl Weisberg; Sam Eronberg; David Milgram. The Following are the alternates

elected: Emma Blechschmidt; Ralph Fisher; Domenick Flaiani; Nat Kutisker; Sam Milgrom; Julius Rubin; Anna Thompson; Tony Wishtart; Ben Ruben; Mike Zalesko; Norman Bernick; Jack Herbert Zam).

there are some little commotions here and there. It is the business of the Communists to unite these little commotions, and this, with the experi ences of the struggle, will increase the power and activity of the working class until it becomes strong enough and conscious enough to overcome the capitalist class.

All of this would seem to be an A. B. C. lesson having no place in a report of the Central Executive Committee of the party to the convention of the Y. W. L., said Comrade Bedacht. But unfortunately, this .A. B. C. is not sufficiently rooted in the minds of our comrades. Leninism for them is not a method of analyses of all of the phenomena of social and other life, but it consists of phrases which they memorize out of articles, pamphlets or books. In the phrase these comrades are bound to forget the substance presented by the everflowing and ever-moving reality of life. The hanging on to an incompletely-understood phrase prevents the dialectic consideration of the situation and leads to false conclusions. Thus while the Leninism of these comrades seems to be attested to by their familiarity with the phrase, their lack of Leninism is attested to by their thoroly un-Leninist analyses and policies.

Comrade Bedacht discussed the present low level of the party and the League in the matter of Marxist-Leninist understanding, giving ex- al carrying out of the policies of the amples of comrades who wildly ar- leadership of our international, the gued against the policy of building a Comintern, so that the combined eflabor party as a policy of "raising forts of party and league may suc

"HE convention elected the follow- | Reynolds; Gilbert Greenberg; Ger minal Allard.

At the first meeting of the N. E. C.

National Secretary; Herbert Zam. Secretariat: Herbert Zam, Nat Kaplan, Max Shachtman.

Politbureau: Herbert Zam, Nat Kaplan, Sam, Darcy, Will Herberg, Max Salzman. (Candidates: H. V. Phillips, John Harvey).

Orgbureau; Sam Darcy, Herbert Zam, John Williamson. National Organizer: Sam Darcy.

Editorial Committee: Nat Kaplan, Sam Darcy, Max Shachtman. (Candidate; Will Herberg).

Acting Editor: Max Shachtman. Industrial Organizer: Nat Kaplan. Negro Organizer: H. V. Phillips. Agitprop Director: Will Herberg. N. E. C. Representative to Party C. E. C.: Jack Stachel. (Candidate,

working masses, the best possible cooperation and unity of action of the ty and the league must be established. This unity must be one of purpose as well as of policy. For this reason all the activities and cam- ing them on to decisive victory. paigns of the league must fit into the general political policies and campaigns of the party. The problems of the working class as a whole are in the main the problems of the young workers among whom the Young Workers' League carries on its special work. Thre can be no division, therefore, between the activities and policies of the party and the league.

Comrade Bedacht dwelt at length on the problem of the inner purification of our movement from the memnants of social-democracy, the problem of cleansing the party and the league of Loreism. He pointed out that this cleansing process is not merely and solely one of eliminating elements foreign to our movement. but it is also the problem of raising the intellectual level, the level of Communist quality—of our membership in general. Our efforts at Bol-

shevization are devoted to this task. Comrade Bedacht closed with an appeal to the delegates to drown their factional differences in a wave of Communist activities, to mobilize all their energies and spirit for the further building up of the league, for between league and party, for the loy-

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Dear Comrades: At the last meeting of Local Union discuss the matter of straightening there for years and lost their health organizing the young workers into the

The conditions in the Pittsburgh that the adult workers who are ororganizing of the young and the reyoung workers be organized. Some of the adult members of the union objected on the grounds that we must appeal to the Comintern against the first organize the older workers before we organize the young.

Herman Gordon pointed out that there is no difference between the two problems, that young and old must be organized at the same time. He said in part:

"I am not speaking as an individual but as a member of the Young Workers League. The young workers in this industry are far more exploited than the old. They slave twelve and fourteen hours a day for a maximum wage of fifteen dollars per week and a minimum wage of twelve dollars. According to the work they do they should get at least twenty to twenty five dollars even on the basis of the vages of the adult workers."

The motion was lost but the mempers of the Young Workers League are going to continue the fight until they make the union members realize that they are taking the wrong attitude. If this reaches any young workers in the industry who want to help us get better conditions we invite them to come to our branch meeting where we can further discuss the mat-

We meet every Sunday evening at the Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller Street. Comradely yours, Herman Gordon.

Conditions Worse in Hartford Plants

HARTFORD, Conn.-Dear Comrades-Not satisfied with already low wages that the workers of the screw shop receive, bosses are putting in Conditions of Colored practice a new plan, the firing of the old workers and re-hiring youthful munist Party also over the American workers on starvation wages. It is

> ceed in setting the American working class into motion, in arousing class consciousness in them, and in lead-

Comrade Cannon requested the per mission to make a statement. He declared that in view of the fact that the situation in the party so closely affects the League he wants to use the convention as a forum from which to make a statement on his attitude towards the recent developments especially Comrade Green's letter. statement both of them being printed verbatim in the Daily Worker.

Resolutions on the report of the C. E. C. were submitted by Comrade Stachel and Shachtman. Comrade Stachel's resolution was passed by a vote of 29 to 22 and Comrade Shachtman's was defeated by the same vote.

Reports on the work of the N. E. C. were submitted by Comrade Shachtman and Kaplan, each submitting a resolution for adoption with his respective report. The resolution introduced by the minority reporter was passed 28 to 23 and is printed in another section of this issue.

Comrade Schaap made a motion to request permission for the Party to change our name to the Young Communist League. It was passed unthe establishment of the closest unity animously. Comrade Darcy moved to send greetings to Crouch and Trumbull. This was greeted with great enthusiasm and was passed by acclamation.

A motion by Comrade Kaplan to make Paul Crouch an honorary member of the NEC. was passed by acclamation mid great applause.

Comrade Zam then closed the con vention with a brief review of our work during the two days sessions. The following message of solidarity was sent to the Young Communist International:

The Third National Convention of the Young Workers League Hails the YCI. and its Executive Committee. Our Convention Has Laid the Basis for the Unification and Bolshevization of Our Ranks on the Basis of Our Wholehearted Support of the Party on the Lines Laid Down by the GI. and YCI.

Long Live the American Section of the YCI.!

Long Live the Y. C. I.! picking is fifty cents a hundred The reading of the cable caused a great outburst of enthusiasm and was adopted unanimously amid much sometimes one dollar a hundred For a Mass Organ Thru cheering and the singing of the Inter-

a well known fact that in this pros- | dred pounds of coton or more a day Y. W. L. Member Fights perous country the capitalists find it so at this rate you may be able to see necessary to employ over three and a just about what a person can make half million children from four to fif- in a day working. There are very few schools for the teen years old, in order that they

may pile up more profits. And that colored workers in the state of Texas. is the reason why there are over a The few that they have are some million unemployed and twice as times old, deserted church houses full many working part time. So the of cracks or else full of holes that No. 44 of the Bakery and Confection- bosses of the Hartford Machine screw have been eaten in the wall by woodery workers a motion was adopted to shop are firing workers who worked churcks (peckerwoods). This will account for the reason that the colored out the differences on the question of and energy and at the same time are workers of the south are generally untaking young workers for less wages. educated. The big wages that this factory of-

There are times when the boss can beat up the colored workers of the fers to the youth working there nine shops are very bad, due to the fact hours under the most unhealthy con- south and get away with it. Because dition, from fifteen to seventeen dol- the white race is supreme. When a ganized into the union do not concern lars and to the girls who do the same colored worker has a case in the themselves with the problem of the work from about ten to thirteen dol- court, against a boss that has beat him lars. The office help which claims to up, they let the colored fellow testify be the aristocracy of the workers, against the boss but the jury gener of this. A motion was made that the receives from eight to ten dollars a ally hates a Negro and therefore puts the work of the boss ahead of his and Unless the workers of the Hatford he loses the case, because his word Machine Screw shop unite and oppose is no good. When a Negro worker such action of the bosses they will protests against the miserable condi find themselves starved to death by tions he has to contend with and the low wages that he is forced to take, We can all see that we are living he is usually put in jail. The judge thru a stage of breaking unions and sometimes says, "Oh! You don't need slashing the wages. Another example any more wages or better conditions, of such a fact is the Wiley and Bick- because you your are only a nigger. Your are not even human." Then inford and Sweet company. In this factory the workers until now have been stead of him geting justice he gets able to earn a better wage working thirty days on a county road chain piece work and hours of over time. gang, for being disloyal and disobedi-

Thanks to the manufacturers' associal ent to his boss. tion which is organized for the bene- The vagrancy law of the state of fit of squeezing the workers, have Texas aplies to both wihte and colored tory of Negro labor. It will be the pressed upon this company also to workers alike. It is a weapon in the first time in world history that a simiinify the ranks. The workers of this hands of the big landlords and cap- lar body has been formed. shop have already attempted to form tains of industry in the south, to ena union but it failed because the able them to keep wages down and 98 per cent of the Negro group in nigher help were grafted. Now the hours of work up and keep the white America are wage workers and farm workers are confronted with another and colored workers in submission; workers, this body will be more repwage cut. The new plan which went it is also a weapon used by the into effect so far in one department bosses to keep the labor unions down. Sanhedrin, which met here a little only in order not to arouse all the When you go into the state and walk over a year ago. The Sanhedrin was workers at the same time. It is this: down the street, some farmer will ask strictly a petty bourgeois group and The workers are limited to a certain you if you are looking for a job. You its interests were those of the Negro amount of piece work; those who are ask him what he is paying. He tells petty bourgeois and not with that of not able to work out this amount will you fifty, seventy-five cents or a dollar the great Negro proletariat. This was be fired and those who will exceed a day. You say, well, I have just shown by the fact that during the this amount will be paid seventy per come to town, tet I can't work for whole time convened only a small porthat. That's not enuf for me to live tion of its time was allotted to the The Workers Party and the Young on. So the farmer will walk away important questions of Nego labor. Workers League are the only worers' and point you out to the sheriff, mar- This question should be paramount organizations helping them in their shall or a cop. Then you will be ar- with any group that professes to have struggles as the workers of the shops rested and taken up to the judge who the welfare of the Negro at heart. come together and carry on the fight will say, "You are charged with vagagainst the bosses for better condi- fancy, how do you plead, guilty or not that organization is the only way to guilty?" Young Workers League meets every guilty. Then the judge will say, well at work against him. The realization Friday evening at the Labor Educayou can't do a thing but stand and Dear Comrades: The conditions of take it like a dog. You have to wear when they do mention the Negro at the American working class are bad a big ball and chain around all the all (and that is usually to magnify thruout the country, but in the south time, and get tied up at night in a some petty crime that an individual

up whenever they feel like it and capitalist newspapers. is where the conditions are most hor- cage like a dog. The food is usually Negro committs as a racial stigma) Especially for the colored cornbread, beans and sorghum molas has been to use a sarcsatic and ironic ses. You work eight hours a day with tone, always trying to belitle any at The south is generally agriculture, a pick and shovel. You are not altempt on the part of the Negro at cotton being the principal crop, altho lowed to straighten up for a period of self-assertion. These policies will be they have some grain, hay, peanuts, four hours in the forenon and four in continued as long as the Negro revegetables, fruits, berries and dairy the afternoon. If you do straighten up mains unorganized. But now that he united membership rallied behind a up you get a rap over the head with is beginning to learn the proper solu-In the state of Texas the work day the butt of a gun. When you serve tion of the problem, that is, organin most cases is from sun up until sun- your time out you are sometimes re- ization in the proletarian movement down. The colored workers have to arrested and sent right back to the of the world, their concern becomes Comrade Foster followed with another get up at four a. m. feed the horses, same place to do another hitch. The apparent. These articles also show feed and milk the cows, feed the public don't seem to care.

It is hte fault of the colored work- mated the intelligence of the Negro hand for all of the stock, brush, curry ers of the south themselves, that they masses. and harness the horses, before break- have to contend with such conditions fast. By the time he gets that done as these. If you colored workers of it is time for breakfast. He is called the south and everywhere else would these papers in their willingness to utive session in the period after Feb. in to breakfast and told to sit down only organize, you can improve the offer advice. He should see that 1925, which prevailed in the period at the cook table to himself, that the conditions for yourself and your class. their advice to him to follow their old before the Fourth World Congress. white folks don't eat at the same If you will organize, the white work- leaders is a terrible indictment against table with a Negro here. Breakfast ers will help you to improve your liv- these same leaders. Therefore, the generally consists of the following or ing and working conditions. It is on- only safe policy for the Negro to pur this latter period, a factional struggle something similar: The skin of pork, ly by the complete organization of sue is that policy which is in direct made necessary by the wrong policies eggs, fried potatoes, hard biscuits left the working class in this country that opposition to this advice. We have which were being fostered in the over from supper; when there is none, the standard of living can be improv- great cause to doubt the sincerity of Party and League, for a time retarded he gets fresh biscuits or corn bread, ed. The American Negro Labor Con- this advice by the lateness of its ap- the development towards mass work. country sorghum molasses, with com- gress is organized to fight for better pearance. mon lard for butter. Dinner and sup- conditions of the American colored workers and co-operate with the white Negro into his present position, and sion of the Y. C. I. which declares that and ther workers for the complete two kinds of vegetables and some- overthrow of Amercian imperialism. italists can keep him from taking his membership and a united leadership times fruit, cake or pie, he seldom What do you say, colored workers? gets the latter. As soon as he gets Are you ready to fight for your rights of the world. thru eating breakfast he has to go to and the rights of all of the workers in the field and go to work; work until this country? If you are, then or noon, go in and feed the stock and ganize! Join The American Negro water them, eat dinner and go right Labor Congress. Join todal. Don't delay. For further information, communicate with H. V. Phillips, 19 So. Lincoln St., Chicago, Illinois. Read the Negro Champion! Fraternally,

Rufus P. Heath.

In the Next Issue!

In the next issue of the Young be done in the field then he has to Worker will appear the first of a serchop wood or dig ditches all day in ies of short sketches of internationally-known teaders of the revolution-It is a comon sight to see Negro ary youth movement, by Max Shachtchildren five or six years old, uot in man. The sketches will be accompana cotton field chopping or picking cot- ied by photographs of the various ton, some of them ragged and dirty, comrades dealt with and will be very some completely naked and many of appropriate for collecting in your them hungry. The wages for cotton scrap book. Watch for them.

pounds and board yourself. It takes a good cotton picker to pick two hun-

FIRST BALL GIVEN BY INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE OF NEW YORK

The New York Section of the Interational Labor Defense is arranging Grand Costume Ball on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Lyceum, 86th St. and Third Ave., in order to raise funds for

The need of funds for the defense of the class war prisoners is growing

daily. The International Labor Defense protects all victims of the class struggle, who are sent to the capitalist prisons. The organization has a large number of cases on hand—the number is still growing.

Hence, in addition to enjoying one of the finest balls that have ever been arranged—and theres will be dancing and refreshments—every comrade will be doing a great service to the revolutionary movement.

For further information apply to the secretary of International Labor Defense, New York Section, Comrade Rose Baron, 799 Broadway, Room 422. New York City.

Point Out Differences Between Sanhedrin and A. N. L. C.

FIGHT PETTY-BOURGEOISIE

The American Negro Labor Congress which convenes in Chicago Oct. 25, marks a new epoch in the his-

In consideration of the fact that resentative of the race than was the

The Negro is beginning to realize The victim will say not effectively combat the forces that are I find you guilty anyway, because you of this fact by the Negro workers is refused to go to work a little while beginning to be a source of anxiety to ago. Then he will fine you all the the capitalists and their henchmen of Worker are on sale in Hartford at the money you have on you and give you the daily press. That this awakening anything from thirty days up to eleven of the Negro masses is a source of Capitol Ave., Hartford. Get your copy months and twenty-nine days at hard growing concern among the capitalists labor on a county road chain gang. has been amply demonstrated by ar-The gurads are allowed to beat you ticles and editorials of these same

that they have woefully underesti-

The Negro should not be fooled by itself in the realization of the dethe hypocritical attitude adopted by cisions of the Fifth Enlarged Exec-

CHURCH BOUNCES BISHOP W. BROWN

"Red Heretic" Expelled From Episcopalian Joss House

18 MILLION GOES FOR DOPE

NEW ORLEANS, La.-Altho no move was made to burn him at the stake in the approved traditional manner, the forty-eighth triennial general convention of the Episcopal church of the United States today voted to uphold the verdict to expel Bishop William Montgomery Brown, of Aarkansas, from the church for flagrant heresy.

The bishop first received publicity thru his widely distributed and read booklet, "Communism and Christianism which questioned the tenets of the Christian church to the extent of expressing doubt as to the virgin birth of Christ, his transmorgification into bread and water, and various other fables which constitute the belief of he average Christian. He also expressed pronounced sympathy with he principles of revolutionary Communism, which altho unclear and sentimental, were sufficient to inaugurate a reign of mental terror in the ranks of the keepers of the faith who, for the first time in the one hundred and thirty-six years' of existence of this particular band of religion, found themselves with a heretical bishop on their hands. The verdicts of both the trial court and the court of reviews were ratified by the assembly of the house of bishops by a vote of 95 to 11, which shows the relative strength of the feeble-minded and the bigots in the church of Episcopalians. It is reported that the old bishop,

who had dubbed himself the Bolshevik Bishop, wept when the verdict was rendered. The class conscious workers will not even shed a tear. The more "heretics" expelled from the religious institutions of capital the more firmly becomes established the truth that the staunchest and most servile valets of the ruling class are found in the robes of the church, no matter what its denomination may be.

The program for the next three years of the church calls for a budget of a trifle like eighteen million dollars which will be used to herd the working class sheep into the fold so that they may be hopped up with religious dope to the point of stup vying them in the class struggle against their natural enemies, the capitalist class. The eighteen million will, of course, come from those who get a good return or it, the irreligious bourgeoisie.

HARTFORD-NOTICE!

The Young Worker and the Daily grocery, 461 Capitol Ave., and at 397

apitalist newspapers. The policies these papers pursue when they do mention the Negro at the policies the policies the papers pursue when they do mention the Negro at the policies the papers pursue when they do mention the Negro at the policies the papers pursue they do mention the Negro at the papers pursue they are the papers pursue the papers p

The decision declared that these tasks can only be carried out by a united national leadership. The Third National Convention of the Y. W. L. declares that it is in entire accord with the decisions of the highest body in our world youth organization, the Young Communist International.

The convention further declares that the same hesitation manifested

The bitterness of the factional struggle in the organization during The Third National Convention re-

Self preservation has forced the affirms the correctness of the decino force at the command of the cap- only with the united will of the entire rightful place among the proletariat can the decisions of the Young Communist International be realized.

Why a "Young Worker?"

THE lies of the boss class which appear every day in their press have to be answered. The working youth must learn the truth, must know why they

are cheated and exploited every day. They must know the story of their own class, its struggles and its goal.

They will not learn this by reading the capitalist papers. Only from their own class paper, the "Young Worker" will they

The youth should have a special paper of its own. The "Young Worker" because we have special problems, such as our rights in the trade unions, child labor, the struggle against war, etc., which we can understand best and work out best. Every subscriber for the "Young Worker" is a steel girder in the tower we are precting, from which we can broadcast our

rebel words to the toiling masses of youth. Every copy of the "Young Worker" should be a bullet lodged in

the heart of the enemy class. Every issue of the "Young Worker" should be a mighty cannon thundering against capitalism.

ed. but rebellious.

The "Young Worker" is the organ of the working youth, exploit-