

# Foster Urges Full Support to YCL Drive for 20,000 Members by Jan. 1

In a statement issued today, William Z. Foster called on the Communist Party to throw its full support behind the drive of the Young Communist League to reach a membership of 20,000 by January 1st.

His full statement follows:

"I have viewed with the greatest of interest the increasingly-important role being played by the Young Communist League in developing broad mass movements of American youth on the basis of the fight for their elementary rights to jobs, education, peace, freedom and progress.

"As a result of this work we have witnessed a tremendous growth in the prestige and influence of the League. But the organizational growth of the YCL is still out of all proportion to the following developed.

"The election campaign is offering the Party the opportunity of bringing its full position to the youth through mass meetings, leaflets, daily newspapers and through



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numerous local radio broadcasts that have been arranged. This opportunity can well be used to bring in

thousands of new youth into our League during the campaign and in the period immediately following it.

"The Communist Party has a very important task in this regard. Side by side with our slogan for a Communist Party of 100,000 we must raise the slogan of a Young Communist League of 20,000 by January 1. This task cannot be considered as a 'special favor' that the Party is extending the YCL. We must look at the task from the viewpoint of strengthening the arm for a progressive youth movement in America.

"Particularly now is this important when the fascist forces behind Landon and his stooge Lemke are making a strong bid for youth support. The youth can and must be won for the struggle against fascism—for the building of the Farmer-Labor Party. A Young Communist League of 20,000 will go a long way towards insuring the successful carrying through of this job."