Young Workers League of New York Endorses Minority, 76 to 45

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NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 29 [1924].— The Young Workers League of District No. 2 [New York] by a vote of 76 to 45 went on record for the minority thesis of Comrades Ruthenberg, Lovestone, Bedacht, Engdahl, and Gitlow at a general membership meeting held Thursday, Dec. 18 at Stuyvesant Casino.

Comrade Oliver Carlson, official representative of the National Executive Committee, which has accepted the majority position, presented the arguments for the majority thesis and Comrade Jack Stachel, the District Organizer of the YWL of District No. 2 [New York], presented the position of the minority of the CEC of the Workers Party, which has been accepted also by the DEC [District Executive Committee] of the YWL of the New York district.

There was a great deal of interesting discussion and then the rebuttal followed, which did not begin until 12:15. First Comrade Stachel summed up for the minority and then Comrade Carlson for the majority.

Two resolutions were introduced, one favoring the majority position and the other for the minority. The resolution in support of the minority thesis was passed by a vote of almost 2 to 1, 75 to 45.

The resolution adopted reads as follows:

Resolved, that we, the members of Young Workers League, District No. 2 in membership meeting assembled Dec. 18, 1924, declare that we favor the application of the labor party policy as a maneuver of the Workers Party in the united front tactics.

Be it further resolved, that we condemn the prevalent manifestations of petty factionalism so destructive to our movement and endorse the appeal of the YCI and the CI for a united, harmonious movement, in which differences of opinion will be vigorously maintained, but in which able comrades will not be prevented from contributing their services to the movement in an effort to punish them for holding minority opinions.

Comrade Stachel was elected chairman of the meeting and Comrade Herbert Zam as secretary and vice chairman.

Although there are about 600 members in the New York League, only 121 members voted at this meeting. The statement of the NEC of the League has not yet been discussed or voted upon at any general meeting.

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