







NO ROOM FOR DOUBT

By ALGERNON LEE. There is no room for doubt that the Young People's Socialist League is a useful and necessary part of the working class movement.

TO SAY that the Y. P. S. L. has an important mission to fulfill is not to say that it is always and everywhere doing good work.

An ignoramus may get along very well as a Republican or a Democrat. All he has to do is to follow his leader—and even the leader need not know much.

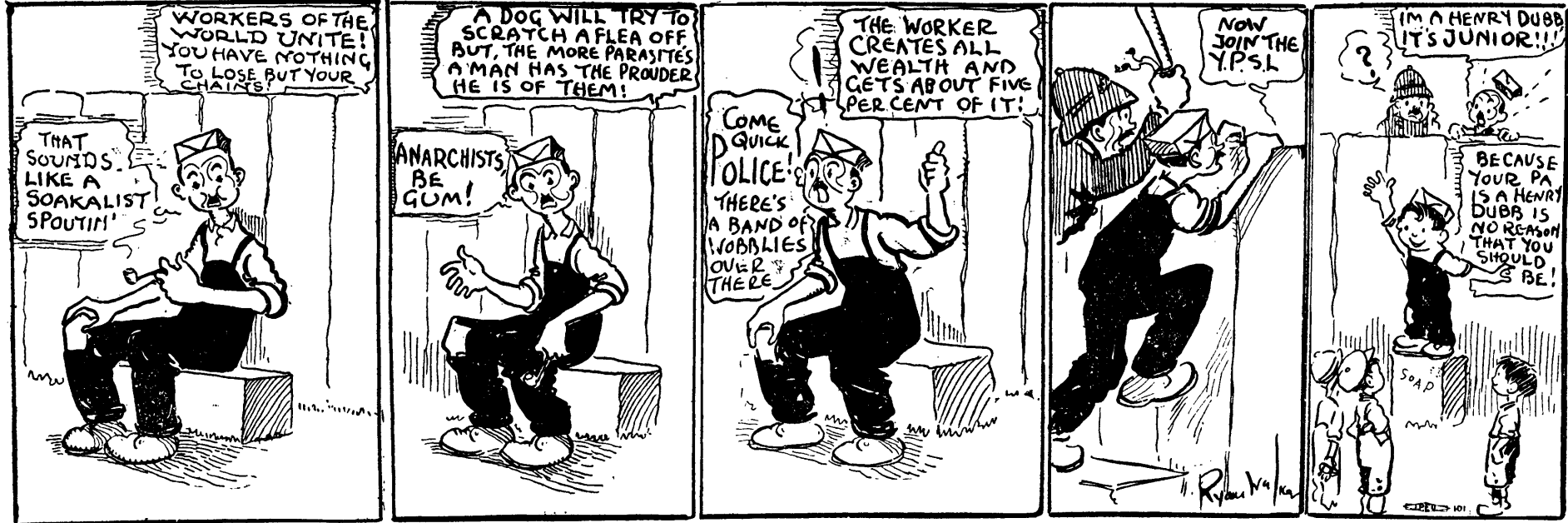
THE Y. P. S. L., then, ought always to have its educational side, and in this phase of its work it ought to be in close touch with the party.

A lad or a girl who doesn't care for reading and study is not likely to amount to much in later years.

FINALLY, it ought to be fun for young Socialists, who are not satisfied with book-study, but wish to feel that they are doing "something real".

HENRY DUBB CALLS THE POLICE TO STOP A RABID SOAP BOXER

By RYAN WALKER.



Junior is some speaker! Perhaps you never knew it before, but neither did his foolish dad. He recently joined the Young People's Socialist League and this is the result. It will do the same for any active intelligent boy or girl. Junior has something worth-while saying and he knows how to say it too. Listen to him:

What Good Is Y.P.S.L. To The Party Local?

By ANNA A. MALEY. Member Socialist Party National Executive Committee.

ONE MIGHT as logically ask what good present day childhood is to the manhood and womanhood of the future.

The Y. P. S. L. only waits for the party locals to call them into activity, to give them practical field work to do.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, recognizing the value of organization among young people for the purpose of promoting sociability, physical and mental culture, and of aiding in the propagation of the principles of International Socialism, do hereby apply for admission in the Young People's Socialist League.

Name ..... Address ..... Date ..... Occupation ..... Are you a member of the Socialist Party? ..... What Branch? .....

people hopped down and covered the crowd with leaflets. They were delighted to do the work, needing only a little direction.

What good is the Y. P. S. L. to the party locals? The party locals bid fair to die of old age without just such feeders to their ranks.

MY CONFESSION

ONCE UPON a time, I graduated from a little academy down in Southeastern Iowa. And the ache comes to my heart again as I call to mind the Junior Quartette singing, "Farewell! Farewell!"

BUT I was ambitious. To acquire courage and determination I read about all sorts of heroes, or alleged heroes, and attempted to imitate their spirit.

JUNIOR'S SPEECH. Now Is The Time!

This paper deals with the present, it is intended to interest you NOW. After reading it you will think that something ought to be done, but don't stop at thinking about it—DO IT, and GO TO NOW!

There is a big task for Youth to tackle, poverty and all the ills resulting from our insane economic system must be banished from the earth, the bloody horror of war must cease, and the world must be turned into a happy abiding place of a free people.

Youth is the springtime—the morning-of life. It is the time of action and achievement, the time for ideals and the realization of ideals.

There is another reason why you should join NOW. This time of year is play time—sporting time. And the Y. P. S. L. believes in play. Join now, for we are the people who put the "comrade" in "comradeship".

Again, and then—AGAIN, there is no time like the present to join the YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE—DO IT NOW.

THAT'S the way I did with my commencement oration. My subject was, "The Rising Torrent." I pictured a lot of terrible, horrid, grisly "osphers, archies and 'isms, which were gaining ground, and unless the tide was stemmed, they would sweep our civilization over the precipice of revolution into the bottomless pit of something or other—I don't remember just what. All I remember is that I rolled civilization over the precipice and chucked her down into the black hole and then gave her a kick.

Now, one of the dread 'isms, which I pictured as being about to sweep our civilization over the precipice of revolution into the bottomless pit of what-you-may-call-it, was Socialism. Yes, sir, Socialism!

WHAT did I know about Socialism? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. A few years later I investigated Socialism for the purpose of preparing a lecture against it.

I wound up by preparing one for it. Since that time I have been atoning for that ignorant, blundering, idiotic crime which I committed in my commencement oration.

Having served its purpose of coralling the folks who were almost persuaded to vote for Socialism in 1912, the Progressive party has gone out of existence. Roosevelt merely served in 1912 to fool the workers, just like Bryan did in 1896, and having fulfilled his mission, like Bryan, goes back to the reactionaries.

Election Day Is Drawing Nearer!

THIS IS July. Election day is now only four months off.

This week we slightly change our plans to put all the voters in the Fifth Indiana District, which is going to send our comrade, Eugene V. Debs, to congress, on the mailing list of The American Socialist.

This month we want contributions to put the voters on the mailing list of the party paper for 15 weeks.

For every dollar sent in to the Debs' Campaign Fund this month, seven voters in the Fifth Indiana District will be put on our mailing list for 15 weeks, carrying them up to election day.

Hundreds of voters' names in the Fifth Indiana District have already been put on the list of The American Socialist for six months as a result of the contributions sent in up to the present time.

A. W. Ricker, circulation manager of The Party Builder, which preceded The American Socialist, makes the first contribution of \$1 to put seven voters in Debs' district on our list.

We want these 10,000 Socialists to first read what Comrade Ricker says and then fill out the coupon, "Send Debs to Congress", at the bottom of this page.

By A. W. RICKER. I THINK every Socialist in the United States wants to help send Gene Debs to Congress.

I am going to begin by sending \$1. As I understand the matter that will put seven names on the subscription list of The American Socialist for 15 weeks each and give Gene's campaign committee 15 cents.

Recalls 1912 Campaign. The Debs' campaign recalls vividly to my mind what occurred in Kansas in 1912. Some of us in and around the Appeal Building had been up in our minds that there was a possibility of carrying the Third Congressional District, and about six months before election we began what developed into the greatest political campaign in the history of that section of the country.

It seems to me that there ought to be ten thousand Socialists, readers of this paper, who can afford to give \$1 and who will do so.

Every tax payer in the district was put on the subscription list of the Appeal thru a special fund raised by the Appeal army. We had two tent outfits with moving pictures and singers in continuous use for three months. When Deby reached Pittsburg, Kans. on his presidential tour we risked a parade. I say risked because in a count of noses we did not know where

more. We must look to the living. The Socialist Party is not poor. We have large reserve capacities and possibilities in our ranks and it is easily possible for us to put twenty-five or fifty thousand dollars into Debs' district if we make up our minds to do it, and I am convinced that anything like that sum of money will elect Debs to Congress.

We Can Do It. As a sober practical proposition I believe it is possible to send Gene Debs to Congress. No man in Terre Haute is so loved and respected by its citizens as Gene Debs.

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SEND DEBS TO CONGRESS!

THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST, 803 W. MADISON ST., CHICAGO.

Here is \$..... which is my contribution to help send Eugene V. Debs to congress from the Fifth Indiana Congressional District. I understand that for every \$1 sent in, the Fifth Indiana Socialist Campaign Committee will be allowed to put seven voters on the subscription list of The American Socialist for fifteen weeks each and the 15 cents will be contributed to the Fifth Indiana Socialist Campaign Fund.

NAME ..... ADDRESS ..... CITY ..... STATE .....

Socialist Jewelry



WATERBURY'S SOCIALIST PARTY JEWELRY 803 W. MADISON ST. - CHICAGO, ILL. (SEND FOR THE JEWELRY CATALOGUE—FREE ON REQUEST.)

WANTED ONE OR MORE HUSTLING COMRADES TO DO SOME WORK FOR The American Socialist AT Socialist Encampments THIS SUMMER. Good Chance to Earn Some Vacation Money. APPLY AT ONCE Circulation Manager AMERICAN SOCIALIST 803 WEST MADISON ST., Chicago, Ill.

government. More than a score of arrests were made, and three of the leaders of the movement, all of them prominent in the Swedish Young Socialist movement, have been convicted of high treason and sentenced to jail.

Peace Agitation Treason. But the government would allow nothing of the sort to happen. Immediately over a score of arrests were made and the following convictions for high treason and their respective sentences give an idea of what may be expected from a "prepared" government.

In order to understand this rather remarkable action on the part of the Young Socialist organizations of the Scandinavian countries, their nature and size must be made clear. Unlike those in the United States, the Leagues in Sweden are a part of the Social Democratic Party, as are also the Labor Unions and the political clubs corresponding in some measure to the regular party branches here.

The March convention at Stockholm was also preceded by a wide divergence of opinion, the older group desiring to have the issue decided by the permanent committee.

The work of the Y. P. S. L. of Sweden consists largely of propaganda, education and sociability. It goes directly to the people in its effort to make young socialists, every summer two red automobiles to service with speakers and literature in the inland districts while motor boats are used to reach the folks along the coast.

Their own printing plant furnishes all the literature necessary thruout their movement. Their paper, "Stormklockan", had a circulation, prior to this last trouble, of 25,000, since that time it has climbed to over 30,000. The membership of the league is about 10,000, their dues five cents per month.

Never mind. Your candidate for congress will now tell you that he is ready to do the things for your interest which he failed to do while in office before. And you will try him again.