

# "SOCIALIST" PARTY THROTTLES YOUTH AND WOMEN DEMANDS

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**WHY** has the "socialist" party not a single word to say about young workers and women workers? Of these two sections of the working class, there are at least 5,000,000 women in industry of the 10,000,000 gainfully employed, and at least the same number of young workers, boys and girls, white and colored. There are 23,000,000 housewives, of whom 6,000,000 are farmers' wives (and therefore workers on the farm with no compensation) and at least 10,000,000 more working class housewives.

## Old Workers Dumped to Starve, Young Workers Exploited.

Let us look at the young workers today. Go into the steel mills and foundries and into the mines, and there you will find a high percentage of young workers, who have taken the place of men who have reached their fortieth year. The older men no longer can supply the speed, they cannot work so cheap—therefore they are dumped into the streets to starve.

In the present economic crisis with 8,000,000 unemployed unable to find work, with wage-cuts paring the income down far below the level of subsistence and speed-up being raised to the point of exhaustion, the young workers are particularly affected. Doing the hardest work in the shops and paid the lowest wages, these young workers, white and colored, in the land of "opportunity" and Hoover "prosperity," are becoming thoroughly dissatisfied. The boss, therefore, finds ways of distracting them from the problem of wages and hours. Sport clubs, dances, bonuses (if they wish to crack their hearts trying to earn them), celebrations, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., etc., all arranged and organized by the bosses—they are intended to make the young worker "forget" the fearful exploitation he has to accept.

## \$3 a Week For 11 Hours Daily.

Go into the metal shops, textile mills, etc., and there you will find young workers, boys and girls, taking the place of adult workers. Cheaper, faster, more efficient labor (in the machine process), these young workers are the fodder of the modern, speed-up factory, crushed, maimed, crippled, exhausted before they are 40 years old. Young tobacco workers receive as little as \$3 a week for 11 hours of labor a day; textile workers \$5 a week!

When war comes, the young workers are the first to be drafted and sent to die for the bosses who rob them and the bosses' government which promotes the bosses' interests. And yet the "socialist" party program has not one word about this shamefully exploited section of the working class—the young workers, 5,000,000 strong.

## Women Exploited; Child Labor.

Women workers, especially married women and mothers, and Negro women, are being compelled in larger numbers to go to work just as 1,500,000 child workers are sweating away their lives on the beetfields, in the oyster canneries and sweatshops of the richest country of the world.

Today the economic crisis has struck the capitalist world and millions of women and young workers help to make up the army of 8,000,000 starving, breadless unemployed.

The A. F. of L. refuses to organize the mass of women and young workers because

they are unskilled and semi-skilled workers. The attitude of the A. F. of L. is that women belong in the home—but capitalism has driven them into the shop, thus destroying the much boasted of "American home." The women and young workers who have been organized into the old unions have demonstrated that they are among the best, most militant fighters. As the backbone of the new revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League, the young workers and women workers are proving to be the best troops of the working class. In all the strikes of the past two years, the women workers and young militants have been to the front, as in the strikes of the miners, auto workers, textile, shoe, food, garment and agricultural workers. The working class housewives have not been less militant, assisting their husbands and sons on the picket-lines, fighting the scabs, police, etc.

## "Socialists" Afraid of Militant Young Workers.

The fascist A. F. of L. and social-fascist "socialist" party union leaders are afraid of these militants. They know that they will not tolerate the betrayal policies of these treacherous leaders. All over the world, in the strike struggles in the capitalist countries and in the revolts and revolutions in the colonies, China, India, Indo-China, youth and women are shock troops, fighting against the fascists and social-fascists.

Then the 10,000,000 working class housewives who with their children suffer hunger and misery when wages are cut, or when the breadwinner is thrown out of his job. What about these women?

These tens of millions of young and women workers are being brought into the working class struggle, shameful exploitation, unemployment and the danger of war are opening their eyes. These two sections of the workers must be protected and only the Communist program of struggle ensures adequate protection.

## Women Workers and Young Workers in the Soviet Union.

Compare the position and safeguards for young workers and women workers in the Soviet Union, with their condition in the United States and other capitalist countries.

Equal pay for equal work and no night work for women and young workers, six hours a day for young workers, two months' leave of absence before and the same time after childbirth for women—this shows how a working class government protects youth and women.

Young workers, women workers—white and colored! It is not astonishing that the social-fascists say nothing about you in their platform. The social-fascists stand for the capitalist class, as the third party of capitalism. They fear the rising militancy of the workers, especially of the young and women workers, white and colored, those who are in the front ranks on the picket lines, in demonstrations, in strikes against wage-cuts, in the fight for the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill of the Communist Party. They fear you because you are learning the meaning of imperialist war and the truth about the Soviet Union. Repudiate these social-fascist traitors!

Join the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League! Join the Communist Party and Young Communist League! Support the Communist program of class against class! Vote Communist!

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