

UNION OFFICIAL ATTACKS YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE

Youth Organizes Miners to Fight Lewis

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REPUBLIC, Pa., Dec. 11.—A so-called trade union official by the name of John Kurtz who is supposed to be an organizer for the United Mine Workers of America attacked the Young Workers (Communist) League and the Workers (Communist) Party at a meeting held here recently. He charged that the leaders of the Communist movement were "damn fools" and "nuts"—and why?

Because the Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers (Communist) League won the confidence and the leadership of the coal miners in the coke region where the trade union officials failed.

There was an opposition to the miners' union during the strike in the coke region. Did the officials do anything to break the opposition against the union? No! They did not even try. It took the party and the league to break this opposition.

When we took the situation in hand it convinced over 40 miners that they must join the union and got the other miners convinced that they must not oppose the union but must get inside and fight against such fakers as Kurtz and Lewis. When Kurtz got up in the meeting and said that Feeney was coming to speak at their next meeting, there was big uproar and the fellows shouted they did not want to hear the betrayer of the coke region miners.

The miners joined the union at its last meeting and when asked why they joined they say the Workers (Communist) Party and the Young Workers (Communist) League tells us to join and not because the union officials tell us, which is a blow against the fakers and they will not be able to fool the rank and file in the coke regions as they are doing in some of the other places.

Another big blow to the fakirs was the Pat Tcohey meeting in Cardale, Pa., which is near Republic. Over a hundred non-union miners attended the meeting where the question of joining the union was put to the fore. The meeting was held under the auspices of the mine nuclei and two new members joined the nucleus.