

DISASTER IN SHADYSIDE MINE COSTS WORKERS NINE LIVES

Proves Importance of East Ohio Conference

THE working youth conference called for the East Ohio section is becoming of ever greater importance as the arrangements are being made.

This is true not only for the young workers—particularly the young miners, but to the workers generally. Take for example the disaster in the mine in Shadyside this month which cost the miners nine lives. The trade union officials do not bother much about the immediate welfare of the miners.



Operators Cause Accidents.

It is in this instance and in many others, where it says in the agreement that things of this kind should be taken care of (i. e. timbering, keeping the mine and wiring in shape, etc.) that we find the agreement not being lived up to. This mine where the disaster occurred, in particular, was supposed to be one of the "best" places as far as safety devices are concerned. Just because of little things such as timbering the accident occurred and nine miners gave their lives for the profits of the boss. It is this carelessness that the coal operators practice which cost the miners hundreds of lives each year.

Safety Slogans the Bunk.

The company has a lot of slogans put up around the mine in a style that catches the eyes of the workers but the company itself does not put the safety measures into effect. Especially right after accidents occur in and around the mines the "benevolent" operators start a safety campaign which lasts for a short time and then is completely forgotten.

The Young Workers (Communist) League as the fighting organization of the young workers sees the problems that face the young workers. It tries to mobilize them for the bettering of these conditions. If the Prospective demand No. 1 of the Young Workers Conference had been put into

effect this accident would never have occurred.

Young Workers Discuss Problems.

The young workers have a lot of things to discuss in the conference. They must discuss what attitude they will take towards the trade union bureaucracy and how they are going to help make the United Mine Workers a fighting organization of the coal diggers. The young miners must see in what way they can help in building up the left wing in the miners union. It must find ways and means of waking up the masses of the young workers who have not up till now participated in the activities of the miners' union for the reason that the union did not take up the problems which interested them.

The Young Workers Conference must see that it gets the young workers interested in the activities of the union. Also that it brings pressure in the union for the discussion of the youth problems. The U. M. W. A. must do these things with the idea that it is building up the future leaders of the labor movement.

Unity, Young and Adult Workers.

The conference must result in bringing closer relations between the young and adult workers so that the adult workers will not become part to discriminatory tactics against the young workers.

It is to the interests of the left wing that the local unions endorse the call of the Y. W. L. for the youth conference, because it is the first time in the history of the working class youth, that a conference is called where the young workers come together on an equal footing to discuss the problems which face them.

The Young Workers (Communist) League depends on the support of the adult Communists and the militant in the unions of East Ohio and vicinity for its energetic support to make this conference a rallying point for the masses of young workers.

Forward to a mass Conference!

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