Highlights of Sixth Y.C.I. Plenum By Herbert Zam

(Continued from last issue.) Stabilization.

Titk discussion of the problems of the Seventh Plenum of the Execative Committee of the Communist international, which was to meet immediately after the Y. C. I. plenum was the first point on the agenda of the Y. C. L plenum. Comrade Shatskin gave a masterful report on this question, taking up in detail the differences in the Russian Party and in the Comintern. He analyzed the present situation, pointing out that the rela tive stabilization of capitalism continues, with various shadings and Buancas in various countries. polemised against the social democrata conception that capitalism has entered a new phase of progress, the stage of ultra-imperialism, and against she ultra-left within the Comintern, which refuses to accept the fact of partial stabilization altogether. While recognizing a certain recovery of cap-Ralism, we take advantage of every weakness to promote the world revolution, as in the cases of the British general strike and the events in China,

The Russian Party Question. Comrade Shatzkin then analyzed the situation in the various parties, beginbing with the Russian Party. The opposition here he characterized as a social democratic deviation, and gave the following facts in proof:

1. The opposition, like the social democrats, maintain that it is impossible to build socialism in the Soviet Union, that the state is not a projetarian state, and that industry is based on state capitalism, that, in the agrarian field, the kulak is winning the upper hand

2. Like the social democrats, the opposition maintains that due to the backwardness of Russia, it is impossible to build up a socialist economy there, adding that only with the state ald of the proletariat from other countries can this he done.

3. The propositions of the opposition for squeezing the peasants fall in line with the claims of the social democrats that only the pensants profit i from the revolution.

4. The opposition speaks about the bureaucratization of the Party and the government in the same manner as the social democrats.

The German Ultra Lefts.

In tiermany, there are many opposition groups, "left" groups, which are eplit amongst themselves, but are un!" ed on one point, entity to the German Communist Party, to tle Communist International and to the Sovlet State. These groups have solidarised themselves with the Russian opposition and the Russian opposition has refused to repudiate them All of these groups, altho calling them orlyes left, are very rapidly marching toward the camp of social democracy They have no influence in the Party. and the German workers have long the situation in America, the Y. C. I ago lost all confidence in them

Other Parties.

In other countries," " ance, ordy, Checho Slovakin, there are also very cultural organization do not emanate amail kroups and grouple's, including from the Central Committee, which who in 1918 founded the Communist many denients which have long ago has the correct attitude lowerd the Youth organizations in Smolensk. been excluded from the Computern League, and which has taken the ne Min 5 and Vilna. He participated in which apport the opposition in the cessary steps to suppress these ten the first congress of the Young Com-Rus ian Party. These groups have denotes, (The C.F. C took immediate inunist International and was one of all opposition, the Commonn is mak at its last Pienum, as well as against Tchnorm, memb r of the Central Coming and will continue to make process certain articles on this, question, mittee of the Y. C. L. of Lithuania, will compare to lead the working class. With the Comintern, the Y. C. I. says. On the road to the world pevolution

Opposition at Y. C. I. Plenum. members of the P. C. of the Y. C. I. tempts on the part of certain elements. to ter all already been reputated by differences from the Party and the and the a Sinch as while League ! the been temoved from in Fort Solution of the fac-D .. . 1 and the second second

sary to fight equally against the left you.h. and the right.

tive character of it.

is the right, but at present it is the fight against the right and the left deviations with equal vigor is ridiculous. The same is true with the question of stabilization. We cannnot work properly unless we make a correct analysis of the objective situation. present, that analysis indicates that capitalism has attained a certain degree of stabilization. We recognize this and organize our activities accordingly. Not to do so would mean serious set-backs for the Comintern and for the working class.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the line of the Comintern and of the Central Committee of the Russian Party, with only Michelec and Vuyovich voting against it.

Party and League. N important question that was dis-A numpercant question was the custed at this plenum was the relation between the Leagues and the Parties, it was found necessary to re-clarify this question because of a number of misunderstandings which had arisen in a number of countries. It was emphasized that the Party is the leader of the entire working class, and as such also of the Young Communist League. The Young Communst League is not a vanguard organization of the working class, but only of the working class youth. Politically, it follows the Communist Party. It is the duty of all League to support the Central Committees of the various Parties which have the confidence of the Comintern. Only in cases where the Central Committee of the Party does not follow the line of the Comintern, is it permissable for a League of to support that Central Committee Of course, in such cases, it is the comintern which pagers judgment. and not the League. In dealing with pointed our that whatever tendencies there are in the American Party for the conversion of the League into a that the Central Committee of the The president was poor's repress fring the Parts and throwing it into the but I death Only two mass activity, and has resisted at-The wave to the Party to destroy the unification a section of and Michab. The aprocess in the League by bringing

Opponents.

of arrention in the fining was the is at one of the Youngs Communist Lawas diet a trans or at mil to its opponents. Although a named a combine question was considered many porter for again, two opening the before it a general way, it Opposition the far quests not but I rever received the attention of re-

that the final socialist society will be ones to whom we had paid serious an fill received some consideration. It completed before the proletarian revenue ention. Through the use of the unit is recognised that the league is make obtain comes in other countries, ed front, we have succeeded in win-ing good progress in a number of ed front, we have nucceeded in win- ing good progress in a number of When we consider that the official ning many of the best elemtns of the fields, but its shortcomings and misplatform of the opposition even quest working youth away from the So-takes are still many, and the objecfound the socialist character of Soviet cialist youth. But there are, unfor tive situation also difficult. It is industry, we can see what a hig re- lunately, many more organizations be- therefore necessary to watch its actreat this was. Comrade Michalec sides the socialist youth which have tivities very carefully with the idea further charged that the Comintern tremendous influence on the working of directing it along the right road, was going to the right, and pointed youth. These organizations we must and to criticize it when it makes me. out as proof that only the left was combat and penetrate, and destroy takes. It was pointed out that cribeing attacked, while it was neces their influence over the working ticism at the present time will pre-

In general, the Socialist youth or-On the question of stabilization, he ganizations are on the decline. In strong points and weak points but saw another indication that the C. I. the most important countries of the the weak points preponderate. Therewas moving toward the right, stress-Socialist Youth International, their ing the fact of stabilization, and not sections are losing rapidly in mem- on the remedying of the weak points sufficiently the partialness and rela-bership. In Germany, for instance, on the correction of mistakes, then on the Socialist Youth League lost 20,-Michalec was well answered by all 000 in one year, and is still losing. criticism directed against the League the speakers. It was pointed out to This, in spite of the most energetic was for its anti-militarist activities. him that his position on inner party efforts of the Social Democratic par- It was pointed out that the League relations was entirely wrong. It was ties to bolster them up. In Austria, had tended toward pacifism in its necessary to fight the deviation that a large section of the Socialist Youth anti-militarist work, had not stressis of greatest danger. Sometimes it League broke away and joined the ed the Communist point of view in ta Young Communist League. These left. To say that under all circum- phenomena are taking place in many ed fronts with petty-bourgeois pacifist stances and everywhere, we must countries. On the whole, the Communist Youth International compares favorably in membership, and far ex- gone to the extent of joining political cels in activity, the Socialist Youth federations consisting of these same International. While the Y. C. I. has sections in all countries, including Asia, North and South America, conscious pacifism, but that it simthe locialist Youth International has ply did not know how to carry on its greatest strength in a number of Communist anti-militarist activity. inall countries, like Belgium, Hol- This applied not only to the districts land, Sweden and in Germany. In but also to the National Executive South America and Asia, they have Committee, as was demonstrated by not a single section.

ous youth organizations like the Y. M. C. A., the Catholic organizations, etc., still have a widespread influence on the working youth. Such organizations as the Y. M. C. A. are of especial inter- in the future these mistakes will not est to us, as in the countries like recur. China, they are our most dangerous opponents, and the best instruments of imperialism. These organizations we must fight and deprive of all support among the working youtn. There are also the military organizations of the bourgeoisie, which are the shock troops of the counter-revolution. Sometimes, these are openly fascist in character, and sometimes not so open. In America we have a fair share of all types of these organizations, and until we begin a serious tight against them, we cannot censider ourselves a real Communist Youth League.

America at the Pienum.

'ominissino at this plenum, and no to improvement in the work of the special report on America, our league League.

vent bigger mistakes in the future, The activities of the League show fore, it is more important to lay stress prvising achievements. The greatest agitation, had confined itself to unitorganizations in which the League had almost lost its identity, and had organizations. It was pointed out that nobody charged the League with the resolution adopted at the May The second class of opponents, religi- plenum of the N. E. C. The representatives of the League at the Plenum, as well as the Y. C. I. representative who had been here, accepted this criticism, and it is expected that

> The League's activities in Passais were praised, although the League had not made sufficient use of the prestige it had gained and had not put out demands which were applicable to the situation. Nevertheless, the League had bene very active throughout, and had demonstrated that it is possible to carry on activ: ty among the broad masses of the working youth.

On the whole, the relations of the American League with the Y. C. I. are satisfactory. We can safely say that we have passed the stage of bluif. We are more interested in obtaining advice and direction from the Y. C. I. than in showing off out Although there was no American accomplishments. This can only lead

Youth News from All Directions

Two meinb rs of the Young Com-mittee of the S. A. J. (Socialist Young by the Lithuanian tascist dictatorsh.p. delegation to the Soviet Union of One of them was Josef Greitenberger, absolutely no influence. In spite of measures against such manifestations its founders. With him fell Comrade

> Parts has made much progress in unistudy conditions in Austria. The Austrian government, acting as the tool of the big imperialist towers, is not allowing the delegation to center the country. They are scared stiff that the Austrian young workers may has published a manifesto to the work-

> > in Germany. There the National Com- dren.

munist Lecague were arrested and Workers) decided to consider all mem shot without a hearing on Dec 27th bers of the second Young Workers' "automatically expelled" on strength of the decisions of the last national conference in Hildesheim.

> The Central Committee of the Y. C. L. in South Africa addressed a letter to the secretaries of six local groups of youth sections of the South Africa Labor Party inviting them for joint action on immediate youth demands. Only one of the six local groups in Benoni replied to the letter saying that it had thoroly discussed the proposals, "the .lemands are good." but that they had decided not to collaborate with the Y. C. L.

The Communist Party of Anstralia ers' children urging them to join the Opponents.

SPENIAL point on the agenda. That the Socialist leaders are open-Organization. The club is carrying the second of the capitalists is seen on a membership drive among club

Montana Passes Amendment.

HELENA, Mont.-The state legisla

ment by a vote of 78 to 18, and the Senate favored it by a vote of 26 to 21. The Senate rejected the amendthe of socialism is the U.S. S.R. b. in red this time. In the past, the amendment to the federal constitution control of the units of the units of the power to enact child are maintained that it is units of the power to enact child are maintained that it is units of the power to enact child are maintained that it is units of the power to enact child are maintained that it is units of the power to enact child are ture here passed the child labor ment last year. The amendment gives