

LYL Decides to Dissolve

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For the first time since the formation of the Young Communist League in the early twenties the Communist Party has no youth organization affiliated or fraternally related to it.

At a recent national convention, the Labor Youth League decided to dissolve as a national organization. This follows by a few months the decision of the New York State LYL to dissolve. It was understood that many of the local clubs and branches of the LYL would continue in existence but under other names and with no national affiliation.

The LYL was formed in 1949 as a youth organization fraternally related to the CP. Later, with the dissolution of the Young Progressives of America, it attempted to broaden itself and take in many of the elements previously attracted to the YPA. In recent years the LYL has been the brunt of a powerful witch-hunting attack on the campus and has been forced off most campuses. It has also been engaged in a fight against its listing by the attorney general as a "subversive" organization.

The move to dissolve comes in the aftermath of the intense ferment and disorientation in the ranks of both the youth and adult sections of the Stalinist movement in this country and elsewhere following the 20th Party Congress and the recent counter-revolutionary repressions by the Kremlin in Hungary.

Many LYL members began to question

their whole political orientation. A number of these youth found the easy way out by simply leaving the movement and leaving politics.

However, hundreds of others in and around the LYL clubs and branches still wish to continue the fight. They feel themselves drawn to the side of the Hungarian workers in their struggle. At the same time they are repelled by American imperialism and wish to continue the struggle against the witchhunt, and the reactionary politics of our own ruling class. They wish to rally support for the Negro people in their heroic battles for equality in the South.

We in the YSL appeal to these youth to join with us in struggling against both Stalinist oppression—as in Eastern Europe and elsewhere—and against the oppression of the American ruling class both at home and abroad.

We realize that there remain many political differences among us. But we feel these differences can be overcome through friendly discussions and through joint activity aimed at fighting the witch-hunt and supporting the Negro people in their struggle, aimed at supporting the workers in Algeria, Hungary, Poland and elsewhere in their struggles for freedom.

As the only nation-wide socialist youth movement in this country we open our doors to all of you who wish to continue the struggle against capitalist and Stalinist oppression throughout the world.