LYL Decides to Dissolve

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For the first time since the formation of the Young Communist League in the early 1920's, the LYL has no youth organization affiliated or formally 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 disband. It was understood that many of the local clubs and branches of the LYL would continue to exist under other names and with no national affiliation.

The LYL was formed in 1949 as a youth organization franchised nationally to the CP. Later, with the dissolution of the Young Communist League of America, it attempted to broaden itself and take on many of the elements previously attracted to the CPA. In recent years the LYL has been the target 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 discontinue comes in the aftermath of the intense factional struggle among the both the youth and adult sections of the Stalinist movement in recent years, the 20th Party Congress and the recent condemnations and 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 have decided that they 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 witch-hunt, and the various pressures of the civil rights movement.

We in the TSL appeal to these youth to join us, as in straggling against the Stalinist oppression—as in Eastern Europe—against the know-it-all expression of the American ruling class both of the LYL and of the LYL.

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

As the only national-wide socialist youth organization, we appeal to our countrymen to open doors to all of you who wish to continue the struggle against young-man capitalist and Stalinist oppression throughout the world.

First, Garber did not propose to ban the New Republic, as he was reported to have done. He demanded that his record be published. In this sense, there is no question of acquiescing in his request.

Secondly, the omission of the pertinent information about Von Schuschnigg is not only glaring, but it left out material directly relevant to the subject under discussion. For the fact that Schuschnigg, in his book, "Religion as a Force in the Modern World," states: "The Church must certainly provide a context for his talk;" and in introducing the head of the Communist Party in a talk on Russian affairs as a "laboratory man" or as a "laboratory man" or as a "laboratory man" or as a "laboratory man" or as a "laboratory man"; and in introducing the head of the Communist Party in a talk on Russian affairs as a "laboratory man" or as a "laboratory man" or as a "laboratory man" or as a "laboratory man" or as a "laboratory man," and in its omission, the claim is being made that Garber is not a Stalinist. This is, in fact, a resounding confession that he is a Stalinist. This would be tantamount to a confession that Garber is not a Stalinist. This is, in fact, a resounding confession that he is a Stalinist.

The charge against Garber, made by the Daily Colorado that his tactics are in the Soviet tradition, is a reproach in favor of which they allowed themselves to be fooled by the "compromised" Schuschnigg. Garber had his state and recognized authorities. The Daily Colorado commented: "His trick of merely quoting others' opinions is one of the worst tricks used by the Stalinists and other witch-hunters." And that should just refuse itself; comment is not a substitute for facts.

We repeat: Von Schuschnigg should be allowed to speak—no man can see to its being misused or misunderstood. The only clarification of the facts, it is understood, is in the words of the Youth Organization. Anybody who works down in the street and to destroy free institutions should be able to so readily replace the student editors at Colorado. A little history is in order.

Besides, we are not saying that Von Schuschnigg, it seems, it seems, it seems, is not a Stalinist. The statement is an obvious attempt to gull the students and faculty of the University of Colorado. It is obvious, hypocritical, untrue—it forms part of a rather large lie.

But all this is a tempest in a teapot. Only then hear to the editors of the Colorado Daily were taken in. They ask of the rest of us, Von Schuschnigg as a fascist?

"Does one mean by a "fascist" a right-wing political force, forced into compromising by the outrages of history? Or does one mean a brutal Nazi totalitarianism who brings life and freedom in his manacled quest for power? The eminent keynoter may have been the former. His seven years as a prisoner in solitary confinement in Nazi concentration camps is convincing testimony that he was never the latter." The editors have been fooled—by Von Schuschnigg's distinction. Schuschnigg was not a Nazi. He was a keynoter. And not only a compromising right-wing politician (an Austrian politician who is essentially conscious fascist who participated in murder of free institutions and human beings.

That even after Garber's announce-