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Youth Strikes Stir Garment Trade

Socialist Rallies Break Militia Grip On Terre Haute

HAPGOOD JAILED IN TERRE HAUTE ANTI-MARTIAL LAW FIGHT

Terre Haute, Ind. — Jailed by the military rulers of this peaceful community for calling meetings protesting the continuance of martial law following the recent general strike, Socialists including Powers Hapgood and Leo Vernon, national organizers, called new meetings at which cheering thousands joined in defying the militia which dared not break these mass rallies.

Over 2,000 people gathered to hear Norman Thomas, who had flown here from New York, speak at noon on August 29, when he used the courthouse steps as platform. Max Schafer, vice president of the Vigo county Central Labor Union, introduced Thomas. Other speakers were Leo Vernon and Powers Hapgood, both of whom had been released from military arrest earlier in the week, with instructions not to be seen talking to more than two people at any time.

Terre Hauters Roar Protest

The crowd roared its approval of a telegram to be sent Governor McNutt, demanding immediate revocation of military law in Terre Haute. McNutt sent in the militia in connection with a three-day general strike there, and the militia has stayed since, in spite of the fact that there was no disorder during or since the strike.

In the evening, the main hall of the Central Labor Union was used for another rally to protest against McNutt's dictatorship. Because of the vast crowds, the meeting had to begin a half hour earlier to prevent injuries to the audience.

"I have come here," said Thomas, "because your situation here is of national concern."

"Men are arbitrarily clamped in jail at the whim of a military commander for trying to make a speech or to collect signatures to a petition for the removal of troops from a peaceful community. There has not even been sporadic violence in Terre Haute."

Socialists Carry Agitation Over State

"Powers Hapgood was kept in jail because in the jail itself, where he went to visit a friend who had been making a speech, he expressed indignation at military tyranny and criticized martial law."

"Governor McNutt must be made to realize that Americans will not tolerate such interference with the rights of its people."

As a result of Socialist agitation, leading Terre Haute and Indiana citizens are setting up state-wide and local committees to carry on the fight against McNutt's use of the militia. Hoot Rasmussen and Roy Lancaster, young Socialist organizers, are helping organize defense and protest preparations.

Soul Mates

Recently Ambassador Troyanovsky of Soviet Russia said in an address to a convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution: "I am delighted to address you. I too am a revolutionist!"

—Kern County Union Journal.

FOR LABOR'S RIGHTS



Young Socialists of New York have been holding gigantic mass meetings on behalf of the Hillquit Workers' Rights Amendment. The above scene shows Norman Thomas addressing one thousand workers at their noon rest hour in the heart of the garment district in one of the largest of the YPSL's "Red Noons."

Garment Workers Cause Scabs to Join Nudists

Dallas, Tex.—(FP)—Blushing policemen with swinging clubs formed a human screen for 10 naked women strikebreakers who had been stripped, spanked and chased through the streets by striking women garment workers of Dallars, in whose 6 month strike many young Socialists have participated.

Led by the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, Dallas garment workers have been striking for the closed shop, shorter hours and wage boosts. When women tried to get through the picket lines as strikebreakers, the young women strikers decided to teach them a lesson. Seizing a scab, the pickets stripped her clothes and gave her a spanking, causing so much commotion that the police charged into the crowd. Six, including for cops, were injured. Office workers cheered the strikers from nearby windows.

Shipping Clerks' Strike is Joined by 50,000 Workers

New York (Special)—Almost 50,000 workers had quit today in the midtown garment district, including 10,000 members of the new Ladies' Apparel Shipping Clerks' union and 30,000 members of the Ladies' Garment Workers' union, acting as individuals in protest against working with strikebreakers.

Streets of the garment area were dense with "flying squadrons" of strikers and marching throngs of pickets. There were occasional clashes in the streets, but police were on hand in large numbers to stop disorders before they became serious.

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Haribor, Yugoslavia—Reports from Italian border points indicate upward of 2,000 Italian deserters have fled to Yugoslavia since Premier Mussolini's troop shipments began. Concentration camps are being set up at Ljubljana to handle the influx of men, 700 soldiers having reached the vicinity of this town.

Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia—Reports of the desertion of several thousand Somali troops to the Ethiopian banner reached Addis Abba today. The reports said the Somali troops had fled to Ethiopia and Italian authorities had demanded return of their rifles.

Newark Yipsels Active in General Strike of 2,000

Newark, N. J. — Over 2,000 girl strikers have manned mass picket lines for over two weeks, in a rousing general strike to organize 3,000 young garment workers. Young Socialists of Newark have done amazingly effective work in helping the strikers, and already five of the most active young strikers have come into YPSL ranks, reports the local YPSL organizer.

The Yipsels are on the strike committee and in the vanguard "and the girls are willing to follow and listen to what we say," continued the report. "They are one swell fighting bunch. The average age of the strikers in the union is about 17-18. We expect a settlement soon."

"Profit by the past, but don't dwell in it."

—D. Wolf Hopper

12,000 Shipping Clerks in Historic N.Y. Walkout; Dallas, Decatur & Newark Girls Out

WORKING YOUTH RISE AGAINST SWEAT SHOPS

Chicago — Young workers in the garment trade are waging stirring strikes in that industry's centers throughout the nation. The story of the "largest youth strike" in labor history follows in this column. Elsewhere in this issue are narrated the actions of the young garment strikers and their young Socialist allies.

YPSL "Red Nites" Rally Thousands for Labor Rights

A series of "Red Nights" and "Noces," at which Yipsels mobilized in key localities, was held during the greater parts of July and August by the Greater New York Federation of the League. The success of these mobilizations has prompted the City Central Committee to make them permanent functions.

Norman Thomas was the chief speaker at the most successful of these functions, a monster rally in the heart of the garment district at noon time. A crowd of close to a thousand garment and white collar workers, made colorful by the presence of Yipsels in blue uniforms, was attracted.

A "Red Night" held in the East Bronx was participated in by over 150 Yipsels from all parts of the city. More than a dozen street meetings were held in the neighborhood simultaneously. Thousands of pieces of literature were distributed.

Another "Red Night" held in the Brownsville-East New York District resulted in five street corner meetings. A second noon meeting in the garment center (with Henry Jaeger as main speaker) also drew a large crowd. Other mobilization points were West Bronx and the Upper West Side.

Young Democrats Razed by Labor

Milwaukee — The Young Democrats who met here in national convention last week weren't met by any brass bands or political huzzahs.

Instead as their conclave opened, they were greeted by a blistering statement issued by the Wisconsin Federation of Labor, which called attention to the vicious anti-labor record of their party in this state and scoffed at any attempts at "rejuvenation."

On Friday night, delegates to the convention had to pass through a picket line of thirty local labor leaders who marched outside the meeting hall for nearly two hours in protest over the Democrats anti-labor actions.

LATE BULLETIN—Scores of battered and bruised pickets in the shipping clerks' strike were treated in an emergency hospital set up in Christ Church, as boss hired thugs opened a campaign of violence on Aug. 30.

New York City — Turmoil reigned in the great garment district of New York as 12,000 youthful shipping clerks went out on strike, Tuesday, August 27, under the auspices of the Ladies Apparel Shipping Clerks' Union, organized last year with the help of the Industrial Department of the Young Peoples' Socialist League. The strike, still raging, has been characterized as the greatest walkout of working class youth in recent years.

Deliveries to and from dress shops are stopped. Pickets line the streets. Trucks idle on the pavements with no one to unload their goods. Truckmen dumped bales of goods on streets and not a boy leaps forward to move them into the buildings. Union elevator operators refuse to carry shipping clerks with packages. Flying squadrons of union members had succeeded by noon of the first day in clearing the streets of the familiar delivery boys who carry garments from shop to shop.

Strike is Culmination of Phenomenal Growth

The first response to the strike bore out union claims of the phenomenal growth of this Federal local of the A.F. of L. Packers, porters, assorters, charge clerks, errand boys and the "push boys" who shove carts of dresses through the district between West Thirtieth and West Forty-first streets. They remained in front of their building until 9 A. M. of the first day, when they left

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Teachers' "Loyalty Oath" Laws Passed in 7 More States

Washington, D. C.—Teachers in seven more states will now have the privilege of pledging loyalty to a constitution which has been invoked against prohibiting the labor of the very children they are trying to train into useful citizens.

In a survey made by the Committee on Academic Freedom of the American Civil Liberties Union, seven states were reported passing these reactionary bills in this year's legislative sessions, while nine states refused to be stamped by the vicious campaign headed by the Daughters of the American Revolution and supported by the American Legion, Hearst, the Chamber of Commerce, the Elks, and similar tools of reaction which masquerade under patriotism, and defeated these bills.

Not since 1931, when six states passed these laws has the propaganda behind such bills been so powerful. A resolution was even introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington calling on the states to enact loyalty oath bills, but it was defeated. In all, twenty states now have laws requiring teachers to take oaths of loyalty.

12,000 Shipping Clerks Strike

Youth Revolt Closes Catalin Sweatshop

Mass Arrests Fail to Daunt Young Strikers

A young lady well known to the circulation department of The Challenge sends in this letter of her experiences working in a Catalin shop where the Celluloid, Catalin and Galalith Workers' Union has jurisdiction. What a Catalin is or looks like the Editor has been unable to ascertain so leaves it to the imagination of the readers. But this vivid account of young workers in arms against sweatshop conditions and how they organized and went out on strike requires little imagination of our many young worker readers who have had similar experiences.

BY TILLIE SMITH

Just came over to the Yipsel office, straight from jail. I was in jail last night too. I'll probably go to jail tomorrow and maybe the next night. It's a game we play with the New York cops.

Last Wednesday we pulled the shop out on strike. By the end of the week, we had the place cleared—180 workers, 50 of them being very young people of Yipsel age. Last Thursday, we ran a mass picket line, shouting slogans and singing strike songs. The cops tried to break it up, but we insisted on our right to picket and went ahead. Then they told us we would have to stop stouting. We stopped for five minutes and then continued. We carried on until every scab was out of the place. Friday they chased us for three blocks and broke it up.

Mass Arrests Don't Faze These Strikers

The next two days we just did our regular work with no mass picket. Yesterday, we had a picket line again. We kept the line orderly, and quiet. The cops threatened three times to pull us in. But we went right ahead, maintaining a quiet, orderly single-file, mass picket. They pulled about 35 of us in and charged us with disorderly conduct. At night court our case was adjourned to Thursday.

Today, after listening to Norman Thomas for about 10 minutes we decided to mass picket again. We did and were arrested again. This time about 75 of us went to jail. This time the charge was blocking traffic.

We expect a settlement by next week at least. We were getting eight bucks a week for 44 hours. Most of the people working in the shop had to work overtime every day and it sometimes mounted to 50 or 60 hours, for which we got no extra compensation. Some people even had to come in Sundays. As soon as this strike is settled, three or four more catalin shops will come out. The shipping clerks are out.

Strike Paper Staff Gets Jugged

There are about 3 YCL'ers in the shop and no more than three sympathizers and members of Commie innocent clubs. We have a shop fraction of 13 or 14. It seems that the commies are exceptionally dumb commies, not acting innocent, but really dumb; while the Yipsels are in the foreground and leading the strike. The other leaders who are not Yipsels or commies are swell contacts of ours. Besides having contacts and good ones among the rank and file.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the first issue of our strike paper of which Morris Milgram is the editor and one of our good contacts doing quite a lot of work. I put out a strike song sheet and am putting another one out soon. The next issue of the strike paper would have come out today, but the whole staff was locked up, so we had to postpone it. I'll send you a copy as soon as it comes of the press (mimeo!).

Everything is going fine—the workers have the militancy, the fight, the daring, the loyalty to the union, that is found only in youth. It's an inspiration to work with them.

Garment Industry Shipping Clerks Tie Up New York Mart

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for strike headquarters. Strikers ranging in age from sixteen to twenty-five years lined up in front of the Christ Church strike headquarters.

Numerous boys carrying packages were stopped by pickets who asked them to join the strike. Most of them did, leaving the packages with elevator operators who were asked to tell the bosses they could carry them to their offices themselves. More than 100 police were on duty although picketing was peaceful.

Support Pledged By Other Unions

Strike headquarters were jammed with hundreds of boys waiting for picket assignments, registration and the like. Boys brought in by flying squadrons overflowed into the streets. An attempt to stage a parade was called off after police interfered on the ground no permit was issued.

The strikers are asking a thirty-five hour five-day week with time and a half for overtime, six legal holidays, sharing of work in the dull season, a closed shop and a minimum wage ranging from \$23 to \$40 a week. The average wage now is \$15 a week, while hours are almost unlimited as the bosses decree.

Union labor in a half dozen different crafts aided the strikers. Truckmen agreed not to touch their loads or carry them into buildings. President William Green of the A.F. of L. wired pledges of full support, while William Gomberg, young Socialist secretary of the union, and representatives of the teamsters, the Building Service Employees Union and the Central Trades and Labor Council, promised a vigorous strike.

LABOR CHIEF



Leo Krzycki, Nat'l Chairman of the Socialist Party and Vice Pres. of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' union whose new pamphlet on "Trade Unions and the Socialists" should be in the hands of every young worker. Young Workers with whom Krzycki has worked call him the "Hammer of the Needle Trade."

"The Workers Are A Nation To Themselves"

BY WALER R. STOREY

The concept of Internationalism held by young Socialists of the United States and other countries is in keeping with the best traditions of the Socialist movement. Although new factors have been injected into the international scene, the following quotation from Wilhelm Liebknecht still summarizes our philosophy of Internationalism:

"We Socialists are one nation to ourselves—one and the same international nation in all the lands of the earth. And the capitalists with their agents, instruments and dupes are likewise an international nation, so that we can truthfully say, there are today only two great nations in all lands that battle with each other in the great class struggle which is the new revolution—a class struggle on one side of which stands the proletariat, representing Socialism, and on the other the bourgeoisie, representing capitalism.

Under Capitalism All States Are Class States

"While the bourgeois world of capitalism continues and the bourgeois rules, so long as all states necessarily class states, and all governments class governments, serving the purposes and interests of the ruling class, and destined to lead the class struggle for the bourgeoisie against the proletariat, for capitalism against Socialism, for our enemies and against us."

In the light of Liebknecht's statement of the Revolutionary Socialist idea of Internationalism, let us consider a couple of important international problems confronting our movement today.

First, the League of Nations. What kind of states, what kind of governments comprise that body? The

This clear-cut article on the Socialist position on Internationalism is timely because of two events of world significance to the working class:

First is the impotence of the League of Nations in the present war crisis.

Second is the Communist International's virtual endorsement of 'good wars against Fascism' and collaboration with democratic capitalist parties.

Illustrating both these conditions, Maxim Litvinoff, wily Soviet Diplomat who is President of the League of Nations, actually voted for measures which would give the League sanction to the dismemberment of Ethiopia to save the League's face.

answer is obvious: Capitalist states, capitalist governments, with the sole exception of Soviet Russia, constitute the League.

Socialist Policy Towards League

The capitalist powers in the League of Nations are not in it for the purpose of preventing the working-class from becoming cannon-fodder in another imperialist war. They are in that organization in order to use it for the advancement or protection of their imperialist interests. These governments are for peace if they can further or defend the interests of their ruling-class without resorting to war.

A Socialist country—that is, a nation in which the means of production are socially owned and democratically managed—should join the League of Nations and use that body

Decatur Girls' Grit Balks Scab Courts

Heroic Young Garment Workers Still Solid After 7 Months

BY HELEN REED
(Member, Local 120, ILGWU)

Decatur, Ill. — The fight of the International Ladies Garment Workers' union in Decatur, Illinois for recognition of their union and their rights of collective bargaining is still on seven months since that memorable St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th when the girls first walked out. And it will be on, President Dubin-

sky assured us in his recent visit here, until victory and agreement is achieved. You should have heard the applause that greeted his announcement that the strike would go on for two years if necessary! Several of our strikers were so happy over it that they went down the street, accosting strangers to tell them that the "strike has just begun."

No Quitters Here!

Our membership has no intention of quitting, despite the fact that we are going into the seventh month of the strike. Our ranks are still unbroken and the morale of the strikers is even better than it was when we went out last February. Most of us have gained weight—from two to twenty pounds—despite the fact that the opposition is putting out the stories that we are starving.

Repeated refusal of the four manufacturers to meet with our representatives or to leave the matter to arbitration, along with the inhuman and unfair treatment we have received from law enforcement agencies has only increased our determination to strike until we win or until all the firms are bankrupt. We know that we can not expect help from anyone else. Politicians at grass roots conventions may talk about being for collective bargaining—for votes—but they will do no more to bring it about in their own home towns than the chairman of their resolutions committee, Ed Hayes, former National Commander of the American Legion, does in Decatur, his home town. He even accuses a University of Illinois professor who was sympathetic enough to come over and talk to us, of being a "Red" and a communist.

"Impartial" Courts Involve Bosses Law

Since early in April we have been handicapped by an injunction that was supposed to be only "temporary." For the past several weeks the Judge has been listening to testimony in a hearing to dissolve the injunction.

Though we have been handicapped by the injunction with its stringent limitation of picketing and protection of scabs (which made them unbearably insolent) we are getting the cooperation of many unknown friends who believe in the principles we are fighting for and who are assisting us in that fight by refusing to buy scab-made "Darlene," "Home Made," "Bonnie," "Trixie," and "Decatur Maid" dresses.

Every day brings boxes of dresses that have been returned, and every day brings cancelled orders. We certainly appreciate the interest sympathizers are showing us everywhere.

Singing Dismays Bosses

We do not know whether the Judge will accommodate the bosses with a permanent injunction or not. Attorney for the bosses has been particularly mean. In fact he has been very contemptible in his cross examinations. The other night after he had made a very slurring remark about one of our witness' war record, the Judge adjourned court immediately in order to avert a riot. Even then their scab lawyer was saved from being mobbed only through the efforts of our strike leader, Harry Rufer.

The attorney was asked if he fought in the war and he said "no," but he "helped make it possible." He said he helped pay for it. Cross examination has shown how much it "gets" them that we are singing strikers. They can't understand how we can be happy enough to sing. One of the bosses said we wouldn't go back to work if we could. "They're having too good a time, they're always laughing and singing on the picket line," he said.

And that tells you whether we've lost our spirit and our pep or not!

YPSL JOINS 5,000 WPA PARADERS

A demonstration of more than five thousand unemployed workers in historic Union Square on August 17 climaxed the strike against the New Deal's "coolie wage" for W. P.A. projects. The demonstration, sponsored by the Workers' Unemployed Union, was supported by trade unions, the Socialist Party, and the Young People's Socialist League.

Following the mass meeting, the workers paraded to the office of General Hugh S. Johnson, W. P. A. administrator for New York, to demand the payment of union wages on all relief projects. However the general sent down word that he was not in.

Among the speakers at the demonstration was Noah C. A. Walters Jr., former member of the Yipsel N.E.C. Other speakers were David Lasser, chairman of the W. U. U.; Leo Rosenblum and Leonard Bright of the Bookkeepers', Stenographers' and Accountants' Union; John F. Sullivan, John Papham, and Joseph Rosenthal of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and Jacob Mersky, president of Local 37 of the Bricklayers Union.

Socialist Youth Week Plans Stress Anti-War Activity

"SOLIDARITY" BONFIRES IN OCTOBER 1-7 EVENTS

Chicago—Plans for the most significant anti-war demonstrations the Young Socialists of America have yet held were mapped out in a special bulletin sent to all YPSL circles giving instructions for this year's observance of International Socialist Youth Week, October 1st to the 7th.

This year's celebrations will be sponsored by a national committee of which the following organizations are being asked to be a part: Young Circle League of America, Young Poale Zion Alliance, Student League for Industrial Democracy, the Red Falcons and the Socialist Party. Local arrangements will be in the hands of joint committees of representatives of locals of these organizations.

The immediate objectives of International Socialist Youth Week are twofold: First, to popularize the Socialist position on war and the role of the Y.P.S.L. in opposing war; secondly, to activate the membership of the socialistic youth organizations to the fight against war. In achieving these objectives the national directions point out two chief methods to be employed by local groups.

Wars Are Not for "National Defense"

The first method is outdoor mass rallies, in which will participate the youth of all Socialist mass organizations. The second method is a "Solidarity Bonfire." The mass rallies will be arranged by local arrangement committee with prominent youth speakers scheduled. The theme of the speakers at these meetings will be the Socialist Position on war and their program for combatting the policies of the capitalist governments that lead to it. Particular stress will be laid on the need of sweeping away illusions of wars of "national defense" and support of those imperialist governments that are allies of the Soviet Union.

A special feature of this year's celebration are solidarity bonfires, in which the Young Socialists will commemorate the struggle of their Austrian comrades against Fascism in February, 1934 and rededicate themselves to the international fight of the working class for a world of peace and freedom. Bonfires on the hills surrounding Vienna and other cities are a method used by the Austrian Socialists on May Day, the Anniversary of the Revolution, and no doubt during International Socialist Youth Week, to inform the workers that the movement still lives and carries on the fight.

Rededication to Socialism in Bonfire Pledge

Plans of the Young Socialists of this country call for a hike of local members to some spot on the outskirts of their town or to some beach on the night of October 5th. After such features on the program as the local committee arranges, the Young Socialists will assemble around the bonfire and repeat en masse a pledge of loyalty to their movement rededicating themselves to the cause of Socialism in the spirit of their fighting Austrian comrades.

A statement on the importance of this year's celebration, preceding the instructions, points out that International Socialist Youth Week had its origin in the 1915 Congress of the Socialist Youth International, held in Berne, Switzerland. This Congress in the words of the statement, "...instead of following the social-patriotism of the great Socialist parties, declared its opposition to imperialist war and called upon youth to demonstrate to end the war then going on." The closing words of the statement call upon the Young Socialists of America to uphold the anti-war traditions of the Socialist Party of America "...in the spirit of Debs stand before the world and hurl our defiance into the face of the war-making ruling class and all its allies, within and without the Labor movement."

Seven members of the Bakers' Union and two Yipsels were arrested in the Bronx Saturday evening, August 17, engaging in mass picketing in front of a scab bakery. They were paroled in custody of their attorney pending the trial.

A Mighty Answer to Hitler Olympics

Demands Abolition of Trustee Tyranny Over Universities

BY JOSEPH LASH

(Nat'l. Secretary of the Student LID)
Sometimes one meets in radical publications a cartoon labeled "Ruling Class," which cartoon will show a puff-bellied financier, a sanctimonious fat-joweled bishop, a suave prosperous barrister, a spiffy general, a lynx-eyed statesman, etc. This clique is supposed to symbolize the class in society which is reactionary, capitalist, and opposed to the working class. It represents the "successful" people in modern society.

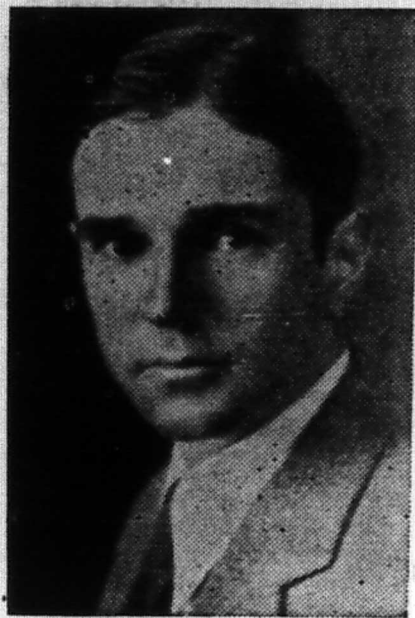
You may think this cartoon a crude caricature, but visit a meeting of a Board of Trustees of some large university some day (if you can get in), and you will rub your eyes, for this crude caricature finds its actualization in a fashion more vivid than any radical artist has every tried to draw.

Boards Represent Vested Interests

Our colleges are governed by these Boards of Trustees, by these cliques, each one of which is a microcosm symbolizing in itself the vested interests of capitalist society. These cliques maintain a rigid, autocratic control over the colleges and universities. They perpetuate themselves usually, and rarely are responsible to anyone but themselves.

If college education today is a defense of the status quo, if truth is corruption and curiosity stifled, if militarism is encouraged and conscientious objectors expelled, it is because our system of higher education is so completely dominated by the ruling classes. Education has always reflected the interests of the dominant class of a given historical period. In the early history of this country when the Puritan theocracy was so powerful, higher education was primarily religious. When in-

DEFIES MILITIA



Powers Hapgood, jailed with Leo Vernon as they led the Socialist fight to break Gov. "Mussolini" McNutt's military dictatorship over Terre Haute Labor.

dustry and finance became the basic force in America life, practical courses began to oust ethics and religion from the curriculum, and the financier began to replace the clergyman on the Boards of Trustees. This wasn't a difficult process, since it was the financier who supplied the endowments and subsidies.

Why Not Students On Boards?

The student in college today must be alert and evaluate the education he receives realizing that its primary intention is to uphold the status quo, and that there is a side of learning that never will be presented to him within the classroom, ideas that are forbidden and books that are not included in his bibliographies. But more than that—the student must use the democratic and equalitarian traditions of our country and raise the slogan of democracy in educa-

Seen in Cleveland Labor Olympiad

A mighty spectacle of the prowess of workingclass athletes!

A mighty answer to the holding of the traditional Olympics in Nazi Germany, in the land where the Hitler oppression has stamped out the very ideals of international good will and tolerance the Olympics were organized to foster!

This will be the twofold function of the huge Labor Olympiad to be held in Cleveland on the week-end of July 4th in 1935. The Olympiad is being arranged by the Czech-American Workingmen's Gymnastic Union (D.T.J. and D.A.S.), one of the af-

tion. It is an absurdity that neither faculty nor student bodies have representation on these Boards of Trustees.

We should undertake a campaign against trustee domination adapting it to the situation we find on our campus. We may demand that representatives of the student body at least be allowed to sit in at trustee meetings. We may demand faculty representation on the board. Our newspapers should reveal the class interests represented on the various Boards. We should raise an insistent demand for placing representatives of labor on these Boards.

We must demand the participation in the government of the college—not merely a partial control of extra-curricular activities—but a voice in the vital affairs of the college. So long as students and faculty have no voice in faculty appointments, in curriculum changes, in disciplinary actions, Boards of Trustees will continue to function with all the wilfulness and conservatism of star chamber groups.

This is the campaign and position of the Student League for Industrial Democracy.

filiated groups of the Workers' Sports League of America. Athletes from European as well as American workingclass organizations will participate, while the Young People's Socialist League will hold its Midwest Jamboree simultaneously with the Olympiad.

Religious Groups Urge Boycott Action

In addition to the sentiment within the Socialist and labor movement, a strong trend is developing in America for the boycott of the "Hitler Olympics." The Commonweal, Catholic organ, and the Christian Century, foremost Protestant journal in the United States, are both urging boycott action. Westbrook Pegler, popular sports commentator, has taken the lead through his column in solidifying boycott opinion among the ordinary sports groups.

The Y.P.S.L. is organizing similar action among its allied groups and recently, the National Council of the American Youth Congress adopted a boycott resolution. It is the duty of Socialists to build this boycott movement and to win its advocates to support of the Labor Olympiad as the most effective expression of opposition to the Hitler Olympics.

Information concerning the Olympiad can be secured from Frank Balek, 24-27 32nd St., Astoria, L. I., N. Y. Help in building local workers' sports clubs, or information on how to contact existing local groups can be secured by writing to the Sports Department, Y.P.S.L., 549 Randolph St. Sports is one of the fields upon which young workers of both sexes can be organized on a basis that permits of wide appeal. Socialists should take aggressive action in building the American section of the Socialist Workers' Sports International—the Workers Sports League of America.

20 YEARS AFTER BERNE

By ERNEST ERBER

It was twenty years ago that the Socialist Youth International met in Berne, Switzerland, in the center of war-torn Europe and rededicated the Socialist Youth of the world to the struggle against capitalist war. International Socialist Youth Week, which the Young People's Socialist League will celebrate from Oct. 1st to the 7th, had its origin in this historic congress.

After twenty years that were rich in experience for the Labor movement on the nature of war in this age of imperialism, the task that faced the Young Socialists at Berne is still before us. The important difference is that in 1915 the Young Socialists saw about them the ruins of a great International and faced the problem of again welding International solidarity, whereas we face the task of carrying on an uncompromising fight to save the Labor movement from another August 1914.

The great congresses of the 2nd International had on several occasions adopted ringing anti-war resolutions prior to 1914. Thousands of banners borne aloft in May Day demonstrations all over Europe proclaimed to the world "The Workingclass knows no country." Yet in August 1914 the Socialist members of the German Reichstag were voting war credits to defend German freedom and culture from Russian barbarism and the French Socialist Party was becoming, along with the Czar, a part of the Allied war machine to save the world from Prussian militarism.

The World War found the International Socialist movement permeated with a reformism that turned social-patriotic, each Party defending its country as the home of the greatest number of socialist inspired reforms and therefore closest to achieving socialism. The revolutionary sections were caught unprepared and the patriotic stampede confused them and carried them away.

We have a two-fold task in preventing another August 1914. First to rid the Socialist movement of social-patriotism and carry on the campaign to win the Labor movement for our position. Second to crush the war moves of capitalism with the might of Labor, or failing in this to remain a determined minority around which the masses can rally, soon war-weary after the first wave of hysterical patriotism.

War Traitors Have Crept into Our Ranks

That the Labor movement is heading toward another 1914 is very evident. The excuses offered by the leading Socialist Parties after 1914 are today being drummed into the ears of the workers even before war breaks out. Thus have the social patriots taken a leaf from the book of the jingoists who make an art of preparing the minds of the people for war. Today the social-patriotic sections of the Socialist movement and the Communist International are singing in unison the old songs of "national defense," "defense of small and neutral states," "defense of democracy," and a special Comintern number, "no struggle against Imperialist allies of the Soviet Union."

"Make Freedom Constitutional"

Is the challenge hurled by the Young People's Socialist League to the young people of America. It is the title of Aaron Levenstein's pamphlet on the Hillquit Workers Rights Amendment, now before Congress as House Joint Resolution No. 327.

The pamphlet, originally issued by the Greater New York YPSL and now by the National Office, can be obtained from the YPSL, 549 Randolph Street, Chicago. Prices are: 45 for 75 cents, 65 for one dollar, 100 for \$1.50.

The Socialist theory of the class struggle holds that the conflict between the workers and those who exploit them is inevitable and unceasing as long as capitalism exists. There can be no armistice in the class struggle because the capitalist class is faced with a crisis. Whether that crisis is an economic crisis or a war crisis is no concern of the working class whose task is and remains the overthrow of the capitalist class.

Democracy No Fetish

Revolutionary Socialists have neither made a fetish of democracy nor have they discovered only yesterday that it is to be defended against a reactionary capitalism embracing fascism. We are guided by the knowledge that the government under capitalism is an instrument of the capitalist class regardless of its form. We look upon bourgeois democracy as a historical development, shaped to suit the needs of the capitalist class in its age of infancy and expansion. The capitalist class does not hesitate to smash democracy when necessary to prevent the working class from taking power or to overcome the resistance of the working class to a lowering of its standard of living. It is impossible to support the capitalist class in a war "in defense of democratic states" when we realize that the capitalist class of every democratic nation is prepared to smash democracy whenever necessary.

In this age of Imperialism it is impossible for Socialists to support wars of defense by the capitalist class of "small and neutral nations." World capitalism leaves the interests of no capitalist class neutral and isolated. Weak nations are invariably tied to the foreign policy of some imperialist nation or group of nations. Did Great Britain's entering the World War in defence of Belgian neutrality justify British Socialists supporting their government? Or could the violation of

Belgian neutrality have justified the Belgian Socialists becoming part of the Allied war machine, which included Czarist Russia?

Concerning Soviet Defense

As Revolutionary Socialists we regard the defense of the Soviet Union not merely as the defense of certain boundaries, but as the defense of the outpost of the World Revolution. There the workers are holding the lines waiting for the next offensive on the world front. The onward march of Fascism, crushing one working class after another, will also crush the Soviet Union. Only the world revolution can give permanent security to the Soviet Union.

A policy that retards the world revolution does not only hand over the workers of the world to Fascism, but seals the fate of the Soviet Union. A policy that advocates civil peace between capitalist and workers in nations that happen to be allies of the Soviet Union retards the world revolution. Such is the policy of the Communist International growing out of the Stalin-Laval Pact. It was the defeat of the German workingclass, for which the Comintern was so largely responsible, that made the Stalin-Laval Pact necessary. Stalin was forced to pledge the assistance of the Red Army to French Imperialism to gain a breathing spell for the Soviet Union. Not only was he not forced, but it was the basest treason for Stalin to pledge the French Communist Party and the workers it influences to French Imperialism.

We have yet a short time to win the Labor movement for Revolutionary Socialism. We must concentrate on this work. If we fail we must be prepared to stand again in the next war as a minority; a minority that holds high the banner of Debs and the St. Louis Declaration and serves as the rallying point of the working people determined not only to end war but to end the war-making system.

DUCE'S VENTURE PERILS IMPERIALISM

On with the Challengers

BY SUB CHASER

Agonizing August might well be the name of the last of these summer months which torment the shekel collectors of Socialist papers. Though somewhat better than rock bottom July, we got in a mere 123 subs.

Let our past begone for the moment, here's a word about this month of September. It's the first month of our Fall Subscription Campaign for 2500 new subs so let's make it a real send-off month.

Later on, during October and November in particular, a large corps of speakers will be toured nationally for the Challenge. But during September it will be wholly up to our Challengers to hit 500 new subs for the first time in Challenge history. And here's a special reason why.

All of you know that on September 15th, Melos Most, former youth editor of the Socialist Call will become Managing Editor of the Challenge. Let's give him a real welcome that will inspire him to build up this paper ever closer to "our heart's desire." Every Challenger should get in one club of 4 subs to greet Melos as he deserves.

Now for our last month's roll call: **NEW YORK (42)** New York City: Winston Dancis, whom so many of us learned well to know during his fruitful term as national secretary of the YPSL sends us 17 subs to remember him by. Thanks, Win, glad you didn't let your Editorial Board duties make you forget the business end. Tillie Smith gets in 10 subs between..... well, read her letter yourself!

Brooklyn: Sam Brookoff opens up with a club of 5 while Kermit Haber comes back after a summer's siesta with a club of 4.

MASSACHUSETTS (34) Fitchburg: Tauno Valimaki, another member of our Editorial Board and Secretary of this state's YPSL, sends in clubs totalling to no less than 35 subs! That's one of the largest clubs in Challenge history, being previously exceeded only twice!

Gerald Coleman, now organizing in New Jersey, and Hilliard Bernstein, at the Southern Socialist Summer School in South Carolina, each got in 4. Among others who didn't let vacationitis interfere with sub-getting were Shirley Sarason and Edith Neidorf of Chicago, Sam Weisberg of Pittsburgh, Ray Strohl of Pottstown, Pa., Harry Becker of San Francisco, Heien Lehr of Milwaukee, John Van Hazinga, Wisconsin state organizer and Lou Katzowitz of Brooklyn.

So much for an entirely too small list of active Challengers. The rest of these words might well be entitled "Swan Song" because Melos will be on the job with our next issue, which, incidentally, will center around the theme of International Socialist Youth Week.

Many a time I've gotten kind of impatient (as Sub Chaser) in seeing those circulation totals rise so slowly, even to griping about some of you lax rank and file Sub Chasers. Well, now I'm joining you, and I'm going to do some ball showing up of some of you birds who thought you were good sub chasers, incidentally proving I can rake in the subs as well as record them.

Being a sort of obstreperous and unorthodox kind of guy, so they tell me, I want to lead a real rank and file revolt! And here's the occasion: Let's give Melos a welcome he'll never forget! Let's every one of us Challengers get in one sub during this month and greet him with—for the first time in Challenge history—500 new subs in one month! Are you with me? We'll see in the October issue!

Yours for that Powerful Socialist Youth Press.

Syd Devin

Mussolini Madness Gives Imperialists Case of Jitters

TROOP DESERTIONS POINT TO DUCE'S DESTRUCTION

BY FRANK PALMER

New York—(FP)—The State Departments of the world are brewing war again. That means death for millions of starry-eyed boys. But it means death of an empire or so, too.

Mussolini has embarked upon that trail toward possible world dominion which is so clearly marked by the skeletons of czars and kings. And which echoes with the wood chopping at Doorn.

Hundreds of thousands of Italian boys, who have been fed for years on stories of high achievement, the rebuilding of the great Roman empire, the glory of conquest, cheer as they march away. Then they find that the bands stop playing, the dictators and generals fade, the speeches are over, and the road to empire becomes a jungle path beset by fiercely fighting natives, by reptiles and tropical disease. In the rear is an officer who will certainly kill if one retreats; in front lies terror.

Turn Imperialist War Into "Civil War"

The starry eyes deaden, the flushed face blanches; then it's quicklime and a shallow trench. Soon stretcher bearers begin to note that a growing proportion of dead officers have been shot in the back. The boys—men now—remember that those who didn't come along because they were tossed into Fascist jails talked revolt, "refuse to die for the imperialists, turn the war into civil war." It had all sounded strange, unpatriotic, shameful. But it makes sense now. So does the Piave retreat. So does the German army marching on Berlin to overthrow the kaiser, the Russians crushing czar and capitalist on their road to peace and power. And when those ideas grip an army, the dictator's dream of empire ends.

Yet Mussolini must go on. He has made the dictator's speeches and now he must make good. He has driven the people to a poverty they will no longer endure and now he must turn their minds from hunger to heroism. He has impoverished the people to equip a great arm and now it must be used. A dictatorship is its own destruction.

Where will that destruction end? That is the question that breaks the complacency of British diplomacy. If Italy is defeated, every colored colonial in the world will say: "Perhaps we can defeat the white imperialists too." How many will try? How many will win? How many Britishers will be wiped out on African and Indian frontiers? Dutch and French imperialist have the same worries, intensified.

Is Mussolini merely endangering an empire—or imperialism?

PICTURES WANTED!

Of Socialist activities, demonstrations, strikes, anti-war rallies, picket lines, etc. Pictures showing conditions, home and on the job, of the workers and farmers. Send positives and negatives to The Challenge at 549 Randolph St., Chicago.

They will be used to make up slide sets for stereopticon use by several Chicago comrades who are working on this project. They will be available, when finished, for use by YPSL circles and party branches from the Y.P.S.L. National Office. Especially good pictures will be used in The Challenge.

NAZIS RAID YPSL STREET MEETING

A street meeting held by Bronx Yipsels in behalf of Local 507 of the Bakers Union was disrupted by an organized gang of Nazis. The speakers, Sid Bykofsky of Circle 11, Jr. and Irving Hornstein of Circle 11 Sr. narrowly escaped being beaten up.

At the request of the union the Yipsels had assembled at 163rd St. and Trinity Ave., a few feet from the scab bakery against which the bakers were fighting. A picket was placed in front of the shop and the platform was set up on the corner. A group of over fifty Nazis from the surrounding German-speaking neighborhood immediately gathered around.

After shouting threats for a time, the Nazis attempted to overturn the platform and get at the speakers. The Yipsels resisted, and a small scale riot ensued. Despite the Nazis' warning not to come back, the Young Socialists have announced their intention of returning to the corner in force.

Harry Fleischman of Circle 2 Sr., Manhattan, was arrested for singing the "International" at a beach party given by Brighton Beach Yipsels. After passing the night in the local Hoosegow, he was given a suspended sentence.

Student Seminars On September Schedule

Fresh from successful summer schools, the Young People's Socialist League is holding student seminars in ten cities during the month of September. These seminars will aim to train Young Socialists for effective educational and organization work on the high school and college campuses.

New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Milwaukee plan extensive weekend affairs. Reading, Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago and Newark were completing their preparations as The Challenge went to press.

During the latter part of August two Socialist summer schools were held. Saima Park, Fitchburg, Mass., was the scene of a week-long YPSL school on socialist problems and organizational work. Fifty-five students attended. The school opened with a state-wide picnic on Sunday, August 18th, with 700 people present. Winston Dancis, eastern district secretary of the League, was one of the instructors.

In Los Angeles, more than 20 students attended a two-week school at the Workmen's Circle colony, just outside of the city. Roy Burt was the leading instructor.

The New Jersey YPSL sponsored a series of four bi-weekly state seminars on Sundays at Camp Elsinore, the Cooperative Workers Sports Alliance camp in Scotch Plains.

Young Workers Must Fight

Fascist Menace

(Reprinted from The New Nation, organ of Britain's Young Socialists.)

The Hitler dictator, hip has lasted for two years and it is possible now to give some idea to young workers in other countries of what Nazism has meant to their comrades in Germany.

When Hitler came to power a section of the younger generation believed that his promises to find work for the people would be fulfilled, but by this time they have found out how bitterly they have been deceived. The official statistics of the Hitler Government create the impression that unemployment among young people is decreasing, but in reading these figures, it is well to remember that the young people who have disappeared from the statistical records now find their place on the Voluntary Labor Service.

Labor Camps Mean Military Training

This service, when first instituted, was a social and recreational institution conducted with the aid of the Trade Unions. Today, its character has been entirely transformed, and it has a definite military touch about it. During the past twelve months hundreds of thousands of young workers who have been in the Labor Camps have had to carry out the military duties which Hitler has designated for the younger generation of German people.

Young People who refuse to participate in Voluntary Labor Services are debarred from unemployment benefit, and are subsequently denied opportunities for employment. Employers are urged to engage only those young people who possess "the labor pass" which is given to those who have completed a period of six months in the Voluntary Labor Service.

Another extraordinary decision of Hitler which has had a serious effect upon young workers was one to the effect that young workers under 25 years of age in employment must vacate their posts in industry in favor of unemployed adult and married workers. It was forbidden, too, for employers to engage young unemployed people under 25 years of age without the approval of the Labor office.

Back to Soil to Eternal Toil

Young workers who have lost their employment because of this decision have had to work on the land. The terms of employment are not very attractive, and the farmers have things very much their own way. In fact, it is no exaggeration to say that most often young workers are entirely at the mercy of the farmer, and all the protests in the world will fail to secure betterment of their conditions. It is estimated that, during 1934, over 100,000 male young workers and 30,000 female young workers were engaged in landwork. Although temporarily taken out of industry, they have not the slightest guarantee that employment will later be found for them in the industry from which they have been transferred.

Another vital decision of the Nazis which is of special concern to young people was the recent decision to introduce conscription. The first age classes of young German have already been called for military service, and during the coming year all those classes of the younger generation who were not in active service for the last year, will be called upon to engage in military training.

Militarism! Degradation of Germany

It is a serious business. It means that the old spirit of German militarism is rising again, and, under the Hitler dictatorship, its character becomes much more menacing. The young citizens of Germany are de-

fensless. Their political and social rights are taken from them. They have no alternative but to perform military service for the dictatorship which they hate and detest.

The young workers who are opposed to the Hitler regime are unable to carry on an open propaganda on behalf of the principles to which they are so firmly attached. Their organizations are disbanded, and such work as they can do has to be done illegally. But the work is going on, and young workers are combining with their older comrades in the task of holding aloft the banner of Socialism amid all the oppression and drum beating propaganda of the Nazis.

"Not for Themselves Alone"

These groups of young Socialists are today in a tiny minority, but the fight they are putting up against the Hitler regime is a fight not for themselves alone, but for that great ideal of humanity, justice and morality which inspires the work and propaganda of Socialists throughout the world.

Today, these ideals in Germany are trodden under foot and reviled by a barbarous dictatorship; it is only a very few who can openly acknowledge their faith and idealism. But it will not always be so. The inevitable conflict between the barbarism of the Third Reich and the ideals of liberty and justice will continue, and in the final struggle, victory will come to the cause of Socialist youth.

WELCOME MELOS!

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The Challenge Fall Subscription Drive for 2500 new subscriptions commences on that same day, September 15th!

Let's welcome Melos and give the Fall Drive a rousing send off!

Comrades:

Here's my hand in welcoming Melos and giving a real send off in our Fall Drive to build our youth press. Enclosed find \$..... covering payment, at 25c each, for the attached yearly subscriptions.

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