

Appeal to Socialist Youth For Joint Fight on Fascism Is Made by Leader of Y.C.I.

An ardent appeal for the firm establishment everywhere of the united front of youth which has already been formed in the course of action in many parts of the world was made by V. E. Chemsanov, secretary of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International, in a speech at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International.

Following is the section of his speech dealing with the question of unity.

The Young Communist International has come to the World Congress ideologically and organizationally consolidated. The Y. C. I. has firmly entered the path of struggle for a united front with the Socialist youth and for the amalgamation of all non-fascist youth in the struggle against fascism.

We see our weaknesses and shortcomings. But recording these weaknesses and shortcomings, we are able to say today: the Young Communist International is a world revolutionary league of the youth around which ever wider sections of the anti-fascist youth forces are gathering.

The Leninist Young Communist League of the U. S. S. R. occupies a place of honor in the Young Communist International, its members having acquired fame in the struggle for the realization of the great dream of mankind, the building up of a classless socialist society. (Applause.)

Fighting Youth Hailed

A place of honor is occupied in the Young Communist International by the glorious young Communist fighters of the heroic Red Army of China who defend freedom with their blood, who fight for the establishment of the power of the workers and peasants. (Applause.)

A place of honor is occupied in the Young Communist International by the young Communists of Spain, Austria, Germany, Poland, Italy, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, who in defiance of terror and ruthless torture, are waging a heroic struggle in the interests of the workers class.

The Young Communist International has stood unshaken on the positions of irreconcilable class struggle, and precisely because of that has come to the World Congress of the Communist International a united and solid monolithic organization.

The Socialist Youth

Quite different is the situation in the Young Socialist International. The members and followers of this International deeply believed for too long a time that a peaceful transition is possible from capitalism to socialism. But the class struggle, the bourgeois, fascist offensive, has convinced considerable sections of the youth that the onslaught of capitalism cannot be repelled, let alone the overthrow of capitalist domination, without a revolutionary struggle.

The Young Socialist International had to revise many of its fundamental views as a result of the accentuated class struggle.

The Socialist Youth found itself involved in the active class struggle. The reformist theory that only adults, only parties, and not the youth or their organizations should meddle in politics, has turned out a fiasco. The correctness of Lenin's contention that the youth plays an enormous role in the class struggle and that without organizational independence it cannot be trained in the spirit of struggle for socialism, has been confirmed fully and completely. The most revolutionary and active sections of the youth have realized that the split in the international youth movement plays into the hands of fascism, the instigators of a new imperialist war and the enemies of the toiling youth.

United Action in Many Lands

We, the Communist youth, have met with support from the most radical Young Socialists of Spain, Austria, France, Italy, Germany, Poland, Latvia, Czechoslovakia, Argentina, Switzerland, Great Britain and Belgium. What did their support consist of? The most radical young Socialists in those countries, in the main, supported our united front proposals for the struggle against fascist reaction and in the interests of the toiling youth.

Unfortunately the leaders of the Young Socialist International occupy a peculiar position on the question of struggle for the united front.

The Executive Committee of the YCI has made three proposals to the Executive Committee of the YSI to jointly discuss the question of how to launch a joint struggle against the common class enemy. We proposed to establish a united front with the object of joint defence of the German youth against fascist terror and violence. We proposed to establish a united front for the joint defence of the Spanish youth. This year we proposed a joint struggle against the fascist militarization of the youth. None of our proposals were answered. Why? It is difficult to answer for the leadership of the Young Socialist International. Perhaps our proposals for a joint struggle will be taken up at the forthcoming Congress of the Young Socialist International which will give a complete answer.

Tasks of the Youth

We know that the leadership of the Young Socialist International took a neutral position on the united front question last year. We know that in the Young Socialist International a struggle is going on between two tendencies, one for the united front and the other against. We want to believe that the tendency which is most dangerous for fascism, which guarantees a most successful struggle in the economic, political and cultural interests of the young toilers will win. We want to believe that the Left Young Socialists of France, Austria, Spain, Germany and other countries will fight together with us for the unification of all non-fascist forces.

If on the basis of Bolshevik self-criticism we disclose and eliminate all that hampers our unification of the youth in the struggle against fascism, in the interests of the young toilers, that should all the more so be done by the Socialist youth. We must not regard ourselves as "choice" Socialists and voluntarily isolate ourselves from the millions of young toilers organized in the Catholic and various bourgeois sport, cultural and even fascist youth organizations. We cannot confine ourselves merely to Socialist propaganda. We must mobilize and be the organizers of the broad masses of youth in the struggle against fascism, for socialism, winning them over, in a stubborn fight, from the influence of the bourgeoisie and fascism. This mobilization and struggle can be successfully achieved on the basis of the united front.

Dimitroff Appeal Cited

We recommend to the Young Socialists to give serious and deep thought to the words of Comrade Dimitroff pronounced from the platform of the World Congress of the Communist International.

We recommend to give deep thought to his appeal to the Communist and Socialist youth to unite in the interests of the struggle against fascism.

Can any Young Socialists doubt the sincerity of the appeal of the valiant fighter against fascism, Comrade Dimitroff?

Can you not hear in that appeal the voice of millions of members of the Leninist Young Communist League, of hundreds of thousands of members of the Young Communist League of China? Can you not hear in that appeal the voice of those Young Communists and Socialists of Spain, France, Austria and Switzerland who are fighting indeed for the united front?

In the name of those who fight for the united front not in words but in deeds, we declare that we shall exert all our efforts, devote all our energy and initiative, in order to achieve in the shortest possible time the amalgamation of all forces of the anti-fascist youth.

"We Are Ready"

We want the coming congresses of the Young Communist International and the Young Socialist International to be inscribed in the history of the international movement of the revolutionary youth as congresses which opened a new perspective for the youth and as having made the beginning for the unification of the revolutionary youth whose ideal is socialism.

And we propose to the Young Socialist International and to any and all Young Socialist organizations very seriously to consider the proposals that we have made and especially the proposal to start a joint struggle against the fascist militarization of the youth.

We declare that we are ready at any time and any place to meet unconditionally the leaders of the Young Socialist International, the

Militants Act In Minn. AFL

Left Wing Forces Fight for Program at State Labor Convention

(Special to the Daily Worker)
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 22.—The convention of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, just ended here, disclosed a decided shift toward the left in the ranks of labor in spite of the steam roller tactics of the bureaucracy.

This was the first time in recent years that left wing forces were present at the state convention and that a fight developed on the floor on so many vital issues. The clash between the left wing and the reactionaries finally led to Pat Córcoran, vice-president of the Minneapolis district of the A. F. of L. in a fit of temper physically attacking Hilliard Smith, one of the militants delegates.

More than eighty resolutions were introduced by the delegates. Among those that were passed was one demanding the freedom of Tom Mooney. Another resolution passed demanded the trade union scale on all W. P. A. projects and called for support for the unemployed organizations and for further organization of the unemployed with the aid of the A. F. of L.

After a bitter fight in which endorsement of Workers' Bill, H. R. 2827, was defeated, a resolution was passed calling for unemployment insurance in general. Another resolution demanded the 30-hour week and the taking over of all closed industries by the government.

Tydings Bill Denounced

Hitlerism was sharply denounced as was also the Tydings-McCormack "disaffection" bill. A resolution calling for the defense of Ethiopia was defeated by a substitute resolution against war in general. The Marcantonio bill for Workers Rights was endorsed.

The convention voted to support the strike at the Sirut-Wear knitting plant, and also, despite attempts to shelve the question, the strike in twelve ornamental iron works.

Local 574 of the Teamsters, whose charter was revoked by the international office for its part in the militant strike last year, was refused the floor by a vote of 181 against 98.

A resolution calling for transforming the Farmer Labor Party into a party of struggle was refused a hearing, but a motion was passed in favor of political parties supporting the demands of labor.

Farmer Labor Governor Lloyd B. Olson of Minnesota, who invoked martial law against the truck drivers' strike, was endorsed for the United States Senate.

representatives of any Socialist youth organization, in order jointly to consider the question of united front. We are prepared to accept and support any proposition of the Young Socialists in the interests of the anti-fascist struggle and the interests of the toiling youth.

It is up to you now, Young Socialists!

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