



# NINTH PLENUM RESOLUTION

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 the masses with the leadership of reactionary youth organizations to build a united front from above, be capitulated to the class enemy; he who refuses to work among the toiling youth who belong to different organizations, fails to see the difference between the toiling and unemployed youth; he who does not understand their class interests, and "the leaders" who utilize them for the purpose of militarizing them, politically misleading and directing their activity into the channels of nationalism, chauvinism and opportunism—he, himself, is in practice an opportunist helping the bourgeoisie and their agents to disorganize the forces of the proletariat.

## THE TASKS IN THE FIELD OF STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM AND SOCIAL FASCISM

Under conditions of the approach of new collisions between the classes and states, the struggle against nationalist and chauvinist influences on the youth becomes especially important.

The Y.C.L. must be a Shock Brigade of the proletariat in the struggle against fascist terror and the system of fasciation of the youth.

The main task of the Y.C.L. is to educate the youth in the spirit of confidence in the Party, in the spirit of irreconcilable class hatred and struggle against fascist and bourgeois dictatorship in which is concealed by democratic forms.

The basis of the carrying out of this task is broad mass political work, revolutionary propaganda and Marxist-Leninist teachings among the masses of the youth and drawing them into the active struggle of the proletariat against the bourgeoisie.

The leaders of social democracy and S.Y.I. in the conditions of sharpening class struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, are clearing the way for fascist dictatorship and the capitalist way out of the crisis, disarming the masses at a time of class conflicts with the theory of the "kisser edit" and at the same time are adjusting the treacherous policies to the new conditions of the end of relative capitalist stabilization that undermine the material basis of the labor aristocracy, the main source of reformism.

The task of the Y.C.L. is that

in the struggle for the masses of the toiling youth to expose concretely, in a Bolshevik manner, the betrayal of the interests of the working class and in particular the interests of the working youth by social democracy, to expose the treacherous character of the "left" maneuvers of the S. Y. I., which adheres to the standpoint of "curing" capitalism, attempting to cover by these maneuvers its treacherous role in the preparation for new imperialist wars and counter-revolutionary anti-Soviet military intervention.

The leaders of the social fascist S.Y.I. being shamefully bankrupt in their theory of the "curing" of capitalism, the irreconcilable as president—"beat Hitler"), are attempting to deceive the toiling youth, hiding their treachery in the class struggle behind demagogic "left" slogans. In order to understand the discussion on the subject—"capitalism and socialism," "democracy and dictatorship"—striving to maintain in practice their influence over the revolutionizing youth and to divert the youth from contrasting Bolshevism to reformism.

The carrying out of the task of struggle against fascism and social fascism means the irreconcilable and ruthless struggle against opportunism, against counter-revolutionary Trotskyism, which openly acts as the vanguard of the bourgeoisie against the youth and the proletarian leadership in the U.S.S.R. and the revolutionary vanguard of the proletariat, against the right, mass opportunist danger and the leftist-sectarian danger that hinder the reformation of the League into a mass organization and weaken it in the struggle against the class enemy.

The struggle for proletarian internationalism, against the new imperialism, war being prepared and military intervention in the U.S.S.R. against all forms of offensive of capital, against fascism and reaction, for the liberation of the proletariat, for socialism—this is the basis which must define the activity of every Y. C. L. er in his everyday struggle against the bourgeoisie and the reaction for the decisive struggles.

## THE WEAKNESS AND SHORT-COMINGS IN THE WORK OF THE Y.C.L.

The Plenum of the E.C.Y.C.L. states that the successes achieved

by the Y.C.L. do not correspond to the general growth of the revolutionary upsurge and the need of the struggle for liberating the mass base of social fascism, the church and fascism among the youth.

Alongside of the insufficient growth of the Y.C.L. sections, tremendous fluctuations are noted in their ranks which is indirectly connected with the general unsatisfactory political life of the Y.C.L. organizations.

The Y.C.L. of such countries as England, Denmark and Norway remain sectarian organizations isolated from the masses.

In France, the Y.C.L. and particularly its C.C. did not achieve the strengthening of connections with industry and very weakly organizes a real struggle for the economic interest of the youth and against their militarization.

The Y.C.L. of U.S.A. is very weak role in the struggle against the offensive of the bourgeoisie on the economic interests and political rights of the working, farming and especially Negro youth, and lags behind the growing struggle of the unemployed youth in the political and organizational sense.

The French and English Y.C.L. are insufficiently mobilizing the growing activity of the youth for the struggle against the anti-Soviet counter-revolutionary war that is being prepared and the threat of imperialist war.

The Polish Y.C.L., despite its partial successes and concrete results achieved in the struggle for mobilizing the masses against imperialism and for the defense of the Soviet Union, nevertheless did not achieve a decisive turn in its anti-war activity.

The Czechoslovakian Y.C.L., in lagging behind the Party in its development, still works as weakly as before in the trade unions and in such mass organizations as "Sokol" and other reformist and social democratic sport organizations.

The Y.C.L. of Germany, poorly exposing the "left" maneuvers of the main support of the bourgeoisie—social democracy, failed to develop a mass ideological struggle against the fascist influence over the youth and the struggle for the creation of a united revolutionary front from below, despite objective favorable conditions, lagged behind the C.P. in its development and has

in its ranks several times as less members than the Party.

The Y.C.L. of Italy, though it has been organized since some years its ranks, nevertheless failed to combine the work in deep illegality with the strengthening of the connection with the masses of the toiling youth.

The Y.C.L. of Latin America (Argentina, Mexico, Brazil) are still isolated in a sectarian way from the masses and as before are working very weakly among the Negro and Indian youth.

Considering all this, the Plenum of the E.C.Y.C.L. thinks that the estimation given by the Presidium of the E.C.C.I. after the Twelfth Plenum, that "the existing achievements in the work of individual sections of the Y.C.L. are not yet decisive in the development of the Young Communist movement, for overcoming its lagging behind every Y.C.L. and demands, every Y.C.L. group and particularly the leading cadres of the functionaries, Section Committees, District Committees and Central Committees."

## THE TASKS OF MASS AND INNER LEAGUE WORK

The rapid growth of the revolutionary upsurge and ripening of the revolutionary crisis in a number of the most important capitalist countries, demands from the League, in the shortest possible time, that it strengthens the Bolshevik mass work for winning the majority of the working class for the revolution.

This directive of the Twelfth Plenum of the E.C.C.I. determines the basic line of the Y.C.L. sections in their struggle for transforming the Y.C.L. into a real transmission belt of the Communist vanguard to the widest stratum of the toiling youth.

To carry out these tasks demands first of all a transformation of the content, forms and methods of work of the Y.C.L. organizations themselves.

The basis of this transformation must be the development of the initiative and the raising of the activity of all members of the Y.C.L. in the broadest League democracy and Bolshevik self-criticism.

The Plenum of the E.C.Y.C.L. records that one of the most important measures in reorganizing the system of work and the practice of struggle of the Y.C.L. organizations, must be in the shortest time in all the Leagues (in the first place in the legal Leagues) new elections of the leading organs, beginning from the nucleus, local groups, the

C.C.

The basis of the re-elections in the leading organs and also in the Central Committees and sections that will be held must be the mobilization of all the members of the League to struggle for carrying out the decisions of the Twelfth Plenum of the E.C.C.I. and for accelerating the solving of the task of transforming the Y.C.L. into a wide, mass organization.

A straggler, real Bolshevik, and a bureaucratic struggle on paper for the masses of the toiling youth, systematically strengthening the connections with them, the concrete reaction to all their needs and demands, ability to mobilize and organize the masses of the toiling youth for the struggle against the offensive of the bourgeoisie, this must be the test of activity of every Y.C.L. and every nucleus of every Y.C.L. group and particularly the leading cadres of the functionaries, Section Committees, District Committees and Central Committees.

The task to build alongside of every factory Party nucleus a Y.C.L. nucleus must become a leading fighting slogan in the work of the Y.C.L. The factory and mill must be the basis of the work of the Y.C.L. The factory nucleus must have a leading role in the League

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This means that the Y.C.L. strengthening in all ways it work among the million masses of unemployed and peasant youth is carrying on not in words but in deeds the reconstruction of the existing establishment of new legal and semi-legal organizations, linking up the Y.C.L. organizationally as well as politically with the broad masses of the toiling youth.

This means that in connection (Continued on page 7)

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## THE "NEW (DIRTY) DEAL"

ON a wave of fake promises and baloney about the "forgotten man," Roosevelt tried to stem the storm of mass action against the boss government and placed himself in the presidential chair.

Immediately every conceivable means of propaganda has been utilized by Wall Street, to build up mass sentiment for giving "war power" to Roosevelt. Phrases such as, "There is nothing to fear but fear itself" and others calculated to blind the working class together with a whole series of "economy measures" and bills. It is now quite clear that these phrases cannot hide the true character of these bills.

Roosevelt has indeed instituted "economy". But for whom? The cuts of veterans relief and government employees' wages present an example on wage slashing for every boss in the U. S. "Economy" has been achieved for the boss class at the expense of the masses of the workers and vets. With Roosevelt and the whole boss class "economy" is measured only in terms of drastic reductions of living standards of the workers, and increases of profits for the boss class.

When it comes to appropriations for building the Navy or militarize the civil population, Roosevelt very conveniently forgets "economy". Newly appointed Secretary of Navy, Swanson, proposes a billion dollar appropriation for building the Navy. Offered as public works scheme, this in reality means a progressive step in the war preparations of Wall Street, and spells imperialist war for the working youth.

The scheme of Military Camps for the jobless fits in nicely with the preparations for war and the battering down of the standards of workers to unheard of levels of existence. The Roosevelt Military Camp Bill will herd hundreds of thousands of jobless workers into regimented camps, where they will undergo forced labor under military supervision at a dollar a day.

The "new deal" which has been the trumpet note of Roosevelt's election has been translated into dealing blows of hunger against the toiling people, adult and youth, and a hurried preparation for war. Roosevelt is fast convincing the workers that Wall Street's choice was a War and Hunger Deal.

The demand for unemployment insurance and immediate cash relief must be the answer of every young and adult worker against the Roosevelt deal of hunger. The building of united struggle against the immediate segregation in every industry, regardless of political or religious affiliations should immediately band together and decide common action against hunger.

Support the fight against the Roosevelt-Wall Street hunger and war program.

Force through the demands of the working class for the RIGHT TO LIVE!

## Shop Committees Against War!

Editor's Note: We reprint this from the "Fighting Doll", organ of the shop unit of the Young Communist League in the Regal Doll Co., Trenton, N.J.

Joe: I saw in this morning's paper that Japan was walking all over China—killing people, burning up towns and moving towards Soviet Russia.

Tony: Aw, let them kill themselves. What's that got to do with us? We have plenty of our own troubles here.

Joe: Yeah. That's true, but the paper said that the United States might get into the war, too.

Tony: Go on! Why should we mix in?

Joe: Well, the paper says China is a rich place. It has a lot of things we need, and we can sell a lot to China. So the U. S. don't want Japan to get it all. Then both countries would like to grab what Russia has. It looks like there's a war in the damn deal. There may be a war soon. The paper says "our interests in China are in danger".

Tony: What interests in China? I haven't a dime for a pack of Wines.

Joe: Same here. But the big business and the army interests in China. Plenty, and they would even start a war to hold on to them and to get more.

Tony: Well, you won't catch

## Roosevelt: "Our First Task Is To Provide Work" By Warsager



## A LETTER FROM ANOTHER WORLD

By Lloyd Brown

LETTERS come to the Young Worker editor's desk from all parts of the country. They tell of unemployment and starvation, bread-lines and police-attacked picket lines; wage cuts and sweat shop conditions; of Negro youth oppressed by lynch law and Jim-Crowism, of farm youth struggling against foreclosure and sheriff sales; of the death, disease

and constant hunger among the wandering legions of homeless youth—all traces of the life of the working class youth in capitalist America.

Some of the letters come from the South, pencil-scribbled and misspelled, laboriously written by young workers and share-croppers who were forced out of school at an early age in order to help keep their families alive. Letters from starving young miners of Pennsylvania, from young girls saving for \$3 per week in Jersey sleazebags, from desperate jobless youth from coast to coast.

Healthy, well-fed workers? Where can such a sight be seen? We'll find the same story. HUNGER AND WANT. "Conditions in our

shop are lousy". "The youth here are denied relief". Some of these letters are printed on other pages of this paper.

LAST week we got a different kind of a letter—A LETTER FROM ANOTHER WORLD! This letter didn't appear much different from the others as it lay unopened with the rest of the mail.

"Dear Comrades: We, the students of the Technicum of Foreign Languages in Moscow, capital of the only country owned and ruled by the working class, the Soviet Union. We'll show you what this letter said:

"We are studying foreign languages (English and German) and are preparing to be teachers and translators after completing a three year course. There are about three thousand students in our school, children of peasants and workers.

"The students whose parents cannot support them receive a monthly wage ranging from forty to one hundred rubles (\$20 to \$40). This wage is provided for during the period of our study and know that when we finish there will be jobs waiting for us.

"Since most of us were very young at the time of the October Revolution (when the workers took over the boss class and the bourgeoisie) we have a very indefinite picture of what it means to live under capitalism.

"Our knowledge comes from the newspapers but that is not enough. We want to know what it means to be out of a job, to experience capitalist exploitation in the form of speed-up, wage cuts and long work days.

"We want to hear from you... and in return we will write to you about the activities and bright prospects for the Soviet youth. (Signed) Berman, International Secretariat of Young Workers, Stretinsky Blvd., No. 9, Moscow, U.S.S.R."

Happy, healthy and strong, a group of Soviet young workers (parading in a recent sports festival in Moscow). There are no starving homeless youth in that country, because it's run by the workers and not by the boss class.

But there was something unusual about it.

Instead of the usual stamp bearing the picture of that old slave-owner, George Washington, this strange letter was stamped with a picture of a busy workman against a background of smoking factory chimneys.

This was something strange. Where are there any such busy factories? The million homeless youth in America know from their wandering search that there aren't any such mills in this country!

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letter from a different world than the one we know.

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# Join Scottsboro Fight

## They Shall Not Die!

### Masses Rise In Protest; Carry On United Fight

TO ALL YOUNG WORKERS, NEGRO AND WHITE!  
TO ALL UNEMPLOYED-YOUTH! TO ALL YOUNG STUDENTS! TO ALL YOUNG FARMERS!

**LYNCH LAW, NEGRO AND RAGING, BALKS IN ALABAMA!** Brazenly it gleams in the jury box, rules from the judge's bench. Its murderous hands, stained with the blood of many past victims, clutches the death-switch of the Electric Chair and the language of mass murder. Hiding its real form under the slobber robes of "Justice and Law", it has decreed that young Haywood Patterson shall die! It prepares to pass the same doom upon the rest of the Scottsboro boys!

Thundering its protests, the workers of the entire world have rallied to the defense of the Negro boys who were framed-up two years ago and sentenced to die in Scottsboro, Alabama. With unspooled fury the Negro masses have risen in great masses to challenge this lynch plot, seeing in this frame-up the dark and bloody picture of all of the oppression and persecutions, all of the tortures of lynch-ropes and lath, and the back-breaking toil and enslavement which has been forced upon them for 100 years in capitalist America.

This movement is growing, mass anger is mounting, inspired by the lynch "testimony" of the December court to burn young Patterson in the electric chair. Spurred on by the past victories in staying the hands of the Southern white ruling class, the cry of protest is increasing, roaring its answer from all corners of the world—**THEY SHALL NOT DIE!**



NEW YORK—While the Southern ruling class gets its apparatus for its next vengeful assault against a ruling class which will burn Negro youth for a crime never committed. A call has been issued for a mass march to Washington on April 28. This has been enthusiastically answered and already 140,000 signatures have been collected, many of which are youth. Many youth are joining the Young Communist League recognizing this as the best way to continue the fight for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys.

A united defense of Garvey members, N. A. A. C. P., some members of the Young People's Socialist League, members and representatives of hundreds of other organizations are forming together, pledged to struggle for the Scottsboro boys. Already youth are proclaiming a National Youth Scottsboro Day on May 15th. In New York demonstrations will be held that day in Harlem, with a mighty outpouring of Negro and white youth.

At a demonstration held on Friday, April 14, in Union Square, over 25,000 workers raised their voices in a cry against the Alabama verdict. Mrs. Janie Patterson, mother of Haywood Patterson, spoke. Spencer Harless, Negro organizer pointed out that in the last war the Negro soldiers were called "hell fighters" but that if they dare lynch these nine boys they can call us "devil fighters" for we will fight for Negro liberation and the freedom of the white and Negro workers.

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The innocence of the Scottsboro boys has been proven a thousand times. The second trial, held in Decatur in an atmosphere reeking with the stench of race hatred and prejudice, brought to light even more grossing their innocence. But States, one of the girls whom the boys are accused of "raping," testified that it was all a frame-up.

Despite all of these undeniable facts, the all white jury, from which Negroes were excluded, performed its lachrymose role to the Southern ruling class and brought in a verdict of "Guilty," condemning Haywood Patterson to die in the Alabama electric chair.

Clearly seen as the background for this monstrous frame-up is the sharpening oppression, persecution and terror of the Negro people in the United States.

Especially sharp and heavy are the blows delivered against the Negro youth. Of all the "officially recorded" lynchings in the South last year the vast majority of these victims of capitalist civilization and culture were young Negroes. The bulk of the Negro youth in the United States are entirely unemployed, facing slow starvation. The death-rate among the Negro youth and children mounts greater each year.

Every sort of abuse and persecution and discrimination is ground down upon the Negro youth by the American boss class and its government.

The growing boss-terror, which is also directed against the white workers is aimed to smother the ever-growing resistance and struggle of the workers and farmers to the Hunger System of the capitalist class of America. The special oppression of the Negro people is used to divide the ranks of the workers and weaken their fight.

Unity of all workers, white and Negro, is needed to forge an iron resistance to the rising wave of terrorism. The white youth must be in the very front ranks of the mass movement to smash the Scottsboro frame-up, the cold-blooded plot to murder, through legal methods, these nine innocent boys.

The Scottsboro boys fell into the clutches of the lynching class while they were riding a freight-train, travelling in a vain search for bread—for work to keep alive themselves and their starving families. Today more than a million homeless American youth, both black and white, are toiling in the same old, wandering, rough-roam and countryside, driven by the grim spectre of Hunger. These vast legions of youth, too, face frame-up and death—or at best slow death from starvation and disease.

Youth must be in the forefront of the fight to smother these innocent boys from their dungeons, from the horrors of death which faces them. It is OUR fight, regardless as to our political beliefs, our color or creed!

White and Negro youth: Unite in the fight to save the Scottsboro boys! Unite in the fight to smash boss lynch law and terrorism! Rally to deliver a smashing blow at the whole system of Hunger, Terror and War! Rally for the fight against the oppression of the Negro people!

Form Scottsboro Youth Committee everywhere. In your city, county, state, or national youth school. Write to the National Committee, Young Communist League, U.S.A., 100 West 4th Street, New York, N.Y.

Friends and fellow youth to fight with you!

Rush protest telegrams to Governor Miller of Alabama and to President Roosevelt.

Demand the Immediate and Unconditional Release of the Scottsboro Boys!

Immediate change of venue to Birmingham, Ala.

Full protection for the Scottsboro boys; disbanding of the boss lynch bands!

For the formation of defense corps of Negro and white workers against boss lynch terror!

Against the disarming of Negro workers; for the right of self defense!

No reliance on the lynch courts: Mass action will free the boys! For Negroes on the jury! For white workers on the jury! Let all of us working class youth unite our voices in the worldwide roar of protest, swelling its volume so that it will make the hands of the lynchers HALT in their murderous deed!

With youthful spirit, courage, and determination, united shoulder to shoulder Negro and white youth together, let us be the most tireless, the staunchest fighters in the struggle to save our brothers, the Scottsboro boys!

THEY CAN BE SAVED! THEY SHALL NOT DIE! WE WILL SAVE THEM!

There is not a moment to delay. Every day, every hour is vital! DOWN WITH THE LYNCH TERROR AGAINST THE NEGRO PEOPLE!

FREE THE NINE INNOCENT SCOTTSBORO BOYS!

National Committee, Young Communist League, U.S.A.

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# Y. C. I. PLENUM

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with the growing terrorist and reactionary attempts of the bourgeoisie to destroy and completely throw the Communist youth movement into illegality, the task of strengthening the connection with the wide sections of the youth through the work in the mass youth organizations, becomes of a still greater significance for illegal Leagues and also for the legal.

The Central Committees and also the local organizations of the Y.C.I. in the Y.C.I. sections are obliged, together with the Party organizations, in the shortest time to adopt concrete measures which will secure the development of wide political work in the trade unions and in the other mass youth organizations, in particular in the sport organizations, in connection with the World Spartakade that is going to be carried out by the Red Sportintern in 1934.

The Plenum of the E.C.Y.C.I. stresses that the carrying out of

# Farm Youth Fight In Markham, Minnesota

Young farmers are taking an active part in the farmers' strike in Markham, Minnesota. On the picket lines and in committee work they have been among the most reliable and energetic.

The strike, which has been on for four weeks, was called in order to compel Victor Koski, the county commissioner, to keep his pre-election promise of recognizing the farmers' elected grievance committee. The recognition of the farmers' grievance committee is very important to the poor farmers because it means that the little county relief work which is done, would be divided equally among the farmers.

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