

Y. C. I. Letter to 6th Convention

(Due to the fact that the "Young Worker" has been unable to appear regularly, lack of space has made it necessary to abbreviate the Y C I Letter and publish only its most important and leading points. — EDITOR.)

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Basic Cause of Situation

Firstly, the lack of sufficient struggle against the Right opportunist and "Left" distortions of the line of the Y C I in the daily practical work. Conciliatory attitude to these distortions. The leadership failed to draw and apply the lessons from the political mistakes of the old leadership.

Secondly, the League leadership and all its units still work with the old methods which do not meet the new complicated tasks which face the League. The leadership fails to broadly mobilize the masses for the carrying out of the chief tasks, does not sufficiently activate the entire membership. This can be seen from the formalistic and often bureaucratic approach to the

carrying out of the shock plans.

Thirdly, insufficient leadership by the Party and insufficiently critical attitude of the Party to the work of the Y C L.

Tasks of Convention

1. The Convention must draw the lessons for the entire League from the present strikes, sharply criticize the Y C L activity and set down the tasks for working out fighting youth demands for the basic industries (metal, mining, textile).

2. The Convention must work out a practical program for the mobilization of unemployed youth on the basis of the resolution of the XI Plenum of the E C C I on unemployment. It must draw in the unemployed youth in the formulation of this platform. It must take concrete steps to carry out a struggle for the youth demands drawing in the widest masses of youth in the fight.

3. The task of strengthening the position of the Y C L in the factories is a central task in the work of the League to which the Convention must give foremost attention. The aim must be set of establishing a network of Y C L nuclei in the nearest future in the most decisive industries and in the factories.

4. The Convention must expose with all decisiveness the real meaning of the underestimation of intervention against the U S S R and of anti-militarist work as an expression of the Right danger in the ranks of the League. The decisions of the Convention should mobilize the entire ranks of the League for irreconcilable struggle against this manifestation of the Right danger.

Must Win Negro Youth

5. The Y C L as a whole must come forward as a fighting organization for Negro rights and draw the proletarian Negro youth directly into its own ranks. It is necessary to concentrate the work of the League among the decisive sections of the Negro toiling youth in those main industries where large numbers are employed and among the farm labor youth in the Black Belt, paying special attention to the work among the unemployed young Negroes who feel so sharply the effects of the crisis.

6. The work in the opponent organizations must be carried out on the basis of the united front from below. By putting forward partial demands we must organize

oppositional groups in the Y M C A and carry through work which will prevent the growth of the influence and organization of the Socialist League among the working youth.

7. The crisis of the sports movement requires that the Convention should take concrete steps to remove the situation. The leadership of the Sports League and the leadership of the Y C L in the sports work must be strengthened on a national and district scale.

The Sports League must become an active participant in the general struggle of the working class. The main attention should be given to the building of sport clubs in the factories, trade unions and unemployed councils. A campaign must be developed against the 1932 Olympiad.

8. The decisions of the N E O made no great changes in the improvement of the practical work of the Pioneer movement. Practically no efforts were made for the reorganization of the work. In some instances, these decisions are not in agreement with the standpoint of the Y C I. The basic task which must be sharply brought up at the Convention is the overcoming of the stagnation, the mobilization of the assistance of the Party, Y C L and the mass revolutionary organizations for the reorganization of the Pioneer movement, sending there capable comrades.

9. More attention must be given to developing the Young Worker into a mass paper and increasing its subscribers and readers, in improving the popularity of its language and introducing more popular features. The Young Worker must pay decisive attention to the economic struggles and to the life of the Y C L.

The Young Worker must draw the attention of the whole organization to the most urgent tasks facing it, to explain the tasks and to assist in the exchange of experience in mass work.

10. The E C Y C I draws the attention to the necessity for the improvement of the concrete leadership in the work of all the committees.

Remove Bureaucrats

The "arm chair" system of work, the making up of unpractical bureaucratic plans of work must be done away with. At the same time it is necessary to decisively remove from the leadership those

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elements that have become bureaucratic and are incapable of struggling in practice for the correct carrying through of the line of the Y C I.

11. The E C Y C I draws the special attention of the Convention to the great importance of the decisions of the Plenum of the C I to the effect that the sections of the Y C I must in the near future catch up and exceed the membership of the Parties.

12. On the basis of the decisions of the XI Plenum of the C I, the Convention must with the assistance of the Party basically change the relations between the Party and the Y C L. The best forces of the Party must be attached to the Y C L in order to assist in its work.

The E C Y C I marks with satisfaction that during the past period the American Y C L has made some achievements in its work, increase in membership, the maintaining of the Weekly Young Worker, the creation of a number of auxiliary organizations, the beginning of the formation of programs of partial demands, the carrying through of Shock Work, the beginning of a mass children's magazine, etc.

The American League will be able to carry out its role of the assistant of the Party in the struggle for the winning of the majority of the working class. It will be able to come out on the correct road towards becoming a mass organization only the condition of really developing revolutionary contest from below, the widest of criticism; by drawing the entire organization into the struggle for the carrying on of its tasks, achieving clarity and maximum concreteness on all questions, intensifying the struggle on two fronts, taking up the struggles for the daily needs of the young workers and making the factory the basis for all its work.
