

THE YOUTH MOVEMENT

The Sixth Enlarged Executive of the Y. C. I.

(Seventeenth Session. Nov. 28th.)

The proposal of Comrade **Shatzkin** to postpone a discussion of the programme to the next session of the Enlarged Executive of the Y. C. I. was **unanimously** adopted.

Report of the Representative of the Y. C. L. of Germany:

The general situation of Germany is characterised by the stabilisation of German capitalism and the rationalisation of its industry. The whole burden of this process falls upon the proletariat, in particular upon the young workers. Over 350,000 young workers under 18 years of age are included amongst the 2 million unemployed. The unemployed movement, which is growing, is under the leadership of the German C. P. A struggle must be carried on to win recognition from the trade unions. Young workers under 18 years receive no unemployed support. Other palliatives like the distribution of food, etc. are insufficient. The situation of the employed workers has similarly been worsened. The working day is being lengthened and wages cut.

The special forms of the offensive of capitalism against the working youth are: The attempt to raise the voting age; the introduction of compulsory labour service; the coalition laws directed against the young workers which are already partly enforced.

The situation in the German Y. C. L. is the following: **Campaigns** were carried out in connection with the delegation to the Soviet Union, the 10th anniversary of the League, the people's referendum, the international Day of Youth, the Congress of the Toilers, etc. In order to win the masses of the youth, it is necessary to penetrate into the trade union apparatus, to continue the campaign amongst the unemployed and to extend our influence in the trade schools. The League is slowly growing and increasing its branches. Our task is to organise the young workers who are more under our influence than is expressed in our membership figures. This has already been done to a certain extent in the **Young Red Front League**. The League is strongest in the industrial districts of the Ruhr, Berlin, Vogtland and the Lower Rhineland.

New methods are necessary against the fluctuation. The reorganisation has only been partly carried out. There are very few young workers in the large factories organised by us. The party supports us better than before, but still insufficiently. The press distribution has increased, but is still insufficient. The trade union work is commencing to show its first successes. Our position amongst the trade union and other functionaries has been strengthened. The trade union membership of our members is still insufficient. The political educational work is good. The League will organise courses now chiefly for its officials. It is the task of the Y. C. L. to draw the working youth into the struggle of the proletariat against the consequences of the rationalisation. For this purpose it is necessary to consolidate the position of the League in the factories and in the trade unions.

After a report of Comrade **Jones** upon the situation of the Y. C. L. in Great Britain, the session was closed.