

Statement of Young Communist International on Progress Since Plenum

In a detailed resolution the Presidium of the YCI took a stand on the progress made in carrying out the resolutions of the November Plenum and declared that for the most part the resolutions had not been carried out, and that the situation continued to remain entirely unsatisfactory. The Young Communist Leagues had not yet overcome their lagging behind the struggles of the working youth. In the work in the factories, in the mass organizations, among the soldiers and sailors and among the youth in the opponent organizations, there had been no progress at all. In most Leagues the trade union work was as

weak as ever, and still the tactics of the united front was not being applied. The majority of the organizations were not leading the struggles of the working youth, the nuclei were not in contact with the masses of young workers, and the recruiting was still being conducted in the small and middle sized factories and by the residential organizations.

In its resolution the Presidium declares that the main cause for the failure to carry out the November resolutions lies in the fact that the struggle has not been carried out on two fronts, particularly against the chief obstacle, sectarianism, and "left"

phrases. The majority of Leagues have not carried on an uncompromising struggle against Sectarianism and "left" phrases, nor have they removed representatives of these tendencies. In certain Leagues (Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, England, Sweden and USA) there have been cases of sabotage of the resolutions of the Plenum as well as "conciliation" towards "left" deviations. In various Leagues sectarianism and the "left" tendency has found expression in the growth of terrorist-putschist views. The concrete work of carrying out the resolutions and the small daily tasks in the factory have often been replaced by general talk, long-winded plans, a light-minded attitude in the assignment of tasks, and by militant phraseology. Self-criticism has been most inadequately developed and has come chiefly from above. Neither the directives of the Plenum relating to the drawing in of new forces, nor the bringing of the membership into the work of carrying out the resolutions have been applied. The Leagues have not succeeded in developing a concrete Youth policy in the preparations for March 6th.

The Presidium resolution again emphasizes the decisive task of concentrating the entire forces of the organization on the work in

"Masses, The Worker After Mobilization. The bourgeois intellectual yell: "propaganda". He squalls: "Art, portraits, life as photographed on the artists' consciousness." If more liberal he says: "Art is a true picture of life—all life can be the subject of art."

It is clear that in 1930 or 2000 under a classless state, after the proletarian dictatorship is forgotten, art will be something else again. At that time we shall take up the question again.

To return to 1930 and "Cain and Artem"—Cain is a Jewish cobbler, scorned, robbed and hurt by everyone. The Czarist village is filthy, cruel and miserable. Artem is a giant in strength—he fights, dances, boozes and grabs off a merchant's tally wife. The merchant hires the local thugs to beat him up. Cain rescues and nurses him. Enlightenment comes. They read "forbidden literature" with a choice group of bums and intellectuals—**not one hard boiled worker**

the big factories of the most important branches of industry, embracing decisive masses of the working youth. This work must be strengthened in all spheres of activity in the YCI and the tasks set by the Plenum must be speedily carried out.

As the chief condition for carrying out the resolutions of the Plenum, the Presidium resolution points to the drawing of the entire membership into direct mass activity. This means popularizing the Plenum resolutions on the

Maurice Chevelier in "The Big Pond"

among them. The pretty wife downs herself. Cain and Artem sit by the river, look soulful and say: "A fine day is coming..."

The photography and directing are splendid, as good or better than the finest Hollywood stuff such as "The Crowd" or "Sunrise". It is not the movie man's fault that Gorky is a sympathetic vagabond instead of a red worker or farmer. Even "Mother" has least had look is soaked with realism. Even Fragments of an Empire and Artem! Contrast it with Sovkin's masterpieces, Babylon, Ten Days That Shook the World, Potemkin, End of St. Petersburg, Even Fragments of an Empire and Artem! New and Old concern the masses—not the misery of individuals.—G. Lewis.

basis of establishing concrete tasks and duties for each nucleus and each member with redoubled zeal, and forming new cadres in this process.

The work must be set forth simply in a manner comprehensible to every member and the shock brigade movement must be further developed.

Riches and criticism is one of the most important methods for bringing the whole membership into action. Bureaucratic and incapable functionaries and of true self-criticism of the masses, and the oppressive measures of certain executive must be unmasked and abolished.

The resolution must be increased recruiting and takes a sharp stand against sectarian fear of new members. The new recruits must be at once organized in short term courses.

Every success must be immediately consolidated. The Presidium declares that international supervision of the carrying out of the Plenum resolutions must be strengthened and that organizational measures must be applied for failure to carry them out.

Every organization and nucleus must immediately take a stand on the resolution of the EYCI, discuss it thoroughly and prevent in concrete form the question of what it has so far done to carry out the resolutions of the Plenum, and must proceed to carry out the plans of attack and work out concrete tasks for carrying out the resolutions of the Plenum.

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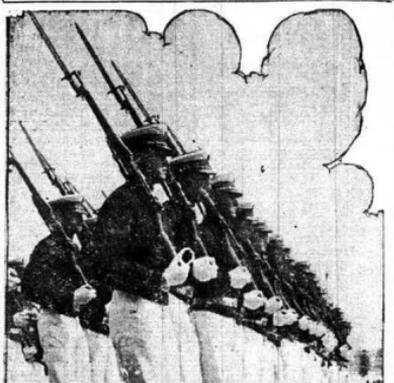
As the clock approached 5:15, the workers in the Western Electric plant began to pour out. A great number of them passed me by, taking no notice of what I was selling, and of course, jeering and calling me all sorts of names. But, the attitude on the part of some of the workers did not discourage me in my purpose. On the contrary, I felt that I will and must remain so open to them and tell them and the only paper which is the voice of the fighting working-class youth.

Many young Communists have met with the same jeering and time again but have stood it out. We are not frightened by abusive words nor by beatings, we are determined and firm in our purpose. We have entered all sorts of battles and have come out victorious. After a few moments of discussion with some of the workers who jeered me,

they changed their attitude and bought the "Young Worker" from me. There were three young workers, in particular, whose conditions in the factory had made them militant enough to realize what the paper meant to them.

That day brought me ten contacts, in other words, I sold 10 copies of the "Young Worker" in the Western Electric. This proves to us that the workers in the Western Electric need organization and want it. It is entirely up to us to teach them how they can better their conditions. The workers are learning that their bosses will never do anything for them, and that only by joining a revolutionary union affiliated with the TRADE UNION UNITY LEAGUE and the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE will they ever better their conditions.—Bella Epstein, (Downton Unit No. 1.)

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