

of Hindenburg and of the trusts and monopolies, both with an eye to new imperialist wars and for use against the Soviet Union.

Wherever there are workers' sport organisations, therefore, the fight must be taken up against these splitting tendencies and the masses of the workers must be mobilised against the bourgeois tendencies of reformist leaders. This must be done parallel with a campaign of enlightenment for the purpose of recruiting more workers for the workers' sport movement and winning the members of the sport organisations for the revolutionary opposition.

## THE YOUTH MOVEMENT

### The Fifth World Congress of the Young Communist International.

Continuation of 20th Session.

Comrade Kossarov (Leninist Young Communist League of S. U.):

The programme signifies the welding together of all our forces. Without revolutionary theory there can be no revolutionary practice. The programme points out the path for continued communist activities among young people. Our programme means a death sentence for the old world. (Enthusiastic applause.)

Comrade Helmut (Germany):

spoke on behalf of Communist Youth in the capitalist countries:

The programme shows that we have already for nine years, been carrying on an uninterrupted struggle for the world dictatorship of the proletariat. It shows us the path to capturing the youth, the path to world Communism. (Applause.)

Comrade Fentinmin (China):

spoke on behalf of the colonial and semi-colonial countries:

The programme corresponds to the needs of the present situation. It is a step forward in the development of the revolutionary movement in the colonies.

The programme draft was then unanimously accepted by the Congress, and the Executive Committee of the Y. C. I. commissioned with the task of final editorship. (Enthusiastic singing of the "Young Guard".)

Comrade Blenkle (Germany):

gave the report of the Political Commission:

The political Commission had drawn up the political resolution. It has made some alterations, stressing the increase of unemployment among juvenile workers under rationalisation and the crisis in the children's movement. It clearly explains the rôle of the centrists. The resolution emphasises that it is the duty of the Youth League of the United States to put an end to the fractional struggle, and joins the Comintern Congress in condemning the fractional struggle in the Polish Party. The resolution emphasises that the participation of the Polish Youth League in the fractional struggle, at a time when the League is faced with such urgent tasks and the war danger is so great, is a grave error and must be replaced by the greatest possible unity.

(The political resolution was passed unanimously.)

Comrade Billoux, in the name of the Senior Convent, moved the election of 25 members and 32 candidates to the new Executive; passed unanimously. The 7 members of the Revision Commission were also elected unanimously.

Comrade Rust (Great Britain),

on behalf of the Senior Convent, proposed the enrolment of Australia, Persia, Palestine, Brazil, Korea, and Syria as sections of the Y. C. I., and the people's revolutionary youth league of Tanatuwa as a sympathising organisation; passed unanimously.

Comrade Chitarov then called for speeches from various comrades now leaving the Y. C. I., after giving valuable aid to its development and activities.

The first of these speakers was

Comrade Schueller,

who has participated in all five congresses of the Y. C. I. He said that he had been only a very small force in that group of comrades of which comrades Münzenberg and Schatzkin were members.

Comrade Schatzkin:

I brought the first congress the greetings of the Russian revolution. Since that time the organisations of the Young Communist International have grown tremendously. We should like to see the enthusiasm of the first Congress maintained in the Y. C. I. We stand shoulder to shoulder in the Parties. (Enthusiastic applause.)

Comrade Gypnter:

I began my activities in the youth movement in 1916, under the difficult conditions of the military dictatorship. The time I spent in prison was an excellent schooling for me, and showed me the way. The V. World Congress leads the whole Youth International forward to the victorious revolution.

Comrade Young:

I was among the first English comrades to take up international youth work. Our aim is to become even more international and more united. The Y. C. I. will pass the revolutionary test.

Comrade Hrs!:

In the Y. C. I. we have learnt to be good Communists, and we shall fulfil our duty in the Comintern.

Comrade Ferrat:

We have given a number of good comrades to the French Party and have helped to establish this Party more firmly. We shall continue our practical help of the C. P. in the future.

A Polish youth comrade now leaving the League said: The ovation with which you greet me is for the Polish youth League, which did its duty, during its brief existence, in bringing masses of young workers into the revolutionary struggle. In spite of all difficulties, the League will continue its revolutionary work.

Closing Speech of Comrade Chitarov.

We take joyful farewell of the comrades leaving us, for they are passing forward to work in the Communist Parties. We nominate them honorary Komsomolzes. (The delegates applaud.)

This World Congress is only second to the Second Congress in importance and achievement. It has shown the path by which the great masses of working youth are to be won over. We are working in a situation in which the impending war is threatening the proletariat of the whole world. We are resolved to fight against imperialist war to the utter most, and to give our all for the defence of the Soviet Union. We shall reply to imperialist war with civil war. We are resolved not to lay down our weapons until we have defeated our opponents in every country. The Congress has wrought weapons for the youth workers in the capitalist countries. We close the Congress with firm belief in our victory. Though the enemy may triumph today, though the bravest of our fighters are thrown into prison, the young guard of Communism is marching forward in spite of everything. The future belongs to us. (Enthusiastic applause. Singing of the "International". The delegates left the hall, singing revolutionary songs.)

This ended the V. World Congress of the Y. C. I.

..The First Full Meeting of the New E. C. Y. C. I.

Moscow, 20th September, 1928.

The new Executive of the Y. C. I. held its first full meeting yesterday. The presidium consisting of 17 members and 7 candidates was elected, as also the secretariat, consisting of 5 members and 3 candidates.

In the evening the delegates of the V. Congress of the Y. C. I. and the Moscow functionaries of the Leninist Communist Youth League held a celebration, attended by great numbers of Comsomolzes, in the beautifully decorated colon-

nade hall of the trade union buildings. The opening speech was delivered by Comrade Kossarev, secretary of the Youth League of the Soviet Union. The members of the Congress presidium and of the Moscow Bureau were elected to the presidium amidst great applause.

Comrade Chitarov (E. C. of the Y. C. I.) gave an address on the results of the Youth Congress. The meeting unanimously passed a resolution approving the decisions of the Congress.

Comrade Kossarev made an appropriate speech on behalf of the Moscow Young Communist League, accompanying their presentation of a flag, which was received by Comrades Galopin (France), Helmut (Germany), Chitarov (Youth League S. U.), Massie (Great Britain), Adam (Czechoslovakia), and a Chinese comrade. Comrade Galopin and a Chinese representative expressed thanks for the flag on behalf of the foreign delegates.

After the receipt of greetings of a delegation of juvenile workers from the "Krassnaya Presnya", Comrade Schueller made a speech which was received with enthusiastic applause.