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To the National Executive Committee of the Young Workers League of America

Moscow, June 28, 1923.

Dear Comrades:—

We have received the decisions of your convention, and, after a thoro perusal, we are convinced that this convention has fulfilled all expectations and indeed been a great step forwards.

What do we consider the main significance of this convention? It lies in the fact that the League for the first time has realized its tasks as an organization and leader of the broad masses of the working class youth in the daily struggle against capitalism, and that it has definitely started to fulfil these tasks.

Furthermore, the League has reiterated its declaration of sympathy with the Y. C. I. and announced that under more favorable conditions it will establish an even closer connection with it. The League has acted correctly in this. Recent experiences and especially the Hamburg Conference have shown quite clearly that there is only one real International of the working class youth—the Young Communist International.

We must stress once more the necessity of the work among the masses and again express our opinion on this subject. It is true that the situation of the young workers in America in some respects (wages) is better than that of the young workers in Austria and Germany, for instance; but in many respects it is worse, and in general there is everywhere the necessity of a militant struggle for our demands. If you will therefore follow our suggestions, based on the experience of our sections in all countries, then, comrades, start with all possible vigor the propoganda for our economic demands, the work in the trade unions and the organization of the shop nuclei. We welcome your open letter to Gompers and the fact that you are commencing a campaign against Child Labor with the International Children's Week. The open letter will constitute an excellent basis for your trade union work.

The organization of nuclei is the second of the important tasks resulting from our main aims—gaining a foothold in the masses of the young workers. Our advice is: Pay the greatest attention to the organization of shop nuclei! Accept the slogan of the Y. C. I.: "Every shop our stronghold!" The nuclei will improve and enliven your entire organization. You will step forward on the road to a real mass organization. We trust

that before long you will be able to report actual successes on this field.

In this connection we wish to express our opinion on another matter of no less importance, the composition of your League and the strengthening of the proletarian element both within the ranks and the leading bodies. In your League there are today a great number of intellectuals (pupils, students). We fully realize the great significance of the intellectuals for the proletarian revolution, but you will agree with us, that the proletarian elements must play the main role in the communist movement and that generally the intellectuals must be assistants only and not leaders. Your convention has already made some progress in this direction and we consider that you should take still further steps in this direction and systematically work for the strengthening of the proletarian element in your League.

Also on the field of the anti-militarist work you are in our opinion, confronted with concrete tasks. You must carry on an energetic fight against the extensive patriotic-militarist propoganda and training which is fostered amongst the working class youth by the bourgeoisie. American militarism in all its aspects is just the same as those of the other imperialist states.

These are the remarks we wish to make on the decisions of your convention which, generally, constitute success.

We furthermore wish to emphasize that we consider it one of the most important tasks of the Young Workers League of America to maintain a close and practical connection to the Workers Party. Participation of the League in all the problems and struggles of the Party, in the entire life of the Party, active support of the Party by the League in all problems, no isolation of the League from the Party and vice-versa—these are the guarantees for a successful development of the Young Workers League and the Workers Party of America.

With communist greetings,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
YOUNG COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

