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L. I. D. NOTES

WHEN THIS ISSUE of the Monthly reaches you Paul Porter our Field Secretary, will be heading up from his work in the Southern colleges towards the Middle West in time to help prepare for our Chicago student conference during the holidays. In the interest of that same conference Cynthia Smith Reade, a graduate of the University of Michigan, who has been active in industrial work in Chicago, is speaking for us in many of the colleges and universities in the Middle West. Harry W. Laidler is speaking in various New England colleges early in December and Norman Thomas is making a tour of Texas forums and colleges on an excellent program arranged by Mr. Elmer Scott of the Dallas Open Forum. On the way back Mr. Thomas will speak around Nashville, Tenn.

During November both of our Executive Directors have done a good deal of speaking in and around New York. Mr. Thomas spent a valuable day at Bucknell University where he addressed the convention of the Women's Student Government Association of the Eastern section and a large general meeting under the auspices of the Sociological Society of Bucknell. Thus, our college season has begun with a rush.

It is a great delight to announce that we have arranged with our old Field Secretary, Paul Blanshard, Associate Editor of *The Nation*, to make a six weeks trip for us from the first of February to the middle of March. He will be in California, Oregon and Washington the last

two weeks in February. He will go out by way of St. Louis and Colorado to Los Angeles and come back via the Northern route. His engagements will necessarily be limited and the schedule is now being made. Forums and colleges especially interested should write at once to our Executive Secretary, Miss Mary Fox.

To the list of speakers occasionally available for our work which we published last month we are happy to add the names of Morris Hillquit, James H. Maurer and possibly other members of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party. Our fellow L. I. D. members, Messrs. Hillquit and Maurer have promised three weeks for speaking engagements on the way to and from a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in Los Angeles, March 8th and 9th. Full details as to dates, fees, etc., may be had by writing to Clarence Senior, National Secretary of the Socialist Party, 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

We should like to put a question or, better, several questions to our readers. How many of you would be interested if this Monthly of ours should contain regularly a digest of important happenings in the industrial and economic field, mainly factual though occasionally with an interpretive note? To do this work properly will probably involve some expansion of the Monthly and additional expense to be reckoned on in the budget. Obviously the Monthly must give news of the L. I. D. but if this information service should mean a great abbreviation of reports of speaking trips, etc., would you favor it? How valuable do you find the full reports of our staff which we have been accustomed to give? We aren't putting these questions to any referendum vote but pertinent comment will be welcomed not only by the editors but by the Board of Directors.

In this connection, we may add that Norman Thomas' mimeographed Editorial News Service intended primarily for labor papers, but which now goes also to a good many farm and college papers, is occasionally asked for by our members. We cannot send it free but will send it twice a month to a limited number on the first-come-first-served principle for a dollar a year to cover cost of paper and postage. Frankly we won't want this, however, to interfere with gifts to our regular budget. As

we are saying in our letter which most of you will have received before this we want to celebrate our 25th anniversary next year by enlarging our work, which means a larger budget more promptly raised.

Speaking of the important and difficult subject of finances, we have to thank our friends for a very generous response to our suggestion of dollar contributions to send our book, "Socialism of our Times", to public and college libraries. You send us \$250. and we are sending the book to twice that number of libraries. You will be interested to hear that our book is so popular that we have ordered a second printing.

Chiefly for financial reasons we have been falling behind in our pamphlet publications. Now we are catching up with a rush. Between the first of December and the middle or the end of January our members will receive the following pamphlets:

UNEMPLOYMENT AND ITS REMEDIES, by Harry W. Laidler, a brief but comprehensive study of one of the most tragic problems before us.

OLD AGE SECURITY, by Abraham Epstein. Dr. Epstein is one of the two or three chief authorities on this subject in the United States. His well written pamphlet gives in splendid form the principal points of his now famous book — though it by no means makes the book unnecessary — and tells developments in this field up to date. The insecurity of old age ranks with the insecurity of the workers in face of unemployment as one of the major terrors of our so-called prosperous times. We are making better progress in recent months toward a first beginning of old age security than towards meeting the unemployment problem.

OUR VANISHING OIL RESOURCES, by John Ise, Professor at the University of Kansas may give you an uncomfortable hour in contemplating the shocking wastes of our capitalist civilization, but the discomfort should be salutary. Dr. Ise suggests some constructive action to make the best of what is left.

ON THE BELT, by Walter Ulrich is the short and interesting narrative of the experiences of a college student who spent a summer in the Ford factory. What he found out — but read it and find out for yourself.

SOCIAL REVOLUTION IN ENGLAND, by Sir Oswald Mosley, M.P. and Oliver Baldwin, M.P. is an L. I. D. leaflet which we have already sent out to our students. It contains statements by these younger representatives of leading English families of the reasons that made Socialists out of them. May we remind our student members that the payment of the quarter

does not entitle them to all the pamphlets we publish because that is financially impossible. We do our best for you as this leaflet proves.

Mrs. Cynthia Smith Reade has just returned to Chicago from an interesting trip to the colleges of Michigan. She has spoken in economics classes and in the various liberal clubs. A number of the groups which she addressed are planning to affiliate with the League for Industrial Democracy, and a large number of people have joined the League as a result of her trip. She is now helping to carry out the plans for the winter conference which will be held in Chicago, December 27 and 28, the program of which is given in another part of the Monthly.

Mr. Laidler is speaking during December in several of the New England colleges, including Wesleyan, Smith, Amherst, Yale, Mt. Holyoke, Bates and Harvard. Around New York, Mr. Laidler spoke during November before the International Club of Hunter College and the Liberal Club of C. C. N. Y., evening division.

On November 24 in Philadelphia he debated with Scott Nearing before a large audience at the Labor Institute Forum on the negative of the question, "Is Democracy a Failure — is the Soviet Form of Government Applicable to the United States?" He also participated in a conference held in Washington on November 27 under the auspices of the People's Lobby speaking on Unemployment Insurance.

His revised pamphlet "How America Lives" will soon be in the hands of the printer. Mr. Laidler has also spent some time during the last two months on a brief on public ownership versus public regulation of electrical energy to be presented by Messrs. Laidler and Thomas before the N. Y. State Committee investigating the Public Service Commission law.

STUDENTS' TOUR OF SOCIALISM

An L. I. D. Student Tour of Socialism to important socialistic and labor centers of Europe is now being planned. The tour will probably be led by Dr. Harry W. Laidler, Executive Director of the League. The group will leave this country either the latter part of June or the first of July and remain abroad during the months of July and August. The complete itinerary is now being worked out and details will appear in the next issue of the L. I. D. Monthly. Those interested are asked to write the L. I. D. office.

Norman Thomas Runs for Mayor

AS A RESULT of the remarkable publicity received by Norman Thomas during the recent campaign in New York, in which he obtained some 175,000 votes as Socialist party candidate for Mayor, Mr. Thomas has of late been almost overwhelmed with invitations to address important city and college groups in every part of the country on problems of industrial democracy. During the campaign friend and foe alike joined in paying tribute to Mr. Thomas' high personal qualifications. In the early part of the campaign the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Union issued a statement on the mayoralty candidates, declaring,

"In contrast with the other candidates, the personal qualities of Norman Thomas stand out. He is a man of ability, learning and high ideals. Regardless of one's estimate of his party's platform, his sincerity and fearlessness make a particularly strong appeal in view of the lack of those qualities at City Hall at present. He would bring dignity and character to the Mayor's office. If personal merit alone were to decide the contest Mr. Thomas would win easily."

This was followed by the endorsement of his candidacy by the New York *Telegram*, the Scripps-Howard organ in New York, which maintained that Thomas was "striking public fancy by the sheer power of his voice, his character, his fine intelligence and his wide and intimate knowledge of the problems of the people and of the city government." "Thomas in his campaign", it continued "has pursued a course unique. He has left political expediency to one side and talked of the things which could be done to and with this city government to make it better answer the needs of all the people." Finally, it concluded, Thomas furnished a rallying point for a new political alignment.

The New York *World* advised its readers either not to vote or to vote for Thomas, emphasizing the latter's "quality of mind, integrity of character and uprightness and dignity of bearing." The New York *Times*, while giving no advice, paid tribute to our Executive Director's "fine ability and high character."

A Non-Partisan Committee for Thomas, headed by John Haynes Holmes, John Dewey, Dorothy Kenyon and Walter Frank, secured the endorsement of many hundreds of independents. John Dewey declared that Thomas' election would bring a new era in municipal life in America. Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Harry Emerson Fosdick, Paul U. Kellogg, Heywood Broun, Franklin P. Adams, Henry Neumann, Fannie Hurst,

Edna St. Vincent Millay, W. E. Woodward, Henry Sloane Coffin, Stephen S. Wise, Reinhold Niebuhr, Wesley C. Mitchell, Robert W. Bagnall, and a list of others gave their support.

Members of the League were naturally pleased to find how large a number of representative citizens held the same high opinion of Mr. Thomas' personal attainments as they long have held. They were, however, particularly interested in the wide publicity secured during the campaign through Mr. Thomas on fundamental municipal issues — problems of municipal housing, of municipal operation of subways, of land values taxation, of city planning for playgrounds, and recreation, of democratic educational development, of proper, protection labor, of municipal production and operation for use and not for profit in various forms. His expert advocacy of immediate changes, as well as the vision he constantly held before the citizens of the possibilities of building a city beautiful if we have but the will and intelligence and spirit of co-operation is likely, I believe, to have a lasting effect on the social thinking of thousands of New Yorkers — and thinkers and doers throughout the land. While the L. I. D. itself is an educational, non-political organization, and took no official part in the campaign, financial or otherwise, its members cannot fail to be interested in the educational results of the political activities of League members.

H. W. L.

To the Editor, L. I. D. Monthly:

The Relief Society for Socialist Prisoners and Exiles in Soviet Russia has been in existence since 1922. It has won the support in this country of lovers of freedom irrespective of party affiliations. To these it now addresses itself.

In its recent appeal to the workers of the world The Socialist and Labor International speaks of "the thousands of Socialists who are being arrested and exiled in Soviet Russia, without trial or preliminary investigation." The same is true of those Communists who fail to agree with the Government.

According to the International's statement, prisoners are given a monthly allowance of \$3.25 on which they must live.

These men and women who are compelled to pay with imprisonment and starvation for their faith in the true liberation of toiling masses — help us to feed them.

This year we have bought a benefit performance at the Ritz Theatre for the evening of December 23. The play is Martin Flavin's charming comedy, "Broken Dishes."

All the proceeds will go to Russia for the Socialist prisoners. You can make your contribution by coming to our performance. You will also ensure for yourself a most enjoyable evening. Write or telephone for tickets to Mrs. Fredericka Baranoff, 9 West 11th Street, New York City. Tel. Monument 5584.

MANYA GORDON-STRUNSKY.

The Chicago Conference

WHAT THE MACHINE IS DOING TO MIDDLETOWN" is the rather intriguing subject selected by the Chicago Chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy for the Students' Conference of the League to be held in Chicago on Friday and Saturday, December 27 and 28.

The Conference will be opened on Friday morning, December 27 at 10 o'clock, probably in one of the rooms of the University of Chicago. For the next hour student delegates and guests will register and report the activities of their respective groups. This will be followed by a discussion on "The Effect of the Machine on the Worker." Jack Evans, educational director of the Columbia Conserve Company, one of the most democratically conducted companies in America, and former British miner, will lead this discussion, with Paul Porter, Field Secretary of the L. I. D., in the chair.

On Friday afternoon at 2 P. M. the conference will consider what "economic changes are necessitated by the machine. No better leader for this discussion could have been secured than Professor Paul H. Douglas, Professor of Economics of the University of Chicago, co-editor of "The Worker in Economic Society," author of "The Family Wage", etc. Several others active in the labor movement will be present and take part in the session.

The third session Friday evening will be in the form of a reception to be given to the delegates and friends by the Chicago Chapter of the L. I. D., the University of Chicago Liberal Club and the Meadville Theological Seminary Chapter—It is hoped that the film *Metropolis* may be shown on that occasion, while a symposium will be held on "The Machine and Cultural Life in America", with several prominent Chicago literary figures as speakers. Cynthia Smith Reade will preside.

Various remedies for evils accompanying the introduction of the machine will be considered on Saturday morning and noon. From 10 to 12 Saturday morning, the delegates will consider how trade unionism and the co-operative movement may help to make the machine a servant, rather than a master of the people. Lillian Herstein of the Chicago school system and a leader in the Chicago Teachers' Union, Leo Kryzcki of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and others will speak.

The conference will close with a luncheon at 1 P. M. on "Politics and Our Machine Civilization", with Mayor Dan Hoan of Milwaukee, Clarence Senior, National Secretary of the Socialist Party and others among the speakers.

Further information regarding the Conference may

be secured from the League for Industrial Democracy office, 112 E. 19th St., New York City or from Mrs. Cynthia Smith Reade, 2023 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago. L. I. D. Chapters are entitled to two delegates for the first ten members and one delegate for every additional ten members. Other students desiring to attend will be welcomed as guests at the sessions.

L. I. D. Speakers

Add the following to our list of speakers published in the November Monthly. That list, by the way, has already proved of use to a number of organizations in and near New York.

DAVID J. SAPOSS, Instructor at Brookwood Labor College; Author of *Readings in Trade Unionism*; *Left Wing Unionism*. Subjects: Industrial Evolution and the Beginnings of the Labor Movement; High Spots in the History of the Labor Movement; Boring From Within and Dual Unionism; Cross Currents in the Labor Movement; The Last Ten Years of Labor Activity; Industrial vs. Craft Unionism; The Meaning and Significance of Trade Union Capitalism; Historic Attempts at Independent Political Action and the Prospects for a Labor Party; The French Labor Movement Since the War; The Aristocracy of Labor and the Unorganized Workers.

F. J. SCHLINK, Technical Director of the Consumers' Club, Co-author of *Your Money's Worth*. No one is better equipped than Mr. Schlink to discuss the economics of consumption, with special reference to the value of tests and standards in determining the utility and performance of consumers' goods.

CHARLES C. WEBBER of the Union Theological Seminary. Subjects: The Church and Labor; Workers' Education; Religion in Action; The Settlement and Social Education.

The American Friends of Italian Freedom have sent us a letter stating they they have able speakers for colleges and open forums on the subject of Fascism and the Fascist propaganda. Anyone wishing speakers from this group should get in touch with the organization direct at Room 412, 2 West 13th Street, New York City.

The following friendly letter raises an interesting question. We shall be very glad to hear from members who use this service about Miss Gilman's proposal:

November 30, 1929.

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Friends:

The offer in your last Bulletin to provide speakers was most generous, and such a delightful list was offered that I feel that many besides myself wish to take advantage of your offer. I do not feel, however, that we should ask such a great favor from the L. I. D. without offering something in recognition of the services rendered when you really secure speakers.

Personally, as Director of the Baltimore Open Forum I think we should in future give \$5.00 to the L. I. D. for every speaker secured for us by you. Possibly other leaders of groups agree with this and will do likewise.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Gilman.

Among the Colleges

LABORATORY experience in sociology, economics, and politics, we have frequently held, is as important in a student's education as academic study or discussion. L. I. D. student members in New York City colleges and at Vassar have had an abundance of that experience in recent weeks.

The enthusiastic support given by many of them as street speakers, as research and office workers, and as watchers at the polls was an invaluable service to the candidacy of Norman Thomas in the recent New York City mayoralty campaign. Mr. Thomas' clear lead over all other candidates in the Columbia University district was in no small measure due to the efforts of Nathaniel Weyl and Maurice Goldbloom of Columbia, Betty O'Dell and Mary Dublin of Barnard, Theodore Noss, Robert Fitch and Franz Daniel of Union Seminary, and their host of helpers. And there are none of them but who have a far more intimate understanding of the ways of municipal politics than they could have gained solely in the classroom.

More spectacular has been the faithful aid many of these students have given the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in its fight against sweatshop conditions in the modist dressmakers shops on Fifth Avenue. Thirteen of them brushed up against Its Majesty, the Law, when on November 12 and 13 Grover Whalen's cops arrested them for passing out union leaflets on a Fifth Avenue corner. As has happened on innumerable times to less respectable-appearing workers they were crowded into a clanging patrol wagon and hustled away to Night Court. All were subsequently released except two Union Seminary students, Charles L. Black and E. B. Shultz. They were found guilty of "disorderly conduct"—but given suspended sentences when the American Civil Liberties Union sought to appeal the case.

But by far one of the greatest victories won in recent months for civil liberties in New York is to be credited to Charlotte Tuttle of Vassar. Miss Tuttle is the daughter of U. S. Attorney Charles H. Tuttle. Last summer she worked for \$12 a week in a Chicago factory. At the request of Miss Mary Hillyer, I. L. G. W. U. organizer, she came from Vassar to a New York union meeting to tell of her experiences. Her father, angered by the arrests of the thirteen students for distributing leaflets announcing the meeting, was on hand to see that Miss Tuttle and the other speakers were not molested. The incident gained national publicity, and the police have not interfered with workers or students since.

Of the many editorials that have since been written about Miss Tuttle we reprint one from the *Scripps-Howard New York Telegram*:

Miss Charlotte Tuttle, Vassar student and daughter of the United States Attorney, is certainly a refreshing young personality in a time when interest, not to say enthusiasm, for social ideas among college students is at so low an ebb.

Miss Tuttle spent last summer working and living as a factory worker in Chicago and she belongs to the Socialist Club in Vassar. She is a sincere little rebel who has discovered that life could be much finer if there were not so much misery, and she has had the courage to give expression to her idealistic views.

It was but a skimpy little meeting which she addressed in a Y. W. C. A. on Thursday night in behalf of the Ladies Garment Workers Union, which is trying to organize girls and other employees of Fifth Avenue dressmaking establishments, but she was able somehow, by her prominence as the daughter of her father and by her own fine idealistic daring, to light anew the torch of liberty which the police had snuffed out in the outrageous arrest of girl picketers.

The country is in need just now of idealism and courage like this of Miss Tuttle's. And it may be that, with the stock market crash, the pendulum may be swinging back a little from the inexorable post-war materialism toward the social idealism which was gaining headway so well during Woodrow Wilson's first years in the White House.

It would be a fine thing if economics and sociology should again become the spontaneous subjects of fraternity and board-house table conversation as in the pre-war days.

Miss Tuttle is a fine, fresh spirit on the horizon. May there be many more like her.

We want to assure the *Telegram* that there are many more young idealists like Miss Tuttle and that they can be found in any college chapter of the L. I. D.

Students in sections of the country other than New York have not been asleep at the switch. The young but lusty Liberal Club at Duke University under the leadership of Harry M. Douty has been very much alert to the troubles in the textile industry of its own state of North Carolina. Resolutions urging a thorough investigation of the textile industry were sent to Senators Lee S. Overman and Furnifold M. Simmons, and elicited replies from the Senators that favored an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission but not by a Senate committee. Both Senators, however, want the investigation deferred until "peace and quiet reigns" and both have sought to shelve the Wheeler resolution for an investigation.

Students at North Carolina State College have also urged a Senate investigation, and in a letter to Milton A. Abernethy, the L. I. D. representative, Senator Wheeler gives his reasons for proposing such an investigation.

The Swarthmore Liberal Club has taken the lead in seeking the organization of a national student committee to study and disseminate information on labor conditions in the textile industry. Recommendations for the work of the committee will probably be presented at the L. I. D. intercollegiate conference in New York on December 26, 27 and 28. Students interested in this committee are urged to write at once to Mr. Peter Nehemkis or Miss Elizabeth Yard at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

In a number of colleges liberal students have been collecting old clothes and relief funds for the destitute strikers of Marion, N. C.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK — A Charter has just been granted to the Student Forum and an active program is being formulated. Meanwhile individual members of the L. I. D. are carrying on the work of interesting other students in the purposes of the League, and in the general problems about which we are so anxious to have students informed. Mr. Thomas addressed the Politics Club of the College at a meeting attended by more than 500 students. Many were turned away from the meeting because of lack of space.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SOCIALIST CLUB — This Club has already held three meetings. The first was for the organization of the group and the next two discussed modern Socialism and the question of Communism versus Socialism. Ralph McCallister is the President and Barbara Spackman is the Secretary.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY — Norman Thomas and Solon De Leon debated on "Tactics in Social Conflict" before an enthusiastic and excited audience in McMillin Theater, Wednesday, November 17th. This is the second meeting this year of the Columbia Social Problems Club.

Solon De Leon, speaking for the Communist tactics, launched into an attack on the dilatory policy of compromise which the European parties of the Second International have pursued in the class conflict since the war. He defended the subordination of all Communist parties to the Third International, as called for by the famous "Twenty-one Points", on the ground that the loose organization of the Second International before the war had resulted in the passage of meaningless compromise resolutions which were then interpreted to suit the taste of the various member parties. Moreover, he claimed that this lack of cohesion was responsible for the Social-nationalism and Social-pacifism which characterized the parties of the Second International during the war. Mr. Thomas said that the question of legal or illegal tactics was one which depended on the particular situation, but that in any case it was extremely bad tactics to proclaim one's illegality.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY — The Liberal Club has undertaken a full program for the winter and has already held two meetings — one on the "Wisconsin Educational Experiment" addressed by Professor M. Copeland, and another on "Defects and Abuses in our Athletic Situation," discussed by Dr. D. F. Smiley. A group within the club has just organized to study the problem of Compulsory Military Training at Cornell and other Universities. Following a debate on this

subject, the club will have a discussion and try to come to some agreement about the problem. If it is found practicable, they will start agitation for abolishing military training at Cornell.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY — The Harvard Social Club believes in direct action and we quite understand that when we read of their activities. On Armistice Day, the members joined with a number of other groups in sponsoring a meeting in Boston to protest against war. The members are keeping in close touch with the industrial situation and with practical politics, by attendance at the weekly meeting of the Socialist Party Local. The club is collecting and preparing material for a small pamphlet to be issued within a month or so, which will give the wages and working conditions of Harvard employees, among them, electricians, carpenters, printers and office workers. A good deal of clothing has been collected for the strikers in Marion and forwarded direct to Relief Headquarters there. A number of delegates are to be sent down by the Harvard group to the winter conference.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON SQUARE COLLEGE — The L. I. D. membership is increasing rapidly and two active radical clubs have joined together in one organization. This organization is not affiliated with the L. I. D., but includes many of our members. It has already held several meetings almost all dealing with the specific problems which students face, and with ways in which they can take an effective part in the radical movement.

SKIDMORE COLLEGE — The Discussion Club at Skidmore held a meeting for Paul Porter, and became very much interested in the work of the League. A representative came to the meeting at the L. I. D. office on November 30, and is planning active co-operation in connection with the winter conference.

SMITH COLLEGE — The "Why" Club held a meeting on November 8, at which Paul Porter spoke on the subject "Is Capitalism Efficient". A very lively discussion followed the address and a great deal of interest was aroused in the whole question of specific means of socializing industry. Eighteen new members joined the Club as a result of this meeting.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE — The Student Self Governing Association had two very interesting meetings, one on the subject "Race Prejudice" addressed by Dr. DeBerrey and one on the "Labor Situation in North Carolina," at which the speaker was A. J. Muste. The local papers gave a great deal of publicity to Mr. Muste and his discussion of the Southern situation.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY — The Liberal Club here is not affiliated with the L. I. D. but is certainly carrying out an excellent program. So far this year speakers have included, Henry Flury on "Blue Laws"; Moses Lovell on "Economics and Ideals" Edward McGrady and Lawrence Todd on "The Southern Labor Crisis" and A. Goldenweiser on "Is Man a Machine?"

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE — Samuel I. Rothenberg writes of his various activities in interesting his fellow students and those in the college community in the subject of Socialism. He attended the meeting of college students at the L. I. D. office on November 30 to discuss plans for making the winter conference in New York more successful this year than ever before.

News from the City Chapter

CLARENCE SENIOR, one of the Chicago Chapter members, dropped into our office the other day, with the news that the Chicago group has been carefully working out its Constitution and By-laws and making plans for increasing its membership. For the next month the group will spend most of its energies on plans so that the Chicago student conference — the program of which is given in another part of the Monthly — will be a success.

The New York Chapter is engaged in several lines of activity. Because of its large membership, it is able to have a number of small groups engaged on their own special projects, all of which are directed toward bringing about a better understanding of the world we live in.

The New York student group is planning a very thorough research problem into just how New Yorkers live, and how they are governed, with an analysis of our unofficial political system from the local club to the city wide organizations. Only the bare outlines of this plan have been worked out, but a very careful outline will be given in the next Monthly and an appeal will be made to those of our New York students who will have time to do some of the very necessary field work for this study.

Another group in New York is helping the national office meet the many requests which it receives for advice as to bibliographies and literature on a wide variety of extremely interesting social problems. We hope that this will develop into an important service of the L. I. D. to its members and friends.

The Luncheons are becoming an institution in the city. Our third luncheon was held Saturday, November 30 on the subject of Next Steps in Race Relations. The fourth luncheon will be held Saturday, December 14, on the subject of the Problem of the Aged. It will be discussed by Bishop Francis McConnell and Abraham Epstein, as well as several other speakers.

The first of a series of afternoon meetings was held at the home of Miss Elizabeth Dublin where our members had a chance to meet Mr. Louis Piérard a member of the Chamber of Deputies of Belgium. Mr. Piérard is at once keenly appreciative of the arts (he was here as an official representative of the Government to arrange for a Belgian loan art exhibit) and a valuable member of the socialist and labor ranks. It was a great pleasure as well as a stimulating experience to hear his address on the relation of the intellectual to the labor movement.

Several weeks of strenuous work on the part of our Philadelphia members resulted in a most successful dinner to Norman Thomas, at the Hotel Rittenhouse in Philadelphia on November 22. Our members were prepared for an attendance of 250, but 400 guests came to the dinner and a number were turned away.

The audience was composed of people representing all shades of opinion anxious to hear what Mr. Thomas had to say on the question "Has Liberalism Collapsed". Mr. Thomas said that liberalism today was fighting a rear guard action against an inevitable development. He urged a realistic attitude toward understanding the society in which we live and said that those who recognize the collectivism of modern life refuse to think through a program of constructive social control.

On Tuesday, November 26 an organization meeting was held at the home of Miss Emily Dawson to make plans for the formation of a strong chapter of the L. I. D. in Philadelphia. An executive committee was appointed under the leadership of Andrew Biemiller, which is already deep in plans for increasing the Philadelphia membership and outlining a program of activity.

NEW YORK CITY INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE December 26 to 28, 1929.

"THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY-BATTLEGROUND OF SOCIAL FORCES"

Day Sessions: (unless otherwise specified) Union Theological Seminary, 600 West 122nd Street, New York City.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26:

3 P. M. Registration at the L. I. D. office, 112 East 19th Street, N. Y. C.

4 P. M. Meeting at the home of Norman Thomas, 206 East 18th Street, N. Y. C.

"LIFE IN THE MILLS AS COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE EXPERIENCED IT"

Speakers:

CHARLOTTE WILDER of Smith College

JUSTINE WISE who as a student did effective work during the Passaic strike

JAMES DOMBROWSKY Union Theological Seminary

WALTER LUDWIG Director of Pioneer Youth —
Leader of Students in Industry Group

6:30 P. M. Buffet Supper at the home of Norman Thomas

8 P. M. "THE STUDENT'S PLACE IN INDUSTRY"

Speakers:

NORMAN THOMAS

PETER NEHEMKIS Representative of the National
Intercollegiate Committee

9 P. M. Entertainment by Students of New York University followed by informal dancing.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27:

9:30 A. M. THE GROWTH OF AN AMERICAN INDUSTRY — THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LABOR PROBLEM

Speakers:

DR. LOUIS BADER Department of Economics, New York University

THOMAS McMAHON President of United Textile Workers Union

A. J. MUSTE Chairman of the Faculty, Brookwood Labor College

FORREST BAILEY Director of American Civil Liberties Union

2 P. M. "CAN THE ILLS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY BE CURED?"

Speakers:

SARA BERNHEIM of the Labor Bureau

ROBERT MORSS LOVETT University of Chicago — President of the League for Industrial Democracy

HARRY W. LAIDLER Director of the L. I. D.

7 P. M. Annual dinner of the LEAGUE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY

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9:30 A. M. "CAN MILL WORKERS BE EFFECTIVELY ORGANIZED?"

Speakers:

TOM TIPPETT of Brookwood Labor College

FRANCIS GORMAN Vice President of the United Textile Workers Union

11 A. M. Business meeting of delegates to the conference.

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