

"Mine Strike Can And Must Be Won!"

YOUNG MINERS! RALLY TO HUGE CONFERENCE APRIL 1st!

SOLDIERS LIKE LETTERS GIVEN OUT AT SLOCUM

Officers Are Worried By
Distribution

DISCUSS IN BARRACKS

The letters distributed by five girls, members of the Young Workers (Communist) League, to the 1500 recruits waiting at Fort Slocum to sail for Panama and Hawaii, was very favorably received by the soldiers according to authentic reports from the army fort. More than 80% of the soldiers were completely sympathetic with the contents of the letter, and not only did they stand around in groups and carefully read the letters after they had been handed out, but the same evening there were long discussions in the barracks on many of the points raised in the appeal.

Officers Worried

Despite statements made to minimize the seriousness of the distribution, the officers were much worried by its effect, as seen by their actions both in arresting the girls and other disciplinary steps taken. Astonished at the ease with which five girls had been able to enter the army fort and distribute such a large number of letters without being stopped, the officers arrested the girls and questioned them for almost two hours at the headquarters of the commanding officer. But since the girls had gotten rid of all the letters in a few minutes, and were already back at the dock waiting for a boat to take them from the island when they were arrested, there was nothing the officers could do except to try and intimidate them. The statement by the commanding officer that a soldier would have received "40 years" or "life", for circulating such a letter, showed how seriously they viewed this effort to tell the truth to the serviceman.

Further Steps Taken

Since the distribution, the officers at Fort Slocum have taken further disciplinary steps. A rule that all must have passes is being enforced, while previously only men had passes to go on the island. Further, it is reported that the sentences admitted the girls were penalized, and the rules in regard to visitors have been made more severe than in the past; they must keep to the walk, only go certain places, etc.

When a soldier was arrested and questioned for having received a copy of the "Daily Worker", altho he was released after questioning and after a statement by the commanding officer, the officers at Slocum received a detailed report with the names of the officers at Governors Island, and it is understood that legal action have been made by the Party and the League.

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NOT YET, BUT SOON



This youngster does not yet work in the coal mine but he soon will. Make it possible for him to earn a living wage by helping the miners to win their strike. Rush relief.

"STRING UP PIONEER LEADERS", SAYS OPEN SHOP PAPER

Here Is Capitalist
Democracy, Boys!

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The fake labor paper which is kept running here by the steel trust and other employers and parades under the name of "Labor World" carries in its issue of March 3rd a vicious incitement for violence against the leaders of the Young Pioneers League, an organization of working class children. Culminating a series of attacks against the Young Workers (Communist) League and the Pioneers in its last two issues, it declares:

"Jail is too good for these disturbers. A rope and a noose is the proper caper.

"Here is a field for the American Legion and the Keymen of America to get busy. If the boys will just string up a few of the leaders active among the children, it will be a wholesome warning to them in the rest of the country"

Gentlemen! Your efforts to scare us, simply won't work. It will only increase our activities ten-fold. At the same time we are much obliged to you for telling the masses of young workers the real use you have for such organizations as the American Legion and the Keymen of America.

Children Raise \$1300 Relief

NEW YORK CITY.—The children's Committee for Miner's Relief here has been invading the schools and carrying on other activities in raising relief. The work has been so effective that up to date it has turned over approximately \$1,300 to the Pennsylvania-Ohio Miners Relief Committee.

"SAVE THE UNION" COMMITTEE ISSUES CALL TO 800 000 MINERS FOR MEET

PAPER BOX MAKERS STRIKE FOR DECENT CONDITIONS

Majority Are Young
Workers

BOSSSES GIVING IN

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY. More than 1200 members of the Paper Box Makers Union, most of them young workers went out on strike, Tuesday morning, Feb. 28th, at 10 a. m. The walkout of drivers is complete, and no paper boxes were distributed Tuesday.

The strike was called after the paper-box manufacturers refused to meet the Union in conference. The demands of the Union to the manufacturers are:

- 1) Recognition of the Union.
- 2) Time and a half for overtime.
- 3) Minimum scale of wages.
- 4) All workers receiving the minimum or above the scale, to get a \$2 increase.
- 5) Piece workers, such as pasters, Blockers and Strippers to receive an increase of 15% over and above the present prices.
- 6) That the working week be not more than 46 hours.

Youth On Strike

In the paper-box industry, the young workers constitute almost 75% of the total number employed. The young workers are miserably exploited, and in the last strike, the youth held out to the last in support of the Union demands. The young workers are used to replace adult paper-box makers with years of experience at lower wages. In the shops, the health laws are violated right and left and as a result, working in a paper-box factory is very unhealthy and dangerous. Even safety devices for the workers are not installed in the factories. There is no 8 hour day in the paper-box industry, and the young workers are especially taken advantage of and work more than 48 and in cases more than 50 hours a week.

Altho the Young Workers Communist League heartily supports the demands of the Union, yet it believes that in view of the worse conditions of the young paper box makers, that the attention of the young workers should be called to the fact that in other industries, where there are strong and powerful unions, the workers have a 40 hour week. Therefore the young workers in the paper-box industry should demand the establishment of the 40 hour week from the manufacturers.

The young paper-box makers should demand and fight for sanitary conditions in the factories. The

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The young miners who have been the most militant through the struggle now face their greatest test. The "Save the Union Committee" has issued a call for a great national conference of coal miners to be held in Pittsburgh on April 1st. The call states that the purpose of the conference is to defeat the nationwide attack of the operators and their government agencies upon the union and on the wages and working conditions of the miners, to oust the corrupt Lewis machine, to lay plans for the complete reorganization of the industry and to spread the strike until won.

The young miners must rally behind this call. Shortly before the National "Save the Union" Conference, a Youth Conference will be held in Pittsburgh which will do its bit in rallying the young miners behind the progressive. The call points out that the miners of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and the Southwest have been double crossed by the Lewis policy of separate agreements. It calls upon them to STRIKE ON APRIL 1ST!

YOUNG REILLY AND CAMPBELL KILLED IN THE ANTRACITE

MINERS MUST DEFEND
THEMSELVES

Build Strong Left Wing

SCRANTON, Pa. Officials of the Pennsylvania Coal Company have hastily combined with Cappellini in an agreement to resuscitate operations in the Pittston district for a period of thirty days in order to ward off the rising mass fury of the miners who are holding the operators and Cappellini responsible for the murder of Alex Campbell and Pete Reilly.

WILKES BARRE, Pa. On Feb. 28th, at 5:30 in the afternoon, Alex Campbell and young Pete Reilly, militant mine leaders, were murdered by the machine gun fire of hired assassins. The bloody trail of these assassins leads straight to the office of the Pennsylvania Coal Company and that of President Rinaldo Cappellini, Lewis chief in District 1.

The splendid spirit of the young miners in this fight, who at the present time are intensifying the drive to oust Lewis, Cappellini and the operators, and to protect themselves against the gun-men while doing this, was brought to light at a little meeting

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Young Workers! Fight The Capitalist Parties

FOR A WORKERS' DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN 1928 ELECTIONS

DETROIT PRESS TRYS TO PROVOKE ACTION AGAINST THE Y. W. L.

Warns Army Officials On Slocum Leaflets

The Detroit Free Press, in an editorial in its March 3rd issue, warns the army officials and the capitalist government that the leaflet distribution of the Young Workers (Communist) League in Fort Slocum New York, among soldiers about to embark for Panama, Hawaii and other places "isn't as much of a triviality as some of them seem to think it is."

Recognizing that its bourgeois skin will not be safe when the American soldiers begin to fight for their own class instead of for the bosses, The Detroit Free Press goes on to say:

"To tolerate conditions permitting agitators to spread the poison of bolshevist doctrines (read: poison for the exploiters) as in this case within the premises of a garrison, is to invite the agents of chaos (read: chaos for the parasites) to do their worst. In Russia, the Reds laid germs of revolution in the army before proceeding to tear down the existing social and political structure of the nation (read: the structure of Czarism and Capitalism) and to build up a structure controlled by the workers, farmers and soldiers) for they knew that an army suffused with their teachings would prove powerless in maintaining order." (Read: Maintaining order for Czarist generals).

CAL STUDENTS PROTEST MILITARY DRILL IN SCHOOL

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — An open forum on "The Role of the R. O. T. C. in the Militarization of the Youth" was held in Berkeley, where a large number of students from the University of California attended despite the rain. Wm. Schneiderman, District Organizer of the Young Workers' (Communist) League, was the speaker, and in the discussion that followed, most of the students took a decidedly anti-militarist stand and denounced the military training in effect at the university.

A students anti-militarist group has been organized on the campus, which has the support of the "Daily Californian," official students paper. A debate and a referendum on the subject of compulsory military training are contemplated as part of its activities.

500 City College Students Defend Anti-Militarist Stand

NEW YORK CITY—The Campus, student's organ of City College, prints a resolution adopted by 500 students at an open protest meeting in the '29 alcove, which condemns the efforts of the college authorities to bar Simon W. Gerson, president of the Social Problems Club from extra-curricular activities, because of his leadership in the student's moves against militarism. The resolution declares that the students "will resist every effort to crush student's expression against militarism and imperialism."

The meeting was held and the resolution passed despite the order of Harry Horowitz, President of the Student's Council to disband.

FARMER LABOR PARTY STATE CONVENTION IN MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Farmer Labor Party of Minnesota has issued a call for the holding of a State Convention on March 26, and 27 at the Labor Temple here. This is practically simultaneous with the Republican State Convention scheduled for March 24.

The Farmer-Labor Convention is expected to nominate candidates for State and Congressional offices and to discuss the question of the building of a National Farmer Labor Party. The convention is called on the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota.

Ten years ago they nominated Charles A. Lindbergh, father of the flying agent of imperialism, as their candidate for Congress. They were still then following the policy of attempting to capture the Republican primaries. The campaign of 1918 was an intensely bitter one, and the attacks upon the elder Lindbergh for his opposition to war and imperialism stand in strange contrast to the honors that are heaped upon the son by the same forces of reaction that attacked the father. They give honors to the son for the same reason that they vilified and fought against the father; in the one case the attack and in the other case the honors were in the interests of American imperialism.

The Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota soon learned the futility and stupidity of the efforts to capture the old party primaries and has gradually built up a true farmer-labor party. However, there are elements within it that still favor deals with the old party politicians. Fortunately, these have been in a minority, or the party would long ago have disappeared and would not now be celebrating its tenth anniversary.

"ENLIST WITH SANDINO" IS SLOGAN OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST LEAGUE

"Enlist with Sandino", is the watchword of the Sandino medical supply campaign launched by the All America Anti-Imperialist League.

Altho he is so well supplied with arms and ammunition taken from the enemy, General Augusto Sandino has written to the Mexican Headquarters of Hands-Off-Nicaragua Committee that his wounded soldiers "are dying like dogs on the road" from lack of medical supplies.

Sandino is carrying on the struggle against the invasion of Nicaragua by the U. S. Marines, who have been sent there by the Wall Street Washington Government.

War Monger Is Answered By Philly League

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Answering the jingoist speech made by Mr. Spangford, National Commander of the American Legion before the Northwest High School, Feb. 17th, the Young Workers (Communist) League has issued a statement to the students here.

Explaining the immediate war danger and war preparations the statement concludes by calling upon the youth to fight military training in the schools, to demand the unconditional withdrawal of U. S. troops from Nicaragua and China, to defend the Soviet Union—the fatherland of all workers and peasants and to join the Young Workers (Communist) League.

PROGRAM OF SOCIAL LEGISLATION

IS ISSUED FOR THE YOUTH

In the coming national elections the Young Workers (Communist) League will carry on a concerted campaign to win away the masses of young workers from the "Jackass" and "Elephant" Parties—the parties of the big capitalists in this country.

The League also calls for no illusions about the "in between" political fakery, those representatives of the petty bourgeoisie, who while maintaining a firm unity with the big capitalist parties, make gestures to the poor farmers and workers in order to break all moves for independent political action by them (Norris, Nye, Brookhart, et al). This role of misleader is also played by Green and Co., thru the childish stupid policy of choosing "labor friends" from the capitalist party tickets.

The Young Workers (Communist) League calls upon the young workers to support independent political action by the working class (united labor ticket, labor party) against the capitalist parties and to rally behind the following election demands:

(1) A Vote For The Youth

Every young person 18 years of age and over must be given the right to vote. At the present time the only country in the world where the youth votes is the Soviet Union. Our motto is: Old enough to work, old enough to vote.

(2) Six Hour Day, Five Day Week

Because young workers are not yet hardened to the industrial process and in order to provide greater time for recreation this demand is important. It is particularly important now because of the large influx of young workers into the industries where they replace adult workers. Demands of this nature will prevent the bosses from using the young against the adult workers.

(3) Abolition of Child Labor

The present state child labor laws are made valueless by exceptions and reservation clauses and even these flimsy laws are not being enforced. Today there are several million child laborers in the United States. The League demands the complete and unreserved abolition of child labor (including before and after school work and work during vacations) and the state maintenance of all children at present employed.

(4) \$20 Minimum Wage

At the present time the average wage of young workers in American industries is below \$15 per week. This is far below a "decent" standard. We demand that \$20 a week is the minimum that should be paid to young workers in industry. (This demand may be modified for sections which differ radically in the level of wages, from the average.)

(5) Youth Protection

Protection for young workers in industry thru the abolition of night work, underground work and work in dangerous occupations. Also an effective system of accident compensation in the regulation of which young workers are to participate.

(6) Vacations

Four weeks vacation with pay every year.

(6) Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship is not an important factor in American industry generally but it is important in the building trades, printing trades and some minor industries. We are against the legal regulations of apprenticeship and for the regulation by the trade unions and apprentices themselves; For the inclusion of the ap-

PARIS COMUNE MEETS THRUOUT COUNTRY BY INTL LABOR DEFENSE

The fifty-seventh anniversary of the Paris Commune, the first workers' republic that was drowned in the blood by the counter-revolutionary, will be commemorated in the United States in connection with the fifth anniversary of the founding of the International Red Aid, the world wide labor defense organization which has been in the forefront of the struggle against arrests, imprisonment, torture and murder of workers in every country of the world. This announcement was made today at the national office of the International Labor Defense, 80 E. 11th Street, under whose auspices Paris Commune meetings are being arranged in various cities thruout the United States.

The Commune meetings will also be utilized as a celebration of the victory of the workers and peasants in establishing the Soviet Union and the tenth anniversary of its existence will be connected with the Commune as the victorious inheritor of the traditions of the uprising of the French workers in 1871.

DETROIT HOLDS MEMBER MEET

The District Executive Committee of the Young Workers League is calling a membership of the Detroit League, for Sunday March 11th at 2 p. m. at 1967 Grand River.

prentices into the union with full rights and against regulations that mean the exclusion of the apprentice from the industry and the union; Against the indenture system; For the raising of the scale of wages and the lowering of the period of apprenticeship.

(8) Vocational Training

Vocational training is in part an effort to make up for the decay of apprenticeship, in part the means for initiation for training of highly skilled technicians, foremen and engineers. It is used to arouse interest of industry to a lot of young people without giving them any industrial training. At the present time vocational training is either commercial (typing, stenography, bookkeeping) or is equivalent to manual training. We are against the present system of vocational training which is nothing but a fraud. We favor the installation of work schools in factories modelled on the work schools in the Soviet Union and the paid attendance of all young workers between the ages of 15 and 18; the hours at school to be included in the general work week and to be graduated downward. Work schools to be regulated by the trade unions, the young workers attending the school and the factory committees of the workers.

In order to mobilize the youth behind the movement for independent political action the League will support the organization of Farmer-Labor Party Youth Clubs and Labor Party Youth Clubs, wherever a Labor Party exists.

Young Miners Rally to Youth Conference

LEWIS FAKERS CUT OFF YOUNG MINERS FROM RELIEF

Try To Starve Them Into Submission

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—No matter how strong the morale of the striking miners, no matter how militant they be, no matter how strong their organization, they cannot continue their struggle unless they get sufficient relief from the workers throughout the country. "An army marches on its belly"—and certainly in this great industrial war, the belly is of the utmost importance.

Where Relief Is Needed

In the camps nearby the city of Pittsburgh, the need is not so great. The church relief organizations, bourgeois charity societies etc., have more or less supplied the camps with food. But farther away from the city the only one who is feeding and giving clothes to the strikers is the Penn-Ohio Miners Relief Committee.

The Senate investigation committee cry that anyone who is opposed to the present non-fighting policy of the leaders is a red, yet the tender hearts of the preachers, business men committees, etc., have left the outlying camps to shift for themselves. The worst hit are the young miners.

Youth Discrimination

There are two aspects to the question of youth and relief. The young miners more aggressive, more forward and militant than many of the adult have in many places been cut off from relief by the reactionary union officialdom. The union administration, reactionary to the core and afraid of the progressive activities and militant spirit of the miners, attempt to starve them into sub-

Mine Relief Youth Conference in Detroit

DETROIT, Mich.—Last Sunday there was held here a preliminary Miner's Relief Youth Conference. There were present the Labor Sports Union, the Student's Y.M.C.A. group of city college, the Christian Endeavor League, which is a federated body of youth church groups, the Workers Sports Alliance and the Young Workers (Communist) League.

It was decided that a provisional committee with one delegate from each of the represented organizations be organized. This committee is to call another and larger conference in the near future. Cruden of the Student's group was elected secretary.

The two young strikers that are here from the Pennsylvania and Ohio fields have been bringing out the youth aspects of the miner's strike at a number of adult organizations where they spoke. They also spoke at the Finnish Young Workers and Students Sports Club. This week they will speak before five meetings of the Young Workers (Communist) League on the question of miner's relief.

The young miners need an organized voice to express their opposition to any such discrimination and at the young workers conference to be held in Pittsburgh they will have such an opportunity.

Secondly, the young workers can and must gather relief. Throughout the country the young workers have shown their solidarity to the battling miners by organizing youth conferences for miners relief. There is no reason why every big city should not have a similar conference. As yet only few cities have had such conferences and the young workers conference of Western Pennsylvania will discuss ways and means of raising relief for the striking miners.

PHILLY YOUTH RALLY TO RELIEF OF MINE STRIKERS

Plan Larger Youth Conference

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—A Youth Conference for Miner's Relief was held here Feb. 28th. There were present representatives from the Quakers organization, the Bryn Mawr group, the University of Pennsylvania, group, the Baptist Young People's Conference, the Millinery Union, the Shirtmaker's Union, the Nature Friends, the Young Worker's Mandolin Orchestra and the Young Workers (Communist) League. The Central Trades and Labor Council sent an official observer to the Conference.

After the representative from the Baptist Young People's Conference was elected chairman and the purpose was decided to make immediate plans of the conference was discussed it for the calling of a larger conference on March 11th. Sister Carroll of the Shirtmaker's Union was elected Secretary of the conference. It is planned to boost the work of the conference by calling in young miners from the strike area.

all means were used to win, the women, children, the youth—all organized to help the strike.

The League pointed out that the children were many times the cause of parents scabbing, because they could not bear to see their children suffer. The young workers unless brought actively into the struggle would be among the first to go back to work. Passaic confirmed this.

Children and the Strike

Though many of the leaders of the I. W. W. opposed this, an agreement was finally reached and the Young Workers League was given "permission" to organize the children for the strike.

The proposition of the League was to organize strikers children groups. The first group was organized, but only with the condition that no communism would be taught them. It was decided that the name of the group would be the Joe Hill group of Strikers' Children.

It was high time to organize the children. In one of the groups subsequently organized not one child could explain why their parents were striking.

In a few days however the leadership decided it did not want the children organized by the Young Workers League. It decided to organize them into Junior Wobbly Groups, binding upon them the I. W. W. preamble and making it incumbent upon them to "admit those who are not yet eligible for the I. W. W."

All kinds of conditions were put up to the Young Workers League. Finally in a frank statement they said "If WE can not organize the children, let them be unorganized".

School Strikes

At this time, under the influence of the league a strike was called at a Frederick, Col. school in protest against the expulsion of two strikers children. Only due to the absence of the league organizers in another part of the field was this struggle not broadened out.

At Canon City a children's strike was hushed up by the strike committee which was afraid "of damaging public opinion."

(From The Coal Digger)

Four hundred youth and trade union organizations have been invited to take part in a Youth Conference which will be held in Walton Hall, Sunday March, 18 at Pittsburg, Pa., 2 p. m.

Organizing the unorganized young workers, and the injunction menace, with relief for the miners, will be the main questions which the gathering will consider. Walton Hall is at 220 Stanwix St.

YOUTH CONFERENCE WILL PLAN FIGHT ON INJUNCTIONS

To Raise Question Of Labor Party Youth Clubs

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Throughout the country the very life of the trade unions are threatened by injunctions. Injunctions against picketing, injunctions against praying — the miners prayed while the scabs were on the way to the mines—injunctions against the use of the word scab. Every sort of an injunction that the coal operators desire is given to them by the big-hearted judges upon request. These injunctions menacing every kind of labor activity must be smashed. Smashed by mass violations. Every mining camp must become an injunction-smashing machine. Every camp must have its mass picket line. Making the injunction as the Senate investigation committee says "a scrap of paper to be ripped."

Not only that but the workers of the country must answer the challenge of the bosses by building a powerful Labor Party. A party representing the interests of the workers and fighting for them.

Labor Party Youth Clubs

In this connection the youth can and will play a prominent role. Everywhere Labor Party Youth Clubs must be built. These clubs expressing the organized will of the young workers will bring pressure to bear upon the misleaders and fathers of the labor movement to fight for a Labor Party. Such clubs can fight in their local unions for the endorsement of the Labor Party.

The young workers conference of Western Pennsylvania which will be held at Pittsburgh on March 18, will raise the question of the menace of the injunctions, the necessity of a Labor Party and the building of Labor Youth Clubs.

I. F. T. U. Refuses Strike Aid

In a reply from the International Federation of Trade Unions signed by John Sassenbach, Secretary, to the appeal of the Pennsylvania Ohio Miners Relief Committee for aid to the striking miners, this reactionary led International hides behind technicalities to do nothing for the American miners. On the other hand the Red International of Labor Unions has regularly supported the miner's strike.

Were the Junior Wobblies to develop they would still further split the ranks of the workers children and would separate the children of the strikers from the rest of the children.

This the league pointed out. We were rejected however. Despite this opportunist policy of the I. W. W. the League will continue to organize the youth and children in Colorado for a militant struggle.

I. W. W. TACTICS IN COLORADO

The strike of the 10,000 Colorado miners has ended in a defeat for which the officials of the United Mine Workers Union, Lewis, Murray, Fishwick and others are mainly responsible. The Lewis machine failed to do anything to help the strike, but on the contrary assisted in its betrayal. At the same time a large measure of the blame for their narrow, non-militant assault with in the following article.

By R. SHOAN

THE strike of the Ten Thousand Coal Miners in Colorado from the start was very militant. Picketing was carried on daily. Pickets were sent to call out mines, still working. Relief stores were organized.

The Workers (Communist) Party and Young Workers (Communist) League immediately instructed all its members to cooperate to the fullest extent to help the miners win.

What was the reaction of the Industrial Workers of the World (I. W. W.)? Rather than cooperate with the Communists who had their experience during the Passaic strike and who were willing to do all they could to help win the strike, they leaned toward the liberals. These were drawn in. They spoke at all meetings. Their advice began to affect the policy of the I. W. W.

At the Columbine Massacre, at the beginning of the Sessions of the Industrial Commission, picketing was suspended. The argument was that "the suspension of picketing would help to influence the union in favor of the strike."

The Communists immediately sounded the alarm. They said that it was hardly possible without picketing. While the leading section

of the I. W. W. was and still is against picketing, those of the leaders in jail and most of the rank and file were for picketing. This is clearly shown in the picketing carried out after the statement of the central offices instructing to stop all picketing. The Party speakers brought forward the need for picketing at all meetings. We may say that the Communists were responsible for bringing the question of picketing squarely before the rank and file and probably directly influenced the picketing carried on after the Columbine.

The very day the National Office of the I. W. W. came out with the statement instructing the strike committee to stop all picketing, the Party through the "Daily Worker" told of the need for picketing. The party thru its experiences was well able to bring forward the correct policy.

The Strike and the League

Of the ten thousand striking miners in Colorado, about one fourth are under twenty four. The children of the strikers number many thousands.

The Young Workers League sent its organizers to help in the work of winning the strike. Together with the party it pointed out that the victory would come about much sooner if

MARXISM LIVES ON 45th ANNIVERSARY OF MARX'S DEATH

Young Workers Urged To Study Writings

MARCH 14th will be the 45th anniversary of the death of the founder of our movement, Karl Heinrich Marx. It was with the fiery weapon of Marxism that Lenin became the revolutionary genius of the 20th century. Only our movement forges ahead under the single banner of Marxism and Leninism.

Karl Marx was born in Treves, Germany on May 5, 1818 and conducted an energetic life of struggling and writing in behalf of the proletariat until he died on March 14, 1883 in England. The name of Friedrich Engels is inseparable from that of Marx. Engels was the close co-worker of Marx.

So we wish to urge our readers to acquaint themselves with "The Communist Manifesto". This Manifesto is the joint work of Marx and Engels, altho Engels pointed out "the fundamental proposition which forms its nucleus belongs to Marx". The Manifesto was published in 1848 as the platform of the "Communist League".

"The fundamental proposition" of the Manifesto is explained by Engels as follows: "That in every historical epoch, the prevailing mode of economic production and exchange, and the social organization necessarily following from it, form the basis upon which the superstructure is built up, and from which they can be explained, the political and intellectual history of that epoch; that consequently the whole history of mankind (since the dissolution of primitive tribal society, holding land in common ownership) has been a history of class struggles, contests between exploiting and exploited, ruling and oppressed classes; that the history of these class struggles forms a series of evolution in which nowadays a stage has been reached where the exploited and oppressed class, the proletariat cannot attain emancipation from the sway of the exploiting and ruling class the bourgeoisie without, at the same time, and once and for all, emancipating society at large from all exploitation, oppression, class-distinction, and class struggles."

Altho the Manifesto was written 75 years ago, its fundamental principles remain absolutely applicable to



Karl Marx

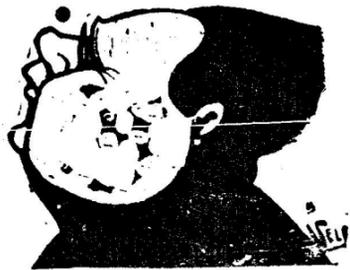
Mesaba Iron Range League Hold Confer- ence in Chisholm

SUPERIOR, Wis.—A conference of the leagues on the Mesaba Iron Range will be held in Chisholm on March 3rd. All the league members are expected to be there then, and you can be pretty sure that they will show up. The conference committee has asked the district Industrial organizer to attend the meeting and give a speech. Besides the industrial work, there will be a discussion on sports. Young Worker drive, Y. W. L. courses, and a Range Y. W. L. celebration for next summer.

After the conference a get-together will be held and the Virginia Y. W. L. orchestra will furnish the music while Chisholm will furnish the refreshments.

Ironwood Youth Hold Relief Meet

IRONWOOD, Mich.—The Youth Coal Strikers Relief Committee here is on the job. Outside as well as local speakers will participate in a meeting called by the committee for Sunday afternoon March 18th at the Palace Hall. No admission will be charged. Come and hear about the Miner's fight.



Mr. Phillip Space

day. Every young worker should study this basic document of the working class revolutionary movement.



This column is conducted in the interests of servicemen and ex-service men and all letters dealing with conditions and experiences in the army and navy will be gladly printed. Contributions should be addressed to Young Worker 43 East 125 St. N. Y. C. The name of the writer will not be used.

ARREST SOLDIER

To the Young Worker:

A copy of the "Daily Worker" was received by a soldier in our barracks last week, and about ten of us gathered around to read the story by "casual" about conditions at Fort Slocum, which certainly was full of the real stuff. There were more than 100 recruits listening, while we read the letter, and after we finished there was a lively discussion which lasted from 6 p. m. when we read the letter until 10 o'clock.

Men Like Letter

Everybody agreed with what the letter contained, and we all said that things were so bad out here that even "Casual's" writing couldn't describe how bad things are. During the heat of the discussion one soldier in the barracks remarked that your column was nothing but a lot of Bolshevik propaganda, and another soldier gave him a punch in the eye, but the whole crowd was with the man who did the punching, for they know that what the letter says is true.

After this one of the fellows ran and brought the sergeant, who asked who had the "Daily Worker," and the fellow who had it said he did, altho he didn't have to say anything, because not one man out of the 100 would have told the sergeant anything. The sergeant told the fellow who was reading the "Daily Worker"

that he was under arrest and brought him to the captain, who asked a lot of questions and made a lot of threats but had to let him go, as the fellow said he didn't know who sent him the paper, and they couldn't do anything to him for just having received the paper.

Deny Men Right

It seems lost while the officers are anxious to have us read all the lies about army life in the bosses' papers and in the army publications, they try to scare us when we read a paper that is ready to print the truth about conditions in the army.

They even tried to scare this fellow in our barracks by telling him that if he didn't stop reading such stuff he would get "40 years" or "life", but we know they can't do this especially if the men will stand up and demand SOME political rights even for the soldiers. We haven't any at present. Certainly the least we can ask is the right to read what we choose.

Hope For More

We are leaving tomorrow, and will sail from Brooklyn on the transport St. Michaels on March 1st. Most of us are going to Panama and Hawaii, but I hope we will see the "Young Worker" and "Daily Worker" again and that you will continue to print the truth about the army and stand up for the enlisted man.

"Recruit"

Fort Slocum, N. Y.

Slocum Leaflets

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The cause of the excitement was an appeal signed by the Workers (Communist) Party and Young Workers (Communist) League, District 2, addressed to "Casual", the name given those recruits who are waiting at Fort Slocum to go to serve their 3 years in one of the U. S. possessions.

The letter not only pointed out the conditions existing at Slocum, but described to the soldiers what they could expect they reached their permanent outfits. The letter consisted

mainly of a strong appeal to those new recruits, pointing out that the same bosses who kicked them out of work now wanted to send them out to collect their bloodstained millions from the colonial people.

The end of the appeal read: "Don't be a policeman for Wall St!"

"Help the colonial people in their fight for freedom!"

"The war mongers are using you to rehearse and prepare for the next world war. Show the future soldiers the stuff you are made of!"

"Fight against the new world war!"

THE PACIFIST MISLEADERS

By GILBERT GREEN

Today, the possibilities of a world war are greater than ever before. The events in Nicaragua and China, the offensive of the Capitalists of the U. S. against the Soviet Union, the growing antagonism between English and American Capital, all point to the imminence of such a war. Because of this, it is especially necessary that the position of the Communist be made clear, namely that war is a product of class differences, and can be eliminated only by the overthrow of capitalism.

Some Wars Progressive

The pacifists are morally cowardly. Indirectly the pacifists believe that all the wars and struggles of our history have served to progress with one wave of the hand they wipe all of history. They do not understand that in history there have been many wars which despite their brutality and atrociousness have bettered human working conditions.

The Revolutionary War in 1776 of the American colonists against the oppression of Great Britain and for independence was a progressive war. The Civil War which abolished the last remnants of chattel slavery was a progressive war.

Can anyone claim that the war of the Nicaraguan Rebels against the American Imperialists is wrong? That the struggle of the Chinese masses against their exploiters, the Russian Revolution are wrong and must be condemned? The Communists understand that only by a militant struggle against Capitalism can the workers emancipate themselves. The pacifists cry, "No more war", which means, "No more class war." "For a League of Nations", which means in plain English, "For a league of capitalist nations against the workers and oppressed nations of the world."

Oppose Capitalist War

However, to the wars of Imperialism we are categorically opposed. We

are for the struggle of the oppressed against the oppressors, but we are absolutely opposed to giving our lives for the successful domination of capitalists of one nation over that of another. We are not in the least interested as to what group of capitalists shall exploit us. Thus when we get into an imperialist war our aim is to turn this war into a civil war against our own bourgeoisie.

Pacifism is one of the greatest weapons in the hands of the capitalist class. In the last world war it was pacifism that led the American workers to the slaughter. Wilson was elected on the basis of pacifism. On the pacific slogan of "Save the World for Democracy" and "The War to end all War", he successfully hypnotized the American workers into the war.

The Pacifist Illusion

Every war under Imperialism is being fought under the slogan of pacifism. Today, the pacifists are throwing sand in the eyes of the working class by crying "Disarmament"

while the capitalist nations are busy arming themselves to the teeth. War cannot be abolished by weak-kneed pacifism, but only by the overthrow of capitalism. In the words of the Communist International: "Let the miserable, cowardly philistines, like the ostrich hide their heads in the sand and calm their fears with the empty hope. 'Perhaps a miracle will happen and the war will pass us by.' Such cowardice is unworthy of the proletariat. The proletariat must look facts straight in the face, it must see the coming danger in all its magnitude, and clearly and definitely decide what it must do to overcome this danger. Then every proletarian will clearly see that his open enemies are not so terrifying, he could shake off his oppressors, the capitalists, but that those traitors who declare themselves the friends of the working class while actually serving with heart and soul the interests of the bourgeoisie—these are the most dangerous."

LABOR SPORTSMEN PREPARE FOR BIG EVENTS IN N. Y.

March 25th has been set aside as the day on which all labor sportsmen will turn out to the first indoor sports and athletic exhibition to be held at the Finnish Progressive Building 16 W. 125th St., N. Y. C.

From all indications this sports exhibition will have a complete program of events. The doors will be thrown open at 10 a. m. and remain open until 12 midnight. There will be an intermission from 6 to 8 p. m. Among the many sports events will be basketball, wrestling, broad-jump, high-jump, group calisthenics as well as pyramid work. To say nothing of the soccer dribble, which will attract many soccer players and fans.

Among the many sports organizations which are expected to participate in this exhibition are the Finnish athletic clubs, the Workers Gymnastic and Sports Alliance, the Unit-

We Must Reach Our Goal



Real Labor Sports

ed Workers Cooperative Gym Club, also the Metropolitan Workers Soccer League, as well as many other organizations.

All workers sportsmen can look forward to the events that will take place. Anyone desiring further information as to the events may get it by writing to the Secretary of the Labor Sports Union, Jack Rubenstein 1040 Ward Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

LINDBERGH THE "DOUGH BOY"

THAT Lindbergh had sold his talents and popularity to Wall Street and its government was obvious even before his return. But as some of the facts leak out as to his early relations with Morrow when he first arrived in Washington from his Paris flight, we can see what early grip these interests got on him and better understand the energetic and efficient way in which he is aiding their plans at present.

While his flight was being used as a smoke screen for the even more open bombing of Nicaraguan natives the liberals and pacifists in the United States are further helping by lauding his so-called "good-will" flight and differentiating between his role and the "more aggressive" policies of Wall Street. And under the cover of his flight and their shouts of acclaim Wall Street not only increases its grip on Mexico and Central America, but opens one of the most bloody wars of conquest that has ever accompanied a mission of "good-will".

Aside from 100 additional marines shipped to Nicaragua simultaneously with Lindbergh's arrival there, the airplane hailed by him a cement of international friendships, assumes openly its true military role under capitalism—as the big bombing planes intensify their activities.

Mr. Dwight Morrow, late partner of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. from which he has at least formally resigned, is also a trustee of the Guggenheimer fund.

Mr. Charles A. Lindbergh, the "lone eagle" received \$50,000 from the Guggenheimer fund for three months of lecturing throuth the country, on the advice of Mr. Morrow, who set the amount at the request of the other trustees.

According to Clinton W. Gilbert, correspondent for the N. Y. Evening Post, in the "Daily Mirror" of Washington, published in that paper, Lindbergh and Morrow first met when the former came to the White House upon his return from his flight to Paris. Mr. Morrow, still of Morgan & Co. and not yet Wall Street ambassador to Mexico immediately struck up a close "personal friendship" with the Colonel, and became his advisor in all his affairs, helping his friendship along with the \$50,000 already mentioned, not to list many premises for the future which must

have been glowing ones to compete with the large number of commercial offers made to Lindbergh at the time. And no doubt Morrow did not have such a hard time convincing Lindy that in the long run Wall Street would be the highest bidder.

According to this letter from Washington already mentioned, it was Morrow who persuaded Lindbergh to refuse many of the offers he was receiving at the time—for "higher things".

Morrow advised Lindbergh not to give his name to the establishment of commercial air transportation lines across the country or across the Atlantic, claiming that the time was not ripe for development on such a large scale, due to the fast railroad service and the long distances in this country, as compared with the shorter distances in Europe where such lines exist. And even there, he pointed out, commercial aviation was subsidized by the governments. He probably forgot to add that Wall Street did not want Lindy to waste his talents on commercial aviation when he could be used so much more effective for military and imperialist purposes. Also, that Wall Street's government is doing its best to see that these "commercial" lines in the U. S. A. do not develop independently, but under government supervision, and as well organized auxiliaries of the military aviation forces, so that their more important function can be assumed immediately when war is declared.

Of course, according to the Post's correspondent, he was advised on many minor details, as for instance in the matter of a book. One had been written for him, and Mr. Morrow after reading the manuscript told him it was not a good book and that he could write a better one himself. Which he did.

Lindy's "independent position" HOWEVER, more important are the facts revealed as to how "on Mr. Morrow's recommendation the Guggenheimer trustees decided to pay the colonel \$50,000, the amount, I suppose, being partly intended to put him into a position of some independence with an assured income."

Yes, "the lone eagle" is at last independent; independent to devote his full time to the higher needs of Wall Street imperialism, independent

The best answer to the efforts of the New York Post Office to take up with Washington the question of revoking the second class mailing privileges of the YOUNG WORKER comes from the young miners in Penown, Pa. We herewith print their letter in full:

Dear Comrade:

I received the first bundle of the YOUNG WORKER and the fellows could not wait. They grabbed them all at the Post Office.

The young men were all satisfied with the paper and more asked me for the paper.

Please double the next bundle to (100 copies).

Comradely yours

J. P.

This letter clearly shows why the capitalist class would be so anxious to liquidate the YOUNG WORKER. The young miners are answering our call. How about the rest? Increase your efforts in the YOUNG WORKER DRIVE! More efforts to get those 5,000 subs and raise that \$3,000.

WEST COAST ACTIVE IN YOUNG WORKER DRIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The Young Workers (Communist) League is very active on the job in the campaign for the Young Worker. San Francisco has already sent in \$15.00, and arranged a dance for March 3rd for the Young Worker, the ticket has a free subscription stub entitling the holder to the Young Worker for 3 months. Oakland will hold a dance in March for the Young Worker.

Los Angeles arranged a Red Sunday to go out and get subscriptions for the Young Worker. They had a very successful dance in February, part of the proceeds of which are being sent to the Young Worker.

Conn. Is Out To Beat Chicago

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—"We are out to beat Chicago in the "Young Worker Drive!" say the comrades here. We are already ahead of Detroit and we are only starting to get subs. Especially active are the comrades from New Haven and Springfield. In Springfield the comrades are visiting organizations, getting subs and money. We have already gotten about 40 subs and raised about \$35. Watch out for us!"

Nashwauk Goes Over Top In Y. W. Drive

SUPERIOR, Wisc.—The League here is shouting: "Hurrah for Nashwauk!" which was the first League in the sub-district to earn the over-the-top pennant in the "Young Worker Drive." They also got the book Oil for being the first in group two to go over its quota.

The Superior League is leading the sub getting tussle in Group One. It intends to be the first over the top in this group and hurls a challenge to all other Leagues in the sub-district.

Strikers Children Organize

BENTLEYVILLE, Pa.—Last Saturday the Young Pioneers League held a meeting here with some 225 children and 50 adults present. A discussion took place on the miner's strike. I am informed that in Avela the Ladies' Auxilliary of the U. M. W. A. enthusiastically took up the question of forming a striker's children club. Immediate efforts are being made to establish such a club in No. Bessemer as well.

from the routine of business of commercial aviation and making a fortune along such lines.

Standing In The Young Worker Drive

SUBS GOTTEN

Dist. 9	137 1/2
Dist. 2	97 1/2
Dist. 8	75
Dist. 15	38 1/2
Dist. 5	18 1/2
Dist. 12	15
Dist. 6	11 1/2
Dist. 10	11
Dist. 1	10 1/2
Dist. 9 (M)	10
Dist. 13	6
Dist. 3	4 1/2
Dist. 4	4
Dist. 7	1 1/2
Total	439

MONEY RAISED

Dist. 2	\$122.50
Dist. 7	32.00
Dist. 9 (Sup)	20.00
Dist. 13	15.00
Dist. 15	14.00
Dist. 3	11.00
Dist. 9 (M)	6.49
Dist. 1	5.85
Total	\$226.84

These figures are up to March 1st. The following districts have not raised a single cent in the drive: (4) Buffalo (5) Pittsburgh (6) Cleveland (8) Chicago (10) Kansas City (12) Seattle.

Webster Chair Factory Girls Team Plays Well

The Superior Y. W. L. girls' basketball team won the game from the Webster Chair Factory Girls. The game was an exciting one as the lead changed from one to the other and finally ending 6 to 4 in favor of the league. This was the first game with the chair factory girls and it offered the league a chance to get acquainted with them. A few more games are expected to be held between these two teams, and the league will attend in full force in order to spend an enjoyable evening and get acquainted with these factory workers.



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Ruthenberg, Fighter Against Capitalist War

AN especial significance of C. E. Ruthenberg is the fact that he was among the first to draw practical implications from the experiences of the working class during the world war and from the Russian Revolution. Thus he was a pioneer in the struggle to break with the opportunists in the Socialist Party and was one of the outstanding founders and builders of the Workers (Communist) Party.

The youth are the first affected by war. Therefore the role of Ruthenberg as the mobilizer of the masses against the late imperialist war, for which he went to prison, presents the young workers with a special lesson. At the St. Louis convention of the Socialist Party it was Ruthenberg who fought against Berger and the other social patriots for the adoption of an anti-war resolution.

In all his manifold activities in the every day struggles of the American working class, Ruthenberg never forgot the chief objective of the working class movement—the overthrow of American capitalism and the establishment of a proletarian dictatorship. Ruthenberg was therefore a true proletarian internationalist and a loyal and capable leader in the Communist International. The principles for which Ruthenberg fought all his life must become the principles of the entire working class youth.

Miners Defend Yourselves!

THE Lewis-Capellini machine, the operators organization in the ranks of the miners, is trying to exterminate the movement of the rank and file of the union against them and the operators by assassinating the militant leaders of the miners—Lillis, Grecco, and now Reilly and Campbell have fallen victims of this "100", American system of doing the work of the bosses in the ranks of labor.

Will the workers permit this system to terrorize them into submitting to the rule of the gangsters? The masses of the rank and file are against the Lewis-Capellini machine. They will support a militant fight against it. The thorough mobilization of the miners is all that is needed to sweep these scoundrels into oblivion.

The policy of Lewis-Capellini is to terrorize the workers and eliminate the leaders—those they cannot kill they wish to drive into hiding, in order to remove them from the scenes of struggle. The militant leaders and the rank and file must not fall victims to this scheme. Hiding means isolation from the masses of the workers and plays right into the hands of Capellini-Lewis—it gives the assassin a chance to do his dirty work.

The defence of the militant leaders is in the hands of the masses of the miners. Only the miners can protect their leaders. The "law" will be on the side of the operators. The arm that wields the pick-axe in the bowels of the earth is powerful enough to protect the miners' lives. The miners must form body-guards around their leaders—body-guards of militant coal-buggers against the Capellini body-guards of gangsters and hired assassins.

The workers can defend themselves only in an organized fashion, and not as individuals. It would be against the interests of the miners and the entire working class for any miner to take upon himself the task of "avenging" Campbell, Reilly and Lillis. No individual vengeance! No copying of Capellini's methods! Workers use working class methods, and not gangster methods.

Capellini can assassinate one leader, but he cannot exterminate 150,000 miners or the war path against terrorism and gas terrorism in their union. He cannot stem the militant tide of the workers fighting for their conditions, their union and their class.

The place of a militant leader is at the head of the workers in their struggle against the operators and the Lewis-Capellini machine. In the midst of the masses of the workers assassination is doomed.

Miners. Defend yourselves against the assassins of Lewis-Capellini and the operators.

Red the union of the vermin who feed upon it.

Clear out the Lewis-Capellini machine. Support your striking brothers in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Young Reilly and Campbell murdered

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 in Pittsburgh a week before the murder took place.

This meeting took place at Alex Campbell's home. There were present three of Campbell's fellow unionists—two old-timers, two young miners and Ed Deane. The discussion centered around the question of electing a president of the local to take Bonita's place. Bonita was being held by the authorities because he had the good luck of killing his assassin before he killed Bonita. They talked about the difficulty of getting a candidate for the post and the risks he

would run. All agreed that Bonita's successor would be inviting death. "Well, if we can't get anyone else I'll take the job," said the youngest miner. They all agreed to this.

The young miners are opposed to individual terror as an answer to these killings, but they surely will protect themselves and continue the progressive fight of helping Pennsylvania and Ohio win their strike and oust Lewis.

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SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNE



After the adults and youth were shot down on the barricades the children manned the cannon against the bourgeois troops.

FIFTY SEVEN YEARS AGO THE FIRST WORKERS STATE WAS ESTABLISHED

ON July 19, 1870, France under Napoleon III, declared war against Prussia. The First International, founded by Marx and Engels, carried on a consistent struggle against the war. When the vote occurred in the North German Diet on war credits, the followers of La Salle, who claimed to be a Marxist, voted with the monarchy for war, while the members of the International, Liebknecht (father of Karl) and August Bebel, did not vote for the war credits.

On the second of September, Napoleon III handed over his sword to the king of Prussia. The French army was surrounded by 20,000 Germans at Sedan and France had lost the war.

When the news reached Paris the masses marched to the seat of the Chamber of Deputies shouting: "Vive la Republique!" On September 4, 1870, the republic was proclaimed from the Hotel de Ville and the government of national defense established—the government of Jules Favre and Thiers. While these bourgeois scoundrels proclaimed openly that: "We will not cede an inch of our territory nor a stone of our fortresses," they were negotiating with the Prussians for a peace that would put an end to the rebellious National Guard and to mutinous Paris.

Paris was an armed camp of the proletariat! The battalions of the National Guard founded the Federation of the National Guard and elected its Central Committee. On the 10th of March Thiers ran away from Paris—the Assembly changed its seat to Versailles. Paris was left without a government.

On the 18th of March the troops of Thiers endeavored to seize the cannon of the National Guard. The order was given to fire into the crowd—National Guardsmen, women and children. The soldiers refused

"COMMUNE WAS FIRST" STEP

"The Soviet Power is the second step of the world revolution, the development of the dictatorship of the proletariat. The Paris Commune was the first step. The Commune created a new type of state—the Workers' State.

"The Commune was the first attempt of the proletarian revolution to break up the bourgeois state and constitutes the political form discovered at last which can and must take the place of the broken bourgeois machine."

V. I. LENIN

to fire; they had gone over completely to the masses.

Already the cry of insurrection: "Vive La Commune!" was being shouted. The Central Committee of the National Guard told the masses they would only remain in the Hotel de Ville up to the time of the elections for the Commune. On Sunday March 27th 1871 the election returns were already known. "In the name of the people the Commune is proclaimed". (March 28th).

The Commune lasted until Saturday, May 28th, 1871, the day on which the last barricade was taken by invading Versailles troops. Then began the blood bath of the proletariat. The revenge of the bourgeoisie. At least 100,000 of the Paris proletariat, large numbers of women, youth and children, were foully murdered by the Thiers government. All of them died like heroes shouting with the last gasp of breath: "Long Live The Commune!"

Young Workers Honor Ruthenberg

BORN July 9, 1882. Died March 2, 1927, at the age of 44. His father was a longshoreman, and he himself after primary school education in a German Lutheran school and completion of business college was in turn factory worker, clerk, newspaper correspondent and from 1909 until the day of his death active fighter in the labor movement.



C. E. Ruthenberg

Activity in the Labor Movement
Helped to build International Ladies Garment Workers Union and took active part in the Cleveland strikes of that organization. He participated in and took a leading part in many other strikes in Cleveland and in the state of Ohio. Joined the socialist party January, 1909. When the Communist Party was formed in 1919 he was one of the founders of the Communist Party and of its successor, the Workers (Communist) Party. He was an official of the socialist party from 1909 (a few months after joining) until he entered the Communist Party.

1909-1912 — Recording Secretary City Central Committee Socialist Party, Cleveland. Political Standard Bearer.

1910—Candidate for State Treasurer of Ohio.

1911—Candidate for Mayor of Cleveland.

1912—Candidate for Governor Socialist Party of Ohio.

1913—Secretary and City Organizer.

1914—Candidate for U. S. Senator of Ohio.

1915—Candidate for Mayor of Cleveland.

1916—Candidate for Congress, 20th district of Ohio.

1917—Candidate for Mayor of Cleveland.

1918—Candidate for Congress.

1919—Candidate for Mayor of Cleveland.

In November, 1917, after convicted for anti war activities, and while pending appeal, he ran for Mayor of Cleveland and received 27,000 votes out of a total of 100,000 cast.

First Communist Secretary
Delegate to every Annual State Convention of the Ohio Socialist Party until 1919. Delegate to National Convention of 1915 and National Emergency Convention of 1917. Elected Secretary and Organizer of the Socialist Party in 1919. Editor the Socialist News from 1914-19.

Executive Secretary Communist Party of America 1919-27. He went to jail and was therefore unable to serve. Upon getting out of jail he became secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party from its inception and remained secretary until the day of his death. He was at all times a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party and its successor, the Workers (Communist) Party. For the last few years of his life he was a member

of the presidium of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. Indicted June, 1917, charged with obstructing the draft through speeches made on the public square in Cleveland.

He served one year in the Canton, Ohio, jail. It was after Debs visited him in the Canton jail that he (Debs) made the speech that caused his own indictment and imprisonment. He was indicted and convicted under the Criminal Anarchy Law of the State of New York in November, 1919, and served 2 years in Sing Sing on an indeterminate sentence of from 5 to 10 years which was terminated by the pardon upon the minority opinion of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court to the effect that the conviction was unconstitutional.

Paper Box Strike

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young workers should demand that there shall be no discrimination against the young workers, and that union wages be paid to all workers in the industry. Young paper-box makers should demand the rigid enforcement of all health and safety laws in the factories.

League In Strike

The Young Workers Communist League participated in the last struggle of the militant young paper box makers. In this strike, the Young Workers League will intensify its activities ten-fold. Already preparations are being made for a mobilization of League members for picket duty. Many thousands of League and Union leaflets will be distributed in the next week amongst both the box makers. The Young Workers League will give its utmost support, both moral and financial to the striking young paper box makers.

From the office of the Union comes

RUTHENBERG'S LAST ARTICLE ON YOUTH

(It deals with the activities of the Young Workers (Communist) League in connection with the Youth Conference held in Belleaire, Ohio on Feb. 26, 1926).

By C. E. Ruthenberg

THE trade union movement of this country today stands as the most backward in any capitalist country. The bureaucratic leaders of the trade unions, in place of instilling in the minds of the workers the ideology of struggle against their exploiters and oppressors are advocating policies of collaboration and submission. In place of appealing to the pride of the workers as a class, teaching them to fight as a class, their policy is that of compromise and co-operation with the masters.

The older generation in the trade unions is thoroly imbued with this spirit of Gomerism. On the new generation of workers, which is just learning from bitter experiences the character of the existing system of exploitation, rests the hope of creating a working class movement in which Gomerism will be succeeded by the spirit of class pride, and the consciousness that it is the destiny of the workers to create a new social order, that it is their task to take control of the productive forces of society and so order and organize them that they will serve the interests of those who produce wealth in place of for the enrichment of a small class of exploiters.

THE work of imbuing this spirit in the young workers who will be the militant fighting center of the working class movement tomorrow, is the task of the Young Workers (Communist) League. In directing the work of the league into these channels in an effort to reach and influence the young workers in industry, teaching them the necessity of their organizing to fight against the capitalists to make of them militant trade union fighters, the Young Workers (Com-

munist League is taking up one of the most important problems of the working class movement. It is then establishing contact with the young workers in industry, furnishing them with the spirit of class struggle against the master class, that the Young Workers (Communist) League will become a powerful force in the American labor movement.

These tasks are now being taken up by the Young Workers (Communist) League in earnest. The work of establishing its influence has just begun. The future promises achievements and success, inspiring the fighting spirit in the young workers, and bringing them under the influence and leadership of the Young Workers (Communist) League.

OUR party must give earnest and enthusiastic support to the work of the Young Workers (Communist) League. The task of spreading our ideas and our campaigns among the young workers has not been supported to the full extent that the party is able to give support. We have not built the Young Workers League wherever there are units of the Workers (Communist) Party. The energetic campaigns now being undertaken by the Young Workers (Communist) League must receive the full support of every party unit. The party members must study the program, organization plans, campaigns initiated by the Young Workers (Communist) League and devise ways and means of aiding them in carrying out the campaigns.

The way this aid can be given best is thru the organization of units of the Young Workers League wherever units of the party exist and the full support of those units of the Young Workers League which are now in existence.

Surprises At N. Y. Spring Dance

The Young Workers of New York are going to have a real surprise! The big Spring Youth Dance being arranged for April 21, 1928, by the Communist Youth of New York is surely going to be something that the young workers and students of this city are going to remember for a long time.

The Spring Youth Dance will be held at the New Harlem Casino, 116 St. and Lenox Ave. N. Y. C.

word already that 25 manufacturers have already settled with the Union. The Young Workers Communist League calls on the young strikers to stick to the Union till a complete victory for the Union is won.

Anthracite League Holds Conference

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Feb. 26. A lively and profitable conference for the Anthracite Young Workers League was held. It was attended by 11 delegates from Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Minersville. There was a report by the District Organizer, R. Miller, a report by the sub-committee organizer of the League and a Party report. Resolutions on the future tasks of the League, sports, miners' strike and Bonnetti were adopted. All delegates feel confident that the district will function more effectively now.

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She Saw A Revolution

"INTIMATE LETTERS FROM PETERSBURG" — By Pauline S. Crosley. (E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. 322 pp.)

Here is a delightful book by the fifty-year old wife of an American Naval officer on duty in Leningrad from May 1917, to March, 1918. She tells of the March Revolution, the Bolshevik Revolution, and describes conditions during those critical months.

The shallowness of an educated bourgeois is incredible. She "did her bit" — she sewed by hand for charity. She entertained the Whites every Thursday to "cheer them up" and to collect gossip for her husband's use. She tells us that under the

Czar the workers were "most favorably treated" and the peasants were "always peaceful and happy." She squalls about the abnormal condition—there are no silk hats to be seen (p. 136), milk and eggs are costly and hard to get, there is no electric light from midnight till 5 a. m. Never a word of sympathy for the workers for whom potatoes or black bread are very hard to get!

Her ignorance is matched by her bitter hate of the workers and private soldiers. The "Soldiers' and Workmen's Deputies" are "Dogs' Deputies." She tells on every page atrocious fables or "proof" that the Bolsheviks are Prussian tools. She refers often to the spies hired by the American Embassy—but calls them "scouts." Her fury when the work-

ers found the court-martial lists of 1905 and avenged their comrades is only equalled by the satisfaction the fact gives the reader. The soldiers seize a palace; she says, "It makes me ill to think of those unclean soldiers in such a beautiful home." Well, well!

"Tis an amusing book but it teaches little. One thing is—"Treat 'em Rough". The master class hate and dread the workers and it makes them just as wild to take a nickel as to take all they own. All ideas of "conciliation" them are nonsense. When the author crossed from the Red Lines in Finland to the White lines, she complains bitterly of conditions on the Red side—tho she had food and a hotel.

On the White side she was "as

grateful as one can be for food and a barn to sleep in." The Red commander, Eleranta, helped these little parasites across. This man Eleranta, was shot by the Red for associating with the Finnish White Guards. It is not known whether he was at this time in the employ of the Whites.

The other lesson is "Accept no presents." The Naval Officer gave presents with a generous hand. The Reds who took their own information on small facts did not realize how much harm they were doing. None of us have such "beautiful eyes" that our enemies want to give gifts to us—they are blind. When a stranger or a White offers a Red a gift, he should be arrested.

David Jones

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UNEMPLOYED YOUTH HOLD MASS RALLY IN NEW YORK

FIGHT FOR THEIR DEMANDS

Youth Committee Organized

By P. Frankfield
NEW YORK CITY—A mass meeting of unemployed young workers at the Church of all Nation. This was held here Thursday, March 1, meeting was called by the Youth Committee of the New York Council of Unemployed. The meeting was attended by more than 200 unemployed workers.

First Of Its Kind

This meeting is the first of its kind that was ever held here. In New York City, the youth are badly hit by the unemployed situation. Thousands upon thousands are tramping the streets in search of a job. The parasitic agencies are filled to capacity by the young workers seeking employment. And all this time, the youth are not even considered or mentioned by the so-called "angelic" mayor, Jimmy Walker.

In newspaper reports it is stated that a very large percentage of those who apply for a handout or a place to sleep in for the night are young workers.

Youth Committee On Job

The Youth Committee of the New York Council of Unemployed came into being as a result of these conditions. Its first meeting more than justifies its existence, and as its work will progress, it will undoubtedly draw in ever larger numbers of young out-of-a-job youth into its ranks. More than 50 questionnaires were answered by these young workers between the ages of 15 and 25; and it shows that nearly all of them are unskilled and unorganized.

The demands of the Youth Committee are: \$2 a day for a full young workers as unemployment relief to be paid by the city authorities. The immediate establishment of youth centers of a social and educational character to be under labor control. That the young workers should not be driven into the army as a result of unemployment and hunger — but to fight for effective relief.

These demands were loudly applauded by the audiences. There was the speakers at the meeting were Minnie Lurye, Phil Bates, John Di Santo, a child of an unemployed worker, the writer acted as chairman.

Auto Workers Union To Organize Sports Club in Detroit

DETROIT, Mich. — Upon the report of the delegate to the conference of the Labor Sports Union, which was held Jan. 31, the membership meeting of the Auto Workers' Union decided to develop sport activities in the union. A start will be made by organizing a sport club in the union.

In the discussion on the report it was brought out, that the bosses, control the sport organizations in the country, in order to keep the Young Workers away from Labor organizations.

The organization of the sport club in the Auto Workers Union, will help to draw Young Workers into the union. The address of the Auto Workers union is 55 Adelaide St.

MURRAY CO YOUTH IN DETROIT MUST JOIN THEIR UNION

Against Wage Cuts and Firing Leaders

By Young Worker Correspondent
DETROIT, Mich. — In the cushion department of the Murray Body Co., the workers were getting 60 cents an hour and were supposed to produce 4 jobs in an hour. Most of the workers in the plant are under 24, and none of them are organized.

When you are hired they promise to give you a raise if you will produce the expected 4 jobs in an hour. The speed up system compelled all the workers to produce the four jobs but none got a raise. Instead the bosses gave the workers a clever wage cut. The workers were told that instead of producing 4 jobs an hour, they must make 7 jobs in an hour.

Aroused By Wage Cut

This wage cut of the bosses aroused the workers and the entire department refused to yield to the bosses demand. The solidarity and organization of the workers, under the leadership of a few militant young workers, compelled the boss to discuss with the workers new terms. The boss was forced to compromise and proposed instead of 7 jobs in an hour, 5. The workers not being organized into a union and not realizing that with their solidarity they could force the bosses to yield completely, accepted the compromise of the bosses.

As soon as the workers got back to work, the workers who were leading this fight were immediately fired. Why? Because the boss will again have another wage cut, and without militant leaders and union organization, the bosses hope to completely break the solidarity of the workers, so they will be able to have more speed up and more wage cuts.

How To Fight Back

The bosses are getting ready for this move. The workers should get ready to fight back. When the next struggle comes we must have an organization that will protect the interest of the workers. There is only one organization that will fight for the improvement of the working conditions of the Auto Workers and this is the Auto Workers Union at 55 Adelaide St.

Young Workers learn a lesson from the last strike and join the union.

Young Miners Organize Sports Club As Part Of Their Fight

(By a Young Miner)

BAIRDSFORD, Pa.—The young miners here on Feb. 27 organized into a young miners sports club. At the meeting, at which were present some 30 young miners high spirit reigned. Realizing the necessity of labor sports, these young miners organized themselves into a club and will attempt to affiliate to the Labor Sports Union. This club besides their sport activity will intensify the struggle against the union-smashing attack of the coal operators and against the passive union-wrecking policy of the reactionary leadership of the union.

SPECIAL YOUTH DEMANDS RAISED BY LABOR CONFERENCE ON AUTO INDUSTRY

CALL FOR SPECIAL METHODS IN ORGANIZING YOUNG WORKERS

By Young Worker Correspondent

DETROIT, Mich. — The Conference called by the Auto Workers Union here paid special attention to the youth problem. "This conference", declares one of the resolutions adopted, "suggests that special steps (lower initiation fee, special agitation methods and attention to the grievances of the young workers, sports, etc) be worked out by the Union to draw in the thousands of young workers in the organization campaign, and also the represented organizations do everything possible to help in the organization of the young workers."

The Conference further went on record for the following youth demands:

1. Equal pay for young workers doing the same work as adult workers. — 2. Against night work for young workers. — 3. For a six hour day for young workers under twenty.

This conference which marks the first step in a concerted campaign to organize the auto industry had 30 organizations present who were represented by 71 delegates. The Butchers' Union, Iron Moulders, and Jewish Carpenters' Union were among the organizations present.

The conference declared itself against sport clubs sponsored by the employers and declared "its whole-hearted support for workers' sports and for the only workers' sport organization, the Labor Sports Union of America."

To All Textile Workers In New England!

Fellow Workers:

In view of the wage slashing, union smashing campaign of the bosses for the past three months; in view of the prevailing miserable conditions amongst the Textile Workers of New England; and in view of the excellent spirit being shown by the workers of Fall River in resistance to the wage-cut, which the bosses would make general, the time has arrived for preparation on a district scale for a fight for a decent livelihood.

We have waited too long! The official leaders of the union movement have failed to act! Now is action time! All textile workers organizations — local unions, factory groups, fraternal & social clubs and workers' political parties are asked to send delegates to a provisional

CONFERENCE

on
SUNDAY MARCH 11

At 10 A. M. in
93 STANIFORD STREET
BOSTON

(Delegates are requested to come forward early and not delay the conference. Fill out credentials and mail to
W. MURDOCH, Sec. Org.,—
Progressive Committee Textile Workers 20 Olneyville Sq. — Providence, R. I.

CAMPBELL REILLY MURDER DEMANDS LEWIS MUST GO

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The Young Workers (Communist) League District Three issued the following statement: "The murder of the two leaders of the miners, Campbell and Reilly by the murder machine of Lewis and Cappellini is a blow against the whole working class.

"These two martyred heroes were symbols of the struggle that is raging inside of the miner's union against the lackeys of the coal barons and Lewises and the Cappellines. The young coal miners are taking their place in this struggle to bring back to the miner's union its role that it once had as a militant union in the class struggle.

"The young miners who are in the

forefront of the struggle both in the Anthracite and in the strike region will now redouble their efforts

carry on the work of Campbell and Reilly and Lillis who was murdered a few weeks back by the same murder machine.

"The Young Workers (Communist) League calls upon the young coal miners to join in the building of rank and file committees to save the union and fight for the liberation of Bonita who managed to escape being murdered by felling the assassin. The Young Workers (Communist) League pledges itself to rally the young workers in all trades and industries to come to the support of mine workers in their struggle both against the coal barons and their stool pigeons in the ranks of the United Mine Workers".

Making Peace Angels

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder and present world head of the Boy Scout movement has been proposed for the Nobel Peace Prize. He is not the only jingoist that has been awarded the garb of a "peace angel". Two years ago it was awarded to Sir Austen Chamberlain, who is the leading figure in the war preparations against the Soviet Union. It does not surprise us that these gentlemen "cop the prize" when we remember that it was left by Mr. Nobel who was an armament manufacturer, and the inventor of dynamite.

Detroit Y. W. L. Dance

The first spring dance was arranged by the Detroit League for Saturday March 31st at the Labor Temple, 9179 Delmar.

All organizations are requested not to arrange any other affairs for March 31st.

Lists!!!

All comrades still holding YOUNG WORKER collection lists are requested to send them together with money collected, to the National Office, 43 East 125th Street, New York City