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## LONG TRAIL NOW WINDS FOR CHILD LABOR MEASURE

By CHARLES WITTER

(Special to "The Young Worker")

WASHINGTON.—By a vote of 297 to 69, the house of representatives adopted the Israel Foster amendment to the constitution giving Congress the power to limit, regulate or prohibit the labor of children under the age of 18.

This vote has created great jubilation among the organizations which have been lobbying for the amendment, and it points to a victory—of sorts. What is overlooked is the fact that this amendment itself does not limit, prohibit or regulate child labor, but only gives Congress the power to do so. What is also overlooked is that the process of getting the senate to adopt the amendment, of getting the president to sign it and of getting three-quarters of the states to ratify it will take years to accomplish. Also, that there are great probabilities that even with more years of work, the amendment will not be ratified by a sufficient number of states to insure its becoming a part of the grand and glorious Constitution of the United States.

### Opposition From South

Opposition to the passage of the amendment came almost exclusively from southern congressmen, representing states which depend on child labor to a great extent for the working of their industries and agriculture. Among those who made themselves infamous by opposition to this weak amendment were Mr. Pou, North Carolina, Mr. Tydings of Maryland, Mr. Tucker of Virginia, Mr. Garret of Tennessee and Mr. Graham of Pennsylvania, all of them from states which are notorious for their heartless exploitation of little toads in mines, tobacco and cotton fields and the like. They veiled their opposition to this vicious exploitation by appealing that the rights of the separate states would be infringed by the empowering of the federal government to legislate and enforce decisions against child labor.

### Other Side Not Much Better

It should not be thought, however, that the supporters of the constitutional amendment, were much better in their "fight" for the measure. All sorts of excuses were given for their advocacy of the proposition, the main one being that the amendment gave the federal government only the power to limit, prohibit and regulate child labor, but that it probably would not be used very strongly.

Implicit in all their arguments was the acknowledgment, for example, that the Supreme Court of Degenerated Fossils had the power and right to rule the two previous federal laws unconstitutional, also there is not a line in our glorious constitution giving them the right to pass on the constitutionality of anything. And there isn't anyone in either house of congress today, from Senator Lodge, hidebound republican to Congressman Victor Berger, yeller socialist, who has the nerve to challenge the right of the Supreme Court to override a decision of an alleged sovereign body like Congress.

### And In the Meantime

While the amendment is now on its road for more votes, signatures, ratifications, the end of which it will never reach, the number of child slaves continues to grow day by day.

## CANADIAN YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE SHOWS 100 PCT. INCREASE; CONVENTION LAYS BASIS FOR COMING ACTIVITY

By LESLIE MORRIS

Secretary, Young Communist League of Canada

The second national convention of the Young Communist League of Canada took place in Toronto on April 22nd. Delegates were present from almost every branch of the League, but owing to the fact that the branches themselves were unable to finance their own delegates, many credentials were given to the delegates to the Party convention held the three days preceding. In spite of this, however, the affair marked a distinct departure from the convention of last year when the League was formed, insofar as it laid down a working policy calculated to bring the League membership into close touch with the masses of the youth of Canada.

The first convention of the League accomplished the task of laying down the basis of a league. The work during the past year has been primarily of a crystallizing nature, and we may say that we have succeeded in gathering into our ranks the revolutionary youth that exist on this side of the border. The first convention did not take up in detail the tasks of the League, altho during the year the national executive committee has carried on campaigns and issued instructions that were in alignment with the recent decisions of the young Communist International. The report of the secretary showed that the membership has increased from three to

## YOUNG COMMUNIST IN PUBLISHING HOUSE TO BE RUN IN SWEDEN—OR HERE

(Special to "The Young Worker")

STOCKHOLM, Sweden.—The Publishing House of the Young Communist International, which was recently banned from Germany by orders of the dictator, General van Seckt, is now being established in this country, and the work of issuing the various publications previously printed by the house is now well under way.

This new arrangement may, however, be changed in the near future and the entire establishment transferred to the United States. Possibilities of printing a number of pamphlets and books in the United States in the next few months are now being considered by the management of the house, which is the official printing establishment of the Young Communist International.

It is considered that the printing of the English publications in this country will make possible a greater circulation of literature, since America is the largest consumer of the books and pamphlets issued by the Publishing House.

## JUNIOR KU KOOS TO FIGHT YOUNG REDS, KLAN IDEA

CHICAGO.—The organization of a Junior Ku Klux Klan for the purpose of fighting against the radical youth movement was announced here by Charles G. Palmer, Grand Pooh-Bah of the Realm of Illinois and Cicero. This is in accordance with an "Imperial Decree" in which the "Imperial Wizard" Hiram Wesley Evans has created the foundation for a national Junior Ku Klux Klan with Paul A. Pook of Atlanta, Ga., as national director.

### To Fight Reds.

The Junior cuckoos will take in youths between the ages of 12 and 16 and its avowed purpose is, as the Illinois Flery Cross, official nightgown organ, states, "to counteract through a national organization the Red propaganda conducted throughout the United States."

The Grand Whangdoole of Illinois, Palmer, states that the juniors are entitled to "The inspiration and strengthening influence that comes thru affiliation with such a loyal and patriotic organization as the Klan." Whether the youngsters who are misguided enough to enter this labor-hunting gang will receive their inspiration from the actions of the white-slaver and crook, Clarke, former big gun in the Ku Klux Klan, or from the actions of the Ku Klux Klan in various sections of the country where they Lynch and beat up anyone that doesn't happen to suit the particular fancy of the local chief cuckoo, is not yet known.

The Junior Reds of the Young Workers League are waiting anxiously for any development of this inspirational and strengthening organization and are tickled to death to think of the counteracting of their propaganda which may be accomplished by the morons who are to direct the Kowdary, Krazy Klouncil of the Junior Ku Klux Klan of America.

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six hundred during the course of the year, in addition to the thousand children that have been connected with the League junior section. The National Executive Committee looked upon the second convention as being in reality the first convention of the League, and in accordance with this viewpoint prepared resolutions of policy dealing with every phase of our work.

### Economic Struggle.

The League in the future will endeavor to engage in the economic battle of the youth for better conditions. A set of demands that express the needs of the youth have been drawn up and will form the basis for a campaign in the trade unions and in the Canadian Labor Party. The Trade Union Congress of Canada will also be approached by the League during the next year, and a consistent campaign carried on that will draw the attention of the unions to the deplorable condition of the proletarian youth of this country. The economic condition of Canadian capitalism demands that a fight shall be waged against the intolerable conditions of youth labor here, and the whole weight of the League will have to be thrown on the side of the exploited young workers. Every member of the League is instructed in the resolution to become a member of the unions wherever possible, and in co-operation with the TUEL and the Party at

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## REVEAL SLAVERY OF CHILDREN IN N.Y. TENEMENTS

By JOSEPH NARBRICK

(Special to "The Young Worker")

NEW YORK CITY.—The complete report and recommendations of the state industrial commissioner, Bernard L. Shientag, on children's work in New York tenement houses, just made public here, reveals the most horrible conditions prevailing among these children who are forced to slave away in their homes from their very earliest days.

Repeated violations of the child welfare and factory laws were found in many of the cases investigated, largely as a result of the arbitrary cutting down of the force of inspectors who are supposed to look after the enforcement of these laws.

### All Kinds of Work Done

Over 2000 families were investigated, most of whom live directly in New York City. Three quarters of the child home workers were found to be slaving away in old law tenements in which congestion, overcrowding and general unsanitary were found to be very great. Many of them worked in tenements which had no license, altho the law provides for one. All kinds of work was—and is being—done by the children, a compilation showing that more than 60 different kinds of articles were manufactured by them.

The report admits that the wages were exceedingly low and the hours meant working into long hours of the night, clear cases of sweat labor being found everywhere.

2 and 3 Years Olds Toil!

Altho the majority of the tenement house slaves are between 5 and 16 years of age, exceptional cases were found in which babies of 2 and 3 years of age were doing work, stringing beads or some other simple job.

More than third of the children were 10 years old or less and they would come running home from school, into the house, and immediately get busy on their work, slaving away in the late hours of the night, sewing gloves or some silk finery for the enhancement of the beauty of some rich and aristocratic dame.

Most of the work done was on men's clothing, flowers, feathers, beads, embroidery, silk and the like, the children receiving unbelievably low wages for their long hours of toil.

is the State Impotent?

The report makes the statement that there will always be a certain amount of illegal child labor in the tenement houses so long as the present system of licensing homework continues and that no staff of inspectors, however large, can adequately cope with the problem. This is a most amazing admission of impotence to cope with a situation which is degrading the children of the working class in New York City's tenement house section to the level of coolie slaves practically from the moment of their birth.

The reason for the great employment of children at home is given in another report which shows that the family budget of numerous families is too small to meet a most meager standard of living. Even after the children are drawn into some kind of work, the income is so insufficient that the city Board of Child Welfare makes up from between 45 to 50 per cent of the family income in order to keep thousands of families from actual starvation.

In the meantime the newspapers carry accounts of the willingness of J. P. Morgan, of New York City, to advance one hundred million dollars towards the American loan to Germany.

## PAGE THE WAR FOR DEMOCRACY

LOS ANGELES.—"Shipwreck" Kelly, a world war veteran, has found a way to help his fellow war veterans. The government appropriation for the veterans having been used up in the "graft splits" Kelly is now risking his life here climbing skyscrapers. While the gazer-on were thrilled today by the human spider, veterans passed around with hats collecting nickels and dimes for the veterans home at Sawtelle, California. Several hundred dollars were thus collected.

According to the Los Angeles Examiner, "the crowd got its worth in thrills."

Mars, bring on the next war for

democracy!

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the regular work of the league; the latest news of the youth in the class struggle in this and other countries; editorials, the Impropaganda column and numerous other features.

The Mine Special is going to contain articles by Barney Mass, southern Illinois district organizer of the League, Tom Myerscough, secretary of the international progressive committee of the U. M. W. of A., Jack Johnstone, assistant secretary of the Trade Union Educational League, Charles O'Neill and Pat Tooley of the Pittsburgh mining fields and numerous other articles and stories on the conditions and tasks of the young miners in this country. Besides these special articles there will be many others on

## FREE 3 ITALIAN YOUNG COMMUNISTS IN TRIAL; 5 STILL KEPT IN COOP

(Special Foreign Correspondent of "The Young Worker")

ROME.—The trial against the 30 comrades of the Young Communist League and Communist Party of Italy, directly indicted by the high, grand mogul of Castor Oil, Mussolini, has partly ended with the release of 3 comrades, D'Onofrio, Berti and Introna. D'Onofrio has been in another anti-militarist trial since 1920 because of his agitation in the soldiers' barracks of Rome. Berti has been a member of the executive committee of the Young Communist League since its foundation and Introna is a typical young revolutionary representative of the peasant youth of Southern Italy.

These three comrades had been arrested together with 27 others, comprising almost the entire delegation from Italy to the 4th congress of the Communist International. The charges were based mainly on the anti-military propaganda which had been carried on with great success and under the greatest difficult. The defendants, however, refused to budge an inch from their revolutionary position and instead stated and reaffirmed their communist stand without quibble or evasion.

The trial has made a great impression on the wide masses of the working class and has given the communists another opportunity to state their ideas to the workers.

Comrade Longo, Cassitta, Telo, Guerrand and Maggioni, all members of the executive committee of the league, are still being held in the Fascist jail, having been confined since last May.

This is how Fascism tries to suppress the revolutionary workers.

## STARVING KIDDIES IS FREEDOM THIS COUNTRY OFFERS

(Special to "The Young Worker")

NEW YORK CITY.—The free country, the land of plenty which the Italian immigrants came here to find, they now know to be the country where their children are continually on the verge of starvation, mostly undernourished and suffering, as a consequence, of all sorts of terrible diseases.

This fact has now been made clear by the investigations conducted for the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor under the direction of the well-known Dr. L. C. Schroeder, among the Italians in the Mulberry district of this city. Over 14,000 boys and girls were studied and the results are simply staggering.

One-Third Are Undernourished.

Of the total examined, it was found that over one-third of them were in an undernourished condition. This same percentage holds true of children two and three years old? As a result of this state of underfeeding among the Italian children up to the age of 10, which is as far as the investigations went, it has been found that numerous diseases exist among the children.

### Children Suffer Many Diseases.

A conservative estimate, based mostly on X-ray diagnosis, showed that 50 per cent of the babies in the district developed cases of rickets. Other children showed serious nose and throat defects. Protuberant abdomens, palpable spleen and other abnormalities were found in every sixth child, all proving a state of poor nutrition.

This horrible condition exists in the richest city of the world. This is the state of affairs among the children of this country who are supposed to be, if we are to believe our school teachers and Fourth of July orators, the most cherished inheritors of America's greatness.

What bunk!

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the regular work of the league; the latest news of the youth in the class struggle in this and other countries; editorials, the Impropaganda column and numerous other features.

All branches and individual comrades are urged to send in their orders immediately for extra copies of the young Mine Special. Circulate it among the young miners in your neighborhood. Orders for the Mine Special will be received by letter up to the night of May 10th. Orders by telegram will be received up to the night of May 14th.

Get aboard the Mine Special. Send in a big order immediately! Don't wait until the last minute!

Everyone ready! Shoot!

## PROPOSE BREAKUP OF UNIONS WITH YOUNG WORKERS

(By The Federated Press)

NEW YORK CITY.—Calling upon the annual convention, American Newspaper Publishers' Association in session in New York to break the power of the union menace by training more apprentices, the Printing Trades Schools committee reported that the publisher who has the right to employ apprentices and fails to do so is as much a menace to the newspaper business as the union.

Committee's Kind's Clever

"The promotion and development of printing trades schools will tend to make more journeymen and better journeymen, and to keep down the arbitrary and unjust demands of the trade unions for a wage which in in a few years, were present conditions to continue, would become prohibitive," said the committee.

## Education Takes Big Jump Under Soviets

(By The Federated Press)

MOSCOW, Russia.—In 1920 only 319 out of every 1,000 Russians could read and write. Every effort has since been made to eradicate illiteracy by means of schools, clubs, etc. The following table shows the increase in schools and scholars since 1914:

	First grade schools	First grade scholars
January, 1914.....	62,650	4,186,480
January, 1921.....	76,052	6,067,333
Second grade		

## CANADIAN YOUTH LEAGUE SHOWS A 100 PCT. GROWTH

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tempts will be made to introduce the same slogan that you American comrades have, "the entrance into the unions of young workers on equal terms at lower entrance fees." In common with the American League, we have the same barriers to fight against and the same tasks to accomplish as far as the economic struggle is concerned.

The following message has been received by the Young Workers League of America from the Young Communist League of Canada:

The Second National Convention of the Young Communist League of Canada greets its brother league of the United States. Knowing that our problems are common, we pledge ourselves to support your struggle against American imperialism and its hideous methods. The young workers have a special duty to perform. In the fight for emancipation in organizing the proletarian youth for the revolution. We trust that the closest co-operation may prevail during the coming years.

Long live the Young Workers League of America!  
Long live the Young Communist International!

LESLIE MORRIS,  
Executive Secretary, Y. C. L. of Canada.

### Shop and School Nuclei.

A remarkable, the necessary part of the proceedings centered around the adoption of this resolution. In the Party convention a few days before, the suggestions of the National Executive Committee has carried on an ideological campaign in order that the membership could become acquainted with the meaning of the term "nuclei" with the result that seven have already been established. The League has realized the necessity of erecting the movement upon the basis that the nuclei affords, and during the coming year all possible effort will be directed towards this end. Canadian conditions warrant peculiar tactics, however, and only in certain parts of the country that are industrialized can the plan be followed. School nuclei are also possible, and there is doubt that several will be established in the near future.

Already there exist two or three possibilities of the League initiating school strikes. The task of the incoming National Executive Committee will be to consistently explore every possibility of the formation of nuclei in shop, mine and school.

### Junior Section.

So far no definite dues paying junior section has been established. It was realized that in order that the children could be definitely connected with the League that this would have to be done. Over a thousand children are already connected with the League, and the work of the children will be begun in earnest from now on.

"**NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR 'EM!**"  
NEW YORK CITY.—"Nothing is more pathetic than the many disabled soldiers who themselves ended life's battle, 2,000 having gone out in this regrettable way," says a report of the Save-a-Life League, commanding the after-war suicides of ex-service men.

Many of these ex-soldiers were left in sickness and poverty because of the wholesale graft in the veterans' bureaus of the Harding-Coolidge administration.

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## School Strike Play Presented by Junior Group Of Leaguers

NEW YORK CITY, May 2.—While detectives of the bomb squad were stationed in Webster hall, the junior branches of the Young Workers League of New York gave a very interesting program before a large audience of children and adults.

On the features of the program was a one-act play demonstrating how to conduct a successful school strike. The curtain rose on a classroom scene, the children in their seats. The teacher calls on the children to rise and sing "The Star Spangled Banner." The children refuse to do as commanded. The teacher asked why, whereupon one of the pupils explains "Our national anthem is the 'International'." The teacher becomes very angry and leaves the room to get a birch.

In the meantime all the young students decide to strike not to sing the patriotic song and to stand together solidly. By the time the teacher returns the strike is beyond control. She is forced to apologize and assures the children it will never happen again. In the end the strikers leave triumphantly, singing "The Internationale."

### DOWN ON THE FARM

CARIBOU, Maine.—Two little girls, aged 12 and 9, picked up 1100 barrels of potatoes in the Caribou fields during the last season. Isabelle and Pearl Kinney are only two of the army of child laborers who work in the potato and berry fields. In one day Isabelle got in 52 barrels of potatoes and Pearl picked up 49.

### MORE AMERICAN PROSPERITY

NEW YORK CITY.—Health conditions are worse, especially among children, in the country districts of America than in the cities, according to the annual report of scientists of the Rockefeller Foundation.

That nationwide bankruptcy among farmers and the rapid increase of tenantry, prevents the rural population from improving sanitation, the report does not state. Ignorance is put forward as the chief cause

### INVEST IN RAIC

If you are not yet a subscriber to RAIC (Russian-American Industrial Corporation) stock this is to advise you that the book is still open and that many young workers have already joined in this effective work for Russia. The Komsomols in the Russian clothing factories will appreciate this practical form of assistance to the industry they are working to construct on a socialized basis in Moscow and Leningrad and the other clothing centers of soviet Russia. The RAIC and 103 East 14th St., New York City, will welcome your support.

### LIFE, LIBERTY AND HAPPINESS!

NEW YORK CITY.—Loretta Murphy, a telephone operator, may have been endowed with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but the right to work and to eat was denied her. So she tried to commit suicide by jumping into the East river. At the hospital it was found that she was suffering from hunger.

### Seek Compensation Law.

BUTTE, Mont., May 2.—Thirty thousand signatures are being sought to petitions to place before the voters in November a new workmen's compensation law. The proposed law has 175 sections, covering every possible contingency that can arise in matters of compensation for industrial accidents.

### Investigating Board Set Up.

MONTRÉAL.—A board of investigation has been set up by the dominion minister of labor to inquire into the dispute between the longshoremen and the shipping companies. The men ask for 70 cents an hour day and 80 cents an hour night, while the companies offer 50 cents and 60 cents, the rates in force last season. C. Bujold, secretary-treasurer of the Syndicated Longshoremen of the Port of Montreal, has been elected to represent the union. About 400 men are affected.

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## EXPOSES BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AS CAPITALIST MILITARY MACHINE

By HARRY GANNES

Three great modern capitalist institutions that beset and taint the minds of American workers, and especially the youth, originated in the classical country of capitalism, England. They are the Salvation Army, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Boy Scouts. When transplanted to the United States, all of these movements sank their roots deep into the exploited masses and grew to proportions far larger than their parent bodies in the British Empire.

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We are for the moment mainly concerned with that organization in this country that claims 500,000 boys within its ranks, the Boy Scouts of America.

It is not widely advertised that the Boy Scouts were organized by Colonel Baden-Powell as a military unit. During the Boer war in Africa, Colonel Baden-Powell discovered that the ill-trained, weak, battered-bodies English proletarians made very poor soldiers. The founders of the Boy Scouts conceived the idea of training the working youth while still very young to become efficient cannon fodder.

**Begin as Military Group.**  
In 1910 the germs of the future boy army were planted on American soil, and the organization began to grow very rapidly. Colonel Baden-Powell paid a visit to the American branch of his military invention, and on that occasion he said to the leaders of the Boy Scout movement: "Gentlemen, it is more gratifying to see how the organization is progressing immediately it is put in the hands of business men who are interested."

So very, very early the boy military machine was put into the right hands, was put into the control of the men who own the country.

Right at its beginning the Boy Scouts received most of their money from capitalists, mainly from Wall street financiers. This is not denied by the officials of the Boy Scouts, who try to cover it up. In a letter from one of the chief scout executives to a scout official we read that "in the early history of the movement (Boy Scouts) the limited budget for national work was met largely by contributions given by men of business throughout the country, but principally from New York City."

Since its initiation, the Boy Scouts of America has co-operated with every anti-labor organization in the country. The Rotary clubs, the Kiwanis, Lions, Y. M. C. A. and the Chambers of Commerce are particularly good friends of the Boy Scouts.

The boys within the Boy Scouts are mainly children of the working class. The boys of the toiling masses are tricked into joining the Boy Scouts by all sorts of inducements and promises. Co-operating with the Boy Scouts is nearly every institution of the government, the church and the press.

**Get Reactionaries' Support.**

Recently, especially stress has been laid on the importance of building and fostering the Boy Scout movement.

Every capitalist in the country who was not too busy counting his money at the moment joined in helping to militarize the youth thru the Boy Scouts. Barron Collier of New York had 60,000 street car cards printed in which General Pershing, Elbert H. Gary, of 12-hour day exploitation fame; Charles E. Hughes, bewilkered secretary of state and champion American anti-Bolshevik, joined with Sammie Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in calling upon the American boys to join the Boy Scouts, and asking the workers to give it their aid. Thousands of columns of newspaper publicity were given to the organization without charge.

Why are the capitalist press, Wall street and the American Legion so deeply interested in the development of the Boy Scouts? The war demonstrated that the Boy Scouts of America can be used as one of the most efficient military units available. In peace, the Boy Scouts make themselves useful as a scab organization as well as an instrument for anti-working class propaganda.

When first organized the Boy Scouts of America insisted that it was not military. But its military nature is becoming so obvious that it now hides under the phrase that it is not militaristic nor anti-military, but "it is, however, patriotic." To state that it is not militaristic is in every sense of the word a direct lie.

**Are They Militarist? Oh, No!**  
Congress permits the Boy Scouts of America to wear the uniforms of the United States Army, Navy or Marines; the Boy Scout drill's are based on regulation army and navy manuals. During the war the Boy Scouts mobilized within 24 hours—for war!

"Many scout officials, scoutmasters and scouts entered the army, navy or marine corps during the war..." The New York Military Training Commission recognized the military character of the Boy Scouts when it permitted the boys in that organization to be exempted from military training, "in view of the character of the work covered by the program of the Boy Scouts of America."

Over 100 regular army and navy men are scoutmasters, and there are 361 government employees helping to organize Scouts. Training room for the Boy Scouts is provided in over 51 armories in the United States, while 43 Chambers of Commerce see to it that the embryo army has proper drilling quarters. Over 50 American Legion posts have Boy Scout units

## LEAGUE SUPPORTS WORKERS PARTY IN GROWTH AS POWERFUL LEADER OF AMERICAN WORKERS' STRUGGLE

By JOHN WILLIAMSON.

Today, after five years of experience, the Communist Workers Party stands out as the influential factor in the American labor movement. Despised and cursed by the labor faker and political charlatan in union, but honored and respected by the rank and file of America's working class: this is a position that any communist movement might cherish and feel honored to be placed in.

### Party Alert To Workers' Needs.

Builded from the expel members of the old reformistic Socialist Party and the militants from other working-class organizations the Workers Party has thru its many struggles finally welded itself into a potent force in the labor movement, which is felt in every nook and corner, wherever America's workers live. This is because the Workers Party is a militant party and is ever alert to the conditions and sufferings that the working-class endure. It is ever aware of the organizational needs of the workers against the organized capitalist class and lends its support to the toilers against these encroachments of the bosses. The campaigns among the trade unionists, who were disgusted with the old bureaucrats and labor fakers and who were willing to drop their union affiliation in disgust, and the urging of an organized militant stand against the bureaucracy and urging amalgamation as the necessary step has met with success. Aside from the victories of the various trades, chiefly among them being the mining industry, the coordinated efforts on the part of both, the old time the Comptrollers and the various so-called "progressives" against the militant workers organized in the TUEL and inspired by the campaigns of the Workers Party, to exploit from the union with a mock trial or by mere force is proof enough of its effectiveness. The foreign born campaign against the vicious laws being proposed in Congress under the veil of protecting the "American standard of living" of the workingmen but in reality aimed at the radical foreign worker in an effort to stop the unionization of these workers and put the open shop or "American Plan" into effect more easily, has proved successful in the short time since it was started. Councils have been organized comprising thousands of workers with whom we never before had contact and to whom we can carry our Communist message simultaneously with our immediate activities.

### Daily Worker Launched

The successful campaign to launch the first English communist daily in the world was a gigantic success and tested the party's true strength. Today we have as our standard bearer the Daily Worker which carries on the struggle of America's workers whether they be on strikes and lockouts or in the industrial field or the many campaigns on political field. To keep flying high the Daily Worker colors is a task which every communist, whether they be in the adult or youth organization must always keep in mind and continually support every day of the year.

The labor party campaign which has been carried on in various phases during the past year or so is now entering the decisive stage when every member must rally around the Party's standard. This campaign has met with huge success. The old worn out non-partisan policy of Compers, which in reality meant endorsing "friendly" candidates in both the old party or at it is well known "the policy of rewarding your friends and defeating your enemies," has been scrapped by many thousands of workers. The Workers Communist Party has been successful in showing to the great masses of workers that only by organizing a political party of their own, i.e. class farmer-labor party representing the exploited workers and working farmers of America could they hope to rally themselves effectively against the further encroachments of the capitalist

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## YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE DEMANDS BROUGHT TO FORE BY APPROACH OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN UNITED STATES

Conditions in this country are getting visibly worse day by day. Unemployment becomes more than a spectre in many parts of the country. In Illinois, one month showed an increase in the number of unemployed of nearly two per cent; the entire eastern manufacturing district complains of slackening of work. Steel orders indicate depression in this important basic industry.

In short, economic developments point to a severe setback for the entire American working class in the matter of wages, hours and standard of living; and this brings into unusual prominence the economic struggle of young workers in the United States.

Firstly, with the parents out of work, the children are forced to leave school and hunt for a job, which instead of aiding the unemployment situation, makes it worse. It is like throwing kerosene on a burning fire. Secondly, where the bosses need workers, they force the old men out and take in young people at less wages. Times of unemployment are propitious for cutting wages.

The resolution on the economic struggle adopted at our last convention declared:

"In spite of the much boasted boom on the industrial field, the fundamental feature of the working class youth in capitalist America (as in all capitalist countries) is that they are drawn into the process of production as fully fledged workers and objects of exploitation under the system of wage slavery, and are thus deliberately excluded from education."

With the "much boasted boom," not much boasted about, this process of proletarianizing the American young workers goes on apace, and the matter of pressing our economic demands becomes a foremost problem with us.

Just what are our demands and how they are to be put into effect?

Our demands for the youth are first of all based on the needs of the working class youth. They are based on an understanding of the exploitation of the American Young workers in the factories, mine, mills and offices. Under no circumstances do we demand things in harmony with the "good" of capitalism, as is many times the case of trade union officials who believe the capitalists have the right to a margin of profit. All profit we declare is extracted by exploitation of the working class and, in considering our demands, we do not take into account the exigencies of capitalism.

We recognize that the majority of young workers are forced out of school at a very early age and are plunged into production as mere machines. Therefore, we demand the education of the young workers upon the proper basis, at time paid for by the boss.

When the young fellow goes to work, he is not mature, his body has not grown to its full stature and his vital processes are undergoing critical developments. He cannot bear the long hours so common in American industries. Hence, we demand a shorter working day for youth. We demand yearly vacation with pay and demand the complete abolition of child labor.

And that brings us to an interesting phase of our every day demands. Thru them we can get the young workers to put up a struggle in the shop and in their industries. In that way we teach them their power as a class. The unions are appealed to for help, and the young in turn, are urged to join unions to carry on the struggle more effectively. On the whole, the fight for these demands, which the young worker undoubtedly wants, is a political as well as an economic education.

We find much difficulty in propagating our demands for the simple reason that we are not yet organized in the best manner possible to present them to the working youth who work in great numbers in the large industries. But this is a handicap we can overcome and are overcoming thru our shop nuclei activities. There is no doubt that the best place to initiate our economic struggle in the

### New England to Fight Child Labor

The New England district convention of the league, held recently in Boston, laid plans for the holding a convention in the near future of all working class bodies, trade unions, labor political organizations and any other bodies engaged in a fight against child labor for the purpose of uniting all these forces in a powerful body for the successful carrying on of a struggle against the slavery of the children of the working class. Arrangements were also made for the financing of the district committee which is planning to make Massachusetts and the other parts of the district one of the strongholds of the young communist movement in this country.

### IN THE NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of The Young Worker will contain, besides the special young mine workers' features, announced in another part of this number, the following added articles:

"A History of the Young Workers League," by Oliver Carlson, American representative on the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International and former secretary of the Organization Committee of the Young Workers League. An interesting account of the young communist movement from the days of the left wing fight in 1919.

The Young Communist League of France, by Catherine Bickley, an interview with the secretary of the French league by a special correspondent of The Young Worker, now in Europe, who will send us material regularly in the future.

The Meaning of the Citizen's Military Training Camps, by Harry Gannes, the second of his series of articles on American capitalist military organizations.

Third Party or Class Farmer-Labor Party? The Communist Position, by C. E. Rutherford, executive secretary of the Workers Party, giving the stand of the revolutionaries on one of the most important points now being decided by the American workers.

And many others. Shoot in your orders and your subs NOW! Don't wait and be disappointed!

## Participation In Real Class Struggle Worth A Dozen Of Lectures

By I. WEINTRAUB

I am a member of the cloakmakers' union and also a member of the Young Workers League. I am actively participating in the present strike and have learned more about the class struggle than all the lectures in my branch could teach me. This is the class struggle in action. The call of the Y. W. L. to its members to join the picket line was a good one for on the line an education is soon obtained. When we speak in the branch of the "Class Struggle," it sounds like a mere phrase, but here on Market Street you see the class struggle in action; you see policemen, slugs, gangsters and private detectives protecting the bosses and the scabs, beating up innocent girls who try to better their conditions.

The solidarity among the strikers is wonderful. Jew and gentile, white and colored, march cheerfully around the picket line. A strike is of tremendous importance to the workers. It gives the practical lessons in the class struggle and even if it is lost it teaches the workers how to be victorious in the future.

Our Y. W. L. members should attend the union meetings and join the workers in their struggles, activity which will help them become good and practical communists.

### Pictures Industrial Science Bringing The Short Working Day

(By The Federated Press)

NEW YORK, May 2nd.—"Improved methods of machinery and more efficient utilization of the world's sources of power will have reduced the working day to but a few hours." This is the picture of the future drawn by Lt. Commander Fitzhugh Green, U. S. navy, writing in the current Popular Science Weekly.

## AMERICA IS THE FOREMOST EXPLOITER OF YOUNG CHILDREN

No other so-called civilized country in the world exploits and sweats and bleeds its children as does the capitalists of the United States of America. Two and one-half million children—a veritable army of babies—work from morning until night under the most miserable conditions and for wages that do not keep them from starvation. Under the blistering sun of the South, little children from 5 to 14 drag about heavy cotton sacks so that the wealthy plantation owners can loll in ease; poisoning their little fingers, little children work away their tender years in the shrimp and oyster industries of the Gulf states; hundreds upon hundreds, thousands upon thousands drag their weary bodies over the clod and dirt of the truck farms of Michigan, New Jersey, California, while thousands upon thousands work illegally in mine and mill and especially in the health-destroying textile mills.

### Workers Do Little.

Yet nothing is being done by the workers of this country to stamp out this menace to their children and themselves. So far, the task of relieving the aching bodies of the overworked children has been left to the enemies of the working class—the graft-ridden government at Washington, or to the many scavenger philanthropic organizations which thrive on the misery of the workers' children. Labor speaks only thru Gompers and Gompers yelps in harmony with the very exploiters of the children.

What has been the result? In every one of the fifty-eight states in this country exist different provisions pertaining to the right of exploitation of the little children. Two half-hearted attempts at halfway national regulation met their doom at the hands of the United States Supreme Court which Gompers refuses to fight. The number of child laborers grow and an increase of thirty-eight per cent is recorded in less than one year. In some parts of the country the number has doubled. The history of the past 20 years shows that the number of children forced to work in the United States has been gradually mounting until it comprises about 19 per cent of all the children in this country between the ages of four and 14.

The health and welfare of the entire working class is threatened unless a stop is put to child labor. Children are used as workers because they work for extremely low wages. This is a menace to the standard of living of the entire American working-class. Where low wages are paid to children, adult workers must accept a reduction or join the ranks of the unemployed. Youth and children in this country are arrayed against adult labor. What harm this will bring to the American toilers needs no explanation for the intelligent worker.

Every worker in the United States suffers because of the 2,500,000 children slaving away their lives so that profits may pile up for the wealth owners of this country.

The danger to the working class cannot be denied; it cannot be covered; it grows and demands the attention of every worker. Meanwhile, the children continue to spend their lives in grueling work. The American working class cannot afford to permit half of its numbers to be battered down in childhood and in youth. Child labor must be abolished—immediately; and it is in the power of the American working class to do it. The children must be brought into the struggle and every means to better their lot employed in the battle against child labor.

### Working Class Unity Necessary.

Only a united working class on the slogan of ABOLISH CHILD LABOR IMMEDIATELY can thwart this menace and danger to the toiling masses of the United States.

The aimless talk about child labor in Congress adds to the menace. The children still slave. To rely on Gompers or the National Child Labor Committee is to hand the little children over to those who are willing to talk with the exploiters of children about the best method of exploiting the children.

Thru its organized economic and political power the American working-class can annihilate the child labor monster. Every trade and industrial union for its own protection as well as for the good of the entire working class and immediate benefaction of the working children must put forward as one of its pressing demands, the ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOR.

The formation of a farmer-labor party would be one of the quickest routes to the realization of the demand: ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOR. The exploitation of the 2,500,000 assumes primary political importance for every worker, and a mighty farmer-labor party would insure the protection of the American working children.

### Children Must Be Organized.

The children themselves must be drawn into the campaign for their own emancipation. It is a fact that in those states where the majority of the child laborers slave labor is weakly organized. Organization is restricted to the aristocracy of labor. The children themselves are utterly neglected. In getting the children themselves to fight for demands that are to their own benefit a spirit of militancy and class consciousness is instilled into the children and at the same time they are given a lever to an amelioration of their miserable state.

## We Begin Our National Sub Drive!

### Three Thousand Subscribers In Three Months.

The nation-wide subscription drive to The Young Worker begins on May 15th and ends on August 15th. In these three months we expect the branches of the Young Workers League of America to achieve the quota of THREE THOUSAND NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

Branches all over the country have already received notification of the amount of subs each is supposed to raise and have been sent sufficient subscription blanks to rally the new readers to the standard of The Young Worker.

Quotas have been allotted as follows:

New York	400	Maynard	15
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	200	Ashtabula	15
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St. Paul	50	Youngstown	10
St. Louis	50	Canton	10
South Bend	50	Easton	10
Superior	50	Kenosha	10
Buffalo	40	Hanna	10
Pittsburgh	40	Ft. Bragg	10
Daisytown	35	Hancock	10
Oakland	30	Collinsville	5
Ziegler	30	Marissa	5
West Frankfort	30	Eben Junction	5
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Valier	25	Rock	5
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Waukegan	20	Hibbing	5
Worcester	20	Chisholm	5
Duluth	20	Munising	5
Bethlehem	20	Warren	5
Providence	20	Conneaut	5
Benton	20	Washington, D. C.	5
Bridgeport	15	Madison	5
New Haven	15	Gary	5
Stamford	15	Bruce Crossing	5
Johnston City	15	Cluett	5
Belleville	15	Gardner	5

There they are! Every live branch is represented! And we expect that every branch is going to be represented in the 100 Per Cent Over the Top record at the end of the three months' drive. The branches have been allotted their quotas in accord with their activities, membership and local conditions and we want every one of them to raise AT LEAST 100 per cent of the subs that have been assigned to them.

Beginning with the next issue The Young Worker will carry the amount of subscriptions obtained by each branch and the percentage of the total which the branch has already obtained. Individual comrades who get 5 or more subs will receive honorable mention. The same holds true of sympathetic comrades who are not yet members of the league.

Get on the job, comrades! Help to put The Young Worker on a firm and solid foundation! The paper is getting bigger and better with every issue. It is selling more copies as it goes along. But we are still burdened with old debts which must be paid up if The Young Worker is to be maintained and improved as it has been. A standing subscription list is one of the surest ways of maintaining a paper! That is why we want 3,000 new subscribers in 3 months!

With The Young Worker reaching a number of people in your city it will lay the foundation, also, for a growth of your local organization. Our paper is the best propaganda means for reaching the working youth of this country.

WE WANT A CIRCULATION OF 10,000 BEFORE THE NEXT CONVENTION OF THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE OF AMERICA AND WE ARE DEPENDING ON THE COMRADES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO DO THE JOB!

Buckle down to the work, comrades! The subscription price is \$1.00 per year and 50 cents for 6 months. Try, of course, to get full year subs, but if that is not possible, get them for half a year. BUT GET THEM! Get them from your fellow-workers in the shops, the factories, the mines, the fields, the offices. Get them from your friends in the schools, the neighborhood. Get them from your friends in your various clubs, trade unions, and other organizations to which you belong.

### THE THING IS TO GET THEM!

Be a Young-Worker-Co-Getter! And the minute you "getter" send it in to the National Office!

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### Soviet Traders Announced.

MOSCOW, May 2nd.—The council of People's Commissaries has approved the following list of Trade Representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics abroad: Mr. Stomniakoff—for Germany; Mr. Miaskoff—for Poland; Mrs. Kolontai—for Norway; Mr. Gardinian—for Sweden; Mr. Heinz—for Denmark; Yuzbashed—for Latvia; Mr. Ignatief—for Finland; Mr. Yurieff—for Estonia; Mr. Lomovsky—for Czechoslovakia; Mr. Levitsky—for Austria; Mr. Gortchakov—for Italy; Mr. Shumiatysky—for Persia and Mr. Vasilieff—for Mongolia.

### Latvia Buying Woolens From Russia.

LENINGRAD, May 2.—Much interest has been of late evinced on the part of Latvia for wool goods produced by the Leningrad trusts, as these goods are better in quality and cheaper than German fabrics. An offer has come in from one of the biggest firms, proposing to the Leningrad Textile Trust to supply wool goods to all of Latvia. The threads manufactured by this Trust are ousting the British and Finnish made threads and are quite successfully competing with the Japanese threads in the Russian Far East.

When the French advanced into the Ruhr and the workers laid down tools, they played into the hands of German Big Business thru their patriotic feelings. They realize this now, very bitterly. "It was not that we thought a German capitalist any better than a French one," many of them said to me, "but we thought we could control our conditions better under our own German labor laws and with the protection of our trade unions." It was a hard situation. They struck

ROCKFORD, Ill., May 2.—The official population of Rockford May 1, 1924, will be 78,298, while Rockford and its immediate suburbs will count 86,737. This information was vouches by Clarence E. Patrick, secretary of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce, following conferences with representatives of the census bureau.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—American Federation of Labor officials are now convinced that George L. Berry of the Printing Pressmen's union and the American Legion, will be nominated by the Democrats for vice president, regardless of the identity of the head of the ticket or the trend of the platform.

## FRENCH MILITARISTS AND GERMAN CAPITALISTS FORGET THEIR FIGHT IN UNITED FRONT AGAINST WORKERS

By ANISE

ESSEN, Germany, April 14 (By Mail).—The three-cornered fight still drags its weary way along in the Ruhr between the French, the Big Business Interests of Germany and the German workers. It is a confused fight, but so far the German workers are having very much the worst of it

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**Three Rousing Whispers For Congress!**

And give them with a will! For the great child labor amendment has been passed by the house of representatives by a vote of 297 to 69! That for which Mr. Gompers and the National Child Labor Committee and the National Consumers' League and the editor of the Buckwheat Squawk have been agitating these many years has finally come to pass—if we are to believe what they have to say.

But let's see. The author of the amendment, Mr. Israel Foster, of Ohio, has this to say in its favor:

"This constitutional amendment is NOT a child labor law.

"2. It is NOT a reflection on the United States Supreme Court.

"3. It does not propose to forbid child labor under 18. It merely intends to give congress discretionary power regarding the labor of children up to 18 but not beyond.

"4. It is NOT expected that congress under this grant of power will pass legislation affecting children up to 18, altho it MIGHT be considered wise to forbid boys under 18 to operate railroad locomotives or mine elevators, for instance.

"5. The 20 or more national organizations favoring this amendment does NOT want congress to include employment of children on the home farm and would OPPOSE such national legislation."

There you have examples of the piffle which is handed out in defense of the child labor amendment by its own father. Evidently he doesn't think much of his son, regarding him more or less as illegitimate.

As is pointed out by our Washington correspondent, the amendment must now travel the tortuous road before it is ever become a part of our constitution. And when it finally gets to that stage we have no doubt but that whiskers or moss will have grown all over it—or over the children! It is supposed to protect. And when the great day comes, we will find that, in Mr. Foster's words, "it does not propose to forbid child labor under 18" and that "it is not expected that congress under this grant of power will pass legislation affecting children up to 18."

This is the kind of legislative rot which even the misnamed progressive members of congress try to palm off on the workers of this country. It is past high time that the workers themselves, the workers who are old in years and the children as well, unite in a real fight against the evil which is eating away the lives of the youth of the working class. The Young Workers League is the actual struggle against the menace of child labor is one behind which all workers and working class organizations can line up.

Our demands for the organization of the youth into unions, for equal wages for equal work and better conditions for the child worker in accordance with physical and mental necessity stand out as the only realistic program yet presented in this country. A belief that congress will ever move one single millimeter towards a permanent, or even a temporary solution to this problem, to be blind to the experiences of the working class in capitalist countries the world over.

Capitalist patriotism consists in being loyal to the flag that provides the greatest profits.

**Peoria to St. Paul**

The call for the organization of a real state farmer-labor party in Illinois at a convention in Peoria, May 18th, is at this time in the hands of every workers' and farmers' organization in the state. That Illinois needs a farmer-labor party which will actually unite all the independent political action has been made obvious by the recent stand of Fitzpatrick and his gang of the old F. L. P. in favor of the election of discredited capitalist politicians. The alleged F. L. P. which consists of and is led by Gifford Ernest and his immediate worshippers cannot be considered seriously for even a minute.

The sincere working class groups and individuals which are signatories to the Peoria convention call contain such well known names as Duncan MacDonald, John Hindmarsh, J. J. Watts, Morton Johnson, Arne Swabek and others. They are not only fighting for a state party but for a national party—the party which is going to come out of the June 17th convention at St. Paul. In order for the national party to be successful in any degree it is necessary that it have as its backbone strong state parties. These are in the process of being organized not only in Illinois, but also in Ohio, New York, Michigan, Oregon, California and elsewhere.

The need of a united farmer-labor party has been told in The Young Worker in the past and in this issue will be found further information. It is the duty of all progressive workers to get their organizations lined up behind these movements. It is especially the duty of members of The Young Workers League to get their trade unions to send delegates to these various conventions. The successful organization of a national farmer-labor party means the beginning of a widespread struggle against child labor, against capitalism's attempt to drag the youth of this country into another war against the use of injunctions to kill the attempts of the workers to better their conditions.

Our comrades in the mining sections of the country must take special note of this political campaign. As part of the working class of this country, as a party which is more oppressed than any other, it is their duty to get into this campaign with all their strength. The same holds true, of course, of our members in other unions and organizations.

All together, now, for the organization of a huge class farmer-labor party in this country, in the separate states and nationally!

**Bonus, Bonus, Everywhere—**

But not a cent in sight.

Almost six years after the end of the greatest slaughter of the working class of the world in the interests of the capitalist class, the United States senate has voted a bonus to the deluded young men who fought the combined war for democracy and to end all war. And the generous bonus consists in a full-paid endowment insurance policy which will be graciously handed down to the soldiers—those who are left to receive it—in 20 years.

Thousands of young workers who had been shoved into uniforms died in No Man's Land; thousands of others suffered living deaths; thousands still remain in the government hospitals all over the country where they are occasionally amused by free vaudeville performances by the National Vaudeville Association. Those who escaped have learned of the democracy they fought for, when they went out on a strike for better wages and conditions and less hours of toil. These young workers, the majority if not all of them, were fooled and forced into fighting a war in which they had no real interest. And those that yapped loudest about the necessity of fighting the war remained at home, the dollar a year man who coined the dough out of the blood and sweat of the workers in the trenches of Europe and the trenches at home.

The latter, when they piled up profits to the skies, are the patriots. The former, the soldiers who now ask for the insignificant return in the form of a bonus, are called Bolsheviks and anarchists. You see, there must not be a premium on patriotism—for the workers. They must be taught that patriotism is a duty for which they are not to be paid, which they must carry out in a 100 per cent American spirit. Of course, the millions made during the war by the plutes is taken as a matter of course. That's perfectly proper and is as it should be. But ordinary, common workers who did the real fighting and dying, how dare they ask for a bonus? Treason!

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