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## Young Workers of America! Stand Solidly Behind the General Strike of 5,000,000 British Workers!

### N. E. C. DECIDES TO HOLD PLENARY SESSION IMMEDIATELY AFTER PARTY SESSION

Open for Constructive and Wholesome Discussion of League's Problems by the Membership. Agenda Issued.

The N. E. C. has already decided to hold a plenary session of E. C. members, N. E. C. candidates and district organizers. All those concerned have already received official notification. This session will take place immediately after the Party C. E. C. plenum. The exact date is not decided upon yet but it will be approximately May 23rd.

This plenary session of the N. E. C. will be a large extent take up the work which the last convention easily left undone, namely, the outcome of our youth activities. This has been facilitated by the recent resolution of the Y. C. L.

The N. E. C. has already decided that membership meetings be held in the principal cities previous to the E. C. members leaving, where discussion shall take place on our activities during the past period and what is necessary to improve it in the future.

Beginning with the week of May 11, the Youth Column of the Daily Worker and The Young Worker will open for all Y. W. L. members to come in a constructive manner the problems facing our league and how we can improve our activity. The principal subjects upon which we urge discussion are the following:

- 1. Organization activity.
- 2. Membership drives.
- 3. Co-ordination of activities.
- 4. A. B. C. of organization.
- 5. Financial stabilisation of League.
- 6. Reorganization.
- 7. Establishing of shop nuclei completion of reorganization.
- 8. Recruiting of youth in large shops and basic industries.
- 9. Economic Trade Union Activity.
- 10. Anti-Militarist Activity.
- 11. Workers' Sports Movement.
- 12. Negro.
- 13. Pioneer League.
- 14. Anti-prop.

#### AGENDA FOR N. E. C. PLENARY SESSION

THE tentative agenda for the Young Workers (Communist) League Plenary session is as follows:

1. Party report. By Party representative.
2. Relationship between Party and League.
3. Y. C. L. report. Reporter Sam Darcy.
4. Mass work.
5. Internal work.
6. Special reports:
7. Industrial work. Reporter John Williamson.
8. Anti-Militarist. Reporter Max Schachman.
9. Agit-prop. Reporter Morris Yusen.
10. Negro work. Reporter H. V. Phillips.
11. Sport work. Reporter Nat Kaplan.
12. Special conferences will follow the plenum on Pioneer work and organization work. (Org-conference.)

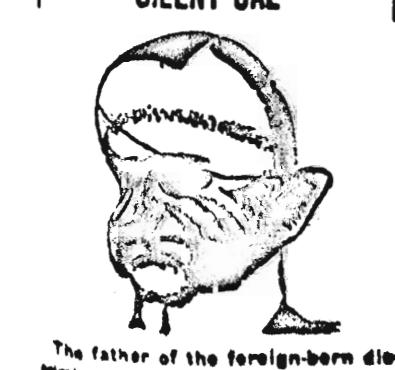
### SUPREME COURT TO ACT ON RUTHENBERG APPEAL

#### HUGE SUCCESS PREDICTED FOR FOREIGN BORN WORKERS

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Reports reaching the office of the Western Pennsylvania Council for the Protection of Foreign-Born indicate that the National Conference which will be held at the Play House, Washington, D. C., Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16 will be a huge success. The Pittsburgh Council elected 2 delegates, the chairman and the secretary of the conference. Local Union 2861 U. M. W. A. elected a delegate to represent it at the Washington Conference. News came from New York that the Council there expects to send its full quota of delegates. Detroit, Boston, Cleveland, Buffalo and numerous other cities are making arrangements to send delegates.

TOM MANN.

"SILENT CAL"



Veteran labor leader of the British minority movement which is composed of more than 1,000,000 left wing members of British unions.

### General Strike in Great Britain!



The answer of 5,000,000 British workers to the Tory government Coal Commission Report!

### BRITISH WORKERS WERE WELL PREPARED FOR PRESENT GENERAL STRIKE

#### Young Communists Led in Organizing Youth for Struggle!

The solidarity of labor's forces is the keynote of the world's greatest strike taking place in England at the present time. Just before May Day (the international holiday of the working class) was ushered in, on Friday at midnight, 1,000,000 British miners downed tools. An effective answer to the dastardly report of the Tory government Coal Commission!

On Saturday, May 1st, the "toy monarch" of the Britain proclaimed a state of siege, which set up the Baldwin government as an open dictatorship of the big capitalists of England—no longer responsible to parliament. The special British Trade Union Congress in session at the time stuck to its former pledges of support to the miners; it took up the challenge of the government by voting for a general strike—delegates of 3,653,529 workers voted for, 49,911 against. Today 5,000,000 workers are on strike taking in the following occupations: Miners, Railroad men, Rail Clerks, Builders, Transport workers, Seamen, Printers, Ironworkers, Electricians. New Masses of workers are joining the ranks of the strikers from other trades daily.

**Background of Struggle.**  
For some time the Baldwin government of England has been facing a serious crisis. On every side it was beset with the deep-rooted contradictions of the rotten capitalist system. The British colonies and dominions are no longer the same dumping ground for the industrial products of the mother country as they were in the past. Capitalism has grown in the colonies and dominions helped by the invested capital. The colonies and dominions have begun to lose their character as the market for British products and have themselves become competitors of the industries of the British Isles. "Dying capitalism" has in England a glaring example.

The growth of national independence agitation in the near and far east worked to the havoc of English imperialism and led to the greater animosity of the ruling clique of that country against the Soviet Union—around which the oppressed colonies were rallying.

The home industries of England were hard hit. The Dawes Plan which Morgan fastened on Germany was a tremendous setback for the coal and steel industries of the British Isles. The army of the unemployed increased at an alarming rate

John Bromley



John Bromley is the fighting leader of the Engineers who have stopped England's train service to help the miners win their struggle.

Thus gradually the skilled workers of England lost their specially favored position. The ruling class could no longer afford to bribe them with a higher standard of living than the masses of the unskilled workers. Was it any wonder that a greater homogeneity and the steady impoverishment of the British working class was the result? Was it any wonder that this process germinating in the ranks of labor caused the movement toward the left, as exemplified by the Scarborough Labor Congress, the approachment between the British and Russian trade unions for World Trade Union Unity, the present general strike?

"The workers could see the coming struggle in the more or less open alliance of the Baldwin government with the Fascist O. M. S. (Organization for the Maintenance of Supplies) through which a nation-wide strike-breaking apparatus was being perfected. They could see it in the arrest of the 18 leaders of

### Raise the Question of Support in Your Local Union and Other Workers' Organizations

### NO SCAB COAL FOR ENGLAND!

#### TORY GOVERNMENT FACES UNITED LABOR FORCES

##### Young Workers Advance

By ALFRED B. COHEN.  
(Secretary, Nat'l. Amalgamated Furnishing Trade Assn.)

Note: The following story was written specially for the Young Worker just before the miners of England went on strike which culminated in the present heroic general strike of the British workers.

LONDON, England. — The country is faced with a big mining crisis. The Tory government elected a commission of "impartial" gentlemen to report on the crisis. They have reported among other good little things that the miners must have a reduction in wages. At a meeting between the mine owners and the miners, the owners have refused to budge from their demands, i.e., reduction of wages, increase of working day, district agreements.

##### THE MINERS' CONFERENCE

The miners called a national delegated conference on April 9th to discuss the commission's report and the owners' attitude.

The conference agreed that they would fight to the bitter end, not only against wage reductions, but for an all round increase, and furthermore, they would allow no increase in the working hours. They also refused to enter the bosses' trap and accept district agreements, thus getting district to fight district and split the ranks, but declared for one national agreement.

The miners have decided to fight and they are being backed up by the workers up and down the country. A. J. Cook, the left wing miners' secretary, addressed packed meetings of workers who declare they will stand behind the fight of the miners whatever happens.

##### THE MACHINISTS' SCRAP.

The engineers (or machinists in the U. S. A.) are demanding one pound increase per week and it looks as if a battle will take place shortly. Every union in the country is faced with reductions or have put in counter demands for increases and all have started campaigns for 100 per cent organization. In this connection the Young Communist League has done fine work in getting the unions to organize campaigns for the young workers.

##### UNITY YOUTH AND ADULT

I myself, at the present time, am engaged in one of these campaigns. Whatever happens, we young workers will stand together with the adult workers in the coming struggle.

the Communist Party of Great Britain, among them the secretary of the Young Communist League.

##### WORKERS PREPARE FOR STRUGGLE.

The report of the tory government Coal Commission was published on March 11th. This report was a direct challenge to organized labor. As one Yorkshire miner expressed it: They had brass, they had nothing to come off the melons they cut; dukes drew—but lower wages and longer hours for us. That was their solution of the whole problem!

The Communists and the Mi-

#### Active Material Support for British Strikers Demanded by Young Workers

The Combined Attempt of the Coal Operators and the Tory Government to Smash the U. M. W. A. Must Be Answered.

The heroic struggle of the 5,000,000 British workers is a huge and mighty task on the shoulders of the young workers of this country. We, the young workers of America must be the dynamic force which makes for the solidarity of the working class forces of this country behind our fighting British workers.

We can do this!

In the recent labor struggles of this country we have shown ourselves the most militant, the most class conscious

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ANSWER TO THE SCOTT REPORT.

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**Editorials**

**THE BRITISH STRIKE**

The following declaration was issued by the Young Workers League of America. It appeals to young workers throughout the country to rally to the aid of the British workers in their present crucial struggle against the bosses of England. The manifesto follows:

**TO THE YOUNG WORKERS  
OF AMERICA:**

The reports flashing from Great Britain for the past twenty-four hours reveal that the British working class is in the midst of a great crisis. After weeks of negotiating and months of investigation the mine owners refuse to grant the demands of the workers. These coal bosses wish to lengthen the working day, lower the wages and divide the workers by signing district agreements instead of national.

As a result of the miners' firm stand against the attempts to further increase the sufferings of themselves and their families, the whole capitalist class has mobilized its forces, armed and otherwise, to crush the workers' movement.

The Trade Union Congress has correctly accepted the challenge of the bosses and the government and declared their solidarity with the miners. This is not support in words only but takes the concrete form of a general strike.

The International Miners' Federation has promised its full support and no coal will be shipped in from Europe.

The British coal miners and the whole British working class behind them are today facing the mobilized forces of the British empire. Our brothers in Britain are fighting to live—they are defending the interests of the whole working class the world over. If they lose, the bosses of all other lands will begin to advance on their own working class and make conditions worse; to reap greater profits for themselves.

Only recently the anthracite miners of America after a lengthy struggle were forced to return to work without securing their demands. At the present time, the soft coal miners of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois are working only part time and many of them unemployed altogether. The bosses in America are conducting a persistent struggle to completely kill the old time fighting spirit of the U. M. W. A.

In a few months' time the existing contract will expire and we will then desire the support and solidarity of the British miners to support our American mine workers.

Our duty is to declare our international solidarity with the British miners and the whole British working class. We must see that the bosses of America do not aid the British bosses in defeating the miners.

Not a shipment of coal must leave an American port for England.

Every unit of the American labor movement must assure the British workers of our support. We must stand ready to pledge our full material resources to the British workers.

The young miners of America suffer the results of discrimination. They are amongst the most militant in the U. M. W. A. It is their task today to raise these slogans.

Young miners of America!

Young workers of America! Take the lead in this activity.

Young Workers (Communist) League  
National Executive Committee.

**Tour Arranged for  
Jewish Youth Work**

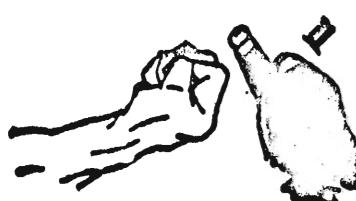
In order to organize the work among the young Jewish workers Comrade Mikhrin, secretary of the National Sub-Committee, will tour the following cities:

**JUNE**  
St. Louis, 4th and 5th  
Cleveland, 6th and 7th  
Youngstown, 8th  
Pittsburgh, 9th and 10th  
Philadelphia, 11th, 12th and 13th  
Baltimore, 14th and 15th  
Trenton, 16th  
New York, 17th to 26th  
Boston, 27th, 28th and 29th  
Albany, 30th

**JULY**

Syracuse, 1st  
Rochester, 2nd  
Buffalo, 4th  
Grand Rapids, 5th

Mass meetings, lectures and fraction meetings will be arranged in these places. Full arrangements should be made with the National Office.



**OUR OPPONENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**WITH STERROW FOR STERROW?**

THIS young workers and sons of workers in the Boy Scouts of America should consider twice before they wax sorrowful over the death of James Jackson Sterrow, President of the Boy Scouts movement. All we have to look for is the source from which he derived his living. Sterrow was a banker, a member of the firm of Leo, Higginson and Co., bankers. The same variety which is gorging the life blood out of the workers and poor farmers. Besides this he was the director of two mining companies and one smelting and mining company; director of three electrical companies; the Columbia Rope Co., W. H. McElwin Co. and he was heavily interested in the Nash Motors Co.

**Yes, We Have No Peace!**

By SAMUEL HERMAN.

THE last war was fought to end all wars. Today the world resounds with the tread of millions of soldiers in training for another world cataclysm. The "peace-loving" republic of France, armed to the teeth is ravaging Syria, and with the aid of Christian Spain, keeps a quarter of a million men under arms in Morocco convincing the natives at the point of the bayonet that the time is not yet ripe for self-determination of small nations. With poison gas, bombs, machine guns and heavy artillery, it has already succeeded in convincing the city of Damascus, where over 20,000 skeletons are now bleaching under the tropical sun.

In China vast armies are waging war against the national liberation movement, supported by the money of England, Japan, and America. In Italy the fascist mercenaries dressed in the black shirts of reaction are, amidst the applause of the International bosses, and with the aid of Morgan's gold, keeping the entire working class in subjection by assassinations, rape, dungeons and terrorism.

On this continent, our "own democratic" United States, like a giant octopus has its slimy tentacles around the throats of millions of workers and farmers in many countries. With

the creditor of Europe, the U. S. manipulates each country to its own advantage, in its struggle for the domination of the markets of the world. Professing peaceful intentions, mouthing benevolent phrases, the U. S. has at this moment over 1,000,000 men training in the National Guard and will open this summer nine new Citizens' Military Training Camps, making a total of 52 camps, capable of training 35,000 men. These are besides the R. O. T. C. units which are spread like a spider's net throughout the high schools and colleges of the country and the Boy Scouts whose ranks are filled with large numbers of working class youth.

**YOUNG PIONEERS HOLD  
FIRST DIST. CONVENTION**

BOSTON, Mass.—Thirty-five delegates gathered at the first Young Pioneers' District Convention here on April 3. The convention started with cheers of the Young Pioneers and the singing of the International by the entire audience. Among the important questions discussed were: Reorganization, struggle against child labor, work among Negro children, opponent organizations, school struggle, young comrade. Comrade Kay District Organizer of the League greeted the convention in the name of the Y. W. L.

**A STORY**

**UNCLE KARL**, the chauvinist, machine gun operator in the army of Hindenburg, whose hands never trembled during the fire, during the bloody crush of bodies quivering on the fields of White Russia and the Kingdom of Poland, was taken prisoner by the czar's cossacks and brought to the Petrograd (now Leningrad) camp.

Some one shall write a book, thrilling and unforgettable, about the hundreds and thousands of men, torn from their homelands, from the Munchen, Hamburg and Budapest wards. Where are their families where rings their native tongue? They who have in a far and strange country heard the rustle of the October banners and listened to the strange but burning words of the revolutionary speeches; heard the roar and voice of the thousands; heard the first class war cannonade and the groans of the dying giving up their lives for the Soviets.

Some one shall write a book about these people who prayed whole nights for the victory of the German-Austrian armies and whose hearts deeply beat with joy when the guards mentioned the iron strength of Germany.

How these—it seemed hopeless people, had suddenly under the rustle of the October banners, under the cannonade of the class war, perceived and lived thru new, unavoidable and burdensome thoughts; how afterwards they came into the Red Army quarters and said gloomily but decidedly—



**YOUNG WORKER**

**Pictures of the E.C. Y. C. I. Dept.  
Therewith Problems of Youth**

**MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.**—In a long front-page article Pravda summarizes the results of the recent plenary session of the executive committee of the Communist Youth International (K. I. M.). Unlike previous K. I. M. sessions, which always devoted considerable discussion in the general policy and tactics of the Comintern, the present conference, beyond a unanimous endorsement of all the decisions of the sixth enlarged executive of the K. I. M. movement.

Among these were: 1. Penetration of young workers' leagues in the large industrial centers (almost 60 per cent of the Communist League, which is said to have a total membership in Europe of about 100,000, is concentrated in small enterprises, which is responsible for the varied social composition of the League membership, and which forms a considerable obstacle in the realization of the plan proposed by the plenary session of K. I. M. to reorganize the Leagues on the basis of shop-factory nuclei), where great numbers of young workers are employed who are totally under the influence of fascist and bourgeois liberal organizations of educational, religious, civic, social and sport character.

**Social Activity.**

2. To change the organizational methods of the League sections so as to provide for greater cultural and social activity by the youth leagues, hitherto completely neglected by them due to the tendency among young Communists to emulate the senior parties in the protection of the general economic and political struggle. This deficiency was reported to be responsible for the numerical weakness of the French League, in which political leadership dominates over everything else.

3. A resolution was adopted to resume a general campaign throughout Europe for sending young workers' delegations to the U. S. S. R.

Considerable progress for the past year, and particularly for the past six months, was reported in economic and political militant activity on the part of Eastern European Leagues. This militancy in many places assumed the form of spontaneous manifestations, such as the great demonstrations of unemployed in Poland, which culminated in the bloody battle at Katowice and other Polish cities.

**Success With United Front.**

Great progress in the application of the united front tactics, achieved largely by the propaganda created by

**Exploitation**

WHERE does the farmer get the honey?

From the hive!

Where does the magnate get the money?

Man alive!

From you and me and all of us;

The grime and sweat and trial of us.

That toll and toll and dig and delve and dive!

THERE are bees that gather honey.

Baby dear;

There are bees that seek with honey.

Far and near;

And the humming, coming storm

In the anger of the swarm.

That shall end our ancient harm,

never fear!

—Franklin Kent Gifford.

**C. M. T. C. Logic Is the Bunk!**

By GEO. PAPCUN.

**PITTSBURGH, Pa.**—The campaign of the bosses and its government agents to enroll the youth in the Citizens' Military Training Camps has been going on for some time here. Let us look at one of the C. M. T. C. circulars issued by the Morgan-Coolidge government to entice the young workers and students into the camp. The leaflet makes me laugh. It seems to assume that the workers have already forgotten the last war which was supposed to "end all wars."

**White the Boss Aint Lookin'**



WE have seriously gone about the task of making this column funny, and like all Communist journalistic enterprises, we begin with an appeal for help—send in your contrib.

**P. P. P. (Particular Party Posts)**

Type 1

For the Hall of Fame I nominate

Marion Aspinwall Hughes.

She pulls, per week, a hefty wage

But never pays her dues.

Type 2

For our consideration

There is Caesar Brutus Knots,

Who doesn't do a stitch of work

But criticizes lots.

But this one wins the content:

Type 3

For your attention I submit

Gedalia Kneppel O'Dirk.

Who's always there for thesis

But answers "No" for work.

**MUSICAL NOTE.**

After all these years someone has discovered that the author of these famous lines "Backward, turn backward, O Time in Thy Flight!" was the secretary of the N. E. C. when notes come due.

**Washington Notes!**

**KEY TO COOLIDGE MYSTERY**

"The only successful substitute for brains is silence."—Eau Claire, (Wis.) Leader.

**And a Little Child Shall Bleed Them.**

A Southern cotton mill owner had complained to an investigation that his workers demanded too much wages, which he cannot afford to give them. The committee reports that this manufacturer employs children under 18 almost exclusively.

When the stench of the dead bodies of our American soldiers in Flanders' field is still ripe in the nostrils of the young workers of this land the leaflet has the nerve to say, that the C. M. T. C. "Powers patriotism and devotion to American ideals even to the unselfish consecration of life for the nation's defense." What are these "American ideals," the preservation of Morgan's investments in fascist Italy, or in Germany, intervention in Mexico and colonization of the Mexican farmers and workers? Is "American ideals" the brutal treatment of soldiers in the U. S. army, in the veterans' hospitals? This is the nation of the big capitalists and not "our" nation yet. The ideals of the young workers is the ideals of the American working

class and not of its employers.

One of the funniest in the leaflet is the part which declares that "silent" Cal Coolidge sends his own son to the front, ending up with, "Legally, I am a mont... If those training camps are good enough for the son, aren't they good enough for you?" If that be logic, then the name is pure logic. A pure advertising slogan beats Helen's 57 varieties by a mile. Why should a son of a capitalist present himself in a camp, but why should a young worker?

On the contrary, the young worker's interests demand that he call upon the soldiers to refuse to shoot down workers in strikes, to unite with his fighting capitalist military in the C. M. T. C. which is special officers for the military, whose gatling guns have poured hot lead into the bodies of strikers, the worst examples being in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The entire labor movement must struggle against the C. M. T. C. Pressure must come from the rank and file to renew endorsement of the C. M. T. C. by the A. F. of L.

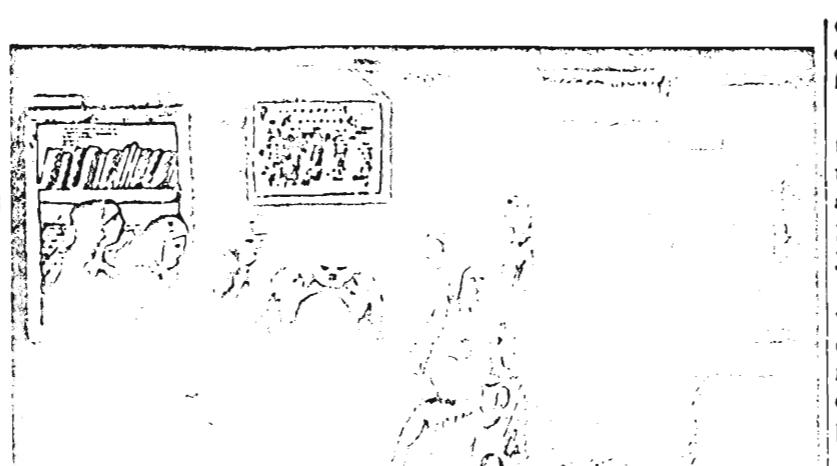
From Kirochnaya to Moabit have spread unseen, warming, bracing, early throids. In them are the voices of Pioneer voices and in these tender, tear-prone, words, comes the strong, full and happy voice of Uncle Karl.

"Moabit—a prison in Germany where many workers escape. Communists are being held captive and are tortured. Kirochnaya—a street in Leningrad."

Translated by Sam Miron.

**WRITE AS YOU FIGHT!**

The American Worker Correspondent is out! Did you subscribe?



Nina, bring the question of helping Uncle Karl to the Young Pioneers.

eyes burned fires, newly kindled, but to remain forever.

In the days of Noske and Ebert,

Uncle Karl was chained and thrown into Moabit Prison; over

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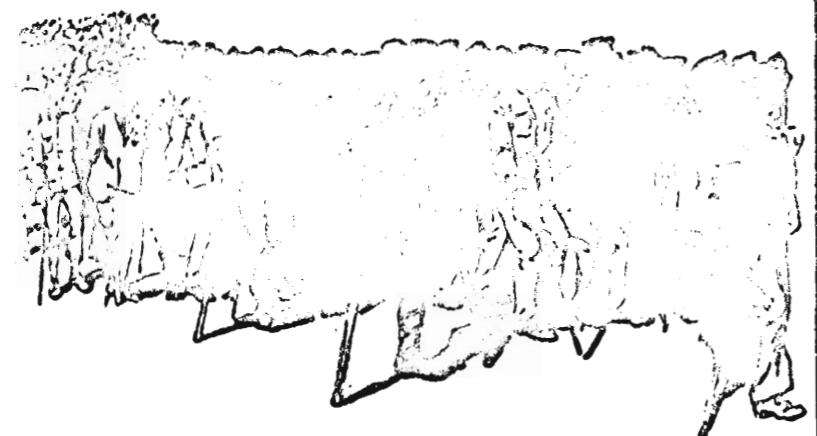
which terribly suffering human

lives are burning, whose hearts

are bound with unbreakable

threads to the cause of freedom,

## HUGE GRAFT IN SICK SOLDIER "BUSINESS"



The worker soldiers who fought for Morgan's investments in the last war now graft victims in the veterans' hospitals.

## DEMAND INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Representative Blanton, Democrat, of Texas, charged Commissioner Frederick Fenning of the District of Columbia with irregularities as guardian to a number of allegedly insane ex-soldiers.

The Judiciary Committee of the House urged the authorization of an investigation of the charges.

In Washington there is an institution that cares for mental defectives. Commissioner Frederick A. Fenning, a very influential member of government political circles, has had himself appointed guardian for many of the soldiers who are supposed to be mentally defective. But what did the evidence brought before Congress show?

First, that many of the soldiers were not defective at all, but were confined for other reasons, which we will go into.

Second, that many of the soldiers had parents who had applied to have their sons released, but had refused this because Commissioner Fenning didn't want to give up his guardian-

ship. Third, that the coroner of Washington, Dr. Ramsey Novitt, is a brother-in-law of Commissioner Fenning so that when patients die in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, no reports are made which show the facts of the death in such a way as not to reflect upon Fenning.

Guardians of such soldiers are entitled to ten percent of the income of the soldier's estate. Here we come to the core of Fenning's desire to be appointed guardian. He is today guardian for 103 wards in one hospital alone. The exact number of soldiers involved has as yet not been discovered, but when there are in one hospital 103 wards, there are undoubtedly many hundreds more, for at least a few other hospitals are known to contain his wards. Whenever it has developed that a "new arrival" has an estate or is to receive monthly compensation from the government, the information is tipped off to Frederick A. Fenning and steps are immediately taken to have him appointed guardian and he accordingly receives ten percent of the principal of the estate and

## MENTAL PATIENTS KILLED

Witness Asserts that Two War Vets Were beaten to Death

NEW YORK.—Alleged murder of William Green, Negro patient in Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D. C., and charges that two other colored men were killed there by maltreatment are made by Mrs. Myrtle de Monta, a white woman, who urges that all colored citizens support Senator Chapman's resolution calling for Senate investigation of conditions at the hospital. The hospital houses about 1,600 world war veterans and 4,400 patients in all.

It is charged by Mrs. de Monta that Green, a patient of the hospital, was beaten to death by two attendants at the hospital, who were held by a coroner's jury for the grand jury, who allowed them to go free, but in a subsequent proceeding on October 5 Green's slayers were indicted, according to Mrs. de Monta.

ten per cent of the income. And when one is guardian of at least 103 wards, this adds up to a neat sum.

St. Elizabeth's is only one example out of a multitude. In Pittsburgh at the Aspinwall Hospital, the veterans have petitioned for an investigation noting in their petition that the conditions have become unbearable.

Besides the inhuman treatment of privates in the U. S. army, the veterans confined to the hospitals are the victims of every conceivable form of graft. It is only by uniting their efforts with the civilian workers that the soldiers can hope to struggle for the betterment of their conditions.

## Young Workers

## Well Prepared

(Continued from Page 1)

and in Britain, resolves to work vigorously and persistently for the full and complete action of the Royal Commission. We recognized labor on the part of British capitalism to be relieved of its subsidy to the mining industry, thru the lowering of wages and working conditions of the miners, which it hopes to achieve in consequence of its pseudo-socialistic bait embedded in the report which is intended to divide the miners into fractions for and against the report."

This viewpoint became the official expression of the special meeting of the Miners Federation of Great Britain held in London on April 9th. The result was a unanimous declaration by the conference:

"(1) That no ascent be given to any proposal for increasing the length of the working day;

"(2) That the principle of a national wage agreement with a national minimum percentage be firmly adhered to;

"(3) That inasmuch as wages are already too low, we cannot assent to any proposals for reducing wages."

And now the strike is on! The Baldwin dictatorship refuses to enter into any negotiations with the leaders of the Trade Union Congress until the general strike is withdrawn. The millions of trade unionists recognize that it would be a suicidal policy if they refuse to comply with the demand. From all corners of the world pledges of material and moral support are flocking in to the British workers. The International Federation of Trade Unions has called for no scabbing on the British miners. Even the Communist Party and the Communist League of America are in the forefront of the workers' struggle there, so are Young Communists and the workers of the U. S. We like ourselves to do all in our power to rally the full forces of the American young and adult fighters behind our fighting British brothers!

Mothers' League Will Aid Passaic Strikers on Sunday, May 16

A concert and entertainment is arranged by the Mothers' League of America for the benefit of the Passaic strikers on Sunday, May 16, at the Elks Club, 2732 Hirsh Blvd., at 4 p.m. Tickets 25 cents. All friendly organizations are urged not to arrange any other affair on that day.

## Young Shoe Workers Must Break Reaction Ring in the B. S. W. U.

By MAY BERG,  
(Young Worker Correspondent.)

LYNN, Mass.—Much has been written of the conditions of the toiling youth in many leading industries, but little has been said about the youth in the shoe industry. There are over 200,000 shoe workers in this country, 60,000 of them are young workers between 12 and 21 years of age. About 60,000 to 80,000, including young workers, are organized into various unions of the industry.

One of the strongest unions in membership and finances is the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union. Because of its reactionary leadership this union has been a bosses' union practically from the day of its birth. The conditions in the shops controlled by these unions are in cases worse than in some open shops.

Boscos' State Board. In the larger cities, Boston, Brockton, Lynn, Chelsea, the working time is from 50 to 60 hours a week. The average wage for an operator (excluding young workers) is \$20-\$26 a week. In the smaller towns the conditions are worse. The constitution of the B. and S. W. U. is framed to protect the shoe manufacturers. Strikes are forbidden, because there is a by-law in the constitution which declares that any trouble or dispute arising among the workers shall be referred to the state

board of arbitration. This board has only one object: to cut the workers' wages.

Since 1922 prices were cut from 70 to 80%. The workers cannot even discuss the decisions of the state board. If you try to do so, you are shifted to Local O (members at large). This Local O means for the shoe workers: you must pay your dues and assessments, you must obey all the decisions of the state board of arbitration, but you can't attend your union meetings to express your opinion.

Young Workers Awake.

Such are the conditions suffered by most of the young shoe workers. Boys between the ages of 14 to 21 who form the large bulk in the lasting and wood-hoof rooms. They work at heavy machines, 50 hours and more a week, and their wages are \$14 to \$20 a week. Accidents often occur to the young workers at the machines. Young table girls, pressers, have to work piece work, 50 and more hours a week and the highest wage they can get is \$8 to \$16 a week. In the finishing and packing rooms girls have to speed for 9 hours a day and \$10 a week. Most of the young workers are not members of this union. The union officials make no efforts to unionize the young workers because they are afraid of their militancy. But already these young workers are awakening. They are learning that by attending the meetings and electing young militants to represent them that they can fight for improving their conditions.

This athletic exhibition probably the first of its kind to be staged by a labor organization in this city, promises to be an entertaining and exciting affair. A wrestling match between two burly and highly skilled Finnish members has been arranged for. There will also be pyramid building, jumping events and gymnastic drills and stunts. The Nature Friends band will furnish the music.

With the large Finnish, Czech, Hungarian, German, and American sport groups backing this affair it is certain that it will turn out to be a big thing. The time and place and other details have not yet been decided. They will be announced later in the week.

## Labor Sports Union Plan Athletic Meet

At the last meeting of the local executive committee of the Labor Sports Union it was decided to stage a combined mass meeting and athletic exhibition during the latter part of May.

This affair will have a two-fold purpose: to raise funds for the work of the Labor Sports Union, and to bring the members and friends of the various affiliated organizations together, and to familiarize them with the principles and role of the Labor Sports Union.

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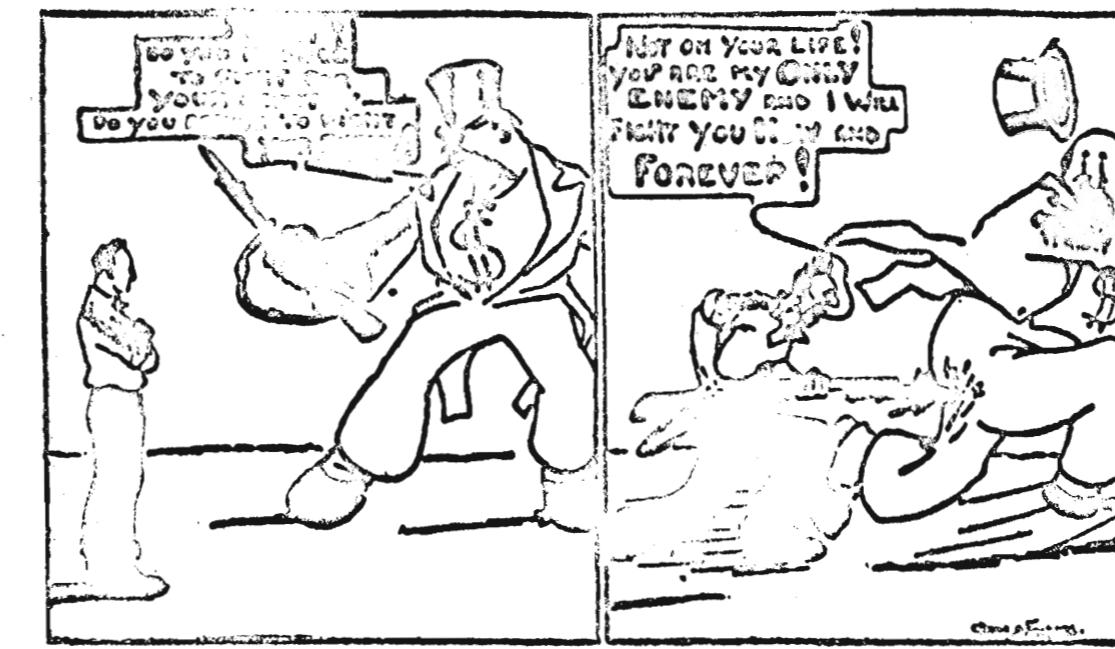
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## New London Textile Youth on Strike

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

NEW LONDON, Conn.—The Ed. Bloom Co. here engages in a very common sport—that of cutting and slashing wages of employees. It is the favorite pastime of every textile baron throughout the New England states. After the wages are lowered, well, the profits will be higher. And the more profits the more fun will Mr. Textile Baron have.

So the prices were cut from 12 to 11 cents a yard and from 9 to 7 cents.

Whereas before this cut the men, women and young workers were earning from \$22 to \$27 a week including overtime, they now got \$18 to \$22 a week. The result was much dissatisfaction, much squabbling with the box, which culminated in a strike. Such strikes have taken place for the last three years. Both the young and adult workers have learnt that unless they keep up their organization after the strike their wages will be cut again six months hence.

The young workers are all out on strike. The wage cut affected them also and now they are the backbone

of the fight to get it back and more than that, are demanding an increase in wages. The young workers are on the morning and afternoon picket lines.

It was mainly young workers in the strikers' committee which rode into Putney, the story of which appears elsewhere in this issue. The workers have raised the following demands: 8 cents increase per yard (amounts to about \$4 to \$4 per week), one and a half for overtime, no discrimination against active strikers, recognition of the textile workers' organization, equal distribution of work, shop committees to determine price of new work that comes in.

This shows how close the workers are connected with the textile machine. The young workers don't have to wait for permission of the superintendent to organize, because it will never come. They organize themselves. On with the fight young workers, you are the backbone.

## Police Chase You from "Monkey"

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

BALTIMORE, Md.—The third issue of the Young Worker came out. It was given out on the street. One thousand copies were "grabbed up" by the workers of this slave port. Distribution was, however, stopped by the agents of "Monkey." The police chased us away from the building and we were forced on different corners to continue distribution.

But the young workers have a paper and since we were forced to go to them, they came to us. This was followed up on Saturday at a street meeting in front of the building. When the third speaker who was to speak the police stopped the meeting. The police heard from the speaker that the superintendent—not of police—but of the "Monkey" Ward. The police then stopped our call for unionization and our strike walkout.

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labor Bomb Squad of New York was also on the reception committee, uninvited.

The demonstration, the singing of the International, the waving of banners and the display of slogans got as far as the 33rd street exit when the Bomb Squad gorillas started to tear the banners from the workers' hands and to use their well-known strong-arm methods.

The arrival of Trumbull is the signal for the start of an energetic campaign here for a united front of all young workers and students' organizations against capitalist militarism.

Conquest and annexation of Mexico is urged by the "Liberty" magazine owned by the Colorado Tribune. In its April 17th issue, the paper reminds the American "public" that 20,000,000 automobile users in this country need Mexico's oil and rubber. "The wiping out of the boundary," it declares, "would be a blessing to Mexico, a benefit to the U. S. and to the world." What nonsense to propose under the name of "Liberty." Nevertheless the young workers of this country accept this as an open declaration of the somewhat similar secret moves of Wall Street and the Wall Street Coolidge government and we will fight these moves.

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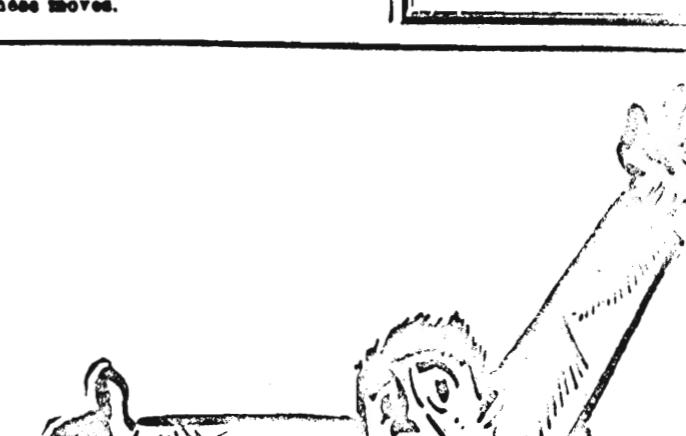
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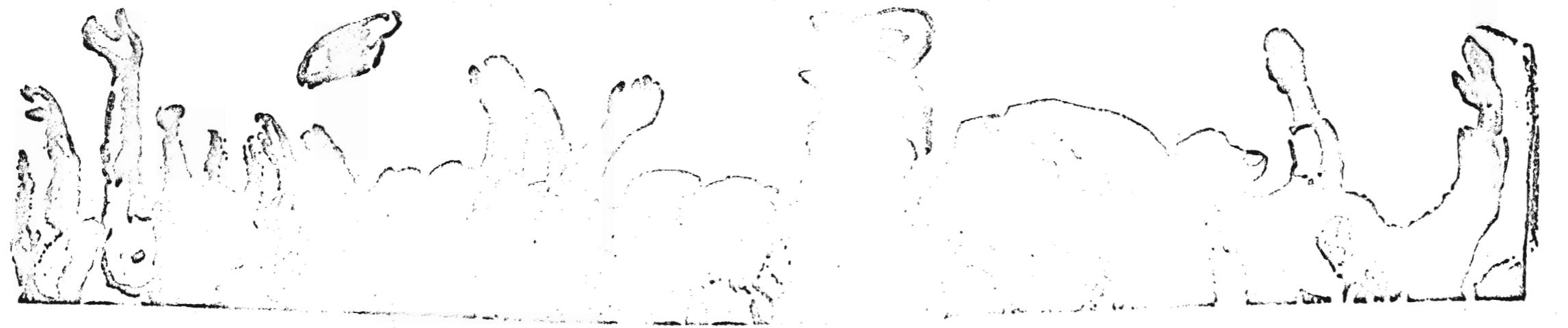
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## YOUNG CHICKS MOVE TO ORGANIZE UNORGANIZED YOUNG STEEL WORKERS

By a Young Steel Worker.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—If the young workers had any hope that the recent convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers would take any steps towards organizing the steel industry, that hope has been blasted. The reactionary machine ruled by Mike Tigue, reigns supreme and at the convention conclusively proved that it does not want to organize the steel workers but that year by year it is losing the few organized workers they remain in the industry.

In Western Pennsylvania, advertised as "The Workshop of the World," we find that with the single exception of small local in Cannonsburg, there is no semblance of an organized labor movement in the steel industry.

As a result, modern improvements, remarkable inventions, are making bigger profits for the steel barons instead of shortening hours and raising wages. Thousands of men are thrown out of work and the ranks of the unemployed increased which results in wage cuts.

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry reports that the average wage of the steel worker is \$27 per week. It must not be overlooked that this average includes the wages of the superintendents, foremen, etc., which makes the average really much less. This results in much misery in the homes (or rather shacks) of these workers. The principal victims of the starvation wages are the young workers and children of the steel workers.

The report of the Tuberculosis Association of Beaver County, a steel center, for 1924-25 shows that 14.3 per cent of the children attending school, are seriously underweight. One town in particular, West Bridgewater, has 35.4 per cent of the school children seriously underweight.

### SPEED-UP SYSTEM CAUSES MANY DEATHS IN STEEL INDUSTRY

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The steel companies of Western Pennsylvania not satisfied with paying the men starvation wages, are always speeding them up. A typical example of how the workers are driven can be seen from the speech of President Clyde of the Carnegie Steel Co., at a safety meeting held in the Edgar Thomas Works at Braddock. He congratulated the men of mill No. 4 for breaking all previous records. This mill is 51 years old.

As a result of this speed-up system, injuries and deaths are common, every day occurrences. The newspapers rarely print any news of accidents in the mills. It is a terrible sight to see the long line of injured, reporting every day at the company hospitals.

### For a Young Workers' Conference in N. Y.

By H. BURCHETZKY, Member Local 10, Furriers' Union.

Shortly there will be held a mass working youth conference in New York City. This will be an event of great significance in the history of the American labor movement.

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### "SOCIALIST HELL, I'M A BOLSHEVIK!"

(By Young Worker Correspondent.)

BALTIMORE, Md.—When I started working at the Acme Upholstering Co. here I found what was supposed to be "true harmony" between the workers and the boss. Then I participated in the workers' discussions and pretty soon a clear line was drawn between pro-labor and pro-boss ideas. Later I was able to say that the pro-labor viewpoint is also the Communist viewpoint and that I was a Communist.

One day the boss started a discussion on a political question among the workers giving his boss viewpoint. One of the workers spoke up in disagreement with the boss.

The boss said to the worker: "What is the matter with you, are you a socialist?"

The worker answered: "A socialist hell! I'm a Bolshevik!"

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### "Textile Committee Enters Putnam"

It seems to have become a mania with the police in towns to cook and achieve publicity. The publicity is not of a very favorable nature. A strike of several hundred textile workers in New London, Conn., was progressing peacefully and quietly. The owners of Bloom Company, Inc., did not bother much about importing goods, calling the strikers to confer, or anything to show that they were alive. The strikers smelled a rat somewhere. They knew that the orders were coming in thick and fast at the time that the storm broke. They immediately understood that the orders were being transferred to the other plant in Putnam. The old game of the textile barons of separating their mills and then slashing the wages in one mill, work the orders in the other, smash the strike if one takes place, and then follow it up with wage cuts in the other mill, then repeat the same process, was being played here. The strikers understood the game and proceeded to take steps to smash it, by sending a delegation to the other mill and to report back just what they learnt. Following this, of course, the purpose was to organize the Putnam workers and then call them out on strike.

**Committee Rides Into Putnam.** And here the fun began. A committee of seven class conscious unsuspecting strikers rode into Putnam by car. They arrived a bit before 12 noon, so they looked the town over. The chief of police soon got wind of

"Pipes filters must repair breaks and leaks in the lines, some of which carry a heavy pressure of steam. Every safe guard possible has been used to safeguard these men, but they are in constant danger. Structural iron workers, riggers and sheeters erect buildings, furnace shells, hot blast stoves, gas flues and stocks. Their work is one of the most perilous in which a man can engage. A slip or the slightest let up in vigilance may mean a fall of from 75 to 150 feet, with a crushed and lifeless body at the end."

**Workers Blamed for Accidents.** In spite of the lies that the company uses every safe guard possible we find the steel companies carry on propaganda that the workers are to be blamed for all accidents. At safety meetings the company usually has a stool pigeon get up and tell how wonderful the company is.

So wide spread has the employment of children as puddlers in the founders become that there is a bill before the legislature to prohibit the employment of minors under 18 years of age in foundries at pouring molten metal or handling vessels containing molten metal.

In touching on some of these evils it becomes obvious how essential the organization of the young and adult steel workers is.

**Hot Mill.** Then we have the hot mill, with 9 to 10 fellows working in a gang which is called the hot mill crew. We work in three shifts, eight hours a shift; that we change every eight hours. One week we work from 8 a. m.

### SOFT COAL CRISIS AS OPERATIONS SHIFT TO NON-UNION FIELDS

(By Young Coal Digger.)

DOWELL, Ill.—The masses of miners in District No. 12, U. M. W. A. are showing great dissatisfaction. The operators' offensive is destroying the industry in soft coal. There are only 120 out of the 480 mines that are operating and these are mainly small mines in northern Illinois that work part time. But the main mines in southern Illinois are practically all closed.

The entire mining industry has moved from the union fields to the scal fields of Kentucky, West Virginia and stretching across the country to Alabama. The reactionary officials of the union do nothing to remedy this situation which is undermining the union. From time to time, they make false pretensions.

John L. Lewis' famous phrase of "no backward step" is but mere words and a desk drawer resolution. In fact, that phrase

departed from the respectable American community of Putnam, Conn., by the bosses' agents—the police.

**Pinched! Charges: Small Car.** As the workers got back into their car and proceeded for home, followed by the entire police force of Putnam, the chief of police suddenly hit on a bright idea, he would lock them up on a charge of overloading their car and proceeded to the station, took their names and addresses; kept them waiting for a half hour in a stuffy room and then came back to inform them to get the hell out of town. He'd let them go this time—the big hearted, fat-bellied chief of police said.

**The Cops Get In.** The committee did not have the chance to get any more information that day. A big touring car drove up before the mill and two uniformed cops got out. They went into the superintendent's office and came out a minute later. The car drove up to where the strike committee was quietly standing and talking to the workers. They got out again, approached the committee and began questioning and examining them. When one worker protested against the whole procedure he was told to shut up. When another protested and conjured up the called spirit of the U. S. Constitution and reminded the officer that he was breaking the law, he was answered by the officers of the law that constitution or no constitution, he was going ahead with what he was doing—and furthermore, he was going to ship them all out of town. Yet, the whole committee was

—P. Frankfield.

### EIGHT-HOUR DAY IS MYTH IN TIN MILLS

(By Young Tin Mill Worker.)

McKEEPORT, Pa.—I work in a tin mill here. The McKeepoort Tin Plate Co. owns the mill. About 3,000 workers are employed. A good many of the workers are young. Most of them are employed in the semi-skilled or unskilled work. We have heard so much about the 8-hour day in the steel mill. Well I want to tell you here that the laborers are working from 10 to 12 hours a day at 40 cents an hour. When you are working as a laborer, you cannot even be minute late, for every morning when you come in, and in the evening when you quit you must punch a clock. If you are late about 10 or 15 minutes you are docked an hour.

**Hot Mill.** to 4 p. m., another turn is from 4 p. m. till 12 p. m.; then from 12 p. m. until 8 a. m. This is done this way, one turn works one week from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. and then changes to another turn, etc. In the hot mill we have two classes of work, the highly skilled who are adult workers, the others who are semi-skilled, young workers. The young workers are the most exploited and the lowest paid. Catcher helpers and double helpers are paid as low as \$3.00 for the eight hours, that is all they can get on for work on a tonnage basis. The bosses try to keep us divided by trying to make us think that we are able to rise to be highly skilled workers and in this way the workers work that much the harder. They also will not allow colored workers to work on the hot mill, but during a strike if it is possible for them to find a colored worker who would be willing to scab, of course they would see that he gets a job on the hot mill.

**Open Shop.** In our mill we are working on the non-union basis. We have no union. In this way the com-

pany is able to terrorize us and get the workers scared. There are also a lot of stool pigeons and it is impossible to say anything for immediately you get fired. The semi-skilled and unskilled workers especially the semi-skilled workers who are young that work on the hot mill have walked out two of three times this year against wage reductions and for better working conditions but have always been forced to come back for they have no union and the older fellows who are skilled would keep on working. The workers would be willing to join the union but there don't seem to be any organizing done by the union. In fact I have never yet seen a Trade Union Organizer from the Steel Workers' Union. We are working on the tonnage basis on the hot mill which means that we must speed up to the limit. I think that the union should come and organize us. I am sure that the workers in this mill are willing to put up a fight against these low wages and for better working conditions and also for the union.

union membership and in the industry hold posts of importance which only the youth can tackle.

The young miners have the most dangerous occupations since the bosses see that it is a great advantage to have young blood doing certain jobs. The motormen, trip riders, and trappers are all dangerous youth jobs, since their work is to transport the coal to and fro in the mines among much difficulty. The bare wires that have high powered electricity, must be continuously dodged by the young miners as it criss-crosses along their passage. The young miners are mainly affected in mine fatalities. Healthy means of recreation are neglected since they work continuously in the artificial means of ventilation in the mines.

The Young Workers (Communist) League is solidly behind the fight of the young miners to save their union and improve their conditions. The only solution for the present crisis in the soft coal fields is the complete organization of the unorganized miners and the nationalization of the mines. Of course, the labor fakirs are against these demands in practice. The scal fields must be penetrated and unionized. That is the central task facing the young miners.

**YOUNG MINERS PLAY BIG ROLE IN CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE UNION**

DOWELL, Ill.—The young miners will play a big role in fighting against the attempt of the operators to smash the miners' union by shifting operations to non-union fields. The young miners are an important part of the

### PASSAIC YOUTH DEMANDS RE-ENERGETIC SUPPORT

#### 14th Week of Strike Sees Victory Drawn

By JACK STONE.

PASSAIC, N. J.—In the fourteenth week of the strike a successful conclusion and a union being built solely among the young miners. A union in which the young workers are playing a great and important part. This is pointed out in an article how the young are better equipped, organized, therefore have received a sense of responsibility in the hands of the Strike Committee.

Because of the poor leadership and the peculiar youth in, that is as such because of these facts we have no trouble in a United Front Committee, a set of youth demands for the needs of the youth in the industry in this vicinity. More it is thoroughly an importance of holding young for the purpose of explaining importance of these youth as well as other problems that come from time to time.

The U. F. C. of T. W. C. at the youth as a bastion of the young workers are going to be worked to the bone, they are good enough for that. For this account for the sake of the youth demands which are:

1. Equal pay for equal work.
2. No night work for young workers under 21 years.
3. All young workers to be considered minors.
4. A six-hour day and week for all minors.
5. Two fifteen-minute rests during each day.
6. More and better conditions under union control.
7. Four weeks vacation pay.

April 28th.—With the New Jersey Textile Strike in its 14th week, more than a quarter million dollars has been raised by the joint committee for Defense of Passaic Strikers as a bail fund with which to continue its fight for free speech.

April 30th.—A signal victory over the agencies of the bosses was won on Friday, when Sheriff Nemo was forced to open Belmont Park Hall to the strikers for a meeting under the auspices of the A. C. L. U. An injunction was issued restraining the sheriff from interfering in the meeting.

May 4th.—The International Workers' Aid celebrated May Day by taking seven truck loads of food, shoes and clothing, including one of bread, to Passaic for the relief of the strikers. The Boston Pioneers at their regular meeting have decided to spare the money from two ice creams every week for the children of Passaic strikers.

### FURRERS' CONFERENCE WITH BOSSSES BREAKS UP

NEW YORK CITY—A 15-hour conference between the Furriers' Union and the manufacturing broke up Sunday morning, May 5th, without having made an approach to a settlement of the strike of 12,000 furriers, a large part of which are young workers.

On April 22nd William Green came to New York to bring about a settlement. He spoke before a mass meeting. He spoke before a mass meeting.

### Young Workers Become More Radical

ing of 10,000 furriers at New York, chairman of the furriers' committee, who was greeted with prolonged cheering and applause. It was then that the accepted the proposal of the furriers' conference.

The settlement conference began when the manufacturers attempted to inject the eight points as a set basis which would have meant the end of the union's demands.

The Capitalist Offensive.

"An increased economic offensive is, moreover, growing rapidly, particularly in Germany, Britain, Austria and Czechoslovakia."

"The fact that the position of young workers in Europe is gradually worse and that on the other hand their position in the U. S. is steadily improving, causes masses of the young proletariat to the left."

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The N. E. C. of the Y. W. L. after carefully discussing ways and means of increasing the circulation of both the Young Worker and the Young Comrade and of improving the management of all our publications decided to appoint a management committee to take complete charge of the business management of these publications.

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