

## ANTI-C. M. T. C. CAMPAIGN ADOPTED BY PENN. FEDERATION OF LABOR CONVENTION IN ERIE

Favor Labor Sports Movement

ORGANIZATION OF YOUTH PROPOSED

(By GEORGE PAPCUN.)

ERIE, Pa.—The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor Convention met in the week of May 11, 12, 13, 14. In spite of the fact that the convention was controlled by the most reactionary officialdom of the trade union labor movement of the United States and Pennsylvania, two resolutions of the utmost importance to the youth of Pennsylvania and United States were passed. Such as a resolution putting on record the State Federation in opposing the Citizens' Military Training Camps. This resolution was presented by a young coal miner from Western Pennsylvania. After a discussion of over an hour and a half the resolution was passed. In fact this was the longest discussion since the first discussion on the endorsement of political candidates in which the Labor Leaders betrayed the rank and file which they represented, by endorsing the candidates of the Republican Party.

Press Excited About Militarism.

The local press got more stirred up about the fact the convention went on record against the C. M. T. C. than it ever did during the whole convention and had to admit that 20 ex-service men, delegates to the convention, spoke bitterly in opposition to the training camp plan and that especially one of them, a wearer of a distinguished service medal, asserted that the camps created war psychology and threatened the peace of the country. In the first place the resolutions committee brought in a motion that the resolution be not carried in. President Maurer was greatly surprised when such a report came in and demanded that it be put before the convention. In fact, the Left Wing was not much surprised at this when you look over the resolutions committee, who were the most reactionary committee in years at any state Federation Convention of Pennsylvania.

Also another ex-service man pointed out that a spirit of anti-unionism exists in the C. M. T. C. camps today and only one ex-service man, a miner of the "Left," spoke in favor of the C. M. T. C. He mustered a very small vote and the resolution was passed overwhelmingly. This

must be recorded as a big victory for the left wing and for the working class youth of this country. It must also be pointed out that not only this resolution condemns the C. M. T. C., but condemns to in any way helping in recruiting of Young Workers to serve as cannon fodder in the next war. It also instructs the delegate to the next A. F. of L. convention to work, speak, and lobby for the passage of the same resolution and to commit the A. F. of L. to a policy opposing the C. M. T. C. and instructs the incoming Executive Council of the State Federation to wage a state wide agitation and organization campaign against the C. M. T. C.

Campaign Must Start.

This of course must not be the stopping point for the youth, at being satisfied with having accomplished its

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## LAWRENCE FIRST TO RESPOND IN SAVE SACCO AND VANZETTI MOVE

Young Workers Demand Release!

LAWRENCE MASS.—"Sacco and Vanzetti Must Live," is the slogan of the General Workers Committee, organized here last night with delegates from fourteen organizations representing two thousand workers of all nationalities. Plans for holding a big mass meeting in one of the largest halls of the city are already under way.

"Stand firm, the workers of Lawrence will not allow two innocent men to die," read telegrams sent to Sacco and Vanzetti in their cells at Dedham and Charlestown prisons last Sunday by Italian workers at a mass meeting. A resolution calling on all the workers of the city to unite in supporting the fight against the unjust sentence of Sacco and Vanzetti was passed. The General Workers' Committee is the answer to this call.

The organizations represented in the General Workers' Committee are as follows: The German Club, The Independent Workers' Circle, The Arlington Mill Unit, The Russian Progressive Club, The International Labor Defense, Armenian Progressive Club, Workers' Co-operative Union, The Socialist Party Italian Branch, The United Front Committee, The Hebrew Ideal Co-operative, The Franco-Belgian Club, The Workers Party, The Matteo Club and The Jewish Youth Club.

"Fight For Sacco-Vanzetti."

"Sacco and Vanzetti gave their services to winning better things for the workers. Their lives are in danger because of their fight in the workers' interest. The young and adult workers must now fight for Sacco and Vanzetti and save them from the capitalistic hangmen!"

C. E. RUTHENBERG,  
General Secretary,  
Workers (Communist) Party.

"SACCO, VANZETTI SHALL  
NOT DIE!"

"THE young workers must take their places in the protest movement for Sacco and Vanzetti and become the vanguard of it. There is every reason for them to do so. The attempt to legally murder Sacco and Vanzetti is in reality an attempt to kill the labor movement and to deprive workers of the power to defend themselves. The young workers, who are the most exploited section of the

working class and the section most needing organization, must be alive to the issue involved and do their duty for Sacco and Vanzetti!"

JAMES P. CANNON,  
Secretary of International  
Labor Defense.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AGAINST  
SACCO-VANZETTI FRAME-UP

The entire youth movement in the United States will raise its voice in one united protest against the attempt to legally murder the two fighters of the labor movement, Sacco and Vanzetti. The Fellowship of Youth for Peace has sent the following protest telegram specially to the Young Worker:

"Refusal of appeal contrary to essential principles of Anglo-Saxon justice."

Young workers, farmers, students, soldiers and sailors of the United States raise your voices in protest! Send your telegrams to your state's representatives in Washington. Send them to the Young Workers!

## Communist Youth Leaders Pinched In England

LONDON—(By Mail)—The first victims of the attack of the bosses' government were the Communist Party and Young Communist League. Comrade Stewart, acting national secretary of the party, Comrade Springhall of the League, together with Comrade Robson, organizer of the London district of the League, have been arrested. Comrade Rust, secretary of the League, is still behind "on bars."

Reports of the first week of the strike movement showed thousands of young workers unitedly backing the miners in their struggle. The Communist children organized in the Young Comrades League, were also in the forefront of the struggle. They carried on a campaign to get the authorities to take over the feeding of the children. Free meals in schools, was the slogan. In a report received from South Wales in one town alone, every child had joined the Young Comrades League.

## Call Anti-War Conference

MELBOURNE, Australia—The federal executive of the Australian Labor Party has issued formal invitations to labor organizations in the U. S., Canada, Japan, China, India, New Zealand and several of the South American republics to a Pan-Pacific conference to be held in Honolulu in the third week of November, next. The purpose of the conference will be to arrive at a better understanding in respect to the future peace in the Pacific.

## Printers' Devils Win in First Baseball Tilt

The Printers' Devils' baseball team, composed of members of the Denver Junior Typographical Union, printer apprentices, started off the baseball season last week with a victory over the Powers-Behen aggregation. The score was 6 to 0 in favor of the junior unionists.

The line-up of the printers was: Ports, 3b; Swarts, ss; Comido, lf; Clayton, cf; Rollo, rf; Snyder, c; Britbf, 1b; Roth, 2b; Johnson, b, and Spikes, 3b.

## BRITISH COAL MINERS STAND FAST AGAINST OPERATORS AND TORY GOVERNMENT

Continue Fight Despite Decartion of Trades Union Congress  
Union Congress leaders.

News dispatches from Great Britain indicate that the coal miners are standing by their ultimatum "not a penny off, not a minute on" and that the battle between the government and the coal miners continues in spite of the desertion by the Trades Union Congress leaders.

The central committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has issued the following statement on the miners' strike, urging the workers generally to give support to the splendid fight which the miners are making:

The British coal miners are continuing the fight against the coal operators and the government.

Despite the betrayal of the coal miners by the right wing leaders of the Trade Union Congress, in calling off the general strike, the miners are standing firmly on their ultimatum "not a penny off, not a minute on."

They are determined that wages in the mining industry, already at a mere existence point, shall not be reduced. They are determined that the hours of the miners shall not be lengthened.

They demand a decent standard of living, a work day that will leave them time for reorganization and education.

The Baldwin government refused their word when it was a question of getting the workers who had gone on general strike back to work, is now showing its real face to the miners. It is making demands and supporting the coal operators in a position which it dared not present before.

Having profited by the betrayal of the Thomases, Hendersons and MacDonalda, in securing the calling off of the general strike, the Baldwin government is now trying to use the iron fist in an effort to smash the resistance of the miners.

The workers the world over, showed a splendid spirit of solidarity in support of the British general strike. Now that the miners have been left to fight alone, thru the desertion of the leaders of the Trades Union Congress, they must be supported with an equal spirit of solidarity.

The miners must have financial support in their struggle. They can only continue their splendid fight if the workers of all countries come to their aid and furnish them with the funds necessary to carry on their struggle.

The Workers (Communist) Party calls upon all the members of its organization and upon the labor movement generally to come to the aid of the British miners.

Mass meetings should be arranged and funds raised to be sent to these miners.

The International Workers' Aid is carrying on a world-wide campaign for relief of the miners and funds can be sent thru the American branch of that organization.

The miners' strike was the kernel of the struggle in Great Britain. The workers, who demanded that the Trades Union Congress call a general strike, were fighting for the miners. The miners, deserted, are continuing to fight for victory.

The great betrayal of the Trades Union Congress right wing leaders can be turned into a victory for the miners if support is given them in their struggle and they are able to stand firm in the face of the government attack.

Rally to the support of the British miners!

Turn the British fight into a victory for labor thru a victory for the miners!

Central Committee, Workers (Communist) Party.

C. E. RUTHENBERG, General Secretary.

## MINERS OPPOSE MILITARY DRILL

SUPERIOR, Wyo.—Opposition to the compulsory military training in force at the state University of Wyoming is expressed in a resolution adopted by Local 2328, United Mine Workers of Superior.

## THE BOSSSES ARE SCARED STIFF!



The exploiters of youth and child labor in New York City are already beginning to tremble with the approach of the mass working youth conference.

## Move for Working Youth Conference in New York Well Under Way in Various Industries THOUSANDS OF YOUNG WORKERS TO BE REPRESENTED IN N. Y. WORKING YOUTH CONFERENCE

Demands to be Formulated for Each Industry  
START ORGANIZATION OF UNORGANIZED YOUTH

NEW YORK CITY.—The work for the Mass Working Youth Conference has been under way ever since the preliminary conference, at which there were represented delegates from organizations having 50,000 members, was held. The militant young workers from some of the large youth exploiting industries in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut are beginning the preliminary work of formulating demands for their respective industries. This will be followed with the holding of shop meetings, the setting up of the necessary organizational machinery, etc., which will guarantee a 100% representation at the youth conference. The conference will be the opening wedge for an intense campaign to organize the unorganized working youth in this country. Already young workers from the various industries have written articles for the press giving their opinion on how the conference will effect their industries. Some of these appear follow.

## Candy Trade Youth for Working Youth Conference

Long Hours, Low Wages for  
Unskilled Youth

By D. ZEYLON.

NEW YORK.—The candy industry will be an important one for the mass working youth conference here. In the candy shops of New York City alone are employed about 50,000 workers of whom 85% are young workers.

The candy industry is divided into three sections. To the first one belong a small number of skilled workers, known as the "candy workers." Their wages are \$30 to \$35 a week. We must remember that it takes years to become an experienced candy maker to receive such a wage. Then comes the helpers, in the majority young workers, who make on the average \$16 to \$22 a week. But to be a helper one must have from two to four years experience. The third section which is the great majority of the workers in the trade and also the most exploited are the women and young girls employed as dippers, wrappers, etc. This section of the candy workers are entirely at the mercy of the bosses. They earn from \$9 to \$13 a week. The conditions under which they work are the most horrible. The hours range from 56 to 60 hours per week. Therefore we can see that the Youth Conference will have to thoroughly consider the problems of the young candy workers.

The plumberry workers, perhaps more any other section of the working youth, know the benefit of organization. At the present we are in view of one of the most prosperous industries in the United States—building industry. An industry which granted an increase of wages for coming year of \$500,000 in New York City. The plumbers now work alongside the plumbers' helpers, carpenters, painters, bricklayers, etc., who draw a wage of \$12 per day, while the plumbers' helpers get an average of only \$4 a day. It makes no difference how long they are in the trade and no matter how well they know their trade.

And the helpers know daily that they are underpaid and used for the sole reason that they are unorganized, while all other workers on the job are protected by the law to which they belong.

The plumbers know that they want more wages and better conditions of work in the trades that are organized, and our delegates will succeed in this conference a success, and to not only the unionization of the workers' helpers, but establishing a militant organization of all workers in New York to better conditions of work, and better conditions of life.

## "HITS POINT WITH THE PLUMBERS"

Can Be Counted to Make the  
Meet Success

By WM. MARCULIS,  
Pres. Plumbers' Helpers C. I.  
Brooklyn.

NEW YORK CITY.—news of a youth conference, organized by a committee of various labor organizations in the building industry of June gross interest, is fast among the plumbers' helpers here in New York.

This conference just has point with the plumbers' helpers, because it is being organized for the purpose to find the ways and means of organizing the unorganized. A meeting of the young workers, who are in New York hundreds of thousands of young workers to toil long hours for meager wages and because the plumberry workers are an internal part of thousands.

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## LYNCH RULE STILL PREVAILS IN S. C.

LABELLE, Fla.—Scarcely a week after a helpless colored girl was lynched by whites, Harry Patterson, another colored man, was brutally slain by a masked mob. The 11th Company Florida State Guard is on duty here to prevent the witnesses who testify in the investigation of the lynching of Patterson, which occurred last week when a band of six men from a sheriff's posse lynched him. Patterson's body was riddled with bullets, then cut in pieces and thrown into the streets before it was buried in a tree.

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## EDITORIALS

### THE LEAGUE PLENUM

The plenum of the N. E. C. is of great importance. It must signify the turning point in the life and the work of the Y. W. L. and consequent of the youth movement.

The plenum must accomplish work in the following three directions: 1. It must accomplish what was neglected by the last convention, i. e., analysis of the situation and the policies for various fields of our activity (trade union, sports, anti-militarism, etc.). 2. It must give the perspective for the concrete plan of our tasks (campaigns) for the Y. W. L. for at least the next six months. 3. It must tremendously strengthen the consolidation of the Y. W. L.

All those tasks must be accomplished on the basis of the C. I. and the Y. C. I. resolutions and our experiences gained in the after convention period. The guidance of the Y. C. I. correctly helped us to liquidate the crisis which we had and we wholeheartedly approved the line and the tasks which the Y. C. I. put before us.

Constructive work in the plenum made in a friendly spirit will further break down the feelings of past animosity and will tremendously help to consolidate our ranks and will place all our energies into the mass activity.

Forward to a mass Bolshevik American Youth League!

### CAPPER-JOHNSON DICTATORSHIP BILL.

The bunk propaganda which is being spread in favor of the Capper-Johnson conscription bill will not fool the masses of young workers. The dastardly kept press lies that the aim of the bill is to "conscript capital and labor" in the eventuality of another war has already been blasted. The same holds true for the junk peddled by one high official of the navy department that it "will put capital, labor and all the nation's resources on the basis with men's lives."

Clarendon MacNider, assistant secretary of war, in a Pittsburgh address said, "The war department does not want to tell the industry how to meet the problems nor does it contemplate making plans for operation of the concerns." This would sound too much like nationalization and the big bourgeoisie cannot afford to have this happen even the Coolidge "the silent actor" for the big business interests is at the head of the government.

Here we get a glimpse at the real intent behind the Capper-Johnson bill. It aims to establish an iron dictatorship of the Wall Street government in Washington over the heads of the young workers who will be drafted wholesale as cannon fodder for the next imperialist war. As far as the "capital" part of it concerned, there will be no drafting, but with the bosses' permission, the government will help them regulate their industries for war time needs; to increase their output at the expense of the workers and "incidently" to increase their profits.

This bill opens the eyes of the young workers, young farmers and students. It completely blasts the bunk of "pure democracy in a people's government." It shows the intensive preparations under way to set up a dictatorship of "Silent Cal" the strikebreaker and the universal drafting of man power in the next war. Incidentally it blasts the pacifist illusions which are attached to the participation of the United States in the Geneva disarmament conference.

### BUILD THE LABOR SPORTS' MOVEMENT!

When Dr. J. Robertson raised the question of fighting the boss controlled athletic organizations, in the last issue of the Locomotiv Firemen and Engineers Magazine, he should have at the same time raised the question of the trade unions helping to organize the Labor Sports' Movement. Robertson pointed out that the 13th convention of the organization had provided that members who fail to relinquish their membership in "Athletic Associations" etc., "promoted and maintained by the railroad companies which are a menace to this brotherhood and detrimental to the interests of our members shall automatically forfeit any office he may hold in this brotherhood, etc." Yes, more will have to be done than merely this. The brotherhood should raise the slogan of: Build the labor sports' movement as against the boss controlled sports' movement. The resolution adopted by the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor convention in Erie calling upon the locals to organize labor sports' groups and to render all aid possible to the labor sports' movement is an example of what can be done in this regard.

### A STORY OF PASSAIC

### CHILDREN OF THE MILL TOWN STRIKERS

By Mary Heaton Vorse

As a big Polish woman put the children at 25 Dayton Avenue, down a steaming bowl of soup before him, he looked up at her and asked breathlessly:

"M'am, are we going to have milk?"

"Yes, sonny," she said, "do you like it?"

"I never tasted it," he said. "We never had any at home, I always wanted a taste of milk."

He was perhaps eight. He was little and undersized. His meager features jutted out from his thin face and his ears were waxy, there seemed to be no blood in them. He had that look of awful wisdom and sorrow of children whose lives have been spent face to face with poverty.

The big Polish woman turned away. She said, "These kids make me cry. I tell you I cried all yesterday about these kids. First I cried, then I got mad and I won't ever stop being mad. Look at them!"

There they were, fifty or seventy-five of them eating their soup. They are the results of the figures that are printed of the low wage scale in the textile mills. They are the children parents make under twenty dollars a week. Here in terms of lives of children is told the story of Passaic. Great mills covering hundreds of acres, high ramparts of walls like prison walls; tall chimneys belching smoke, a huge capitalization. All these immense holdings at the cost of the lives of children.

At the Soup Kitchen. If you wish to light a fire of anger within you, go and look at

# The Y. C. I. On The American Question

## Resolution on the Young Workers (Communist) League

### 1. The activities of the Y. W. L. A. have, due to the hegemony of American imperialism in the world, the same great importance for the Y. C. I. as the plenum of the C. I. has stated, that the C. P. A. has for the Comintern. The difficulties of influencing the masses of young workers and developing a Communist mass organization of the American young workers, however, are still greater than those which the party has to overcome. It must be emphasized that the huge masses of young workers in the U. S. are still completely politically apathetic, that they have not yet developed even the first beginnings of class consciousness and that the small percentage which is organized, is in the camp of our class enemy. There are very few young workers in the trade unions; there is no broad workers' sport movement, whereas the Boy Scouts, Y. M. C. A., bourgeois sport organizations, etc., have millions in their ranks. In addition there is the huge machine of the capitalist class for influencing the youth thru numerous other means and the fact that American capitalism is at present still on the upgrade and the trend of the labor movement is still to the right. On the other hand, the objective conditions for awakening and winning the masses of young workers exist, once they are the most exploited part of the working class.

2. The Y. C. I. affirms that the first pre-conditions for such a change and development are the overcoming of factional struggles and the unification of the league. After the convention the league initiated this unification with the help of the Y. C. I. and the fact that this unification was achieved sooner and more completely has had a favorable influence also in the party. Although a unification has been carried through in the Central Committee all elements of factionalism have not yet been liquidated. The Y. C. I. affirms that it is necessary to carry through the unification of the old groupings, and warns all comrades that any continuation of factional spirit and factional activities will be fought most ruthlessly. Every member must be made fully aware of the correctness of the statements of the Comintern, "That after the dim and dangerous factional struggle, which the A. C. P. has gone through, a new factional struggle would destroy the Communist movement in America for a long time to come." The Executive expects that the league will participate unitedly in the carrying out of the decisions of the enlarged Executive of the C. I. and that it will follow a correct political line in accordance with the decisions of the Comintern.

3. Like the entire activities of the league, the economic activity and the trade union work must be broadened and brought nearer to the daily practical questions of the American young workers. The most important task of the league in this sphere, and one of its central tasks generally, is a powerful campaign and practical work for the unification of the youth. This campaign is to be conducted in the T. U.'s and the T. U. left wing, and especially among the masses of unorganized young workers. Regular systematic work for the abolition of restrictions and full rights and lower dues for young workers shall be conducted. Particular dis-

tricts and industries must be concentrated upon. The league must participate actively in all organizational campaigns of the T. U.'s.

4. It is of decisive importance to win the left wing in the T. U.'s, to pay attention to and actively defend the demands of the youth. The league must actively participate in carrying out the decisions of the Comintern on the trade union question and work practically in the left wing for the young workers on all committees and the inclusion of youth demands in all general industrial programs and above all support from the left wing in the work for the unionization of the youth.

5. In general an orientation towards the workers in large scale industry, miners, metal and steel workers, textile workers, transport workers, ship-builders, woodworkers, auto-work, is necessary without however overlooking other industries.

6. It is necessary to formulate concrete topical and practical demands for all important industries. Young workers' conferences shall be organized in an extensive manner. At these conferences, the election of committees should not be neglected which, as local committees and committees in the factories, constitute a valuable means to approach broad masses. Also the T. U.'s and Central Labor Councils shall be urged particularly in connection with the league for unionization of young workers to organize youth conferences at which campaign committees shall be elected. The T. U.'s shall also be induced to call when necessary, meetings of young members and to elect young members in the leading committees. Our League must actively participate in all disputes and struggles with the bosses. The factory campaigns shall be continued and improved.

7. As a first precondition however, for the T. U. work the organization of our own members in the unions must be enforced and the Y. W. L. functions must be built and developed, working in closest connection with the Party fractions. Youth representatives shall be included in the Party T. U. apparatus, both in the Central Commission and the lower unit. The Party's help shall be utilized for the training of League functionaries for the T. U. work.

8. The League has a further important task in the agitation and practical work for the creation of a mass workers' sport movement and the winning and recruiting of the young workers' sport movement and the winning over for it. The League shall work for the formation of workers' sport organizations and their linking up into a broad and powerful workers' sport federation. The Workers' Sport Alliance must be radically broadened and must concentrate its main attention to the American young workers so as to enable them to become a driving force in an American mass workers' sport movement.

9. It is necessary to carry on much more than hitherto a struggle against militarism and militarization of the youth. For this the League shall appeal to the broadest masses of working youth and also work systematically among the young workers in the colonies, particularly in the C. M. T. C. Also the student youth shall be stirred up to fight against militarism and militarization of youth.

10. The League has made a serious effort after the convention to start with its reorganization. For this, however, all pre-conditions were lacking, because there were no factory groups. The reorganization had resulted only in concentration groups and very few newly founded factory groups. It must be fully understood that the formation of concentration groups is only the beginning of, and not already the re-organization upon factory group basis. Concentration groups are useful, but they shall not have the rights of a basic unit. They are temporary bodies out of which the factory groups and street nuclei are to be formed, which are the basic units. An energetic struggle for the formation of factory groups is necessary. The formation of concentration groups shall be done in a careful manner. The concentration groups will collapse or perish if they do not produce factory groups. Therefore the town and district organizations shall in continuance of the initial work be organized upon the basis of factory groups and street nuclei, with the result that at the beginning of the next year the majority of the members are organized in factory groups.

11. Greater attention must be given by the N. E. C. to an understanding of the A. D. C. of organization by the membership. Close organizational consolidation and discipline will insure an effective carrying out of national directives. Close contact must be established between the lower units, district Committees and the National Committee. On a national scale, the League must broaden its leadership through Americanizing and proletarianizing it. Plenum meetings of the N. E. C. and leading functionaries should be held as often as possible.

12. Yesterday for the last time a person had bumped his head against the projection. But this morning, to my surprise, the offending projection was sawed off. Yesterday for the last time a person had bumped his head against the projection.

13. I didn't see the person, but the carpenter told me. It was the boss.

14. According to the officers of the organization department of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, the conditions in a majority of the non-union shops are unbearable. They have taken advantage of the fact that there was no live organization campaign being conducted in the dress industry and have reduced the prices on their garments. One particular shop which was a union shop previous to the last strike where the people were earning a fairly good salary, are reported today to have cut their prices more than one-third, and conditions in general are such as would not be tolerated in a decent non-union shop.

15. One of the burning questions of the American working youth is the struggle against child labor and child exploitation. This struggle is all the more necessary as various bourgeois and reformist tendencies cover up the lack of a genuine struggle against child labor with empty propaganda for abolition of child exploitation till 16 or even 18 and for extension of school leaving age till 16 years.

16. Maintaining and exposing our prin-

ciple programme for Socialist reorganization of Youth labor up to 16 years the League shall fight for the following immediate demands:

(a) Complete abolition of child labor under 14 years;

(b) Struggle for the bettering of the children's conditions as long as, and where, child labor exists;

(c) Extension of education for the youth till 16 years through reorganization of labor from the stand point of vocational training and education;

(d) All means for this vocational training in the workshop, apprenticeship, departments and factory schools. Industrialization of existing schools;

(e) All training under the T. U. contract and work paid according to qualification and T. U. rates.

17. Via its struggle for the unionization of the youth, for workers' sport, against militarism, child labor, etc., the League must apply the tactics of the United Front. The most important form of united front tactics in the U. S. today is the organization of broad youth workers' conferences and the election of committees thru them and similar forms.

18. It is necessary to make a more serious start with the work among the Negro youth. This is all the more important as bourgeois organizations, such as the Y. M. C. A. are increasing their work among the Negro youth as well. The League shall work to make the young Negroes join the American Negro Labor Congress. At the same time it shall recommend its own measures to win the young Negroes for the League organization (agitation leaflet, etc.)

19. The League must develop its anti-imperialist activities in a broader manner. Closest collaboration with the young workers' movement in other countries of the American continent, particularly Latin America, support for the struggles of the Youth of the colonies and the semi-colonies against American imperialism and work among the colonial students and workers (e. g. asians).

20. It is essential that the AGIT-PROP work of the League be thoroughly developed. The training of functionaries shall be done by proper utilization of District schools, and the establishment of a National school. At the same time, courses in the political minimum are to be established in the lower units of the League. The "Young Workers" is a special service for agitation and propaganda. It is therefore essential to increase its circulation and thereby convert it into a weekly in the shortest possible time. Also in this sphere of activities of the League must adopt its methods and forms of work to the requirements of a real, broad and open Youth organization, satisfying the special needs of the youth, (sport, cultural activities, socials, youth homes, red fair, living newspapers, etc.)

21. Particularly necessary is the approach of the revolutionaries to the relation of forces in the colonies. By James D. By an analysis of the revolutionaries' relation of forces in the colonies. Price \$1.00

22. The League must obtain for its work the greatest possible political and practical organizational support from the Party. It is particularly important to carry out practical steps for the realization of the slogan: alongside every Party unit a League unit especially in the factories. The Party kernel in the League shall be reduced to a normal proportion through recruiting masses of new members into our ranks, but shall instead be strengthened in an ideological way. Care is necessary when operating the entrance and transference of League members into the Party.

23. Ladies' Garment Org. Drive in Full Force

The ladies' Garment Workers' drive which started a week ago Monday, is now in full force. Officers report that some shops have already joined the union as a whole and all non-union shops were covered with circulars dealing with problems and conditions of the shops.

24. According to the officers of the organization department of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, the conditions in a majority of the non-union shops are unbearable. They have taken advantage of the fact that there was no live organization campaign being conducted in the dress industry and have reduced the prices on their garments. One particular shop which was a union shop previous to the last strike where the people were earning a fairly good salary, are reported today to have cut their prices more than one-third, and conditions in general are such as would not be tolerated in a decent non-union shop.

25. A wonderful collection of revolutionary

26. CHILD ABOR GROWS IN CHICAGO

Miss Gertrude Huetzel, a state inspector, informed Municipal Judge Joseph McCarthy last week that children are more generally employed in Chicago today than at any time in the last fourteen years.

27. WRITE AS YOU FIGHT!

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## 1ST PHILLY PIONEER CONVENTION SECURES MUCH "FREE" PUBLICITY

### 5 Million Dollar Methodist Episcopal Attack

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The first district convention of the Young Pioneers' League of district three held here on May 13, and 17, was in more ways than one a glowing success. Not only did the convention lay down a clear line for its activities in the near future, but thru the "benevolence" of the local capitalist press it carried on mass propaganda for the aims of the communist children. "The first meeting of the convention was," writes the *Public Ledger*, "This was followed by an entertainment in which the members of the Young Pioneers' League of Philadelphia took to M. Trachtenberg, a boy of 15, president at the meeting, and conducted the exercises in the assurance and fluency of Communists of more mature age." The Daily News on its own page believed that the tankly avowed purpose of the convention of the Young Pioneers was the "Spreading class consciousness in the little schools of the country by children wearing flaming red armbands under the leadership of 15-year-old follower of Lenin." Organization of School Nuclei. The Evening Bulletin grasped at part of the discussion which dealt with the reorganization of the young pioneers on a school nucleus basis so that a struggle against the immature, rotten condition and the bosses' nationalist and religious propaganda in the schools could be systematized. "They discussed the reorganization of their society," declared the Bulletin, "with the school as the unit in aid of the neighborhood speakers all in their early teens declared such an organization could permit more propaganda work."

First Intervention in China. The Inquirer dealt with another phase of the discussion as follows. "These youngsters, most of whom range in age from nine to seventeen years, assuaged the atrocious evils of a public school system, advocated the lowering of face bars and finally slammed the closed friendliness and generosity of America towards the Soviet, as characterized in the United States open door policy in China."

Philly Pastors Red Bait. The close connection of the sanctified church movement with the ruling financial dynasty of Wall Street was demonstrated by a resolution presented to the Methodist Episcopal Preachers' meeting which after a so-called exposé of the Young Pioneers, ended up with the following resolve, reported by the *Young Public Ledger*. "That we, the preachers meeting of Philadelphia and vicinity, do hereby protest against this or any other organization which tends to undermine our public school system, deride the deity, desecrate the flag and the church."

This red baiting of Communists' children is far from influenced by "spiritual" considerations, but rather is directly dictated by the private property and investment interests of the capitalist church movement itself. This can be clearly seen when we look at the latest U. S. census figures which places the total value of church property at \$1,676,600,582, and the value of the church property of the Methodist Episcopal in particular at \$215,104,014. Oh, yes, the church will fight the young Communist because they wish to continue the exploitation of children and young workers in the industries, which takes the profits that the church derive from their interests.

Pioneer and Boy Scouts. The Daily News went further into a plot to grant free publicity to the Young Pioneers. It made two statements. One by Morris Trachtenberg for the Young Pioneers and one by Wallace L. Root, member of the Boy Scouts organization. Trachtenberg said in part:

We members of the Young Pioneers' League realize that there is taking place in the world today a real fight between the bosses and the workers. We know that our fathers and mothers are forced to work under the most miserable conditions, and that they raise their voices to protest or try to organize themselves. They are either driven by the bosses or beaten up by the police, who are out to protect the interests of the bosses, as in the case of Passaic with the textile strike,

## Pa. Labor Fights the C. M. T. C.

(Continued from page 1) end. We must intensify the activities of all young workers who are opposed to militarism, so that they will be able to rally other young workers and in this way force the incoming Executive Committee to start this campaign. The young workers of United States have seen too many resolutions of instructions passed and turned over to the Executive Council of unions and Federations and other bodies, and there buried without further ceremony. This must not happen to this resolution. This resolution must be the point to form a United Front with the unions and student and other working class organizations against militarism and against the State militia. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, the Citizens Military Training Camps are organized for the purpose of training young workers for the army to be used in the next war, and

Whereas, the Military Training Camps Association that is composed of large open shop employers, dominates the policy of these camps and does its best to see that the camps turn out scabs and strikebreakers, and

Whereas, larger and larger numbers of young workers join these military camps because of the encouragement given them by the employers, therefore be it

Resolved, that the convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor condemns the purpose and function of the Citizens Military Training Camps and opposes any move on the part of the employers to organically connect the A. F. of L. with the war department to further the bloody plans of the imperialists or to in any way help in the recruiting of young workers expected to serve as cannon fodder in the next war, and be it further

Resolved, that we instruct our delegates to the forthcoming convention of the A. F. of L. to present this resolution, to work, speak and lobby for its passage, to commit the A. F. of L. to a policy opposing the C. M. T. C., and be it further

Resolved, that the incoming Executive Committee of the State Federation of Labor be instructed to immediately wage a state wide agitation campaign against the Citizens Military Training Camps.

### Favors Labor Sports.

The next very important resolution that was adopted, was also introduced by one of the young left wing delegates on the question of sports which reads as follows:

Whereas, Sports, athletics and physical culture organizations directly or indirectly financed by the employers are detaching large numbers of young and adult workers from the labor viewpoint and are winning them over to their open shop ideas, and

Whereas, this large section of the working class would, if organized, strengthen the organized labor movement, therefore be it

Resolved, that this convention of the Federation of Labor goes on record as being in favor of special efforts being made to reach these young workers and to bring them into the ranks of organized labor and that the following steps be taken by all affiliated sections of the State Federation—that wherever the initiation and dues are of a prohibitive nature to the entrance of young workers into our ranks, these shall be lowered, that all sections of the Federation launch special campaigns to recruit the young workers into the unions, and to consolidate them together with the adult workers, that the Central Labor Unions be encouraged to call local conferences of delegates from affiliated unions to consider ways and means of organizing the young workers.

Resolved, that the convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor calls upon all affiliated locals and Central Labor Unions to establish gymnastic, sports and athletic groups which favor sports and physical culture separate and apart from the influence and domination of the employers, and be it further

Resolved, that we urge our affiliated membership, local unions and Central Labor Councils to take the



and in New York with the furriers."

Then after explaining that millions of children are exploited in the industries in the country and the fight the young pioneers are conducting against this and in the schools, Trachtenberg ended his statement by saying, "We are going to fight together with our fathers and mothers for the interests of the working class until we have succeeded in realizing what they have realized in Soviet Russia—A Communist Revolution—and Forward to a Workers' and Farmers' Government."

The statement of Wallace Root consisted of generalities about his trip to Copenhagen in 1924 to the International Jamboree, quotations from Baden-Powell, chief molder of the youth and children as cannon fodder for the next capitalist war and ended up with the oft-repeated, memorized oath of the Boy Scout which declares allegiance to a non-existent god and to "my" country (which means the ruling clique of my country).

Thus the Pioneer convention ended with the greater enthusiasm of the young comrades to continue their good work in a more systematic and co-ordinated manner.

### "OH, HOW WE HATE TO GET UP IN THE MORNING"

By Young Mill Worker.

LAWRENCE, Mass.—In the textile mills here the bosses hit upon a scheme to make us work without pay. They have a rule that if you come one minute late you are docked for 15 minutes, but must work the remaining 14 minutes. If you are late 15 minutes you lose one hour.

Work here begins at 7:15 a. m., and there are always many workers who are late. This slave rule increases for the bosses at the end of the year the unpaid labor by many thousands of dollars. The young workers are hit the hardest by this ruling. When you go to a dance or to show it is damned hard to be in to work at 7:15 a. m.

We have been getting the Passaic

Strike Bulletin here, which tells us about the union and the benefit the workers get thru it. Now if we in Lawrence had a union we would not have such rules or neck breaking sped-up systems and maybe get more pay, too. The class-conscious young workers must take the initiative in this.

Young Comrade

THE YOUNG COMRADE

## DRUED LEATHER WORKERS CARRY "DIPLOMAS FOR CONSUMPTION"

### Bad Youth Conditions Show Need for Unionization

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—It is sometimes unbelievable that in this twentieth century, in this modern "civilized" era, when we are riding in electric trains and fly thru the air in aeroplanes, with our modern development in science and technique, that there should be so many factories in this, the richest country on the face of the globe, where the conditions of labor are like those of the days of the early 19th century, during the very beginnings of capitalism. And one of these factories is Dredging Bros., at 5th and Master Sts., Phila.

### Youth Conditions Bad.

What are the conditions of the young workers at this leather factory compared to the workers in the other trades who are organized? There are unions (like the furriers) who are now fighting for a 40-hour week while we are still working 56 hours a week. And instead of these long hours giving us high wages, on the contrary, we receive wages that are miserable, lamentable, ranging from \$12.00 to \$35.00 a week. In order to receive the \$35.00 a week, you have to weekly slave for 20 years, and kill yourself in order to get it. For instance: One worker who worked at this factory for 18 years asked for a raise because he could not support his family on \$28.00 a week. He was refused the raise, and was forced to quit. This was the reward of 18 years hard service.

### No "Lucky" Girls.

Are the girls treated any better in this slave pen? They work one hour less than the men. They receive \$10-\$12-\$15 a week. And there aren't many "lucky" ones who are getting the starvation wage of \$15.

We have only a half hour for lunch. The sanitary conditions are abominable. In the departments here they work out the raw material and where they paint the leather, you have to put on a gas mask to keep the sickening stench away. There the workers work under the most unsanitary conditions. For ten hours a day the workers stand in the damp and dirt and filth, without a bit of ventilation, without a bit of fresh air. If you look at the emaciated faces of these workers, you can see that every one carries a diploma for consumption.

### Organize and Fight.

These are only a few facts to the conditions which the workers are forced to endure. How long are we workers going to keep quiet? Join together, and organize into a strong union which shall be able to protect our interests. The bosses are well organized in employer associations. And it is your duty to stand together, in ranks of militant workers to fight for an opportunity to make a decent living, in order to live on a higher, a decent, standard of life.

## Four Weeks Jobless Then Lands "Beaut"

### In National Art Novelty Co., Where Intense Youth Ex- ploitation Prevails.

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO.—Leon, a young worker, 19 years of age, was out of a job for four weeks. He used to spend 70 cents a day for car fare and newspapers hunting thru the want ads for a job. Then he would rush to the street car or elevated to reach the advertised places.

But it was all of no avail. In one place he came too late. In another he wasn't physically suitable, etc. That is how he ran around for four weeks spending every penny he had in the search for a master. Finally the "fortunate" day came. He found himself a job. The National Art Novelty Company was the place.

Leon got \$15 a week. The shop is unorganized. Several hundred young workers are slaving there under the most miserable conditions, turning out toys for mainly rich children to play with. Their wages run from \$12 to \$15 a week for 8½ hours of work a day. The foreman pushes the young workers to "speed-up." You don't get paid for overtime. Off the job, starving, on the job, hungry. That's the lot of the young workers under capitalism. But, we will organize and fight back.

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## Passaic Textile Strikers Recognize Roll of Children

### THE PASSAIC HELL HOLE



### Youth Meet Fighting Start For Western Electric Youth

#### Urge Delegate Elections

(By a Young Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY.—When you apply for a job in the Western Electric Co. the employment agent greets you with a smile, he gives you an application blank, where you are supposed to tell all your life history. After you pass the examination you are sent to a foreman, who tells you your wages. The foreman lets you also know that in their company they require healthy young workers, so that they can speed you up and make lots of profits.

These are only a few facts to the conditions which the workers are forced to endure. How long are we workers going to keep quiet? Join together, and organize into a strong union which shall be able to protect our interests. The bosses are well organized in employer associations. And it is your duty to stand together, in ranks of militant workers to fight for an opportunity to make a decent living, in order to live on a higher, a decent, standard of life.

### YOUNG WORKERS ORGANIZE STRIKE MOVE IN JERSEY

#### Adults Walk Out With Youth

By a Young Striker.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—I am working in the National Fireproofing Co. and belong to the yard gang. Our wages are 4¢ an hour. When we work on piece work, very often we do not average 4¢ an hour. We work ten hours a day. There are about 100 young workers working in plant No. 1, about 50 in No. 2 and 70 in plant No. 8.

The reason we are on strike is because the wages are low. We work in heat and some days we sweat our heads off trying to make the 4¢ an hour. The boss is on top of us all the time.

Our demands are as follows: Ten cents per hour increase. Eight hours a day. Half a day Saturday. Time and one-half for all overtime work.

Time and one-half for all Saturday afternoon work.

Double time for Sundays and holidays.

Weekly pay and in cash.

No discrimination against any of the workers.

We used to be paid every 15 days in checks and had to make unnecessary purchases in order to get the check cashed. We elected a strike committee and our demands were presented. The boss fired the committee.

When we received the news we went to the workers and they struck. We went to the other two plants and they too struck. The company has about 12 plants throughout the country. The Perth Amboy plants employ about 1,300 men.

### RISING UP THE LADDER FROM \$12 TO \$20

#### Sample Card Girls Don't Believe Much in Prosperity

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY.—There are plenty of girls here employed in the sample card industry. There are numerous factories but no matter where you go you find rotten conditions. To begin with the wages. You start with \$12 a week. After a few years of work you climb to \$20. For this money you must work 48 hours. Forty-eight hours bent over your work. If you dare to talk to the girl next to you the foreman tells you to wait till you get home and talk there.

The whole place is full of dust and dirt and the lights are dim. This makes you strain your eyes. There are no special tables upon which to eat your lunch and the sandwiches are often seasoned with dirt. And there are hosts of other kicks against the bad conditions. These kicks must all be united into one big kick which can be felt by the boss and then we stand a chance of somewhat bettering our conditions.

Your neighbor will appreciate the favor—give him this copy

## MILITANT CHILDREN HELPING PASSAIC TEXTILE STRIKERS

### Union Calls Meeting of 2,000 Children

#### TEACHERS ATTEMPT TO BREAK STRIKE

#### News Briefs on Passaic

At the beginning of the strike, on the first day of the strike, more than 2,000 children were enrolled in the strike line. In one day, it is estimated, 2,000 workers have enrolled in the strike line.

The United Front Committee of Textile Workers knows the role of the children in this strike and is drawing the children closer to itself, closer to its struggle. For this purpose a children's meeting was called for Saturday morning, May 16. More than 2,000 children were present. It was a spirited throng that assembled there cheering, singing, full of enthusiasm, full of force and power. First there were motion pictures taken. Is there anything quite so thrilling to any child as taking pictures? And then, after all the "Two Four Six Eights—Whom do we appreciate?" With everyone the children knew as comrades, fighting side by side with them in their battle, being appreciated, the meeting was finally opened.

#### Union Plans for Children

The union had now plans for the children. The union was going to open milk stations for the many sickly, underfed children, whose milk had been taken away from them as a result of the 10 per cent wage cut. The union was going to feed not 1,000 children daily, as it does now, but 2,000 children. The union was going to send some children to homes of sympathetic friends where they could get better care. And what is even more, the union will organize camps for the children, camps run by the union—not charity camps teaching the children to be good and obedient wage slaves when they grow up or turning them against their own class—the working class. And the children didn't vote for these things. Yes, these things must be done.

#### Mike Speaks

And then little Mike spoke. Mike is eleven years old and his father is a striker. Mike has been active in the strike and was expelled from his parochial school because of his activity. Mike is one of our bravest little fighters. He told all his young comrades how the bosses kill the children with their wage cuts and the night work for the mothers, leaving the children unheated for, and the very low wages which mean cold, damp homes. It is not for nothing that for eight more children die in Passaic than in the rest of the state of New Jersey. The bosses are the murderers of the children. It is they who kill them. The union, however, means health and happiness to the children. The fight against wage cuts is a fight for the life of the children, the fight for more wages is a fight for health and happiness. "The bosses kill us, but the union will take care of us. We will win this fight against the bosses, because we will stick together until the very end and the children will fight side by side with the parents," Mike concluded. And all the children cheered. It was a solemn pledge.

#### Bosses' Government

And then some of the lessons of the strike were drawn for the children. The children are learning that the government is a bosses' government and therefore the police protect the scabs and beat the strikers and the courts frame up the leaders of the strike. They are learning that the

#### Militants Fight Measure

The United Mine Workers of America, realizing the dangers contained in these hills, have sent several legal representatives to Washington to object to their passage and combat them in whatever way possible.

#### On the Stock after the Strike Which they received.

Of course the shop is closed and that's why we are in these conditions. Right now we are in

the question for us to decide. Is our government a bosses' government and therefore the police protect the scabs and beat the strikers and the courts frame up the leaders of the

strike? If we all stick together, that's what we are going to do.

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