

Students Spurn War in Nation-Wide Walkout

Socialist Growth Stirs Connecticut Workers & Farmers

"GROWING PAINS" ARE
BIGGEST PROBLEM

by Alfred Lloyd, Jr.

Norwalk, Conn.—Will rock-ribbed, conservative Connecticut be the first state in the Union to have a Socialist-controlled government?

Certainly it is a strong probability. Socialists already control the third largest city in the state, ran up a vote of almost 40,000 (eight percent of the total) in the last state elections, have already seated five Socialists in the General Assembly at Hartford, and have watched these legislators gain the confidence and respect of Connecticut's common people. It is not surprising, therefore, that reliable sources outside the Party ranks prophecy a Socialist governor by 1940.

Hard Work Did It

Connecticut Socialists are in their present position not through muddled luck, but through hard and intelligent work throughout the state, particularly within the last few years. It was in the industrial city of Bridgeport with its 143,000 people that the first spark of a new Socialist flame was kindled.

After a hard campaign against the vicious misrepresentation and untruth of old party politicians, the Socialists swept the municipal elections, sending into office as mayor, Jasper McLevey, former president of the International Slate and Tile Roofers' Union and vice president of the Connecticut Federation of Labor, together with a full slate of city officials and 12 out of 16 aldermen.

Eyes On Bridgeport

Despite the impediments of an antiquated city charter, "ripper" legislation passed by the state legislature, and the limitations on municipal power inherent in the American governmental set-up, the new administration promptly proceeded to chalk up achievement after achievement in almost every field of governmental activity. Connecticut eyes began to focus on Bridgeport and the Socialist party.

Naturally the Connecticut Socialists entered the 1934 state and congressional election with considerable confidence—every bit of which was justified when the ballots were counted. With McLevey as candidate for Governor, Devere Allen as its candidate for U. S. Senator, and a strong ticket from top to bottom, the party came through the nation-wide Roosevelt hysteria with a record vote nearly double the 1932 high mark.

Legislative Achievements

The City of Bridgeport gave the entire ticket a decisive plurality and elected three state senators and two state representatives, the former holding a "balance of power" between the two capitalist parties. After but three months of the present session, impartial observers are giving high praise to the Socialist legislative quintuplet and its brilliant work in the interests of Connecticut's workers and farmers.

Already the party and its legislators have made a vigorous fight for old age pension legislation, ratification of the federal child labor amendment, and other labor legislation; have successfully opposed attempts to curtail civil rights as embodied in

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GERMAN YOUTH GET "JOBS"



Yes, German youth are finding employment. 600,000 youth are conscripted into Hitler's new army, mobilized in defiance of treaties, pledges and the inevitable consequence of a new World War. Will these militarized youth face death on the French border? The Soviet border? Or will their lives be snuffed out by bomb blast and gas shell rained from above?

European Gymnasts To Visit American Workers' Olympiad

by Laddie Jannik

Prague, Czechoslovakia.—In response to the large participation of American Labor Gymnasts at the Third Labor Olympiad held here last summer, the Czechoslovak Labor Gymnastic Association (DTJ) has voted to send a group of twenty or more athletes to tour America in 1936.

This picked squad of men and women, the cream of an organization having 200,000 members—in a country of 15,000,000 population—will appear in several important centers of labor sports activity in America, including New York, Bridgeport, Reading, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis.

The central occasion for the visit will be the First American Labor Olympiad, to be held in Cleveland, O., in July of 1936. Czech sports organizations have taken the initiative in forming the Olympiad, include all non-Communist labor sports groups in America.

"Greatest Living American"

Vote Puts Thomas Second

Washington, D. C.—In answer to a questionnaire sponsored by the Student Association, American University undergraduates voted President Roosevelt the greatest living American with Norman Thomas running second and Herbert Hoover third, strangely enough, the same ranking accorded these men in the nation-wide college presidential poll in '32. For the "greatest living man or woman in the world" Dr. Einstein beat out the president for first place with Ghandi third.

DERN FOOL!

"No, the army did not cause any of our wars; but it stopped every one of them. The people bring about wars, and the army brings about peace."

So says Hon. George H. Dern, Secretary of War in Roosevelt's cabinet!

False Americanism Taught by U.S. Army Training Manual

DO U. S. MILITARISTS
WANT MONARCHY?

Washington, D. C.—Do the General and Admirals of the United States Army and Navy want a Monarchy?

That surprising question takes on a serious tinge when on reads through the reactionary statements in the War Department's official manual for military training in camps and college.

In the land of Jefferson and Lincoln it thus defines democracy:

"A government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any other form of 'direct' expression. Results in mobocracy. Attitude toward lay is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse, without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy."

This is the sort of stuff that is drilled into the hundreds of thousands of America's youth—in the R.O.T.C. in schools, in the C.M.T.C. and CCC in camps, and in the army and navy and national guard. Militarism and democracy are incompatible!

Rearming of Europe Spurs Student Strike Against War on April 12; 100,000 to "Drop Books" for Hour

YPSL Statement on Lundeen Bill Points To Youth Benefits

Chicago—In a statement containing its reasons for the passage of the Lundeen Socialist Insurance Bill (H.R. 2827), the Young People's Socialist League of America emphasized the fact that this is the only bill which takes into account the more than 3,500,000 American young people under 21 who are unemployed.

The Wagner Bill was severely criticized, not only because it has no provision for young workers never yet employed, but also because it is to be financed by a tax, not upon profits, but upon pay-rolls, which will be shifted to the workers themselves.

Lundeen Bill Avoids Chaos

The Lundeen bill by establishing a unified system of federal compulsory social insurance, avoids the chaos which the Wagner bill would cause by leaving the states to pass their own legislation.

The Lundeen bill alone recognizes the necessity of extending benefits, not on mere subsistence levels, but rather in accordance with prevailing wages at a fixed minimum.

NATIONAL RIVALRIES ROUSED BY HITLER MOVE

New York City—As the rearming of Hitler Germany throws the nations of the world into another frenzy of competition for military supremacy, final plans were being rushed through for the International Student Strike Against War, called for 11 A. M. on April 12th.

Five powerful national student organizations, supplemented by many local bodies, are pushing the use of labor's weapon to manifest student opposition to war in unmistakable terms. A stirring proclamation, appearing elsewhere in The Challenge, has been issued, calling upon students everywhere to unite in universal demonstration against the war lords and the war system.

War Tension Rising

Meanwhile war tension appears in new spots over the world. Europe appears doomed for another World War. Germany has openly denounced the Versailles treaty and is building a conscript army of 600,000 men in open defiance of the Allied powers.

Hitler has already announced his intention to take, by force if necessary, Lithuania's Memel territory, and his Nazis have practically complete "coordination" of Danzig, preparatory for occupation by Germany.

National Hatreds Grow

France is desperately striving to effect an Anti-German alliance to stop the Nazi War program before it is too late. The Soviet Union's peace efforts have been made futile as Germany becomes the spear-point for a central European anti-Soviet bloc.

Britain stands uncomfortably aloof, realizing that inevitably she will be drawn in. Italy is preparing to resist Germany's efforts to absorb Austria, and at the same time is preparing to absorb Abyssinia.

Strike Must Succeed

Only the International Student's strike stands as the one bright star on the horizon of peace. The strike must not fail! It must convey to the Lords of Militarism that here at last is a group that will resist to the last, the destruction of civilization by a war-mad capitalism.

Students! Young Workers! Support the Student Strike Against War! Carry the fight against war and the war system of capitalism into shop and farm, office and factory, as well into class and campus. War must be blocked!

FIVE YEARS

Nazareth, Pa.—Federated Press recalls that January 24, five years ago, was the first time in Pennsylvania labor history that students formed a picket line. Twenty-one students from Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr and the University of Pennsylvania picketed with strikers of the Kraemer Hosiery Mill in Nazareth. "There is no better way to express solidarity with workers than on the picket line," they said.

And today it is barely news when students employ the strike in defense of their rights in the schools. The world doth move!

Relief Workers Strike For U. S. Subsistence Wage

by BOB HILL

(Industrial Director, Toledo YPSL)

TOLEDO—Demanding at least the minimum subsistence wage as determined by the federal government's own Department of Labor, one thousand member of the Building Trades Council of this city joined by another thousand relief workers, have gone on strike.

Recent revelations of wide-spread graft in the Ohio relief administration which caused the federal government to step in has further aroused the resentment of the jobless of this fighting labor city, scene of the historic Auto-lite strike in 1934.

Socialists Head Strikers

Socialists are at the head of the strike committee, E. E. Ledford, Socialist Party of Ohio Chairman and J. C. Taylor, representing the Building Trades Council. Relief workers not in the Council have been organized into the Relief Workers' League which has already affiliated with the Workers' Alliance of America, recently formed national jobless and relief workers organization, on whose executive committee are several Young Socialists.

Toledo appears to be in for a renaissance of labor militancy as not only are clothing stores and a grocery warehouse being picketed, but the milk wagon drivers have just walked out en masse.

The Toledo YPSL has much work cut out for it and is beginning to be a large factor in the struggles of Toledo's organized working class.

Christian and Student Youth Join Anti-War Strike

Student LID Head Tells Origin of Anti-War Strike

by JOSEPH P. LASH

(National Secretary, Student League for Industrial Democracy and Editor, "The Student Outlook," its official publication).

When the strike was originally proposed by the delegates of the Student League for Industrial Democracy last year few people thought it could be done. Donald Henderson of the American League against War and Fascism suggested that we have a one hour "anti-war holiday" instead of a strike. All through the period of preparation, we afterwards realized, we underestimated the strength of anti-war feeling among students.

1934 Strike Draws 25,000

Then on that thrilling April day, 25,000 students poured out on the sidewalks in the mightiest anti-war demonstration the country has known since the time of Hillquit's campaign in 1917. Los Angeles, Harvard, Vassar, John Hopkins, and New York—the word "strike" flashed from city to city like a powerful spark, fusing the circuit of the student movement.

It was a tremendous protest against war, from the young men and women who were expected to be the sinews of our war-time armies. Even the New York Times conceded the effectiveness of our strike by its sympathetic editorial the day after.

International Reverberations

In Europe and South America, if you say you are an American student, the first thing you are asked about and congratulated upon is the student strike against war. At Liege, the Congress of the International Student Federation endorsed the strike. There would be one in Europe on April 12th, but classes are not in session. The International, however, is making its plans for a European Student Strike for next Armistice Day. The Brussels Student Congress Against War and Fascism endorsed the strike.

On April 12th, 1935, at eleven o'clock, the National Student Strike Committee anticipates 100,000 students will come out of their classrooms. Everywhere our strike has won applause and support. Conference upon conference has endorsed it, organization upon organization. High schools, colleges, professional schools and normal schools, all are rallying to the support of the strike.

Why A Strike

But why a strike? We are striking, rather than holding assemblies or meetings, because our action is a protest against the policies that are plunging the world into war. Our strike is a protest against the huge war budget just passed by Congress; a protest against the Supreme Court's decision on the case of Al Hamilton; a protest against the proposals to militarize the CCC camps; a protest against the war mongering of the Hearst press; a protest against the administrations that have disciplined objectors to military training.

NO SUBSTITUTES FOR THE STRIKE is the slogan of the National Student Strike Committee. The youth of this nation must show in the most dramatic manner possible that they will not be drafted into a war declared by a government controlled by the capitalist class.

Be Prepared

Preparations already under way indicate that the strike will be tremendous; the Universities of California, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Chicago, Ohio, Columbia, George Washington—they are as numerous as the roster of American colleges—already have broad strike committees operating. In Detroit the Board of Education has declared its willingness to have high school assemblies at that hour to be addressed by representatives of the National Student Strike Committee; but the high schools wish no substitute for the strike. Teachers and professors are rallying behind the movement. At a meeting of the Teachers Union in New York, a member arose and declared that teachers

Militarism in Education

by A. K. Herling

Eighteen years ago the American press and public went wild about Prussian Militarism. We then went to war "To save the world for Democracy" and from the menace of Prussian Militarism. Today, that integral part of our national government, the War Department, is hard at work trying its best to duplicate this same Prussianism.

Basis for R. O. T. C.

The trend toward the complete militarization of American youth started in earnest soon after the World War. The War Department realized that the basis for an extensive military force lay in every school in the country. The base for these plans had already been laid in the Morrill Act, passed in 1862, which granted monies to the various states for setting up "Land Grant Colleges."

In the act was a statement declaring that the funds were to be appropriated "to the support of and maintenance of at least one college where a leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture..." It was the clause "and including military tactics" that gave the military their claim for compulsory training.

Extension of Militarism

It will be noted that this legislation limits itself only to those colleges set up with the funds appropriated by this act. With the passage of the war, provision was made for of the National Defense Act after more extensive and inclusive militarization of the entire school system.

Today, according to War Department figures, 81,827 students are enlisted in Senior units and 41,218 in Junior units, a total of 123,045. The amount appropriated according to these same War Department figures is well over \$3,000,000 per annum. These figures indicate how great is the influence that the War Department has in the colleges and secondary schools in the country.

Is R. O. T. C. Justified

In order to justify the existence of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, the War Department and R.O.T.C. supporters, including the D.A.R., and other "patriotic" organizations, present four major arguments: (1) Military drill is excellent physical training, (2) the R.O.T.C. teaches discipline, (3) It is educational, i.e. it teaches citizenship, and (4) it fortifies our national defense. We will examine each claim separately.

Probably the best authority on the value of military drill as far as physical benefit is concerned is the late Lt. Col. Herman J. Koehler, founder of the West Point physical training system. Lt. Col. Koehler states: "The use of the musket as a means of physical development for any one, be he man or boy, is more than worthless. It is, in my opinion, positively injurious. I deny absolutely that military drill contains any worthy feature which cannot be duplicated in any well regulated gymnasium in the country today."

The Military Discipline

"Since I have been out of school I have at many times experienced occasions when it was necessary to receive and execute orders of a super-

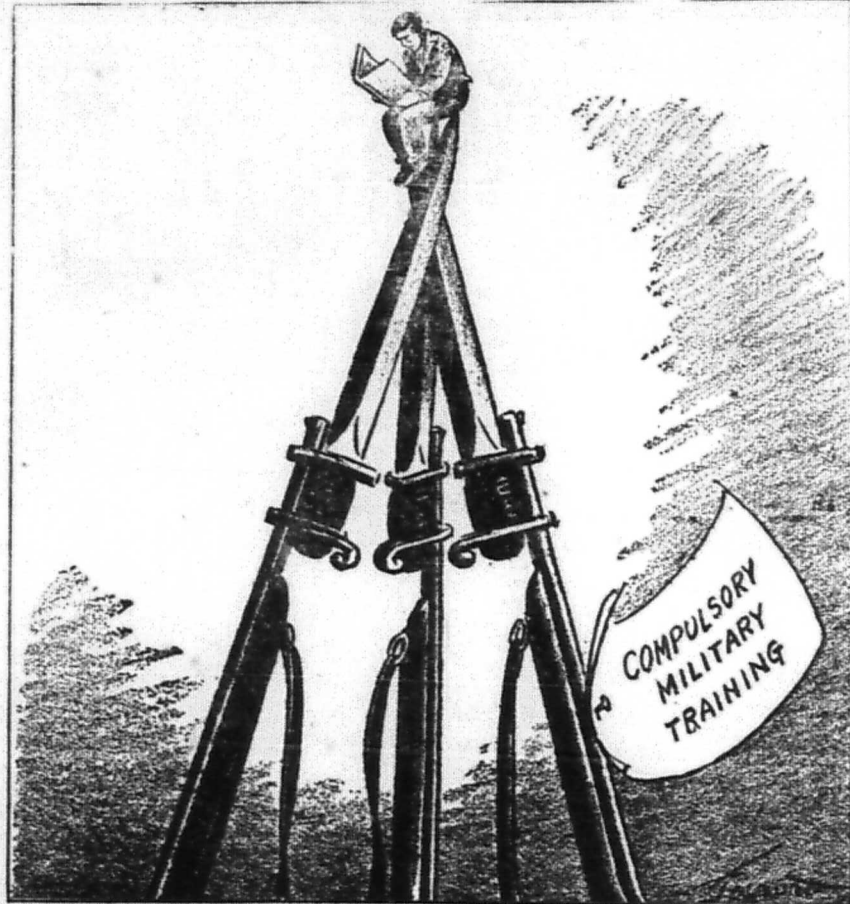
could support this strike just as they escorted students excused from classes in order to fraternize with troops about to embark from France.

Our Lives Are At Stake!

Strike against Imperialist War is the slogan of the hour of the student movement. Strike so that war mongers will know that we will not be drafted into another war. Strike at the call, not merely of the Student League for Industrial Democracy and the National Student League, but at the call of the National Council of Methodist Youth, the Middle-Atlantic Division of the Inter-Seminary Movement, the American Youth Congress and the American League.

Our Lives Are at Stake! Strike! April 12 at 11 A. M.

THE HIGHER SEAT OF LEARNING



ior officer when I knew he was wrong." This, coming from President J. H. Sheppard of North Dakota agricultural college, is a perfect illustration of the typical military mind which Congressman Ross A. Collins so aptly described as "the type of mind that fits into ruts and stays there."

Clearly, the discipline taught is of a definitely anti-social nature. As college students we are told to think clearly and independently, and yet in these very colleges there is an agency at work trying to destroy that very thing which is considered so important a part of college training and education.

Teaching "Citizenship"

Ask any army officer, and any R.O.T.C.'er for several good reasons for joining the corps and both will state something similar to this: "If you join the R.O.T.C. you will, in the event of war, most likely be an officer. As an officer you will be more safely situated than the ordinary private. No front line trenches for you. Safety, security, and comfort."

Is this not a very patriotic appeal? Does not your heart warm for love of country? The answer is anything to get them into the army, make them part of the machine. As for the "defense" aspect of military training, there isn't an army officer that believes what he says about the R.O.T.C. aiding national defense.

Militarists on Democracy

Lastly, we examine the "educational" features of the R.O.T.C. Here is what the official War Department manual on "Citizenship" has to say on Democracy:

"Democracy—government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any other form of 'direct action.' Results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is Communistic—negating property rights. Attitude toward law is that the will of the majority will regulate, whether it be based on deliberation, or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse, without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy."

This speaks eloquently for itself. The Frankenstein that is the curse of the working class, capitalism, now brings forth its allies—Militarism, Fascism, War. We in the schools, we in the factories, we in the farms, we workers' children have a terrific battle to wage. The fight against the R.O.T.C. in the schools is just one phase of the fight against capitalism. The struggle against the militarized C.C.C., against the C.M.T.C., all these are a continuation of the same fight. It demands the solidarity of all those in shop and mine, office and farm.

Fight Against Militarism is Fight for Socialism

The arm of militarism is a long one, that of the scourge of war still longer. What can we do? It is our privilege, it is our duty, to spread the anti-militarist ammunition, to give leadership in this fight. We should always point out that militarism is an integral part of capitalism; that only under Socialism will there be Peace and Plenty.

As part of the immediate program we should help make the International Student Strike Against War on April 12 a starting point for more militant action. And it all leads to the same thing—organize, educate, agitate, for Socialism in Our Time!

CAREFULLY GUARD FREE SPEECH AT CHICAGO

Chicago (FP)—Under the following precautions a symposium on students and war was recently held in Mandel Hall at the University of Chicago: 1) Uniformed university police lined the walls of the hall; 2) admission was by ticket only; 3) all brief cases were searched; 4) speakers on the platform were allowed 20 minutes and no rebuttal; 5) speakers were not allowed to take up points made by previous speakers; 6) no questions were permitted from the floor. Otherwise speech was free.

Suppress Socialist Youth Paper in Tunis

Tunis, Algiers — Le Jeune Socialiste, (The Young Socialist) magazine published for the last two years by the Young Socialist at Tunis (French possession) has been suppressed by anti-labor officials here, and its editor, Pol Prelorezo is being prosecuted. The Socialist daily and a communist publication have likewise been placed on the list of "dangerous publications."

Despite vigorous protests from French working-class representatives in the Chamber of Deputies, a vicious oppression headed by Fascist inclined Procounsel Peyrouton is falling upon the Tunisian labor movement.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Common stock prices today are, on a general level, above those of any year previous to 1925 with the exception of the war year, 1916! Plutocracy's profits are Workers' woes!

Christian Youth "Down Arms" To Preserve Ideals

by Al Hamilton

The record of how religion "presented arms" in the world war is one of the saddest stories of the betrayal of the ideals of religion in the whole story of Christianity. However, full realization of the incompatibility of Christianity and the state as expressed in war and the imperialism responsible for war, has begun to penetrate the ranks of church leaders the last few years.

This has been reflected in the very evident trends in the attitudes of Christian youth. The report of the "Christian Youth Council of North America" last summer contains a ringing statement of the economic causes of modern war and of the irreconcilability of war and the Christian ethic.

Church Youth Join Strike

However, the most realistic anti-war sentiment was expressed by the executive committee of the National Council of Methodist Youth, when they voted unanimous approval of the Student Strike Against War on April 12th. Methodist youth laid the basis for their support of the Student Strike, when their National Council of nearly 1,000 delegates last September stated: "We declare our intention neither to sanction nor to participate in any war for any purpose whatever..." We who are Methodist are engaged in making this statement mean something.

As the spiritual forces of Christianity drive more and more Christians to this position they are faced with certain choices. Christians today have to choose between loyalty to the forces of workers, farmers, students and intellectuals struggling for a co-operative commonwealth into being—or loyalty to a state that has become only an expression of finance capitalism.

Co-ordination of Conscience

Certainly no doubts should be had about the imperialistic and warlike nature of the state today. The backing of wall street to Col. Batista's terror against students and workers in Cuba; the tie-up between industry and the war department as revealed in the records of the Senate Munitions Investigation Committee; the increase in the military budget and the efforts on the part of the military to bring the CCC under army control; all these and similar happenings are indications of exactly where we are headed.

If the inevitable end of such a program is allowed to work itself out, it means a complete mobilization of all groups in society. No group will be allowed to place a higher duty above that of the profit-seeking nationalism of special privilege as outlined by the state today. The recent decision of the Supreme Court on military training made it clear that religion was free so long as Christians didn't believe in brotherhood to the detriment of the state. It is significant that in preparation for a totalitarian war time state, the first legal basis should be laid down by the courts in regard to the relation of religion and the state.

Brotherhood of Christianity in the Socialist Commonwealth

Thus if Christians mean to put the ideal of brotherhood, the ideal of peace, into practice, they must choose between the only basis for brotherhood today—the united efforts and struggles of workers and students and farmers the world around for workers democracy and a planned world; or the state which attempts to direct the lives of the people into narrow channels of economic, political, and social nationalism, for the interest of the rulers of capitalist society. Christian youth are beginning to realize that only when they align themselves for political, labor and consumer action with others who live today under the same process of exploitation, can they hope to achieve permanent peace.

Christian Youth are beginning the process of "downing arms."

SOCIALIST YOUTH WILL SUPPORT STUDENT STRIKE

Student Notes

The big news this month is the Second Student Strike Against War, lasting one hour, beginning at 11 A. M., Friday, April 12th. One hundred thousand students are expected to drop texts and leave classrooms at that hour. Socialist Youth should be in the forefront of that exodus!

Tasting its first victory by defeating the Nunan-Devany "loyalty oath" bill in the N. Y. state legislature, the state-wide Student Rights Committee was made permanent at a Conference at Albany at which some 200 delegates from 24 N. Y. colleges, 3 High Schools and 7 national organizations were represented.

Its next actions involve active participation in the April 12th Student Strike, and the circulation of a petition demanding repeal of the Ives law which requires loyalty oaths of teachers.

Free text books are requested of the Board of Education by the petition being circulated by Philadelphia Yipsels and SLID'ers, headed by Pierson Ostrow. A large number of students will be on hand for the presentation of the petition to the Board, while mass meetings are being scheduled to back the demand.

Circle 4 Sr. Kings, did a good job of lining up student support for the Elevator strikers at Brooklyn College. Protest petitions were gathered and a picket line thrown across the college front to publicize the student's solidarity with the striking workers.

Pittsburgh, Pa. and Toledo, Ohio circles are issuing "Student Appeal" regularly. The Pitt issue has articles on Hearst, Fascism, and a dandy titled "So They Emerge." The latest Toledo "Appeal" featured a report on a youth rally held with Ethel Schachner.

Organization work in schools by young Socialists is bearing considerable fruit.

Circle 8 Jr. Manhattan, N. Y. C. is aiding the organization of an SLID chapter at Seward Park High.

Sam Portnoy of Circle 8 Jr. Bronx, N. Y. C. is doing likewise at George Washington High.

Circle 3 Jr., Philadelphia has already organized an SLID chapter at Gratz High.

Circle 4 Sr. Reading organized a Current Events club at the Senior High School and 30 joined at the first meeting.

The STUDENT OUTLOOK, "collegiate Socialist review" published by the Student League for Industrial Democracy, 112 East 19th St., N. Y. C., has a dandy April issue. An interview with Huey Long and an article on his education record make a nice supplement to Gloria Waldron's article in this issue of the Challenge. A dime mailed to the Outlook will bring you a copy.

One young Socialist sold 50 copies at Essex County (N. J.) Jr. College which proves something.

Speaking of publications, STUDENT ACTION is the name of a 4-page printed newspaper for students in New York City colleges and high schools published by the N. Y. C. chapter of the S. L. I. D. It will be issued bi-weekly and a dime mailed to it at the same address as the Outlook will get you the first 6 issues.

Kenosha Wisconsin's YPSL reports a huge meeting against war to be held during the week of April 5 to 12, with excellent student support being worked up.

Rev. Douglas Anderson, Chairman of the Illinois Socialist Party, will be the ace-speaker at an Anti-War rally in Bloomington, Ill. April 5th. Roy Lancaster is in charge and is re-organizing the YPSL circle at the same time.

CALLING ALL NATIONS



"Calling all nations" but the League of Nations doesn't answer Abyssinia's protests at Italy's aggression. Why? Because the member nations of the League are, with the Russian exception, ruled by imperialist-minded gentlemen themselves, who have in all probability made a "deal" with Mussolini.

Young Socialists Win Office in School Elections

LESTER ROSNER HEADS C. C. N. Y. STUDENT COUNCIL

New York City — Running on an independent ticket pledged to fight for the reinstatement of the 21 students expelled last term for anti-fascist activity, and for the ousting of President Robinson, Lester Rosner of Circle 13 Sr. King was elected President of the Student Council at the College of the City of New York.

Andy Demma of Circle 3 Sr. Kings was elected Secretary of the Student Council at Brooklyn College, Evening session.

Write in Campaign Wins

At Tilden High, all candidates were forced to sign the loyalty pledge. Leonard Pass, 16 Sr. Kings, who was running for President of the General Organization, decided to sign the pledge and wait for a more opportune moment at which to bring the question before the student body.

At the student assembly at which each candidate was to make his campaign speech (previously censored by a faculty committee) Comrade Pass added a section to his speech pointing out the significance of the pledge. For this he was disqualified as a candidate.

Members of the Y. P. S. L. and the S. L. I. D. thereupon got busy on a write-in campaign. When the votes were counted, Pass had swept the school by a majority of several hundred.

If the National Membership Drive is to be a success we must intensify our School Work. If possible, organize an SLID chapter at your high school or college. If that's impossible, join (or organize if one doesn't already exist) the "social problems" club, the "current events" club, etc., and the Socialist position should be stressed in the classroom as well as at these clubs. All YPSL members in the school should form a committee which meets regularly to plan activity.

For details consult the National Membership Drive Handbook section on student work. And write to Milt Weisberg, National High School Secretary, 122 9th St., Pittsburgh, Pa., or Ruth Oxman, National College Secretary, care of SLID, 112 East 19th St., N. Y. C.

STRIKE AGAINST WAR APRIL 12th!

Lt. Hinkle Heckled As Students Resent Enlistment Talk

Philly YPSL Hits War Propaganda

Philadelphia, Pa. — "What's the idea of coming here and trying to sell us war? Why don't you try to sell us Peace?"

Bombarded by questions such as these, Lt. H. L. Hinkle who had hopefully visited Central High School in this city to encourage student enlistment in the R. O. T. C., was put to route by the irate students who objected to this attempt to militarize their school.

Socialists Lead Protest

For over an hour, after his talk, he was kept on the spot answering questions of over 50 students and 5 teachers who had gathered to "receive" his talk. The organized resistance, which received excellent publicity in the daily papers, was led by Dr. John A. Snyder, head of the astronomy department and member of the Socialist Party, and by Phil Cabot, a YPSL member.

The Young People's Socialist League of Philadelphia is very much on the job in anti-war activity. It is organizing a large anti-war rally on April 12, the night of the student strike. Jesse Holmes, President of the Philadelphia local of the American Federation of Teachers, and Socialist candidate, for Governor in the last election, will be the featured speaker. The Young Circle League and YPSA are among the cooperating groups.

Young Socialist National Committee Endorses Strike Call; Proclamation Hits Hearst; U. S. War Budget

YPSL BACKS STRIKE

Issued by the various progressive student organizations in the United States, this proclamation bears a call to action that is heartily endorsed by the Young People's Socialist League of America.

The National Executive Committee of the YPSL desires that every student member of the League do his utmost in spreading this strike against war and for civilization. It urges all sympathizers and friends to do likewise.

The jobless and working youth, in city and on farm, eagerly await and hope for the successful demonstration by their student comrades on April 12th against the monstrosity called war.

In pledging its solidarity with the Student Strike Against War, the Young People's Socialist League invites again, all youth opposed to war to join its ranks not only to fight against war but to fight for the abolition of the War System of Capitalism and its replacement by the Peace System of Socialism—the Federated Co-operative Commonwealths of all Mankind!

Young War Lovers Urge Dictatorship, Compulsory Drill

Iowa City, Ia.—Dictatorship is urged by a "League for the Promotion of War" which was organized today at the University of Iowa. The league was created by students opposed to world peace advocates.

Compulsory military training for all male citizens in the nation is one of the resolutions agreed to at the organization meeting. All college students, both men and women, would be required to undergo four years of military study.

The group said it would invite Huey P. Long, Louisiana senator, to become honorary leader. The officers are titled "Il Duce," "War Marshal," "Minister of Propaganda," and "Minister of Finance."

Just a nice bunch of boys out for a good time.

London's League of Youth, affiliated with the British Labor Party, at the largest conference ever held, has repudiated the official policy of Labor Party leaders on war and peace. Taking direct issue over the question of a "collective peace system" involving the use of sanctions, the League of Youth came out for a general strike to prevent war.

FELLOW CLASSMATES:

WE CALL upon the students of the United States in high schools, in preparatory schools, in colleges and universities to leave their classrooms, on Friday, April 12th, at eleven a. m., eighteen years after our entrance into the World War, in solemn protest against the black pall of war that today encircles the world.

ALTHOUGH the storm spots shift, the threat of war remains ever-present. Imperialists still cry for new lands and markets and are willing to sacrifice the youth of the world to get them. At present fresh contingents of troops are embarking for Abyssinia. Conflicting oil interests prolong the war in the Gran Chaco between Bolivia and Paraguay. Japan and Germany, although their populations are starving, rocket their budgets in preparation for the march over the borders of the Soviet Union.

WE CALL upon you to act against the war makers in our own country. William Randolph Hearst, notorious for his war mongering, slanders and attacks professors and students organizations in his attempt to reduce the schools to servile instruments of the jingoists and the war department. Our government professes peace but, with an eye upon Japan, brings in the largest peace time military budget, including a \$4,000,000 appropriation for the R. O. T. C. Student objectors to R.O.T.C. are being disciplined by the same administrations which converted the schools into barracks in 1917. The Supreme Court, upholding compulsory drill, has further entrenched militarism in education. We are threatened with universal military training.

IN BRUSSELS last December students from 31 countries pledged solidarity in the fight against war. Just one year ago, 25,000 students in America went on strike. This year our strike will know no national boundaries—in North and South America students will rise on April 12th and strike against American imperialism. We strike in solidarity with the students and teachers of Cuba who are demonstrating the effectiveness of this student weapon.

WE CALL upon the progressive and liberal forces on the American campus to take a stand. We ask the cooperation of the faculty and administration in our anti-war strike. We call upon them at this particular hour when the atmosphere is so ominously like that of 1914 to support us.

IF WE are not willing to accept this responsibility, how grotesque it will seem to the youth who will be drafted into another world conflagration. Our lives are at stake. We have no alternative. Strike against war!

(Signed)

National Council of Methodist Youth Inter Seminary Movement (Middle Atlantic Division)
National Student League
Student League for Industrial Democracy
American Youth Congress.

THE CHALLENGE

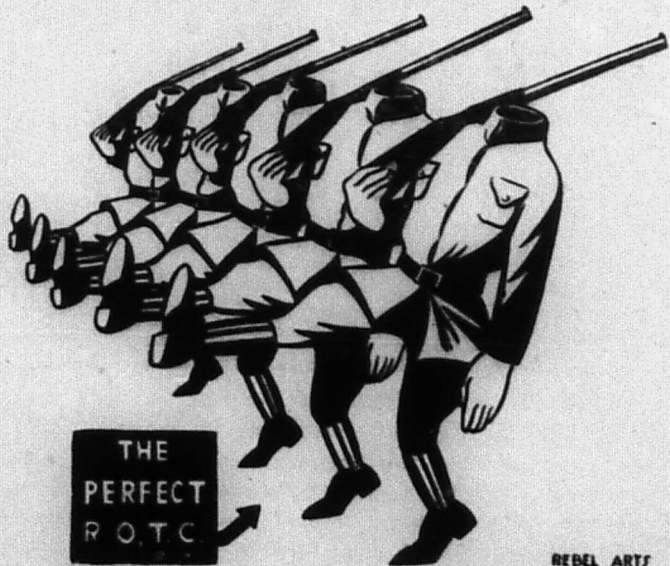
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REBEL ARTS

The CCC - War Fodder From Depression Youth

From Poverty Frying Pan to Militarist Fire

By Roy C. Lancaster

One of the most distinctly Fascist tendencies of the New Deal is the system of forced labor camps formed as the Civilian Conservation Corps. The capitalist system, through the Roosevelt administration, has forced hundreds of thousands of our youth into these forestry concentration camps where they work under military rule for one dollar a day, scabbing on their union fathers and brothers, and unconsciously preparing for the next war in which they will be cannon fodder for the munition makers and the international bankers.

"Militant Patriotism"

With army officers in charge of all the camps, the enrollees are forced to undergo all sorts of military propaganda, and are often compelled to drill under the direction of the commanding officers. They are also taught super-Americanism and "militant patriotism."

At one camp in the Middle West on Washington's Birthday, a banquet was held, with presence compulsory, at which members of the Elks Club spoke on "Americanism" and talked against the "foreign isms," Socialism, Communism, and Fascism, but said very little about the latter, speaking about the "reds" and their terrible influence on the young and innocent. They said that Socialists were opposed to all form of religion, that they were fighting the churches, and that they have no respect for Christ. One of the speakers called labor organization "un-American."

New Military Proposals for CCC

General MacArthur and other militarists are backing a plan to give CCC enrollees two months of intensive military training and then placing them in an army reserve corps. This plan smells very much like Hitler, Mussolini, and Hearst. Happy Days, newspaper published supposedly "by and for the boys" is carrying on subtle propaganda to get "guns for the boys."

Working and living conditions in the camps are without exception poor. Although sufficient funds are supplied so that the men can be fed well, grafting officers and mess-sergeants make this impossible. Rotten eggs and poor quality meat form a considerable part of the menu. It has been charged, with a great deal of truth, that if the bean crop failed any year, the CCC would have to be discontinued. Wholesale discharges for "griping" about the food are not uncommon in any of the camps.

CCC Workers Can't Organize

Like in Hitler's Germany, any attempt at organization in the camps is ruthlessly crushed and the leaders are discharged immediately. The

WAR BIRD



commanding officers completely disregard the rights of workers to organize into unions of their own choosing thus showing the insincerity of the Roosevelt administration.

The activities of members of the Young People's Socialist League who are enrolled of the camps have, of course, been forced underground. Many Yipsels have been active in the leadership of strikes against military drill and intolerable living conditions, and in showing their fellow-workers the bankruptcy of the capitalist system. Discussion groups and Current Events classes have been started in many camps by YPSL members, and these comrades see that the Socialist views are presented on all subjects.

The Real Fight

While the fight against the CCC has been largely of a reformistic nature, such as demanding that military propaganda be stopped, better working and living conditions, and higher pay for enrollees, the biggest fight must be for the complete discontinuance of the CCC. The hundreds of thousands of young men must be sent back into schools or be put on constructive work projects at union wages. The only real relief program for American youth can be found in the security of Socialism. Young workers and students everywhere should rally to the standard of the Young People's Socialist League and fight for "Socialism in our time."

Youth vs. The Old World

A Message to Youth From Norman Thomas

NORMAN THOMAS



If you are under twenty-five, and maybe if you aren't, please read this message. What we have to say is intended for young folks. But we hasten to add it has nothing whatever to do with the virtue of flappers, lip sticks, or the length of skirts.

We are writing for young folks because it is not very much use to write for anybody else. Very few men and women change their minds or their habits after they are twenty-one. By the time we are thirty, the mold has hardened; responsibilities have begun to accumulate. If we think at all, it is along the beaten truck of our habits and interests and fears. That is why the world is so full of old superstitions and absurdities and cruelties.

Of course, it is not enough just to be young. Your minds may be plastic, but if they are so plastic that you let others force them into the old molds without resistance, you are not better off than the old bald-heads. You have youth to do something with it. If there is to be peace, young men and women under thirty will have to win it. That question of war or peace is just one of the many that must challenge young people on the threshold of life.

A World of Achievement and of Failure

An older generation is handing down to you a marvelous world of great achievements as well as tragic failures. You are bound to pick up the torch of scientific knowledge and carry it farther. But already you inherit from the generations that are gone, enough knowledge of physical sciences and the technical skill to make this earth produce plenty and to spare for all its present population. Our ancestors knew bitter poverty because they lacked tools and mechanical power to drive their tools. They had not conquered nature or learned its secrets. We know bitter poverty only because we lack the right social institutions and the power of fellowship to drive them. We have not conquered what we call human nature or learned its secrets and because of our ignorance, millions of people live and die in unnecessary want, and the whole world goes in fear of a war made so deadly by science that it may amount almost to an act of collective suicide for the human race. Can any man or woman face this failure to use our scientific knowledge to banish

Perhaps you want culture. "Very well," says this old world of ours, "here are schools. Be diligent. Cultivate pep, personality, and power. So you will climb to success, and success is measured by dollars." What the old world does not tell you is how few are the prizes and how many the failures in this lottery of success. Statisticians have recently told us that a large percentage of the men and women in the United States over 65 years old are dependent for their support upon public charity or upon their children. That is the result of prosperity for you. Even if you win success—Babbitt's kind of success—you may find at last what a poor and empty thing it is. No, our gospel of every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost, does not work. The notion that it is honorable for some men to live by owning while others live by working is not only poor and cowardly; it is devastating to true prosperity and lasting peace.

Only Co-operation Left for Youth

There is one thing left for youth to try, and that is co-operation. Instead of fighting blindly for profit, can we not use our magnificent heritage to produce for the needs of the people?

Instead of dividing ourselves up into owners and workers, why not have one class of those who work and collectively own the natural resources and principal means of production and distribution?

Instead of teaching that the highest loyalty is to one particular nation, why not begin to practice the supreme loyalty to humanity, which leaves plenty of room for the right sort of patriotism?

How absurd is the present situation! In a city like New York it is the six million people who create the value of the land which nature made. It is a handful of landlords who reap those values in ground rents. In this great country we all need coal. It is the miners who dig it out of the earth; but it is the owners of the coal, who certainly did not create it and usually contribute no labor to the mining process, who reap the benefit of it. They let us have coal not on the basis of need, but of their profit. The result is oppression and terrific waste.

Organize for the Brave New World

So we might go on from one illustration to another of waste and poverty where there might be plenty, cruelty and oppression where there might be brotherhood. We shall end these things as we learn to work together. We shall have to use labor unions and co-operative societies and a political party of the workers to further our ends. Now in the plastic period of your lives, begin to associate yourselves with these builders of a new day.

The Young People's Socialist League, which sends you this paper, invites you to join its ranks. It stands for co-operation and the building of a new labor party. It is connected with the Socialist Party, but has its own organization of young people. In it young people learn together by discussing and by doing.

We are organized into circles—this is, branches or clubs—and our activities are numerous and varied. We hold discussions and debates on public questions; arrange literary and social events; conduct classes, mass meetings, hikes and dances; and assist in the activities of the trade union, educational and political branches of the progressive labor movement.

This article, "Youth vs. The Old World, by Norman Thomas, is available in an attractive, four page, illustrated leaflet at low cost; 35c for 100, \$3.00 per 1,000. It is ideal for mass distribution, particularly in connection with the Y.P.S.L. National Membership Drive, and contains an interest blank which the recipient can send in. It may be ordered from Y.P.S.L., 549 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

war and poverty and oppression without feeling his heart leap within him at the challenge of his generation?

A Bribe for Conforming; A Threat for Thinking

But when you look about to discover what help there may be in this great struggle against unnecessary poverty and suffering, what do you discover? Social institutions, schools, newspapers, radios, churches, political parties, for the most part intent on passing down to you all the old superstitions and prejudices and self-interests which brought about the World War and which keep millions of your brothers and sisters in poverty. Even a child can understand to what tragedy old misconceptions of patriotism and the old economics of capitalism have brought the world. Yet this old world still confronts your youth with bribes for you if you conform to its prejudices and threats if you dare to think and act for yourself.

A Babbitt's Success for Ambitious Youth?

You are ambitious. You want education. You want "to get ahead."

FORECAST FOR APRIL 12th



This picture is taken from an incident in an Armistice Day Anti-War parade last year by women students at Dana College as they marched through Military Park in Newark, N. J. On scores of campuses across the nation, scenes like these will be re-enacted as college and high school youth pour forth

from Classroom and laboratory at 11 A. M. on April 12th in the second annual Student Strike Against War. One hundred thousand students in the United States alone are expected out, while other thousands in South America and those European countries where school is in session will swell the world total.

Hands

Workingmen have dirty hands,
Calloused, grimy, battered hands,
Bruised and seared and ugly hands
Scarred with the marks of Labor
Hands that build and push and heave,
Hands that plant and reap and weave,
Hands too numb to ask reprieve
Such are the hands of labor.

Ruling men have gentle hands,
Pampered, cleanly, useless hands,
Manicured and scented hands,
Unmarred by the grime of labor.
Hands that never dug a ditch,
Hands that never sewed a stitch,
Idle hands of idle rich,
Scorning useful labor.

Revolutions are not made
By scented hands with sweet pomade.
Ugly hands learn to resist,
Ugly hands make husky fists,
En Avant, ye fists of Labor!

—The Young Recruit

Here's New Workers' Sports Column

139,000 Attend 2nd Annual Milwaukee Socialist Bazaar

LABOR SPORTS NOTES

New York City—The unification of the Socialist and sympathetic labor sports movement is steadily gaining ground. Another national conference of larger scope than that previously reported has been arranged for May 11 in this city.

The Czecho-Slovakian Labor Sports organization has taken the lead in organizing the first American Labor Sports Olympiad. It will be held on the D.T.J. farm near Cleveland, Saturday and Sunday, July 4 and 5, 1936. The Socialist candidate for president in that year has been invited to address the fifteen or twenty thousand person who are expected to attend.

The Executive Committee of the Workers Amateur Athletic Association is pushing The Challenge as official organ of the workers' sports movement.

The National Wrestling Championships of the Labor Sports movement was held in New York City, Sunday, March 30, too late for The Challenge to get the results. It is a big affair and boxing bouts are also on the schedule.

The WAAA is touring a film of the second workers' Olympiad of Finland, held in Helsinki last summer. This film shows the entire events of the affair; impressive scenes of the mass gymnastics show the powerful movement that has been built in Finland since the war.

Conrad Moitio of Fitchburg, who won the high jump in Helsinki as one of the team of six sent by the WAAA last summer, won the Big Ten high jump for his college, Michigan State. His height was 6 feet 2 inches.

Siegfried Lipshitz sends word that the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union and the International Ladies' Garment Workers organization are much interested in the unification of the sports groups and will very likely affiliate with the unified organization after it is set up. Both organizations are pushing sports activities for their members.

Chicago—The Chicago YPSL has chosen a Sports Director to cooperate with the Workers' Gymnastic and Sports Alliance groups in this city.

The four WGSAA are holding a benefit affair April 27th to raise money for a Track and Field Meet in honor of the visit of the Czech Labor sports Gymnasts, in September.

Readers interested in organizing workers' sports clubs should write The Challenge, 549 Randolph St., Chicago, for information.

Summer School for Socialist Students Announced by SLID

New York City—The Student League for Industrial Democracy will hold its second Summer Training School for Students in the six weeks from June 20th to August 3rd in this city. Students representing the student movement on widely separated campuses from Maine to California will meet for a course of training and study having as its objective the development of leadership in the student and radical movement.

Twenty students will be accepted to study at the school. The curriculum includes Basic Socialist Theory, the Case for Socialism, American Labor Problems, Techniques of Propaganda, Civil Liberties in America, Race Relations, and, a Program for a Radical Student Movement.

Among the lecturers last year were Leo Krzycki, Norman Thomas, Harry W. Laidler and B. C. Vladeck, nationally known Socialists who have spoken on many campuses.

Huey Long! The Loud-Mouth Crackpot from the South

"Every Man A King Emanuel" if Huey is the "Mussolini"

by GLORIA WALDRON

Hated by some, worshiped by others, sneered at by most, Huey Long is one of America's most fascinating figures—fascinating and ominous! Clever, ruthless, shrewd, with an all consuming appetite for power, he is a virtual monarch in his own state. The Governor and Legislature of the state of Louisiana are simply pawns to be moved at the disposal of the Kingfish.

Antithesis of Democracy

There is little that Huey hasn't done in order to make his power in Louisiana complete. He has even waged open civil war. He has crushed all of his enemies ruthlessly and relentlessly. He has established a spoils system in Louisiana that makes other politicians look cheap. In short, he has done everything that is the antithesis of democracy and freedom.

When the Louisiana state legislature is in session Huey Long struts to the front of the rostrum where the Clerk hands him bill after bill from the hopper although Huey has no official standing in that body. By nodding his head he indicates whether the bill should or should not be passed. And so it takes place. The few anti-Long legislators have long since given up even voting their protest. Huey is, in every sense of the word, Kingfish No. 1 of Louisiana.

Revenge His Motive

Huey Long is a great foe of corporations which is supposed to make him a friend of the people. Back of this enmity is the fact that at one time he was kept from being named Assistant U. S. Attorney through corporation influence. His special venom for the Standard Oil Company, the largest corporation industry in Louisiana, is explained by his naive autobiography which tells how Standard Oil kept him from becoming a millionaire by refusing to carry competition oil in its pipelines when he was a small town lawyer in Shreveport acquiring stock in small oil companies. But all this didn't keep Huey from receiving the financial support of public utility companies, as his brother testified before an investigation committee!

Turns on New Deal

Huey Long—a Roosevelt man before the Chicago Democratic Convention in 1932—has turned against Roosevelt and the New Deal. Especially bitter is he against Farley, Postmaster General and chief patronage dispenser of the New Deal. The Reason? Embarrassed before the eyes of Big Business which the New Deal was trying so hard to conciliate by this braggart ranter against concentration of wealth, federal patronage has been withheld from him and attacks made on his power through investigation of his income tax payment record.

Organized in February, 1934, Long claims for his "Share Our Wealth Society," millions of members. Its members are enrolled by signing a card distributed after a revivalistic mass meeting where one of Huey's lieutenants, usually his ace man, Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith who is in charge of this movement, holds forth from a loud-speaker equipped truck for several hours. Usually the car has a guard of Louisiana National Guardsmen—even when it is out of that state! Signing the card automatically makes one a member of the society, a recipient of Huey's paper, The American Progress, free for several months. There are no dues to pay!

The Kingfish Program

The objectives of the "Share Our Wealth Society" are:



HUEY

- 1. minimum of a \$5,000 estate.
- 2. Limitation of wealth to a maximum of \$10,000,000.
- 3. Free higher education for all.
- 4. Employment for all by the shortening of hours.
- 5. Full compensation for veterans.
- 6. Old age pensions.
- 7. Great national development program to absorb the unemployed.

Nowhere a word as to changing the exploiting private profit system. On the other hand a shallow program designed not for its value when put into effect, but merely to gain the support of the instinctive but misdirected radicalism of the poverty-stricken masses of the south.

Long on Figures But Short on Cash

Any high school student knows that a \$5,000 estate and \$5,000 income are two different things. At the average productivity of capital in the U. S., a \$5,000 investment will return but \$250 per year—a magnificent family income! It is income, not wealth, that counts. Either Huey does not realize this or he deliberately uses wealth figures to convey the impression that he means income.

Huey is equally vague in his figures in plank 2. In a speech before the Georgia Legislature he said "If you make a million dollars a year, you can keep it, but if you make two millions there would be a capital levy of 1 per cent on the second million, 2 per cent on the third, and so on up to 100 per cent on the ninth million dollars earned in a year."

"It means, 'he exclaimed,' that you could have four or five million dollars as a fortune, and that's enough." The audience cheered.

Slaughter of Statistics

Now read that quotation again. In the first place there are less than 75 people making an income of more than a million dollars a year, and only one topping 5 million. Secondly, a "capital levy" on income is not a "capital levy" but an income tax. A capital levy is a tax on wealth, not income, and is one of the methods Socialists would use to take over the big industries and natural resources from private owners.

And in the third place in that brief paragraph, Huey is cockeyed in his figures. If you taxed the second million earned in a year 1 per cent, and the third million 2 per cent, and that system were followed through as Huey says, it is only the 101st million of your yearly income that would be taxed 100 per cent! Even Morgan, Rockefeller and Ford combined never approached within wishing distance of that figure! Can you conceive of more margled statistics and mixed thinking in such short space? And this from a United States Senator!

Sharing Wealth Huey's Way Mostly Figure Juggling

Reading 'Riting,' and Rah for Huey!

Those two planks are the essence of Huey's Share the Wealth scheme. The rest are mere vote-getting planks with the exception of the education plank which has some basis in Huey's own youthful yearnings for an adequate schooling. But he has carried this out to mean a dictatorial type of education that expressed itself in the repression of the student newspaper at "his university," Louisiana State U.

Huey's program cannot be judged on its merit—if one can use that word—alone. How does his record compare with his promises? For example, what is his attitude towards the Negro, certainly a vital question in his home state.

"Niggers Don't Vote"

During Huey's regime in Louisiana, that state has continued among the top three in number of lynchings. His attitude is no better and no worse than the usual attitude of the Southern ruling class. He cynically states "the niggers don't vote in the south, do they? Then why should I go into that." He is against the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill, recently endorsed by the Y.P.S.L., and refuses to discuss that bill. The fact that he supplied a good many hospitals and clinics especially for Negroes, he defends not as a social welfare measure, but on the ground that "you wouldn't want a colored woman watching over your children if she had pyorrhea, would you?"

What is Huey's record towards the organized labor movement? Surely here is another way to put to the acid test his friendliness for the "common people."

Labor of No Consequence

During the longshoreman's strike in New Orleans, Huey Long's courts issued injunctions against the strikers. And let there be no mistake about their being "Huey's courts." Everything except the Post Office is Huey's in Louisiana. Huey has never in any of his "writings" or speeches given support to union labor. As far as he is concerned union labor does not exist.

This may be partially explained by the weakness of the labor movement in the south and its political inconsequence. But this does not explain why the unemployment relief standard in his state is one of the lowest in the union. Nor does it explain his never raising a finger in protest against the intimidation of share croppers in his state who attempted to organize.

Huey's Political Significance

What makes Huey so important nationally? Of course, there is his vulgar loudness and domineering personality that makes him a marked man in any body. But his real political significance lies in his presidential ambitions. Not that Huey has real chances of election. But the increasing loss of faith in Roosevelt and the New Deal, and the deepening of despair among the poverty-ground millions, make it not impossible that a man of Huey's demagogic qualities could roll up 5 or 6 million votes in 1936, especially in the south. A vote of this size, might easily cut the Democratic total in many states sufficiently to insure a victory for the Republicans. Huey has Roosevelt thinking.

The recent dramatic clash between Huey, Gen. Hugh Johnson and Father Coughlin had behind it this background of politics. What Gen. Johnson was doing in his first speech was laying down the law to those Republicans who were secretly aiding Huey in order that they might win by a Democratic split.

Huey Long, U. S. Dictator?

But far more important than the ramifications of a decadent capitalist politics, is Huey's dictatorship possibilities as the head of an American fascist movement. Huey is not,

YPSL BOOTH WINS MUCH FAVORABLE COMMENT

by Nick Petersen

Milwaukee—Almost doubling the attendance of last year, 139,000 visitors jammed the 2nd Annual Socialist Bazaar at the Huge Eagles' Hall March 7 through 10th, held as Milwaukee's part of the United Socialist Drive. Unprecedented in Socialist history was this spectacle of Milwaukee's working class, milling through the building in good natured crowds, harnessing its carnival spirit to the Building of its Socialist Party.

The size of this mammoth affair may be judged by the fact that it took a quarter of a thousand volunteer workers over a week to put up booths, arrange exhibits, and get the Bazaar in shape for the opening. Milwaukee's hard working Socialist Youth were at hand helping, guiding, directing, working and selling in nearly every department of the Bazaar.

YPSL Girls Turn Cooks

Dancing, bands, orchestras, vaudeville acts, all contributed to the entertainment and merriment of the affair. An important part of the success of the Bazaar was due to the delicious food served to its patrons, cooked only as Milwaukee's good Hausfrauen can cook. The young women of the YPSL certainly did themselves noble in this respect; for not one male was seen to rebel at the rebel food of these rebel girls.

The YPSL booth was constantly the center of admiring throngs for it contained an attention-compelling set of exhibits portraying the dramatic history of the working class. The Red Falcons, of which there are almost a half thousand in Milwaukee, contributed many splendid articles of handicraft and Art.

Many Join YPSL

Literature sales were completely in charge of the YPSL, and although the mood of the Bazaar was far from serious, endless was the stream of books, pamphlets and papers that were bought by the eager crowd. The Socialist Bazaar was a success in another way, for a record number of applications for membership in the YPSL were turned in by the many young people in the crowds. And even the older people were mightily impressed by the efficient handling of their numerous tasks by these Milwaukee young Socialists.

Not only Milwaukee residents attended the Bazaar, but Socialists from as far away as Iowa made special trips to be on hand! In 1934, almost 80,000 attended the first Bazaar; in 1935, 139,000 attended; and in 1936 no less than a quarter of a million—yes, 250,000, are expected to participate!

New York—The first eastern states conference of the Red Falcons of America, with representatives present from six states, reported over 100 Guides and 1500 children in this lusty young organization. An organization drive to double the membership during the coming year was laid out. Week-end conferences and Guide's courses are being organized and an adult organization for supporters, "Friends of Workers' Children," set-up. Seymour Phillips was elected Eastern District organizer with offices at 7 E. 15th St., New York City. Ethel Schachner, 549 Randolph St., is midwest secretary of this organization for children between 8 and 15.

at least not yet, the European pattern of dictator with a social philosophy. "He is a vulgar American politician, who has learned to play the two-fisted, sordid game of vote-getting and patronage infinitely better than his opponents. At his worst, he is no more unprincipled than they, his sin being that he is more ruthless and successful."

America's workers and farmers must be awakened to the fact that only in organizing themselves for power lies their salvation, and not in following some self-appointed messiah. That is our Socialist task to perform in meeting the menace of a Huey Long. By example, as well as by word, we must organize the workers and farmers of America for the Co-operative Commonwealth where productive wealth will be owned in common but its products will be equitably shared by all.

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The menace of War, Economic Insecurity and the future of civilization are a challenge to the Youth of the nation.

The YPSL and Red Falcons of America invite all youth to join their forces and through Organization and Education, help build a world on the Socialist foundation of the International Brotherhood of Man.

—Milwaukee County and Wisconsin State Welfare Boards of the YPSL and Red Falcons.

The Milwaukee Socialists congratulate The Challenge on its second Anniversary. May it carry its message of Socialism to all youth of America, and continue to bind the youth into a strong organization whose motto is "Organization, Education, Solidarity!"

—Socialist Party of Milwaukee County.

SOLIDARITY

By the National Industrial Secretary of YPSL.

Unemployed organize nationally... NBC boycott intensified... Needle Strikes smolder on... "Contempt of Court"... Panning Aluminum...

On the union field, while many small struggles are taking place, the strike talk in the auto and other large industries has quieted for the moment. A momentous event in the brief, but turbulent, history of the organized unemployed took place on March 3, 4 and 5 in Washington when was born the Workers' Alliance of America, a sound and strong national federation of the unemployed organizations.

Roy Lancaster and Hillard Bernstein, members of the YPSL, were elected to its Executive Board, and its secretary is Paul Rasmussen, former member of the YPSL NEC. The training received by Socialist Youth in their daily activity has never borne better fruit for the working class than on this occasion.

Flashes from the Field again add up to indicate splendid activity of our League members with their union brothers and sisters.

Chicago, Ill: The beginning of the last month started out with a dozen comrades on the picket lines of the white goods workers' strike for the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. The boycott of National Biscuit Company products was pushed with a vigor and volume that put to shame that other NBC—the National Broadcasting Company.

Westminster, Mass: A mass campaign, including the visiting of each and every local grocery store, has been undertaken in connection with the NBC boycott.

St. Louis, Mo: Activity is high in the garment workers' strike, at the Forest City Garment Co. Especially visible on the picket line were the unemployed comrades. An effective rally to protest police brutality to the strikers was splendidly handled by the YPSL.

Newark, N. J: The Newark Ledger strike by Newspaper Guild reporters monopolized industrial activity during the last month. Several YPSL'ers boast of totalling over 100 hours on the picket line while many others have hit the 50 mark.

A young Socialist sympathizer was arrested on trumped up charges and given a suspended sentence. An injunction is now out prohibiting picketing, speaking, or in any other way showing sympathy with the strike. And judges wonder why "contempt of court" is so universal in the labor movement!

New York City: Literally tens of thousands of leaflets have been distributed for the great NBC strike, while house to house and store canvassing, and open-air meetings are supplementing this action.

The Butler strike is receiving a similar "treatment." Numerous young Socialist picketers are on the line with the Building Service Employees. Stickers on the Elevator strike were found mysteriously pasted up all over the town.

Relief funds for Butler and NBC strikers are being collected. The industrial activity of several circles is being concentrated on one specific shop of unorganized laundry workers who each week are bombarded with leaflets.

Good work New York City! Cleveland, Ohio: The NBC boycott is being vigorously pushed here. Sympathetic organizations are already lined up solidly behind the strikers.

New Kensington, Pa: Pots and Pans may become mighty scarce in the coming months. The unrest in the aluminum industry has caused a strike in the plant in this city where Yipsels again, are on the job.

Philadelphia, Pa: The growing YPSL here has arranged for a Tag Day to collect money for the NBC strikers. Canvassing of neighborhood stores also is on the industrial menu for NBC boycott.

"A mass meeting in Kensington has been arranged under our auspices at which time Joe Mahon, Chairman of the general strike committee of the Inside Bakery Workers' Union will speak" writes our correspondent.

Pittsburgh, Pa: Picketing for the Cleaners and Dyers union members who are now on strike was engaged in. Yipsel girls led the picketers in song and cheer. The Unemployed

Y P S L Membership Drive in Full Swing; Handbook Issued

Membership Books Exhausted as Drive Gains Recruits

With only one of the five months of the National Membership Drive for 2500 new recruits already past, reports from the field indicate circles well on the way towards fulfilling their quotas. Notes from the Drive front are elsewhere on this page.

The National Office, taken unawares by the surprising demand, ran out of membership books as State and City Federations put in order for hundreds at a time.

Drive Handbook Out

A thirty-seven page handbook, compiled and edited by National Secretary Winston Dancis, has been published and mailed out to every circle secretary. It is a thorough job, outlining a complete and detailed program for each circle for the drive, with helpful instructions and suggestions that will stimulate laggard groups.

N. Y. YPSL Ordered Reinstated by Nat'l Executive of Party

OXMAN AND RETZKIN WIN CITY ELECTION

New York City — "Locked" out of its office on March 18 by the Executive Committee of the Local Socialist Party, the Greater New York Federation of the YPSL was ordered "promptly reinstated" by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its March 24 Buffalo sessions.

The cause of the "war" was the refusal of the YPSL to rescind a resolution adopted unanimously by the city YPSL executive committee on March 13, and endorsed by a large majority at the YPSL central committee meeting March 16, which declared that support was being withdrawn from the New Leader because "it is no longer suited for public distribution," and for its attacks on the Declaration of Principles and national organization of the Socialist Party.

Investigation Voted

The City Party Executive voted to investigate the League, bring charges against the members of the YPSL Executive who had supported the resolution, disqualified Alex Retzkin and Ruth Oxman, candidates for City Organizer and City Secretary respectively, because they were members of the Executive, and ordered the YPSL to postpone its City elections and reopen nominations.

As a result of the City YPSL Executive Committee's refusal to accede to these demands of the Party executive, the latter thereupon proceeded to reorganize the local young Socialist Organization, broke the lock on the door of the League office and occupied it. Temporary offices of the N. Y. League have been established with those of the

Citizens' League still is the ground for much YPSL activity.

New Haven, Conn: Yipsels here are helping the strikers of the Premier Pajama Co., organized into Local 125 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Comrade Louise Gugino, former member of the YPSL National Industrial Committee is the Amalgamated organizer in the field.

Hartford, Conn: In line with the attempt of the Socialist legislators in Connecticut to get the Child Labor amendment ratified by the state, the YPSL together with other representatives of labor unions, church groups and women's organizations appeared at the State Capitol to urge immediate ratification of the amendment.

It outlines five main points of work to stress in connection with the Drive. First is interesting, attractive circle meetings, and the Handbook takes up in detail the question of the Order of Business and the Educational Programs.

DRIVE FRONT

Flashes from the Field on the National Membership Drive

Massachusetts: Fitchburg canvassed 35 prospects to launch the drive. Prospects were personally handed "Youth vs. the Old World" leaflet. Dorchester did likewise but contacted only 13. West End, Boston, visited 40.

Bron, N. Y. Circle 6 Jrs. visited but 4 prospects in the first week, but how! All 4 signed up! But why stop? Circle 4 Srs. visited 15 prospects, many of who now attend its meetings. Circle 3 Sr. did likewise with 10 contacts. I Jrs. held a successful rally and signed 5 new members.

Newark, N. J. has laid out an elaborate campaign to visit 100 sympathizers in the next month.

St. Louis, Mo. reports: "The membership drive is well under way. Five new members already active and 10 other applicants have signed. Inactive members are becoming active." That report shows the results!

Chicago, Ill. Circle 2 Sr. is organizing a section of high school students. Circle 9 Sr. visited 20 in the first three weeks of the drive. The Chicago League aims to visit 1,000 prospects during the drive!

Ashland, Pa. batted almost 500, visiting 15 prospects and getting 7 members. This circle has the excellent rule that applicants must attend three meetings before being finally admitted to membership.

Pittsburgh, Pa: Circle 3 Srs. visited 20 in connection with a Youth Rally held on March 5 with Sam Verne as the speaker. Three applied for membership before Sam even opened his mouth!

Stockton, Calif: 30 prospects visited. Much interest aroused and activity spurts.

American Socialist Quarterly at 41 Union Square, N. Y. C.

YPSL NEC ACTS

The National Executive Committee of the YPSL promptly appointed a sub-committee consisting of Bob Parker, Noah Walter and Julius Umansky to intervene and to secure YPSL property, and to protest the illegal and unconstitutional actions of the Local Party Executive. The action of the SP NEC at Buffalo ordering "the YPSL be promptly reinstated" will either secure compliance, or will serve as the basis for disciplinary action against the N. Y. party organization.

City elections were held by mail during the week ending March 23rd, and 95% of those voting favored Retzkin and Oxman. Six hundred members gathered in special meeting on March 23rd and declared their support of the City Executive.

Canvassing Stressed

The key point of the drive is personal canvassing, and again the Handbook tells How to canvass, takes up methods of canvassing and correspondence, the visiting of inactive and ex-members, and lastly, how to compile lists of prospects.

Work in Outside youth organizations is the third main point of the drive. Work with sympathetic groups such as student clubs, unemployed leagues, labor unions, labor sports organizations is outlined. Moreover, the Handbook tells the "How" of making members out of contacts.

Rallies and Street Meetings to hold in conjunction with the drive are emphasized. Again, the Handbook shows the "How," this time of running a Youth Rally.

Socialist Studies

The fifth and final point taken up is study classes in Socialism for the circle. A general plan as well as a study outline are included.

A special section on the April 12th Student Strike Against War is included, while in an Appendix is affixed model letters to send to prospects, leaflets, and similar organizational material.

No circle can afford to be without this Handbook and every member should borrow and read the book from the circle officer holding it. Copies can be secured for 15c from the National Office, YPSL, 549 Randolph St., Chicago.

New Pamphlet Shows Poverty as Siamese Twin to Profits

"Why Aren't We All Rich?" asked the first pamphlet in the Socialist party's new "Profits and Poverty" series. The answer was given in the terms of the struggle between an owning class, enjoying more goods than it can consume, and the working class, producing more but receiving little.

The second pamphlet in this series, just published, goes deeper into causes, indicting Profits as the Siamese twin to Poverty.

The attempt to reap maximum profits with minimum costs, regardless of human life and suffering, is set forth in detail as the cause of the inefficiencies and wastes which keep society poor.

Reform Capitalism?

Turning to the question, "Can capitalism be reformed?" the pamphlet reviews the "new capitalism" of the 1920's and Roosevelt's "New Deal" program as alike working to entrench capitalist ownership.

Both booklets are intended primarily as a study class outline for Socialist and labor groups, and study helps are included. Yet it will be found valuable for the casual reader as for the organized study class. It is ideal for use in YPSL circle study classes.

The price, postpaid from the YPSL, 569 Randolph St., Chicago, is 5c a copy, 50c for a dozen, \$3.00 for a hundred.

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ORGANIZATION BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

National Membership Drive greatly stimulates League activities on every front.

Members of the Hillquit, Jr. circle in Milwaukee do things in a big way... each got 50 tickets to sell for the Bazaar... Commonwealth Jrs. in Milwaukee have a Guitar duo... June Ferch and Mildred Melms are the strummers.

The Kenosha comrades are regularly visiting the A. F. of L. forum and thus getting acquainted with union members and union ideas... Here's a good idea for a circle educational meeting for members... Circle 4 Sr. of Reading used the minutes of the last N. E. C. meeting for the purpose... the Bethlehem, Pa. Yipsels put on "When the Mortgage is Due" over at Easton, Pa.

12 Sr. Bronx started a class in Ballroom Dancing... no, they're not sissies... the Westminster, Mass., Srs. are planning on joining the Workers Amateur Athletic Association and the Massachusetts League of Cooperative clubs... Circle 1 Sr. Chicago opened a dandy new headquarters in co-operation with Circle 5... The Stockton, Calif. outfit is publishing a meaty mimeographed weekly, "Trend," and recently put on a play, "Dad Votes for Himself."

The Steinmetz Srs. of Cleveland have taken the lead in organizing a Young Socialist orchestra... Ohio, mother state of Presidents, promises to deliver a lusty State Federation at Masillon on April 6 and 7... The "Rebel Youth Call" is helping rally the actives... Milton Weisberg, doughty secretary of the Pennsy League will help to Ohioans off to a good start.

New Jersey League is taking a spring tonic... Melvin Willback helping as State Organizer, and, Sam Geneslaw of Elizabeth is the new State Secretary-Treasurer. San Francisco's Karl Liebknecht circle offers unusually interesting meetings... A talk on Socialized medicine and a reading of the play "1931" are on the program during the next few weeks... The dramatic group presented "The Dummy" at recent meetings of the Palo Alto and San Francisco Socialist Party Locals.

The Berk (Pa.) County League had a well-attended Austrian Memorial meeting March 3rd... 600 attended and saw the dramatic presentation on the efforts and sacrifices of our Vienna comrades... Buffalo circle promises expansion into the ranks of City League cities if organization plans go through... Members there were conspicuously active in helping arrangements to welcome the Party NEC... Unemployed organizations know some of the members well by virtue of their hard works... Red Mike Shulman promises that the New Bedford, Mass. circle will be the best ever.

Pittsburgh comrades are busily at work on arrangements for the Eight National Convention to be held there this July... Sam Verne spoke at four meetings in the district on his way to his new organization task in Cleveland... Watch Boston Growl With Sirkka Linna as the City Secretary and Jimmy Kergis on the job organizing... An anti-war forum is planned for April 19... Detroit promises to qualify for a City organization soon with a third circle being formed... a "Know Your Socialism" drive is under way.

The practice of greeting new students in both High School and College each term with literature pointing out the real significance of the R.O.T.C. is being practiced to an evergrowing extent. The Syracuse Social Problems club is making this a standard practice and has based its leaflet on the official booklet issued by the University R. O. T. C. The Chicago Y.P.S.L. is conducting a widespread leaflet distribution campaign against the R.O.T.C., in cooperation with the Chicago Labor Youth Council, for a like purpose.

When Hungarian elementary school teachers in Hungary went on record in favor of compulsory training of children in poison gas defense, the Feminists Society started an active opposition movement to the provocative proposal.

Socialists Lead School Board Vote

Five Milwaukee Socialists Lead School Primaries

STUDENT PROTEST STOPS READING FLAG DRILL

Milwaukee—Easy nominations were won by the five Socialists on the school board ballot in the March 12 primaries. Out of then qualifying candidates, Socialists ranked first, second, fourth, sixth and seventh, polling a total of 53,817 to their opponents combined vote of 41,697.

Deep sorrow was felt in the ranks of Milwaukee's working class when Elmer H. Baumann, high man in the vote, a Socialist member of the Milwaukee school board for 6 years, passed away shortly after his re-nomination. His place on the ticket was filled by Elmer Krahm, efficient business manager of the Milwaukee Leader, Socialist and union daily.

Detroit Socialist Polls High Vote

The four other Milwaukee Socialist candidates are Martin C. Bauman, William C. Kroening, Mrs. George E. Bean and Mrs. Hannah Morris Biemiller.

In Detroit, Michigan, Harry Rise-man, Socialist candidate for school commissioner, polled the amazing vote of 18% of the total, after a brilliant campaign chiefly among trade unionists.

In Reading, where a Republican-Democratic coalition had succeeded in winning two school board seats from the Socialists, students took things into their own hands to stop efforts of the Fusion majority on the board to introduce "flag drill" into the Senior High School.

Student Boycott Effective

The Young Socialist Student Committee led the fight against the drill in the student council, which voted against the drill 70 to 10 and resigned in a body when the school board refused to adhere to its vote.

Thereupon students boycotted the flag drill ceremony, pointing out that the flag was of a revolutionary origin foreign to the reactionary stand of the Fusion school board members. After three weeks, the drill was discontinued as the indignant students could not be forced to attend the drill.

Penn Cities Hold Youth Congress Sessions

Pittsburgh — The center of American Youth Congress activities shifted to this industrial state during March.

Meeting at Pittsburgh, March 16 and 17, the Western District congress attracted about 100 Delegates who carried forward the work of the National Congress. Among the highlights in a fairly quiet session were the endorsement of the Hoopes anti-sedition bill and the YPSL leadership in getting the Wagner-Costigan anti-Lynching bill supported. The Socialist position on the coal-miner's resolution was also adopted.

Philly Congress Heated

About 150 attended the Eastern section congress at Philadelphia, March 23 and 24. Heated discussion took place on the issues of binding up the congress with other united fronts for the Lundeen insurance bill and on the anti-fascist boycott. The position of the YPSL delegates, with minor amendments, was adopted on the latter. On the former, a Young Communist League sponsored motion, heat was put on that organization by other organizations who abstained from voting on that question, forcing the YCL to withdraw the motion.

A splendid piece of supporting work for the NBC strikers was performed by the YPSL delegates who led the congress delegates from a restaurant where NBC products were found being used.

CUBAN REVOLT MERCILESSLY CRUSHED



Scene showing the milling crowds following a police foray on a band of Cuban strikers. At the peak of this revolutionary strike against the rule of Carlos Mendieta, who is backed by Wall Street bankers, 300,000 students and teachers had joined in the walk-

out. The break-up of the strike has been accomplished with ruthless use of military and police force; hundreds of revolutionaries killed and wounded, while their leaders are shot without trial.

Young 1935 Rebels Shock Daughters of 1776 Reds

SOCIALIST PICKETERS "ANNOY" D. A. R. GALS

Cleveland — Led by a girl member of the Young People's Socialist League bearing a banner reading "Daughters, What Would Your Fathers Say?" eight members of this city's YPSL and Socialist Party picketed the state Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The picketing was in protest to the convention's endorsement of a bill pending in the Ohio Legislature which would bar the Communist and Socialist parties from the ballot.

Daughters Voice Threats

Several of the D. A. R. members said, when privately interviewed in their hotel rooms, that they would like to go down and give the pickets "a piece of their mind." When informed of the threat, the Socialist demonstrators stated, "that's nothing to us".

Among the banner bearers were Sam Verne, Ben and Mary Parker, Pearl Weiner, Hy Weintraub and Margaret Dullea.

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Connecticut Scene of New Socialist Awakening

(Continued from page 1)

an "anti-Red" bill; the spending of state monies for armories and other military purposes, and the proposed militarization of the state college; and, are fighting vigorously against proposals for a state sales tax.

Connecticut Can be Won for Socialism

This is brief is what Connecticut's Socialists, with the help and support of a militant and growing movement of Socialist youth, are accomplishing in the Old Nutmeg State. Connecticut can be won for Socialism and won soon. But through the future is bright, the rapid rise Socialist strength has produced problems that will require the decisive action of Socialists, both young and old, to face and adequately solve.

There is first the inevitable problem of translating the rapid growth in Socialist votes and general support into an organized and disciplined working-class political party commensurate with the Party's increased responsibilities. The Party and YPSL must strengthen their ties with the ne hundred thousand organized union workers in the state. And not least important, thousands of students and working youth remain to be organized and rallied to our cause, to help give meaning and force to our program and talent for the creation of a real workers culture.

But Connecticut's Socialists have proved their building qualities, and are beginning on a program of organization and education that promises to produce a huge movement of educated and disciplined workers, true to the idealism of the working class, and with a firm faith that only Socialism can meet and solve the pressing economic problems of today.

In this endeavor, Connecticut's Socialist Youth movement will not lag behind, but promises to produce an organization that may yet set the pace for the rest of the country.

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U. of C. Socialist Club Launches New College Magazine

Chicago—A new magazine appears this month on the Socialist student horizon. "Soapbox" is the rostrum of expression for the University of Chicago Socialist Club in 12 pages.

The first issue of this ambitious publication contains several articles of real merit. Norman Thomas contributes an editorial "To What Ideals" which emphasizes the function of a university Socialist Club in breaking down the snobbishness of college youth by increasing their contacts with labor and Socialist movement.

War With Japan

Harold Goldstein contributes a scholarly article on "The Coming War With Japan" which describes in detail the various war measures and diplomatic maneuvers leading to the present tension in the Pacific.

George Mann's article on "The U. of C. and The Kaiser," in a case study of a "liberal" university when gripped by the war hysteria. The record is none too clean, Mann concludes.

Another Proletarian Poem

Dorothy Aldag writes of her experiences during the West Virginia coal mine strike in 1931. John D. Rockefeller, fittingly enough as the U. of C. is the product of many of his millions, has a bit of verse printed under the title "Another Proletarian Poem."

New Socialist Paper Has Full Page of Youth Features

New York City—With one full page devoted to news of the Socialist Youth Movement, the "Socialist Call," "Militant Labor and Socialist Weekly," has just appeared. The paper is 12 pages, tabloid size, and replete with stimulating news of the activity of the Socialist movement and organized labor throughout the nation.

Over 250 young Socialists met at the Socialist Call Building, 21 East 17th St., in N. Y. C., to celebrate the launching of the paper. Many volunteered to act as newsboys and build the circulation of the paper.

Among the contributors are Norman Thomas, Devere Allen, Gus Tyler, Powers Haggood, while McAlister Coleman reappears on the journalistic field with another of his inimitable columns, "Hark From the Tombs." The subscription rates are \$1.00 per year in clubs of 5; \$1.50 for individual subs; 75c for six months.

On with the Challengers

by Sub Chaser

It's here folks! Eight pages—count 'em! You Challenge boosters who delivered all those greetings and the 225 subs this month—here's all the credit for you. You deserve it! Our 2nd Anniversary has been amply celebrated.

And by the way. Our paid circulation has risen by 1,000 since the beginning of this year—from 5,000 to 6,000. Keep this rate up, boys, and we'll hit 9,000 by the end of the year! But let's make it the 10,000 we're after—how about 500 new subs for April!

Twenty seven Challengers came through this month. Here's the Roll Call by States and by the bells of Saint Mary, look who's on top!

PENNSYLVANIA (67) Philadelphia: The City Office gets in 17 subs. Bernard Siegal gets in 6 subs—his third club of the year. Nat Weinberg dribbles in another 2.

Pittsburgh: It took a long time for anyone in this town to get ahead of Tillie Smith but Eleanor Oshry did it with 12! And here's Tillie with 4. Oakmont: Milt Weisberg and Aaron Levenstien hauled in 9 nice ones.

Reading: Clayton Mengel, his fourth club of the year with 5 subs. Jeanette: 14 lucky members of the YPSL got their subs sent in by the Socialist Local here. All right, you fellows. How about getting 14 more?

New Kensington: Louis Shamey opens up Andy Mellon's Aluminum town with 4 subs. Andy just had his 80th birthday, Lou, so it ought be easier from now on putting skids under him via Challenge subs.

Good work, Keystoneers! Good work!

NEW YORK (33) 17 more from the City Office for new members. Sophie Guralnik gets in her first 4 from Brooklyn. And from out of the Bronx comes Robert Becker with 7 more.

Giddap, New Yawk! You can't let those Pennsy boys get away with first!

ILLINOIS (29) Well, Well. The Illini make a comeback. Karl Mary Shier gets in 1 from Chicago. And by the Beard of the Prophet, if he hasn't jarred Editor Devin and National Secretary Dancis into getting 5 and 4 respectively. Now Sub Chaser does believe in miracles! Circles 7 Jrs. of this city rolled 'em in with 7. Come again!

OHIO (15) Cleveland: Pearl Weiner, State Secretary and Alex Brackenridge, who thus proves he's a fine fellow, get in 4 and 5 apiece. Toledo: The circle here gets in 3.

WISCONSIN (13) Milwaukee: Doris Zumach and her right hand helper Helen Lehr, get in 12 subs and one for 4 years! If you look over those ads in this paper you'll find a lot from this town. Well, that's Doris and Helen's work and if any two people made these 8 pages possible it's them!

MISSOURI (9) St. Louis: Morrie Duggan of Circle 1 and Marianne Weber of Circle 2 each get in a nice little club of 4. That's the way we roll 'em up. Everybody help.

MICHIGAN (8) Detroit: Another repeater, Ruth Moore gets in 8 from here and Flint, in which town two new circles are organizing.

CONNECTICUT (7) Hartford: Kay Shkolnik does a solo with her first 5. Aw shucks, Connecticut. Brace up.

TEXAS (6) Dallas: Charles Graham gets in 4 subs. The Lone Star state sure is getting the habit!

MASSACHUSETTS (4) New Bedford: Albert Waite gets in his first club of 4. The circle here is back at work.

RHODE ISLAND (6) Bernard Seltzer fizzes through with a half dozen, from Pawtucket.

FLORIDA (4) Jacksonville: Andrew Lindgren gets in 4 again.

We've marched past March! Good. Now let's see 500 new subs in April! Challengers! Let's see each and every one of you with a new club of subs for April. And that's a splendid example for all our readers to follow.

Circle Agents! Keep up the ad and greeting campaign for the May Edition. We've got to build up another little nest eggs for our next 8-pager.

All You Folks! Let's see you get behind the Socialist youth movement and its press with some real pushing. We can use it.