

# CLARITY! YOUNG SPARTACUS ACTION! WORKERS OF THE WORLD, unite!

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## Open Letter to The Yipsels

Comrades

Your National Committee is in receipt of a call issued by the Socialist League of Holland for a world youth conference to be held at Amsterdam, December 9th and 10th of this year. This invitation is extended to all revolutionary Socialist and Independent Communist youth organizations for the purpose of considering international coordination of these groups. The Young Peoples Socialist League has on a number of occasions adopted militant resolutions on various questions. At your national convention held recently at Reading, one of the resolutions, later adopted by the National Committee) called for the conversion of the future imperialist war into a Socialist revolution against the American capitalists. If this means more than lip service to socialism, it signifies revolutionary, and even violent struggle against capitalism.

Such statements are completely at odds with the avowed program of the Socialist Party of the United States and the Labor Socialist International to which it adheres. It is our opinion that the Socialist Party is a reformist organization and cannot be reformed. We however believe that your organization, the Young Peoples Socialist League, is trying to take a position between reformism and revolutionary Marxism, that is Communism. This centrist position, we believe cannot last very long—it will end up in the reformism of the Socialist party or revolution-internationalist Communism. In your ranks there are many young workers who want to unite with the Communist youth.

We suggest that you open discussions at your circle meetings on the questions of the coming World Youth Conference and its tasks. We further suggest that you ask your National Committee to inform you of its action in reply to the invitation to the Conference. Our organization has accepted the invitation to send a delegate to the conference. We should be glad to send speakers to your circle meetings where we can exchange views on the matter.

National Youth Committee

## Lynchings Threatened in Scottsboro Case

As the Scottsboro boys go to trial, they and their lawyers are being threatened with lynchings. The chief witness for the defense Ruby Bates, whose original testimony convicted the boys, has received repeated lynch notes.

In view of the recent lynchings in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, one can understand the seriousness of the situation—the authorities close their eyes—so long as Negro and white workers are involved. Workers throughout the country must support the Scottsboro boys.

## For a New World Youth Movement! Plans for Next Steps to be Discussed at the Coming Amsterdam, Holland Conference

To coordinate the work of the revolutionary Socialist and Independent Communist youth organizations, the Socialist Youth League of Holland has initiated a world youth conference to be held at Amsterdam, December 9th, and 10. This call follows closely on the heels of the recent manifesto for a fourth international signed by the Socialist Workers Party of Germany, Revolutionary Socialist Party of Holland, Independent Socialist Party of Holland and the International Left Opposition. By enlisting the youth in this great task, the conference can be a big step in hastening the early formation on a sound basis of the Fourth International.

The militant youth who are to assemble at Amsterdam are the direct inheritors of the traditions of the courageous young Socialists who met in 1915 at Berne, Switzerland. At a time when the Socialist parties supported their capitalist fatherlands; when the war hysteria had engulfed the masses of workers, with the terror against the small groups of revolutionary Socialists well organized and intensive; under such conditions it was the youth who raised the banner of internationalist socialism, defying public opinion, the police spies and terror. This was the first revolutionary conference in this trying period. It gave an impetus to the formation of the Communist International and the revolutionary organization of young militants the Young Communist Interna-

tional.

The present period is no less trying and decisive. With the crushing of all working class organizations in Germany by vicious Hitlerism, the largest and strongest party of the Communist International, the German Communist Party, was destroyed. A culmination of ten years of the domination of the Communist International by Stalin, this defeat called forth the necessity of building a new revolutionary party in Germany. This however was only a first step. When the Executive Committee of the Communist International whitewashed the policies they had pursued in Germany which led to Hitler's victory; when in other parties of the International the victory of German Fascism had no effects in arousing the ranks, it became as clear as day that the Communist International could not be reformed. As a revolutionary international it is dead! A true communist international must be built!

The International Left Opposition raised this slogan. The manifesto of the four organizations was a further step in this direction. As the manifesto states the new International will have to be based on the teachings of Marx and Lenin, formulate the lessons of the last ten years of the world working class movement, organize united fronts for the defense of the Soviet Union against the war moves of the imperialist powers, against Fascism and the capitalist offensive. Through

these means the new International will be able to gather the forces for the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism, which is in the final analysis, the only real and lasting defense of the workers' state the Soviet Union.

The World Youth Conference will be confronted with the task of working towards this aim. To fulfill its historic role, it should define its attitude, in no uncertain terms to the events of the last ten years of the world workers' movement. Its point of departure will have to be revolutionary Marxism; to reject the Stalinist theory of completing socialism in one country alone, to clearly formulate the need of a new revolutionary international of labor and a revolutionary international of militant youth which can educate the youth in Marxism. These Internationals will have to reject not only reformism, also the tendency in the working class movement, between reformism and revolutionary Marxism, which tries to reconcile the two in one international and thereby blunts the lines of these conflicting tendencies the centrist group—from the Socialist centrism of the Austrian Social Democracy to the Stalinist Centrism of the remnants of the Communist International and the Young Communist International.

"CLARITY AND ACTION"

The importance of the Marxist education of the youth will have to form the center of the discussion and action of the conference. The great failure of the Stalinized Young Communist Leagues is above all in this field. Their counterposing of theory and practice vulgarizes Communism. The slogan should be "Clarity and Action"; through Marxist education and participation in the class struggle.

A further task of the conference will be the determination of the relations between the militant youth organizations and the four groups who have signed the manifesto proclaiming the need for a new International; the correct relations between the new International and the new world Communist youth organization. It is our opinion that the provisions of the Second Congress of the Young Communist International should act as a guide in the solution of this task.

If agreement can be reached at the conference on the basic questions, we feel confident that the ensuing coordination of the various revolutionary youth groups, will give a great impetus to the whole movement and be received with warm welcome by the militant youth everywhere. The National Youth Committee of the Communist League of America will do all in its power, through its delegate, resolutions and reports to help insure the success of the conference.

## U. S. RECOGNIZES RUSSIAN STATE; TERMS ENDANGER SOVIET UNION

As we go to press, we learn that the United States has definitely decided to recognize the Soviet Union. This new turn on the part of the American government was forced primarily by the need of the bosses for markets for their surplus goods and capital. The American workers should wholeheartedly welcome this recognition of the workers' state. We should demand that long term, large scale credits be extended to the Soviet Union so that the Russian workers would be helped in building their economy and a section of the American workers would be given jobs.

Litvinov, the representative of the Soviet Union in the negotiations for recognition wrote in a letter to Roosevelt that the Soviet government would "not permit the formation or residence on its territory of any organization or group—and to prevent the activity on its territory of any organization or group—which has as an aim the overthrow or the preparation for the overthrow of, or bringing by force of a change in, the political or social order of the whole or any part of the United States, its territories or possessions." (New York Times—Nov. 18th. 1933). Here is the logical conclusion of

the Stalinist theory of socialism in one country!

The Communist International is illegal in the Soviet Union! The Communist Party of the United States or Cuba or the parties of the other countries struggling against American imperialism cannot have their representatives in Moscow! That is the meaning of the Litvinov agreement.

Where will one find such declarations by Soviet diplomats in the early days of the Revolution, when Lenin and Trotsky, rather than Stalin and Litvinov were at the head of the workers' state? When the imperialist powers made similar demands in those days, the Soviet government definitely rejected any such agreements. To prohibit the existence of any organization in Russia which fights against American imperialism and to deny the connection between these parties and the Communist Party of Russia, these are not the acts of revolutionists. Such action is betrayal, naked and unashamed.

Litvinov's declarations are nails in the coffin of the Communist International. This body has been destroyed by the Stalinists. They now threaten the very ex-

istence of the Soviet Union as a workers' state! Workers' Russia is in danger! It is up to all the militant workers to express themselves against this treacherous agreement!

# With the New Revolutionary Youth Movement

## Australian Youth Group Formed

Our work in winning the youth of the official Communist youth movement has had its latest repercussion in far off Australia. We have recently received a letter from our comrades there which reads in part:

To the National Youth Committee  
of the Communist League  
(Left Opposition)

Dear comrades,

We are a group of expelled Y. C. Lers writing. Most of us have been in the Y. C. L. for several years. We have tried to build a revolutionary youth movement in every possible manner, and have taken part in every struggle that has occurred (one of us, Noel Eatock, has just been sentenced to 2 1/2 years gaol). We never find ourselves outside of the Y. C. L. and denounced as everything from "disrupters" to "police agents". WHY? Because we, alongside of many good fighting elements in the party, demanded a more radical policy. Because we fought against the bureaucracy and opportunism which is strangling the Y. C. L. and the movement in general.

We revolted against such things as the party C. C. (Central Committee) continually hand-picking the Y. C. L. leadership (those who were obedient to them); picking the Y. C. L. delegates who were to attend the party plenums; the utilizing of the best forces of the Y. C. L. for party work; and the continual interfering with the Y. C. L. work until it became an automatic repeating machine of exactly what the C. C. of the party desired.

After just a little study of the line of the Left Opposition in the light of our own experiences and those of the international proletariat, we stand unreservedly behind the International Left Opposition and its great leader, comrade Trotsky.

Owing to the weakness (numerically) of our forces, we are assisting to consolidate the Workers Party (Left Opposition), as a division of forces at the moment would be fatal.

We have plenty of support both inside and outside the Y. C. L. but the ideological level is low at present.

We want copies of the YOUNG SPARTACUS.

We want to hear from you!

Long live the Revolutionary Youth.

For the Youth Committee, Left

Opposition

LARRIE SHIORT (signed)

## Socialist Youth League of Holland Joins Our Ranks.

The Revolutionary Socialist Party of Holland and with it, its youth organization, the Socialist Youth League, has joined the ranks of the International Communist (Left Opposition). The League was the initiator of the Coming International Youth Conference. It has a membership of several hundred and issues a monthly (eight page) paper, *Rode Jeugd*, (Red Youth).

### DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT

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## Spartacus Youth Club Activities

### New Clubs Organized

In the past month, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Montreal, Canada have organized Spartacus Youth Clubs! The Philadelphia Club, organized September 27th, has about twenty-five members and many more attending discussion meetings. A class in the ABC of Marxism has been formed under the guidance of comrade Holmes, a recently expelled Y. C. L. er. The Club is making plans for active work in the class struggle.

Los Angeles reports the expulsion of two members of the Young Communist League, comrades Sparrow and Basil Bell. These comrades have assisted in the formation of a Spartacus Youth Club in that city. In addition, a student group has been organized by our comrades. And by the time this issue is off the press, the comrades will have issued the first number of their mimeographed bulletin *Clarity*.

We expect some substantial assistance to the YOUNG SPARTACUS from these new clubs.

### Notice to All S. Y. C. Secretaries

It is important that you send in regular reports of the activities of the Clubs to us for publication in YOUNG SPARTACUS. It should be brief, factual and of general interest to our readers.

### Boston

At a recent section meeting of the Young Communist League in Boston, comrade David Udell was expelled for "Trotskyism". An active member of the Y. C. L., Udell openly defended the program of Marxism against Stalinism. A motion was immediately made by the District Organizer for his expulsion. Most of the members "followed the leader"; several abstained from voting, one voted against. The expulsion should awaken interest in our movements. It is up to the Boston comrades to take full advantage of the situation.

Joe Carter, National Youth Secretary of the Communist League, will speak in Boston, Sunday, November 26, on the problems and tasks of the youth movement.

### New Haven

New Haven reports: "It gives us real pleasure to be able to report the following: On Nov. 8, the majority of members of our Marxian Youth Club met for the purpose of organizing an active class struggle club. It was decided, as you in New York recommended, to call ourselves a Spartacus Youth Club. One branch of our work, and at present the greatest one, is to be a workers' school — names for the present, "American Workers' School."

"The preamble to our constitution is: The S. Y. C. basis itself upon a recognition of the class struggle. It aims to organize, educate and train workers and proletarian youth in the principles of Communism as taught by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, and for active participation in the class struggle. The club supports the YOUNG SPARTACUS.

"Membership qualifications are: a sympathy for communism."

### New York

The New York Spartacus Youth Club is at present engaged in a sub drive for YOUNG SPARTACUS. Visiting of contacts and subscribers is taking place. We

expect, of course, to finish on top.

A debate is being arranged with the YPSL to take place around Nov. 31. Watch the *Militant* for details.

The club will function on a more or less sectional group basis. The comrades in Boro Park and vicinity will constitute the Spartacus Youth Group there. The class in Boro Park is progressing with an attendance of about twelve. Headquarters will be obtained and a club formed there shortly.

In the Bronx a class in the A. B. C. of Communism will meet every Sunday at 3 p. m. A class in the History of the Left Opposition will be organized for the same time. Watch the *Militant* for place of meeting.

An open discussion meeting on "What the Spartacus Youth Clubs Stand For", was led by Reva Craine on Nov. 16th.

The Manhattan Club is now looking for headquarters of its own, which will be announced very soon. Its meetings are held every Thursday at 126 East 16th St.

### Brownsville

The Spartacus Youth Club of Brownsville has in the recent number of weeks worked on putting its headquarters in shape. The headquarters are run jointly by the Spartacus Youth Club and the Brooklyn Branch of the Communist League. Over half dozen members have been gained in the last weeks. The Club is cooperating with the local branch in organizing the International Workers' School in Brownsville. In addition to this the Club will hold its own open forums, Sunday afternoons. The Club has challenged the local circle of the Yipsels to a debate. It holds regular discussion meetings Thursday evenings, 8:00 P. M., at its headquarters, 154 Watkins Street (near Belmont Avenue).

### Montreal

The newly organized Spartacus Youth Club of Montreal and the local branch of the International Left Opposition have issued an open letter to the Joe Derry Defense Committee. It reads in part:

"Joe Derry was arrested while addressing an anti-war meeting and charged with being a member of an alleged unlawful organization, the Young Communist League of Canada, in violation of Section 98 of the Criminal Code. This infamous anti-labor law has already been used in order to intern eight Communist leaders in the Kingston penitentiary for a total of 37 years and to declare the Communist party illegal in Ontario and semi-illegal in the rest of Canada. If Joe Derry is convicted the Y. C. L. will automatically find itself in the same position as the Communist party. That Section 98 will be extended to include other workers' organizations all over the country is more than probable.

"Section 98 was put on the statute books of Canada for the immediate purpose of legalizing the crushing of the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919. It constitutes a powerful weapon in the hands of the ruling class to keep the whole working class in subjection.

"Only a broad and powerful united front movement of the organizations of the working class particularly youth organizations, irrespective of their affiliation and views, can free Joe Derry. This achievement would be a step towards the abolition of Section 98 and towards an unprecedented struggle for the definite guaranteeing of free speech, assembly and organization to the working class.

## French Youth to Issue Paper

Our French comrades at their recent National Conference decided that it was necessary to take steps towards the building of a new revolutionary youth movement. A monthly youth paper "Octobre Rouge" (Red October) will be issued soon. A circular letter was sent out to all youth sympathizers of the Communist League of France. The letter traces the degeneration of the Socialist International and the Communist International.

It continues: "Members and former members of the Communist and Socialist youth movement we think that it is necessary to struggle for the construction of a new revolutionary youth movement, this is the task that we want to impress you with.

"This youth movement must be like the Communist Youth League was in 1919 to 1924: a large class, non-sectarian organization; an organization capable of forming and educating the new recruits, and also of guiding the will to struggle of the young workers: action and education, the two are linked by the Marxists. The problem is not to call the militants (active Communists) but to organize the youth who are coming to Communism.

"For this, a paper is absolutely necessary. The YOUNG SPARTACUS sends its fraternal greetings to our French comrades and hails the publication of "Octobre Rouge", as the organizer of a real Young Communist League in France.

## I. L. P. Guild of Youth

Several weeks ago the British Independent Labour Party Guild of Youth sent a reply to the Young Communist International in reference to united action and unity with the English Y. C. L. The reply rejected the proposal for an immediate unity conference of the two youth organizations. It reiterated the position of the Guild in favor of joint action with the Y. C. L.

The letter further disagreed with the characterization of the Social Democratic organization as "social fascist". It took the view that it was necessary to win the reformist youth and not to antagonize them with such name-calling. "We must not impute Fascist motives to sincere comrades, but must clearly analyze their party line and show them that it inevitably weakens the forces of the working class and leads only to Fascism."

The Guild of Youth, just as its parent organizations, the Independent Labour Party, is at present discussing the question of a new revolutionary international. The I. L. P. Guild of Youth has been invited to the coming Amsterdam, International Youth Conference.

"An effective common struggle can be set in motion only by a **democratic and centralized conference** of the representatives of workers' organizations....

"The Joe Derry Committee must declare itself a Provisional Committee and transfer its powers to a duly convened united front conference of all workers' organizations for the defense of Joe Derry. To make such a united front a success we are ready to do our utmost.

**International Left Opposition  
Spartacus Youth Club of Montreal"**

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## ANTI-WAR CONGRESS MISLEADS WORKERS

The strange collection which met in New York City, Sept. 29th to Oct. 1, called "The United States Congress Against War" accepted a manifesto and program as the basis for an "American League Against War and Fascism". Despite the militant phrases of the manifesto, and some of the speeches at the Congress itself, the League will travel the road of its predecessors—into nothingness.

Having no basis in the elementary organizations of the workers, the trade unions, composed of Stalinist controlled organizations, a few insignificant pacifist groups and a host of professional "anti-war fighters", they went the way of all Stalinist "united fronts". How effective was the much advertised Barbusse-Amsterdam Anti-War Congress in the Far East conflict between Japan and China? How effective is the Paris Anti-Fascist Congress in the struggle against Hitlerism?

Militant sounding manifestos alone will not scare the imperialists, stop wars or prepare the workers for action when war breaks out. The Second International before the World War accepted many militant and revolutionary resolutions against war. A few days before August 1st, 1914, European Socialist leaders met in Paris and pledged themselves to oppose the coming war and fight for socialism. Once war was declared they hastened to defend their capitalist fatherlands!

These were not the actions of "bad men". They were rather the natural results of false policies. The Stalinists have been relying upon the intellectuals rather than the workers in the struggle against war. They have destroyed the living and growing Left wing in the trade union movement which is indispensable in the anti-war fight. They have formed meaningless united fronts against imperialist wars in general. Above all they have crushed the instrument which alone can lead the workers against imperialist wars, the independent, democratically run, Communist International and Communist parties.

### PROGRAM ACCEPTS PACIFISM

In the Program accepted at the recent Congress we read point five under immediate objectives:

"To accept the peace policies of the Soviet Union, for total and universal disarmament which today with the support of the masses in all countries constitute the clearest and most effective opposition to war throughout the world...."

How does this differ from the demand of the pacifists that the capitalist governments disarm? Is disarmament a new slogan of the American Communist Party? Lenin, the great leader of the working class, taught that he, who preaches disarmament under capitalism deceives the workers, preaches the possibility of peace and disarmament under wage slavery and imperialism. Utopian pacifism—not harmless, but very dangerous, is the slogan of disarmament! If the quotation cited above does not mean that we should call upon the U. S. government to disarm, it has no meaning at all!

The formulation was undoubtedly a compromise between the pacifists and the Stalinists. A similar statement was accepted in a resolution presented at a Socialist-pacifist anti-war conference held last January in the Rand School. At that time our comrades opposed it. The Stalinists were quiet. Some voted for; some against.

But unity had to be obtained at the U. S. Congress Against War! A concession had to be made to the War Resisters League and the Fellowship of Reconciliation! The result: an agreement on the cornerstone of all pacifism, disarmament. Revolutionary speeches, pacifist programs—such is the anti-war activity of the Stalinists.

## 16th Year of Workers' Russia

Workers throughout the world celebrate the sixteenth anniversary of workers' rule in the Soviet Union. What before November 1917 seemed a dream and a fantasy, since then has appeared as a living reality. The toilers, the disinherited under wage slavery, the formerly despised and outcast, the common people who were called ignorant and incapable of self rule; these established their own state power!

Through civil war, intervention and years of economic boycott by the imperialist powers; despite the defeats of the workers' revolution in more advanced industrial countries which the Russian workers counted upon to overcome their backwardness; in spite of ten years of governmental control by the Stalinist regime which weakens the foundations of the working class dictatorship; despite all these handicaps and obstacles the Soviet Union today remains a beacon light for the oppressed and the down-trodden of the entire world.

Led by the organization of the most advanced and fearless fighters for working class emancipation the world has ever seen, the Bolshevik Party of Lenin, the workers and the peasants in uniform overthrew the government of the landlords and capitalists and proceeded to take matters into their own hands.

### ECONOMIC SUCCESSES

In a few years after civil war and intervention, the country commenced to plan its economy. The capitalist economists could not understand that before economic planning could be introduced the basic industries had to be controlled by a workers' state. That the capitalist system, where the aim of production is profits, had first to be replaced, by revolutionary overthrow, by a transition economy to socialism, where production is for the satisfaction of the needs of the toilers.

However the economic successes of the Soviet Union were not accompanied by greater democracy for the workers in the party, soviets and trade unions. On the contrary, just in this period, beginning with the death of Lenin, the officialdom of these institutions developed their own caste interests, separated themselves more and more from the masses. Despite paper resolutions for the extension of workers' democracy, the Stalinist bureaucracy limited evermore the rights of the workers.

This caste developed their own theories and practices which definitely and sharply broke with the traditions of the Russian Revolution. The theory that Russia could complete a socialist society without the state aid of the more advanced industrial countries had the effect of counterposing the defense of the Soviet Union with the world revolution. The internal policies of this leadership played into the hands of the internal enemy, the wealthy peasants, (the Kulaks), and the small traders in the city (the Nepman). In the Commu-

nist Party and Soviet government apparatus, the true Bolsheviks who criticized the course of the leaders, were removed, arrested, exiled or executed. Their places were taken by untried, irresponsible and even directly counter-revolutionary elements. All for the sake of preserving the Stalinist bureaucracy from the control of the rank and file and the criticism of the Bolshevik-Leninists!

### FOR A NEW COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE SOVIET UNION

In the Soviet Union the Communist party has been replaced by the apparatus. The Bolshevik-Leninists led by Trotsky and Rakovsky, co-workers of Lenin throughout the Russian Revolution, are reconstituting the real Communist party. The International Left Opposition has issued the call for the need for a new revolutionary international. Already steps have been taken in this direction.

A primary task of the Fourth International will be the defense of the Russian Revolution. The Communist International strangled by the Stalinists is incapable of this tremendous task. In case of military intervention against the Soviet Union, the Stalinist parties—of this we can be certain on the basis of the German experiences—will be incapable of any effective action. For this, new Communist parties are needed. But the real defense of the Soviet Union is the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism in Europe and America. Towards this aim the new parties will bend all efforts.

In the United States the working class is experiencing a new rise in its movements. Despite the NIRA and Roosevelt's ballyhoo campaign of recovery the workers are continuing militant strike battles. This is only a beginning. The revolutionary and class-conscious workers have to organize their political party, their trade union left wing. In these battles, thru the mass trade unions, the workers must be taught their class interests; socialist consciousness should be developed.

On the sixteenth anniversary of the victory of the Russian working class, we must redouble our efforts in winning the youth to the banner of internationalist communism. The youth are today more receptive to our education. Through their struggles and organizations we must reach them with our message. The lessons of the Russian Revolution must be driven home.

On this occasion we extend our revolutionary greetings to the workers of the Soviet Union! We extend a warm hand of solidarity to the thousands of Bolshevik-Leninists in exile in Siberia! We salute with clenched fists raised our international leaders, the organizers of the Red Army, the co-workers of Lenin, L. D. Trotsky and Christian Rakovsky!

—JOS. C.

## Greet Fifth Anniversary of «The Militant»

This month, the *Militant* ends its fifth year as the spokesman of the revolutionary Marxist group in the United States. Beginning modestly as an eight page monthly tabloid in November 1928, supported by a handful of self-sacrificing workers, the *Militant* made its way into the hearts and minds of hundreds of active fighters in the revolutionary movement. Around it the cadres for the new Communist party were built. Through its pages the invaluable writings of L. D. Trotsky, Christian Rakovsky and other leaders of the International Left Opposition and as well as of the American Communist League were presented to the readers. The application of revolutionary Marxism to the everyday problems of the world working class movement gave a soluble connection between theory and

practice.

With the aid of the *Militant*, we have won many young workers and students to our movement, educated them in Communist Internationalism and laid the basis for a militant youth movement in the United States. It has been indispensable in this task.

In line with the new turn of our organization towards a new international and Communist party the *Militant* plans to appeal directly to the workers in the shops, mills, mines and bread lines. It will act as an instrument in rebuilding the Left wing trade union movement. It will reflect the struggles of the American workers in their progress towards class emancipation.

Forward with the *Militant* to a new Communist party in the United States!

## JAPANPREPARES WAR AGAINST SOVIETS

Reports tell of the shooting down of six airplanes and the sinking of ships belonging to Japan by the Soviet Union. (This has since been denied by the Soviet Government.) They had illegally entered Soviet territory after repeated warnings against such maneuvers. This is the latest step in the over two years of active aggression of Japanese imperialism in the Far East. After taking North China it dictated terms to the Chinese government; it gobbled up Manchuria, established its puppet state of Manchukuo, and took over the Chinese Eastern Railroad—the joint property of China and the Soviet Union.

Japanese imperialism aims to grab Soviet fishing waters and a chunk of Siberia. The plan of provoking war with the Soviet Union was outlined in detail in an infamous document penned by a high official, Tanaka, in 1927. The present military regime of Japan is reaching the concluding steps of this plan. It has increased its military budget for the year 1934-35 by about 50 percent more than any previous "peace time" estimate in Japan's history!

### HITLER BREAS WITH DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

At the same time Fascist Germany seeking a way out of its capitalist economic crisis has its greedy eyes on the Soviet Union. The aims and plans for such aggression have also been outlined over the past period by a close advisor of Hitler, Alfred Rosenberg. The plans of this anti-working class, anti-semitic maniac have been temporarily delayed by the conflicts between Germany and the other imperialist powers. But if war breaks out in the Far East between the Soviet Union and Japan, Fascist Germany will find its opportunity for an onslaught against the workers' government.

Hitler has broken with the so-called disarmament conference and the League of Nations. The pacifists who had expected the impossible from the conference, actual reduction of arms, were sadly disappointed. The differences between the imperialist powers could not be peacefully solved there.

Roosevelt, the big Navy-man, has inaugurated a \$238,000,000 warship construction plan. Recently 90 per cent of United States sea power was in the Pacific Ocean. With military men running the NRA; the labor leaders of the American Federation of Labor carrying out Roosevelt's program; the civil conservation camps training the youth to be loyal to capitalism; and increased production of munitions and patriotic propaganda, the entire war machine is well-oiled.

### WAR CLOUDS THICKEN

Fifteen years after the last armistice we are on the brink of a larger and more devastating world war. The Soviet Union, conquest of the Russian working class and fatherland of the world's producing masses, is in danger! We are threatened with a blood-bath which may destroy all the material achievements of mankind. The only hope is the action of the workers—those who produce the wealth of society and upon whom society rests.

The workers should organize into labor unions, build Left wing groups, organize into the revolutionary movement. With clear militant policies and audacious leaders the workers can defeat the war program of the capitalist class, better their conditions, and defend the Soviet Union. When war breaks out all efforts must be employed for the defeat of our master class and the conversion of the war into a Socialist revolution. The task today is organization with a Marxian program. Among the young workers and students, this task must be fulfilled by the Spartacus Youth Clubs.

## Americanism and Communism

"But do you believe in Americanism?", chirped a young chap at our open air meeting. We looked him over before replying. He was dressed shabbily, an old cap on his head and a copy of the New York Evening Journal under his arm.

"Americanism means something different to different people," we began. "In the columns of the Hearst's newspaper as well as in the minds of our school teachers, preachers, rabbis and politicians, it means supporting our present day institutions. If you struggle against low wages or for unemployment insurance you are un-American. If you organize into militant unions against the bosses, you are destroying American institutions. If you are bold enough to demand that all the workers produce go to the workers, you are condemned as one who wants to overthrow the constitution, which of course is un-American.

"You go on the picket line in front of the shop owned by your boss because he has given you a wage cut. The boss goes to the courts and gets an injunction prohibiting you from picketing. You come to the picket line with a copy of the constitution and show it to the cop who tells you to move on. You say 'In the first ten amendments of the Constitution I am given the right to freedom of speech and assemblage.' The cop looks at you as though you were crazy. His club gets in motion. You walk on to miss a crack on the head.

"This is the Americanism of the Hearsts and Roosevelts. When the bosses can no longer use you to make profits for them you go hungry and starve. Is this un-American? Not according to our authorities who tell you we are all free and equal in this country. When labor leaders are framed-up for their activities, when Negroes are lynched in the South—these are also part of our master class' Americanism.

"But don't we like this country? Of course we do. We like it so much that we want to rid it of the parasites who thrive on our work! We know that the toilers of America have produced the great wealth of this country, the mines, mills, shops, and skyscrapers. That these can be used to satisfy the needs of all. What stands in the way is the ownership of these means of life by a few people who use it for their personal profits. The government, the army, the courts, the police, the schools, the press, and the

churches are the defenders of this "sacred" right of ownership. The constitution of the United States, as even liberal historians like Charles Beard will tell you, was formulated to protect the rich.

"What we Communists are trying to do is to convince the majority of the workers that they should overthrow the rule of the master class and establish their own government, take the industries into their own hands."

"Do you mean that you will use violence", interjected the interested young worker.

"Our aim is clear. The methods to be used do not depend upon us alone. We know this from American history itself: When the American colonies wanted to free themselves from British tyranny, they had to do it with arms in hand. When the Negro slaves were to be emancipated in the South, a violent civil war took place. Some proposed buying out the slaves from their masters; but a more realistic course was taken. In neither case did the former ruling class peacefully give up its power. It had to be overthrown by bloody war.

"Were the methods of the American Revolution of 1778 and the Civil War good Americanism? If yes, then we are good Americans! But we propose going much further than our predecessors. The American Revolution of 1776 established the rule of the capitalists of the colonies as against the capitalists and landlords of England. The Civil War of 1861 abolished Negro slavery in the South and opened the entire country to the exclusive rule of the capitalists as against the Southern slaveholders. We aim to make a revolution which will establish a workers' rule over government and industry until all are producers and there will no longer be masters and slaves.

"For this organization is needed. The workers must have their political party. They must belong to trade unions which serve as training schools for them in the everyday struggles against the bosses."

"What you say sounds interesting. I would like to hear more about it."

"For the young workers who are interested in Communism and who want to actively participating in our movement, we have the Spartacus Youth Clubs. Come to our meetings and get acquainted with our members and ideas. As youth we also have our social and athletic activities which you will find interesting and enjoyable."

### I AM THE PEOPLE

I am the people—the mob—the crowd the mass.  
Do you know that all the great work of the world is done through me?  
I am the workingman, the inventor, the maker of the world's food and clothes.  
I am the audience that witnesses history. The Napoleons come from me and the Lincolns. They die. And then I send forth more Napoleons and Lincolns.  
I am the seed ground. I am a prairie that will stand for much plowing. Terrible storms pass over me. I forget. The best of me is sucked out and wasted. Everything but Death comes to me and makes me work and give up what I have. And I forget. Sometimes I growl, shake myself and splatter a few red drops for history to remember. Then—I forget.  
When I, the People, learn to remember, when I, the People, use the lessons of yesterday, and no longer forget who robbed me last year, who played me for a fool—then there will be no speaker in all the world say the name: "The People", with any flick of a sneer in his voice or any far-off smile of derision.  
The mob—the crowd—the mass—will arrive then.  
—CARL SANDBURG.

### Pioneer Publishers' Notes

The bound volumes of the series of the *Militant* from July 4 1931 to the end of 1932 can be obtained by subscribers of YOUNG SPARTACUS for one dollar (\$1). We suggest that youth clubs get at least one copy for their library.

"MY LIFE"  
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## The Three Internationals of Labor

The working class is the possessor of a wealth of experience in international organization. Three international workers' parties have been built up and destroyed. Much can be learned from the past experiences so that the mistakes leading to the destruction of the parties will not be repeated. Here are some interesting facts about the three Internationals:

### FIRST INTERNATIONAL OF LABOR

**September, 1864**—The International Workingmen's Association (First International) was organized in London. Among its members were such noted men as Karl Marx, Bakunin, and others. Almost from the beginning, the International was split into two factions; one, led by Marx, the Communist wing, which believed in the necessity of a strong, well-organized, disciplined and centralized international organization of the working class; the other, led by Bakunin, the anarchist wing, which believed that the International should be a loose confederation of the independent organizations in each of the countries, without a centralized discipline. Between the two were the conservative British trade unions. In **March, 1871** the Paris Commune was established by the working class of Paris and from it many lessons were gained which showed that Marx had been correct when he stressed the need for a political party. The lack of such a party of the working class led to the defeat of the Paris Commune and with this defeat came the death of the First International. After 1871, it was removed to New York where it continued to exist until 1874. The International Workingmen's Association is of great significance because it was the first international organization of the working class.

### SECOND INTERNATIONAL FORMED.

In 1889 the Second International, the Socialist International was organized. This organization contained within it people who began to revise the teaching of Marx and gradually they moved further and further away from the interests of the working class. On the other hand, there were also in the organization members who defended the viewpoint of Marx and did much to preserve it. The Second International embraced millions of workers; it gave them their elementary education in the class struggle; it inspired them with the goal of socialism. In times of peace, the Second International proved of great importance because it was the organizer of the masses of workers. But when the critical moment arrived, those who had left Marxism proved to be the stronger grouping in the International, and the outbreak of the war saw the majority of Socialists going over to the side of capitalism and sending the workers of their respective countries into the war to fight for the profits of their respective bosses. In **August, 1914**, the Second International died as an instrument of the working class, and although it continues to exist as an organization to this day, it is no longer serving the workers, but rather acts as a doctor to a very sick capitalism, trying to patch it up and keep it alive.

### WORLD UNION OF YOUTH

In **August 1907**, the Stuttgart Congress of the Socialist Youth International took place. This international grew for a long time, the young worker who joined it was brought up in the ideas of the Second International. When the latter collapsed in 1914, it did not, however, drag with it all the youth around it. In **April 1915**, at Berne, Switzerland, there gathered a conference of young Socialists who had revolted against the leadership of the Socialist International, had seen its betrayal and had decided, that, in spite of the International which had collapsed, it must go ahead with the struggle against war and for socialism. The

Berne Conference is an important landmark in the history of the working class, youth and adult, because it was the first step taken to revive the international revolutionary movement and to create a new international. The Berne Conference adopted the teachings of Liebknecht and Lenin with regard to the struggle against war.

### COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDED.

In 1919, after the successful Russian Revolution, the Third Communist International was organized under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky. In the same year the Young Communist International held its first Congress in Berlin. During the first years of the existence of the Communist and Young Communist Internationals, great progress was made in organizing the workers in struggle. The Young Communist International, at that time, was the true banner-bearer of the Berne Conference. Beginning, however, with 1923, there set into the movement a reaction which began to drag it backwards. For ten years a struggle was waged by the two wings of Communism, the Left Opposition, which was attempting to preserve the important lessons of the past and which continually pointed out the correct path, and the Stalinist group, which had gained organizational control and which moved each day further away from the revolutionary course. Finally, the Stalinist group dealt to the Third International its death-blow and in 1933, the Left Opposition declared that as a result of the events in Germany, the victory of Fascism, the collapse of the German Party and with it the Third International which had directed its entire course a new international is necessary.

### FOR THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL.

We can say that the year 1933 will be recorded in history as the beginning of the movement for a new International. This International, will inherit the rich treasure of all the past experiences. The Spartacus Youth Clubs will become a part of the new international revolutionary youth movement. We must make use of the lessons of the three Internationals, take out and keep what was truly revolutionary in them, and discard all that which tended to defeat the purposes and aims of the working class. The task of creating a new International is a tremendous one and let us hope that the Spartacus Youth Clubs can live up to it and become the true banner-bearers of Communism among the toiling youth.  
—R. C.

### SONG OF THE SLAVES

O Slave of the Wheel and Thread!  
O Slave of the Sewing Machine!  
Your crust of bread you earn with dread  
Lest hunger lurk between!  
O Slave of the Factory and Loom!  
O Slave of the Mill and Mine!  
Ye weave your doom ye dig your tomb,  
For toil alone is thine.  
O Slave of the Spade and Hoe!  
O Slave of the Harrow and Plough  
The seed ye sow, the grain ye grow,  
Another reaps than thou.  
O Slave of the Steam-breathing Steel!  
O Slave of the Truck and Engine!  
The demons' speed ye needs must feed,  
Tho' hungry ye remain.  
O Slaves of the Bellows and Fire!  
O Slaves of the Furnace and Flue!  
Your limbs perspire, your muscles tire,  
Ye forge your chains anew.  
O Slave, is it not more than time  
That your servile chains ye broke?  
Your brother calls from every clime!  
Arise, and add your strike.  
—THOMAS C. AULD.

# L.D. Trotsky and the Soviet Revolution Eugene V. Debs



The inspiring story of the rising of the oppressed of Russia in 1917 echoes its message again on this, the 16th anniversary of that glorious event. In these days, when a stark barbaric reaction has swept a tortured German proletariat off its feet, the glowing light of those heroic years must rouse a gleam of hope and new courage in the breasts of men almost bereft of hope.

Symbolizing and embodying the might of that momentous historical event, the leader of the Soviet Red Army during the Revolution remains with us yet. Leon Trotsky, fighting leader of the years of uprising and civil war, represents the revolution of 1917.

Eulogies have been written, chants of praise have been sung to the memory of men who lived and died in the cause of the working class. Trotsky needs no eulogies, no hymns of adoration. The work, the deeds of the man himself speak a language of action that require but a mere restatement. One has but to read again the leading capitalist papers of those days. Headlines scream the names of Lenin and Trotsky. Two flaming names that fired the hearts of the exploiters with a fear they had never known. Champions of a working people, seething with pent up suffering of centuries, the stormy onrush of the awakened giants struck a powerful chord of response within the

European proletariat.

On the field of battle, where bayonet and bullet ruled; where life was but a question perhaps of moments; the figure of L. D. Trotsky strode with magnificent valour and strength. The ebbs and flows of the civil war coursed with the presence of this man. Were there a spot that weakened, a point threatened by the enemy, the call for Trotsky shot forth. For two and a half years, he lived on "The Train", chairman of the Military Committee of the Petrograd Soviet, with unlimited power in that period of stress, he rushed from one battle front to another. His physical powers seemed inexhaustible, his will invincible, not to be denied.

## THE STAND AT PETROGRAD

From Svepazh on the eastern front to Tsaritsin, on the south; to the desperate, crucial stand at the outskirts of Petrograd; the chronicle of the Russian Revolution is the tale of the inflammatory, irresistible march of the military leader and strategist. Millions of revolutionaries throughout the world spent sleepless nights; walked through the day as in a dream, waiting the news of the struggle in the far off land of the East. They stood with bated breath as the hired gunmen of the White guards launched their attack on the last stronghold, Petrograd. With frantic, delirious joy, they hailed the victory of the Red Army, the exploit of Trotsky. The Petrograd Soviet acclaimed Trotsky in a meeting that will live forever. Zinoviev, President of the Soviet, delivered a ringing oration in honor of the man who had saved the revolution. From tattered remnants of scattered and demoralized regiments, L. D. Trotsky had hastily moulded an inspired fighting force armed with a brilliant piece of military strategy and a furious madness born of desperation. The defense of the Soviet Union was reduced to the defense of Petrograd from the confident counter-revolution. The Revolution hung by a thread. Without the genius and dynamic leadership of a Trotsky, history would to-day relate a different story.

The people who today try to falsify those events are the very ones whose records had best be kept quiet. The Stalins, the Red Army "leaders" of the type of Voroshilov, their mouths had best be sealed when they attempt to speak of revolutionary events and revolutionary figures whose names their lips defile. They dare not even to the present day publish the minutes of the military section of the Eighth Congress of the Russian Party; wherein is recounted the struggle of Trotsky against the "Military Opposition" of Stalin and Voroshilov and Company. They fear for the worker-Communists to know of the full and complete support that Lenin gave to the man they slander today as an enemy of the working class.

## THE IDEAS OF LENIN LIVE ON

Lenin is gone; but history remains enriched with his teachings and the living leadership of his co-worker and co-fighter. The boy or girl, the young man or woman, who today enters the ranks of the party of the working class has at his service the experience of thirty-five years of study, work, and activity of Leon Trotsky. Ten long and tragic years have passed since Lenin died—ten years in which the policies and antics of Stalin and his creatures have ruined the Communist International which Lenin and Trotsky carried forward with such gigantic strides. It was the youth who dashed to aid and support of the 3rd International in those trying and fateful days. It is the youth today—the young in age, the young in spirit—the revolutionaries of tomorrow; who will denounce these traitors. These youth who will build the New International of Communism. The rebirth of the teachings of Marx and Engels, of Lenin and Trotsky—these live again in the nucleus of the International Left Opposition and its youth movement. Shoulder to the wheel! Every comrade in his place! Your cause, the cause of the working class, demands it!

—HERBERT CAPELIS.

## Eugene V. Debs American Fighter

Symbolizing the militant working class character of the pre-war Socialist party, Eugene Victor Debs stands out as one of the most aggressive fighters produced by the American labor movement. From his early days with the American Railway Union when he led the struggle in the violation of the first injunction issued by the courts against the workers, to the days of the World War, Debs fought for labor emancipation.

In the trade union movement, he launched broadsides against the class collaboration policies against Samuel Gompers, the president of the American Federation of Labor. In 1905, he helped found the Industrial Workers of the World, though later he opposed it, and always fought for industrial unionism. This brought him into sharp conflict with the leaders of the American Socialist Party of the Berger-Hillquit type.

Debs is best known for his activities during the World War. As one of the few Socialist leaders who took the militant manifesto of the St. Louis, 1917 Congress of the party seriously, he, like C. E. Ruthenburg, a founder of the Communist party, openly proclaimed his anti-war views, was arrested and sentenced to prison.

When Debs died the entire militant working class mourned. Even large sections of workers who were not sympathetic to the radical movement were moved by his passing. Despite the sharp hostility of the Communists to the Socialist party of which he was a member to the day of his death, despite his own differences with the Communist party, the revolutionary workers held memorial meetings throughout the country at his death.

Debs, the fighter, the champion of the struggles of the workers against imperialist wars and capitalism, and for socialism; Debs the American revolutionist belongs to the militant workers who today fight the same battles.

## BOOK REVIEW

### In Defense of the Russian Revolution

"In Defense of the Russian Revolution" by Leon Trotsky. Five Cents. Pioneer Publishers, New York.

"Revolution means a change of the social order. It transfers the power from the hands of a class which has exhausted itself into those of another class, which is on the rise. The insurrection is the sharpest and most critical moment in the struggle of two classes for power. The insurrection can lead to the real victory of the revolution and to the establishment of a new order only when it is based on a progressive class, which is able to rally around it the overwhelming majority of the people."

To understand the world shaking event of November 7, 1917, one should read Trotsky's speech delivered last December at Copenhagen, "In Defense of the Russian Revolution". Here he briefly summarizes the causes and lessons of the Soviet Revolution, the detailed discussion of which one can find in his three volumes on "The History of the Russian Revolution."

Trotsky poses three questions which he explains with remarkable clearness. "1. Why and how did this Revolution take place? More concretely, why did the proletarian revolution conquer in one

of the most backward countries of Europe? 2. What have been the results of the October revolution and finally 3. Has the October revolution stood the test?" His reply constitutes a brilliant defense of the revolution which he has helped to prepare and lead to success. His views from 1905 to the present time on the nature of the tasks of the Russian working class are remarkable for their consistency. The theory of the permanent revolution is explained in very simple language.

The relations between the indispensable vanguard of the workers, the party, and the working class, the peasantry and the objective conditions are discussed at some length. For the importance of this instrument cannot be overstressed at the present time. Without the party the working class is headless.

A more powerful defense of the Russian Revolution has never been penned! A clearer exposition of its meaning cannot be found. A more annihilating refutation of the Stalinist slanders against L. D. Trotsky is hardly needed. A popular pamphlet on the great event begun sixteen years ago, "The Defense of the Russian Revolution" should be studied by all who want to understand the victory of the Russian masses.

## N. R. A. = Promises = Results

1. The National Recovery Act was supposed to (a) increase profits, (b) increase wages, (c) decrease unemployment, (d) raise the prices of the crops sold by the farmer.

2. The profits have gone up considerably as a glance at all corporation reports will show. This was brought about primarily by the preparations for an inflation program which raised the prices of everything the worker has to buy.

3. According to the government reports wages and employment has gone up too. But when we examine the figures we see that the amount of goods turned out by the worker has gone up far more rapidly than the increase in employment warrants. Production went back to the early 1930 levels whereas only about 2 million people were put back to work. This accomplishment was the result of both improved machinery during the past three years and an enormous speed-up. Any employed worker knows and feels the intense speed-up since the introduction of the NRA.

3. This enormous spread between actual production and the total number of workers employed which has occurred during the past few months foreshadows a tragic future for the worker who is at present unemployed. He is no longer needed in industry. Even some of the most conservative of the bourgeois economists admit that this country is bound to have a permanent unemployed army of about six or eight million. Thus far, only about two and a half million have been put back to work.

4. Those who have been fortunate

enough to get jobs have found that the speed-up has been far greater than ever before. Also, the pay given to them when they were taken back was barely enough on which to live. Strikes began to occur throughout the entire country, the large ones being reported in the papers, whereas the thousands of small strike did not so much as receive one single line.

5. The NRA machinery, worried by the number of strikes, at first, very gradually but, later, with greater speed, tried to force the workers back. The recent injunction against the workers in the silk strike at a company holding an NRA emblem is another indication of what the Roosevelt regime is holding in store for the working class when they arise against the starvation wages.

6. The increase in prices of the food and clothing has not benefited the farmer, but rather the capitalist who bought the goods from the farmer at a low rate and then sold it to the working class at an enormous profit to himself. That is why the papers report daily the growth of the farm strike and farm holiday movements. The NRA has given the farmer nothing.

7. The coming winter will see far greater misery and starvation than even the past. Despite all the talk about the Roosevelt program of direct relief to the unemployed, many hundreds of thousands of families throughout the country have been removed from the relief rolls. Now more than ever must the working class fight for unemployment insurance and relief.

## On the Rocks

(The editors of YOUNG SPARTACUS received the following communication, the truth of which they very much doubt. We have thus far been attempting to verify this "warm weather hike" which is supposed to have taken place during one of the coldest weeks since the great blizzard of 1892. However, until we get more information, (complete returns), we have decided to run the article.)

Two weeks ago the Spartacus Youth Club of New York had an imaginary trip to the Bronx Park as one of the last of the warm weather hikes. Instead of merely running around and having a good time in general, which is the usual procedure, it was decided to make the hike educational and consequently more enjoyable, which of course means more healthful.

The hike proceeded something along the following lines. (Please excuse us if the description is too detailed,—the events must be described exactly as they occurred.) A brief description of the geological structure of the New York City region was given by comrade Garrett. This follows:

### GARRETT DESCRIBES STONES

Immediately after scratching below the surface and scraping the top soil off one comes to solid rock. The top soil or "earth" is merely decomposed rock and in no place is very thick. In many places the bed rock crops up through the surface, and a study of the rock structure under New York City can be gained from a study of the rock outcroppings in the different sections of the city.

There are many different sorts of rocks, all made in different ways. However, they are not jumbled together, but come rather in distinct layers, like a layer cake. But, like the layer cakes provided for the Spartacus Youth Club affairs, the layers are not even; some bulge up, others down, at some places some layers are thicker than others, and at some places some layers become so thin as to actually disappear. Underneath Manhattan and the Bronx the three uppermost layers are Mica Schist, Limestone and Fordham Gneiss.

Ordinarily the uppermost layer, the Mica Schist, should be the only one showing, but we find that in many places the top layer has been completely worn away and the limestone can be seen. In other places both the Mica Schist and the Limestone have been worn away, and the Gneiss has become the rock delegated to stick its nose out to see what is going on in our universe.

### COMRADES EAT PEANUTS

All this—and more—the comrades saw on this most wonderful of all our hikes. After comrade Garrett finished the theoretical discussion, the practical task of describing the rocks was taken up by comrade Stone (who has spent many years among the rocks in this and many lands). Hank went about picking up stone after stone saying: "This is some Mica Schist. See, here is a chunk of Mica I can flake off. This is a piece of Fordham Gneiss; this is some more of this, and this is some more of that." This kept up for some time. Meanwhile the comrades were eating peanuts (shameful). Finally, one comrade picked up a huge boulder (precisely what he was going to do with it is not known yet) but in ducking, comrade Stone hollered, "That comes from New Jersey, better be careful." Which brings us to the subject of glaciers.

In addition to the regular rock struc-

Karl Marx's contributions to the study of human society is similar to the achievements of Charles Darwin in the study of nature. Each in his own field laid the basis for the development of scientific study. Marx and Darwin are two intellectual giants in the world of science.

## Science Notes

Science with its incidental improvement of means of production moves forward at an ever increasing rate. Each week brings new wonders. Subsidized as it is by commercial interests, scientific research in most instances fills the coffers of the sponsors of such research. Indeed, with the petty monetary incentives removed we could expect a tremendous increase of discoveries, mechanical inventions, technological improvements, and disease cures. Whereas under capitalism only that research is carried on which will most probably result in some contrivance adapted toward increase of profits, we find a proportionate decrease in the endeavor and interest in the direction of those discoveries which will aid humanity in general.

However, in spite of this general tendency there are some scientists whose only interest is their work, whose lives are not surrounded by the glamor of

luxury. Some work in university laboratories, others work in research laboratories equipped by their own efforts. For experiments requiring the enormous expenditure of money such organizations as the Rockefeller Foundation play an important part. In other words, science has become dependent upon the noble soul of the Rockefeller.

We are starting a science column with your approval. Many things occur with which we should all be familiar. What diseases are incurable? Will television become a household byword? What poison gases have been invented recently? Or then again there are questions more academic yet none the less interesting. What causes seasons, tides and the winds? What is electricity? Why don't ponds freeze solid? What makes trees grow? In fact, every thing from toothpicks to horseshoes could be discussed. What is your pleasure? What would you like?

## Looking at the Stars

Have you ever walked along on a clear fall night and gazed up to the heavens? Try it sometimes. What a wondrous sight will greet you; myriads of stars all twinkling down at us from distances so far off that in many cases it has taken over many thousands of years for the light to pass between their little world and ours.

How many of us living in the cities taken up with our routine burdens, fail to gather the pleasures and inspiration small as they may be from a study of the stars! Why not get together some night in a group, to some dimly lit section outside the city limits, (for he who has never seen the heavens except from the center of New York or Chicago has seen very little indeed) lie back on the grass in some clearing and let your eyes feast upon that sight that has been the inspiration for many centuries, for many lands, for many subjects.

Study the star groupings, learn them, learn the stories associated with the different constellations\*, and only then will you really and truly derive the full mind-resting satisfaction from a study of star lore.

What better to take the kinks out of your brain, after having spent three or four hours in a meeting hall, filled with smoke and the dialectic method, to step forth into the cool autumn or winter air breath deeply and gaze up to that

ture the New York City region is interesting because of the remains of the Glacial Era. Many tens of thousands of years ago the ice cap (region continually covered with snow and ice) around the North Pole began to spread towards the south. These slowly moving ice caps were called glaciers. At one time the ice was forced as far south as South Brooklyn, after which, just as slowly, it retreated to its present position, forming but a small region around the North Pole. (There were several of these glacial movements, some not coming as far south as others.)

The results of this ice era were seen by all the comrades. As the glacier moved slowly southward huge boulders and sharp rocks were trapped by the ice and forced along the surface of the exposed rock outcroppings, thus leaving enormous scratches on the surface of the rock. There are many of these scratches still easily distinguished, but the comrades have to hurry if they want to see them, as they are slowly crumbling away.

### A TRIP TO NIAGARA FALLS

If one were to go to the base of Niagara Falls, he would see enormous smooth

constant companion ever waiting for you in the eastern sky (N. Y. about 11 p. m.), Orion.\*\* Hero of old, he waits for you each night, waits patiently for you to throw but one glance his way, his strapping shoulders, belt and broadsword making him easy to discern from among his many companions.

\* Constellation is the term applied to a group of stars situated in one region. In ancient times the imagination of the astronomer coupled with the peculiar arrangement of the stars in the group caused them to be named for various animals and mythological tales were coupled to their presence in the sky.

\*\* Orion, ancient Greek hunter and warrior, represented by one of the most conspicuous constellations is made up of four stars forming an appropriate rectangle. Three stars diagonally across the center represent the hunter's belt. From the belt is plainly discernable the broadsword with which the hunter achieved his fame in mythological history. The constellation contains two first magnitude stars (extremely bright) Betelguse and Regel, at opposite corners of the rectangle.

Music, the play, the arts in general are yours for the paying. The beauty of the heavens is yours for the asking.

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To M.:—The extremely brilliant and beautiful planet in the evening sky (southern) does happen to be Venus.

It is natural to expect them there, but holes worn away by the falling water, right in the middle of the Bronx Park, we were surprised to find these smooth holes worn out by water falls. These, like the scratches, were formed during the same ice age. On the surface of the ice, small rivers began to flow. In places these rivers found weak spots in the ice and broke through, thus forming a waterfall. Many years of this continuous pounding of the falling water upon the rocks below formed the large holes that we saw.

### WHAT! ANOTHER TRIP?

We could keep this up forever. Next month, the comrades will take a trip up to the Palisades on the New Jersey side of the Hudson River, (from where the boulder that was previously mentioned came), to discover that at one time this region was as dry as the Sahara and at another time resounded to the echo of volcanic rumblings. Don't miss the next installment.

P. S.—For those comrades interested there is an exhibition in the New York Headquarters samples of the three types of rocks discussed.

## 'The Human Body'

THE HUMAN BODY—Logan Clendening. Price \$.75 to \$1.00

Every so often there appears in print a popular scientific book available to the great mass of the workers, and practical and useful besides. Such a book is "The Human Body". As its name implies it is a description of the inner workings of the organs of our bodies, and of the break-down of these normal functionings. It is not the normal functionings of our bodily sections with which we are primarily concerned (from a layman's viewpoint). For us the major concern is, what is happening when the symptoms of sickness are beginning to affect us again, and what can be done to keep the body in a healthy condition. For those who are interested in this, and who isn't, it is valuable indeed.

The book is excellently written. It begins with a description of the various parts of the body—the heart, the lungs, the stomach, the nervous system, etc., etc. These various organs are described in simple language. Wherever technical terms are used, explanations that can be understood by anyone immediately follow. In this, lies the value of the book.

Following the description of the various parts of the body and how they normally function, there is a section devoted to the breakdown of this normal functioning, or as it is commonly called, of disease. The stomach and indigestion, the lungs and tuberculosis, the heart and heart diseases, these are but a few of the general problems discussed.

Separate chapters are devoted to the question of sex and sexual diseases. Syphilis, gonorrhoea, and the other venereal diseases are mentioned and their evil consequences are stressed. In addition, a complete section is devoted to the brain and the nervous system. The functioning of these two, the question of conditioned and unconditioned reflexes, are described. Pavlov's epoch-making experiments on the reflexes of dogs are made understandable.

However, this book is concerned primarily with the question of health from the point of view of the individual. (As such it has its value). But we all know, and in this the book has its shortcoming, the problem of health is more than individual; it is social. A hungry man cannot observe a strict diet. One working in a mattress factory cannot without fear of losing his job, complain about the poor ventilation, and the lack of proper dust removing apparatus, that is subjecting him to tuberculosis. A man working in a mine cannot talk about getting enough sunshine. What can the painter submitted to the danger of lead poisoning do? These are not questions to be answered by individuals, but rather by the working class as a whole.

The "Human Body" is the type of book that should be read by all members of the revolutionary movement. Leading a life that is constantly grinding away at the foundations of their health, too many discover too late that they are suffering from this or that bodily ailment. It would be foolish, indeed, to assert that mere knowledge of how to take care of oneself is enough—the curse of capitalism has yet to be overcome. But why not, wherever possible, attempt to use whatever we have, to the best advantage? In that we will be all the more able to fight capitalism—the breeder of disease and malnutrition—and create a society that will have as one of its aims the striving for a healthy body both for the individual and for the social body as a whole.

Let liars fear, let cowards shrink,  
Let traitors turn away,  
Whatever we have dared to think  
That dare we also say.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

## LENIN ON ETHICS

Russian Congress of the Young Communists (From a speech given to the Third All-Union League of the Soviet Union, Oct. 3rd, 1920.)

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...First of all, I shall deal here with the question of Communist ethics.

You must train yourselves to be Communists. The task of the Young Communist League is to organize its practical activity in such a manner that in studying, in organizing and consolidating itself, and in fighting on, it will be training itself and all those who regard it as their leader. It will thus be training Communists. The whole work of training, educating, and instructing the present-day youth must be directed towards imbuing them with Communist ethics.

### COMMUNIST ETHICS EXISTS

But is there such a thing as Communist ethics? Is there such a thing as Communist morality? Of course there is. It is frequently asserted that we have no ethics, and very frequently the bourgeoisie says that we Communists deny all morality. That is one of their methods of confusing the issue, of throwing dust into the eyes of the workers and peasants.

In what sense do we deny ethics, morals?

In the sense in which they are preached by the bourgeoisie, a sense which deduces these morals from God's commandments. Of course, we say that we do not believe in God. We know perfectly well that the clergy, the landlords, and the bourgeoisie all claimed to speak in the name of God, in order to protect their own interests as exploiters. Or, instead of deducing their ethics from the commandments of morality, from the commandments of God, they deduced them from idealistic or semi-idealistic phrases which in substance were always very similar to divine commandments.

We deny all morality taken from superhuman or non-class conceptions. We say that this is a deception, a swindle, a befogging of the minds of the workers and peasants in the interests of the landlords and capitalists.

### A CLASS STRUGGLE MORALITY

We say that our morality is wholly subordinated to the interests of the class struggle of the proletariat. We deduce our morality from the facts and needs of the class struggle of the proletariat.

The old society was based on the oppression of all the workers and peasants by the landlords and capitalists. We had to destroy this society. We had to overthrow these landowners and capitalists. But to do this, organization was necessary. God could not create such organization.

Such organization could only be created by the factories and workshops, only by the trained proletariat, awakened from its former slumber. Only when this class had come into existence did the mass movement commence which led to what we have to-day—to victory of the proletariat revolution in one of the weakest countries in the world—a country which for three years has resisted the attacks of the bourgeoisie of the whole world. We see how the proletariat revolution is growing all over the whole world. And we can say now, on the basis of experience, that only the proletariat could have created that compact force which is carrying along with it the once disunited and disorganized peasantry—a force which has withstood all the attacks of all the exploiters. Only this class can help the toiling masses to unite their forces, to close their ranks, to establish and build up a definitely Communist society and finally to complete it.

That is why we say that a morality taken from outside of human society does not exist for us; it is a fraud. For us morality is subordinated to the interests of the proletariat class struggle....

## Two Views On Private Property

### Karl Marx

(We present two opposing views on private property. That of Karl Marx ("Communist Manifesto" 1847) and that of Pope Leo XIII ("Encyclical Letter of Our Holy Father by Divine Providence, Pope Leo XIII on "The Condition of Labor" 1891). The latter writing has been called by the present Pope—Pope Pius XI—"The Magna Charta on which all Christian activities in social matters are ultimately based." It has been used for over forty years to keep the workers from struggling against capitalism. Marx's comments on private property, though written at an earlier date, appear as a reply to the "Holy Father".

The unemployed workers, the youth in the Y. M. C. A., Y. M. H. A., and the various Catholic, Protestant and Jewish church organizations can find consolation in the words of Pope Leo XIII! Or take the path indicated by Marx and the Communists!—Ed.

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We Communists have been reproached with the desire of abolishing the right of personally acquiring property as the fruit of a man's own labor, which property is alleged to be the groundwork of all personal freedom, activity and independence.

Hard won, self earned property! Do you mean the property of the petty artisan and of the small peasant, a form of property that preceded the bourgeois form? There is no need to abolish that; the development of industry has to a great extent already destroyed it, and is still destroying it daily.

Or do you mean modern bourgeois private property?

But does wage labor create any property for the laborer? Not a bit. It creates capital, i.e., that kind of property which exploits wage labor, and which cannot increase except upon condition of getting a new supply of wage labor for fresh exploitation. Property, in its present form, is based on the antagonism of capital and wage labor. Let us examine both sides of this antagonism.

To be a capitalist is to have not only a purely personal, but a social status in production. Capital is a collective product, and only by the united action of many members, nay, in the last resort, only by the united action of all members of society, can it be set in motion.

Capital is therefore not a personal, it is a social power.

When, therefore, capital is converted into common property, into the property of all members of society, personal property is not thereby transformed into social property. It is only the social character of the property that is changed. It loses its class character.

Let us now take wage labor.

The average price of wage labor is the minimum wage, i.e., that quantum of the means of subsistence which is absolutely requisite to keep the laborer in bare existence as a laborer. What, therefore, the wage laborer appropriates by means of his labor, merely suffices to prolong and reproduce a bare existence. We by no means intend to abolish this personal appropriation of the products of labor, an appropriation that is made for the maintenance and reproduction of human life, and that leaves no surplus wherewith to command the labor of others. All that we want to do away with is the miserable character of this appropriation, under which the laborer lives merely to increase capital and is allowed to live only in so far as the interests of the ruling class require it.

In bourgeois society, living labor is but a means to increase accumulated labor. In Communist society accumulated labor is but a means to widen, to enrich, to promote the existence of the laborer.

Read the **MILITANT**, the official organ of the American Communist Left Opposition, for weekly news of the working class movement.

### The Pope

"Here again, we have another proof that private ownership is according to nature's law. For that which is required for the preservation of life and for life's well being, is produced in great abundance by the earth, but not until man had brought it into cultivation and lavished upon it his care and skill. Now, when man thus spends the industry of his mind and the strength of his body in procuring the fruits of nature, by that act he makes his own that portion on which he leaves, as it were, the impress of his own personality; and it cannot but be just that he should possess that portion as his own, and should have a right to keep it without molestation—Is it just that the fruit of a man's sweat and labor should be enjoyed by another? As effects follow their cause, so it is just and right that the results of labor should belong to him who has labored."

"Thus it is clear that the main tenet of Socialism, the community of goods, must be utterly rejected; for it would injure those whom it is intended to benefit, it would be contrary to the natural rights of mankind, and it would introduce confusion and disorder into the commonwealth. Our first task and most fundamental principle, therefore, when we undertake to alleviate the condition of the masses, must be the inviolability of private property."

"As regards bodily labor, even had man never fallen from the state of innocence (this refers to Adam's eating of the apple in the Garden of Eden!—Ed.) he would not have been wholly unoccupied; but that which would then have been his free choice, his delight, became afterwards compulsory, and the painful expiation of his aim. **Cursed be the earth in thy work; in thy labor thou shalt eat of it all the days of thy life.** (Genesis iii 17). In like manner, the other pains and hardships of life will have no end or cessation on this earth; for the consequences of sin are bitter and hard to bear, and they must be with man as long as life lasts. To suffer and to endure, therefore, is the lot of humanity; let men try as they may, no strength and no artifice will ever succeed in banishing from human life the ills and troubles which beset it. If any there are who pretend differently, who hold out to a hard pressed people freedom from pain and trouble, undisturbed repose and constant enjoyment—they cheat the people and impose upon them, and their lying promises will only make the evil worse than before. There is nothing more useful than to look at the world as it really is—and at the same time look elsewhere for a remedy to its troubles."

### The Bible God

"A God who could make good children as easily as bad, yet preferred to make bad ones; who could have made every one of them happy, yet never made a single happy one; who made them prize their bitter life, yet stingily cut it short; who gave his angels eternal happiness unearned, yet required his other children to earn it; who gave his angels painless lives, yet cursed his other children with biting miseries and maladies of mind and body; who mouths justice and invented Hell—mouths Golden Rules, and forgiveness multiplied seventy times seven, and invented Hell; who mouthed morals to other people and has none himself; who frowns upon crimes, yet commits them all; who created man without invitation, then tries to shuffle the responsibility for man's acts upon man, instead of honorably placing it where it belongs, upon himself; and finally, with altogether divine obtuseness, invites this poor, abused slave to worship him."

—MARK TWAIN.

## ROSA LUXEMBURG

(The following is an interesting excerpt from a letter by Rosa Luxemburg to Sophie Liebknecht, wife of Karl Liebknecht, written from prison in 1917—Eds)

"Yesterday I was reading about the reasons for the disappearance of song birds in Germany. The spread of scientific forestry, horticulture, and agriculture have cut them off from their nesting places and their food supply. More and more with modern methods, we are doing away with hollow trees, waste lands, brushwood, fallen leaves. I felt sore at heart. I was not thinking so much about the loss of pleasure for human beings, but I was so much distressed at the idea of the stealthy and inexorable destruction of these defenseless little creatures. I was reminded of a book I read in Zurich, in which Professor Sieber describes the dying-out of the Redskins in North America. Just like the birds, they have been gradually driven from their hunting grounds by civilized man.

"I suppose I must be out of sorts to feel everything so deeply. Sometimes, however, it seems to me that I am not really a human being at all but like a bird or a beast in human form. I feel so much more at home even in a scrap of garden like the one here, and still more in the meadows when the grass is humming with bees than—at one of our party congresses. I can say that to you, for you will promptly suspect me of treason to socialism! You know that I really hope to die at my post, in a street fight or in prison."

### How to Organize a Spartacus Youth Club

If you are in a city where no Spartacus Youth Club exists—and there are a couple of cities left!—and you want to join our movement, here is how it can be done. Get in touch with: Joe Carter, Provisional National Committee of S. Y. Cs., 126 East 16th Street, New York City. Inform us of how many youth you know who are interested in our organization. We may be able to send you additional names and addresses from our mailing list. You call a meeting of the youth ready to join a S. Y. C., adopt a constitution (which we will send you), organize a class in the ABC of Communism. We will be glad to send detailed advice on how to proceed.

If you are not yet ready to form a S. Y. C. organize a Communist discussion group. We will help you obtain various literature. You can begin with the "Communist Manifesto" of Marx and Engels, or the "ABC of Communism" by Bucharin and Preobrazhensky. We can send you various outlines for study classes. You can also use an article in the YOUNG SPARTACUS or *Militant* as a basis for discussion. After a while you may have the forces for a Spartacus Youth Club.

### Pan-Amer. Conference Meets

The seventh Pan-American Conference is being held at Montevideo, Uruguay. In this small South American city representatives of all the governments of Latin America and the United States are assembled to discuss their economic and political relations with one another. The Conference undoubtedly will express the conflict between the United States and England in South America. Particularly since the World War, American imperialism has been getting the upper hand in these countries.

Roosevelt's "liberalism" in Cuba, as the withdrawal of battleships, was caused by his fear of embarrassment at the Pan-American Conference. Following the Conference one can expect an even more open imperialist course in Cuba and the nations south of the United States.

# Cuban Workers Revolt Against U. S. Imperialism

Oppressed by over eight years of Machado despotism, the revolutionary elements of Cuba have at last risen in revolt. Suffering from the results of a crisis that was even more extreme than that affecting the United States today, the working class of Cuba has taken the first step in their own liberation, a step which conclusively shows discontent with conditions as they exist today and which definitely points in the direction of complete break with the capitalist system and everything that this system stands for.

Confused as the working class still is, abortive as the revolution still remains, the events in Cuba thus far must have a profound effect upon all thinking workers in this country. Cuba, we must realize, is a small island "republic", whose politics has been dominated by the United States and whose economics (industry) has been dominated by sugar. The sugar industry in its turn has been dominated almost exclusively by the National City Bank of New York. With the virtual collapse of the sugar industry, the entire island was thrown into a condition of abject poverty, the working class of course being hardest hit.

Revolting against the political tyranny of this former vice-president of the Elec. Bond and Share Co. (General Electric), Machado, it is only natural to see this hatred expressed not only against Machado (who was placed into office by the U. S. government) but as one desiring a complete break with all American domination. The doing away with the Platt Amendment, which has given to the United States the formal right to interfere in Cuban affairs, has been the center of the attack against the American imperialists.

On the enormous sugar plantations

## Communists Framed In Reichstag Trial

The Nazi thirst for workers' blood cannot be satisfied. Not content with their bestial assault upon the working class and with the brutal suppression of its organizations, the Fascist swine continue to hold as hostages Dimitroff, Popov, Tanev and Torgler, victims of the Reichstag fire frame-up.

The Leipzig trial is a tragic farce and a sham. The Fascists do not even attempt to hide the real reason of the frame-up. Every bit of evidence in favor of the prisoners is suppressed, and there is enough evidence of this kind not only to free the imprisoned Communists, but to prove conclusively the connection between the Fascists and the fire, and condemn Fascism in the eyes of every thinking individual. Who is the mysterious Van der Lubbe if not a tool in the hands of the murderers? What is the significance of the secret passage-way between Goering's office and the Reichstag building? Why is every bit of testimony given by experts to prove that these four men could not and did not set the building afire thrown out of the trial?

It is clear to the entire world that these four men are framed. The trial itself has been converted into a tribunal for Communism. It is the working class which is on trial! Mere proof of their innocence will not liberate Torgler, Dimitroff, Tanev and Popov. The working class must itself come to the defense of its heroes. The Fascists have no intentions of releasing them just as they do not intend to let up on the suppression of the workers. The challenge has been thrown! The working class must take up its task of building a united front movement for the freedom of these victims and against Fascism. Above all, it is the task of the Communists to initiate this movement.

(mostly owned by the foreign banks) the workers have risen in strike after strike. In many cases Soviets (workers committees) have actually ousted the foreign managers and taken over the running of the plantations themselves. This is one of the most healthy signs of the present uprising. The working class is beginning to feel the necessity of taking over the control of industry.

Fearing for their huge investment (one and a half million dollars), the American government took immediate steps to crush any real revolution. It is significant to note that with the coming to power of De Cespedes (with the aid of the U. S. State Department) Roosevelt ordered two warships to be prepared. With the series of strikes sweeping the country that swept De Cespedes out of power, and the workers beginning to seize the plantations, Roosevelt sent over 30 warships to the Cuban area. The threat was an

obvious one despite the fact that no troops were landed. Washington was attempting to frighten the Cuban workers into peaceful submission, otherwise—the roar of the guns operated by the well trained gunners of the American Navy.

The working class has for the time being been set back. The bourgeois government of Grau San Martin is taking steps against the striking workers. San Martin is attempting to satisfy the bourgeoisie, the small traders and professionals, the foreign imperialists; is even throwing a sop or two to the working class at the same time that he is moving against the strikers. In this task he is bound to fail; one cannot serve two masters at the same time. With the intensification of the crisis the revolutionary movement in Cuba must inevitably continue and will of necessity move to a higher plane—to that of workers' rule.

We here in America have much to learn

from the Cuban events. First and foremost—this is the age of revolution. The working class will stand so much, but then, "Enough, enough, too much!" will swell forth from the ranks of the cold and the hungry. The workers of Cuba, quiet for many years (with but few exceptions) suddenly rose to the last man and ousted Machado. It was the strike movement that was directly responsible for the overthrow of Machado; it was the strike movement that was directly responsible for the overthrow of De Cespedes. The workers will again arise, and this time the entire capitalist system will be the aim of their attack.

The American class conscious worker should be prepared to help his Cuban brothers. Today, we must organize a powerful "Hands Off Cuba" movement that will seriously hamper the inevitable direct American interference with the guns and marines.

## Free Our Class War Prisoners!

America, the country of the free and the just, has a history full of frame-ups against militant workers and working class leaders. The names of Tom Mooney, Warren Billings, Sacco and Vanzetti have become almost as famous as the names of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. And there have been hundreds and hundreds of such frame-ups, where workers have been sent to jail or executed because they dared to participate in a struggle against the rulers of this country.

At present, there are many class war prisoners who stay in jail because the working class is not doing its duty in attempting to free them. The capitalists will never let them out until the workers actually begin to organize and put up a determined struggle to free their comrades. Some time ago a group of Fascists held a meeting in Long Island, New York. At this meeting one of the anti-Fascists was killed and for this killing a young Italian worker, Terzani, was held. Although the authorities know that the murderer was a Fascist, they continue to hold this young anti-Fascist worker. Terzani will be brought to trial on November 27th and he stands no chance unless the working class takes up his defense. Funds and other aid are needed at present. Comrades and friends are asked to send in all funds to the Terzani Defense Committee—94 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

And in still another instance does America demonstrate its freedom. Our

friend and comrade, Anthony Bellussi was recently arrested in Philadelphia for distributing the *Militant*. (Freedom of the press!) The authorities have decided to ship him back to Fascist Italy where certain imprisonment, or even death, awaits him. In this case, the International Labor Defense, which is under the influence of the Communist party, has refused to offer any assistance. The I. L. D., instead of attempting to gain permission for comrade Bellussi to voluntarily leave the country and go to the Soviet Union, has sabotaged the entire case. But we cannot wait for the I. L. D. to take up the matter. It becomes necessary to act at once. Again, we appeal to all our comrades to send aid at once to: Bellussi Defense Committee, care of the *Militant*, 126 East 16th Street.

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And speaking of free speech, the right to trial, etc., it is well to note that it is likely that the re-trial of the Scottsboro boys framed, in Alabama, will be just as farcical as the first one. Lynch mobs are being organized to terrorize the boys as well as the witnesses for the defense. Ruby Bates, the chief defense witness has received such threats.

So America, the home of the free and the just, turns out to be the country of capitalist frame-up and lynch-mob justice. That is the capitalist method of dishing out freedom and justice to the working class.

## From Our Readers

From Minnesota we received the following:

"At last I have 50 cents for a renewal of my YOUNG SPARTACUS now in arrears a number of months. Extend my sub from that time to as far ahead as the half dollar pays for. Thank you very much for continuing to send the paper. What a fine paper you do put out! The only fault I find with it is that it comes too seldom but with laggard subscribers like myself what can you do? It's been talking tall figuring to get flour and overalls for many months past, so don't blame me too much." —W. P. S.

From far off Australia, our comrades write:

"We have seen several copies of the *Militant* but only one copy of the YOUNG SPARTACUS. The theoretical standard of your paper has pleased us very much. It is something different to the Stalinist gramophone records that we are so accustomed to having forced upon us."

These comments are encouraging. We have our own criticisms of the YOUNG SPARTACUS but instead of making much

## A Mad World

Thousands and thousands without clothing! Yet there is too much cotton! "Destroy the cotton", command the capitalists.

Millions hungry and starving! And there is too much butter, too much corn! "Dump the butter, burn the corn", command the capitalists.

Real estate is at an impasse! Too many vacant homes! Too many empty buildings! Yet the "forgotten hordes" roam the country, homeless wanderers, sleeping in doorways, halls, parks and where not.

Millions unemployed! Yet what work could be created feeding, clothing and housing those who should be fed, clothed and housed!

If this state of affairs does not actively disturb the worker who thinks at all, then this is a mad world indeed.

of them in its pages we are trying to improve the paper as we go along. We need your help. Send in articles. Criticize our material. Help us put out a live youth paper.

## 'Young Spartacus' to Celebrate 2nd Year

Next month marks the second anniversary of the appearance of YOUNG SPARTACUS. In the course of two years, the necessity for a Communist youth paper has become ever more apparent. YOUNG SPARTACUS has proven to be our best organizer. Around it and with its aid we have built a number of Spartacus Youth Clubs throughout the country. Just as these clubs are to form the foundation for a Communist youth movement in this country, the YOUNG SPARTACUS must become a widely spread, popular propagandist organ. Our aim is to make the paper as attractive, as popular and as appealing to young workers and students as possible. The YOUNG SPARTACUS will carry articles by our readers and we appeal to them to send in their literary contributions regularly.

The irregular appearance of the YOUNG SPARTACUS has hindered us greatly. We have had to skip several numbers in the period of two years, and our aims to make the paper an eight pager did not materialize as well as we had hoped. However, we look upon the second anniversary of our paper as the starting point for a regular eight pager, and what is more, we set an aim for a semi-monthly instead of a monthly. The youth clubs which have grown up around the YOUNG SPARTACUS will show that this can be done.

We have organized a subscription drive which is to last until December 1st. We expect to gather 300 subscriptions during this period and raise sufficient funds to get the YOUNG SPARTACUS out of its financial rut. To the Spartacus Youth Club attaining the highest average will be given a bronze relief of Lenin. Young Spartacans! On your toes! Make the YOUNG SPARTACUS a real popular youth paper. Spread it to your fellow-workers and friends! Gather subscriptions and see that every member of the club becomes a subscriber! Go after expired subs ruthlessly and get renewals! We have been challenged. The task is up to us!

The results of the sub drive thus far are as follows:

		Points
New York S. Y. C.	3.00	12
Chicago S. Y. C.	7.90	23 1-2
St. Louis	.75	3
Waubun, Minn.	.50	2
Pittsburgh	.25	1

Total \$12.40 41 1-2

How about Boston, New Haven, Los Angeles, Brownsville, Pittsburgh, Kansas City and Minneapolis? We have a long way to go. Let's get started!