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Within Yugoslavia itself, the workers and peasants must look with alarm at these terrible omens of war. Their solution lies not with any of the ruling classes, kings or capitalists, inside or outside oppressors. Only workers' rule can lead to freedom.

The October issue of YOUNG SPARTACUS will contain the draft resolutions for the first national convention of the Spartacus Youth League. These will include: Inadequacies of the Existing Radical Youth Organizations and the Need for a Revolutionary Youth League, the Economic Situation of the Youth and the Task of the Spartacus Youth, anti-Fascist resolution, student resolution, etc.

NOTICE

Members and sympathizers of the Spartacus Youth League and the Communist League of America will assemble at 144 Second Avenue, Manhattan, at 8:00 A.M. Friday morning for the Columbus Day demonstration. The Columbus Day United Anti-Fascist Committee includes the Socialist party, the Communist League, the Communist party (Opposition), Industrial Workers of the World, Anarchists, Young Peoples Socialist League, Student League for Industrial Democracy, Communist Youth Opposition, and the Spartacus Youth League, as well as trade unions and other workers' organizations.

There will be one demonstration at Columbus Circle, 59th St. and Broadway, at 9:00 A.M. and another at 12 noon near Yankee Stadium, 161st Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx.

Join the demonstration against Fascism!

SPECIAL ISSUE OF Y. S.

Despite a lapse of three months of publication we are now issuing a special New York Columbus Day number of YOUNG SPARTACUS. Financial and technical difficulties have interfered with the regular monthly appearance of the paper.

The united front formed against Italian Fascism can set into motion the much needed common action of all workers' organizations. It is significant that it was the youth who took the initiative for the October 12 demonstration. There is a great need for an organ to interpret such events, reflect the needs of the militant youth and educate them for revolutionary struggle.

We are making strenuous efforts to get the paper out each month. We need your help. Send in subscriptions at the rate of twenty-five cents a year or donations.

UNITED FRONT COMMITTEE CALLS MASS DEMONSTRATION FOR YANKEE STADIUM

New York City—Bound by a common hatred of Italian Fascism, radical youth groups, trade unions and workers' political organizations have planned a counter-demonstration on Columbus Day against the Yankee Stadium pageant which will greet Mussolini's select 300 students.

The bloody Italian government, which has murdered militant workers, imprisoned heroic fighters and suppressed all democratic rights of the Italian people, is now conducting a "good will" campaign in the United States. As Mussolini's picked music band tours the country, the 300 Italian students appear before the high schools, colleges and universities to bring the message of Fascism.

"Good will" from the butcher of the Italian workers! "Good will from those who prepare for a new world butchery!"

Mussolini has openly proclaimed that Italy must become (?) a militaristic nation. The Italian youth are being trained to die for their reactionary masters. Two hundred and fifty thousand boys between the ages of 18 and 21, organized into the Young Fascists of Combat, are well drilled and disciplined for this struggle. They are told—as a spur to their idealism!—that Fascism means "neither honor nor jobs nor profits—but only duty and combat."

Quite right! Fascism means servility, oppression, unemployment, misery, death. For what? Duty to the bosses and their government servants! Combat for wage slavery, for greater profits for the parasites!

The German people are now under the

iron heel of Fascism. They are suffering from untold misery and terror. Neither Mussolini nor Hitler have been able to supply the workers with food, clothing and shelter. Neither have been able to maintain power except by violence and suppression. Now they look to war, wholesale slaughter, legal murder, for a solution.

Mussolini wants to enlist the American workers in support of his dastardly scheme. He is seeking a military alliance with the United States in preparations for the next war. More than that, he has repeatedly stated that Fascism should be spread throughout the entire world. He is trying to encourage Fascism in the United States.

Bosses' reaction is growing in this country. Workers' strikes are being met with the increasing violence of the National Guard in state after state. Fascist groups are springing up throughout the country. Roosevelt is making further efforts to limit the right of unionization.

At the same time he is going full speed ahead building war equipment. At the command of his masters, the big business interests, he is ready to plunge us into a war for their profits.

Well-timed is Mussolini's Fascist propaganda. The tour of the 300 Italian students is meant to encourage this reactionary wave. It is welcomed by those who stand for black reaction. These forces have grown in Europe and America. They are now being challenged by the heroic struggle of the Spanish working class.

We must respond unitedly. Both in solidarity with our Italian fellow workers and in preparation for our common struggle against Fascism and all capitalist reaction in the United States we must rally behind the banner of the Columbus Day United Committee against Italian Fascism.

Our shouts of "Down With Fascism" will ring throughout the world. They will hearten the anti-Fascist fighters of Italy, Germany, Spain and all of Europe. Our action will bring us one step forward towards unity against capitalist reaction, towards the overthrow of wage slavery; nearer to the emancipation of mankind from all oppression, nearer to socialism.

New York Branches of the Spartacus Youth League meet every Thursday evening:

Manhattan—144 Second Ave.

Bronx—1739 Boston Road.

Brownsville—1776 Pitkin Avenue

Boro Park—1281 49th Street.

Harlem—Write Frank Visconti, Sec'y.

144 Second Avenue, N.Y.C.

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Heroic Spanish Workers Revolt

The past week has witnessed stirring events in Spain, where an intense civil war rages, with almost the entire working class population of both sexes and all ages participating. The Spanish workers are fighting for their very existence against the Catholic Fascists of Gil Robles, the troops and police of the reactionary regime dominated by the most reactionary elements, and for a Workers' Republic.

The largest cities of the peninsula are scenes of intense street and barricade fighting. Whole mining and industrial regions are controlled by the workers, while in the agricultural country of Andalusia in the south, the peasants, realizing that at last they now have an opportunity of avenging centuries of tyranny and oppression, are commencing to seize and divide the large estates. The

dead already number several thousands and the reactionary government is straining every nerve to smash the movement.

Government Supports Reaction

For many months, the three year old Spanish republic has been in a state of political fermentation. The conservative elements have made constant advance, taking away from the workers and poor farmers, one after another of the paltry advantages they had won in the revolution of 1931. Workers' organizations have been persecuted, their newspapers suspended, and their leaders thrown into prison. The government of the republic commenced openly to support the old reactionary elements of the monarchy; the Fascists advanced towards the seats of power. It was clear that a showdown would have to come sooner or later.

STALINIST Y.C.L. REJECTS UNITED FRONT

N.S.L. SUPPORTS DISUNITY OF YOUTH OVER PROTEST

At the New York district membership meeting of the National Student League held Sunday, October 7 a conflict arose on the attitude of the N.S.L. towards the Columbus Day united front.

The student fractions of the Spartacus Youth League and the American Workers Party youth issued a joint leaflet appealing to the N.S.L. students to join the united front. Arbitrary procedure limited the time for discussion of the question from the floor. Nonetheless several speakers scored the use of the N.S.L. as a factional pawn in the hands of the Y.C.L. and its refusal to join the united front.

The position of the leaders of the N.S.L. was sustained by a vote of 90 to 21. Due to the small attendance at the meeting a good section of those present were undoubtedly Y.C.L.ers bound by faction discipline. Many of these are dissatisfied with the conduct of their leaders—as the Y.C.L. district membership meeting held two days previously proves. It is significant that at the Y.C.L. meeting so many N.S.L.-Y.C.L.ers spoke that a leader of the Y.C.L. student fraction had to make special note of it.

The action of the N.S.L. leaders will not be easily accepted by the non-Stalinist members. Even if only small sections dissent today, larger groups will tomorrow more clearly understand the disruptive tactics of the N.S.L.

APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF THE N. S. L.

Dear Comrades:

Why has the National Students League refused to participate in the United Youth Columbus Day Anti-Fascist Demonstration? A call to a discussion of plans for this demonstration was sent by the Y.P.S.L. to the Y.C.L., N.S.L., S.L.I.D., Communist Youth Opposition, and Spartacus Youth League. All the organizations expressed themselves in favor of this action and attended the meeting, except the Young Communist League, which refused to join because the "Lovestoneites" and "Trotskyites" were included. The N.S.L., in stating their reasons for refusal to join, gave ONLY TWO OBJECTIONS:

1) The N.S.L. and the S.L.I.D. had made previous arrangements covering anti-fascist work.

2) That "such arrangements" had been made as to exclude "certain organizations."

The N.S.L.-S.L.I.D. pact did not apply to off-campus actions. There was no clause in it which excluded either organization from entering into the united front with other organizations in anti-fascist work. It was the Y.P.S.L., not the S.L.I.D., which sent out this united front call. Both Sid Katz of the N.S.L. and Joe Lash of the S.L.I.D. agreed that this action should include working class as well as student organizations.

Sid Katz of the N.S.L. refused to specify what arrangements he referred to, or what organizations he felt were excluded, although the other members urged him to name these in order that they might discuss the possibility of including them before the action proceeded any further. No. Katz's objection was based on the inclusion of "certain organizations".

The N.S.L. leadership has since mentioned some of their objections specifically:

1. It objects to the inclusion of the Communist Youth Opposition and the Spartacus Youth League. Is the N.S.L. an organization of a non-political char-

acter? As such how can it object to unity with any workers' political group? What are the political objections, if any? Is it not clear that the action of the N.S.L. leadership is based on the sectarian interests of the Y.C.L.?

2. The agreement is called a non-aggression pact. A non-aggression pact excludes freedom of criticism during the period of common action. The revised pact guarantees freedom of criticism in the clause which specifies "each organization retains its complete independence for the carrying on of its own doctrinal propaganda" (within the terms of the pact). Surely the N.S.L. agrees that the mutual consent of participating organizations is essential to common action. The Y.C.L. did not oppose the original formulation. But why didn't the N.S.L. representatives raise the objection on the floor of the committee?

The N.S.L. leadership contends that the united front is not broad in character; that it does not include such organizations as the American League Against War and Fascism, the Labor Sports Union, and so forth. Section 4 of the pact reads, "The Arrangements Committee may accept all other youth organizations of a working class, political or student character." The A.L.A.W.F. has already been invited. In any event, why didn't the N.S.L. representatives raise these objections on the floor of the committee?

Instead of specifying its objections at the committee meeting which was and is democratically conducted, and attempting to thresh them out there, as would have been done if the N.S.L. leadership was seriously interested in the united front, it has subscribed to an underhand movement originated by the A.L.A.W.F., which is calling a "united front" over the head of the present committee. This move can only antagonize the members of the Y.P.S.L. as well as those of the other organizations. It will brand the N.S.L. as a pawn in the hands of the Y.C.L. It will show the N.S.L. is an organization obstructing unity of action. The N.S.L. is cutting its nose to spite its face.

N.S.L. members, we ask: Is the N.S.L. opposed in principle to a united front with "Trotskyites" and "Lovestoneites", or does a technical question stand in the way of united action? N.S.L. members, we appeal to you to join with the Columbus Day United Front Anti-Fascist Committee and occupy the place left open for you.

Spartacus Youth League, Student Fraction.
American Workers Party, Student Fraction.

ANTI-FASCIST YOUTH

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you sent on June 30 in regard to our anti-Fascist work and Youth Committee Against Fascism.

The Y.P.S.L. took a leading part in establishing the Y.C.A.F. in order to have a special organization that would carry on Anti-Fascist work.

We do not seek the affiliation of the Spartacus Youth League in this endeavor and will be active with the other affiliated organizations in the Y.C.A.F. in order to carry on this line in regard with our objectives.

I believe that Bob Parker of New York will be able to give you any further information which you may wish.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) WINSTON DANCIS,
National Secretary

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Fears Common Action of Young Peoples Socialist League and Spartacus Youth

Why has the Young Communist League refused to join the common demonstration with the Columbus Day United Committee Against Italian Fascism? Why have those who have shouted "united front", "unity of action" spurned genuine united action?

When the Young Peoples Socialist League invited the Y.C.L., the National Student League, the Student League for Industrial Democracy, the Communist Youth Opposition (Lovestoneites) and the Spartacus Youth League for this united front, the Y.C.L. (and its factional pawn, the N.S.L.) stated that the arrangements were unsatisfactory.

"... we could not enter into united front agreement with the renegades from Communism—the Lovestoneites and Trotskyite grouplets—without sacrificing our revolutionary principles and deceiving the masses." (Letter of Y.C.L. to Yipsels—Daily Worker, Oct. 6, 1934.)

Does this mean that the Y.C.L. was never in a united front with the Spartacus Youth League? Let us cite a few facts. (These refer to New York actions.)

1. November 25-27, 1932. At the United Youth Conference Against War, controlled by the pacifists and Socialists, the Y.C.L., N.S.L., Spartacus Youth and other groups worked together against the non-democratic control of the Congress.

2. In March, 1933. The Y.C.L., N.S.L. and Spartacus Youth were included in the United Youth Conference Against Fascism which issued a call—signed by all sponsoring groups (12)—for a united front conference for March 24. A representative of the S.Y.L. was among the speakers at the ensuing demonstration.

3. On National Youth Day, May 30, 1933. The Spartacus Youth participated in the united front led by the Y.C.L. and had a member on the arrangements and steering committee. A Spartacus Youth speaker was scheduled for the demonstration. The Y.C.L. violated the arrangements and forbid the speaker.

4. May, 1934. When the Youth Committee for the May 30th (including the Yipsels, S.Y.L., etc.) approached the Y.C.L. and N.S.L. for a common demonstration, the question of the participation of the Spartacus Youth did not enter into conflict.

5. August, 1934. In preparation for the First American Youth Congress, the Spartacus Youth participated with the Y.C.L., N.S.L., Yipsels, etc. in the "democratic control" bloc. Despite its desire to bar the S.Y.L. from the bloc and the Congress, the Y.C.L. was compelled to fight for the inclusion of the Spartacus Youth in the Congress, as one of the organizations discriminated against by the arrangements committee.

Thus we see that the Y.C.L. (and the N.S.L.) has made united fronts with the "Trotskyites". It is true that in all cases it was against the will of the Y.C.L. leaders! The facts also show that the Spartacus Youth League has established itself as a leading radical youth group in the city, having actively participated in the important youth actions in New York.

More than that. When the Yipsels sent out invitations to the radical youth organizations for the Columbus Day demonstration they had before them—as they state in their letter to the Y.C.L.—the Belgian united front agreement of the Young Socialist Guards, the Young Communist League and the Young Leninists (sister organization of the S.Y.L.). The fact that the leaders of the Belgian Y.C.L. were since sharply criticized for this united front does not affect the question. The sponsoring organization, the Y.P.S.L., assumed that the Y.C.L. on an international scale was making a genuine turn in its united front policy.

Why all the fury on the part of the Y.C.L. leaders?

Because while they have been ordered to form a united front with those who they yesterday called "social-Fascists", they fear the growth of the "Trotskyites", the movement for the 4th International.

Because in their ranks there is a growing discontent with the acrobatic tactics of the Y.C.L. on the united front.

Because more and more Stalinist youth are beginning to see that the Spartacus Youth were correct in their consistent fight for the united front.

Because the Y.C.L., having itself failed to make any serious impression on the Yipsels, fears the growing fraternal relations of the ranks of the Yipsels and the Spartacus Youth and the loyal common action of the Y.P.S.L. and the S.Y.L.

The Stalinist leaders are panicky over the growing influence of the "Trotskyites". Slander, calumny and physical violence have not stopped us. Our progress cannot be hindered by the Y.C.L. Their tactics are bringing them more and more in conflict not only with the non-Stalinist radical youth but with their own members and followers. Despite their sabotage we will continue our struggle for the united front. We will yet compel them, against their will, into a genuine all-inclusive united front of struggle.

Y.C.L. Members Discuss United Front

Critical discussion on the problem of the united front is taking place in the Young Communist League in New York. Many have openly expressed themselves in their units for an all-inclusive united front. The view is so general that the leaders of the Y.C.L. were forced to reply in the Young Worker (See Sept. 25, 1934 issue). Above all they have to explain why a united front cannot be made with the "Trotskyites".

At the New York district membership meeting held on October 5, the report of the refusal of the Y.C.L. to the other radical youth organizations in a united front on Columbus Day met hardly-veiled hostility. Dozens of members asked critical questions and spoke. They were not satisfied with the report. Nor were they satisfied with the answers to the questions.

"How about the Belgian pact with the young Socialists and Trotskyites?" "You say that the Trotskyites have no honest rank and file workers, then why did the Daily Worker ask the honest Trotskyite workers not to follow their leaders (into fusion with the American Workers Party)?" "Why have we no literature on Trotskyism?" "If we cannot make a united front with the Trotskyites and Lovestoneites, how is it that we were united with them in the American Youth Congress?"

These and similar questions showed the dissatisfaction of the ranks. The critical questions and speeches often were greeted with applause. Some of the replies were met with laughter. No vote was taken on the action of the Y.C.L. leaders.

All this points to an increased questioning in the ranks of the Stalinist youth. Slander and calumny against the "Trotskyites" may becloud the real issues—but the healthy movement in the membership if it continues will find its way to the real Communists, to the Spartacus Youth League.

STRIKE WAVE SHOWS THE NEED FOR A LEFT WING

Month after month, the United States continues to be wracked by a strike wave that does not let up for a moment. From coast to coast, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, the number of class battles mounts. Although the NRA has had its lease on life extended now for over a year, it not only has not stopped the causes which make workers struggle; but, on the contrary, it has served to increase them.

The boss class of the U.S.A. is better organized than it was a year ago. The banks, big capital, have been consolidated. Under the cloak of the so-called liberal NRA, prices have gone up outrageously. American labor is desperate. It had thought that the Roosevelt administration was actually for the working man. But each passing month has brought him only additional worries and burdens to carry. After five years of watchful waiting, gaining new hope with the ushering in of the NRA, the country's workmen can stand it no longer. Even the very organizations that they formed because the voice of the NRA seemed shouting to them to become unionized—even these organizations have not been helped; but have been harmed by the NRA.

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U. S. FLEET PRACTICES

The United States Fleet has been ordered to rush through the Panama Canal to the California coast so as to keep it in trim for any emergencies.

to stop waiting for the Administration to do something for them. Depend only on yourself! Get out and fight for your rights! These slogans have shocked American labor out of a death-like quiet that seemed as though it would never end. Angered at the discriminations practiced by employers against the fighters who took Section 7a seriously, the workers of many industries have been roused into action. It is surprising to note that many of the strikes, even major ones such as Minneapolis, have brought thousands of workers out on the issue of discrimination or recognition of the union. Even though their conditions have been so horribly lowered in the past year, wages alone have not been the main demand in the big majority of the strikes. Rather the preservation of the union was demanded and succeeded in causing many strikes.

The fact that this understanding of the need for the elementary organization—the trade union—is something that so many workers have learned to fight for,

is the really bright feature of the whole strike wave of the past months. For exactly this reason, the defeat of nearly every major strike and many secondary ones appears puzzling at first glance. How could the general strike on the west coast and the great textile strike be so badly shot to pieces? How could the Detroit automobile strike and the threatened steel strike be so cruelly wiped out?

Glance through the day to day story of these strikes a little critically and the answer thrusts itself forward. In every one of these strikes a despicable, cowardly leadership has broken the strike from within! Not the rank and file, no. But the leadership of the American Federation of Labor; the William Greens, the Gormans, and their little satellites. In the auto strike they let the NRA and Roosevelt walk in and send the workers back on promises. Mass discriminations were the result, with the NRA doing nothing about it. In steel they never even dared to call the workers out, made absolutely no preparations against the

gangster-machine gun preparations of the bosses. In Frisco the Ryans and Co. manoeuvred against a battling rank and file at every stage of the game; refusing to call sympathetic strikes of other labor unions, joining in the red-baiting campaign, playing around with the NRA until they finally broke the back of the strike. In textiles, where the workers fought as game a battle as could be wanted, Gorman and his crew let them carry on the struggle for a few weeks, then herded a bewildered rank and file back to work on a "settlement" that stinks to the high heavens.

In every strike these scoundrels have led, they have harmed the unions. Their "confidence" game is to get the workers into the organization, the A. F. of L., in order to get their hard earned pennies in dues. Once the struggles of the membership really gets going, they chip in their lot with the bosses. They are truly lieutenants of the capitalist class within the ranks of the workers.

These two angles stand out as the most important facts as far as the union movement proper is concerned: The militancy and fighting will of the rank and file and the treacherous policy of the A. F. of L. leadership. That spirit must be organized in the form of a left wing which can intelligently combat the tricks of the leadership.

Jobless and Strikers Co-operate

The strike of the Minneapolis truck drivers is now a thing of the past. Yet the glow of that brilliant struggle still fills the air. It is one of those immortal events that ranks with the most glorious traditions of American labor's great battle to free itself from the clutches of wage slavery. In the record of the Minneapolis strike is written a story that will be repeated over and over again in coming strikes of the workers of this country: the story of employed and unemployed standing shoulder to shoulder against the common enemy, the boss class.

Two workers laid down their lives in the courses of that valiant fight. One was Henry Ness, employed, member of Local 574; the other was John Belor, unemployed, member of the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers, the unemployed organization of Minneapolis. Henry Ness was still fortunate enough to have a job; a job that brought him a miserable wage so low that his family could barely exist on it. John Belor was one of the millions of victims of the capitalist crisis; one of the millions of American workers thrown out on the scrap heap when the boss no longer had use for them.

Both had been taught the bitter lesson that every worker learns sooner or later: the only way to fight the powerful bosses' organizations is to ORGANIZE. Fighters through and through, symbols of the best types of workmen, they took heed of that lesson and became organized. When the strike broke out, the two organizations cast their lot together; there was not to be any scabbing by unemployed on their class brothers in this strike. Labor stood solid in Minneapolis despite every trick used to split the unity.

Even the federal government of the United States tried it. Instructions were sent out in the first week of the strike to every Emergency Relief Administration project in the city THAT THE ERA PROJECTS WERE PART OF THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION — AND ANYBODY ATTEMPTING TO AGITATE THE MEN IN FAVOR OF THE STRIKE, WHO WERE SENT BY THE UNION OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD

Textile Strike Renewed

Despite Roosevelt's pleas for industrial peace textile workers are preparing for a new strike against the despicable Roosevelt-Gorman settlement. 30,000 have already left the mills in and around Paterson, New Jersey. Workers in other mills charging discrimination and violation of the recent "agreement".

The demands include union recognition, a thirty-hour week and a minimum wage of \$1 an hour.

BE REPORTED TO THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES. This dastardly attempt to keep the relief workers cut off from supporting the strikers showed to the thinking workers that the government was on the side of the bosses—and it failed.

But this method was mild compared to what was to come.

Murder was committed on the streets of Minneapolis. Forty-five workers fell wounded beneath bursts of gunfire from police guns. Eleven of those forty-five were members of the M.C.C.W. Two of the wounded were destined to breathe their last before the strike was ended. Henry Ness died on his hospital cot as National Guardsmen launched a new attack against the union. With fury in their hearts, 574 and the M.C.C.W. retaliated with fighting pickets who cleaned the highways of scab trucks. Unity and workingclass solidarity had been burned into their brains by the fire of class war. The death of John Belor two weeks later cemented the relations more firmly.

They held a funeral, those workers of Minneapolis, as the body of Henry Ness lay cold in death. Taking over the streets of Minneapolis, thousands upon thousands of workers of this mid-Western city marched in silence to the grave of their fallen comrade. With hats off and heads bowed, those working people took possession of the streets which workers' hands had built; which now were legally denied them. Not a cop dared to show his face along the entire line of march. Yet perfect discipline reigned throughout. Only when someone on the sidewalk refused to take off his hat; and once when an automobile tried to break through the procession, was the silence broken. A hundred men leaped out of the ranks and went for that car. And every hat came off; or was taken off.

The Communist League played an important role in the truck drivers' strike and in the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers. Its members occupied leading positions. The trade union program and the general class struggle position of the Internationalist-Communists were tried and stood the test. A great step towards a new revolutionary party.

Minneapolis labor was rehearsing, even though few may have known it. It was rehearsing a scene that will one day be performed by labor everywhere. In honoring their dead, working men and women had taken over the city that rightfully belongs to them. Against the united rule of the bosses, the employed and unemployed pitted their common, united struggle. This was to be one of the real factors to bring the strike to a victorious conclusion. It will one day play the same role on a far bigger stage, in a far bigger drama: when American labor rises up as one and takes over the whole country!

—CAP.

N.Y. Regional Youth Conference Planned

The continuations committee of the American Youth Congress has called for a New York regional conference for Nov. 4. The committee was elected at the "First American Youth Congress" which met August 15, 16 and 17 and includes the Young Peoples Socialist League, Student League for Industrial Democracy, Young Communist League, National Student League and several liberal organizations.

The purpose of the Congress has already been reported on in the *Militant*. We will return to this question in future issues of our paper.

The real value of the American Youth Congress is shown by its refusal to join the Columbus Day United Youth Committee for the October 12th anti-Fascist demonstration. When Joe Carter in the name of the committee presented the invitation the liberals feared that it would give the Congress a "red" taint and "bad publicity" while the representative of the Young Communist League supported the motion to reject on the grounds that the American Youth Congress should have initiated the united front!

Hearst the "Liberator"

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Cops Help Fascists Beat Up Workers

New York City.—Police cooperated with Italian Fascists last week in brutally dispersing peaceful anti-Fascist pickets in front of the Academy of Music on 14th St., where Mussolini's Blackshirt Raid was giving a performance. This was done by order of Commissioner Valentine. Mayor La Guardia's newest appointee. Many young workers were hurt by the cops.

Commissioner O'Ryan used to flatly deny the right to picket, and order his blue-coated thugs to smash the lines. Valentine has been substituted because he has a policy more to the "liberal" Mayor's taste. Valentine "guarantees" the right to picket. He only wants to prevent "disorder". So this is what was done:

The cops assembled near the hall, in squad cars, on foot, and on horse. Inside the hall a gang of Fascists, armed with umbrellas and sticks, organized themselves. They charged into the street, attacked the pickets, and created disorder. Then the cops came dashing up, beat and kicked pickets and passersby, and drove their horses into the crowd. Thereafter picketing was forbidden.

Pickets were arrested for disorderly conduct. Although none of the Fascists ran away, and they even gave their names and addresses openly to reporters, not a single Fascist was arrested. All these facts are confirmed by the reporter of the conservative New York Times.

Thus the New York cops serve the same role that the "democratic" cops did in Berlin, where they jailed workers for defending themselves against Hitler's assassins. And like its liberal brothers in Berlin, the New York Post as well as the reactionary press, applauds the actions of the New York cops! Many young workers were glad when the Post protested against the police's brutal treatment of Yipsels and Spartacus Youth members in the May 17 demonstration against German Fascism. But now they see that all the Post wants is a "smoother" method of breaking up anti-Fascist picketing, not a real fight against Fascism.

Students Protest Fascist Receptions

The Italian Fascist students visiting the United States have thus far met with receptions that show distinct hostility to the "dress parade" attempts of Mussolini to gain sympathy for the Fascist rule of terror over the Italian workers and peasants.

At C.C.N.Y. the official reception in the school auditorium was turned into a pitched battle on the platform. When Paul Alexander, representing the Student Council, walked to the microphone to announce the obvious attempt to paint Fascism in bright colors, he was cut off at his first remark. Reactionary R.O.T.C. members on the platform joined the professorial master of ceremonies in pushing Alexander away from the microphone. A fight took place and the youthful Fascists were ignominiously sneaked out the back door by an escort of police. A number of students then went to Lewisohn Stadium where a protest meeting was held. One reactionary student who interfered with the meeting was nearly mobbed.

At Hunter College the dean called off the reception, fearing a well organized reception which she had not planned. Persecution against the girls belonging to the National Student League and the League for Industrial Democracy is taking place on a wholesale scale: the Dean "interviews" the girls, threatens them with loss of student offices, taking away of C.W.A. jobs, suspensions, and even expulsion from school.

At N.Y.U. the demonstration was prevented from becoming a fight by a whole squad of cops.

NEW WORKERS PARTY TO BE FORMED

A step of great importance to all militant workers is the agreement reached between the Communist League of America and the American Workers Party to organize a new revolutionary party by fusing their forces. A Marxian declaration of principles and program of action is being prepared which will form the basis for the united party. The unity convention will be held in the near future.

A revolutionary Marxist party means a militant leadership to the working class in all its struggles. The workers, divided along various lines, racial and national, industrial and trade, organized and unorganized, employed and unemployed, adult and youth, each having its own sectional interests, needs a unifying force, a coordinator of the progressive group interests, a leadership which can guide the workers from their needs as they understand them to the needs of the entire class.

This is a revolutionary party. It was such an organization, the Bolshevik party, which led the workers and peasants of Russia to victory. It was the absence of such a party which is responsible for the tragic defeats of the workers in Germany and Austria and elsewhere.

Do we need a new workers' party in the United States? Are the interests of the working class ably defended by the Socialist party or the Stalinist Communist party? Look at the trade union field! Look at the lack of organization of the unemployed! See the menacing disorganization of the working class in

the face of the bosses' offensive, Fascism and the danger of imperialist war!

Only a party which in theory and practice is revolutionary Marxist, Bolshevik, which embraces the most intelligent, experienced, devoted and courageous workers can lead the workers against their exploiters. The party inherits all that is progressive and revolutionary and learns from the experience of its forerunners. The construction of such a force is not a task for one day or a year. It is a process of constant struggle, the gaining of new experiences and new forces.

The new party is to be founded by a fusion of the Communist League and the American Workers Party. The Communist League, as part of the world "Trotskyites" for many years, has fought for a revolutionary Marxist program and party. It struggled against the domination of Stalinism in the Communist International until the victory of Fascism in Germany and the capitulation without a struggle to the Communist party showed that the Communist International is dead as a revolutionary instrument.

The International-Communists then boldly proclaimed the need of a Fourth International, a new world party of Bolshevism. The Communist League of America struck out on new paths. The great Minneapolis truck drivers' strike are proofs of the valuable preparatory work of the Communist League of America. These years of struggle educated and trained revolutionists who will form

the solid core for the new party.

The American Workers Party has progressively developed from a trade union grouping (the Conference for Progressive Labor Action) to a revolutionary political group. The A.W.P. has been particularly active in the unemployed field where it has done some excellent work in organizing the jobless. It has developed capable and courageous field organizers and attracted excellent militant workers. In the Toledo strike several months ago the A.W.P. drove home to the entire labor movement the importance and method of connecting the jobless with the striking workers.

The Communist League of America and the American Workers Party, leaders of two of the most militant strike struggles in recent labor history, Minneapolis and Toledo, by their joint decision to launch the new party give new hope to the militant workers. After years of splits, chaos and confusion a strong and clear voice of revolutionary Marxist unity will be heard.

The new party will undoubtedly have tremendous effects on the Left wing workers in the Socialist movement. It will be a point of attraction for the young Socialists who are seeking a revolutionary program and organization. It will act as a magnet for the militant workers who are becoming disillusioned with Stalinism.

Above all it will be the party of those who for the first time are awakening to working class consciousness. It will lead them in struggle. It will have no interests separate and apart from theirs.

The Spartacus Youth warmly greet this step on the road to a Bolshevik party. The new party will give added impetus to the development of a mass militant youth movement. Our comrades have been prepared by their past to form the basic cadre for the new revolutionary youth league. With clarity and action as our motto we have participated in the struggles of the youth, and educated groups of youth in revolutionary Marxism. Now under new forms we will continue our work, with multiplied efforts: for the reconstruction of the movement of Marx and Engels, Liebknecht and Luxemburg, Lenin and Trotsky, for the Fourth International.

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Heroic Spanish Workers Revolt

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Meanwhile the Spanish workers, who are divided ideologically into many different groups—Socialists, Syndicalists, Anarchists, Stalinists, Trotskyists, etc. had been discussing and learning the important lessons of the German events of 1933. They realized that in Germany, Hitler had been able to smash the workers' organizations because the workers were divided. They drew the only possible conclusions from these events and set about organizing the Workers Alliances through which they might be able to present a united victorious struggle against the common enemy—Fascism.

Only Local United Fronts

The leaders of the Socialist party hesitated considerably in the matter of organizing the National Workers' Alliance while allowing their local groups to join the Alliance in the different localities. The Stalinists fought against the united front organization up until a few days before the outbreak of the civil war, when they finally joined it. The Anarchists have held aloof, together with the unions that they control. Being largely individualists, they did not want to tie up with any other groups although many of them have fought valiantly on the barricades with their class brothers. Before the united front organization could get well established, however, the storm broke.

A conservative coalition ministry headed by Samper, was unable to maintain itself between the pressure of the contending forces. The extreme reactionaries of the Catholic Fascist "Popular Action" party under the leadership of Gil Robles were bringing pressure to bear to have themselves included in the new cabinet, and when the new government was finally formed under Lerroux, three members of the Fascist organization were included. The working class organizations took the announcement of the new government's composition as the signal to declare a revolutionary general strike. The strike was very solid throughout the country from the first day. Shortly after its declaration armed clashes developed in many provinces and the country was plunged into a bloody civil war as the national army and the

Civil Guards attempted to subdue the workers who had dared rebel against capitalism and Fascism.

Strangely enough, to those unfamiliar with recent developments in Spain, it is the Socialist party that is playing the leading part in the insurrection under the slogan of the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is not the place or time to analyze in detail the many errors and mistakes of the Socialists, which endanger the possibilities of victory. They are guilty of both opportunist errors and adventurism in the handling of the whole affair, but as matters stand today, every Spanish worker realizes that it is too late to back out. The struggle must be carried through to either victory or annihilation.

As in Germany in 1933 and in Austria last February, so today in Spain, decisive battles are being fought with the Fascist reaction, struggles upon which are centered the attention of the workers of the whole world. In its sweep westward from Central Europe, the Fascist plague has, for the moment, jumped over France, to strike in Spain next. The Spanish workers are defending their organizations and the few democratic liberties they still have left, by means of the revolutionary general strike, united action, and whatever arms they are able to acquire. Today, the center of struggle of the world working class against Fascism is in Spain and all our energies must be bent to aiding the struggles of our Spanish comrades in every possible way. Upon the outcome in Spain may depend the future of the European workers for many years to come. A defeat in Spain today would greatly lessen the possibilities of victory in the inevitable struggle yet to come in France; while a victorious outcome for the workers in the present conflict would pave the way to a victory for the workers in France. Together, these two countries will decide whether Fascism is to dominate Europe for the next few decades. If its course is checked now, the tide can be turned the other way, the existing Fascist dictatorships will be doomed, and we shall witness the opening of new perspectives for the workers' revolution in Europe and throughout the world.