

Women TUUL Delegates Open Campaign to Organize Unorganized Fellow-Workers

8,500,000 SLAVE IN INDUSTRY; AFL IGNORING THEM

Negro Women Among 72 Delegates

OLNEY, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Women delegates to the Trade Union Unity League Convention enthusiastically adopted proposals for organization in connection with the new national union center to reach the great masses of unorganized women in industry throughout the country. Meeting in a special conference, 72 women workers representing 14 industries heard reports calling for organization in each industry and resolved upon a campaign of action.

The women's conference recognized that one of the major tasks of the Trade Union Unity League will be to organize 8,500,000 women workers, still practically unorganized. Rose Wortis, of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, in opening the session, pointed out that in spite of rapidly increasing numbers of women in industry, the American federation of Labor has entirely ignored the whole problem. Where formerly women were centered largely in the lighter industries, today they are exploited also in war industries and in heavy industry generally; numbers of women auto workers increased by 408 per cent and women steel workers by 145 per cent in ten years.

Negro Woman Delegate.

Delegate Joyce, Negro representative from a Ladies' Auxiliary, National Miners' Union, and chairman of the women's conference, was one of seven representatives from miners' auxiliaries. A steel worker, Katharine Mylan, of Wheeling, W. Va., described the need for organization among women steel workers and ended with a ringing call to all rank-and-file workers, "We are not going to wait for speakers to be sent to us. We are going to make speakers out of ourselves."

Textile workers, South and North, cotton and silk, were well represented by eight women delegates from Gastonia, New Bedford, Bethlehem, Pa., and other centers. Daisy MacDonald, one of the Gastonia strikers who showed such splendid fighting spirit on the picket line, appealed for more organizers in the southern textile field. Anna Burlak, young silk worker and one of the two women representatives elected to the National Committee of the T.U.U.L., spoke for the young workers who are outnumbering old women in the textile industries. Mary Cornea of New Bedford brought enthusiastic applause by her appeal to married women "not to make excuses of their husbands."

For the 16 women delegates from garment trades, Yanynskaya, who organized the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, described successful organization methods in the Boston field.

Expose A. F. of L.

Chicago waitresses were represented by Alma Polkoff who described the failure of the A. F. of L. Waitresses Union, which has done nothing to organize 50,000 waitresses in the city, among whom are 10,000 Negroes. Only in the Russian Workers Cooperative restaurant have the workers union conditions. Among other women who spoke on conditions in their industries were delegates Ross of the Chicago electrical workers, Getz and Morrison of the Detroit auto workers, a representative of laundry workers in Washington, D. C., and a delegate from the Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union who told of a woman's department in the new union, giving women an opportunity never granted in any old A. F. of L. union.

Women workers' demands include equal pay for equal work, prohibition of night work, protection for mother and child, especially in the period before and after child birth and social insurance against unemployment, illness and old age. With a splendid spirit of determination women delegates went home from the Cleveland convention ready to fight for these demands in the unions already organized and to work for the organization of over 8,000,000 unorganized women workers.

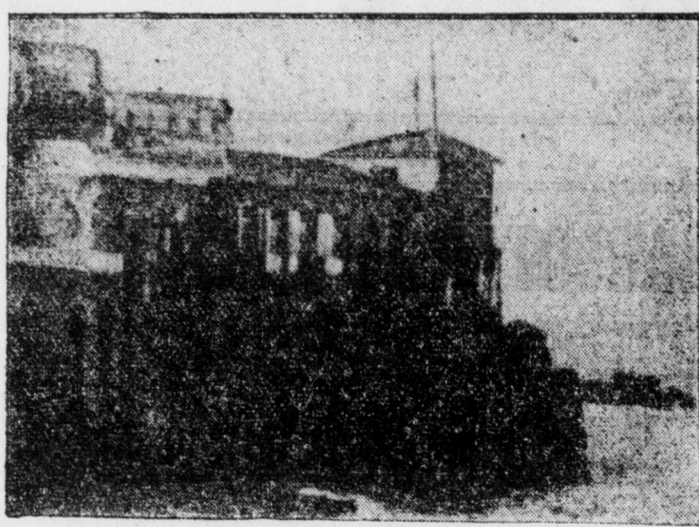
Upholsterers Strike Is Continuing; Officials Bar Militant Action

The Upholsterers Union strike enters its second week with union officials continuing their policy of preventing the workers from forming mass picket lines or spreading the strike to large factories. The strike is being led by the executive board of the union, the mass of workers having no say in the formation of policy. The officialdom has opposed the election of a strike committee and have not brought the most active members of the union into organization work.

In those shops, all of them small, in which strikes have been called, the response has been 100 per cent. However, the union officials are only sending several pickets to each struck shop, telling them to picket according to instructions of the policeman on the post.

Several shops have already settled with the union, granting its demands of 40 hour week, \$44 week wage, equal division of work and discharge of workers.

Where Arabs Fight Imperialists



A scene at Jaffa, a center of the Arabs' rebellion against imperialism of both Britain and France.

Trial Is to Have Packed Jury

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tion's invariable questions. If the venireman is a business man or if the Manville-Jencks lawyers have confidential information from their detectives that the venireman is "O.K.," these are the only questions and the venireman is "passed" to the defense for questioning. But if he is a worker, or a farmer, he is asked "Are you a member of any labor organization? Do you read the Daily Worker or any other labor paper? Are you a church member? Do you believe in capital punishment? Would you render a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree when it means electrocution, upon circumstantial evidence only?"

It is remarkable that a very large percentage of the veniremen, especially workers and farmers, have conscientious scruples against capital punishment, especially in circumstantial evidence.

There have been only a very few that are not members of some church—mostly Presbyterians and Methodists. A great many have admitted that they could not believe the testimony of the defendants in their own behalf, "if it should appear that they hold radical religious beliefs or none at all." They would be "more ready to convict a labor organizer who is an atheist or agnostic than a good Christian."

Just a "Fair" Conviction.

The prosecution pretends to "want only a fair trial," but when a venireman states frankly that he believes the defendants are guilty, the prosecution readily accepts him as a juror and "passes" him to the defense counsel. Then Frank Flowers, Tom Jimison or Thad Adams asks the following question: "What papers have you read?" The answer being "the Charlotte Observer or the News, the defense asks "Have you formed or expressed an opinion from what you have read and heard about this case that any or all of the defendants are guilty? Would you carry your opinions into the jury box with you? Would it take evidence to remove your prejudice?"

About sixty per cent of those examined thus far have admitted prejudice against the defendants. This corresponds almost exactly with the percentage of business men, salesmen, professionals, executives and wealthy farmers. About fifteen per cent have expressed the opinion that the defendants are not guilty. Nearly all of these are poor or tenant farmers or unskilled workers; a few small storekeepers and skilled workers and here and there an unusually intelligent and liberal "white collar slave" will express sympathy with the defendants. A still smaller number of workers or farmers will be prejudiced against the defendants. But these are rare exceptions—one can prophesy with startling accuracy what the answers will be as soon as the venireman takes the stand, by his appearance, occupation and social status.

About 25 per cent say that they have no fixed convictions, and can be impartial jurors. Out of these, twelve have been selected as jurors, acceptable to both prosecution and defense.

May Be Packed.

Of course it is probable that many of those who swore that they are impartial, are prejudiced against the defendants, but were coached by the

agents of the mill owners who hoped to get them on the jury. Whether or not any of these succeeded in getting on the jury, cannot be said.

Other questions of the defense counsel were: "Do you believe that workers have the right to organize? Are you prejudiced against labor unions that are not affiliated with the A. F. of L.? Are you prejudiced against northern organizers coming down South to organize and lead strikes? Do you believe that a man has a right to defend himself and his property against unlawful attack, even if the attacker is an officer?" 75 per cent answered this last question with a very decided "Yes!" Southerners believe in self-defense.

Almost none of the prosperous petty bourgeoisie that admitted prejudice against the defendants could give any specific reasons for their prejudice or any facts upon which they based their opinions. The usual answer was "from what I read in the Charlotte Observer or the Charlotte News and what I have heard."

"Ringleaders, Like Beal."

But most of them knew quite well against whom their prejudice is directed—the ringleaders, like Beal. The northern agitators who are responsible for coming down and stirring up all the trouble.

Ninety-five per cent of the workers and farmers answered yes to the query "Do you believe in the right of labor to organize and strike?" Not many of the business men would say "No" to that question, but when asked if they were prejudiced against "radical unions not affiliated with the A. F. of L., they would unhesitatingly answer "Yes, I am."

Many were led into saying that they thought "unions are alright unless they start strikes." In other words they subscribe to the class-collaboration industrial peace policies of Woll, Green and Co. But when it comes to unions that have a program of class struggle, of fighting the bosses for higher wages and better conditions, for abolition of the system of exploitation, they are class-conscious—they would like to see the leaders of such unions as the N.T.W.U., electrocuted, without any scruples about evidence or law.

Paens of praise to the "impartiality" of Judge Barnhill cannot conceal this fact made evident through six days of questioning of nearly 500 veniremen—taxpayers of Mecklenburg County. The state of bitter hostility on the part of the capitalist and middle class toward the defendants, the N.T.W.U. and the I.L.D. added to the fact that capitalist laws and capitalist courts are designed to protect the interests of the capitalist class, make impossible an impartial trial in Charlotte.

Food Clerks Organize Industrially Through 'Amalgamated' Merger

Plans for a city-wide organization drive among thousands of food clerks—especially in the big chain stores—were formulated when the Food Clerks' Industrial Union, Local 17, Amalgamated Food Workers, received its charter from the parent body at 220 E. 14th St. last night.

The organization was formerly known as the Retail Grocery, Fruit, Butcher and Dairy Clerks' Union.

DISCUSS PAPERS AND THE T. U. U. L. OFFICIAL ORGAN

Endorse the Daily Worker

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the front ranks of the struggles of the workers against rationalization, for the National Textile Workers Union in the South, in the Gastonia defense, in defense of the Soviet Union, etc. The Press Committee has prepared a special resolution on the Daily Worker, endorsing its campaigns.

We have our own organ, Labor Unity, the official organ of the T.U.U.L. At the Labor Unity conference last night, attended by more than 50 delegates, a thorough discussion, participated in by almost everyone present, took place, and the conference unanimously adopted a resolution taking concrete steps for the strengthening of our press. (This resolution was unanimously adopted by the convention.) In addition, a large number of suggestions were made which will be turned over to the incoming National Executive Board for action.

The conference proposes that: (1) an immediate subscription campaign be carried on with the immediate aim of securing 25,000 yearly subscriptions for Labor Unity. (2) Every T.U.U.L. group be instructed to select a Labor Unity agent, and a number of other definite steps to broaden the distribution and put the finances on a sound basis, including the distribution of Labor Unity at factory gates, house to house distribution, etc. (3) Every T.U.U.L. unit to select a worker correspondent.

Worker Correspondents.

Workers correspondence was taken up at length in our conference. Workers correspondence is the life blood of the paper, sinking the roots of the T.U.U.L. deep among the factory workers. Workers correspondents must write about not only local factory matters, but about general subjects as well, such as strike strategy, for who should discuss this important subject if not those workers who have just been through a strike? Labor Unity belongs to the workers of the T.U.U.L. and they must make it their paper by writing for it and seeing to it that it is distributed on a mass scale.

It is not necessary here to go into the importance of the press to the T.U.U.L. This was taken up in my speech during the discussion yesterday. The press is not only the mouthpiece of the T.U.U.L., bringing the program and campaign of the R.I.L.U. and T.U.U.L. to the workers, and summing up the lessons of past activities, but it is also an actual organizer of the left wing movement. Labor Unity is one of the chief means in bringing the program of the T.U.U.L. to the unorganized masses, introducing and drawing hitherto unorganized masses of workers into our movement.

To Improve.

Many shortcomings were pointed out in the Labor Unity conference, much constructive criticism given, all of which was carefully noted and will be acted upon. The financial and editorial weakness of Labor Unity has been largely the accompaniment of the organizational weakness of the movement in general. Just as this convention marks a big step forward in unifying and bettering the organization of the T.U.U.L., just as this convention means the strengthening and enlarging of the organizational side of the work, so will this convention mark a turning point for Labor Unity.

Editorially, we must better the paper. The convention must also mean the establishment of Labor Unity on a sound financial basis, the building up of Labor Unity agents, district conferences to better distribution, wide subscription campaigns, more distribution by the new unions, etc.

We may expect that the attention given by this convention to our press will mean the building up of Labor Unity as a real mass organ, having scores of thousands of subscribers and scores of thousands of

CHARLOTTE TRIAL OPENS WITH LIE BY STAR WITNESS

Bring in Image of Dead Chief to Jolt Jury

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having been in jail a short time before the shooting.

Thus the testimony of the state's star witness conflicts with all the known facts and contradicts his own previous testimony.

The spectators in court will be made up of the workers and their enemies. The questioning of the veniremen, taxpayers according to North Carolina law, and therefore not including a fair proportion of workers, still has given a good idea of the class division and the reaction of businessmen and workers, to the right of union men to defend themselves, and their organization, from murderous attack.

For instance, during the questioning, C. H. James, a mechanic, once a member of the International Association of Machinists, stated: "I am absolutely convinced of the innocence of the defendants. I believe that they had a perfect right to defend themselves. The police were interfering with them, and had no business to do so."

Hates Non-A. F. L. Union.

On the other hand, a local member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks for 16 years stated: "I am prejudiced against the radical union that the defendants belong to because it is not affiliated with the A. F. of L., and that prejudice would influence my verdict." In other words, this A. F. L. member would send 16 union members to electrocution because they are organizing a militant union and fighting not only bosses but A. F. L. bureaucrats who are agents of bosses within the labor movement.

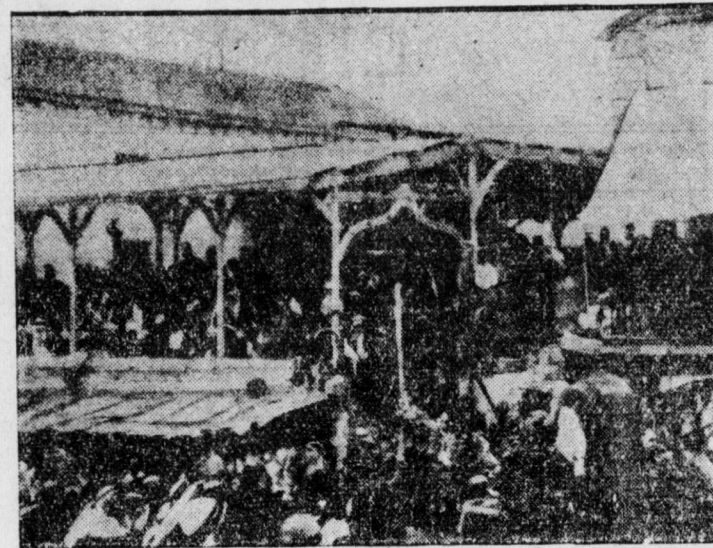
Another venireman, J. H. Pruett, a carpenter who has started a small grocery store, and whose customers are all mill workers, said: "I don't think any of the defendants are guilty. I have talked to workers from Gastonia in my store, and I believe that the union people were right to defend themselves. Also I know one of the officers who was with Aderholt when they raided the union grounds and that makes me more sympathetic with the defendants. No, I could not be impartial, I would vote to acquit them."

Knows They're Innocent.

C. A. VanDyke, now a farmer, but who worked for 25 years in the mills declared, "From what I have read and heard I don't think they could possibly be guilty of murder. I am opposed to capital punishment on circumstantial evidence, too. But I would vote for conviction if the evidence showed conclusively they

bundle order distribution. The formation of the new trade union center means the beginning of the building of a mass press, sinking its roots deep among the workers, the building of a weapon of major importance to the revolutionary trade union movement of this country.

Arabs Planning Fight on Imperialism



The crimes of British imperialism against the Arabian workers and peasants, perpetrated by Zionist aides, are being denounced here by the speakers at a mass meeting of outside Jaffa Gate.

Worker-Freiheit Bazar Meeting on Sept. 10th

A conference of all Daily Worker and Freiheit Bazaar Committees elected by various organizations will be held September 10th at 8 p. m. at the Workers Center, 26-28 Union Square. Organizations that do not as yet elect a committee should do so at once and if no meeting will be held until after the conference, the secretary should represent the organization.

Prepare for the Daily Worker-Freiheit Bazar

Workers are preparing for the great annual event, the Daily Worker and Morning Freiheit Bazaar which will be held on Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Madison Square Garden. The Bazaar Committee reports that the Bazaar this year will be larger and more elaborate than the two previous ones. The millinery workers promise to have a real millinery shop where you will be able to get the latest styles in hats. The dress and cloakmakers are already making up beautiful dresses and coats which will be sold at bargain prices. The clothing workers are making preparations to have the largest assortment of men's top coats, suits, and overcoats. The Women's Council is working in full speed for their booths. They promise to have 12 booths where they will sell kitchen utensils. And of course the jewelers will be there with their factory and repair shop. They are also making up some new revolutionary emblems. The cafeteria workers are organizing the best cooks in the city for our restaurant and they urge all comrades to stop eating until the Bazaar. If you are eating at home the grocery clerks have promised to supply us with all the best canned goods in the city and if you are a vegetarian you will be able to obtain fresh and canned vegetables at vegetarian prices.

The committee requests that if any organization has not yet begun to work on the Bazaar to get in touch with the Bazaar Committee at once. Get your tickets at once. Organizations should take bundles of tickets.

Build up the United Front of the Working Class From the Bottom Up—at the Enterprises!

As far as I am concerned, I can't claim to have discovered the existence of classes in modern society or their strife against one another. Middle-class historians long ago described the evolution of the class struggle, and political economists showed the economic physiology of the classes. I have added as a new contribution the following propositions: 1) that the existence of classes is bound up with certain phases of material production; 2) that the class struggle leads necessarily to the dictatorship of the proletariat; 3) that this dictatorship is but the transition to the abolition of all classes and to the creation of a society of free and equal.—Marx.

ENTHUSIASM FOR T. U. U. L.'S FUTURE RUNNING HIGH

Pledge of Solidarity from Mexican Workers

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of murders of workers and peasants, raids upon headquarters, suppression of newspapers including the "Defensa Proletaria," organ of the Confederacion Sindical Unitaria de Mexico.

"The Portes Gil government in its desire to suppress all possible criticism, against the reactionary labor code he is trying to impose upon Mexican labor, does not hesitate in its repressive measures against us." Another fundamental task, the letter points out, is, "The problem of the hundreds of thousands of Mexican and Spanish speaking workers in the southern part of the United States living in the most incredible conditions of slavery and exploitation. These workers you must reach and organize. Only in this way can we secure an important ally either in the struggle against American imperialism in the United States as in the struggle against the Latin American bourgeoisie, especially the Mexican new-riches."

YOUNG WORKERS IN ARMY JAIL

Gastonia Girl Striker Was Giving Leaflets

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Sept. 5.—Louise Grant and Sylvia Langdon, a Gastonia striker, both members of the Communist Youth League were arrested yesterday evening at Fort Sheridan for distributing Youth Day leaflets.

They were held in the guard house and the Highwood jail. Angry army officers tried to intimidate them with threats of six months' imprisonment if they ever returned.

Crouch Arrested.

Paul Crouch, Oliva Salminen, and Steve Karsten later called at military headquarters, as a committee representing the International Labor Defense and demanded the charges on which the young workers were held and that bail be set. All were immediately arrested and locked in the guard house. Grant, Langdon, Crouch and the others were released this morning after further threats against them.

The Highwood police telephoned Waukegan police requesting them to use tear gas to prevent the Youth Day demonstration.

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Programs Under the Slogan of "Down With Programs"

Cowardly fascists can be very "brave"—under some circumstances. The Jewish Daily Forward has been for some years the chief press organ of the Socialist Party and the chief strikebreaking organ of the employers in industries employing a decisive proportion of Jewish workers. There is hardly a Jewish worker in the United States who has not been directly injured by the unscrupulous lying and strikebreaking of that organ of the cloak and suit manufacturers, which uses a "socialist" mask; and certainly the working class cause as a whole has suffered as well. There is no more consistent slanderer of the Soviet Union, no more corrupt instigator of imperialist war against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, no more abandoned counter-revolutionary rag of the wealthy ruling class than the "socialist" organ of Mr. Abe Cahan. And perhaps the most conspicuous characteristic of the yellow "Forward" is its cowardice, its readiness to set its sails to any wind that blows to the interests of its paymasters.

Today the Jewish Daily "Forward" is conducting a campaign of fascist-gangster terrorism against the organs of the working class under conditions which it considers unusually favorable. The conditions are:

- (1) That the whole capitalist class, capitalist government and capitalist press find it to its interest just now to conduct imperialist-militarist propaganda in the guise of a DEFENSE OF JEWISH NATIONALISM.
- (2) That among the masses of Jewish workers a large proportion has not yet been able to throw off the corrupting influence of the petty-bourgeois reactionary nationalist movement, is not yet able to see all questions of class struggle with the clear eyes of proletarian class-consciousness.

The same gangsters which the "Forward" has in the past so often mobilized to break strikes in the needle trades in New York, Chicago, Cleveland and other cities are now being organized into fascist bands to raid and attempt to wreck the branch offices of the Communist organ in the Jewish language, the Daily Freiheit. Attempts are being made to terrorize newsmen who handle the Freiheit and the other working class papers. The yellow organ of the cloak and suit manufacturers is trying to utilize the darkest forces of reactionary nationalism to smash the press of the working class.

Hoover, Wall Street's militarist president, is with the yellow "Forward" in this. All of the powerful capitalist newspapers are with the "Forward" in the desire to weaken the labor movement in favor of a reactionary nationalism. Every cloak and suit manufacturer, every sweat-shop proprietor, will support the "Forward" in trying to create nationalist mobs to injure the workers' Communist press.

Is it not clear that if reactionary nationalism can be made to take the place of militant class-consciousness among the Jewish workers, then the bosses can easily defeat the workers in coming struggles—for instance, in the needle trades?

The revolutionary workers' press will fight relentlessly against the reactionary nationalism which the whole of the capitalist press, church and state are trying to fan into flame among sections of the workers. The interests of the workers of all countries and races are the same, and their interests lie in proletarian revolution, NOT in reactionary nationalist solidarity with the capitalist class of "their own" race or country. Emancipation for Jewish workers, as for all workers, lies in the class struggle and is not to be found in becoming cannon-fodder for Herbert Hoover or Lord Balfour in counter-revolutionary war of subjugation of the Arabian people.

The class-conscious workers of all races raise the banner of struggle against the imperialism of Great Britain and the United States and all other capitalist governments, whether it be in Arabia or Nicaragua, India, China or in the "home" countries. The Communist press knows that the working class, Jew and gentile alike, will be won for this cause and upon its success will rise the freedom of all men. The valiant Communist Party of Palestine, including Jewish, Arabian and other workers, does and will continue to fight against imperialism and its Zionist flunkies.

This cause—the cause of proletarian revolution, coupled with the struggles for liberation of the colonial victims of imperialism—is the dearest treasure in the eyes of intelligent workers. The working class will be won for this cause. And certainly not the least valiant of the soldiers in the victorious ranks of our class will be these same Jewish workers whom the contemptible "Forward," with counter-revolutionary "pogrom" propaganda no less vile than was used by the imperialists in the last world war, is trying to transform into enemies of their own cause.

International Youth Day

TODAY, on the Fifteenth International Youth Day, the working youth of the entire world finds it more necessary than ever to organize the struggle against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union. Today, the danger of war is not something of the future, but a living reality of the moment. It is just at this time that the revolutionary youth, under the leadership of the Young Communist International, must carry on a decisive struggle to win the majority of the young workers to the side of the working class.

International Youth Day was founded at the historic Berne Conference of 1915, called by the revolutionary youth, to map out the struggle against the world war. This conference, born out of the treachery and betrayals of the social-democrats (socialists) was held under the leadership of Karl Liebknecht, and clearly declared that there is only one method of fighting against war, and that is by revolutionary means—by working for the overthrow of capitalism. The Berne Conference was the forerunner to the Young Communist International, and was born at the conference of the Young Socialist International in Berlin, 1919.

The Young Communist International will be ten years old in November. It has in the past decade clearly proven itself the only leader of the toiling youth of the world over. The Young Communist International has welded together the revolutionary youth of the world in the fire of Leninism; it has struggled against every form of opportunism, and by its revolutionary leadership has mobilized millions of young workers in the struggle against imperialist war.

Today, on International Youth Day, 1929, we must remember the lessons of the last war and of Lenin and Liebknecht. Today, more than ever before, pacifism is used as a smoke-screen by the imperialist powers to hide their tremendous preparations for war. We know that the socialists of today, together with the Hoover's, Kelloggs, Briands, MacDonalds, etc., only use pacifist slogans to lull the masses to sleep, to make them unaware of the blood bath being prepared. The revolutionary youth is not against war. They know that it is only by putting CLASS WAR against IMPERIALIST WAR that war can be done away with in general. At the time of war, they will not use pacifist phrases to fight it, but will organize the young workers in the armies of the imperialists to turn their guns against their only enemies—the capitalists.

Today, the Young Communist League of America is demonstrating against the coming imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union. The struggle against imperialist war is not only a struggle of the youth. The work of defending the Soviet Union is not only the work of the youth. The entire working class must understand the significance of International Youth Day and of the struggle to defend the Soviet Union and against capitalist war. On International Youth Day the revolutionary workers must also pay special attention to the Young Communist League and help in the development of a mass revolutionary youth movement.

Actively defend the Soviet Union, the only fatherland of the workers throughout the world!

Fight against pacifism, the smoke-screen for the bosses' war preparations!

Defeat the American capitalists and their Chinese hirelings in their war against workers' Russia!

Smash the military youth organizations of the bosses (C.M.T.C., National Guard, etc.)!

Fight for the release of John Porter!

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MANVILLE-JENCKES: "And Now, Rush It Through, Please!"

By Fred Ellis



The Indiana N.M. U. Convention

ARTICLE III. BICKNELL, Indiana (By Mail).—The District Convention of the National Miners Union, in session here continued on its third day to hear the report of the committee on resolutions. The convention adopted a resolution unanimously condemning and pledging a struggle against the "cooperative mine" swindle which has invaded Indiana. The resolution declared that "the so-called 'cooperative system' of mining, is far from a genuine cooperative enterprise, controlled, operated and directed by the workers, but is a gigantic and colossal swindle engineered by the small and independent operators who are commencing to feel the sting of consolidation, mergers and concentration of the industry in the hands of corporations, thereby affording these tadpole operators an opportunity to crawl from under in time; such schemes serve to thwart and prevent the complete unionization of the miners; fosters the false illusions of 'workers control of industry' under capitalism; serve to reduce wages, liquidate conditions and generally set the pace for low standards." The resolution states that the only positive way for the miners to better their conditions is by building their union, the N. M. U. into a powerful weapon, to force concessions from the employers.

Lewis Aids Wage Cutting.

A resolution against wage cuts was unanimously adopted. The resolution instructs all N. M. U. members to fight wage cuts by strikes wherever possible. It states: "The Lewis machine of the defunct United Mine Workers of America, in league with the mineowners, are responsible for forcing numerous wage cuts on the miners. The Indiana 'contract' reducing wages from \$7.50 to \$6.10' accepted by Lewis, engineered by Cartwright, former district president, now a company official, brought wage cuts to 'organized' Indiana. We declare opposition to wage cuts under all circumstances. Our members are instructed to fight wage cuts by strikes, and expose those who, like the corrupt Lewis machine, aid the employers to put across wage cuts. We further condemn the 'back-to-work' movements at a lower wage scale, which are usually engineered by the coal companies."

Resolution Against War.

"All of the big capitalist countries are today monster armed camps, with each country feverishly increasing its expenditures for poison gas, tanks, airplanes, battleships, and other military and naval supplies in preparation for a new world slaughter in which the capitalists hope to secure greater profits by capturing foreign markets, fields of investment for their already great surplus wealth, and sources of cheap materials for their industries. "While these capitalist powers have bitter antagonisms between themselves, principally they are preparing for war against the Soviet Union—the one country where the working class has taken power in its own hands and has utilized that power to establish the 7-hour-day (6 hours for miners and other workers engaged in hazardous occupation), unemployment and social insurance, annual vacations for workers with pay, a powerful trade union movement with over 10,000,000 members, and many other things which have enabled the Russian workers to improve their own conditions and give aid to the workers in many other countries. "The attack now going on against the Soviet Union by the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek government of China, which has recently smashed the Chinese trade union movement, and killed hundreds of Chinese workers and peasants, is being carried on with the full support of the United States government and the other big imperialist powers and is the first step of the big capitalists to crush the Soviet Union which will later include attacks through Poland, the Baltic and Balkan states. "In furtherance of America's war preparations the capitalists in all industries are laying off workers, speeding up production, lowering wages, etc., in an effort to cheapen production costs and place the industries on a war basis and in these war preparations the reactionary officials of the A.F.L. and the socialist party are either openly supporting these preparations (Green, Wall, Lewis) or else confusing the workers and covering up these preparations with pacifist phrases and support for the fake Kellogg pact and other fake peace proposals. "Therefore be it resolved: that the National Miners Union of Indiana intensify its struggle against the betrayals of the reactionary A.F.L. leaders, for the building and strengthening of the National Miners Union; and that the National Miners Union will wage the most determined struggles to prevent the successful carrying through of America's war preparations and in the event of the outbreak of war our whole forces will be united with the workers in other industries in an effort to bring about the defeat of the capitalists who control this country and to bring victory to the workers through setting up a workers anti-farmers government; and that this convention sees in the Soviet Union a country where the working class is in power and where that power is being used to improve the lot of the working class, the therefore calls upon all workers to utilize every means at their command to defend the Soviet Union against the attacks of the same capitalist controlled governments which in the past have used their brutal police and military power against striking miners and striking workers in other industries. "Long live the Soviet Union! "Down with capitalism!"

The Fifteenth International Youth Day

(Continued) In France, 9,000 schools already include military training in their curriculum. To these we must add the 9,000 rifle and sport clubs. In 1927, 34,000 boys with military training entered the examinations.

This military training of the youth is carried on in every capitalist state. Even Denmark pays a yearly subsidy of 100,000 Kr. for this purpose, and even the little Estonia provides year for year for the military training of 10,000 boys.

Our Fight Against War Danger. All these above facts show how important it is for the revolutionary working masses, particularly the young workers, who are the first ones to be utilized as cannon-fodder to fight against all these war preparations on the part of the imperialists.

The revolutionary working youth under the leadership of the Young Communist League of the U.S.A. has always been in the front rank of the struggle against the war danger. It is sufficient to mention important demonstrations against intervention of American imperialism in China, in Nicaragua, in Mexico and the other Latin-American countries; the activities in U. S. army itself; the splendid examples of Crouch, Trumbull, Porter, etc.; the struggle in the schools and col-

leges; the activities in the National Guard, Citizens Military Training Camps, Reserve Officers Training Corps, etc., etc.

But at the present moment, when the danger of war is so imminent, especially all N. M. U. members, submitted by several local unions. A large number of delegates participated in the discussion. Freeman Thompson, Executive Board Member from Illinois, condemned the imperialist attack of the Chiang Kai-shek brigands on the Soviet Union and called for mass organization of the miners as the best means to defend the Soviet Union. The reso-

lution is as follows: "Resolution Against War. "All of the big capitalist countries are today monster armed camps, with each country feverishly increasing its expenditures for poison gas, tanks, airplanes, battleships, and other military and naval supplies in preparation for a new world slaughter in which the capitalists hope to secure greater profits by capturing foreign markets, fields of investment for their already great surplus wealth, and sources of cheap materials for their industries. "While these capitalist powers have bitter antagonisms between themselves, principally they are preparing for war against the Soviet Union—the one country where the working class has taken power in its own hands and has utilized that power to establish the 7-hour-day (6 hours for miners and other workers engaged in hazardous occupation), unemployment and social insurance, annual vacations for workers with pay, a powerful trade union movement with over 10,000,000 members, and many other things which have enabled the Russian workers to improve their own conditions and give aid to the workers in many other countries. "The attack now going on against the Soviet Union by the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek government of China, which has recently smashed the Chinese trade union movement, and killed hundreds of Chinese workers and peasants, is being carried on with the full support of the United States government and the other big imperialist powers and is the first step of the big capitalists to crush the Soviet Union which will later include attacks through Poland, the Baltic and Balkan states. "In furtherance of America's war preparations the capitalists in all industries are laying off workers, speeding up production, lowering wages, etc., in an effort to cheapen production costs and place the industries on a war basis and in these war preparations the reactionary officials of the A.F.L. and the socialist party are either openly supporting these preparations (Green, Wall, Lewis) or else confusing the workers and covering up these preparations with pacifist phrases and support for the fake Kellogg pact and other fake peace proposals. "Therefore be it resolved: that the National Miners Union of Indiana intensify its struggle against the betrayals of the reactionary A.F.L. leaders, for the building and strengthening of the National Miners Union; and that the National Miners Union will wage the most determined struggles to prevent the successful carrying through of America's war preparations and in the event of the outbreak of war our whole forces will be united with the workers in other industries in an effort to bring about the defeat of the capitalists who control this country and to bring victory to the workers through setting up a workers anti-farmers government; and that this convention sees in the Soviet Union a country where the working class is in power and where that power is being used to improve the lot of the working class, the therefore calls upon all workers to utilize every means at their command to defend the Soviet Union against the attacks of the same capitalist controlled governments which in the past have used their brutal police and military power against striking miners and striking workers in other industries. "Long live the Soviet Union! "Down with capitalism!"

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Every young proletarian must join these mass meetings and demonstrations and raise his (or her) voice against the existing capitalist system and its inevitable wars!

Friday, September 6, with mass meetings and demonstrations which are to last over the week-end. In New York, on September 6 there will be a youth demonstration on Union Square, at 6 p. m. The Young Communist League is now preparing to make International Youth Day equal the demonstration of Red Day (August First), and is part of our struggle against imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union. In New York, as well as all over the United States, the Young Communist League of the U.S.A.—the only revolutionary youth organization in this country—will commemorate International Youth Day on

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THEIR HEADS UNBOWED
Russian soldiers fighting in France hear of the Revolution. They establish Soviets and demand to be returned to Russia. Eleven thousand of them, unmoved by the combined terror of czarist and French officers, are left at La Courtiere and treated as mutineers.

IT IS well to realize what lofty moral principles—in the fullest sense of the words—inspired this passive revolt, what deep searchings of conscience.

These Russian soldiers had been slow to act, had discussed the question up and down. And then, though the message of the Russian revolution had fired them and their hearts were won, they had not acted on impulse, nor even wildly. They had not acted on impulse, nor even wildly. They had not shown themselves aggressive. Their weapon was non-resistance, and they accepted death—exactly like Gandhi's Hindus a few years later, when they offered their naked bodies to the British machine guns and bombs and bayonets.

Their standpoint was this: We have the right to choose for ourselves because the revolution has completely altered things in our own country. Our obligations no longer hold good, for we made them to men who lied to us scandalously and who have been pulled down; our former masters danced over an earthquake and were blown away by the wind. Our destiny has changed and our eyes have been opened, at one and the same time. We are not sold for all time, like cattle to butchers, because Nicholas II wanted Constantinople and, till he got it, French money too; because British imperialism wanted to keep the sovereignty of the seas and German imperialism wanted to win it; because the United States wanted to make money, like the iron-masters and cotton kings and all other all-powerful swindlers of the human race. We can no longer swallow that tremendous paradox, according to which the Germany of Kaiser Wilhelm II was the only hungry nation roaring after its prey in the midst of the seraphic concert of Allied Powers. We have the right to cancel the bonds bartered with these souls and bodies of ours, and claim ourselves back for ourselves."

THE officers' standpoint was this: The Revolution? Bravo! Long Live Freedom! But we must carry on the war for the benefit of the English, French and Italian governments. If you ground arms, then in the first place you're cowards; in the second, you'll be the death of your own revolution, furthermore the French gunners will send you below.

Like all healthy-minded men who want to understand and carry out their honest duty, the Russian soldiers had long discussed the question among themselves, as I have said. I know, for instance, that they debated what line of action to adopt at the time of the attack on Fort Brimont—because they were anxious to do the right thing, and not because they were afraid. And the proof lies in the words which closed their debate. Feeling in doubt and not knowing what to do, they said: "We'll go, and we'll do what our officers tell us to do." And off they went into that shambles in column of fours.

BUT now let us return, after this digression, to the palaces already familiar to us. The French authorities were frightened of these bold rebels who were now nothing but soldiers of the revolution. Such examples can be infectious: there were seventeen outbreaks of mutiny among the French troops. The serviceable masses had begun to swell out this capitalists' war and to feel they had enough of it. The time had come to reflect. The French authorities said to the Russian authorities: "Take the men back to your country, or else break them in, and we'll lend you a hand." But away in Russia, in a sister place, Kerensky felt still more frightened than the French of these soldiers with a Cause. This lord of revolution was always afraid of revolution. He was not anxious to see the revolutionaries back at home. He temporized, as his custom was, then, by way of reply, sent trustworthy reinforcements to the 2nd Brigade which was hostile to the 1st.

SUPPOSING that one had been looking down that day—from an aeroplane, say—on the camp of La Courtiere, one would have seen the encircling rings closing in under the orders of General Beliaev. First ring: three battalions, three machine-gun companies and four batteries—all that: Russian troops and French guns. Second circle: French troops; the 19th, 78th, 82nd and 105th line regiments with cavalry and artillery. On the 14th September a last ultimatum was sent by General Beliaev. It was rejected. Steps were taken to evacuate the civilian population from the village of La Courtiere; round this the conscious storm, the pre-arranged disaster, could be seen concentrating.

IT WAS at this stage that the Meeting of Those Condemned to Die took place, the scene which I cut out of its proper place to show you first of all. Let us quickly call back to mind the phases of that moving picture. Then, the bombardment began; two handsmen were wiped out, eight men. The enemy had dug trenches all round La Courtiere. A systematic attack is launched against these eleven-thousand men who are without means of self-defence, who have sacrificed their lives, but not their cause. Five days the attack lasted, attended by all the horrors of war, including isolated murders by officers with no other motive than fury and sadism, including pillage, too. The last soldiers were attacked at the bayonet's point. Several hundreds were killed, more were wounded, eight hundred were missing. Out of eleven thousand, just a little over eight thousand were left. It is impossible to give exact numbers for the killed, because they were buried in secret at night, and all signs of their graves were concealed. To this day one may be walking over them unawares.

The rest of them were heaped up, in cargo loads, in those dark, unhealthy, reeking dens called transport hulls, to be despatched to Africa.

WHILE this was happening, more Russian soldiers were at Salonica. And they went through a tragedy similar to the one on the French front. But their fate was due to the October revolution, the second, the real revolution. For this was not the revolution which overthrew the old orders of things, but the revolution which built a new order upon the ruins of the old. These Russians also declared: "We are tired of obeying orders from Tsarists in France or neo-Tsarists in Russia. We will no longer stain our hands in this war of the golden calves and nigger-drivers. Our duty lies at home, in our country, in the final war of liberation." They suffered every hardship, every privation. They were tortured; attempts were made to make them die of thirst, to kill them off one by one. But for all that, they did not give in, and the survivors went to rejoin their unyielding brothers in Africa.

IN Africa. They melted down. They were dragged from camp to camp, from inferno to inferno. Every living day was a sorrowful station in the passion of these exiled revolutionaries. But if the scenes about them had changed one thing remained unchanged: their resolve. Henceforth they would not bow to old imperialism, but serve the new-born Russia.

At last, after many comings and goings, after many fierce campaigns, and in spite of the grave consequences involved in a decision of such vast importance—at last it was decided, in high places, to send these Russian soldiers home. But their return, which might have been thought to end their tribulation, was only the beginning of another. For they were sent back to Russia to be enrolled in the army of that white outlaw, Denikin, who was paid and equipped by France and England to shatter the government of the peasants and workers.

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