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NAZIS TERROR RULES GERMANY

Fascism has consolidated its power in Germany. What this means for the working class is now obvious to all. Every working class organization, political parties, trade unions, cooperatives, sports groups and fraternal organizations have been smashed. These institutions which were built through the decades of struggle are now crushed. Militant workers, socialist and communist have been murdered, imprisoned and terrorized.

Other militant workers have been fired from their jobs to give place to the supporters of the Nazis. Wage cuts and worsening of conditions add to the plight of the German workers. With the destruction of their organizations and the mass terror, the workers are unable to resist the bloody acts of Hitler.

ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGN

The Fascists have utilized the sentiment of the German middle class against the Jews to conduct a murderous anti-Semitic pogrom. In this campaign, the Hitlerites attempt to blame the Jews for the economic and political crisis in Germany and divide the gentile from the Jewish workers. The Jewish lawyers and shopkeepers are also victims of this pogrom. The large Jewish capitalists are not affected. During the second week of May, an official decree was issued forbidding any attacks against the Jewish stock brokers and members of the Berlin Stock Exchange. The lawyer may be sacrificed, the small shopkeeper may be offered to gain support from the gentile shopkeeper—but not the banker, not the big industrialists, not the stock broker—Jew or Gentile, they must not be harmed. These Jews are part of the ruling class of Germany.

Intellectuals, scientists, students and professors, all who as much as murmur
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Workers Children Suffer in Slums

A recent report from Cleveland on the effects of the slums on the children of the city graphically describe some of the blessings of capitalism to workers' kids. Of every 1,000 babies born in the slums, 100 die before they are one year old, as against a death rate of 26 out of 1,000 in the better residential sections of the city. Adult men and women in the slums show a death rate twice as high as that in other sections. 120 persons out of every 100,000 in the slums have tuberculosis as compared to 20 out of every 100,000 in the better sections.

The figures on juvenile crime also show the same contrast between the poor and the well off. Out of every 1,000 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 17, brought up in the slums, 57 are hauled to court as against 3 from the youth raised in the other districts.

The plight of the workers' children in Cleveland is duplicated in practically every large city of the United States.

Fight Against War and Fascism

Demonstrate on National Youth Day Against Roosevelt's Military and Hunger Program

While the master class and their jingoists will array themselves in all their military glory to commemorate the fallen soldiers of the World War on May 30th, Decoration Day, the militant and revolutionary youth of America will hold mass anti-war demonstrations throughout the land. Today the ruling classes of the capitalist countries are preparing for a new world conflict. Despite talk of disarmament and peace, the capitalist powers are jockeying for political and economic positions which would aid them to get out of the economic crisis and put them in a better position when war breaks loose.

It is the youth who will be called upon to bear the brunt of war. The sham and hypocritical patriotism which inspired the American youth in 1917-18 will again be whipped up into a frenzy on Decoration Day by the powers-that-be to hypnotize the young workers into a new war. For democracy and world peace the last war was fought, so Woodrow Wilson told the boys who were sent across. World reaction, Fascism and the slaughter of millions were the results.

ROOSEVELT, THE WAR PRESIDENT

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the arch dema-

gogue of American capitalism, is a fit successor to Wilson. Who is better suited to be a war president than he who shouts loudly about the rights of the common people, disarmament and peace? What imperialist power can better cry for disarmament or armament vacations, than the United States which can in a short period of time produce larger quantities and better qualities of war munitions than any other nation? Roosevelt's talks on peace are cheap and hypocritical. So long as the capitalists of America can continue their imperialist robber expansion in all corners of the earth without war, their lackeys in the government will favor "peace."

Today this is becoming ever more difficult. Every capitalist country is looking for a way out of its economic crisis. The conflicts between them are becoming sharper. American and British imperialism are struggling over markets for their surplus goods and capital, particularly in Latin America. To insure profits and to make more gains they instigate and support wars between the various governments and aid military revolts in Latin America. In the Far East Japanese imperialism has gone far into the interior

of China, captured the city of Peiping and is now dictating terms to the impotent government of China. The United States, England, France and Italy have investments in China which are threatened by Japan. The latter will attempt to dictate terms as to how the booty is to be shared. This means sharp conflict between the capitalist powers.

WAR PREPARATIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION

At the same time Japan has taken over the Chinese Eastern Railroad, which is partly owned by the Soviet Union, and is now handing down ultimatums to the workers' state. The consolidation of Japanese militarism is a serious threat to the very existence of the first workers' fatherland. But Japan is not alone in her anti-Soviet policy. All the capitalist governments are against the Soviet Union. They use different ways of expressing this class hatred at different times. Recently England broke trade relations with the Soviet Union, and threatens an economic boycott.

Above all, the victory of Fascism in Germany increases the immediacy of a war against the Soviet Union. Hitler has crushed the working class and its organizations in Germany. It has disarmed the best defenders of the Soviet Union. Fascism is trying to unite all the robber nations, despite their conflicts, in a struggle against the common enemy, the workers' Russia. Hitler will serve as the spear head in the attack on the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. This does not stop Hitler from issuing statements against war and for peace.

The United States, while assuming a
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Trial Exposes Mooney Frame Up

"Murphy moved for the acquittal, contending that it was to the best interests of the state that no evidence be presented by the prosecution." (Why was it to the best interests of the state that Tom Mooney be prevented from receiving a real trial?)

The answer has already been given by Judge Ward who confessed that the state could not prosecute anyone against whom, there was no evidence; and that he was determined that this trial should not be a step towards the freedom of Tom Mooney. The estimable judge dislikes the thought of having in the records of the court, and in the files of the newspapers, and in the minds of the working class, the unshatterable, positive evidence that Tom Mooney was framed 17 years ago by the same people who today are forced to concede his innocence; but who are not yet forced to give up their courageous victim.

Behind Judge Ward of California, are those countless crooks and murderers who, worried by the great mass protest against the criminal imprisonment of Mooney, offered him a parole provided he would not carry on any agitational work once out of jail. This Mooney refuses.

Fair play, (Scottsboro, Sacco-Vanzetti) Honesty, (Mitchell, Morgan, Teapot Dome, Jimmy Walker) Thriftiness, Democracy, and finally, "the true administration of Justice." These scions of greed and selfishness exploit every worthy ideal to satisfy their lust for profits, by privately disregarding the ideals, while loudly

proclaiming them for the benefit of a mysterious public.

From the very day that capitalism, "in blood and filth," was ushered in upon the world scene, we see a similar contradictory process in the building of huge means for the satisfaction of human wants while forcing millions and millions into a stupor of misery and degradation.

It remains now for the workers to learn from the bitter text-book of experience; and Tom Mooney's case is an excellent primer, that the state is composed of courts of justice, prisons, police, militia and the functionaries of the apparatus. They must learn to see in the state that powerful weapon which is directed by the capitalist class against the proletariat.

BOSSES FRAME-UP MOONEY

It must be unmistakably plain to all that these swine who stopped at nothing to frame Mooney, and who are now trying their damnest to keep him incarcerated, will not be stirred by any legal or humanitarian plea.

It will be no cinch to get Mooney free. But we have already taken the first important steps. A National Free Tom Mooney Congress has brought unity among many divergent elements in the labor movement. A program has been adopted, an apparatus being set up all over the country in the form of local Councils of Action. We must fight to force the Socialists into the United Front. We must carry on a militant struggle. We must unite the entire working class around the issue: Free Tom Mooney!

Doll Workers Strike In Trenton

Several hundred young fellows and girls employed in the doll industry in Trenton are waging a militant strike against wage cuts and for union recognition. Last year the workers through struggle, had won their demands including the recognition of their organization, the Regal Doll Workers Industrial Union. When the present season opened the bosses called in the American Federation of Labor to destroy the Union and the conditions gained.

The bosses, the city government authorities and the American Federation of Labor have united (not for the first time) against the militant workers organized into a Left wing union. Picketing is restricted. A number of youths were arrested. One worker was already sentenced to thirty days in the "can" for standing near the doll shop on strike.

Members of the Young Communist League are playing an active and militant role in the strike.

The Reforestation Racket

One dollar a day, working under the supervision of army officers—that is the new standard of living for thousands of young workers under the benevolent rule of Roosevelt. This is the boon offered to the hundreds of thousands of homeless, unemployed youth. Not jobs in the factories, mines and mills, not unemployment insurance or relief, not trade schools—that's far too "radical" for the lackey of the Morgans—but reforestation camps with military drill, preparation and training for the next "war to end wars."

They tell us we are living in a new epoch. Gone is the rugged individualism of Hoover, gone the callous attitude towards the unemployed and especially the unemployed youth; we are now entering the era of the "New Deal." So they tell us in the newspapers, in the schools, from the pulpits, so they rant over the radio. And just what is this noise about the "New Deal?"

What are the workers getting out of it? That is what interests us. Roosevelt closed the banks, and a lot of poor suckers, some workers and many more small business men lost their life-long investments. Roosevelt has powers to initiate inflation, which in simple language means a gigantic wage cut for those who need toil for their livelihood. After weeks of ballyhoo, Roosevelt and his "brain trust" ditched the 30 hour work week bill, and its minimum wage provisions. Everyone has benefited by Roosevelt's "New Deal." Yes, everyone of the bankers, capitalists and exploiters of all shades.

But what about the vast army of homeless youth, all the sob stories, and all the measures that were to be taken to ameliorate their conditions, take them off the road and put them to "useful" labor? All of this hokum has simmered down to the "reforestation" racket.

What are the conditions in these camps? Rotten food—reports from the camps tell us that each young worker is graciously awarded thirty six cents a day for sustenance. Further reports tell us of the miserable, unbearable, unsanitary conditions prevailing in the camps. Discontent is rife in several places, a strike already having occurred in one of the camps.

But if the food is meager and the conditions wretched, there is no dearth of patriotic propaganda and army training. The young workers in the camps are forced to make loyalty pledges, are fed with jingoistic speeches instead of good food, are put through military drill for hours at a stretch. And this is the real purpose of the camps. A new war is in the offing and the capitalist class wants

to make sure of the cannon fodder they will need for the battlefields. Now is the time, they reckon, to inject the opium which will make the young worker sacrifice his life for their profits.

Perhaps the main reason for these "reforestation" camps is to keep these young workers from making contact with the Communist movement. They, the exploiters, would like to make strike breakers, or some form of storm troops to counter the influence of the Communist movement.

But the message of Communism is breaking through in the very camps, in spite of all the repressions and all the terrorism. And outside the camps the slogan of "Down with the fake of the 'reforestation' military camps" is becoming louder and we must counter our demand for a real substantial unemployment relief and insurance for all young workers!

The farce of the "reforestation" camps is nothing but a sign post of the bankruptcy and decline of the capitalist sys-

Unify Unemployed Movement

BRIGHT SIGNS ON THE HORIZON

The "new deal" of Roosevelt, like the more callous methods of Hoover, have left millions of unemployed in the same miserable conditions they have suffered under for the four years of the crisis. Despite the growing wretchedness and mass starvation of the jobless masses not only is the vital necessity, unemployment insurance, still cynically denied, but throughout the country, relief has been drastically slashed and evictions have assumed huge proportions. In New York alone, with its more than one million unemployed the city dole has been cut to pieces and all payments of rent has been completely eliminated. In simple language, the unemployed are told to go straight to hell!

It is only what was to be expected, but worse will come if the Communist youth, the Young Spartacus Clubs particularly, don't get their shoulders to the wheel for the building of a powerful movement which will put this system of war and exploitation out of business.

— G. C.

Demonstrate on National Youth Day

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"pacifist" role in proclamations and conferences, is proceeding to further militarize the country. It cuts down expenditures for useless forts, non-functioning officers and other meaningless costs, and then spends millions of dollars to teach the youth a respect for the ruling class, patriotism and militarism. The millions of unemployed and homeless youth need immediate relief and unemployment insurance; Roosevelt offers them reforestation camps where they can form a reserve for the regular armed forces.

The program of the American bosses should be opposed by the united action of all working class youth organizations. On a minimum program of: against the militarization of the youth, against reforestation camps, for immediate cash relief and unemployment insurance, all workers' youth groups can unite. The struggle against the militarization of the youth and for the needs of the young workers should be connected with the struggle against German Fascism and the danger of Fascism in Austria and for the defense of the Soviet Union and the Chinese people.

At the same time the revolutionary youth organized in the Young Communist League and the Spartacus Youth Clubs should educate the youth that wage

slavery and the profit system cause war. That to end war capitalism itself must be overthrown. A clear cut line against pacifism of all shades must be maintained. In this way the revolutionary program against war and capitalism will penetrate the mass of young workers.

National Youth Day should be a beginning in this direction. This year the Young Communist League initiated broad united front conferences. The central bodies in the various cities of all working class and student youth organizations were invited. In Chicago, the national office of the Yipsels and the local circles (recently expelled from the national YPSL) took part in the National Youth Day conference. In New York and other cities the Yipsels rejected the united front. In Kansas City, Chicago and New York, the Spartacus Youth Clubs actively participated in the conferences and the preparations for the mass demonstrations. Following National Youth Day the conferences should be broadened out along the lines indicated above.

For a united Front against Roosevelt's war program and imperialist wars!

For the defense of the Soviet Union and the Chinese people!

Against German and Austrian Fascism!

All out on May 30th—National Youth Day!

On the other hand, bright signs have appeared on the horizon which should give courage to all revolutionists and class struggle fighters interested in the building of a huge movement of the unemployed. Hardly two weeks ago a conference took place in Chicago which will put into effect those proposals for which the Left Opposition has long agitated. This conference was representative of practically every unemployment movement—those controlled by the Communist Party, the Socialist party, the I.W.W., the Proletarian party, the Mustettes and many others—in the nation. The Left Opposition played an active role in formulating policies.

The conference decided to federate all these unemployed organizations into one national federation. All organizations, irrespective of race, color or political creed were seated. Proposals were adopted for the unity of the employed and unemployed, for the 6 hour day-5 day week with no reduction in pay, for unemployed relief and unemployment insurance. Adopting the proposals of the Left Opposition delegates, the genuine Leninist united front was put into practice. All organizations participating retain their independence with the right of criticism, which excludes slander and personal attack, minorities are given the right of criticism and political expression and efforts will be made to draw in all those organizations of the unemployed not yet in the movement on the basis of unity of action for the immediate demands laid down by the conference.

SOCIALISTS ON ROAD OF SABOTAGE

The latest word we have heard from this movement is that the Workers Committee for the Unemployed, a socialist party controlled organization, is contemplating withdrawal on some flimsy alibi. This is the traditional splitters role of the reformists. But irrespective and in spite of this sabotage the movement will go forward and the socialist workers will begin to recognize the criminal deeds of their perfidious leaders. The cry for unity is too insistent for such sabotage to go unpunished.

This unification of the unemployed will give a tremendous impetus to the reawakening of the American working class and will steer the whole labor movement onto the path of militant action. It is quite possible that even the workers in the A.F.L. unions and in the factories, drawing their inspiration from this unification of the unemployed, will be set into motion and great class battles will spring to the fore.

— G. C.

International Left Opposition Statement to Anti-Fascist Youth Congress

(The declaration published below is but one of the manifestoes issued to the Congress of Struggle against Fascism to be held in Copenhagen on the 16th and 17th of June. The position of the Left Opposition on this replica of the Amsterdam Congress Against War is given in detail and all sidedly in the general political declaration of the I.L.O. published in the *Militant* of May 20, 1933. All readers of YOUNG SPARTACUS are urged to obtain and study this important document—Ed.)

From the International Left Opposition (Bolshevik-Leninists) to the Youth Conference at Copenhagen

The workers of the world stand at a turning point. After a series of victories of imperialist reaction, particularly Fascism, the proletariat will yet have to pass through years of hard tests and difficult struggle. The continuity of the revolutionary movement can be assured only on the condition that new phalanxes of convinced and tested fighters emerge from the younger generation.

The social democracy, as its flight before Hitler very clearly shows, is able to educate lackeys, but not fighters. The young workers have nothing to learn in

the school of this party. The school of Marx and Lenin, alone, shows them the way to break through the imperialist and Fascist hell into Socialist society.

Although we appeal to the workers to rally around the banner of the Communist International we deem it necessary to clearly point out that the revision of the tenets of Communism and the bureaucratic degeneration of the regime powerfully fetters the influence of the C.I. on the young workers and renders their correct revolutionary education difficult.

The revision of the doctrine has found its worse expression in the theory of "socialism in one country" which undermines proletarian internationalism and covers up all sorts of petty bourgeois, reactionary, utopian and nationalist tendencies in the workers ranks.

The International Left Opposition (Bolshevik-Leninists), in a series of programmatic documents, on the basis of the experience of the last ten years, has denounced the fatal distortions introduced into the theory and practice of Communism by Bureaucratic Centrism. It is necessary, here, at a youth conference to strenuously protest against the bureaucratic regime instituted in the party,

which stifles the internal life of the Communist vanguard and closes the road to an independent development of the youth.

A revolutionist is not made by having him learn instructions and resolutions by heart. A revolutionist must have a critical mind, independent thought, the ability to courageously defend acquired convictions. These qualities are not acquired through books but are formed in the process of political experience. Just as oxygen is necessary to the lungs so an atmosphere of democracy in the party is needed for their development.

Blind obedience is a virtue in a soldier of a capitalist army but not in a proletarian fighter. Revolutionary discipline is founded on collective thought and collective will. A supporter of the theory of scientific Communism does not believe anything on word. He judges everything by reason and by experience. The youth cannot accept Marxism on command, it should assimilate it for itself through an independent effort of thought. This is precisely why the youth should not only have the opportunity to educate itself but to make mistakes in order to rise through its own errors to the Communist conception. Bureaucratic and factitious

discipline has crumbled to dust at the moment of danger. Revolutionary discipline does not exclude but demands the right of checking and criticism. Only thus can an indestructible revolutionary soldiery be created.

The young worker needs leadership from the party. But this leadership should not be by command. Where coercion is substituted at each step for persuasion all living breath flees from the organization and with it the living people.

Not only must we rebuff but mercilessly destroy the use of repression, slander and physical methods in the struggle of the different groupings and factions inside the workers movement. These invidious methods have nothing in common with the arsenal of Communist education and put into circulation during the last ten years by the Stalinist bureaucracy have poisoned the atmosphere of the proletarian vanguard, particularly in the youth, and isolated the organizations from the broad working masses. Here also we must purify the revolutionary doctrines from Stalinism to drain the internal regime in order to set the Communist International back on the path of Marx and Lenin.

Scottsboro Boys Still In Shadow of Chair

The Scottsboro Boys are locked in a steel and stone cage in Decatur; a foreboding half-way house to death where their jailers torment them with a death chair in full view from their cell.

Haywood Patterson has been convicted again. The two youngest of the remaining eight are to appear for retrial shortly. The question of their defense calls for militant action.

The Scottsboro boys cannot be correctly defended as isolated, individual victims of a unique coincidence of events. They are not being sent to their death merely because they happened to be on a freight train between Stevenson and Paint Rock. They must be defended as the representatives of a class oppressed and suppressed.

What is important is the fact, that especially in the South it has been found exceedingly necessary by the master class to expose the iron hand; to display an utterly devastating ruthlessness to the negro masses, who, suffering tortures reminiscent of the barbarous birth of Capitalism, are becoming restless, and who have commenced the struggle to organize fighting ranks against their oppressors.

Can we expect honesty or fair play from capitalists to whose interest it lies that the boys be murdered? Can we plead with those who have excepted no vile trick or slimy subterfuge, for a fair trial? Can we permit Leibowitz to reiterate the untruth that Judge Horton is "fair and upright?" Can we expect anything from a purely legal case when we consider that Ruby Bates' confession of previous perjury and denial of the alleged attack is disregarded. The frame-up against the boys is part of the entire system of exploitation and oppression of the southern Negro and white workers.

The only means to release the Scottsboro boys lies in the hands of a united Negro and white movement. The aim of the Scottsboro case from the point of view of the southern bourgeois, is to keep "the niggers in their place." Of course the incidental fact that a lynching is a more subtle form of Inquisitorial barbaric melodrama, and a means to stimulate local business by drawing a crowd, is not often mentioned by the southern rulers.

We must imprint upon the foreheads of these would-be-murderers that the class justice of the present day rulers shall not split the solidarity of negro and white toilers, but shall cement the ranks of all the oppressed masses.

NEWS SNAPS

WORKERS STRIKE FOR BETTER CONDITIONS

A series of small strikes seems to be sweeping the country. Workers who have been unemployed and whose wages have been cut innumerable times are beginning to feel that they are again "wanted" if only to a slight extent. Should the slight up thus far continue and expand, and the workers continue to return to industry, then we can surely expect the strike wave to assume nation-wide importance.

The largest single one in the east is at the Amoseag plant in New Hampshire, where about 5,000 textile workers struck and are still battling the police and the national guard for the right to picket.

MORGAN'S PRESENT

It appears that J. P. Morgan back in 1929 offered to W. H. Woodin, our present Secretary of the Treasury (new deal style), a present of 150,000 dollars, the gold dollars of that year and not the Woodin ones they are trying to give us today. When Woodin was asked whether he would accept the gift all he could say was "who woodint?"

Subscribe to YOUNG SPARTACUS—fifty cents a year.

The National Youth Day conference in New York initiated by the Young Communist League assembled 20 youth organizations, primarily Left wing groups. Three units of the Young Circle League, a socialist controlled organization, were represented despite the refusal of their city committee to attend. The conference elected an executive committee whose tasks were to draw up the resolutions and prepare the demonstration. The Spartacus Youth Club had delegates at the conference and is represented on the executive committee by comrade Gladstone.

Four times the New York Young Peoples Socialist League executive committee rejected the invitations of the National Youth Day delegations. The petty and meaningless excuses that the city committee gave to the delegations prove that they are not interested in a militant struggle against war but that they would rather confine themselves to throwing a lot of phrases. On the other hand, the rank and file of the Y.P.S.L. has expressed a strong desire to form a united front. Many militant units have sent letters to the city committee protesting against its actions.

The Young Communist League has, because of its confusing approach to the united front, failed to take advantage of this attitude of the Y.P.S.L. leaders and the growing discontent among the rank and file. The theories of social fascism and the united front from below have served to erect new barriers between the Y.P.S.L. and the Y.C.L. The reasoning that the delegates from the league displayed at the conference and at the Y.P.S.L. committee meeting, represented from a Communist viewpoint a dangerous opportunistic policy. If the Young Communist League is really determined to form a genuine united front, if they are sincerely interested in establishing unity in the ranks of the working class youth

and students then it is high time for every mistake to be a lesson. Social Fascism and the united front from below have for National Youth Day helped to split the lines of unity. Their slogan must now be Down with social Fascism and united front from below, hail the real Leninist united front.

At the conference the Spartacus Youth Club has proven itself a dynamic part of the anti-war movement. The delegate of the Spartacus Youth Club, comrade Gladstone was elected after the first conference on the executive committee. Although most of the executive committee were Y.C.L. members and after a long discussion the Spartacus Youth Club was given the right to have a speaker at the demonstration. The entire club with very few exceptions, has from the day of the first conference participated real actively in the work that had to be done for National Youth Day. Leaflets, buttons, collection boxes, sending out letters to other clubs, speaking at open air meetings, this the Spartacus Youth Club has carried on for the conference. In the conference where the Y.C.L. leaders attempted many times to attack the YOUNG SPARTACUS we stood our ground and in many cases defeated these bureaucrats with the aid of some of the Y.C.L. delegates themselves.

An indoor rally will take place on Monday night, the eve of National Youth Day at Irving Plaza. Admission 20 cents with throwaway—unemployed 10 cents with throwaway. There will be a good program and prominent speakers. Dancing with of Harlem Band till morning.

Demonstration at 12 o'clock to meet at Lenox Avenue and 128th Street; to hold meetings along neighborhood and then hold a mass demonstration at Fifth Avenue and 110th Street.

Demonstrate on National Youth Day!
— H. G.

Fascist Terror Smashes Labor Movement

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against the Fascist terror are murdered or imprisoned. Their writings and the works of the revolutionary authors are burned. A fitting symbol of the reactionary Fascism!

But how is it that the powerful and organized working class submitted to Fascism without a struggle? This is the question every class conscious youth should ask. Where were the Social Democratic party, the strong trade unions under their control, the Communist party?

BETRAYAL OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

The Social Democracy had left the path of revolutionary socialism on August 4th, 1914, when they supported the capitalist fatherland. Since then they have been the best defenders of dying capitalism. They have supported one capitalist party against another, according to the theory of the "lesser evil." They participated in coalition governments with capitalist parties. They supported Hindenburg for president in order to prevent Hitler from coming to power; Hindenburg then appointed Hitler as Chancellor! Armed struggle against Fascism? Hardly! First, threats of the use of force, then shameful surrender to Fascist "legality." Such was the role of the Social Democrats who had millions of workers organized in its party and trade unions behind it!

And the Communist party? Divorced from the trade unions by its policy of organizing red trade unions and neglect of the socialist controlled unions; by its tactics of "social-Fascism" and "united front only from below" towards the socialists, its flirting with nationalist slogans in competition with the Nazis, and its entirely false conception of Fascism, the Communist party failed to organize the working class against Fascism. Today with thousands of its leading militants in jail, the Communist party has been destroyed.

NEW GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Not Communism, revolutionary Marx-

ism, but Stalinism, a bureaucratic revision of Marxism, is dead in Germany. A new Communist party will arise which will assemble the best elements of the Social Democracy and Socialist Workers' Party. To build this new vanguard of the German proletariat is the main task of the Left Opposition in Germany. It falls upon this small group which proposed in due time the correct policies to be pursued in the struggle of Fascism. Work within the reformist trade unions, united front with the Social Democracy from top to bottom and a regime of workers' democracy within the Communist party, these were the proposals of the International Left Opposition which could have smashed Fascism before Hitler took power and raised the question of a Soviet Germany.

In Austria, Fascism threatens to come to power and carry out the same policies as Hitler. A decisive victory of the working class over Austrian Fascism would give an impetus to the revolutionary movement in Germany. The building of the Communist party with full workers' democracy, a correct estimate of the various capitalist forces and the application of a program similar to that proposed by the Left Opposition for Germany are the tasks of the day for the Austrian revolutionary workers.

YOUTH SHOULD LEARN LESSONS OF GERMAN DEFEAT

The American militant youth should learn the lessons of the German events. It will increase by a thousand fold their ability to understand the problems confronting the American working class and aid tremendously in the building of a revolutionary youth movement. At the same time a united front movement should be organized on a national scale of all working class and student youth organizations against imperialist war, against war program, against German and Austrian Fascism.

— JOS. C.

Filipinos Oppressed by U. S. Imperialism

Since 1899 when the Philippine Islands became a colonial possession of the United States, the question of their independence has arisen innumerable times. Philippine independence has been championed by every orator who has ever travelled the Chautauqua Lyceum circuits. The question of independence for the Philippine Islands became one of the pet topics of William Jennings Bryan, that peer of bourgeois demagogues who in his day defended everything from free silver to a fight against monkeys.

The Philippine Islands represent the binding link in a carefully welded chain of islands from San Francisco to Midway Island across the Philippine territory and the Chinese mainland. If the Philippines are given their independence this chain will be broken. They represent an outlet for capital in which super-profits—profits greater than the "normal" gains made on the home market—are made through the exploitation of the natives on the American owned sugar and tobacco plantations. The Philippines which at present serve as a coaling station for the United States can be converted into a naval basis for war operations in the East.

If the Philippine Islands are the reason for the United States speaking with so much authority in Far Eastern matters—if they represent an outlet for American capital, then why independence now? The only answer to these questions is that the Hawes-Cutting Bill was passed in order to reduce the Philippine Islands to the status of Cuba under the Platt amendment. The passage of the Hawes-Cutting Bill marks the triumph of the domestic sugar and tobacco interests over the plantation owners in the islands.

Today as far as the sugar and tobacco interests and their spokesmen in Washington are concerned, the question of Philippine independence has been completely liquidated. The Philippines according to Mr. Senator and Mr. Congressman are on the road to complete independence as laid out by the Hawes-Cutting Bill passed by both houses of congress on Jan. 16 of this year.

PROVISIONS OF HAWES-CUTTING BILL

According to the Hawes-Cutting Bill, "The Philippines are to begin a ten year trial period during which they will have practically full independence." The following are a few of the main clauses of the Hawes-Cutting Bill:

- (1) Philippine immigration restricted to five persons per year.
- (The product of AFL lobbying).
- (2) Restricted foreign commerce.
- (3) United States to trade with the Islands duty free.

This is the "ten year trial period during which the Philippines will have practically full independence." And now Mr. Manuel Quezon, Philippine-Nationalist leader states that the "Philippines do not want complete independence, but would appreciate the status of Canada or Australia with a Philippine Gov-General." Added to this pretty piece of bootlicking are these additional clauses of the independence bill.

(4) After the ten years are up and the Islands become an independent nation the United States must still be allowed to operate military and naval bases in order to protect the islands against foreign aggression.

(5) The United States may intervene at the outset of internal difficulties. The last clause which states that "public schools shall be maintained in the Islands in which the language of instruction shall be English" completes the state of complete subjugation.

Only by the combined efforts of the proletariat in the "mother" country linked with the struggle of the Philippine masses will they attain complete independence.

—WM. DANSKER.

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Health the American Communist Youth Movement

Activities of Spartacus Youth Clubs

New Club Organized in K.C.

A Spartacus Youth Club has been organized in Kansas City, Mo., by comrade Cora Duff. The membership at present is nine. According to reports, the Left Opposition has some sympathizers among the Yipsels in the city which should serve as a good recruiting ground for the S.Y.C. Already the Club has plunged into activity. It participated in the National Youth Day united front conference initiated by the Y.C.L.

We extend our greetings to the comrades in Kansas City and assure them the whole-hearted support of the S.Y.C.s and the National Youth Committee.

New York

The Spartacus Youth Club of New York hit new territory last month by holding two mass meetings on the German events in Brighton Beach and Brownsville respectively. The first attracted close to a hundred youth and adult workers among them a group of Communist party and YCL members. Comrades Kent, Capelis and Shactman spoke. The second meeting was attended by about one hundred YCL members and sympathizers and workers, mostly Communist party and addressed by comrades Ray, Clarke and Carter. Discussion followed both meetings and a number of contacts were made. In Brownsville a class in the program of the Left Opposition is being planned for the near future.

The Club, besides organizing several indoor and outdoor socials, has formed two study classes. One in the program of the Left Opposition led by Herbert Capelis and the other in the Fundamentals of Marxism led by Joe Carter. Each class has a regular attendance of over a dozen students, a number of whom are not as yet members of the S. Y. C.

Comrades Riskin, Schapiro and Wynne represented the Club at the National Free Tom Mooney Conference at Chicago. The

Toy Workers Reject Yellow Dog Contract

With the opening of the doll workers season in New York and the Doll and Toy Workers Union carrying its organization work to the shops, a significant victory has already been won by the workers. In a shop employing about 100 workers the boss insisted that the workers sign a yellow dog contract before they start. The contract includes a deposit to be given by each worker to be forfeited if and when the worker refuses to obey orders of the boss or foreman.

If they demand higher wages or better conditions, they violate the contract which provides for definite hours of labor and conditions of work. This means that if the workers go on strike they break the contract, lose their deposits, and have no "legal" right to picket and struggle.

The workers rejected the yellow dog contract. They walked out of the shop and told the boss they would proceed with picketing if it was not withdrawn. The boss backed down. The young workers returned to the shop.

The victory should be made known to all the doll and toy workers. Through organization alone can they win their demands. Against the bosses, the police and the racketeer "union" with a charter from the American Federation of Labor the workers will conduct their struggle and build the Doll and Toy Workers Union as their militant, fighting organization. The New York Spartacus Youth Club will do its utmost to aid in this work, in the shops, on the picket line, in all the struggles.

Club also had delegates at several local conferences.

For the past few weeks the members have been discussing the past and future work of the executive committee and the Club membership preparatory to the election of a new executive committee. They discussed the proposed new constitution for the Spartacus Youth Clubs and unanimously accepted it. A new executive committee has been elected. Plans are being made for an extensive drive in various parts of the City for the organization of classes and study groups to serve as a basis for future Spartacus Youth Clubs.

Chicago

The Chicago Spartacus Youth Club is actively participating in the National Youth Day united front and has a member on the executive committee of the Conference. The Club recently helped organize a sports club of Italian youth. It had delegates at the National Free Tom Mooney Conference.

Last month the student comrades were very active in the student strike in Chicago. Several students among them comrade Yetta Barshefsky, member of the S.Y.C. were expelled from school because of their activity in the strike. The Club was represented at the Gillespie (Ill.) conference to organize a new trade union center by comrades Gould and Glotzer.

Toronto

The Spartacus Youth Club of Toronto played an active role in the united front anti-Fascist movement in that city initiated by the Communist party and the Y.C.L. Its student members are functioning in the Students League of Canada, which they helped found a number of months ago.

The Club issues a mimeographed monthly paper "October Youth" as a local organ to reach the Y.C.Lers, young workers and students in the city. To-date two issues have appeared. Both are well made up technically and contain articles of interest particularly to the Left wing youth. The last number, May, contains articles on the Y.C.I. youth anti-war conference, statement on war by the S.Y.C., Germany, May Day and other items.

The "October Youth" should be the first of a number of local papers issued by the Spartacus Youth Clubs to supplement Young Spartacus.

BOOK NOTES

The latest pamphlet of L. D. Trotsky published in English, "The Only Road," is an analysis of German politics before Hitler took power. It is an excellent supplementary to "Germany—The Key to the International Situation" and "What Next?", both by L. D. Trotsky, for an understanding of the causes for the rise of Fascism to power in Germany and how it could have been avoided. It is an invaluable aid to the militant youth who want to know what is going on in Austria.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY AT BREST LITOVSK

Pioneer Publishers have just obtained a batch of an excellent documentary book published in 1919 on the negotiations of Russia and Germany at Brest Litovsk, 1918-1919. It not only contains the terms of the peace but valuable statements by leading Bolsheviks, among them, Lenin and Trotsky. It is the only book in English which covers the Brest Litovsk negotiations adequately. The original price of the book was one dollar. It is being sold now for twenty five cents. When the batch is sold the book will be unavailable anywhere.

Order all books and pamphlets needed from the Young Spartacus. Publications of Pioneer Publishers can be obtained at a twenty five percent discount.

More Expulsions from Y. C. L.

2 Excluded for 'Trotskyism'

The aftermath of Hathaway's speech at the recent New York district membership of the YCL was felt in two of the units of the New York sections. Comrades Perry Meyers, member of the Crown Heights unit, and Herman Gladstone of the Brighton Beach unit, have both been expelled for "Trotskyism." Following the renowned Communist party District Organizer's remarks that "we must drive out all those who even begin to think 'Trotskyism'", the campaign opened up with this modest measure of expulsion without even informing the district membership.

At the district membership meeting, which was reported in a recent issue of the Militant, comrade Gladstone was threatened with being beaten up if he attempted so much as to take the floor for discussion. He had no sooner entered the hall than he was approached by Lerner, the section organizer and told that if he tried to take the floor, he would "be carried out on a stretcher." An organized gang sat down around him and when he tried to ask for the floor, immediately pushed him back in his seat.

At one point during the meeting, comrade Meyers took the floor to protest the threat of physical violence to comrade Gladstone and was immediately relieved of his membership book. Despite the fact that this was the first meeting held by the district membership on the most vital question confronting the international working class, Germany, not the slightest discussion was permitted from the floor. The members evidently had been called only "to get the new line" on the united front. Four and a half hours of speech making on the German situation by Hathaway was to compensate for a genuine discussion in which the rank and file could express itself and really hammer out a collective opinion which it would fully understand and believe.

The stack of questions that were handed in to the speaker as a result of his vicious attacks against the viewpoint of the Left Opposition on Germany attested to the real facts that many of the members of the YCL could gather no clear understanding of the lessons of the past policies of the C.I. in Germany, the failure and capitulation of the German Party; and most important of all: what the tasks of the future are.

Some comrades in the YCL have however, if not openly, by themselves been thinking hard over the entire question and the proposals of the Left Opposition. Among those were comrades Meyers and Gladstone, who felt urgent need for discussion and clarification. As a reward for their attempts to really THINK the question out for themselves and speak their convictions, they immediately fell under the suspicions of the bureaucracy. A statement was handed in by comrade Gladstone explaining his agreement, after a long period of study and careful consideration, with the views of the Left Opposition on Germany. At his unit the following meeting he was immediately charged with "Trotskyism"; the rest of the members of the unit had not even been notified that this was to be on the agenda and not all were present. Despite the violation of ordinary Communist procedure—without first calling him to a district meeting, cutting off him and Meyers at the previous "discussion," he was summarily expelled. Similarly with comrade Meyers.

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Both comrades have since joined the Spartacus Youth Club and have immediately become active in determination not to be cut off from the revolutionary movement by the local cohorts of the Stalinist bureaucracy. The power of the ideas of revolutionary internationalism which the Left Opposition and the Spartacus Youth carry to the Communist worker members will rouse the sincere and honest elements in the YCL in protest against such arbitrary and bureaucratic acts. Of that the tiny puppets of Stalinism can be assured.

Expulsions from Youth Club

Joe Elliot, expelled a few months ago from the Y.C.L. in Brownsville, was recently expelled from the American Youth Club of which he was a leading member. In both cases he was expelled for "Trotskyism." At the American Youth Club, a Y.C.L. controlled group, members of the Spartacus Youth Club have often taken the floor in the discussions, particularly on Germany. Many members of the Club are sympathetic to the Left Opposition.

Comrade Elliot applied for membership in the Student Forum, a worker-student club, led by the Y.C.L. Efforts were made to keep him out. When the final vote came, Elliot was accepted by a vote of 19 to 18!

Elliot is working with the Spartacus Youth Club of New York to organize a study group on the program of the Left Opposition and later a Spartacus Youth Club in Brownsville.

ANOTHER Y.C.L.ER EXPELLED

An active member of the National Student League, Joe Davis, was recently expelled from his Bronx, New York unit of the Young Communist League for questioning the correctness of the tactics of the Communist Party of Germany. Comrade Davis is a serious young Communist who has for some time been studying the criticisms and program of the Left Opposition in Germany.

There are many other comrades in the Y.C.L. like Davis who have doubts on the course of the Communist party in Germany. They should open their mouths. Demand discussion. Protest the expulsion of those who have the courage to criticize the official Communist leadership.

Youth Anti-Fascist Conf. Dissolved?

Does the Youth Committee Against German Fascism of New York still exist? This is the question we ask particularly of the members of the Young Communist League! The committee was formed at the conference held in New York March 24th and held a rather successful demonstration before the German consulate on April 1st. On it are representatives of various political tendencies: Stalinism, the Lovestone group, the Left Opposition, Musteites, Anarchists, etc.

We have repeatedly appealed to the chairman of the committee to call a meeting. He claimed the secretary was doing so and that we would receive a letter in a few days. More than three weeks have past, yet no letter!

The chairman of the committee is a member of the Communist party; the secretary a member of the Young Communist League. Has the committee been dissolved behind its own back? Why? Has it served its purpose in making good stories for the *Daily Worker* and the *Young Worker*? Perhaps there is no longer any need of a united front against German Fascism!

Members of the Young Communist League should raise these questions in their units!