





'WE ARE ORGANIZING SHOP NUCLEI' SHOULD BE THE CALL OF THE Y. W. L.

By JOHN WILLIAMSON

N Russia it is impossible for our young comrades to understand why we are still organized in territorial ranches and not in shop nuclei. They ask me earnestly, "If our comrades in America work in shops, factories or mines with other young workers, why don't they organize a league nucleus?"

For over a year the National Executive Committee has been propagating bulletins, lectures, pamphlets and press the necessity of organizing our organizations upon a shop nuclei basis. The National Executive Committee has spared no effort, but it was necessary for them to depend upon the local comrades to carry out these decisions in true Communist fashion.

But during that same period of time that we have organized, nine of our sister leagues have been more active. In Czechoslovakia we find 108 established; in Germany, 250; in France, 40; in Britain, 20; in Sweden, 10, and so on. We find the United States an ideal country larger than any of these—with industry concentrated, giving us advantages that our comrades in other lands are denied.

Our American Young Communist League must stand before the other leagues at the Young Communist International congress and be criticized.

WHO WANTS TO BUY TWO CHILDREN FROM A VET WHO HELPED TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY?

SAN JOSE, Calif.—George Parker went to war to make the world safe for democracy, was badly gassed, and is rated as a disabled veteran. Illness resulting from the gassing has kept him out of work and poor.

TRAGEDY OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH IS BITTER COMMENT ON "PROSPERITY"

PEKIN, III.—After tramping the streets of Pekin and Peoria for weeks in a futile search for employment Emil Lemoine, a 21-year old bridegroom, slew his brains out with a .38 calibre revolver.

A Good Time Will Soon Be Had by All Workers They Are Now Looking to the Earth Instead

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Unemployment and lower wages over a long period of years is the prospect in the United States, President W. G. Besler, Central Railroad of New Jersey, told the American Railway Association in Atlantic City.

Against Wars!

During the week of July 27th to August 4, the Communist movement all over the world is going to demonstrate against imperialism, treason of the social-democrats and the danger of new capitalist wars.

The Young Worker, dated August 15, 1924, will be a special anti-military issue, to be used specifically for this anti-militarist week.

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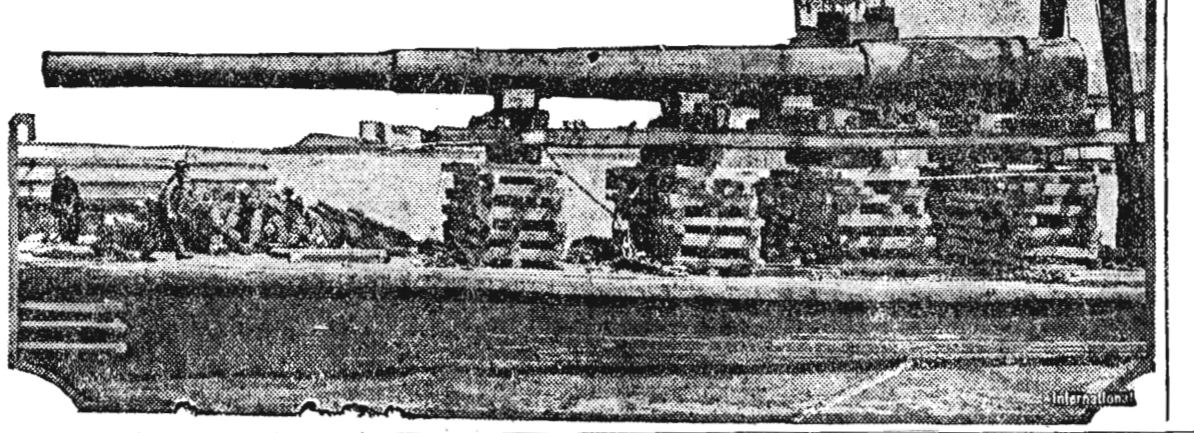
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"The War to End All Wars"

Do you remember the late Woodrow Wilson? He was the famous author of the equally famous phrase, "the war to end all wars". Well, the war which was to end them is over, and the militarists of the world, which includes America, you know, are sweating their hair dry in preparation for the coming war.

It is a picture of the world's largest naval gun, loaded on a lighter and ready for a trip to the Hog Island navy yard. It weighs 163 tons and is 58 feet long. It throws a 16-inch shell, weighing 2,340 pounds, a distance of 28 miles.



My Flight from Siberia

By LEON TROTSKY

REINDEER have a jolly way of running. They hang their tongues out at the sides of their mouths and breathe quickly, and loudly. The road was narrow, the animals pressed their bodies closely together. One must wonder that they do not hinder each other.

"Well—yourself—for instance." I had many opportunities to notice that "fellow" was a favorite word in my guide's vocabulary. We had gone scarcely ten versts when Nikivor suddenly halted his team.

"What are you driving at? That third steer is no good. The first one is—couldn't be better—and the second is all right, too, but the third one—nobody can deny that he's weak."

"CONGRESS WON'T PROHIBIT CHILD LABOR UNDER 18"

(By The Federated Press) NEW YORK CITY.—There is no danger that congress will prohibit the labor of all persons under 18 years of age if the child labor constitutional amendment is ratified by the states, says Bernard L. Shientag, industrial commissioner of New York state.

"Nikivor!" I shouted, shaking him by the shoulder. He only muttered, incoherently. "What can I do? I can't do anything. Let me sleep." My situation began to seem desperate. We had gone only thirty or forty versts from Beresov. It would be quite easy to overtake us, in case my flight had been observed, if we paused here.

NO PACIFISM FOR CATHOLICS, SAYS JESUIT SKYPILOT

NEW YORK CITY.—The Roman Catholic Church in New York is actively lining up with the militarists to defeat the No More War crusade. Edward P. Tivnan, a Jesuit priest and head of Fordham university, after attacking the peace pledges as "treachery," says:

Books for the Youth

The American Labor Year Book, 1923-24. Rand School of Social Science, \$3.00. Unlike the year book of 1921-22, this volume of the series is characterized by a square attempt to be impartial in its treatment of the various groups within the labor movement on all fields.

PLUTES BACK UP CITIZENS' WAR TRAINING CAMPS

WASHINGTON.—Big business, speaking officially thru the National Industrial Conference "Board," announced that it is back of the military training camp movement in the United States. It has had certain "high" officials of the war department make a survey of big business sentiment.

THE TASKS OF THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE ON JULY 4 ANNIVERSARY

By HARRY GANNES

INDEPENDENCE DAY (July 4th) originated as a revolutionary occasion of the rising American capitalists. The American revolution was an armed rising against the British monarchists of that time.

July 4th, 1776, was a time of preparing the armed forces for the revolutionary overthrow of the British forces. July 4th, 1924, is being used as a day for preparing the armed forces of the American capitalists to protect their ill-gotten gains and to annex as much of the world's wealth as the size of their army and navy will permit.

July 4th comes as a very convenient day for the entire tribe of militarists in this country to howl for a large army and navy; for millions of dollars for war preparation; for the destruction of the Communists and for the curbing of pacifists; for conscription or universal military training.

Every capitalist politician in the United States calls for larger armed forces. Secretary of War Weeks begins quite early. On May 24th he declared "the time is still far distant when America can lay down her arms."

The keynote of the entire press is: "Build a larger navy and a greater army to protect the independence won in 1776." And the American proletariat bids fair to fall for the reams of imperialist rot that will be scattered everywhere.

There is a revolutionary lesson that the workers can gain from an understanding of July 4th, 1776. Let us ask ourselves the question: Who controlled the military forces of 1776? History answers irrefutably: The landowners and the bourgeoisie. They used the army in their own interests.

Our Tasks Today. We must continue to carry on with more fervor our propaganda among all workers, young and old, to arouse in them a consciousness of their class position and what the armed forces mean to them and to their immediate interests.

Since the schools are today being used as military concentration camps, our Communist anti-militarism must find a conspicuous place there.

Just as the capitalists use July 4th as a pro-militarist occasion, the frightened sections of the working class should take advantage of this day as an opportunity of bringing out the class nature of capitalist armaments and wars.

The Work of the Nucleus

The Carrying of the Struggle Against Opponents, Anti-Militarism and Athletics

Struggle Against Opponents. THE shop nucleus should not only be in close contact with the in-lane young workers who are members of different young workers, but also with the separating barriers must fall in the joint struggle against the offensive of capital and the increasing pauperization. The shop nucleus must therefore always approach the members of other proletarian youth organizations when dealing with the shop problems, the abolition of bad conditions, the setting up of wage demands, and in short, in all economic movements.

Sport Activity. Many young workers in the shops are members of one or another sport organizations, and the nucleus must carry on propaganda amongst them to make it clear to them that sport cannot be the only activity of a young worker, and in this propaganda they must try to persuade the young workers to take part in the political and economic organizations of the working class also.

Be Careful With New Ones

The personal contact with members of the other proletarian youth organizations is very important, first to discover what is going on in their organization and second to win them for our movement. Should the nucleus win the sympathy of members of the social-democratic youth or other, even opponent organizations, this does not mean that these young workers should immediately be allowed to enter the league. It is ten times as much better for us if they remain in their organizations and work there for us.

Stick With the Workers. The nucleus must never isolate itself from the young workers of the shop, no matter in what form they organize themselves, the members of the nucleus must be there also to carry on the struggle for the recognition by the young workers of the necessity for their participation in the class struggle.

United Front From Below

On special occasions the work in the shop must aim to persuade the social-democratic youth to demand from their leading bodies a united front with our organization, in the fight against fascism, etc. Should the leading bodies refuse their request, the youth themselves should be won for the cooperation.

Other Tasks of the Nucleus. Apart from the main tasks of the league, the nucleus carries out a number of tasks which were previously performed by the branch, but which the nucleus is more easily able to do, thanks to its structure.

New League Branches.

Although the New York district of the league has been in efficient existence for a very short time, English branches have already been organized in Passaic, Trenton and Hartford, Conn. Branches are in the process of being organized in West New York and Jersey City. Besides these, four new branches have been organized in New York City proper. The Hartford branch already has twenty members.

Under the pinch of economic conditions, the conservative of today often becomes the radical of tomorrow.

