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A Weekly "Young Worker" By First Of Year

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE BEGINS DRIVE FOR \$2,000 AND 10,000 CIRCULATION BY END OF 1924

By MAX SHACHTMAN.

A weekly Young Workers by January 1st, 1925!
A weekly organ of the revolutionary young workers by the end of this year!
That's the slogan that is going out all over the country to the members of the Young Workers League of America... That is the decision-made by the national executive committee of the league.

A weekly by the First! Three months in which to do it! And it all depends on the energy with which the member of the organization throw behind this campaign.

Y. W. L. ACTIVE AMONGST YOUNG SILK STRIKERS

Calls on Them to Join for Youth Demands

PATERSON, N. J.—Every member of the Young Workers League of Paterson is actively participating in the strike of the silk workers here, and devoting its attention to the special demands issued by the league to the young workers.

There are about 2,000 young workers involved in the strike, and the league is making an appeal to them to enter into the organization and fight for the special young workers' demands, as well as to stand firmly in the struggle against the bosses of the silk mills.

Rallying Youth.
A leaflet has already been issued to the young strikers urging them to add to the demands of the silk workers' union, demands for equal pay for equal work, a six-hour day and five-day week for all young workers, the abolition of all night work for the youth, and other issues presented to the youth.

Carlson representing the Young Workers League have spoken to mass meetings of the strikers and have presented the youth viewpoint to them.

Everywhere, the members of the league are active on the picketlines, lining in the meetings and in the day work being carried on by the newly organized silk workers who are rebelling against their rotten conditions and striking for the two loom system, the eight-hour day, the right to organize and recognition of union.

Young Suffer Particularly.
The young workers in particular suffer in the industries which gather their profits every year from their work. The wages of the youth are as low as twelve and fifteen dollars per week and the hours they slave were as many as nine and ten a day.

The program of the Y. W. L. is being distributed among the young workers and agitation is being carried on for the purpose of organizing a number of nuclei in the silk mills which will be able to function effectively as soon as the strike is settled to the advantage of the workers.

All signs point to an early settlement in favor of the strikers, in spite of the police terrorism which has been about the arrest of scores of workers for exercising their peacefully constitutional rights of free speech and free assembly.

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LEAGUE PLANS DETROIT N. B. C. SHOP NUCLEUS

Young Workers Eager to Read "Y. W."

By BARNEY MASS.

DETROIT.—Monday evening as the workers of the National Biscuit Company came pouring out of the gates on their way homewards, they were greeted by members of the Detroit Young Workers League who were handing them leaflets.

The leaflets told the young biscuit makers that the following day they would have the opportunity of reading about their conditions in The Young Worker, official organ of the Young Workers League.

Buy Young Workers.
The next day, some ten league members were shouting at the top of their throats, "Read the exposure of the N. B. C. in The Young Worker." Over 150 copies of the Young Worker were sold. With eagerness the employees purchased copies of the paper.

On the first day the general manager, Mr. Peck, shoved one of the boys away from the gate entrance. He threatened to give us the bum's rush. (This was his original expression.) So we prepared ourselves for the bum's rush. But sorry to say, the expected didn't happen, maybe partly due to the rough appearance of the hussy leaguers.

The league members carried on conversations with many of the workers, and succeeded in getting their names and addresses. All of them that were approached, expressed sympathy for our campaign. While speaking with one of the girls, she openly admitted disgust with the conditions under which she worked and ended up by saying, "I am going to get another job. I can't stand it in this place much longer."

Average Four Days a Week.
The local plant is working only half capacity. The workers average only four days in the week. The conditions prevailing in this plant are the same as what is true of the other

PITTSBURGH LEAGUE TO PUSH DRIVE FOR NUCLEUS IN NABISCO

By MORRIS SCHINDLER.
(Special to Young Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The Young Workers League of Pittsburgh has decided to concentrate its energy on the drive against the local plant of the National Biscuit Company with the purpose of organizing a shop nucleus there, following a meeting of the members of the district addressed by Oliver Carlson.

Other tasks set for itself by the league here were the laying of plans for future drives against the slave driving plants of the territory like Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, the Heinz Company, and Clark's Candy Factory.

Efforts are being made by the local members of the league to arrange for the maintenance of a permanent organizer for the district, enabling the organization to carry on its work more efficiently and effectively.

Plans. No extra pay for overtime; dirty aprons; an average salary for the young workers of \$15 dollars a week; the same amount of nasty supervisors and foremen; lack of ventilation, etc. All plants of this institution are run on the same basis.

The local league is anticipating the holding of some noonday meetings which will be addressed by comrade Mass. Our slogan is: A nucleus in the Detroit N. B. C. plant! The campaign is just beginning and big results are expected by the local membership.

Support is Needed From Y.W.L. Chicago Members This Week

All members of the Young Workers League of Chicago are especially urged to come to the office of Local Chicago Workers Party on the 9th, 10th and 11th of October to aid in work necessary for the preparations of the meeting for Comrades Foster and Gillette at the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren, on Sunday, October 12th, 2:30 p. m. This is the biggest mass meeting of the campaign in the entire country and all energy must be put into the efforts to make it a tremendous success. Daily Workers must be distributed, leaflets handed-out, pluggers spread broadcast.

Do your share in the election! Rally to the support of the Communist candidate! Don't be a slacker in the revolutionary movement!

New York, Attention!

NEW YORK.—Branches one and six of the Young Workers League of New York are holding a League Reunion at the Carlton, Parkview Palace, 8 West 110th Street, on Saturday night, October 18th, 1924. All young workers are urged to come and have a good time with other young workers. In fact, the whole affair will be a really red one. Roll up!

GIRLS ARE EXPLOITED EVEN IN DANCE HALLS, SOCIAL WORKER SAYS

(By the Federated Press.)

NEW YORK.—Girls who work in the closed dance halls have to dance at least 40 dances an evening to earn \$2.40, says Maria W. Lambkin, who reports on conditions in the dance halls for certain social agencies. In closed halls the girls are employed by the manager and must dance with whomsoever he chooses no matter how offensive the partner may be. Miss Lambkin suggests a minimum wage for the girls.

WESTINGHOUSE YOUTH SLAVES FOR LOW WAGES

Pittsburgh Plant Has Rotten Conditions

By MAX SALZMAN.

Every day 25,000 employees of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company of East Pittsburgh, Pa., enter the workshops to work many long, dreary hours in order to produce the wealth upon which the parasitic owners live.

Almost half of these are young workers who toil long hours, receiving the most miserable of wages. Many of these are mere children who lie about their ages in order that they may get work, due to the fact that their parents receive so little wages.

Under Bad Conditions.
For 48 hours every week, these young workers toil, hearing the tiresome, rattling monotonous roar of machinery, dodging the huge cranes as they pass from one end of the room to the other carrying the heavy metal which is used to make the electric motors, which are needed in order to keep the machinery running.

Young Workers coming into the plant are employed at 20 and 25 cents per hour. They are not immediately hired for work in the plant, but are hired as messengers. After working at least three months they are transferred to monotonous machine work. Here they are given the opportunity of advancing themselves, after years of work, to the immense sum of sixty cents per hour.

The company is supposed to advance the pay of the men every six months. When the wages of the workers reach a sum which the company thinks is too much, the workers are transferred to other departments, where their pay is reduced, and then the same grind begins all over again.

The bosses here as the bosses in other factories all over the country are not interested in the health of the workers. Nor are the interested in protecting the lives and limbs of the workers. Rather than put in safety devices to protect the workers from the dangerous machines, the bosses employ additional doctors and nurses to take care of the workers, who are injured. It does not matter to the bosses if the workers are crippled for life. As long as they can get other workers to take the places of those who they have crippled, they will continue to neglect to put safety devices on the dangerous machinery.

No Vacations.
No matter how badly the young workers need a vacation from their work, the bosses do not give them any rest during the year. Before the workers are permitted to get a vacation they must have worked for the Westinghouse for at least 10 years. Then they are permitted to have a one week vacation. After working 20 years the bosses permit them to have a two weeks vacation.

Thus we find that the young workers have no vacation at all. It's work, work, all the time. Long hours of labor, little pay, continual nagging by the straw bosses, all these things make the young workers discontented and disgusted with the conditions under which they must toil.

In an attempt to prevent the work (Continued on Page 1)

YOUNG WORKERS TO FIGHT FOR U. S. CAPITAL

Juicy Plum of China is Point at Stake

By HARRISON GEORGE.

Did you young workers ever go into a "panny arcade? Usually there is a machine there with a glass front, behind which stands a sort of a doll representing an old lady. If you put a penny in the slot, the old lady grinds out a printed card. Your "fortune" is supposed to be on that card.

It is a "fortune teller" machine, and for one cent it will tell you some bunk about you marrying a "blonde heiress" or a "millionaire with brown eyes."

Another machine.
But there is another and a greater and more ominous machine for grinding out "fortunes" for young workers. Young workers put, not pennies, but their lives, into every day. This machine, too, tells you a lot of bunk. It grinds out a mountain of capitalist newspapers telling you, if you are a working girl, that you will not have to work for years and years—may be your whole life—in a factory, or have a harder job as a worker's wife, but that you are sure, if you never listen to "agitators," to marry the boss' handsome son and live in luxury. If a boy workers, the capitalist press tells you that, providing, of course, you won't join a union, go on strike or be a "Bolshevik," you will certainly "climb to the top" and be a boss yourself over other young workers. But like the machine in the penny arcade, this machine, capitalist society, has peddled you lies.

Now we are going to tell you real, sure-fire fortune. It is not pleasant, not a lot of bunk. It is the fortune of WAR! War, another big war, is on the way. You young workers who were too little to be drafted in the last war, may think war is great fun. If you do, you better talk seriously with the rank and file doughboys who actually laid in the trenches in the war for "democracy" because Morgan had loaned the Allies a sack of money and had to have them go and help work Germany. They'll tell you, if they learned anything from that butchery of 10,000,000 young men, that there's nothing for workers in fighting capitalist wars, but to kill and get killed, that those who were blown to pieces merely became fertilizer for French farmers, and those who came back lost their jobs, discovered that they speak and the right to strike had been taken away by the government who waited six years more to answer their demand for a bonus, and then gave them a life insurance policy. The soldier has to die one way or another to beat the capitalist game.

How the Next War Started.
In America, as in all capitalist countries, there are two classes—capitalists and workers. Your employer makes a profit on your labor power. The profit is so big that, although your factory owner may have to pay rents to the landlord class and interest on loans from the banker class, the whole three classes get immensely rich and all are capitalists. With machinery, all workers make so many things that the total cannot be sold in this country, because they get such low wages that they cannot buy what they themselves have, as a class, made. This big surplus, in goods, and surplus profits, in money seeking investment, is the cause behind all capitalist wars. Each capitalist nation or group looks outside itself for expansion, and imperialist rivalry begins.

Now then, where have they gone? Naturally they pick out a part of the world where the people have no strong government to stop them. Rich resources and cheap, unorganized labor, so they can get even higher profits from such workers than they can get in their own countries where labor may be organized. What's the most attractive country on earth in these respects? CHINA, first of all.

Imperialist Robbers Loot China.
For thirty or forty years the big capitalist-imperialist countries have been robbing China. Chinese rulers were either bribed or bullied with threat of invasion into doing anything or granting any concession or "accepting" any loan that the "diplomatic corps" demanded. The "diplomatic corps" is, of course, the front-coated, (Continued on page 1)

CARLSON HOLDING SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS IN NATIONAL TOUR

Excellent meetings are being held by Oliver Carlson in his tour of the East for the Young Workers League. According to reports received at the national office.

Carlson, now a member of the national executive committee of the league, and for two years a member of the executive committee of the Young Communist International, is touring the country in the decisions of the fourth congress of the youth international and the new program of action decided upon by the N. E. C. of the league here. He is also addressing campaigns and membership meetings of the Workers Party in various cities.

In Cleveland, Dillonvale, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Philadelphia, good meetings of the Young Workers League and the party were held with Carlson as speaker. New life was put into the Pittsburgh district comrades, for example, in spite of the fact that not all of them attended the meeting. In Baltimore an unusually good meeting was held by the league and connections were made which will undoubtedly result in the formation of nuclei in the ship yards of Virginia and some of the slave pen factories of Wilmington, Delaware. In Philadelphia, a good meeting was held where Carlson reported on the fifth congress of the Communist International to the party comrades.

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Chicago League Reorganizes

THE Chicago Young Workers League has taken the first step in the reorganization of the league on the basis of shop nuclei, being the first organization in the league to begin work on the basis of the program of action printed in another part of this issue of The Young Worker.

At the last meeting of the city central committee of the league, the plan for the reorganization of the league, drawn up by the city industrial committee under the supervision and with the aid of the national industrial committee, was unanimously accepted. Auxiliary plans for the provision of place to the foreign language speaking comrades and branches were referred to a joint committee which will go over the plans in final detail.

The plan provides for the organization of the league on the basis of six area districts throughout the city, more to be added when necessary. Into these six areas will go all the comrades whose place of work or study (if students) is in the district taken in by the area branch. Thus, the loop area branch will contain all the comrades who work or study in the west side of the town; and so on down the line.

It will be the duty of these area branches to concentrate on the factories in their territory which offer the best possibilities for the formation of shop nuclei.

Already the quota of nuclei that each area branch must form in the period of three months has been set for each district, and the formation of these nuclei will be the tasks upon which all the comrades will concentrate. Among the nuclei to be organized are ones in clothing factories, mail order houses, National Biscuit Company, and the like. When these nuclei have been formed, the area branch will assume the final form of a

nucleus branch, that is, a territorial branch containing all the shop nuclei in that territory, the aim of the reorganization of the young Communist organization.

The number of nuclei set for all the branches in the city total twenty-two. The formation of these area branches is the first real step in the direction of the complete reorganization of the league on the basis of shop nuclei yet attempted in the American movement. There is every sign that it will succeed in putting the Chicago league as the first unit to have been put on this basis.

The plan unanimously adopted in Chicago will be put into effect in every other city in the country where there is a branch of the league. It marks the definite turning point of the Young Workers League from a young Communist organization based on purely territorial units, to a real young Leninist league based on the shop nucleus form of organization.

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DRIVE OPENED FOR A WEEKLY YOUNG WORKER

Quota Is Set At 2,000 Dollars

(Continued from page 1) In the most efficient way to the comrades who have given their pledges...

For the Two Thousand Dollar Drive, it is expected that every league will hold a special entertainment or dance during the months of October, November or December to raise a part of their quota.

Quotas for the collection of money towards the \$2,000 fund have been set as follows to all league branches:

Table listing quotas for various cities: New York City (\$400), Chicago (\$400), Cleveland (\$75), Philadelphia (\$50), Detroit (\$50), Boston (\$50), Superior (\$50), Minneapolis (\$40), St. Paul (\$40), Pittsburgh (\$40), Worcester (\$40), Waukegan (\$35), Baltimore (\$35), Rockford (\$35), Providence (\$35), Hanna, Wyoming (\$35), Maynard (\$30), Ebor Junction (\$30), Ironwood (\$30), Hibbing (\$20), Chishelm (\$20), Musings (\$20), Warren (\$20), Clevelat (\$20), Cromwell (\$20), Gardner (\$20), Buwalda (\$20), Kenosha (\$20), St. Louis (\$20), South Bend (\$20), Pittsburgh (\$20), East Pittsburgh (\$20), Dayton (\$20), Oakland (\$20), Norwood (\$20), Newark (\$20), Springfield (\$20), Hartford (\$20), Monessen (\$20), Washington, D. C. (\$20), Ft. Bragg, Calif. (\$20), Easton (\$20), Denver (\$20), Dillonvale (\$20), New Haven (\$20), Bridgeport (\$20), Brule, Wis. (\$20), Owen (\$20), Phelps (\$20), San Francisco (\$20), Ashtabula Harbor (\$20), Bradley (Dry Forks) (\$20), Youngstown (\$20), Peckville (\$20), Passaic (\$20), South Norwalk (\$20), Fresno (\$20), Wawina (\$20), Hammond (\$20), Hegewisch (\$20), Pullman (\$20), Galloway, W. Va. (\$20), Scalp Level, Pa. (\$20), Aberdeen (\$20), Northport, Wash. (\$20), Ziegler (\$20), West Frankfort (\$20), Dewell (\$20), Christopher (\$20), O'Fallon (\$20), Valler (\$20), Buckner (\$20), Benton (\$20), Johnston City (\$20), Belleville (\$20), Collinsville (\$20), Marietta (\$20), Stamford (\$20), Gary (\$20), Grand Rapids (\$20)

We expect every league to achieve the quota set for them. Start sending in your money immediately. Don't wait until the last minute.

FORMATION OF SHOP NUCLEI MUST BE THE RESULT OF OUR CAMPAIGN IN FACTORIES

By BARNY MASS. THE campaign against the Biscuits and National Biscuit and the active participation of the Young Workers League of Chicago in the Pullman and Hegewisch strikes, mark only the initial efforts of intensified work on the economic-trade union front.

The enthusiasm which greeted the work of the membership displays a healthy tendency on their part. It shows a desire to carry on work in the field appropriate for our activity and one which offers the possibilities when exploited of making our league become a mass organization.

I will not enter into review of our past activity against the various factories, but will content myself in dealing with future work and limit it to the factory campaigns. Before proceeding it must be thoroughly understood that the factory campaigns form merely one part of the economic-trade union activity.

One point which must emphatically be understood is that no united nuclei can exist of league and party members. Once the party is reorganized we will exchange representatives, but we must maintain our independence of organization.

Don't forget also that we want a 10,000 circulation at the same time. In Chicago, the plan of every member is to make it in. Everyone's shoulder to the wheel as we push forward towards a weekly Young Worker that will be able to reach a wider mass of young workers with our message.

The national executive committee is now planning and formulating extensive campaigns to be based on particular industries. The purpose and aim is to engage the entire membership as a whole into one national campaign. For instance the mining industry. Before any of our campaigns can be launched and end successfully it is necessary on the part of the membership to know their different stages.

Trade Union-Economic Report. THE report on economic trade union work was given by Comrade Hammar. He dealt at great length with the question from many angles, despite the fact that the conditions of the youth workers had become much worse during the past period.

Unemployed Remain in Shop Nuclei. A difficulty which presented itself to some leagues in their work was unemployment. We must correct one point in our previous decisions. In the future unemployed members of nuclei must still maintain membership.

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The second stage is characterized by the application of our tactics in the field and the general organizational activity. First was the journalistic and agitatorial stage, and now it assumes a more definite nature. We must popularize our demands. We must drive the union officials into action. We must eliminate all discrimination in age interlarding with the entrance of the youth in the unions, etc. This also affects the other units which are not directly involved.

THE sport question occupied considerable time. It was pointed out that the majority of the leagues have not given this the necessary attention. It is imperative that we have definite plans worked out by each N. E. C. to direct this work.

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local psychology and support it with a larger perspective. Getting several hundred more miners in our league means the progress of the organization and should be greeted with exultation on the part of the whole membership.

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ests of the Young Workers League become the ultimate goal. Membership in the league to be recruited from the most militant element discovered during the course of our activity. The establishment of shop nuclei, the strengthening of our press, increase in circulation of our literature and the general advantage that will be gained from work of such importance.

On the Job. Each member an organizer, is the slogan in vogue today. A leader in the shop, mine or factory. Let our messages begin taking on a more concrete and specific attitude. All together in the work for the realization of a completely reorganized Young Workers' League functioning on the job, every day in the year.

Discipline A Statement by the National Executive Committee of the Young Workers League ONE of the primary tasks before the Young Workers League today is the bolshevization of the organization, making of it a Leninist young communist league.

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WESTINGHOUSE YOUTH SLAVES FOR LOW WAGES

Pittsburgh Plant Has Rotten Conditions

(Continued from Page 1.) ers from revolting against these miserable conditions, the bosses organize clubs, in these clubs they have reading rooms, gymnasium and other means by which they attempt to get the workers to forget the fact that they must work in order that the owners of the plant might live off their backs.

There is also a cafeteria seating 2,000 workers. While the prices seem to be moderate, the food is rotten, and workers are continually heard grumbling about it. Along with the grubbing food the workers also get sermons from preachers every noon hour to poison their minds. These preachers continually talk on loyalty to the employers, giving service to our superiors, etc. They also talk on the virtue of hard work, although they are very careful not to do this hard work themselves.

There is no bonafide union in the shop, although some of the workers are members of the International Association of Machinists. In order to keep the workers from forming a real union, the bosses have formed a company union. This consists of 25 workers who are "elected" by the workers. 25 who are appointed by the president of the company, and the general manager. This gives the company the deciding vote, even if the "elected" people oppose the company, which seldom happens. The workers have learned from bitter experience, that if their representatives oppose a wage cut, which the company decides to enforce upon the workers, the bosses disregard their opinions and cut the wages anyway.

While there is a sign in the shop saying that Westinghouse is an open shop, that the workers do not care whether or not you belong to a bona fide union, as soon as they discover that workers belong to a union they are fired at once.

The Young Workers League of America calls upon you to join it in the fight for: 1. Six-hour day, five day week for the young workers. 2. Abolition of all overtime and piece work. 3. A four weeks paid vacation every year. 4. Equal wages for equal work for all workers, regardless of age or sex. 5. Minimum wage to meet at least the cost of living. 6. The right to join a union.

Make any action on the question. The whole matter was taken lightly by the New York comrades, and this dangerous tendency of passing so easily over such a vitally important part of our work, cannot under any circumstances be permitted. The N. E. C. has decided that the N. Y. D. M. C. shall receive a public censure for not having made any real efforts to carry out the instruction of the N. E. C. in this matter.

HEAR THE COMMUNIST CANDIDATES! WILLIAM Z. FOSTER Workers Party Candidate for President AND BENJAMIN GITLOW Workers Party Candidate for Vice-President At the ASHLAND AUDITORIUM, Ashland Avenue and Van Buren Street The Frohbit Singing Society, Mandolin Orchestra, Young Workers League Orchestra will be there. Remember the Date SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1924, AT 2:30 P. M. Admission 25 cents COME IN MASSES

