

## DISASTER IN SHADYSIDE MINE COSTS WORKERS NINE LIVES

### Proves Importance of East Ohio Conference

The working youth conference called for the East Ohio section is becoming of ever greater importance as the arrangements for being made. This is true not only for the young workers—particularly the young miners, but to the workers generally. Take for example the disaster in the mine in Shadyside last month which cost the miners nine lives. The trade union officials do not utter much about the immediate welfare of the miners.



**Operators Cause Accidents.**  
It is in this instance and in many others, where it says in the agreement that things of this kind should be taken care of (i. e. timbering, keeping the mine and wiring in shape, etc.) that we find the agreement not being lived up to. This mine where the disaster occurred, in particular, was supposed to be one of the "best" mines as far as safety devices are concerned. Just because of little things such as timbering the accident occurred and nine miners gave their lives for the profits of the boss. It is this carelessness that the coal operators practice which cost the miners hundreds of lives each year.

**Safety Slogans the Bunk.**  
The company has a lot of slogans put up around the mine in a style that catches the eyes of the workers but the company itself does not put any safety measures into effect. Especially right after accidents occur and around the mines the "benevolent" operators start a safety campaign which lasts for a short time and then is completely forgotten.

The Young Workers (Communist) League as the fighting organization of the young workers sees the problem that faces the young workers. It tries to mobilize them for the bettering of these conditions. If the Progressive demand No. 1 of the Young Workers Conference had been put into effect this accident would never have occurred.

**Young Workers Discuss Problems.**  
The young workers have a lot of things to discuss in the conference. They must discuss what attitude they will take towards the trade union bureaucracy and how they are going to help make the United Mine Workers a fighting organization of the coal diggers. The young miners must see in what way they can help in building up the left wing in the miners union. It must find ways and means of waking up the masses of the young workers who have not yet participated in the activities of the miners' union for the reason that the union did not take up the problems which interested them.

The Young Workers Conference must see that it gets the young workers interested in the activities of the union. Also that it brings pressure in the union for the discussion of the youth problems. The U. M. W. A. must do these things with the idea that it is building up the future leaders of the labor movement.

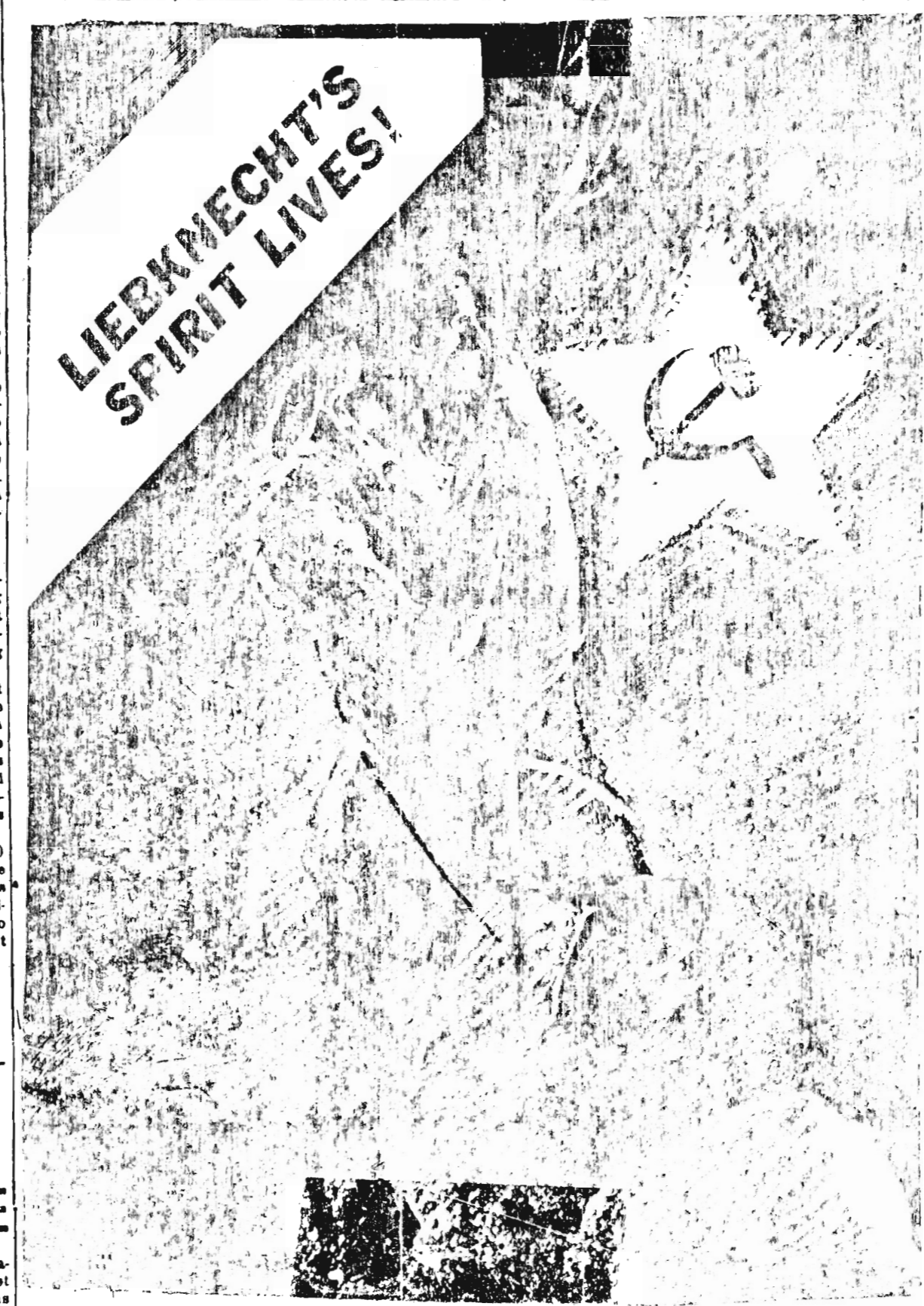
**Unity, Young and Adult Workers.**  
The conference must result in bringing closer relations between the young and adult workers so that the adult workers will not become part to discriminatory tactics against the young workers.

It is to the interests of the left wing that the local unions endorse the call of the Y. W. L. for the youth conference, because it is the first time in the history of the working class youth, that a conference is called where the young workers come together on an equal footing to discuss the problems which face them.

The Young Workers (Communist) League depends on the support of the adult Communists and the militants in the unions of East Ohio and vicinity for its energetic support to make this conference a rallying point for the masses of young workers.

**Forward to a mass Conference!**  
**GEO PAPCUN,**  
Secretary Youth Conference Arrangements Committee.

## Demonstrations on International Liebknecht Day Under the Flying Banner of the Young Communist International



## LOCARNO PEACE TREATY PLOT VS. SOVIET UNION

**LONDON.**—The Locarno treaty has been signed, and Germany has definitely entered into league with the imperialist-militarist of France and England.

This much-advertised peace patent may or may not make war between France and Germany less likely than before. France has the largest army in Europe, and Germany is practically disarmed; therefore, all this trouble was obviously not necessary to "protect" France against Germany. The seeds of war are still left on Germany's eastern frontier, where France is "guaranteeing" Poland and Czechoslovakia against the alterations in their frontiers which the German nationalists are determined to get.

But these are not the questions which have led France and England to force Germany into alliance with them. The security of the Dawes' plan, security for Germany's exploiters, has been a more weighty consideration, but more important still is the fact that Germany is now once and for all bound up with the western imperialists, she has become a part of the great anti-Soviet bloc which Mr. Chamberlain has strained every nerve to secure, and which now reaches to the western frontiers of the workers' state.

This is clearly realized by the German Communists, whose reasons for opposing the treaty were declared by Comrade Thalmann last week in his great speech in the Reichstag. (1) Because, by entering the league of nations, Germany allies herself with a league of imperialists governed by France and England. (2) Because this new alliance with western imperialism will strengthen all the forces of reaction, and lead to further oppressions of the working class. (3)

## "LIEBKNECHT!"

By Henri Barbusse

(From "Le Feu" ["Under Fire"].)

BERTRAND was not much of a talker as a rule, and he never talked about himself. All the same, he said:

"I've done in three of them. I laid about me as if I was mad. Oh! We were all of us beasts when we got here."

Then, raising his voice, which was trembling all the time:

"It had to be," he said. "It had to be—for the sake of the future!"—

He folded his arms and nodded.

"The future!" he suddenly exclaimed in a prophetic tone. "What will those who come after us, and to whom progress—which comes like fate—will have brought at last a clear moral judgment, think of these butcheries and these exploits which we, we who are actually performing them, do not know whether to compare with the feats of Plutarch's and Corneille's heroes, or with those of apaches!"

"And yet," Bertrand went on, "look! There is one figure which has raised itself above the battle and which will shine by the beauty and quality of its courage —"

I listened, leaning on my stick, hanging over him, drinking in his voice which came, in the silence of the twilight from lips which were seldom opened.

"LIEBKNECHT!"

He stood up, still with his arms folded; his handsome face, set with all the gravity of a statue, sunk on his breast. But he emerged once more from his marmoreal silence to repeat:

"The future! The future! The work of the future will be to efface this present, and efface it more thoroughly than we dream of, to efface it as something shameful and abominable. And yet, the present had to be! Shame on military glory, shame on armies, shame on the soldiers' trade, which turns men alternately into senseless victims or base executioners. Yes, shame! It is true, but it is too true; it is one of the eternal verities, but it is not yet a truth for us. It will become true when we have a whole bible which is all true. It will become true when it has taken its place with the other truths which we shall be able to understand when our minds have been purified. We are still strangers and pilgrims, far from such a time as that. In our day, amongst present realities, this truth is scarcely more than an error, this sacred word is no better than blasphemy."

Because, by signing the treaty, Germany signs away her last chance of revolt against the Dawes' plan and its intensified exploitation of the working class. (4) Because, as everyone knows, and Mr. Chamberlain has not concealed, the Locarno treaty is a league of the western powers against the workers government of Soviet Russia.

**PUSH the SUB DRIVE for the YOUNG WORKER**

## GEO. PAPCUN TOURS E. OHIO

### On Young Workers Meet

**CLEVELAND, Ohio.**—Energetic preparations are under way for the tour of Comrade George Papcun, Secretary of the Young Workers Conference Arrangements Committee, thru East Ohio.

The tour of Comrade Papcun will consist in the laying of the basis for the pit and shop meetings of young workers which are to elect delegates to the conference scheduled for Bellville during the last week in February. The dates of the tour are as follows:

- Wed. January 3, at 3 P. M. Bellville
- Jan. 4, at 7 P. M. Fairport
- Jan. 5, at 7 P. M. Poshattan Pt.
- Jan. 7, at 7 P. M. Geneva
- Jan. 8, at 7 P. M. Lockport
- Jan. 11, at 7 P. M. Delaware
- Jan. 12, at 7 P. M. Bradley
- Jan. 13, at 7 P. M. Martins Ferry
- Jan. 14, at 7 P. M.

## World Union Unity By All-Inclusive International

**LONDON.** World Trade Union leaders mean that the Russian Union will abandon their friends and to enter the Amsterdam International Com. at the close of common struggle. The British Trade Union Congress has approved Tomsky when he said this. The resolution calling for unity thru an "all inclusive international federation of trade unions," was adopted at Scarborough, by a distinct instruction to the general council that the British trade union movement stands for an all-inclusive union.

The Russian unions are willing and ready to support them in their struggle to have a free and unconditional conference with the I. F. T. U. to discuss world unity. Any preliminary negotiations which Amsterdam may lay down however cunningly hidden, means that a conference is impossible, but also constitutes a step in the face for the British trade unions.

## DICTATORSHIP ESTABLISHED IN GREECE

**ATHENS.**—Following the deportation of 400 alleged plotters against the government, a dictatorship has been set up here with Gen. Pangalos at the head.

The new dictator proclaimed his coup at a military banquet. He announced that the proposed senatorial elections had been postponed indefinitely.

## FARGO LABOR ENDORSE FARMER LABOR PARTY

**FARGO, N. D.**—A resolution endorsing action for the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party was passed by the Trades and Labor Assembly at its recent session.

This is one more instance in recent events which show that the northwestern states are conscious of the need for independent political action on the part of the workers and farmers, and are taking steps towards the achievement of such action.

## ZANKOFF REGIME NEAR END AS CABINET FALL STIRS BULGAR CHAMBER

**SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 3.**—It is believed that the rule of Zankoff, mass murderer of workers and peasants under white terror, is nearing an end. Internal struggles among the cabinet are breaking down his power. Yesterday Zankoff announced the resignation of the minister of public works, Stojanov, and demanded an adjournment of parliament until the cabinet is reconstructed. The president's chamber declared a majority vote for adjournment in spite of the clear majority against it. Violent protests were made by the opposition.

**Come Ahead Into the Young Workers League**

## The Liebknecht-Luxemburg Meetings to Be Held from the Atlantic to the Pacific

**THE Young Workers' (Communist) League of America, the organization of the Young Communists in this country, is to celebrate International Liebknecht Day, by mass meetings from coast to coast during this week.** The demonstrations are to be held in commemoration of the brutal murder of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg by the reactionaries and the social democratic leaders of Germany on January 15, 1918. Similar demonstrations will be held in all parts of the world under the central direction of the Young Communist International and its national sections, the Young Communist Leagues of each country.

The demonstrations are under the leadership of the young Communist organizations, because of Liebknecht's untiring efforts in their behalf, both within and without the socialist ranks. Liebknecht did all in his power to help in the formation of the Young Socialist League of Germany, and it was largely thru his propaganda that the Young Socialist International was founded in 1907.

One of his important works was and still is: "Militarism and Anti-Militarism," written from a series of lectures on the subject given before one of the youth leagues. The book caused a great stir in Germany and

was ordered suppressed and destroyed. He was tried and sentenced to prison, but this did not stop him from his work. He was released from the Prussian state prison, but he continued to do his duty. He worked in the very face of the reactionaries of capitalism.

He was an uncompromising avenger, when necessary, of the members of his own party. In 1919 war was declared by the majority of social democrats to support the bourgeoisie, stood alone in the Reichstag supporting the war of the imperialists.

On May 1, 1918, Liebknecht's May Day speech in Berlin was called upon the workers to fight against the war and thereby caused it. His speech was so dangerous that he was put on a charge of high treason which he was sentenced to a term of hard labor imprisonment, which was changed to military court for four years, six months and the loss of civil rights for six months.

When the Kaiser's power was thrown, Liebknecht was put in jail and received with honor by the workers wherever he went.

Then, he together with other of the Communists of the Spartacus Bund, Rosa Luxemburg, Leo Jogiches, Franz Dux, and others, led a revolt against the bourgeois socialist government, beginning of the year 1919. The rising was crushed by the despotic social democracy, Gustav Noske, together with his colleagues in betrayal, Philipp Scheidemann and Fritz Ebert, heads of the German republic.

Liebknecht was arrested from behind by the bourgeois socialist leaders on January 15, 1918. Rosa Luxemburg was beaten by the same foul gang of butchers her body thrown into the Spree. She was murdered in the March of the same year. Mehring died of a broken heart. Zetkin, famous woman worker and an outstanding leader of the Communist International is still a standing leader of the Communist movement of workers who still lives.

This year International Liebknecht Day finds the workers moving to the left in all countries. The Young World Trade Union youth workers delegations to the 1933 elections in Europe, the struggles of the national youth in China, Syria, Morocco, Peru, the powerful growth of the Union, financial crisis, and war in certain industries, are standing signs of the fight for partial and temporary abolition of capitalism as a result of the Plan, etc. In United States partial.

Even in the United States Liebknecht Day finds the strongest capitalism in the world signs show a tendency towards a new offensive of the bourgeoisie against the bourgeoisie.

Young Workers of America, Farmers, soldiers and sailors, Young Workers (Communist) of the United States call on you to join in the International Liebknecht demonstration. This should mark the starting point of united efforts of the young workers, soldiers and sailors, struggle for the betterment of conditions. The despotic dictatorship cloaked in the "pure democracy" must be abolished and the dictatorship of the proletariat instituted in its place. In the capitalist government, the Young Workers government.

Long live the spirit of Liebknecht!  
Long live the united struggle of exploited youth of this country.  
Long live the Young Communist International and its American section.

**Why Not Become a Worker Correspondent?**

Out of hundred guns,  
Oh, Liebknecht, Comrade!  
Out of the iron throats of victory,  
By the shrill voices of a thousand swords,  
By the clanging of broken chains,  
And the crashing song of a conquering class,  
Shall we greet you,  
Brave and beloved one, who,  
From afar off,  
Foretold and saluted our dawn.



### YOUNG GIRLS FIGHT LONG HOURS, LOWERED PIECE WORK PRICE IN BOYDEN HOSIERY MILL

By Young Worker Correspondent. PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The following is a description of conditions and how they exist in Geo. E. Boyden and Sons' hosiery mill.



The girls in some departments have to work in the morning and come to hang around for some time for their work. It is held back so that you have to spend the day in the factory. Instead of giving you the work all at once, so that you can finish it and go home. You have to be sure to be there at 7 A. M. even though you walk one hour or so for your work.

In the department where the young girls work the forelady is walking around and speeding up the girls all she can. She will tell the girls to work faster if they want to make \$8 per week.

The work is very close and injurious to the eyes. The light is very poor and some girls have to work with electricity all day long. Altho there is only one young Communist working there her activities are bringing results. For instance:

**Girl Communist Organizes Action.** Boyden and Sons which pays 9 1/2¢ per dozen for men's socks on looping, undertook work for another concern. This other concern was paying its help 12¢ per dozen for the same work. This girl commade on hearing of this method immediately began to propagate in the shop against this method of cutting wages.

**Win No Scabbing Issue.** She showed the workers how they were scabbing on their fellow workers if they allowed the lower price to remain. This quick action on her part resulted in the refusal of the workers to do any work unless they were paid the same rate that the other shop was paying. Up to date no work has been brought into this shop from the other showing how effective the united refusal of the workers on this point were.

This young Communist girl with the help of the Young Workers (Communist) League of Providence intends to organize a shop nuclei of the League in the near future. All militant young workers are requested to line up.

**Girls Win 8 1/2-Hour Week.** Previous the workers had worked 48 hours, but it had been increased to 54 hours. The tendency on the part of the workers to resist this increase of hours was the result of the agitation of the left wing workers. The agitation reached such an extent that a shop meeting was held at which the superintendent after attempting to bulldoze the girls finally compromised on a 5 1/2-hour week.

**\$7 a Week Slaves.** The average wage for girls under 16 years of age is \$7 per week. The girls on day work over 16 years receive from \$12 to \$16 per week. Those working piece-work average about \$20 per week.

### FIRE ADULTS; HIRE YOUNG CHILDREN

#### American Can Company Act

By Young Worker Correspondent. MAYWOOD, Ill.—A rich Christmas present for the stockholders of the American Can Company was announced when directors authorized an extra dividend on the common shares.

While this large increase of profits is taking place and the rich stockholders are filling their pockets with more gold than ever before, the workers of the American Can Company have not had their conditions bettered a bit.

**Unhealthy Conditions.** The workers toil 9 hours a day with only 45 minutes for lunch. The air in many of the shops is very unhealthy. In the lithograph and paint department of the company the men and boys that work there don't last long. The paints and inks contain very poisonous matter. The windows

are always closed and there is not any ventilation system in these departments. Thus the workers suffer by breathing the foul air. Most of them go to the hospital after working here for a time. One worker who used to work in the coal mines told me that the air in the shop is worse than in any mine he ever worked in.

**The Less Wages Scheme.** Most of the workers here get from 40¢ to 45¢ an hour. Last summer the company thought out a scheme to get workers for even less than that. They started to fire the workers right and left sometime for no reason at all. They then hired school children many of whom were under 16 years of age. These new workers received from 35¢ to 37¢ an hour. They did not stay more than a few months, but the bosses were well satisfied that they saved a few dollars.

**Seeds of Organization Sown.** Altho it is not an easy matter to organize the workers of the American Can Company because the workers don't stay very long here and because of the extensive stool pigeon system, the seeds of organization has been planted and a will bear fruit. —A young Litho Helper.



## The Life of the Young Workers

### GO WEST YOUNG MAN IS DOLL-BUY

By Young Worker Correspondent. THERE is quiet a discussion in the capitalist press regarding the opportunities for ambitious young men in the present system of society. Let us quote Horace Greely's statement of it: Go west, young man, go west. We all know something about this great west with its "great open spaces," vast natural resources, plus bankrupt farmers.

No, Horace Greely, the west is no more an outlet for the young man. Today we find this section thoroughly exploited. Large industrial concerns mark the spots of the small trading ports of the past. The railroads have stretched their tentacles thruout the section and have gobbled up the "once-upon-a-time" free land as they passed. John D. barricaded the door behind him in the Oil industry. Carnegie closed the door behind him in the steel industry. Harriman duplicated this feat on the railroads. The house of "His majesty" Morgan triple locked all the gates.

Thousands of the young workers, who may yet be unutilized, with the "from office boy to president ideology" pass these doors and see the sign staring them in the face: No trespassing.

The young workers must realize that the days of so-called opportunity have passed. The child born into the ranks of the working class is doomed to remain a worker, toiling and sweating for the profits of the ruling oligarchy.

There is no more lofty ideal for which the young workers can strive than that of becoming a class fighter on behalf of the exploited. The young workers of to-day will live to see the day when they can look down from the secure position of the dictatorship of the proletariat (the workers organized as the ruling class) upon the ruins of capitalism. Will you be able to say at that time that you were one of the grave diggers? —FRED HOCERAR.



### L. F. DOW PRINTING BOSSES VIOLATE MINIMUM LAWS

#### St. Paul Young Worker Urges Young Communists to Continue Work

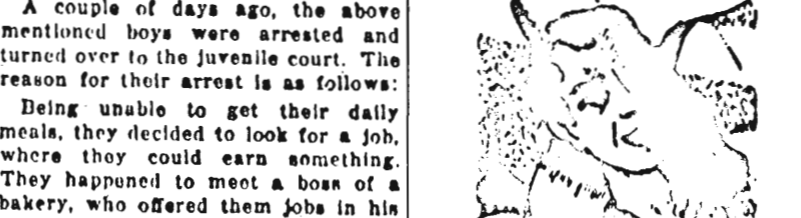
(Editors Note: This letter has just been received from a young worker as a result of the factory campaign being conducted by the Y. W. L. of St. Paul. This shows the results of such campaigns and the necessity of utilizing such contacts to form the most advanced group into a Y. W. L. factory group (shop nucleus). By Young Worker Correspondent. ST. PAUL, Minn.—Louis F. Dow Printing Co. has 160 workers, early all of them being young workers, boys and girls who work the hardest and receive the lowest wages. The foreman keeps telling us to hurry. He is always saying that we are two days behind in our work, to try and get us to work harder. The boys start to work for \$10 a week and the girls for \$7.83. This is even a violation of the Minimum State Law, but the boss violates this and is not prosecuted, while we if we ask for a raise, get a promise the first time, and get fired the second time. After a year of hard slaving, we are lucky to get \$13.00 per week, despite the fact that the boss promises to raise our pay to \$16.00 per week. The union wages for pressmen, bookbinders and paper-cutters range from \$24 to over \$40 per week, while in our shop they receive only from \$20 to \$25 for a 48-hour week, which is four

hours longer than the union time. We are unorganized. We workers are unorganized. We are not in a union. The bosses, however, are organized in many bosses' unions such as the St. Paul Association, the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association, the Citizens Alliance, the St. Paul Typothetae and other bosses' organizations which scheme to keep the workers' wages low and their conditions poor, while the bosses' profits increase—especially around Christmas. We Fight for Demands. Recently, the Young Workers League, an organization of young workers of all industries, spread a bulletin, explaining the conditions within our shop and called upon us to organize ourselves and fight for better conditions. They asked us to unite together on the basis of the following demands: 1. Equal pay for equal work; 2. No compulsory overtime; 3. No lay-off in slack time; 4. Two weeks vacation with pay; 5. Organize ourselves into a union. These demands are all vital and of immediate necessity for us. I believe that the Young Workers League should continue to issue its bulletin as we young workers are all interested in it and want to know more about the Young Workers League.

### CHILD WORKERS PINCHED WHILE EXPLOITER REMAINS FREE

#### Charge Violation of Curfew Law

By Young Worker Correspondent. YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—Can you imagine three little chaps, 15, 13, and 12 years of age violating the so-called Curfew Law? Maybe you have never heard of such a law, but Youngstown has the pleasure of one. A couple of days ago, the above mentioned boys were arrested and turned over to the juvenile court. The reason for their arrest is as follows: Being unable to get their daily meals, they decided to look for a job, where they could earn something. They happened to meet a boss of a bakery, who offered them jobs in his establishment. The kids started to



## YOUNG COMMUNIST NUCLEUS MASS SUPPORT IN UNORGANIZED SHIRT FACTORY

### Show Up Socialist Boss

By Young Worker Correspondent. It is a well known fact that in the unorganized trades the workers and especially the young workers are facing inhuman conditions. Organization is needed here in order to wage a struggle against these conditions. The shirt industry in Philadelphia is entirely unorganized and therefore the workers of this industry are subject to the worst kind of exploitation. In one of these factories there worked a member of the Young Workers (Communist) League. Altho she saw and understood the miserable conditions of the workers she could not do much alone. Soon another worker became employed in the same factory and new life was put into the situation.

**We Make the Start.** These two reacted on every question which concerned the workers of this shop. In the beginning on economic questions only, as for instance, a fellow was fired from his job because he had the "nerve" to oppose a cut in wages. This incident awakened a bitterness in all the workers, a bitterness which under ordinary circumstances may have died out. But under the influence of our comrades this was organized into a stoppage which resulted, in spite of the bosses' bitter opposition, in the return of the fired fellow worker back to the factory.

**Workers Learn Organization.** This was a good lesson to the boss and a better lesson for the workers. The Leaguers of course took advantage of this opportunity by pointing out to the rest of the workers by only thru an organized and powerful fight can the workers win their demands from the bosses. A short time afterwards another Leaguer came to work in this factory. A nucleus of the Young Workers (Communist) League was immediately organized. Thru personal talks, different tactics, and especially thru reacting on all the questions which the workers faced in the shop, the Leaguers soon won the sympathy of most of their shop mates and thus were

already backed by a majority of them in different activities. We Win Mass Support. Not being afraid of the boss' jobs so easily, because of the support of the workers, the nucleus then expanded its activities, bringing in most of the workers raised by the Party and the (Communist) Party papers were brought in day to the shop.

**Mal Hal Boss Is Scared.** Once upon a time a disorganizer, Socialism (U. S. Socialist, Ed.) and Communism (U. S. Socialist, Ed.) boss approached and tried to get the Socialist's wife the ratification policies, she also herself was a Socialist. The death blow to the disorganizer "poor" Socialists, for even the workers have decided that the boss defends this kind of thing. There is no place for them. Lately the nucleus, though the boss is unknown, spread its propaganda, especially thru winning support for the Communist movement.

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### WORKERS' DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST U. S. IMPERIALISM FORGE MELLA RELEASE

By Young Worker Correspondent. NEW YORK CITY.—About 150 persons, mostly young workers, participated in a mass picketing of the office of the American Sugar Refining Company in Wall Street on Monday, December 21st. In protest against the persecution of Julio Antonio Mella and other Cuban workers by the Cuban government at the instigation of the imperialist sugar trust. The demonstration which took place in the very citadel of Imperialism was arranged jointly by the New York

section of the International Defense and the U. S. All-American Anti-Imperialist League. A great crowd gathered at the waterfront and once again the business houses of the city. Now and then an overture of the one hundred per cent but he seen on the outskirts of the city. As soon however as these things out what the demonstration they turned and walked away such remarks as "They should go to work," "Why don't they go where they came from?" etc. With the growing solidarity of workers of the world in the fight against imperialism, they will sing another tune. It was demonstrations of this character which resulted in the freeing of Mella.

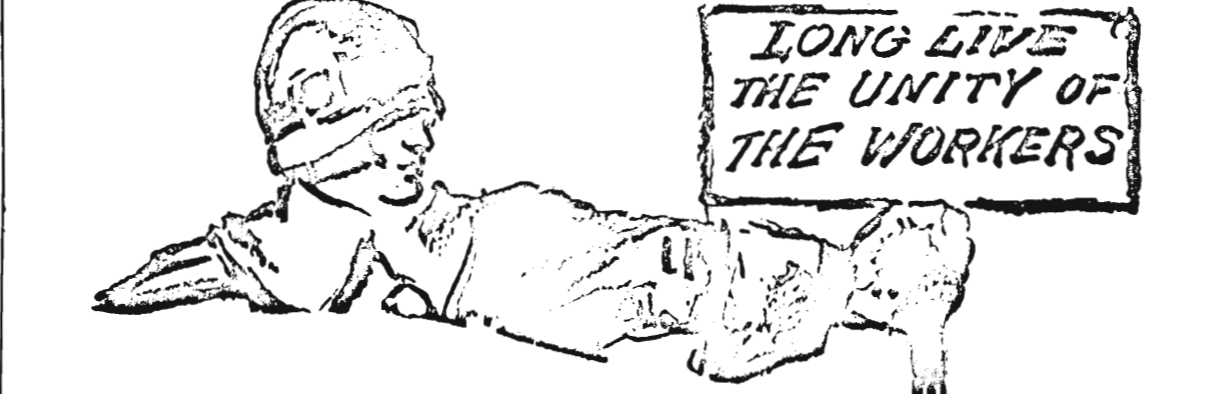
# The Convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers

THE International Ladies Garment Workers convention opened in Philadelphia with a mass meeting on Dec. 2. The large throng which came to witness the opening gave evidence of the great interest that was being taken in this gathering by the organized workers. Indeed, these workers have looked forth to that moment for many months.

Everyone knew that this "biannual" convention was taking place long before the two year period had expired, and everyone was well aware of the fact that this early convention call was forced by the revolt of the overwhelming majority of the New York membership. The Yankee Stadium meeting, the Madison Square Garden demonstration, the night and day guard duty at the local 22 headquarters, the battles with the armed thugs hired by the Sicilian ochrons, the struggle against the united front of the bosses and Sigmants, were still fresh in the minds of all those who were there. The atmosphere prevailing was by no means in harmony with the opening speeches, appealing for "unity, brotherhood and peace."

**The First Battle.** The first battle took place on the report of the Sigman picked credentials committee. The committee recommended the seating of 282 delegates and under the pretense of desiring unity took up no charges against various right wing leaders. During the discussion that took place on this report, the left wing took the opportunity to expose the representation system of the I. L. G. W. U. and paved the way for the important fight that was to come up later on the question of proportional representation.

The constitution of the International provides that 15 members shall make a local. Locals having up to 200 members send 2 delegates, 200 to 300 send 3 delegates, 300 to 1000 send 4 delegates and 1 additional delegate for every additional 1000 members. Furthermore the expenses of the



### Forward with the Left Wing

single word on world trade union unity. There was Matt Woll who devoted his speech almost entirely to the "new venture on the part of American labor" on the field of labor banking and labor insurance. This he called the evolutionary and more practical method for labor to follow.

Of course, William Green, president of the A. F. of L., was there. Whenever a "unity" speech is needed very few can surpass Green. Green was always considered the pluch hitter for the Lewis machine in the miners' union and was always put forward to make "unity" speeches, when the progressives threatened the machine. Now he is being employed in that capacity for other unions.

However, his speech was of considerable interest for the working class generally. Some of his remarks indicated that the bureaucracy of the A. F. of L. will in the future use more cunning methods against the left wing. He declared: "they (the radicals) inspire us to renewed activity and service. I prefer the living fighting radicalism to dry rot. We must learn to get along with them." (Editorial note: In considering these words of Green, we should remember the following characteristics of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy. 1. They will

not affiliate to Amsterdam because it is too "red" for them. 2. The connection of the bureaucracy with the war department in Washington. 3. The imperialist policies of the A. F. of L. in the Pan-American Federation of Labor, etc.)

**The Unity Game.** From the many speeches delivered at the convention it was evident that the game of the reactionaries was to play up unity in order to pacify the left wing. It was however pointed out by the left wing spokesmen that real unity cannot be accomplished with sentimental speeches but by some serious changes in the union.

Needless to say, that the left wing forced thru a number of progressive resolutions, such as for a Labor Party, break with Civic Federation, defense of political prisoners, etc. Most of them were adopted unanimously as the reactionaries dared not take chances on splitting their own forces.

**Proportional Representation.** A lively battle of the convention came on the question of the point in the New York "peace" agreement providing for a referendum vote on proportional representation. The reactionaries wanted to repudiate this point knowing well that it spelled the end of the Sigman bureaucracy. They

were determined to violate this agreement. The fight finally culminated in the left wing delegates numbering 111 walking out of the convention. The Sigmants being fully aware that these delegates represented more than 75% of the membership and knowing further that even their own supporters would not back them on this issue finally backed down. They agreed to submit the question of proportional representation to a referendum vote but not sooner than six months or later than a year. This proposal was finally accepted.

**Sigman to Help Bosses.** Altho that could be considered as an important point scored by the left wing it must not be overlooked that the machine has a trick up its sleeve. They hope within the next six months to engage in a ruthless campaign against all progressives in the union. They are waiting for the moment when the New York membership, which has put the leadership in the hands of the progressives, will be faced with a struggle against the employers and first by putting all kinds of obstacles in the way by the well known Derry method, will endeavor to discredit the left wing as poor "strike leaders," etc. By this method they

hope to win in the referendum—and also, they will be the counters of the vote. The progressive workers are aware of this scheme but have enough confidence in the left wing leadership and fighting spirit of the New York cloak makers, to defeat this combination of bosses and "leaders."

The last thing that the convention did was to elect an Executive Board of 15 vice presidents, 4 being left wingers, selecting Sigman and Haroff as president and secretary respectively.

**Young Workers Gain Ground.** Of particular interest to the young workers is the fact that among the resolutions passed is one condemning the military training camps, protesting against military training in the colleges and the militarization of the youth, another one against child labor, demanding low initiation fees for child workers into the unions, etc.

Further, it must be borne in mind that most of the resolutions adopted at this convention are also to be introduced by the delegates to the A. F. of L. convention as per instructions in each of them. The fat boys gathered at the next A. F. of L. convention will have much more difficulties trying to avoid clear cut policies on those two resolutions.

The convention generally bore all the characteristics of the fight that was waged within the I. L. G. W. U. for the past two years. The admin-



### Come Ahead Into the Young Workers League



# With the Young Workers (Communist) League

## KARL LIEBKNECHT MEETINGS HELD FROM ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC

On the seventh anniversary of the death of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg the memory, example and inspiration of their great struggle is as fresh as it was the day after their murder by the hands of the tools of the traitorous cowardly social-democrats—the Social Party of Germany.

Today the story of their fight against German and world militarism and the capitalist system is being told in millions of books, pamphlets and leaflets. All over the world—from Sidney, Australia to New York, from South Africa to the North Pole—in Siberia millions of young workers are gathering in mass meetings to hear, tell and take examinations from them, to solemnly pledge to continue their struggle against this rotten and rotting system of society, against militarism and the selling of our national people, and to bring to the fore of the evils that we were born to face. The severe conditions under which the young workers are working in the shops, mines and on the farms. The militarization of the youth for the purpose of enslaving the Philippines, Cuba, Porto Rico, Santo Domingo, the carrying out of the Dawes plan and the enslaving of German workers; and all the other problems that the House of Morgan and the cohorts of Rockefeller, and a host of others have put upon us.

The following is a partial list of meetings. Those young workers who are within reach of these meetings should come and hear these problems discussed:

Boston: at Palm Hall, 9 Appleton St. Jan. 10 at 8:30. Speaker: Al Shepp.

### KARL LIEBKNECHT:

"The war is not only the result of the policy of competitive armaments which we have always opposed, it is not only the result of secret diplomacy, it is not only a Bonapartist undertaking directed against the working class movement, it is, in its historical nature, imperialistic. It is imperialistic in its origin. It is imperialistic in its objects, i. e., it pursues capitalist aims of expansion and conquest."

(From the resolution of August 4.)

New York: at Central Opera House, 3rd Ave. and 47th St., Jan. 15 at 8:15 P. M. Speakers: Sam Darcy, Sam Don, Jack Stachel, and others.

Philadelphia: January 9—no address sent in. Speaker, Sam Darcy, Morris Yusem, etc.

Baltimore: January 10—no address sent in.

Syracuse: January 15, Educational Center Hall, Jackson and Orange. Speaker, Sol Horowitz.

Buffalo: January 10, Finnish Hall, 159 Grider St. Speakers: Isador Greenberg, John Alquist, Herbert Benjamin.

Albany: Jan. 10 at 8 P. M., at 153 So. Pearl St. Speakers: Sam Rivan and a New York speaker.

Detroit: Jan. 17, no address sent in. Speakers: Sam Darcy, Barney Mass, Edgar Owsen.

Chicago: Jan. 8, Northwest Hall, 400 North and Western. Speakers: Max Shachtman, John Williamson, Max Salzman, Earl Browder.

Newark: Jan. 17 at 8 P. M., Newark Labor Lyceum, 704 So. 14th St. Speaker: M. Harrison, and others.

St. Paul: Jan. 15.

Minneapolis: Jan. 16.

Superior: Jan. 17.

Due to technical difficulties it was impossible to get the list of meetings that are being held in Washington and California, and many other places. We have been informed of meetings in Los Angeles, Berkeley and other places but no dates or addresses were sent in.

In many cities Joint Lenin-Liebknecht meetings are being held without any special Liebknecht meetings. A list of those will be found in our next issue. Additional announcements will be published in the Youth Column Daily Worker as they come in.

## SCHACHTMAN TOURS CALIF. FOR LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—The National Executive Committee is sending Comrade Wm. Schachtman, District Organizer of California, District Organizer of California, on an extensive organization tour thru the northern part of California, where the League are arranging a series of meetings for him. He will be gone during the month of January, and his trip will include San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, San Jose, Fort Bragg, Eureka and nearby points. All members of the Party, and the League please note the following dates, and co-operate with Comrade Schachtman to help build up a real live functioning Young Workers League:

San Francisco—Jan. 4 and 5.

Oakland and Berkeley—Jan. 6 and 7th.

Eureka—Jan. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Fort Bragg—Jan. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19th.

San Francisco—Jan. 21, 22, 23, 24 Lenin-Liebknecht Memorial Mass Meeting.

Oakland and Berkeley—Jan. 25, 26, 27, 28.

Berkeley—Jan. 29, General membership meeting of all branches of Young Workers League of San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley (Bay Cities Local), held at Finnish Hall, Berkeley.

Oakland and Berkeley—Jan. 30.

San Francisco—Jan. 31.

Berkeley—Feb. 1, Lenin-Liebknecht Memorial Mass Meeting.

San Jose—Open.

The Party and League D. E. C.'s are co-operating to make this organization tour a success.

## Eat's Everything at Young Worker Dance

YONKERS, N. Y.—All aboard to the rescue of the YOUNG WORKER. That is the slogan of the Rescue Party and Dance given for the benefit of the YOUNG WORKER by the Yonkers, Young Workers (Communist) League. It happens on Saturday Evening, January 16, at The Labor Lyceum, 30 Warburton Avenue. There will be dancing, life savers, refreshments in everything.

Get a sub and make a young Communist.

## "TALKING DOWN OF PEOPLE" Shown in Y. W. L. Meet

ST. PAUL, Minn.—An anti-religious meeting was held by the Young Workers (Communist) League here at the very time that the Santa Claus brigade was being peddled wholesale. There were at least 200 participants.

Comrade C. Cowl, sub D. O. of the League was chairman of the evening. Julius F. Emma spoke on the subject: "The working class and religion. He said in part: "The churches are doomed everywhere the workers come into power," he pointed to the advanced stage of thinking of the Russian proletariat after the 1917 revolution and the cleavage forced between the Roman Catholic church and the governmental system in Mexico after the revolution there.

Two tableaux showing the position of the Communists was given. The first showed the role of religion in the class struggle as the instrument of the capitalist class. The second showed the class sweep of the reactionaries, militarists and capitalists after Red October.

## THE PROTEST AT THE POTSPLATZ, DEMONSTRATION

From Karl Liebknecht's leaflet of the 1st of May, 1916.

Workers, party comrades! Women of the Proletariat!

How long will you silently suffer the crimes of the wholesale masses, misery and starvation? The rich people can endure the war for a long time yet. They will not suffer any hunger. Away with the atrocious crimes of the slaughter of the people. Down with those responsible for it. Our enemies are not the French, the Russian or the English people, they are the German junkers, the German capitalists and their business managers, the German government.

Forth to the fight against the deadly enemy of all freedom, the fight for everything which means the welfare and future of the cause of the workers, of humanity and of culture.

## To the Factories with Young Workers League

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There are many other matters that we may discuss here—matters which need discussing. However even only the problems and examples cited above if systematized all point to the one solution—greater activity in the shops—especially as already said—the large shops in the important industries.

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—Sam Darcy.

# The Pinchot Plan

As John L. Lewis and his hand-picked Executive Committee have accepted Governor Pinchot's plan, as the basis for settling the present anthracite strike, the course of the militants involved in this strike is very evident as to their sentiments relative to the famous "Pinchot Plan."

In all progressive circles universal condemnation of the basis for settlement is heard. The left wing elements will intensify their opposition now that this new brand of betrayal has made its debut in mining circles in this region.

The arguments advanced by the apologists of the Lewis bureaucracy that no settlement will be accepted which carries with it a reduction in wages, but they will do everything possible in their power to attain a higher rate of wages and better working conditions is all bunk. Their acceptance of the "Pinchot Plan" conclusively demonstrates this. The Pinchot Plan certainly will not raise wages, better working and living conditions.

Progressive Fight Advances.

In a situation of this character the Progressive elements will continue to fight. It is generally understood, however, that in addition to rallying their forces at the ratification convention, which will be packed to the roof with "Lawisties," the Progressives can but continue their campaign among the masses to convince them the basis of settlement is not to their best interests. That will be done.

It will take more than a plan of a "liberal" governor, arrived at after "serious deliberating" with the operators, after ascertaining the proposals contained in his "Plan" were not against the bosses' best interests, the brain-child thought out after much meditating on his part, to insure the workers no substantial raise in wages or even a little bettering of their working conditions.

Lewis, time and again, stated "his people" would consider as feasible a long term contract, preferably one of five years duration. Lewis is Lewis. His mania for long term contracts is reflected in the situation in which the United Mine Workers ends itself

at the present day.

Mania For Long Term Contracts.

In the soft coal fields, tied down to three years by the infamous Jacksonville Agreement, demoralization and chaos reigns rampant. The organization is being smashed to pieces. Lewis now will tie-up the anthracite with a five year agreement, the anthracite will very shortly follow the path of the bituminous fields and then—bye-bye dear old union. A no-strike clause is found also. This is beautiful. We aren't permitted to strike! This pill will be hard indeed to swallow as District One alone has experienced over 1,000 "outlaw strikes" since Cappellini assumed the presidency of that district.

More than a clause in a bosses' agreement will have to be invented to prohibit miners from voicing their discontent thru the medium of a strike when the bosses ravage their wage scale and working conditions.

Betrayal in Pinchot Plan.

The Progressive elements are preparing for the inevitable reaction which will come when the rank and file finally are convinced as to the true character of the "Pinchot Plan" and when they finally see how betraying their officials actually are, the Progressive elements prestige and influence among the masses will be heightened.

The struggle against the persecution in order to propagate our demands will be continued. Regardless of the fact that our mass meetings are prohibited and our speakers usually arrested and framed to prison on trumped-up charges, this fight will go on. The militant struggle of the Progressive elements to carry to the masses their demands for a labor Party, for nationalization of the mines with workers' control, the six-hour day and five-day week, a minimum wage, and the other demands that are contained in our program will go on.

Against Government Intervention.

Early in the days of the strike leaders of the Progressive miners warned against ultimate government intervention either by Coolidge or Pinchot, warned the miners that ultimately Lewis would accept arbitra-

tion as a medium of settling the strike, regardless of his own statements that "we will not settle that such would be the basis of settlement of the strike, unless they demanded they wage a general strike for the interests of the mine.

Such is the situation of their acceptance of the Pinchot Plan which will not prevent an increase to the miners or better conditions in any respect. As September 1st Today, 1935, a five leader, wrote an article was published in the DAILY WORKER on the certainty that it would interfere and what would undoubtedly make a plan for the strike settlement. This situation today with Pinchot's plan.

Pinchot interfered since 1923. The miners yet remember "good offices" when that was settled, chiefly thru the efforts of this super-interventor. The five miners stand ready to oppose to the Pinchot Plan, to denounce the union bureaucracy accepting it as a basis for the settlement of the anthracite strike.

—AUGUST VALENZUELA

## Arrange Liebknecht Memorial

BOSTON, Jan. 6 — A program for the Boston Young Workers League memorial meeting has been arranged. The meeting will be held on the afternoon, Jan. 10 at 8:30 at the Paine Hall, 9 Appleton St., Mass.

At 8:30, district speaker, Young Workers League will be principal speaker. Other speakers from the Young Workers League will be the Workers (Communist) Party, also full of Liebknecht and Luxemburg in Germany. The Young Workers League arranged a special program for the occasion. The meeting is being held under the joint auspices of the Young Workers (Communist) League and the Young Workers League of Boston.

# WE FACE A CRISIS

THE reorganization is nearing completion. But with this accomplishment comes new dangers which we must face and overcome if we are to become a mass organization.

A dangerous tendency has manifested itself one of going to sleep as we as the transfer from the old to the new units have been made. Our comrades have not had it sufficiently trained in them that the reorganization is not an end in itself but only a means to the end of winning the great mass of workers to us and the success of the reorganization depends not merely on the change of names but on the kind and intensity of activity that is carried on under the shop nuclei system of organization.

These are the critical months. The danger lies that a nucleus will wither if it is not used actively here. If we are during this period especially intensely active in the shops we will win over many of the workers. If they are not the nucleus will finally break up.

### Attention to Large Factories.

There are other dangers besides inactivity. One is the surprisingly small number of our comrades who work in large factories. It is the large factories that the major part of our attention should be given. The large factories—especially those in the basic industries—are the great source of our strength. Our activity now is not in this field. Take our best League for example. New York finds after the reorganization has been completed that the greater part of its members work in small shops in the needle trades, building trades, etc. The tendency will be to direct most of the League's attention to the work in these shops. THIS WOULD PROVE A GREAT ERROR. Even if we have almost no comrades working in really large shops as is the case also in Boston special efforts must be made to send in comrades to work and build the movement there.

This will prove a difficult task in many places considering the low theoretical level of our membership. But that must not become a deterring factor. Ideological campaigns among our comrades will solve the problem.

### Nucleus Not a Trade Group.

Another great danger presents itself in the tendency of our nuclei to become trade groups. Temporarily because of our weakness we were not able to engage in any other campaigns of political significance besides the reorganization. However with the beginning of our anti-militarist campaign towards the middle of February we shall have made a beginning in solving this problem. In the meantime the district committees and the other units must carry on ideological campaigns to prevent such a development. Frequent general membership meetings to discuss important political problems, not only of a national but of an international character will help towards this end.

### Dues Paid in Nuclei Significant.

The payment of dues has always been looked upon as a technical matter. The present situation is such that the payment of dues becomes a matter of great significance. First the lack of dues payments show that the comrades have not yet become set in their shop activities. Too much dues is coming thru the street nuclei

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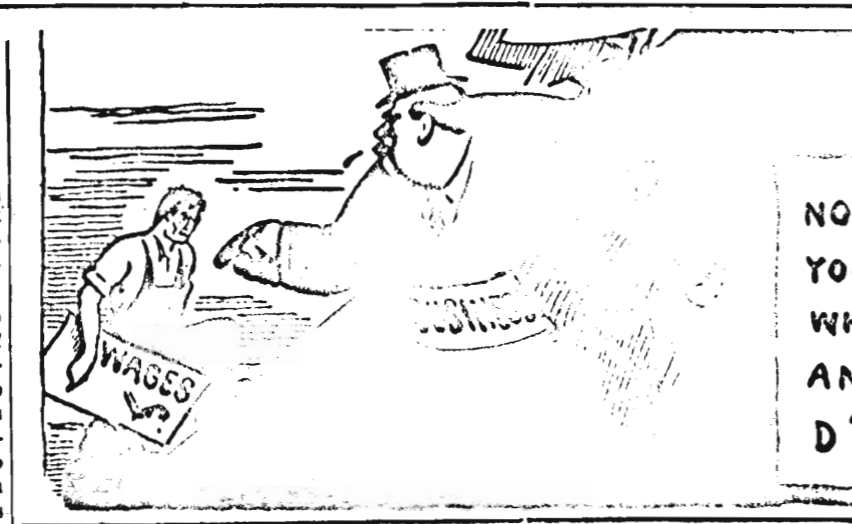
—Sam Darcy.

## Working Women's Council Supports School Strike Move

NEW YORK CITY.—The United Council of Working Class Housewives supports the parents of school children in W. H. Eastburg, to make their fight for a school for every child.

School No. 118 is transferring the children to other schools. The children are compelled to go to the street crossings. This is a danger to the lives of six children. The parents are determined to keep the children in their homes. This makes necessary school accommodations in the immediate neighborhood. The parents are determined to keep the children in Public School No. 148. They are threatening a strike, keeping the children out of school until their demands are granted. They are demanding better conditions and taking the case to the Board of Education and the City Council. If they get no satisfaction they plan to use the strike.

The Council of Working Women with Neighborhood Council in Williamsburg, are joining the parents in making their demands.



## BOLSHEVIK SOCCER TEAM BEAT FRENCH WORKERS

PARIS, France.—The French workers' delegations are not the only means of bringing the workers of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics nearer to their western comrades. There is also the field of workers' sports. This was demonstrated by a recent soccer football game here

in Pershing Stadium. The French worker athletes put their best teams onto the field, but it proved of no avail. The sturdy Bolsheviks won with a score of 4 to 0.

The best demonstration of the class solidarity which the workers' sports movement can portray was shown in

the way the French workers who made up the audience yelled themselves hoarse whenever the Russian visitors put the ball thru the French goal post.

No visiting individual capitalist star, like Red Grange, etc., could receive such a tremendous reception.

### KARL LIEBKNECHT

Declaration in the Reichstag on December 3, 1916. "It is an imperialist war, and in fact on the German side with the object of great conquests."

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