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ANTI-C. M. T. C. CAMPAIGN ADOPTED BY PENN. FEDERATION OF LABOR CONVENTION IN ERIE

**Favor Labor Sports Movement
ORGANIZATION OF YOUTH PROPOSED**

(By GEORGE PAPCUN.)
ERIE, Pa.—The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor Convention met in the week of May 11, 12, 13, 14. In spite of the fact that the convention was controlled by the most reactionary officialdom of the trade union labor movement of the United States and Pennsylvania, two resolutions of the utmost importance to the youth of Pennsylvania and United States were passed. Such as a resolution putting on record the State Federation in opposing the Citizens' Military Training Camps. This resolution was presented by a young coal miner from Western Pennsylvania. After a discussion of over an hour and a half the resolution was passed. In fact this was the longest discussion since the first discussion on the endorsement of political candidates in which the Labor Leaders betrayed the rank and file which they represented, by endorsing the candidates of the Republican Party.

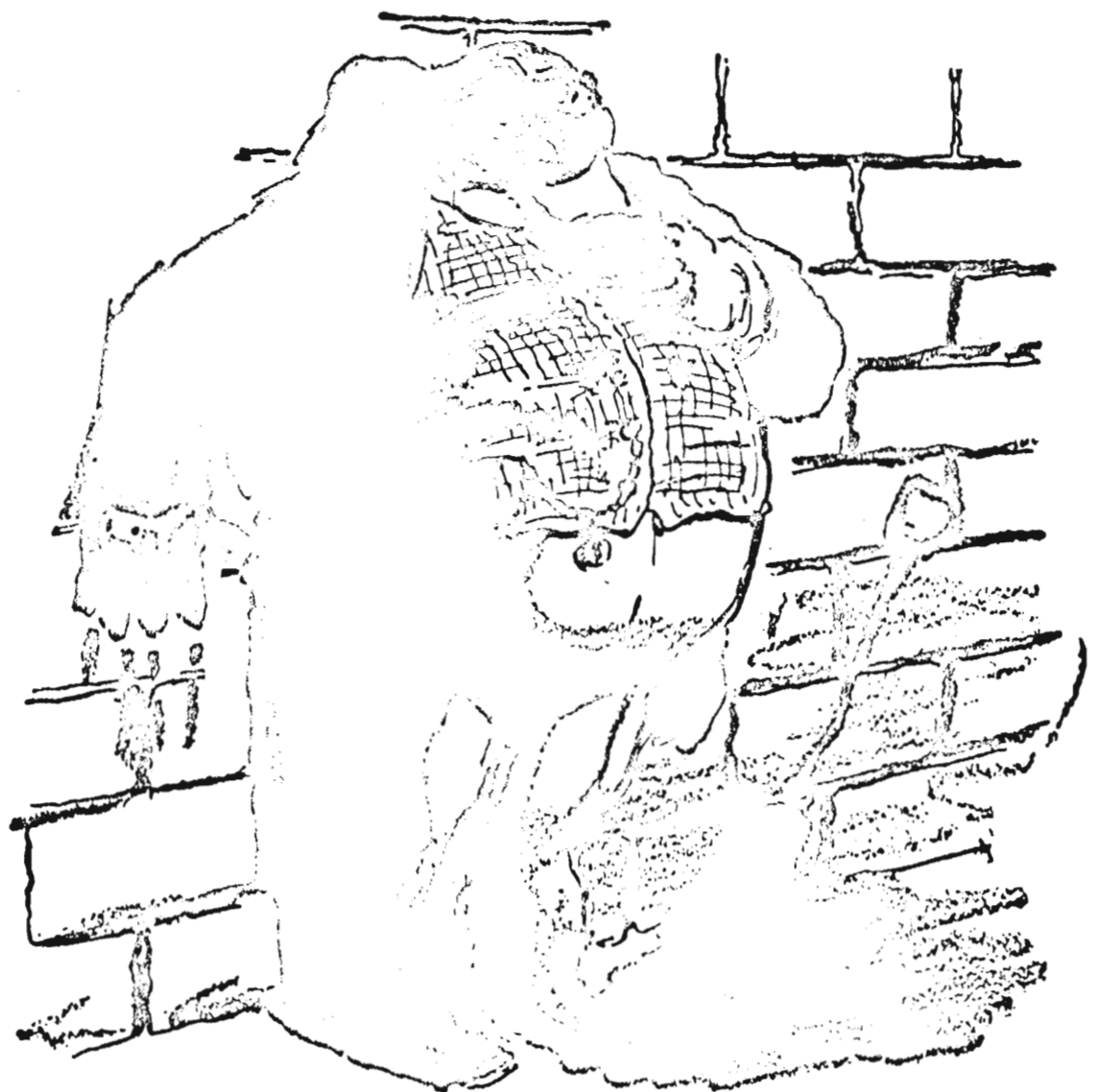
Press Excited About Militarism.
The local press got more stirred up about the fact the convention went on record against the C. M. T. C. than it ever did during the whole convention and had to admit that 20 ex-service men, delegates to the convention, spoke bitterly in opposition to the training camp plan and that especially one of them, a wearer of a distinguished service medal, asserted that the camps created war psychology and threatened the peace of the country. In the first place the resolutions committee brought in a motion that the resolution be not considered. President Maurer was greatly surprised when such a report came in and demanded that it be put before the convention. In fact, the left wing was not much surprised at this when you look over the resolutions committee, who were the most reactionary committee in years at any state Federation Convention of Pennsylvania.

Also another ex-service man pointed out that a spirit of anti-unionism exists in the C. M. T. C. camps today and only one ex-service man, a member of the C. M. T. C., spoke in favor of the C. M. T. C. He mustered a very small vote and the resolution was passed overwhelmingly. This must be recorded as a big victory for the left wing and for the working class youth of this country. It must also be pointed out that not only this resolution condemns the C. M. T. C., but condemns in any way helping in recruiting of spy workers to serve as cannon fodder in the next war. It also instructs the delegate to the next A. F. of L. convention to work, speak, and lobby for the passage of the same resolution and to commit the A. F. of L. to a policy opposing the C. M. T. C. and instructs the incoming Executive Council of the State Federation to wage a state wide agitation and organization campaign against the C. M. T. C.

Campaign Must Start.
This of course must not be the stopping point for the youth, at being satisfied with having accomplished its purpose overwhelmingly. This

Move for Working Youth Conference in New York Well Under Way in Various Industries

THE BOSSES ARE SCARED STIFF!



The exploiters of youth and child labor in New York City are already beginning to tremble with the approach of the mass working youth conference.

THOUSANDS OF YOUNG WORKERS TO BE REPRESENTED IN N. Y. WORKING YOUTH CONFERENCE

**Demands to be Formulated for Each Industry
START ORGANIZATION OF UNORGANIZED YOUTH**

NEW YORK CITY.—The work for the Mass Working Youth Conference has been under way ever since the preliminary conference, at which there were represented delegates from organizations having 50,000 members, was held. The militant young workers from some of the large youth exploiting industries in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut are beginning the preliminary work of formulating demands for their respective industries. This will be followed with the holding of shop meetings, the setting up of the necessary organizational machinery, etc., which will guarantee a 100% representation at the youth conference. The conference will be the opening wedge for an intense campaign to organize the unorganized working youth in this city. Already young workers from the various industries have written articles for the press giving their opinion on how the conference will effect their industries. Some of these are as follows.

Candy Trade Youth for Working Youth Conference

Long Hours, Low Wages for Unskilled Youth

By D. ZEYLON.
NEW YORK.—The candy industry will be an important one for the mass working youth conference here. In the candy shops of New York City alone are employed about 50,000 workers of whom 85% are young workers.

The candy industry is divided into three sections. To the first one belong a small number of skilled workers, known as the "candy workers." Their wages are \$30 to \$35 a week. We must remember that it takes years to become an experienced candy maker to receive such a wage. Then comes the helpers, in the majority young workers, who make on the average \$16 to \$22 a week. But to be a helper one must have from two to four years experience. The third section which is the great majority of the workers in the trade and also the most exploited— are the women and young girls employed as dippers, wrappers, etc. This section of the candy workers are entirely at the mercy of the bosses. They earn from \$9 to \$13 a week. The conditions under which they work are the most horrible. The hours range from 54 to 60 hours per week. Therefore we can see that the Youth Conference will have to thoroughly consider the problems of the young candy workers.

"HITS POINT WITH THE PLUMBERS"

Can Be Counted to Make Meet Successful

By WM. MARCUS.
Pres. Plumbers' Helpers, Brooklyn.
NEW YORK CITY.—The news of a youth conference organized by a committee of various labor organizations in the city of New York is very interesting and most among the plumbers here in New York.

This conference just hits point with the plumbers, because it is being called for the purpose of finding ways and means of organizing the unorganized American young workers. Because there are in New York hundreds of thousands of young workers toiling long hours for meager wages and because the plumbers are an internal part of these thousands.

The plumbers' perhaps more than any other section of the working youth, know the benefit of organization. At the present we are one of the most prosperous industries in the United States building industry. An industry has granted an increase of wages to the amount of \$50,000,000 in New York City. The plumbers' work alongside the plumbers, painters, bricklayers, etc., who draw a wage of \$12 per day, while the plumbers' matter how long they are on the trade and no matter how well know their trade.

And the helpers know that they are underpaid and are being used for the sole reason that they are unorganized, while all other workers on the job are protected by the union to which they belong.

The plumbers know that their wages are lower and their work in the trades that are not all their efforts and energy in this conference a success and not only the unionization of plumbers' helpers, but establishing a militant organization of all workers in New York to better their conditions of work and in other trades of life.

LAWRENCE FIRST TO RESPOND IN SAVE SACCO AND VANZETTI MOVE

Young Workers Demand Release!

LAWRENCE MASS.—"Sacco and Vanzetti Must Live," is the slogan of the General Workers Committee, organized here last night with delegates from fourteen organizations representing two thousand workers of all nationalities. Plans for holding a big mass meeting in one of the largest halls of the city are already under way.

"Stand firm, the workers of Lawrence will not allow two innocent men to die," read telegrams sent to Sacco and Vanzetti in their cells at Dedham and Charlestown prisons last Sunday by Italian workers at a mass meeting. A resolution calling on all the workers of the city to unite in supporting the fight against the unjust sentence of Sacco and Vanzetti was passed. The General Workers' Committee is the answer to this call.

The organizations represented in the General Workers' Committee are as follows: The German Club, The Independent Workers' Circle, The Arlington Mill Unit, The Russian Progressive Club, The International Labor Defense, Armenian Progressive Club, The Workers' Co-operative Union, The Socialist Party Italian Branch, The United Front Committee, The Hebrew Ideal Co-operative, The Franco-Belgian Club, The Workers Party, The Matteotti Club and The Jewish Youth Club.

"Fight For Sacco-Vanzetti!"
Sacco and Vanzetti gave their services to winning better things for the workers. Their lives are in danger because of their fight in the workers' interest. The young and adult workers must now fight for Sacco and Vanzetti and save them from the capitalist hangmen!"
C. E. RUTENBERG,
General Secretary,
Workers (Communist) Party.

"SACCO, VANZETTI SHALL NOT DIE!"
THE young workers must take their places in the protest movement for Sacco and Vanzetti and become the vanguard of it. There is every reason for them to do so. The attempt to legally murder Sacco and Vanzetti is in reality an attempt to kill the labor movement and to deprive workers of the power to defend themselves. The young workers, who are the most exploited section of the

Communist Youth Leaders Pinched In England

LONDON.—(By Mail)—The first victims of the attack of the bosses' government were the Communist Party and Young Communist League. Comrade Stewart, acting national secretary of the party, Comrade Springhall of the League, together with Comrade Robson, organizer of the London district of the League, have been arrested. Comrade Rust, secretary of the League, is still behind on bars.

Reports of the first week of the strike movement showed thousands of young workers unitedly backing the miners in their struggle. The Communist children organized in the Young Comrades League, were also in the forefront of the struggle. They carried on a campaign to get the authorities to take over the feeding of the children. Free meals in school, was the slogan. In a report received from South Wales in one town alone, every child had joined the Young Comrades League.

BRITISH COAL MINERS STAND FAST AGAINST OPERATORS AND TORY GOVERNMENT

Continue Fight Despite Desertion of Trades Union Congress Union Congress leaders.

News dispatches from Great Britain indicate that the coal miners are standing by their ultimatum "not a penny off, not a minute on" and that the battle between the government and the coal miners continues in spite of the desertion by the Trades Union Congress leaders.

The central committee of the Workers (Communist) Party has issued the following statement on the miners' strike, urging the workers generally to give support to the splendid fight which the miners are making:

The British coal miners are continuing the fight against the coal operators and the government.

Despite the betrayal of the coal miners by the right wing leaders of the Trades Union Congress, in calling off the general strike, the miners are standing firmly on their ultimatum "not a penny off, not a minute on."

They are determined that wages in the mining industry, already at a mere existence point, shall not be reduced. They are determined that the hours of the miners shall not be lengthened. They demand a decent standard of living, a work day that will leave them time for reorganization and education.

The Baldwin government refused their word when it was a question of getting the workers who had gone on general strike back to work. It is now showing its real face to the miners. It is making demands and supporting the coal operators in a position which it dared not present before.

Having profited by the betrayal of the Thomases, Hendersons and Macdonalds, in securing the calling off of the general strike, the Baldwin government is now trying to use the iron fist in an effort to smash the resistance of the miners.

The workers the world over, showed a splendid spirit of solidarity in support of the British general strike. Now that the miners have been left to fight alone, thru the desertion of the leaders of the Trades Union Congress, they must be supported with an equal spirit of solidarity.

The miners must have financial support in their struggle. They can only continue their splendid fight if the workers of all countries come to their aid and furnish them with the funds necessary to carry on their struggle.

The Workers (Communist) Party calls upon all the members of its organization and upon the labor movement generally to come to the aid of the British miners.

Mass meetings should be arranged and funds raised to be sent to those miners.

The International Workers' Aid is carrying on a world-wide campaign for relief of the miners and funds can be sent thru the American branch of that organization.

The miners' strike was the kernel of the struggle in Great Britain. The workers who demanded that the Trades Union Congress call a general strike, were fighting for the miners. The miners, deserted, are continuing to fight for victory.

The great betrayal of the Trades Union Congress right wing leaders can be turned into a victory for the miners if support is given them in their struggle and they are able to stand firm in the face of the government attack.

Truly to the support of the British miners!

Turn the British fight into a victory for labor thru a victory for the miners!

Central Committee, Workers (Communist) Party,
C. E. RUTENBERG, General Secretary.

Call Anti-War Conference

MELBOURNE, Australia.—The federal executive of the Australian Labor Party has issued formal invitations to labor organizations in the U. S., Canada, Japan, China, India, New Zealand and several of the South American republics to a Pan-Pacific conference to be held in Honolulu in the third week of November, next. The purpose of the conference will be to arrive at a better understanding in respect to the future peace in the Pacific.

Printers' Devils Win in First Baseball Tilt

The Printers' Devils' baseball team, composed of members of the Denver Junior Typographical Union, printer apprentices, started off the baseball season last week with a victory over the Powers-Beben aggregation. The score was 6 to 0 in favor of the junior unionists.

The line-up of the printers was: Ports, 3b; Swarts, ss; Comido, lf; Clayton, cf; Rollo, rf; Snyder, c; Brith, 1b; Roth, 2b; Johnson, p, and Spbas, 3b.

ROTTEN CONDITIONS FOR YOUTH IN CANDY INDUSTRY MAKES WORKING YOUTH CONFERENCE IMPORTANT.

NEW YORK CITY.—The Working Youth Conference here will have to pay special attention to the conditions of the exploited young candy workers. Sanitary conditions are unknown in the candy trade factories. Most of the workers labor near fires and often they have no towel to wipe the sweat off their faces. Then the speed-up system prevails in all factories. Special squads of foremen and foreladies rush the workers to the point of complete exhaustion.

To work in these factories is very dangerous. The shops are regular fire traps. Last but not least is the fact that the trade has a very short season. The longest period of work during the season time is six months. Many attempts were made to organize the candy workers, but because the bosses were so thoroughly organized, they were able to frustrate the efforts.

But now that the question of organizing the great masses of the unorganized American young workers is pushed to the fore success can be achieved. The Working Youth Conference of young workers from the various industries is a big step in this direction. All the young workers in the candy shops must be represented at the Youth Conference. The conference will have to find the ways and means of setting the young workers of the candy shops into motion against the bosses for the improvement of their miserable conditions.

LYNCH RULE STILL PREVALES IN GFL

LABELLE, Fla.—Scarcely a day goes by when a helpless colored citizen is lynched by whites. Monday, another colored man was brutally slain by a mob of whites. The 116th Company Florida National Guard is on duty here to investigate the lynching of Patterson, which occurred last week when a band of the mob lynched him. Patterson's body riddled with bullets, then was thrown thru the streets before it was taken to a tree.

1ST PHILLY PIONEER CONVENTION SECURES MUCH "FREE" PUBLICITY

5 Million Dollar Methodist Episcopal Attack Pioneers

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The first district convention of the Young Pioneers League of district three held here on May 15 and 17, was in more ways than one a glowing success.



This was followed by an enrollment in which the members of the Young Pioneers League of Philadelphia took part.

and in New York with the furriers.

Then after explaining that millions of children are exploited in the industries in the country and the fight the young pioneers are conducting against this and in the schools, Trachtenberg ended his statement by saying, "We are going to fight together with our fathers and mothers for the interests of the working class until we have succeeded in realizing what they have realized in Soviet Russia—A Communist Revolution—and Forward to a Workers' and Farmers' Government."

The statement of Wallace Root consisted of generalities about his trip to Copenhagen in 1924 to the International Jamboree, quotations from Baden-Powell, chief molder of the youth and children as cannon fodder for the next capitalist war and ended up with the oft-repeated, memorized oath of the Boy Scout which declares allegiance to a non-existent god and to "my" country (which means the ruling clique of my country).

Thus the Pioneer convention ended with the greater enthusiasm of the young comrades to continue their good work in a more systematic and co-ordinated manner.

"OH, HOW WE HATE TO GET UP IN THE MORNING"

By Young Mill Worker. LAWRENCE, Mass.—In the textile mills here the bosses hit upon a scheme to make us work without pay.

COMMUNISM WINS, CAPITALISM LOSES IN COLLEGE DEBATE

(By Student Correspondent) MADISON, Wis.—The largest hall in the University was filled with students. They were listening to two speeches—one on Communism by H. M. Wicks, contributing editor of THE DAILY WORKER, and another speech in defense of capitalism by Leon Lam-ford, attorney for the Manufacturers' Association of Wisconsin.

Who will edit a special issue of the children's paper of struggle—

THE YOUNG COMRADE

Read the next issue of the YOUNG WORKER for news on the \$5,000 PIONEER FUND CAMPAIGN!

Pa. Labor Fights the C. M. T. C.

(Continued from page 1) end. We must intensify the activities of all young workers who are opposed to militarism, so that they will be able to rally other young workers and in this way force the incoming Executive Committee to start this campaign.

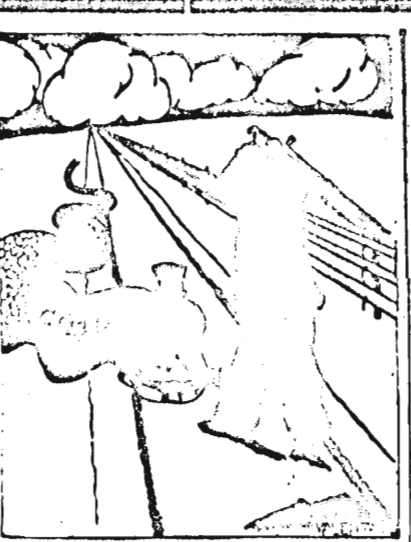
Favors Labor Sports.

The next very important resolution that was adopted, was also introduced by one of the young left wing delegates on the question of sports which reads as follows:

Whereas, the conditions in the industries undermining the health of the workers make it necessary that the workers participate in sports, physical culture and athletic recreational activities, therefore be it

Resolved, that the convention of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor calls upon all affiliated locals and Central Labor Unions to establish gymnastic, sports and athletic groups which favor sports and physical culture separate and apart from the influence and domination of the employers, and be it further

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Young Workers Have Strike Victory in Up-Dress-Shop Co.

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(By Young Worker Correspondent.) BOSTON, Mass.—One of the biggest shops in the house dress industry of this city is the Up-Dress Shop Co.

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Into the Union Drive.

Under those circumstances the necessity of being organized into a union became clear to every worker. We decided to organize the shop at once.

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ROAD CLEAR FOR LABOR PARTY MOVEMENT

Young Workers Must Support United Front Labor Tickets

The labor movement of the United States stands out in the general labor movement in the capitalist developed countries as the one which has not developed a mass political party standing for the interests of labor.

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Military Training Hostile to Labor, Convention Declares

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Advertisement for 'RED YOUTH' featuring a cartoon of a red bull and text: 'RED YOUTH Has All The Advantage! IN THE NATIONAL BUILDERS' CAMPAIGN'.

Pioneer and Boy Scouts. The Daily News went further in its efforts to grant free publicity to the Young Pioneers.

Who will edit a special issue of the children's paper of struggle— THE YOUNG COMRADE



DRUEDING LEATHER WORKERS CARRY "DIPLOMAS FOR CONSUMPTION"

Bad Youth Conditions Show Need for Unionization

(By Young Worker Correspondent.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—It is sometimes unbelievable that in this twentieth century, in this modern "civilized" era, when we are riding in electric trains and fly thru the air in aeroplanes, with our modern development in science and technique, that there should be so many factories in this, the richest country on the face of the globe, where the conditions of labor are like those of the days of the early 19th century, during the very beginnings of capitalism. And one of these factories is Drueding Bros., at 5th and Master Sts., Phila.

Youth Conditions Bad.

What are the conditions of the young workers at this leather factory compared to the workers in the other trades who are organized? There are unions (like the furriers) who are now fighting for a 40-hour week while we are still working 55 hours a week. And instead of those long hours giving us high wages, on the contrary, we receive wages that are miserable, lamentable, ranging from \$12.00 to \$35.00 a week. In order to receive the \$35.00 a week, you have to meekly slave for 20 years, and kill yourself in order to get it. For instance: One worker who worked at this factory for 18 years asked for a raise because he could not support his family on \$28.00 a week. He was refused the raise, and was forced to quit. This was the reward of 18 years hard service.

No "Lucky" Girls.

Are the girls treated any better in this slave pen? They work one hour less than the men. They receive \$10-\$12-\$15 a week. And there aren't many "lucky" ones who are getting the starvation wage of \$15.

We have only a half hour for lunch. The sanitary conditions are abominable. In the department where they work out the raw material and where they paint the leather, you have to put on a gas mask to keep the sickening stench away. There the workers work under the most unsanitary conditions. For ten hours a day the workers stand in the damp and dirt and filth, without a bit of ventilation, without a bit of fresh air. If you look at the emaciated faces of these workers, you can see that every one carries a diploma for consumption.

Organize and Fight.

These are only a few facts as to the conditions which the workers are forced to endure. How long are we workers going to keep quiet? Join together, and organize into a strong union which shall be able to protect our interests. The bosses are well organized in employers' associations. And it is your duty to stand together, in ranks of militant workers to fight for an opportunity to make a decent living, in order to live on a higher, a decent, standard of life.

Four Weeks Jobless Then Lands "Beaut"

In National Art Novelty Co. Where Intense Youth Exploitation Prevails.

(By Young Worker Correspondent.)
CHICAGO—Leon, a young worker, 19 years of age, was out of a job for four weeks. He used to spend 70 cents a day for car fare and newspapers hunting thru the want ads for a job. Then he would rush to the street car or elevated to reach the advertised places.

But it was all of no avail. In one place he came too late. In another he wasn't physically suitable, etc. That is how he ran around for four weeks spending every penny he had in the search for a master. Finally, the "fortunate" day came. He found himself a job. The National Art Novelty Company was the place.

Leon got \$15 a week. The shop is unorganized. Several hundred young workers are slaving there under the most miserable conditions, turning out toys for mainly rich children to play with. Their wages run from \$12 to \$15 a week for 8 1/2 hours of work a day. The foreman pushes the young workers to "speed-up." You don't get paid for overtime. Off the job, starving on the job, hungry. That's the lot of the young workers under capitalism. Dug, we will organize and fight back.

SEND IN A SUB!

Passaic Textile Strikers Recognize Roll of Children

THE PASSAIC HELL HOLE



Youth Meet Fighting Start For Western Electric Youth

Urge Delegate Elections

(By a Young Worker Correspondent.)
NEW YORK CITY.—When you apply for a job in the Western Electric Co. the employment agent greets you with a smile, he gives you an application blank, where you are supposed to tell all your life history. After you pass the examination you are sent to a foreman, who tells you your wages. The foreman lets you also know that in their company they require healthy young workers, so that they can speed you up and make lots of profits.

The average wage of the young workers employed by the Western Electric is about 30c per hour or \$15 per week. The hours are from 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., including a half hour for lunch. As usual the bosses try to deceive the young workers with the promise of advancement. But this is all bunk! They raise your wages only a dollar a year. This trick is practiced by the company only for the purpose to make the young workers stay on their jobs and live with the hope of an increase in wages.

Fellow young workers, why is it that we can't get better conditions from the Co.? It is because we are divided. Till now we believed in individual bargaining with the boss, but what was the result? You know the answer the boss gives when a fellow asks for a raise, "If you don't like it get out!" What we need is a union of all workers employed in our factory. As a body we can demand from the company to give us a living wage and at least a 40-hour week, also a two-weeks vacation and full pay.

Fellow young workers of the Western Electric, in the near future will be held in New York a conference of all young workers employed in various industries throughout New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The purpose of the conference is to organize the young workers into trade unions and raising the banner for better living conditions for the most exploited section of the working class. No doubt every young worker in the Western Electric Co. realizes the importance of such a conference and therefore he will do his utmost to make the conference a success. Not one department of our factory shall fail to elect delegates to the conference. Forward to the Youth Conference. Fight for a union in the Western Electric Plant.



YOUNG WORKERS ORGANIZE STRIKE MOVE IN JERSEY

Adults Walk Out With Youth

By a Young Striker.
PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—I am working in the National Fireproofing Co. and belong to the yard gang. Our wages are 41c an hour. When we work on piece work, very often we do not average 41c an hour. We work ten hours a day. There are about 100 young workers working in plant No. 1, about 60 in No. 2 and 70 in plant No. 3.

The reason we are on strike is because the wages are low. We work in heat and some days we sweat our heads off trying to make the 41c an hour. The boss is on top of us all the time.

Our demands are as follows:
Ten cents per hour increase.
Eight hours a day.
Half a day Saturday.
Time and one-half for all overtime work.
Time and one-half for all Saturday afternoon work.
Double time for Sundays and holidays.
Weekly pay and in cash.
No discrimination against any of the workers.

We used to be paid every 15 days in checks and had to make unnecessary purchases in order to get the check cashed. We elected a strike committee and our demands were presented. The boss fired the committee. When we received the news we went to the workers and they struck. They went to the other two plants and they too struck. The company has about 12 plants thruout the country. The Perth Amboy plants employ about 1,300 men.

RIISING UP THE LADDER FROM \$12 TO \$20

Sample Card Girls Don't Believe Much in Prosperity

(By Young Worker Correspondent.)
NEW YORK CITY.—There are plenty of girls here employed in the Sample Card industry. There are numerous factories but no matter where you go you find rotten conditions. To begin with the wages. You start with \$12 a week. After a few years of work you climb to \$20. For this monthly you must work 48 hours. Forty-eight hours bent over your work. If you dare to talk to the girl next to you the foreman tells you to wait till you get home and talk there.

The whole place is full of dust and dirt and the lights are dim. This makes you strain your eyes. There are no special tables upon which to eat your lunch and the sandwiches are often seasoned with dirt. And there are hosts of other kicks against the bad conditions. These kicks must all be united into one big kick which can be felt by the boss and then we stand a chance of somewhat bettering our conditions.

Your neighbor will appreciate the favor—give him this copy

MILITANT CHILDREN HELPING PASSAIC TEXTILE STRIKERS

Union Calls Meeting of 2,000 CHILDREN

TEACHERS ATTEMPT TO BREAK STRIKE

PASSAIC, N. J.—The Passaic children are playing their part in the heroic struggle of the textile workers of Passaic and playing their part well. The children are fighting side by side with their parents, with their sisters and brothers on the picket line, in the front line of the battle everywhere, as true young comrades.

The United Front Committee of Textile Workers knows the role of the children in this strike and is drawing the children closer to itself, closer to its struggle. For this purpose a children's meeting was called for Saturday morning, May 15. More than 2,000 children were present. It was a spirited throng that assembled there—cheering, singing, full of enthusiasm, full of force and power. First there were motion pictures taken. Is there anything quite so thrilling to any child as taking pictures? And then, after all the "Two Four Six Eight's—Whom do we appreciate?" With everyone the children knew as comrades, fighting side by side with them in their battle, being appreciated, the meeting was finally opened.

Union Plans for Children.

The union has now plans for the children. The union was going to open milk stations for the many sickly, underfed children, whose milk had been taken away from them as a result of the 10 per cent wage cut. The union was going to feed not 1,000 children daily, as it does now, but 5,000 children. The union was going to send some children to homes of sympathetic friends, where they could get better care. And what is even more, the union will organize camps for the children camps run by the union—not charity camps teaching the children to be good and obedient wage slaves when they grow up or turning them against their own class—the working class. And the children voted for these things. Yes, these things must be done.

Mike Speaks.

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News Briefs on Passaic

At the beginning of the strike, on the very day of the strike, many children were enrolled in the strike. It is estimated that over 2,000 workers have enrolled.

The organized membership is forcing some of the pro-boss courts, by moving order agents, etc., and now the children have decided his decision and are to permit "teaching" in the course (this does not mean boss protected cops of the city).

The company town, etc. and controlled by the Passaic Works, is still one of the organized members. The 3,500 slaves of the town have come to help our strike employed in the town. They have fallen to corrupt the town's slave holes and conditions.

The United Front Committee is organizing sports for the children. The young strikers are organizing the cause of the strike and labor control of the town.

The children of the Passaic are following in the footsteps of their parents. There was no room for a strike in the town, therefore we chucked up the school. We are going to ask if we want to go to school, but we want to go to the working class. And the children voted for these things. Yes, these things must be done.

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Boston Store Youth Must be Organized

(By Young Worker Correspondent.)
CHICAGO—In the Boston Store here, there are about 1,000 young workers employed. Of this number about 600 are girls and about 400 are boys. Altogether there are close to 2,000 workers.

The average wages of the young girl worker is \$15; while the average wage of the young boy worker is \$14 per week. If you work there long enough you are an adult, you can receive the magnificent sum of \$25 per week, the average wage for the adult workers.

The store hours are from 8:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. During the special sales the store is open till 6 p. m. The salesmen and women must work

on the stock after the store closes, which they receive no pay for.

Of course the shop is unorganized and that's why we have these rotten conditions. Right now we are asking the question for every young worker: our overtime work. We get no pay extra for the overtime work that we do. If we all stick together, do we of us young workers will organize this and other workers who are owners of the Boston Store. We will be a district organizer of the Young Workers League—any young worker in Lincoln street.

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