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THE ENEMY IS AT HOME - OUR OWN BOSS CLASS!

MANIFESTO OF YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE ON ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR

THE tramping feet of the armies of every capitalist nation are today beating out capitalism's answer to its problems. The youth of the world, confronted during capitalist peace with a future that is dark and helpless are being prepared for a "heroic" future in war. Shadows of 1914 hover over the lives of a disoriented, despairing youth.

What Is Our Future Now?

FOR seven years now millions of young men and women graduated from high schools and colleges have been faced with the necessity of gaining a livelihood in an economic system that has no use for their efforts. Twice a year thousands of youth are thrown upon a labor market that is already glutted. Their years of training, their aspirations and hopes in life, all mean nothing to the capitalist lords and masters. How many unemployed youth there are in this country no one knows with any degree of certainty. In the statistics on unemployment the youth are not even included. They are not considered unemployed because a great many of them never had steady employment if they were ever employed at all.

Capitalism Breeds Unemployment

THE problem of unemployment is one that goes down to the very roots of the capitalist system. Capitalism today in the period of its decadence and decline necessarily condemns millions of workers to permanent unemployment. The markets possessed by the various capitalist nations are today incapable of absorbing the enormous output of commodities. They offer no fruitful fields for the investment of surplus capital, consequently limiting the profits of the capitalist nations. Hence, production in every capitalist nation is at an ebb and figures for unemployment today mount into many millions.

CAPITALISM in its endless striving for

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greater profits is continually introducing new technical devices which enable it to carry on production with the aid of fewer and fewer workers. Statisticians have pointed out that should this country by some miracle return today to the prosperity before 1929, because of the new methods of production one-half of the unemployed would still be forced to remain idle.

"Starve Or Be Killed!"

CAPITALISM cannot solve the unemployment problem in a peaceful manner. The new markets necessary in order that production and profits should once again begin to expand, thereby creating more employment, can only be obtained by the various capitalist nations thru forcible seizure from each other. The world markets have been completely divided among the great powers, in the form of colonies, spheres of influence and protectorates. Only by redivision of the world markets in which the stronger nations are strengthened at the expense of the weaker, can the problem of these nations be temporarily solved. War is the only solution capitalism has for its problems. It is a temporary solution only for the capitalists of those nations which emerge from the war victorious. A solution paid for with the suffering of the oppressed of every nation. And after the new markets have been conquered - new crises of greater intensity, more unemployment, new wars. The vicious circle must continue under capitalism. WE of the Y.W.L. point out to the youth another road. A road not under cap-

We Fight For Cash Relief

I.W.A. Misleaders

"Smash the Hunger System!" Over 1,000 unemployed workers of Chicago cheered wildly as Bill Streeter, National Secretary of the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE, closed his speech and stepped down off the make-shift platform. The mounted cops, scared by the growing militancy, faded into the crowd. But as fast as they broke up a section it fell into line to become part of the cheering, singing picket-line around the City Hall.

All Relief Cut Off

With the cutting-off of all relief to over 85,000 families in Chicago, Mayor Kelly had done his bit in the hunger-chain started in Washington. Roosevelt began it when he cut off the state allotments; Governor Horner of Illinois carried the process a bit further by throwing the relief question back into the hands of the counties and cities. Now Chicago had declared that it could not raise the money. For seven days - since July 1 - no cash relief, no grocery orders, no rent orders had gone out to the unemployed of Chicago. Real starvation stalked the South Side.

It had looked easy at the time, but now Mayor Kelly was bitterly regretting it. He hadn't expected trouble, for he knew the type of leadership of the Illinois Workers Alliance of Cook County. He had known that the policy of these Stalinist and Socialist misleaders of the unemployed was opposed to militant struggle. So he had thought it safe to take a decisive step and cut off relief entirely. But he had forgotten the fact that spot his plans completely. A new force was on the scene in Chicago - the REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE and the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE.

The IWA misleaders had acted as usual. They called on the unemployed to come down to the Council meeting and sit in quietly. The workers responded by the hundreds - Negro, white, men and women, tramping miles to reach the City Hall. There a few were let into the gallery, while the rest were locked out. They hung around, waiting for leadership from the IWA officials. When they found none, they started to drift away.

But if the IWA leadership wasn't interested in leading the unemployed in militant struggle for relief, the REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE decidedly was. A small group of revolutionists with placards, "REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE DEMANDS IMMEDIATE CASH RELIEF", "SMASH THE HUNGER SYSTEM", etc., formed a picket-line in front of the City Hall. In a few moments, the slogans of the RWL, "DON'T STARVE, FIGHT", "THROW OUT THE POLITICIANS, WE WANT RELIEF", "WE DEMAND CASH RELIEF" dinned into the ears of the City Council.

Finally, when the crowd had grown to over 500, the whole mass surged into City Hall. Thrusting aside the cop on guard at the gallery, they hammered on the door and forced entrance into the Council gallery, where, while the smug and well-fed councilors looked up in amazement, Joe Fox and Sid Okun shouted down to them the demands of Chicago's unemployed. Six squads of police were needed to clear the gallery.

Relief Won By Struggle

The militant demonstration was continued outside, hundreds of more workers joining in the line

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UNLIT SAM. PREPARES A NEW MY

22 years have passed since the day the first World War broke out. We call it a world war. But it wasn't one in the full sense of the word. Though involving most countries of the world, it was after all in the main a European and Near Eastern war. Its two leading figures were England and Germany. Japan was never fully in it, and the United States stepped in only at the end, when the Allied front had been weakened by the Russian Revolution.

Today it is obvious even to the blindest that the world is heading straight towards another war, still more horrible, still more destructive. This time its stage will certainly not be confined to Europe and the Near East, but will embrace the whole world. And one of its leading figures will be the United States, fighting the same battle which Germany fought in 1914, the battle for the destruction of the British Empire. To many this may sound strange and unlikely. But facts are there to prove it.

Why The Last War?

In the days of the rise of capitalism the British bourgeoisie "ruled the waves" and thereby ruled the world. Into its pockets streamed not only the surplus value extracted from the labor of its "own" factory slaves, but a very large part of the profits made by the ruling classes of the other countries who all in one way or another were tributary to "the City".

But in the course of time the ruling classes of some of these other countries came into a position where they could challenge England's rulership of the world. The first to do so was the German bourgeoisie. Having come upon the scene later than the British bourgeoisie, its power rested on a more highly-concentrated

and more modern industry. In preparation for the war which was inevitable it built a powerful army and navy.

War was inevitable not because the Kaiser was "ambitious", as some tell us, but because the German capitalists, the bourgeoisie and their allies, the big landowners, could in no other way solve their problem of getting more markets for capital investments and exports and direct control of raw materials than by taking them from England and her allies, France and Russia. The world had already been divided. So it had to be redivided, if the German capitalists were to have their share. Their economic and military basis was, in fact, so powerful, that it was not only a question of getting their share, but of getting the lion's share. The German bourgeoisie was challenging the world rule of the English bourgeoisie. That was the issue at stake during the war of 1914-1918.

Germany's challenge was defeated. But for this old England had to have more than the help of her European allies. She had to have the help of the new capitalist giant in the West - the United States. She got this help, and thus Germany was beaten. But the victor was not England. It was the United States. During the war, and through participation in it, U.S. capitalism became the most powerful figure in the capitalist world. But the bourgeoisie of the U.S., though actually the decisive force in the defeat of Germany, could not right away cash in on its victory. For the time, it had to leave to England and France the territorial and political gains made.

U.S. Vs. Britain

Economically, however, the bourg-
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coisic of the U.S. stepped into the place which formerly the English ~~Empire~~ held. Since the war, Wall Street has become the financial center of the world, replacing "the City". The capitalists of this country have become so powerful that they could break the World Economic Conference called by England in 1930, and that they could prevent England from cracking down on Italy, simply by refusing to go along with England and apply sanctions. In fact, since the "peace conference" in Versailles, the U.S. and England have been at war - an economic and diplomatic war most of the time, but more and more frequently flaring up into open military war, for example recently in the Chaco.

But, as this example shows, the two giants of the capitalist world, British and American imperialism, dominate the world to such an extent that they can force others to do the first skirmishing for them. Everyone knows that the workers and peasants of Bolivia and Paraguay fought and died in the cruel jungle war for the interests of the American and English bourgeoisie, above all for Standard Oil and the Shell Oil Co. Usually their war mongering is not as plainly visible as in this case. Both sides are naturally afraid of letting the

masses know just how the cards are being laid for the next bloody game. The thing they have to hide from them above everything else is the fact that the main struggle today is between precisely those two ruling classes that every day hypocritically stress their "friendship" - England and the U.S. And as the result of the complete control of the capitalists over cable, radio, press (including the so-called labor press) this lie of "Anglo-American friendship", of "cooperation of the English-speaking peoples" (as if the

people had any say in this!) goes over big with the masses.

Bosses Hide War Drive

The truth is that the bourgeoisie simply could not carry on its war preparations as undisturbed as it does, if the masses of the people would understand who's who in the coming war. The American masses have been told day after day that "War Clouds Gather Over Europe", that "War Threatens in the Far East" but they are never told what Uncle Sam has to do with all this. "We do not want to be embroiled in the squabbles of the European and Asiatic imperialists", is the hypocritical line of the big press. "Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world!" is the stupid echo of the labor press - as if the U.S. was a backward, dependent country that could be dragged into war by other countries!

U.S. Main Force For War

The truth is that U.S. imperialism is today the greatest war-monger in the world. Why? Because the foreign markets and raw materials which it needs in order to keep up its leading position in the world, are mostly either directly or indirectly in the hands of British imperialism and its French ally, and can be had only by war - another World War, a real world-wide war this time. There cannot be two masters of the world of capitalism. England or the U.S. - that is the question today, just as in 1914 the question was: England or Germany. The bourgeoisie of the U.S. is preparing a repetition of what Germany attempted in 1914 - to destroy and to build on its ruins her own Empire. To expose this fact is the first task of those who genuine-

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SPANISH WORKERS FIGHT — FOR WHOM?

The events of the last few weeks in Spain are pregnant with lessons for the working class of the world. In these few weeks that "brilliant" maneuver of Stalinism, the Peoples Front, has been clearly exposed as to the real meaning of this so-called alliance of all anti-fascist forces.

The present imperialist epoch has been characterized by Lenin as an epoch of wars and revolutions. Especially today, with the crisis of capitalism in all its intensity, does this characterization of Lenin take on added significance. The problem of the bourgeoisie all through the crisis was to behead the ever-growing revolutionary fervor of the masses. The method espoused by the most reactionary sector of the bourgeoisie is Fascism. As a last resort, every section of the capitalist class will turn to the Fascist solution of its problems, but in some countries it is still possible for the left bourgeoisie to strengthen its hold on the workingclass by extending reformist methods, by beheading the struggles of the working class as an independent class for its independent class interests and chaining it hand and foot to its class interests.

Peoples Front Capitalism's Prop

The Peoples Front is the method used to accomplish this aim.

In October, 1934, as a result of entrance of the Christian Fascists into the cabinet, a general strike was called in Spain which later led to the heroic uprising of the Asturias miners. In spite of their heroism the workers of Asturias were defeated. But their defeat was not a collapse. Because they remained an independent force, with their organizations unshattered, their morale unshaken, they were if anything more dangerous to the bourgeoisie than before. It was necessary for the Spanish capitalists to rid themselves of this danger; hence the Peoples Front. If the Spanish bourgeoisie could not crush the workers' spirit and mili-

tary, it would attempt to divert it into action, not against, but with the bourgeois state. This the Peoples Front in Spain carried out.

Azana's Record

On February 16 of this year the great majority of the working class went to the polls and voted the Peoples Front government into office, thereby completely negating the revolutionary struggles of 1934. The struggles of the Asturias miners were the struggles of the proletariat as an independent class for its independent class interests, namely the overthrow of the capitalist state and the establishment of a workers state. In electing the Azana government, the workers gave up their political independence, gave up their revolutionary aspirations and subordinated themselves to the left bourgeoisie. The working class in Spain today is shedding its blood in defense of a left republican government which represents the interests of an enemy class. One can almost hear in answer the dirge that the apologists of the Peoples Front have been continually chanting. Is it not a million times better that the Azana government retain political power rather than the monarchists and Fascists? To these individuals the axis of the problem is the left republican government of Azana or reaction. To revolutionaries the axis is Communism, or capitalism.

The Azana government has already proved its incapacity to stave off reaction. If it were not for the arming of the workers the victory of the

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reactionaries would be a foregone conclusion. It is only the treachery of the leaders of the working class that is responsible for the fact that the Spanish workers are today defending a left bourgeois regime rather than a workers state.

Workers Betrayed

To maintain that the interests of the working class are secure in the hands of the Azana government is another bit of stupidity. The Azana government has granted certain rights to the working class only in order to further the illusions being spread by the Socialist and Stalinist leaders that the problems of the workers and peasants in Spain today can be solved in Parliament. If it emerges victoriously from the present civil war, it will sooner or later use repressive measures against the workers and peasants. Because of the condition of world capitalism, the Spanish bourgeoisie, even those who, like Azana, flaunt a left covering, will necessarily evolve to the right.

The solution to the problems of the workers and peasants lies not in parliamentarism. The workers and peasants in their past attempts to seize the factories and the large estates, have demonstrated that they realize this fact. The Azana government in coping with these revolutionary acts shot down workers and peasants, outlawed strikes. In the future, if Azana and his government have a future, they will repeat this on a much larger scale.

The Only Road For Spain

The task of the working class in Spain today is first to repudiate its present leaders and build a revolutionary party. The workers must consolidate

italism but under Communism. Only in a Workers State where the instruments of production are in the hands of the working class can the problem of unemployment be solved. As long as the production of goods depends on the possibility of extracting profits therefrom, will the danger of unemployment confront the working class. When the means of production will be in the hands of the working class, only then will they be assured of the opportunity to work and to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Only then will labor-saving machinery be used to reduce the hours of labor of all workers rather than to condemn a large part of the working class to permanent unemployment. Only a workers' world can for ever do away with the problem of hunger, unemployment and war. The achievement of this goal means that the workers of the world must wage one final struggle. A struggle not between themselves, but against their oppressors and exploiters. We must destroy the present rotten decayed social order and create a social order in which the workers will be the masters.

"No Compromise
No Political Trading!"
- W. Liebknecht

its power by the establishment of Soviets, for only thus will it be assured of success against the monarchist-Fascist reactionaries. In the course of its present struggle the working class must seize the factories, the mines, the land. It must prepare to overthrow the left bourgeois government of Azana and establish a Soviet Spain.

WHY CAN'T YOU VOTE ?

You're a young worker - say 20 years or younger. You work in a shop under miserable conditions - low wages, long hours, etc. Your father works also under the same conditions. You are both citizens of the U.S. and you have both been living in the same town for a number of years. Your father can go to the polls to register his vote and yet you cannot. Why? The boss obviously considers you good enough to work for him, good enough to be exploited by him; he will use you as cannon-fodder in the next war, but he doesn't even give you the right to participate in his phoney elections!

But even if every single individual in the U.S. were allowed to vote, it would still not be a democracy. The bosses' "democracy" is a cloak under which they maintain the most brutal dictatorship over the working class. The boss-class is afraid that you and all the other disfranchised sections of the working class might turn the ballot-box into a political demonstration against the boss.

Youth On The Scrap-Heap

Through all sorts of laws, those strata which are the most oppressed and those who are the most militant are not even allowed to vote in the bosses' elections. If unemployment drives you from down to town looking for work, or if you're a negro in the South, or if you just got a job in a certain town you haven't even nominal rights under capitalism.

The largest section of these disfranchised workers is the youth. And for good reason- from the point of view of the capitalist class. The youth are fresh in the class struggle; they look ahead to a future of unemployment and vagrancy. Excellent material for speed-up and stretch-out in the factory; excellent material to die in the trenches. That is the only use capitalism has for the youth.

We Have A Place For You!

But there is a force that wants you - the revolutionary force. Where to the capitalist your energy is a menace, to be broken by factory overwork or undermined by relief starvation, we need that energy to work together with us in the building of a new society. To the boss, your courage may be a terrifying spectacle, to be drafted into the army and chained down by military discipline. But we need your courage and spirit in the fight to make the world a place of equality for all - regardless of age, color, etc.

Start Now!

Right now when every capitalist demagogue is making fake promises, when suddenly the Republican and Democratic parties show a touching concern for the youth, our task is to expose these exploiters and parasites and to register our vote against them and for a worker's government. The REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE and YOUNG
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JOIN WITH US!
LEARN WITH US!
FIGHT WITH US!
CONQUER WITH US!

Democrats Court Youth Support

For the first time, the Democratic Party has included a plank on the youth question in its campaign platform. In past elections, "our future citizens" were patted on the head and sent safely off to bed before the real election fireworks began. But in the 1936 campaign the Democrats not only recognize the existence of youth; they are falling all over themselves to clasp us to their hearts. Roosevelt's opening speech in Baltimore set the tune of the campaign. Never before had a major presidential nominee devoted, not merely a whole speech, but his opening speech to the youth question. So far as the Democratic Party is concerned, youth is definitely on the political map.

F.D.R. Discovers Youth

It's no accident that '36, second presidential election of the crisis, is the same year when Franklin D. discovers youth. In the "golden days" before 1929, young workers could be kept quiet by extra doses of movies, jazz and commercial sports. In 1932 they could still be scooped up in Roosevelt's shovel without any special attention. But, since then, young workers have begun to learn thru hard experience just what their place in society today is. They're getting angry at a system that refuses them practical training for work, that refuses them relief. And head medicine-man Roosevelt is working under orders from the boss class to hold them in check. At all costs, he is out to make working youth believe that the system is essentially O.K., that a little repairing is all that's needed.

Fake Youth Program

The Democratic Platform pre-

sents youth with a rosy dream of peace and security under a New Deal government. Two roads to this goal are offered. First, the National Youth Administration is to be continued and strengthened. This outfit, which splits the ranks of workers in struggle by setting up a separate relief bureau for youth, is already being used to crush the militancy of the young workers. In Boston, NYA workers working side by side with WPA writers project men, must be organized into a separate local - because they're youth. Craft unionist Bill Green never thought up a labor-splitting scheme more raw than that. In New York, cutting-off of NYA checks is being used to terrorize those high school students who struck against war, April 22. Throughout the country, NYA project and "apprenticeship" wages, running far below the union scale, are aiding in driving down the workers' living standards.

The other half of Roosevelt's plan is enlargement of the C.C.C.'s. These camps were formed under the cloak of "helping jobless youth" Today they are pretty well exposed. CCC labor is being used to do the jobs formerly done by local workers, driving down wages. The camps, already run by regular army officers, are to be even more heavily militarized. The War Department is ~~over~~ now drawing up plans for institution of full compulsory drill and discipline, to be put into effect following the elections. F.D.'s CCC plan is in line with his veto of the Air Reserve Training Corps bill as not extensive enough. It is part of U.S. capitalism's drive for the militarization of the American youth in preparation for the coming World War.

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AUG. 22, '27 - WE WILL AVENGE!

Nine years ago, on the twenty-second of August, two men were electrocuted in the penitentiary at Charlestown, Mass. Branded as criminals, condemned and degraded by the boss class who sent them to their death, they were exalted as martyrs and heroes by the working class of the entire world. Sacco and Vanzetti died, victims of the blood vengeance that the capitalist class wreaks upon those individuals who have the courage to oppose their oppressive rule.

Framed up on a charge of murder, the trial of Sacco and Vanzetti was a farce. The evidence presented by the state was so flimsy that one state witness contradicted another. Witnesses for the defense were not allowed to testify, and when witnesses for the state repudiated their own testimony they were completely ignored. What did even bourgeois justice mean to Judge Thayer, boot-licker and lackey of the Boston Bourbons? His tasks were clear. The capitalist class could not allow these two sterling fighters for the working class to continue their struggle against oppression and exploitation. Their voices which rang out for a new society had to be silenced forever. On August 22nd, Sacco and Vanzetti were legally murdered.

Their Fight Is Our Fight

Although politically we disagreed with Sacco and Vanzetti, for their sincerity, for their heroic devotion to the cause of the working class we must bow our heads in reverence. The Sacco-Vanzetti case aroused the sympathies, incited the protests of the workers of the world. Communists, Socialists, Anarchists, all class-conscious workers realized that here were two men, vic-

tims of the class struggle. In one mighty voice they thundered their protest. In every land militant demonstrations were the answer to the crime committed by the American capitalist class. Only by such militant united struggle can the working class defend those of its members who are caught in the talons of the capitalist state.

Their Message - Relentless Struggle

How are we to remember these two working class martyrs? How are we to commemorate their heroic struggles? There is only one way: We must intensify our struggle against that system which condemns millions of workers to misery and starvation and then murders them when they raise their voices in protest. To us, it means the building of the Fourth, Communist International, and a new revolutionary youth international to lead the proletariat.

FREEDOM
FOR ALL
WORKING CLASS
POLITICAL PRISONERS
FREE SPEECH
FOR
ALL WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS

YWLEERS ARRESTED IN FREE SPEECH FIGHT!

Bill Streeter and Sid Levine were arrested August first. They were the speakers at an anti-war rally on the corner of Division and Washtenaw Streets in Chicago - a corner that has been used for proletarian meetings for many years.

The bosses are closing in on us. Not content with exclusive use of practically every means of communication and propaganda - the press, the radio, the schools and the colleges, the stage and the screen - now they are beginning to begrudge us even such primitive methods as we have had until now. The American working class through its struggles has so far been able to maintain a little freedom. But now that capitalism is pinching its favorites closer, they are losing no time in taking out their venom on us. The little we have won will soon be lost unless we renew our struggles at every challenge.

First notice of a threat on the corner that workers of Chicago's north-west side had been using for for their meetings for ten years, came in June when a Stalinist meeting was broken up and two of their comrades arrested. With their fourth-period gantility, the C.P. handled the matter by sending a delegation to the board of aldermen. This was like waving a white flag at the Marxists - we immediately seized the opportunity to make the corner our own, in spite of refusal by the police to grant us a permit.

Our meetings on this corner took place practically every Saturday night. The attendance was good, the Stalinists polite, and the sale of literature fair. The police remained latent for a while, except for one slight eruption in July when they broke up a meeting without further damage. But August first was something else again. No doubt they were tired of shepherding the Stalinist lambs in their Jane Addams peace

parade. Or perhaps they had picked up some of the leaflets we distributed there giving our line on war and inviting the workers to our anti-imperialist war (not "peace") demonstration on the corner of North and Fairfield. And thereby hangs a tale.

We arrived at North and Fairfield for our meeting, but the Stalinists began to assemble, sound truck, leddors, sympathizers and all, and told us very politely that they had an all-inclusive permit for that corner Saturday nights. They even produced the permit. Then we reminded them of a similar occasion when we yielded a corner because they had distributed leaflets. Their courtesy had bounds, however. The utmost they would permit was permission to speak from their platform. With courtesy equalling their own, we declined and went over to Division and Washtenaw, knowing that it was always a gamble there.

Business was thriving - the speakers were going well and literature was selling. Our comrades had forgotten their place around the speaker in the enthusiastic side-meetings that always crop up - when suddenly the police car drove up without a sound. We all saw it and made a bee-line for the speaker - Sid Levine. But the cops got there first. Without stopping to hear what he was saying they picked him up and drove away. Bill Streeter instantly jumped on the chair to announce another meeting the following week to report on the arrest, when the police car circled the block and picked him up.

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International Notes

French Youth Face Crisis

The recent "illegalization" of the Fascist bands by the Blum Peoples Front government in France, is now clearly exposed. Following the "dissolving", the various groups attacked workers' demonstrations in a number of cities. In one small town, Sabiani, a local Fuehrer, and his followers opened fire with machine-guns into a working class crowd. All this went on under the eyes of the police, now almost openly Fascist in sentiment. If anything, the "illegalization" strengthened the Fascists by starting a drift of the separate groups to unity in Doriot's French Peoples Party.

The Stalinists and Socialists in the Chamber boast of their great "achievement" in stamping out Fascism, even while their own party organs print columns of news of Fascist activities. As for the Trotskyites, their youth paper, "Revolution", edited by Fred Zeller, now calls on the workers to save the Peoples Front government from Blum's betrayal and for an auxiliary workers police under the control of the bourgeois Peoples Front government.

Venezuelan Government Cracks Down

The "democratic" government of Venezuela showed its teeth in the past week. 500 soldiers were sent hastily to reinforce an already-large guard in the Lagunillas oil fields, dominated by Standard Oil and Dutch Shell. The troops were quartered in the oil concessions, with strict orders to repress all "molestation of oil-fields" by the striking oil-workers.

Britain Faces Trouble Near Home

In both Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State, British Imperialism again took recourse to force to crush the upsurge of the Irish independence movement. Close on the heels of the adoption of "strict measures" to curb Irish Republican Army activities in Dublin, 6 IRA members were brought on trial in Londonderry, Ulster on a charge of conspiring to blow up the mayor. In characteristic IRA fashion, Hugh McAteer, the spokesman for the defendants, bound and chained hand and foot and surrounded by 15 heavily-armed police, threw the trial into turmoil by defying the right of the British court to try him.

Despite its militancy, the Irish Republican Army repeats the worst faults of petty-bourgeois nationalist movements everywhere. Not only does its individual terrorism and dynamiting serve only to discredit it. Its hatred of internationalism and refusal to realize the necessity for Communism to end the imperialist domination actually acts to betray the masses that follow it, and to prolong the rule of British imperialism.

Thus the new government of Venezuela, recently issued into office as a "free, liberal" successor to the bloodthirsty dictatorship, shows itself as another tool of U.S. imperialism. In the interests of Standard Oil, the strikers are being shot down "democratically" instead of in the old tyrannical way.

FOR A FOURTH COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL!

CITY HALL, CHICAGO - JULY EIGHT
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Frightened Councillors hastily passed a bill providing for mailing of the grocery orders. A concession had been gained - small, but a big step forward over starvation - had been gained by the Revolutionary Workers League and Young Workers League.

The work didn't end there. Families without rent checks still face eviction; cash relief is still to be gained. Hardly was the demonstration over, when the Revolutionary Workers League raised the slogan for a Hunger March on Springfield, the state capital. On the success of this August 4 demonstration, will depend much of the fate of Illinois unemployed. The I.W.A. leaders have accepted the march in words, but for effective action, the class struggle policies of the Revolutionary Workers League and Young Workers League must be adopted.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES
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Mexican Peoples Front Doublecross

Following the half-hour protest general strike when it outlawed the railroad strike, the Peoples Front Cardenas government did not dare to outlaw the recent Mexico City power-works strike. As a result, it carried out a tricky manoeuver. While the Department of Labor declared the strike just and legal, the Department of Health ordered the power-house workers to supply enough power to run the water-works and sanitation-plant. Even now, the government continues to fence with the strikers, hoping to cut down their militancy before taking action along this line.

DEMOCRATS COURT YOUTH SUPPORT
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Roosevelt's promise to youth is the security of starvation and the peace of the slaughter-house.

Roosevelt appeals to the youth in a demagogic attempt to make them believe that their problems can be solved through reforming the system. But in capitalist society, youth is and has been an oppressed strata. Capitalism today, caught in the greatest crisis of its history, can't grant us even the crumbs it once did. The only answer to the problems facing us is the overthrow of capitalism. Roosevelt wants us to take part in the elections, to make us believe that we can win our demands by voting. We will take part in the elections, all right - but with a different purpose entirely. We must use the election machinery set up by the bosses to fool us, as a chance to mobilize a political demonstration against capitalism. We must use the '36 campaign to expose the fake democracy of the boss class.

Support The Workers Vote

Alone of all organizations in the U.S., the REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE and the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE are taking part in the presidential campaign on the platform of overthrow of capitalism and establishment of the workers' government. The YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE is rallying the youth of the U.S. to support the Workers' Vote - to make the 1936 elections a protest demonstration against Roosevelt's labor desecration and militarism, and against the capitalist system for which he stands.

OLD ENOUGH TO WORK
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OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE

AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS IN "ACTION"

Over a thousand people in the great hall were on their feet, the chairman called vainly for order, recognizing one speaker only to have another take the floor. The Methodist, Baptist, Townsendite, patriotic, Stalinist and Socialist youth had come to the 3rd annual conference of the American Youth Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, in a spirit of "unity", "peace on earth, good will to men". Now suddenly, struck by the hard facts of the class struggle, they were disoriented and completely confused. Under the pressure of the delegates of the Young Workers League, the rank and file delegates were demanding action, and the bureaucrats were losing their grip.

It began July 3, the night before the opening session of the conference. Negro delegates to the Congress were barred from the Sterling and Euclid hotels. The first reaction of the delegates was the natural and correct one: mass protest at the Sterling Hotel. Young Workers Leaguers on the spot organized the protest committee to the management. At the Euclid, a less-effective one was organized by the delegates themselves. Meanwhile, a delegate called up Waldo McNutt, Congress bigshot, and asked for instructions. McNutt advised going to bed.

YWL Fights For Picket Line

But the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE refused to let the matter rest. At the opening session the next day, YWL delegates smashed thru and got the floor, demanding the organization of a mass picket line around the two hotels. McNutt, Hinckley and Co. attempted to side-track the issue, offering plans for a petition campaign, for negotiations with the patronizing bourgeois National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, etc., and finally got the question referred to the National Council.

At the next session, YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE delegates again forced thru to the floor, demanding a report from the National Council. More and more rank & file delegates supported

idea of militant mass picketing and joined in the revolt against the liberal-Young Communist League bureaucracy. Finally, seeing their grip on their own supporters vanishing fast, McNutt and Hinckley were forced to agree to the organization of a picket line.

But in the Sterling-Euclid affair, the bureaucrats had learned their lesson. The YCL-liberal machine went into action to keep the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE off the floor. Only once during the following sessions did a YWL delegate manage to get the floor, and then, only to be ruled off on a point of order. We were present, not as members of the Congress, but to present our point of view and take part in the discussion. Finding this to be impossible, the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE withdrew, distributing literature containing our point of view on all questions before the Congress.

YCL And YPSL Kiss And Make Up

The YWL delegates lost nothing except a factional squabble between the Young Peoples Socialist League-Young Circle League-Lovestone Youth bloc and the Young Communist League-liberal bloc. The Socialist youth objected to the set-up of the Congress as an organization on a full political program, the "Declaration of Rights of American Youth". They proposed instead a permanent setup on a long string of immediate demands - in other words, a sort of junior Farmer-Labor Party.

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When this was mechanically voted down by the bureaucratic machine, the YPSL's didn't seem too disappointed. But when the liberal-Stalinist bloc continued with the next logical step, the Young Socialists were actually shocked into a sharp outburst of protest. A constitution was adopted, imposing discipline on all organizations affiliated to the Congress. The YPSLs fought bitterly against having to carry out the political line which they had meekly accepted - but not to the point of breaking from the conference. Their members on the National Council resigned, but the Young Peoples Socialist League as an organization has issued a statement denying any intention of breaking from the Congress.

The 3rd conference of the American Youth Congress definitely proved the role of the Congress as the nucleus of the future United Youth League. It exposed the claim that such an outfit will be able to carry on struggles on a "partial basis" and showed clearly that it can and will carry on no struggles at all. Further, it exposed the fake "leftism" of the Young Socialists. Confronted with the United Youth League program and policies, they showed by their actions that their line is essentially the same as that of the Young Stalinists.

United Youth League or YWL?

At the Congress, two lines were definitely counterposed: the American Youth Congress policy of class collaboration, refusal to struggle on the one hand, and the Young Workers League line of militant action in the class struggle. The Congress revealed it-

self a patriotic, class collaborationist outfit, the center for reformism in the youth movement and the nucleus of the future United Youth League. Against it, the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE appeared even more clearly as the revolutionary, class struggle force, the center for militant youth today, and the nucleus of the mass revolutionary youth league in the U.S.

YWLers Arrested In Free Speech Fight
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Then one of them picked up our literature and confiscated it. The workers gathered around the car, vigorously booed the police, shouting "Why don't you take us all?"

Now, on August 3, we find the boys are booked for distributing leaflets. They are being bailed out as this goes to press. It would undoubtedly be possible for them to plead guilty, pay a small fine - and go through the same thing again the next time we attempt to use the corner.

Only next time it will be worse, for the more we lie down under attack, the more vicious will be the next one. There is no doubt that they have more chance of going free this time without a fight, but in terms of the long run we must pick up the challenge as it is thrown to us. Are we to have the use of a piece of asphalt to stand on, long enough to reach the ears of a hundred or so of our fellow-workers - or are we to allow even this wretchedly slow and inefficient means of communication to be stolen from us?

We are calling for a united front meeting of all workingclass organizations on the same corner Saturday night. And the comrades will plead not guilty. That is our answer.

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Join THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE!

Within the League

Chicago In Action

The most important feature of last month's activity was the holding of our Second National Plenum, reported on in the adjoining column. Chicago was quick to take advantage of the presence of so many leading members of the organization. Three street meetings a week were organized. The Plenum was postponed a day so that the YWL could give full support to the fighting picket line of unemployed organized by the REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE at the City Hall.

On To Springfield !

Chicago is now preparing to participate with the REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE in the state-wide hunger march on Springfield, August 4. Our first open-air meeting on the South Side was successfully held last week. Classes and a study group are being organized.

Meetings On The AYC

Mass meetings on the American Young Congress were held in both Chicago and New York. New York also reports a mass meeting on Spain held jointly with the RWL. Stalinists hangovers of the third period led to a successfully-warded off attack at a recent street corner meeting.

Philadelphia:

Comrades are concentrating their activity in and around Kensington, industrial heart of the city. The Workers Vote Campaign has already been set into motion. The city has been divided into zones to be covered by teams of comrades. Literature sales have been organized. Each labor

2nd National Plenum

The Second National Plenum of the Young Workers League, held July 9-11 at our newly established national headquarters in Chicago, recorded the advance of the League nationally. Members of the National Executive Committee and delegates from New York, Philadelphia, Columbus, and Chicago attended.

The Plenum looked back over the four short months since the March convention. These months have been busy ones in the history of the YWL. We played a leading role in New York in the April 22 Student strike, carried on a militant fight together with the Revolutionary Workers League for class struggle policies and program on May 1 and May 30, campaigned vigorously against Roosevelt's National Youth Act, and against the class-collaborationist American Youth Act, put forward our line and pressed for real support to the negro youth at the American Youth Congress, and participated actively in the July 8 hunger demonstration at the Chicago City Hall.

But while the League has thus definitely turned its face to the masses of youth in America, it has as yet made only the first faint advances.

The Plenum took up the question of the Workers Vote, of a campaign against the oppressive vagrancy laws that bear down so heavily on the
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meeting will be assailed by salesmen of our literature.

Workers Vote

Nationally our comrades are getting behind the Workers Vote campaign. Together with this will go the campaign against the vagrancy laws.



SPREAD
CALL TO ACTION!



Shay's Rebellion

1776 found the American farmers waging what they thought was a final struggle against tyranny and oppression. But the end of the "glorious revolution for freedom" found the poor farmers ruthlessly oppressed by the large land-owning and slave-holding classes, the speculators and tradosmen. They soon realized that they had only exchanged one group of tyrants for another equally as rapacious set of masters.

In the period immediately following the revolution, the new ruling class faced the problem of disposing of the cheap currency that flooded the country. Most of this currency was worth the paper it was written on but no more. In the end the burden was shifted, as always has been the case onto those who could least bear it.

Prices and taxes shot sky-high, and foreclosures and oustings became a common occurrence. Pressure was brought down harder and harder on the backs of the poor farmers, who made no secret of their resentment.

As early as 1780, in Massachusetts, the capitalists and money-lenders had begun to make clear what kind of liberty the Revolution had been fought for, and for whom. They adopted a constitution establishing property qualifications for holding office, and even for voting. It became more and more clear that the freedom and liberty had been secured by the large landowners, merchants, and speculators. But for the poor farmers and artisans it meant only freedom and liberty to be oppressed and exploited by a set of tyrants in America instead of in England.

In 1786, under the leadership of Daniel Shay, a former captain in the Revolutionary Army, some 600 farmers once again took up arms in

the defense of liberty, and started to prevent the law-making bodies of Massachusetts from meeting. The capitalists attempted to frustrate the uprising by offering some questionable compensations. Shay and his militant followers brushed aside this obvious bait.

Fear of a general peasant uprising led to talk of an outright military dictatorship. The "Father of our Country", George Washington, was "shocked and stunned" by the events and proposed greater constitutional power for the federal government. The capitalist class was able to utilize the uprising to centralize that instrument of class oppression, the state. The state powers called out the militia to meet the insurrectionists who had started to march on the capitol of Massachusetts, Boston. The rebel forces were dispersed, the leaders sought refuge in Canada. The rebellion was over, but it established the militancy and fighting spirit of American workers and farmers.

The uprising was foredoomed because the liberating force, the proletariat leading the poor farmers, did not yet exist. Today this mass force under the leadership of a Marxist revolutionary party spells the doom of capitalism. Shay's rebellion is part of the heritage and tradition that is ours. We cannot drop their courageous fight from our memories. It was a harbinger of the struggle the American masses have had and will have to obtain freedom.

WHAT EVERY YOUNG WORKER SHOULD KNOW

"We are free today substantially, but the day will come when our republic will be an impossibility. It will be an impossibility because wealth will be concentrated in the hands of a few". - James Madison (Father of the Constitution)

"The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of the few, and to render the masses poor and dependent". - Daniel Webster.

"I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all the wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the republic is destroyed." - A. Lincoln.

Three politicians, three prophets. Pretty good for such brilliant servants of the bourgeoisie, fairly radical for a slave-dealer like Madison, a merchant lawyer like Webster, a railroad corporation lawyer like Lincoln. Draw your own revolutionary conclusions. Speech is silver, silence is golden, action is priceless. The theory of Marx, Lenin used to say, was not a crank's creed, but a scientific revolutionists's guide to action.

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Henry Mencken, onetime editor of the American Mercury, a magazine providing entertainment for intellectuals, spit on his hands one day and pitched into the job of translating the Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson from antique English

into up-to-date American. In lifting the hide off the "Founding Fathers" and their bigotry and capitalist hypocrisy, Henry did a good job. But every other sentence, despite his contempt for them, white-chauvinist, red-baiting Henry fell into their ranks. Even then, beneath the smooth fur of the intellectuals' pet kitten, H.L. Mencken showed the venomous claws of the Hearst writer which he is today.

"When things get so balled up that the people of a country have to cut loose from some other country and go it on their own hook, without asking no permission from nobody, excepting maybe God Almighty, then they ought to let everybody know why they done it, so that everybody can see they are on the level, and not trying to put nothing over on nobody.

"All we got to say of this proposition is this: First, you and me is as good as anybody else, and maybe a damn sight better; second, nobody aint got no right to take away none of our rights; third, every man has got a right to live, to come and go as he pleases, and to have a good time however he pleases, so long as he don't interfere with nobody else. That any government that don't give a man these rights aint worth a damn; also people ought to choose the kind of government they want themselves, and nobody else ought to have no say in the matter. That whenever any government don't do this, then the people have got a right to can it and put in one that will take care of their interests. Of course, that don't mean having a revolution every day like them South American coons and Bolsheviki, or every time some jobholder does something he aint got no business to do. It is better to stand a little graft, etc, than to have revolutions all the time, like

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WHAT EVERY YOUNG WORKER SHOULD KNOW

them coons, Bolsheviks, etc., and any man that wasn't an anarchist or one of them I.W.W.'s would say the same. But when things get so bad that a man aint hardly got no rights at all no more, but you might almost call him a slave, then everybody ought to get together and throw the grafters out, and put in new ones who won't carry on so high and steal so much, and then watch them. This is the proposition the people of these colonies is up against, and they have got tired of it, and won't stand it no more. The administration of the present King, George III, has been rotten from the jumpoff, and when anybody kicked about it he always tried to get away with it by strong-arm stuff.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we, the representatives of the people of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, hereby declare as follows: That the United States, which was the United Colonies in former times, is now free and independent, and ought to be, that we have throwed out the English King and don't want to have nothing to do with him no more.

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SONG! SONG! SONG! SONG!

THE National Executive Committee of the Young Workers League has decided to open a contest for an official YWL song. We need a song that expresses the militancy, the class-struggle activity, the revolutionary aim of the Young Workers League. We need a real, revolutionary song that expresses our tasks today.

UNCLE SAM PREPARES A NEW 1914

ly want to fight the war danger. To neglect this and to expose instead only the war preparations of the other imperialist powers, means to help our own bourgeoisie. THE ENEMY IS IN OUR OWN COUNTRY!

SECOND NATIONAL PLENUM

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youth, and mapped out plans for utilizing the liquidation of the Young Communist League to attract the militant and class conscious youth to our ranks.

All of these points led into the discussion of the character of the CALL TO ACTION, and of the deeper question involved, the character of the YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE.

It was realized by all that upon the decision on the kind of an organization the YWL is to be depends all the future activity of the organization.

The decision of the Plenum, which all the members pledged themselves to press forward vigorously in the coming months, was to build the YWL into a firmly knit, cohesive, militant fighting organization of the American Youth.

JOIN THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE!
BE A YOUNG SOLDIER OF COMMUNISM!

THE FUTURE BELONGS
TO THE YOUTH!

The Red Rover

(LAUGH & LEARN)

WARNING!!

IF you are a green recruit in the class war - if Marx is too mysterious for you, or Lenin is an intellectual luxury, or Trotsky too tough - then, buddy, the Red Rover writes for you. So don't be blue, or turn yellow, and reach for some dope or a rope. Remember: while there is life (and the Young Workers League) there is hope. Red blooded youth alone may read -

THE RED ROVER

RED as a woodpecker's head was the spirit of many of Mark Twain's funny and fascinating writings, even though he was an admirer of millionaires, and feared to "about from the housetops" his ripsnorting and unorthodox ideas about religion and revolution. In his private letters he unleashed his hatred of aristocracy and hypocrisy with a fiery vehemence. The following fragment of literary dynamite was composed in 1890, and reveals like lightning the views of the "Lincoln of our literature" on the Russian revolutionary movement of that dark time: (Mark Twain's Letters"; Volume 2, page 536).

"I NOW perceive why all men are the deadly and uncompromising enemies of the rattlesnake: it is merely because the rattlesnake has not speech. Monarchy has speech, and by it has been able to persuade men that it differs somehow from the rattlesnake, has something valuable about it somewhere, something worth preserving something ever good and high and fine, when properly 'modified', something entitling it to protection from the club of the first comer who catches it out of its hole. It seems a most strange delusion and not reconcilable with our superstition that man is a reasoning being. If a house is afire, we reason confidently that it is the first-comer's plain duty to put the fire out in any way he can - drown it with water, blow it up with dynamite, use any and all means to stop the spread of the fire and save the rest of the city. What is the Czar of Russia but a house afire in the midst of a city of eighty millions of inhabitants? Yet instead of extinguishing him, together with his nest and system, the liberation-parties are all anxious to merely cool him down a little and keep him.

It seems to me that this is illogical - idiotic, in fact. Suppose you had this granite-hearted, bloody-jawed maniac of Russia loose in your house, chasing the helpless women and little children - your own. What would you do with him, supposing you had a shot-gun? Well, he is loose in your house - Russia. And with your shotgun in your hand, you stand trying to think up ways to "modify him".

DO these liberation-parties think that they can succeed in a project which has been attempted a million times in the history of the world and has never in one single instance been successful - 'the modification' of a despotism by other means than bloodshed? They seem to think they can. My privilege to write these sanguinary sentences in soft security was bought for me by rivers of blood poured upon many fields, in many lands, but I possess not one single little paltry right or privilege that come to me as a result of petition, persuasion, agitation for reform, or any kindred method of procedure. When we consider that not even the

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the most responsible English monarch ever yielded back a stolen public right until it was wrenched from him by bloody violence, is it rational to suppose that gentle methods can win privileges in Russia?

OF course I know that the proper way to demolish the Russian throne would be by revolution. But it is not possible to get up a revolution there; so the only thing left to do, apparently, is to keep the throne vacant by dynamite until a day when candidates shall decline with thanks. Then organize the Republic.

THIS bombshell never appeared in the press it was meant for. For the reason that Mark Twain had been robbed of his right of free speech by a powerful friend of Czarism in the United States - the capitalist class. Instead of "monarchy" let the workers read "capitalism", and this fiery fragment of a long letter would ring true yet - all but for one point. Fighting aristocracy and capitalism by assassination is no good. The master-class has candidates always ready to take a murdered Mussolini's place. What needs to be done is to organize revolutionary workers into a mighty militant Marxian party and destroy the despotic system and its nest in America and the world too. Mark Twain was proved wrong when he said that a Russian revolution was impossible - on 7 November, 1917. Monarchy and its accomplice in crime, capitalism, were uprooted heroically by the proletariat and peasantry under the leadership of Lenin's Bolshevik party. The Red Republic was established and still stands, despite the treachery of Stalin and his party machine, despite the world conspiracy of capital. We shall live to see the crimson banner waving over all the world!

The Red Rover

WHY CAN'T YOU VOTE ?

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WORKERS LEAGUE are giving you such an opportunity - we want your vote no matter who you are, as long as you vote against capitalism and for its revolutionary overthrow. Through the Workers Vote you can announce your decision not to be cannon-fodder in the next world slaughter, you can show your opposition to capitalism and the

future it offers you, you can definitely place yourself in the ranks of those who are fighting for a new society.

Participate in the elections this year by supporting the Workers Vote! And carry it on to a fight for a Workers Government!

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