# EXPISE

## Proclamation and Call to Action

Comrades! April 6 marks the 16th year since the United States entered the World war and led thousands of young workers to slaughter in order to protect the pocketbooks of the rich.

Sixteen years since this country entered the "war to end all And yet today, there are more causes for war than there were in 1914.

The capitalists are openly preparing for the next war. The armies of the world have increased five times since 1914 and military expenditures 10 times. Various plans have been proposed to militarize the young people and the jobless workers.

With the increasing war danger in the Far East and the increasing tension in the European situation it is essential that all labor's forces be united in the attempt to prevent another catas-

The various disarmament conferences and the league of nations have proven themselves impotent in the face of this situation.

Complacent pacifism is not only useless but detrimental to the cause of peace and Socialism. Militant opposition to militarism and imperialism is the order of the day.

The Young People's Socialist League of America sends out a call to action to all its branches and to the young workers and students of this country to make April 6 a SOCIALIST ANTI-WAR

DAY and to follow up with year 'round activity, Agitate militantly against militarism and imperialism. Rally the young workers and students of your community it a mass meeting or rally! Demonstrate your opposition to war. The young Socialists must take the lead in this movement to ste ar for all time! Bring the message to the young people that , ace without Socialism is impossible!

FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM!

DEMONSTRATE AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR! BUILD A STRONG YOUNG SOCIALIST MOVEMENT!

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

George A. Smerkin, National Secretary.

### Prejudice Rules Scottsboro Case Nazi Blackmail

DECATUR, Ala. - This city is belliggent talk as the famous Scottsboro case—in which seven Negro youths are charged with raping two white girls - is reopened after the boys had been granted a new trial and a change of venue by the United States supreme court.

Separate retrials for these seven who were once sentenced to death have been decided on. Haywood Patterson, 19, Chattanooga, was selected as the first to be tried.

#### Chief Witness Disappears.

The Scottsboro boys were charged with attacking Virginia Price and Ruby Bates while riding a freight train on the way to Birmingham where they hoped to find lobs. The case has been complicated by the strange disappearance of Ruby Bates after a letter which she wrote denying her testimony was brought to light.

The streets around the court house here are jammed. The people are being prejudiced against the defendants by men selling a pam-phlet called "The Inside Unpublished Story of the Infamous Scottsboro Trial.

The defense is charging the state with discrimination against Negroes on the jury. The case has become internationally known as a test case for legal lynchings and racial prejudice. Protest meetings have been held in the leading cities of

## Socialists Defy

(Special to The Challenge)

PARIS - Denouncing as "blackmail" the plan of the Hitler government in Germany to suppress all Socialist papers until Socialist papers in other countries stop attacking the Hitler policies, the executive committee of the Labor and Socialist International, meeting here Thursday, voted to continue opposition to German Fascism.

"In declaration to foreign press representatives," the International's statement reads, "Capt. Hermann Wilhelm Goering, president of the reichstag and Prussian minister of the interior, declared that the German Socialist press will be suspended as long as Socialist papers in delegates to the congress. other countries continue their at-

"The bureau of the Labor and Socialist International, meeting in Paris in the absence of the German delegation, indignantly denounces this blackmail. It so informs the world that Germany's present masters are holding Socialists as hostages in the hope of silencing the expression of the international conscience. This maneuver will fail. The Labor and Socialist International refuses to subject its press to Hitler-Goering censorship."

DESTROY CAPITALISM!

#### Active Chicago Yipsel Serving ch Jail Sentence Two-M-

most active Yipsels, has been arrested and sentenced to 53 days in placed on probation for 30 days for the in an unemployed demonstrate the same "offense." jail or over \$100 fine for participa-The mass meeting, called in protest against non-recognition of the unemployed organizations by the relief stations was broken up

when she called upon the police, ist account of whom have been unpaid hours.

Diane Wolman, one of Chicago's | for months, to cease slugging the workers and instead join the ranks of the demonstrators

Lila Wolman, sister of Diane,

At the same demonstration, Ed Weiner, city secretary of the Chithe unemployed organizations by cago YPSL, was shot in the leg by the relief stations was broken up police bullets. The wound was imbrutally by police gunfire and clubs.

Comrade Wolman was arrested rade Weiner was not out of Socialist activity for more than a few



CLARENCE SENIOR.

## Workers Rally for Continental Congress

One of the most significant moves against unemployment is the recently announced Continental Congress for Economic Reconstruction which meets in Washington, D. C., May 6 and 7. Delegates from labor, farmer, unemployed, veteran, fra-ternal and youth organizations will meet in the capital to discuss joint action against unemployment. Clarence Senior, provisional secretary of the congress, announced that hundreds of well known labor, farmer and wamployed leaders had signed the agress call, and that three ave thousand delegates were expected to attend.

Youth Committee Set Up.

To assure adequate representation from youth organizations, a Youth committee of the Continental representatives of the Young Circle League, the Poale Zion Youth Alliance, the Young People's Socialist League, the Co-operative Youth league, Pioneer Youth and the Red Falcons. This committee is inviting all working class and sympathetic youth organizations to send

"The seriousness of the unemployed situation," J. L. Afros, national director of the Young Circle League and a member of the Youth committee, said, "makes it absolutely necessary for all worker and farmer groups to pool their forces for effective action against the worst scourge of the working class. I am quite sure that radical youth organizations will make every effort

to send delegates to Washington." The office of the Youth committee is at 549 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

## YIPSELS LEAD UNEMPLOYED - CITIZENS' LEAGUES.

St. Louis. Leading figures in the Unemployed Citizens' League are Yipsels. A district Industrial Committee has been organized and Bob Stone is local Industrial Organizer.

Pittsburgh Milt Weisberg, NEC member, a d Dave Chris were among the poneers in the organization of the Unemployed Citizens' League, now well past 20.000 mem-

Chicago. Yipsels in the Windy City were the life of the party at the March 4 unemployment demonstration of the Workers' Committee on Unemployment and are now urg ing the formation of a Youth sec tion of the National Federation of Unemployed Workers' Leagues, fa-thered by the Chicago Workers' Committee.

## War Department Ready to Move Against Unemployed When Relief Breaks Down

#### Tells Progressive Miners' Advance

CHICAGO. (FP)—The collapse of the Illinois district of the United Mine Workers of America as an autonomous unit definitely marks the ascendancy of the Progressive Miners of America in the state, declared Editor Gerry Allard of the Progressive Miner as he discussed the coal situation in the Chicago office of Federated Press. He gave

figures to support his claim.

The Progressives are now digging two-thirds of all the coal mined in Illinois, he said. The new union, which is independent of the American Federation of Labor union, has 35,000 members, enough to dig the entire state output if they were all at work. But about 7.000 are on strike at 12 Peabody mines and 6,000 are otherwise out of work, leaving 22,000 dues-paying members.

#### Strong Women's Auxiliary.

The 35,000 Progressive miners enrolled in 114 locals in every mining section of the state except Danville on the Indiana border. They are conducting 45 relief stations where their unemployed members and their families get food and clothing. The women are organized into almost 60 branches of the Women's Auxiliary.

"It won't be long until the Progressives control practically all the Illinois tonnage and then we'll negotiate on a state-wide basis with the employers' organization," Al-lard predicts, "After that our union will gain footholds in other mining states and then the coal diggers of this country will regain their prewar position as the most solidly organized industry in the American labor movement."

## New Trial Granted to Tom Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO-Tom Mooney has secured a new trial. After 16 years of prison the martyred labor leader will be able to confront the ruling class in California and demand that they try to convict him on a forgotten charge of murder without the perjuring witnesses of the 1916 trial, who have in some cases slunk to dishonored graves. The prosecuting attorney of San Francisco and his assistant placed the burden upon the attorney general of Gov. Rolph when the trial was granted by resigning from the case with the statement that Mooney's "former conviction was unjustified and there is not at this time evidence available that would support a conviction."

If, as is practically inevitable, the jury brings in a verdict of not guilty, Gov. Rolph will not have the slightest appearance of justification to hide behind when Mooney again applies for a pardon. The granting of the trial has awakened labor organizations to even greater effort in behalf of Mooney.

## A MILLION AND A QUARTER the latter part of January of this HOMELESS IN THE U. S.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - There a million and a quarter (1,250,000) persons roaming the country and a high proportion have school educations and are skilled workmen. Until recently there were very few girls and women who could be classed with these transients, but now their numbers are increasing.

Become a CHALLENGER!

#### Young Socialists First to Expose Details of "Black" Plan.

CHICAGO, III. - The United States War department, in confident anticipation of the failure of state and national legislatures to meet the need of 15,000,000 unemployed, has prepared a systematic plan for war upon the American people should any large number of jobless object to starvation.

Under what is known in official army circles as the "Black" plan, a board composed of two army, two navy and one marine officer have completed a major shift of the armed forces of the United States in preparation for internal disorder resulting from failure to adequately, meet the present economic crisis, as it affects the mass of workers.

#### Training Grounds Deserted.

Texas, once the principal training ground of the United States army in peace time, has been practically denuded of cavalry and infantry, units; only the air force remaining.
The "Black" plan calls for distribution of forces as follows:
One division to Pacific Northwest

with an eye to such aggressive working class strongholds as Seat-

One division to Chicago. One division among the indus-trial cities of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and western Pennsylvania.

First Cavalry division to coal fields of southern Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky.

Re-enforcement of garrison troops at Fort Myer and Fort Washington. the military keys to the national

capital at Washington, D. C.

Re-enforcement of garrisons of forts near New York City. One-half of a division to Camp Dix at Wrightstown, N. J., a mid-

way point between New York and Philadelphia. ocation of Air Service between fields in Michigan (for Chicago and Detroit), Ohio (for Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania), Cali-

remainder in Texas as reserve. One troop division spread through

fornia (for Pacific northwest) with

mill district of the south. Two divisions in the midwest farm belt.

#### YPSL Collects Material.

All these movements have been carried out with the exception of the Air Force, the troops being at strategic concentration points or actually spread thru the districts assigned. The last of the main troop movements, the transfer and motorization of a cavalry unit ordered from Texas to a fort in Kentucky came near to making the "Black" plan a matter of public record when a Texas congressman protested in the name of the small business people at the old army posts whose business was being destroyed by the shifting of the thousands of their customers, the soldiers, out of the state. He was quickly hushed up and the matter went no further until the Industrial Department of the Young People's Socialist League of America began to accumulate material in

#### Radicals Weeded Out.

Other details of the "Black" plan, appropriately named, include: Request on reserve officers to join National Guard regiments in order to learn of men. Here a snag was hit, many of the reserve offi-cers approached indignantly refus-ing to be "steel pigeons," cl'ho a weeding process has been going on either, on instructions or on local

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## The Challenge

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## Editorials

out to our brave working class comrades in Germany, clamped unafter its historical usefulness has will be the responsibility of the Socialist youth in resisting the attempt to the backward-looking Fascist regime to intrench itself in the minds of working class youth through the methods which the fanatical Secretary of Propaganda Goebbels is deliberately borrowing from the tactics developed by the liberal democratic middle class ruling in United dictatorships States and England during the World war. It is, however, false sentimentality to decline to learn the lessons clearly at forth in the rise and fall of the German Social-Democratic party. In 1914, under great pressure, they accepted the middle class solution for capitalist class rivalries and antagonism in the patriotic voting of war appropriations; in 1918-19 again under great pressure they accepted the middle class solution for demobilization, charging the old Higher Command with the task and as a result rehabilitating and entrenching the military caste. In the Weimar convention and constitution they set out to be a model to all the world, not in Socialism but in democracy, an idea and an institution developed under middle class custodianship. In the years since,



"I AM DE GREAT BITLER!"

and this was the error key to their them to work. They want to know downfall, they have sought a solution in the institution of middle class democracy, the Reichstag, of the question of power and the future of German society. Two days highways and sleeping in jungles before the Reichstag elections which swept Hitler and his allies into a majority mandate which was steel rivited by the inevitable after-election adherence of the Catholic Centrist party, the elections of the Works Councils of the Electric and Gas works of Berlin to their lights. gave the Socialists just as sweeping a victory over all other parties, including the Communists. What a different story might have been these last few weeks if the last 13 years had been spent in deliberately years had been spent in deliberately quite the old appeal, for empty adding to the political power of stomachs don't fit in well with these working class political institutions diversions. The kids of tomorrow like the works councils, at the expense of the Reichstag. The democratic political parliamentary machine is expressly designed to per- trackless path that lies before mit representation of all classes and prevent complete dominance by and prevent complete dominance by to the tremendous forces working any one class, to permit expression against them should enlighten these of class interests while preventing others, should interest them in a them from coming into open conflict. There is always at the call according to his ability and receive according to his need! Let everyof reaction, the moronic stay-athome vote, the human rubbish as Trotsky calls it, which hysteria can summon forth in the interests of reaction, in the interests of the

GERMANY, A LESSON IN POL- past which are those of the dying ITICS. Our hearts and hands go capitalist order, to give the ironic legal death stroke to the very parliamentary democracy that has alder the heel of the reaction in the lowed it to function. An investigaguise of a middle class enacting a tion in the city of Chicago showed weird revolution a hundred years that the vast majority of the group who stay away from elections of come and gone. Particularly great their own desire are of a low moronic intelligence and conservative as regards politics, yet their vote is as good as the most useful and strategic worker. Let us seek working class democracy in and through working class institutions and organizations, but let us above all seek POWER for the working class at all times. Hail to the New Continental Congress and to the Work People's Council which it will

#### THE PROGRESSIVE MINERS.

In spite of tremendous obstacles, the Progressive Miners of America march on toward complete control of the Illinois mine fields, and the acceptance of their principles by what is traditionally the vanguard of American organized labor, the Illinois miners. The Young People's Socialist League was practically the first working class organization of national affiliations to recognize and Lail the revolt of the Illinois miners against cynical corruption within and unrestricted operator terror without the United Mine Workers' organization. The new aggressive type of rank and file trade unionism which the Progressives are building stamps them as the pioncers of today and the founders of the enduring trade unionism of tomorrow.

#### **DEMONSTRATE APRIL 6!** Against Imperialist War!

#### Youth Waking Up BY LOREN NORMAN.

people now are showing signs of waking up. They want to know why there is no chance for why people are starving because there are too many good things to eat, freezing because there are too many clothes to wear, tramping the because there are too many houses.

They are beginning to question the wisdom of their elders who mismanaged this nation so completely. They are beginning to wonder what can be done about it. And they are taking steps to do it according

They are saying, "This system which punishes people for their poverty and starves the man who produces the thing to eat is a bum system."

Dancing and basketball has not will be interested in belly timber first and games afterward.

But there are still quite a number who don't realize the dark and them. They are still confused.
And those who are alert and alive one heave to!

> Free Scottsboro Boys! Release Tom Mooney!

WAR-WHAT FOR? For pos ing that question in his book and on the platform during the Great Insanity of 1914-18, Comrade George Kirkpatrick was mobbed and chased from pillar to post in many an American city. But now is the time to ask that question and answer it in tones that can be heard. War to enslave the workers, gut the wealth of nations which they (the workers) have produced and are now denied, and sacrifice the life and limb and health of working class youth on the ambitions of a gouty, crooked and incompetent capitalist ruling class and their military pouter pigeons. The war makers are at it hammer and tongs. The first announcement of the Secretary of Navy of the new "economy" Roosevelt administration was a billion dollar naval construction program. The Pathe movie news reeler, in presenting the maneuvers of the navy in the Pacific in raucous tones recently, lamented the fact that Great Britain and Japan were forging past us and adjured the audience to write Congress to support President Roosevelt's patriotic desire for a big navy. This in spite of the fact that according to Senator Nye. \* naval armaments now range from France 628,000 tons, Japan 850,000 tons, Great Britain 1,250,000 tons to United States 1,-251,000 tons. "Baby killer" Gen. MacArthur returns from Europe to demand a standing army of 300,000 but the story of the "Black" plan in this issue of The Challenge shows what he wants this big increase for. Leaders of British youth are showing the way to meet the war mongers by boldly announcing that wars will be left to presidents, kings, premiers and chiefs of staff, for youth will have no part in them. American youth must not only speak as boldly but strike out for the abolition of the entire capitalist system, wars and

HAIL TO THE NEW CONTI-NENTAL CONGRESS. The action of farmer, trade union, unemployed, co-operative and working class political party leaders in summoning a new Continental Congress on Economic Reconstruction for Washington May 6 and 7, is a stroke of working class statesmanship of the first order. Plans call not only for the submission of a program to existing legislative bodies but the setting up of a permanent "People's Council," a new political institution, definitely working class in character. Nineteen hundred thirty-three may yet eclipse 1776 in American history, and school oys forget that the original Correspondence Committees were a creation of the eighteenth century.

#### THE LIARS.

Carl Sandburg, in the Anthology of Revolutionary Poetry. \*And now

Out of the butcher's job And the boneyard junk the maggots have cleaned, Where the jaws of the skulls tell

the jokes of war ghosts, Out of this they are calling now Let us go back where we werc.

Where the doors are locked the liars say: Wait, and we'll cash in again.

So I hear the people talk. So I hear them tell each other: Let the strong men be ready. Let the strong men watch.

Let your wrists be cool and your head clear. Let the liars get their finish, The liars and their waiting game,

waiting a day again open the doors and tell us: War! get out to your war again.

So I hear the people tell each other: Look at today and tomorrow Fix this clock that nicks off mil-

When the Liars say it's time Take things in your own hands To hell with them all, The Liars who lie to nations, The liars who "e to the people.

Bum: One who refuses to do his share of productive labor and lives off of the product of the labor of others. The loafer at the top or bottom of society.

#### Greetings

In the few hours I have in New York between trips. I can't find time to do more than send you a word of hearty greeting on the first issue of The Challence. I am proud to be an associate editor if that doesn't require too much responsi bility. May I take occasion to say that one of the most satisfactory things in the Socialist party is the growth in intelligent activity and organization of the YPSL need it.

You ask me for a few words about the spirit of the workers as revealed in southern Illinois and in Detroit. Without hesitation I think I may say that the rank and file spirit that I found in the Progressive Miners of America is one of the bright spots in the whole labor field. Those men, and perhaps more particularly, those women, are showing what organization can mean, not merely for some small degree of material success but for the whole life of the workers. I may add that I found something of the same spirit in Wilder, Tenn., where a strike is one and where the men are organized in a local of the U.M. W. A. About Detroit I have written elsewhere at some length. There was a quality of hope and heroism in the Briggs strike and in some of the other strikes which followed it difficult to exaggerate. Socialist co-operation with labor must be with such manifestations of labor activity as these. I trust they will grow more and more in spite of the deadening effect of the great mass of unemployment upon all strike activities.

Don't forget, by the way, that at least half our present battle must concern itself with-the effective organization of the unemployed themselves. In this, I am sure, the Yipsels can be of enormous assistance. All our activities need to be intelligently guided and directed. They should head up in the Labor committee of the party. Wisdom without energy and enthusiasm will not move us. Energy and enthusiasm without wisdom may move us in the wrong direction.

NORMAN THOMAS.

It is a source of real gratification to learn that our young Socialists are about to publish an official organ. While there is much good that can be accomplished if it is properly edited and managed, it may also be misused to promote discord and factionalism. YPSL will be put to a real test in this new undertaking. Success in such an enterprise means not only financial stability but a sustained continuity of policy that will unite the YPSL in a stronger and more vigorous bond of friendship, to the end that you may not only be of real assistance in building and enlarging the Socialist party, but in hastening the coming of the co-operative commonwealth

In this spirit I bid the new pub lication a hearty welcome.

DANIEL W. HOAN.

The Socialist secretary who can count on the assistance of a fine, well organized group of Yipsels is fortunate indeed. There is no task so small or so large that they cannot be of help, and their readiness to serve the cause of Socialism in whatever capacity is needed makes work with them a joy. If a messenger is needed to run an errand, if there is a sudden call for a speaker in a distant local, if there is a meeting to be covered with literature, I call on the Yinsels and count on their ready response.

And if we want to launch a big project calling for organized action -planning, co-operation, efficient management and hard work, the Yipsels are also ready.

The pep and enthusiasm with which they enter any assigned task, large or small, makes the Yipsels the pride and loy of any Socialist group.

LEO KRZYCKI. County Secretary, Milwaukee Socialist Party.

#### Umansky Calls for Action

BY JULIUS UMANSKY National Chairman, YPSL

When St. Patrick came to Ireland he found a land of pagans who were having such a good time on earth that they had no thoughts of Kingdom Come. The big job St. Pat had on his hands was to concert With an unthese unbelievers. shakeable determination and an overwhelming zeal, he set about, almost alone, to accomplish his seemingly impossible task-and Ireland still stands as a testimonial to his churchly success.

The problem today differs in certain particulars from the ancient one in the Emerald Isle. The United States is another land of pagans and these heathens are having such a miserable time on earth that they are quite close to Kingdom Come. And just because they continue to be unbelievers, their miserable lot grows worse

They believe neither in their own strength nor in their own destiny. Yet even this apparent hopelessness is not insurmountable. A belief in one's strength and destiny can only come from knowing what the strength is and what the destiny may be. It is to give the working class that knowledge which explains the existence of the Young People's Socialist League.

The League through its members, and through its new voice, The Challenge, is not offering, as St. Patrick did, a promise of blissful inaction in the future, but is urging a program of immediate action in the present.

In the uneasy days ahead, the necessity for working class youth becomes greater and grimmer to join the conscious workers in their struggle for the possession of their world. To you, earth in this young workers' who are yet aloof the Young People's Socialist League says: JOIN, and join now! or forever be branded as a traitor to your own cause.

Because I think that The Challenge has great possibilities for training the younger and newer members in the job of building for Socialism in Our Time." I am more than glad to see it appear. The necessity for active work along this line was never greater in this country. Never has it been more urgent that we learn from the mistakes of the working class abroad, and that we make a really intelligent attempt to base our activities in this country on American revolutionary traditions.

A paper such as the editors of Challenge are planning will furnish a testing ground for ideas such as are found in such large measure in the "youth movement." It will enable untried members to prove abilities to themselves and their comrades. It should make the youth section of the Socialist movement increasingly aware of the tremendous contributions it can make to the movement as a whole, and make it able to offer even greater

The advance orders which I understand are now in the hands of the manager are an indication that the League is not going into the venture blindly. Here's hoping that each subsequent issue have even a larger circulation. More power to The Challenge.

CLARENCE SENIOR, National Secretary. Socialist Party of America.

Of course I am lelighted to hear that you are starting a national organ of the YPSL and certainly I wish you success. There has never been a time so needed in our history for an understanding of Socialism among the people.
UPTON SINCLAIR.

Both dad and myself look to the Yipsels to furnish the motive power for a fighting Socialist movement. Of course we want to help in every possible way.

SIEGFRIED AMERINGER.

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During the halcyon days of 1932 els organized a lone circle in January and February. Part of this calm was overcome and 25 circles were chartered by the National Office in the first two months of That means 625 circles in 1934 to keep up that tempo.

It didn't need the last earthquake to wake up the California organization. They've had their state federation in operation for some nonths now, and are reaching out into all corners of the state. State Secretary Hy Sheanin is touring Yipsel organizers in southern Cali-

If you want to see a rejuvenated gang of Yipsels hike to Milwaukee. There was a time when the Milwaukee group was known as the Young People's Social League, but no more. Special emphasis is being laid on Socialist education and propaganda. Andy Biemiller, the party educational director, has proven a boon to the Yipsels. der the direction of William Quick, Paul Schmidt, Art Kraak, John Strobel, Pearl Zimmerman, Charles Hryniewicki and Lester Kent the organization has developed at a surprising rate.

Active groups in West Allis, Kenosha, Sheboygan, Racine and Greenfield are backing the state slogan of: WATCH WISCONSIN

The Fifth District circle in Bridgeport sent in a report to the National Office showing a surplus in the treasury. Upon the National Office delicately hinting that surplusses are unhealthy for Yipsel circles \$5 were sent in as a contribution. Other circles?

National Organizer Ben Parker is in the Windy City, giving the city office a hand. The Yipsels are active with the Chicago Workers' Committee on Unemployment and are now conducting a campaign to raise clothing, food and toys for the miners and their children in southern Illinois, arranging large antiwar meetings April 6 with party.

The Montreal Yipsels are issuing well-edited printed paper called The Socialist, which appears every month. A. Andrashnick, 4624 Clarke St., Montreal, is the business man-

The YPSL takes on new elements of life in Michigan. With the party reaching out in all corners of the state, it certainly is not seemly for the Yipsels to be backward about coming forward. NEC Member Jim Duffy writes that he is putting on steam and will visit several towns in the state to boost Yipsel organization.

Pennsylvania is spotty. Philadelphia is building a strong organization, though its still pretty raw. Pittsburgh has developed a county organization and is making valiant efforts to justify its added sphere of activity. Reading seems too quiet, but Herman Bezler, the executive secretary, seems to know his job and should instill a little life into the outfit. Sam Colton (1206 Walnut St., Philadelphia), is the acting state secretary.

Raymond E. Brothers was the secretary of a circle which was almost non-existant in Richmond, Va., but stuck to his job until now he really has a circle to act as secretary for.

There are Yipsel circles in Clarksburg, Fairment. Huntington, Martinsburg and Philippi and others coming up in West Virginia. The last party branches to give attention to YPSL circles, and organizational results followed. West Virginia circles should make it a point to keep in closer touch with the National Office.

The National Office would like to hear from these secretaries as soon

as possible: Alma Bau—Fairhope, Ala. Barry De Rose-Globe, Ariz. Lorain Taylor-Yuma, Ariz. James G. Harris—Greeley, Colo. Brooks Culpepper — East Gary,

Ruth Sorenson—Askov. Minn. Wayne Lukkonen—102 15th St., Cloquet, Minn.

Gerald White-Hutchinson, Minn. George Singer - Kansas

Harold Wittkopp - Greenville, Aldene Matteson - Kansas City,

Yalo Rivers-Ludlow. Mont. Bunk: Handed out in large chunks by capitalist politicians seeking election.

## The Decline Of American Trade Unionism

BY ANDREW J. BIEMILLER.

The recent report of the president's commission on Social Trends contains a mass of data of interest Socialists. Particularly interesting are the data presented on Trade Unions. I am selecting some direct quotations and summarizing other material that I believe is of interest to all militant members of the labor movement as follows:

The course of trade unionism in the remaining years of the decade (the 1920's) ran contrary to all precedent. In spite of the prevalence of good business and regular employment, the organized labor movement suffered after 1923 a continuous and substantial decline in membership, probably much greater than that revealed in the statistics. In part, this was due to unfavorable economic conditions peculiar to certain industries, such as coal mining, where much of the strength of organized labor was previously concentrated. In part, it was due to lack of adroitness and flexibility of labor leadership, and here too the coal mining unions furnish the chief illustration. But in the main, the decline in the rade union movement is attributable to basic forces of another character.'

#### Forces A.ding Decline.

These basic forces are: Organized labor's insistence on sticking to a craft form of organization in the face of industrial developments that have out a virtual end to skill as a factor in industry. Hence, organized labor has not even a foothold in any basic industry-steel, iron, automobiles, packing, rubber products, chemical and electrical products.

Technological unemployment has created a permanent army of the unemployed that are a constant threat to any worker who still has This threat is all the stronger because there is no unem-

ployment insurance in this country. The labor movement has failed to fight for job insurance. 3. Organized labor has failed to

follow the shift in industries from high paid locations to low paid; for example, the shift in textiles from New England to the south.

Much new labor has become available, both male and female. Organized labor has failed to carry on a drive among young workers or women workers.

Organized labor's energies were diverted to employe co-operation in management schemes and labor banking.

6. A concerted drive on unionism organized employers' groups, with very little resistance shown by the unions. Strikes were very few in the 1920's.

Some employers used more subtle methods and formed comunions, supposedly giving workers a voice in manage-

#### Future Possibilities.

These factors aided in bringing a decline in union membership from rate approach. The best way to apthe peak of 5,110,000 in 1920 to 3,- proach the economic doctrines of The peak of trade union membership coincided with ambitious aims in the direction of industrial democracy.'

There are three possibilities for the future of the labor movement:

1. There may be a rebirth of craft and semi-industrial unions.

There may be a new unionism, developed on an industrial basis and with a more radical orientation than now exists in the labor movement.

3. There may be a new movement formed by the present company unions breaking away from employer domination and forming the nucleus for a federation of industrial unions.

"\* \* \*/It is clear that the organization of labor has not gone forward as have other parts of the economic system. Organizations of employers and of employes have changed at unequal rates of speed. Unless labor organizations show a more vigorous growth in the future other resources of society must be drawn upon to meet these prob-

#### UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP)-Since 1930 the number of children so undernourished as to be in actual danger has increased from 7 per cent to 22 per cent in counties with the best record and from 38 per cent to 52 per cent in others, Gov. Pinchot revealed at the Pennsylvania state conference on malnutrition of children.

More than 420,000 of the million undernourished are suffering from "definite functional disorders due to malnutrition," the governor said.

Release Tom Mooney!

#### Education

"Es sind Marxisten, auch Marxisten, und noch Marxisten," said Marx on one occasion. And in plain American it states that there are Marxists, and Marxists, and also Marxists. If it was true while Marx lived, it is a thousand times truer since his death. "Seven cities fought for Homer dead thru which Homer living begged his bread.' Today seven-fold-seven sects fight for the bones of the dead Marx which the live Marx would have scorned.

#### Marxism Not Dogma.

Marxism does not consist of a set of answers to all social problems, Marxism is a method which if intelligently used will lead to the solution of social problems. Yipsels study Marx this should be borne uppermost in ind.

Some will ask with fairness Of what value is this man Marx who lived 50 years ago in Germany to us living now the United States?" They will in They will be especially justified in such a ques-tion by the actions of some "Marxist" who in despair for some logical argument will haul forth a tone and say: "See, Marx said it!"

The value of Marxism to those who study him lies not in the fact that he said this or said that, but in the fact that he developed a method of scientific investigation and uncovered some profound social laws with it.

#### Biographies of Marx.

The first thing to do in studying Marx is to read about his life. He was a man with many virtues and also faults. Some such biographies are:

Max Beer-Life and Teachings of Marx.

D. Ryazanoff-Karl Marx, Man Thinker, Revolutionist. D. Ryazanoff-Karl Marx, His

Life and Work. Achille Loria-Karl Marx.

Otto Ruehle-Karl Marx. A discussion of the life Marx can be both interesting and profitable. His life falls nicely into three divisions: up to departure for England, life in England, work with First International. Some of the less active members may be drawn into activity by having them deliver a book report. This is not difficult and many people who thought that they could not speak will soon discover otherwise.

Before tackling the writings of Marx himself there is one booklet that should be read and discussed That is Kautsk-'s, Struggle-Erfurt Program." a simple, clear, yet comprehensive exposition of the ideas of Marx.

#### Sugges d Reading.

Then one should turn to the works of Marx and Engels them-I would suggest the following bibliography to be read in the order given:

Marx and Engels, Communist Manifesto.

Engels, Socialism - Utopian and Scientific.

Engels, The Revolutionary Act. The economic doctrines of Karl Marx, although closely interwoven with his other theories need a sepato read as follows:

Mary Marcy's-Shop Talks in Economics.

Hyndman's - Economics of

cialism. Kautsky's - Economic Doctrines of Karl Marx.

Marx-Value, Price and Profit.

Marx-Wage Labor and Capital. Marx-Capital.

#### Paris Commune.

The month of March is famous

Address

## Inauguration

For the past few weeks, a spirit of optimism, we are told, has been flowing through the veins of the American people. The old administration was through. New hands were to be placed on the helm, and the ship of state was to take a new course through the murky fog. New enthusiasm, new confidence, new vigor, throb in the hearts of the American citizenry. Franklyn D. Roosevelt, the smiling presidentelect, is about to take oath. Even the staunchest supporters of the expresident felt that the change was for the good.

March 4, 1933 - the day of rebirth. The historian of the future was to swell with pride when his eye reviewed the events of this day and the glad tidings that it brought to America.

1933 - Franklin D. March 4, Knosevelt puts on his best attire, his shiniest top-hat, his sunniest smile, and proceeds to the White Thunderous cheers, House. roarious applause, and then the solemnity of the oath. Franklin D. Roosevelt becomes the master of millions.

March 4, 1933 - Every bank of almost every state in the Union has shut its doors. O tempora, O mortoria! The wave of confidence has been dissipated in bank runs, in a complete collapse of the credit system of America.

The historian of the future will indeed look back at March 4, 1933; will see the grilled gates locked tight in the face of the people; will see the furrows of misery that were engraved on the countenance of the nation; the new suit that frayed so easily, the top-hat that was so soon battered, the sunny smile that chilled so quickly into a grimace.

And now, March 4, 1936-? ?

VIENNA, Austria-The Dollfuss (Catholic Centrist) dictatorship which is striving to defeat Hitlerism by suppressing Austrian Socialists before the Hitlerites get a chance, has been met by a splendid workers answer to suppression. Having confiscated the issue of the Socialist press six times, the government announced a permanent censorship of it. At this point the printers declared a strike and the first to leave their places were the typesetters of the government organ. If the workers have no press, neither shall the masters. workers' strike censorship is in tune with the temper of the Austrian Socialists, who with their determination have held Austria against the black tide of Fascism which has engulfed Germany. Says The New York Times: "If Hitlerism is established in Austria it is likely to be the result of a coup d'etat and all present indications are that the Socialists, unlike their German comrades, would resist by force of

poverished workers of Paris rose in revolt, seized the city for a while, only to be drowned in their blood by a vicious reaction. It was the first attempt of the working class to set up its own government. There is much to be learned from its experiences.

Commune." Then one should read Lenin's work on the Paris Com-Read Kautsky's, mune. Revolution," chapters 1-5, on the subject. Nor should one overlook a very interesting and sharply critical history written by E. S. Mason called the "Paris Commune."

Let us commemorate the spirit of in Socialist history not alone for Marx not by learning to think what the death of Marx but also for the he thought but by learning to think

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Solidarity

Greetings: To our Comrades and Feilow Workers, the Progressive Miners of Kincaid who go on trial at Taylorville, Ill., as the first is sue of The Challenge goes to press The long-winded legal papers charge many things from murder to unlawful assembly but we know that the crime they seek to punish you for is that of resisting the bloody tyranny of the Peabody Coal Co. and fighting the good fight for the freedom of your brother miners and your class. We pledge our solida ity to the day when you are re stored to your families and your fellow workers, free men, every, charge dispersed to the four winds.

The Steady Advance of the Progressive Miners in Illinois we hail with pleasure. The Industrial Department of the YPSL and the Progressive Miners of America are related in a way of which we at least are distinctly proud. The first official act of the Industrial Director was to commission Joe Zameres for work in southern Illinois, following the rebellion of Illinois minors against the treachery of their U. M. W. A. officials, the historic mass meeting at Benld and the cold blooded assassination of brave Joe Colbert. Zameres arrived in the coal fields in time to take part in the mass march into Christian county to lift the ban on picketing, persuaded the Springfield Branch of the Socialist party to organize the Midwest Striking Miners Relief Fund at Springfield, by his reports aroused the attention of Socialist leaders outside Illinois, kept the labor press through Federated Press supplied with accurate stories of what was developing in the field, and accompanied the tremendous march of miners into Franklin county.

Sol Larks of Chicago and later the writer, attended the pro-Gillespie visional conference at which called into existence the America. Progressive Miners of On recommendation of the Industrial Department, the Yipsel National Executive at its Buffald meeting indorsed the struggle of the Illinois miners as an example for workers throughout the United States and called for relief aid through the Midwest Fund Springfield. The first cash contribution necessary to send the Springfield party relief unit into action came from New York Yipsels. An Industrial Organizer was present at the constitutional convention which laid down the principles of the Miners in October, Progressive principles which included independent political action, nationalization of coal and of all industry, the full product of his toil for the worker, and the organization of youth and women.

Milwaukee. A little better than a week's active campaign netted truck Milwaukee Yipsels three loads of food and clothing for relief of the Progressive Miners in their struggle in Illinois, which six Yipsels jolted across some hundreds has to say on the subject in "Civil of miles of roads to deliver at PMA War in France" and the "Paris headquarters at Gillespie. Ill. Now, they are back and at it again. Also active in unemployed organization.

> Detroit. When the internation ally important Briggs automobile strike came along, Detroit Yipsels swung into action with strike relief. working through the Detroit Council of Labor Youth Groups.

> New York. There has been a functioning Industrial Committee in New York since the convention. Miners Relief, First aid to the Toy and Doll Makers' strike, picketing for the I. L. G. W. U., a New York Yipsel even led the one and only strike of jig saw puzzle makers: in short, New Yorkers are on the job.

Los Angeles. Joe Zameres didn't return to rest on laurels acquired in Illinois, but went to work on an I. L. G. W. U. strike which had gone to sleep. Yipsel pickets received suspended sentences after being scooped up by the Red Squad, the industrial police from the Chamber of Commerce Bldg. Miners' relief was etting attention just before the quake. Everet O'Connor is Industrial Organizer.

Cleveland. The largest single contribution received by the Midwest Striking Miners' Relief Fund at Springfield, Ill., was the ton of clothes collected by Cleveland Yips, Hy Fish was on the propagands staff of the I. L. G. W. U. until The Challenge drafted him.

Become a CHALLENGER! DESTROY CAPITALISM!

## THUGS BATTLE WITH STRIKING W

MINER'S WIFE. THUG MURDERED

Fifty-two Strikers, No Thugs, Held for Va-Kincaid Gun Battle.

(Special to The Challenge.) TAYLORVILLE, Ili.-Mrs. Emma ing Progressive Miners, was murdered in the doorway of her home as she was watching an exchange of gunfire between Peabody Co. have been transferred to active thugs and the miners in front of Mine No. 7, near Kincaid. Altho Mrs. Cumerlatto was standing in back of the striking miners when Atlantic Fleet to eastern waters, she was shot 52 of the miners were ostensibly to "ease the feeling with them is her husband.

The thugs suffered one major casualty in the cross-fire.

by one of the eye witnesses

200 scabs left Peabody Coal Co.
mine No. 7 near Kincaid. Most of
these men had been given special
commissions as deputy sheriffs at

ever needed in the country.

Training of all regular units in
"mob duty," use of tear gas bombs,
bayonet work, etc. 200 scabs left Peabody Coal Co. mine No. 7 near Kincaid. Most of the company's request, and all were heavily armed. Upon reaching the highway they assaulted a group of pickets, members of the Progressive Miners of America who were being guarded from violence by a detail of special police sent there by the Kincaid mayor.

#### Houses Bembed.

one of the thugs and Mrs. Emma of the Bonus Army, with a back-Cumerlatto, who was standing in the doorway of her home at the rear of the picket line and in the line of fire of the strike-breaking deputies, were killed. During the night several Progressive homes and stores were bombed and streets the "White" plan, army officers of Kincaid and other villages were later revealed to Congress, for the patrolled by scabs who fired into miners' homes.

Next morning three deputy sheriffs set out from the No. 7 mine heavily armed and with lowered windows on their car. These three, Fulton Smith, Harry Hilmers, top foreman at the mine, and James "Guy" Hickman, a Peabody strike breaker, were ecently imported

from West Virginia.

A few moments before this car

started out the streets had been pa-trolled by officers of the National Guard who will testify that all was quiet. On the way to the business center of Kincaid the thugs fired into residences and filling stations. They then passed the Progressives' som kitchen, where several miners guarding :elief provisions, and shot out several of the winturned by special police who had

#### 52 Miners Indicted

The thugs returned to the mine, Hickman having been wounded in the head and Smith in the shoulder. When asked who had shot Hickman, Smith and Hilmers re-plied in the presence of witnesses that they did not know.

Later at the grand jury hearing they said that they had been fired at by Dupire and Albert Mattozzo, Kincaid police chief from in front of the Tex Hardware store a half block beyond the soun kitchen.

Although dozens of witnesses are ready to testify that Mattozzo was home at the time and that Dupire was in Gillespie over 50 miles away. the two were indicted for first degree murder. It also indicted 52 other Progressive miners and sympathizers for the murder of Emma Comerlatto and the thus and on other minor charges.

#### Workers vs. Peabody.

Not one of the deputy sheriffs or Peabody scabs was indicted. Matfozzo and Dupire went on trial in Yipsels will gather from the four the Christian county court at Taylorville March 27 and the other 52 defendants will be called later.

Class-Conscious workers throughout the entire state are convinced bids for the convention which will

The St. Louis district needs a little help from the National Office and an organizer will probably be ent into that region very shortly. District Organizer Fred Simms and few of the active comrades keep things going, but a little reorgan-tration and shaking up of deadwood is needed.

#### To Use Soldiers Against Workers

Continued From Page One.

initiative of upper crust reserve officers, to find reserve officers who have been influenced by liberal or radical teachings in the universities rious Charges in and who might still suffer from the delusion that the United States has a democratic form of govern-The United States Training manual on citizenship notes that democracy tends to lead toward mob rule, Socialism or Communism. Cumerlatto, wife of one of the strik-the social sciences while entering the reserves through the R. O. T. C.

regiments.

Before the new administration at Washington came into power, it was definitely planned to return the she was shot, 52 of the miners were arrested for her death. Among them is her husband.

Japan," but actually for riot duty with their sailors and marines in eastern industrial dities.

Use of the Marines East Coast The following is the story as told Va., and the West Coast Expeditionary Force at San Diego, Calif., About 5:30 p. m. on Jan 3, about as reserve units to be sent where-

#### Constitution Ignored.

The constitution of the United States in Article I of the Bill of Rights declares, "Congress shall make no law prohibiting the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for redress of grievances," but on July 28, 1932, the Federal Army, In the cross-fire that followed in the light of the burning shacks ground of floating tear gas, gleaming bayonets and rumbling tanks, gave this particular article the "scrap of paper" -treatment popularized by Europe's champion militarists as of 1914. That was under suppression of "localized insurrectionary disorders."

Jefferson, Madison, the Adamses, Tom Paine, even General Washington, looked upon a strong military establishment as more of a menace to civil government at home than a defense against foreign aggression, even the framers of the constitution put a limit on the time for which Congress could make military appropriations.

Army Used Against Workers.

Since the Civil War of 1861-5 the owning class have allowed or encouraged the military establishment o grow. Following the railroad strikes of the depression of the seventies, the movement for building great armories gained ground. After the eight-hour day movement, which came to a head in 1886, the New dows. At this point the fire was re- Army posts centralized troops near great cities like Chicago instead of been assigned to guard the relief on the fast disappearing frontier, strike of the nineties by Federal Troops overriding law and custom for the benefit of the railroad interests at the behest of the Democratic President Cleveland.

Under cover of the World War. the state militia were transformed into a direct auxiliary of the Federal Army as the National Guard, and in 1933, in the files of the war department nestle side by side "yellow and red" plans for waging external war and "white and black" plans for waging civil war of a government against its citizens.

#### NATIONAL OFFICE CALLS FOR CONVENTION BIDS.

Which city will entertain delegates at the next Yipsel convention? The Cleveland YPSL handled the 1932 convention with remarkable efficiency, and accomplished the impossible-satisfied everybody.

This year, with the increased growth and activity of the League the convention will be an EVENT. corners of the country to discuss the League's policies and tactics for the coming year.

The national office is calling for that this case is not the case of "The People" vs. Dupire and Mattozzo, but that of the Peabody Coal Co. vs. the "Workers of the State of Illinois."

bids for the convention which will be held some time in July or August. Write to the Young People's Socialist League. 549 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill., for further information. information.

#### Support the Continental Congress!

Way down in New Orleans there's a Yipsel circle that's really on the job. Val Cotton, the secretary, sends in \$8.54 for dues stamps and reports that there is another circle in process of forming.

## Defeat Militarization Of Unemployed Youth; Labor Camps New Menace

the lame duck session of Congress to enroll 88,000 unemployed boys in military training camps have failed. The Couzens bill was passed by the United States Senate on Feb. 13 and provided \$22,000,000 for this scheme. Protests from labor, Socialist and liberal groups resulted in the defeat of the Couzens bill in the House of Representatives.

Young Socialists are unalterably opposed to the Couzens method of taking care of the unemployed. The army training camps would develop the war department brand of patriotic, jingoism in the thousands placed there. The improbability of finding jobs for these unemployed at the end of the 12-month period of military training will lead to a great demand for their retention in

The international effect of doubling the number of men under military training in this country is easy to foresee. Competitive armaments are like a poker game in which the bidding is spirited and collapse the limit.

Labor Must Protest. Fortunately, this Fascist plan was defeated in the closing hours of the Hoover administration. Similar schemes are in the offing as can be observed in the Roosevelt proposal of putting unemployed in work camps in forests and in construction

in the Tennessee valley. A united Socialist and labor movement must voice its emphatic protest against such measures and insist upon a maintenance allowance to unemployed families and single persons.

Opposition by liberal and pacifist groups to the Couzens bill has included objections such as, "The army is not fitted to give voca-tional training and guidance," and The risk of developing a further class of persons who may later seek disability allowances, compensation, bonuses, pensions or what not, as wards of the government." opposition is inconsequential and feeble in the conflict of forces struggling for and against militaristic expansion and imperialistic developments.

Socialist youth ranks must be built more solidly so that we may not only withstand efforts to increase militarism, but that we may paredness. The best defense against militarism is to attack it! retary.

#### Foreign Correspondence

Dear Comrades:

Frequently we receive letters from young Socialists in different countries asking to have correspondence with youth comrades in America. As we have no addresses at our disposal, we are kindly asking you in assisting us to get such addresses, to publish a note in your

International Correspondence: The International Correspondence department of the Socialist Youth International, Belle Alliance Platz 8, Berlin SW 61, has many inquiries from young Socialists in Denmark, Germany, Great Britain and Austria wanting to have correspondence with young Socialists of America either in English, German or ies as possible to distribute among their fellow workers. willing to take up such a correspondence are asked to write to the International Correspondence department, which have the addresses of the youth comrades.

Socialist greetings, International of Socialist Youth, E. Ollenhaur, Secretary,

#### BOUQUETS.

We congratulate the Young People's Socialist League on their new national paper-The Challenge:

Workmen's Circle, Branch 60, St. Louis, Mo. J. Voda, St. Louis.

Y. P. S. L. of Chicago. Workmen's Circle, City Central Committee, Chicago, Mey-

er Weinrib, secretary. Jack Jaffe, Chicago. Dr. R. B. Green, Chicago. Ed Weiner, city secretary, Chicago.

Sixth Congressional District Branch, Socialist party, Carrie Julich, secretary.

Jugoslav Federation, Branch No. 5, Johnstown, Pa.

South Side Circle, YPSL of the next issue? Milwaukee.

Local Rochester, Socialist

## Socialist Bill Demands Capital Levy on Wealth HARRISBURG, Pa .- A tax of cording to the following schedule:

which prepared the way for the \$5,000,000 is provided in a bill in-suppression of the Debs railroad troduced by Darlington Hoones Sotroduced by Darlington Hoopes, Socialist, in the assembly of Pennsylvania. Fifty thousand dollars worth of property is exempt from capital taxation, under the terms of the bill, but amounts valued at accepted at the same value used in over \$50,000 would be taxed ac- computing the tax.

Next 500.000--50% Next ...... 4,000,000-75% Over ..... 5,000,000--95% Collection of the tax in cash, se curities or real estate is provided, the securities and real estate to be

New Jersey is the latest state federation of the YPSL. George F. Yost, state secretary, is in close cooperation with the National Office and promises to push organizational and educational work in New Jer-Camden is the seat of the state office and also has the largest circle.

> THE JEWISH SOCIALIST VERBAND Welcomes The CHALLENGE

The Connecticut Valley Federation of the YPSL sends greetings to The CHALLENGE and pledges its support.

Hartford, Conn. Easthampton, Mass. Greenfield, Mass. Holyoke, Mass. Springfield, Mass.

Young Comrades, the Best Place for Your Tonsorial Work Is EMIL ESTRIN'S BARBER SHOP

1522 S. Wedzie Ave. Ohicago, Ill.

## POISONED MEAT FATAL TO

TWO.

CHICAGO—Joseph Frapaselli, an impoverished father lying near death, revealed the story of the incident which caused the death of two children and made four others critically ill. The father found meat in an alley, and thinking of the empty larder at home, carried it to his family. Frapaselli was unable to get relief because he had a job, but the job didn't pay enough to adequately feed the family. The meat made the father and four children ill and caused the death of two children. Little hope is held out for the ones who are ill.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW.

ALBANY, N. Y. (F.P.)—The Wall bill, creating a mandatory system of minimum wages for women and minors in industry, was passed by the New York state senate by a vote of 37 to 13. The bill provides jail penalties for employers who violate wages scales set up by the state department of labor.

#### PROTEST EVICTION.

NEW YORK (F.P.)-It took 50 policement and two patrol wagons, as well as an emergency squad, to evict three tenants from an apartment house when neighbors demonstrated against the eviction and demanded relief from excessive rents. The police arrested two.

YOU DID IT, Yipsels and party members! Your co-operation has made it possible for The Challenge to appear. You have proven to the skeptics that it is possible to carry out a successful Socialist venture even in such perilous times.

The orders, subs, and encouraging letters which have come pouring into The Challenge office has made the heart of your old business manager feel young again.

I realize that it was not an easy job. It is not exactly a delightful experience to solicit subs from people who have been unemployed for many months. You yourself had to dig deep in your pocket.

A group of young coal miners in southern Illinois sent in 74 cents in stamps and asked for as many cop-

Guy King, a party member from Clarksville, Ark., was the first to respond by sending in his sub and an order for 50 copies. Not satisfied with that alone, he is making plans to put The Challenge in the home of every young person in Clarksville. We don't know the complete dope, but he hinted about holding a "pie snaper" to raise money for this purpose and a "candy sale." Good work, Comrade King. We expect to hear from you

Challenge Indorsed.
The County Central Committee of the Socialist party of Milwaukee County has indorsed the Yipsel pa-In a communication, Leo Krzycki, county secretary, said, "It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the last meeting of the C. C., a motion was unanimously passed giving support to The Challenge. I was instructed to notify all branches of our action and to urge them to aid in every way in making the paper a success. My only hope is that the other locals and branches of the S. P. in the country will give you the same cooperation." (Party branches, please note and do you likewise.)

Twenty states are represented on our sub list. Do you think we can make it twice that number for

Among the paid subscribers are Daniel W. Hoan, Clarence Senior, Oscar Ameringer, Morris Hillquit, Darlington Hoopes, Lilith Wilson, and even Art McDowell, the editorin-chief, sent in 50 cents for his

Twelve thousand copies were printed of this issue. Not bad for Vol. I, No. 1. But now our worries start all over again. WE HAVE TO GET BUSY ON THE NEXT ISSUE. The next issue will reach you in plenty of time for your May 1 demonstrations order.

And don't forget this: That the price of bundle orders depends on the number of yearly subs that come in. The Challenge office must receive at least 200 yearly subs in order to keep the present rate. IF MORE THAN 200 COME IN THEN THE RATES WILL COME DOWN. The more subs. the lower rate. It's up to you!

#### Become a CHALLENGER!

Are you a CHALLENGER? You can become one. Get five yearly subs. Send them in with the \$2.50. Your name will be put on The Challenge Honor Roll which will be printed in each issue of the paper and YOU WILL GET YOUR SUB FREE, If you get ten, then in addition to your sub, you will get a bronze bust of Gene Debs. The circle which gets the most subs by June 1 will be awarded a de luxe edition of Gene Debs' "Walls and Bars." Let's see how long we can make the honor roll list!

So far West Allis, Wis., leads the country in obtaining the most subs in their town, and Ben Parker of New York, who is now assisting the Chicago Yipsels, ranks the highest among the Challengers. Norman Specht and Bill Ommen of West Allis are close seconds.

The second issue is due soon, Get busy, comrades. By your subs and bundle orders make it possible for us to get copies of The Challenge in the hands of the striking young workers in Detroit and southern Illinois. They need our message of revolutionary Socialism.

How about a circulation of 15,000 of the May 1 issue?

of the May 1 issue?

HY FISH, Business Manager.