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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH NOTES

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Prague, Czechoslovakia.—The Bureau of the Socialist Youth Internationals has announced final arrangements for the third International Youth Meeting at Liege, Belgium August 3-5. The program calls for three days of fetes, and meetings, a torch light procession thru Liege streets and along both banks of the Meuse, sports events and a performance of the festival play "We" by Hendrik de Man in which more than 1,000 players will participate. The entire gathering will be directed into an International Youth Manifestation against War on the 20th anniversary of the outbreak of the World War in 1914.

SOCIALIST YOUTH OF CANADA

Regina, Sask.—An attempt will be made to set up a Dominion-wide Socialist Youth organization at a meeting to be held this summer in connection with the annual Convention of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, which will probably meet at Winnipeg. A start was made last year at the first CCF meeting in Regina where a group of young people got together and chose a secretariat of two, namely John M. Coldwell and S. A. Ganan.

An appeal has been made to all Youth Study groups in Canada who endorse the fundamental socialist principles of the CCF to send two delegates to this proposed youth convention. Active Socialist youth groups with direct or indirect affiliation with the Young Peoples Socialist League of America (YPSL) were in existence in the provinces of Quebec and British Columbia even before the CCF was formed. Inquiries should be addressed to CCF Youth Convention Drawer 339 Regina, Saskatchewan.

DENMARK

Copenhagen.—The Danish Socialist Youth have reached a fine agreement with the Danish Agricultural Workers Federation. The pact arranges for united action for new demands as to working conditions. There include an average work day of not longer than 8 hours thru all seasons, minimum wages and maximum hours and fixed vacation and rest periods. Twelve hours a day away from the work regardless of season, at least one full rest day of twenty-four hours each week, vacations of three weeks with pay for workers 16 or under, and two weeks with pay for 18 or under.

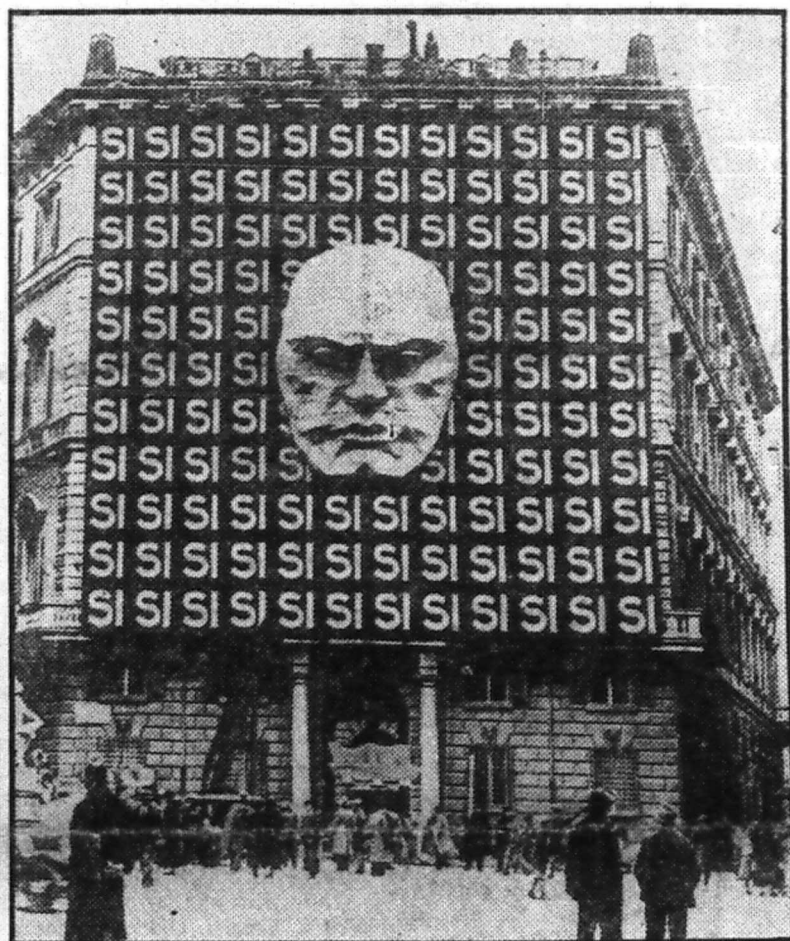
GERMANY

As a result of the intensified activity of the Secret State Police against the illegal work of the German Socialist Party and Youth a number of Young Socialist Workers officials, including all the former leading officials have been detected and arrested in Berlin.

The German Young Socialist Workers took up illegal work a year ago after their papers had been suppressed, their organization prohibited and their headquarters occupied. The transition to illegality meant abandoning big numbers and repulsing many boys and girls who, in the opinion of the leaders seemed too young or too uncertain for this method.

With this change the Young Socialist work falls into four groups; 1) political training of members, 2) circulation of material, 3) closer organization work, 4) cultural work. Especially difficult and dangerous is the circulation of information not ob-

YES MEN ONLY FOR FASCISTS



This striking Fascist election poster Mussolini and the word "si" meaning portrays the political situation in yes, repeated over and over again. Italy where an election to end elec- Life and liberty are risked by those Italy was recently held. The giant who dare cast a no vote in a Fascist posters consists only of a mask of State.

WHO'S WHO IN THE MAY DAY CHALLENGE

The new mast head of the Challenge first used this May Day issue was designed and drawn by Bernie Finestone of New York of the Cultural Department of the Y.P.S.L. Roosevelt Thomas Plummer, author of the "Memorial Day 1934" poem is in spite of his name, an uncompromising member of the Pittsburgh Young Peoples Socialist League. His poem "Bleeker Street" purchased by the Curtis publications sometime ago was first recognition of this Comrade in the literary field: The expose on child labor for newspapers is by none other than our own circulation manager Syd Devin.

TELEGRAPH BOYS REVOLT

Cleveland, O.—Inspired by the success of western union boys in Detroit who secured pay increases and union recognition after a 2-day strike, Postal Telegraph messengers in this city struck and won a \$7.50 weekly guarantee and release from janitor duties which had been added without any addition to messenger pay.

The Western Union boys in Detroit conducted their strike like veterans. They were particularly successful in winning public sympathy in their picketing with sandwich signs the downtown central office of the company. Crowds gathered to watch them successfully persuade strike-breakers not to enter the building.

May Day Manifesto Announces New Anti-Fascist Youth Group

Opposition To Labor Foes Demanded Now

New York City—Aroused by the activity of the Fascist governments of Italy and Germany in organizing their nationals in the U. S. for Fascist propaganda and by the reactionary utterances and actions of many the big American Industrialists associated with the NRA, a group of labor youth organizations have organized the YOUTH COMMITTEE AGAINST FASCISM. The Committee, which includes in its National Council official representatives of the Student League for Industrial Democracy, the Young Peoples Socialist League, Pioneer Youth, the Young Paola Zion Alliance and the Young Circle League of America, has for its purpose the organization and education of young people against the reactionary forces striving to recruit American youth for Fascist adventures.

May Day Manifesto

The Manifesto of the Youth Committee Against Fascism setting forth the nature of the Fascist menace in the United States and its record abroad has been published on the occasion of International Labor Day this May the First. To those who lightly declare that "Fascism is impossible in America" the Manifesto points out that there are already scores of organizations like the Silver Shirts, the old Ku Klux Klan, the White Shirts (Crusaders for Economic Liberty), The National Watchmen, the Order of '76 and even Art Smith's discredited Khaki Shirts boastfully proclaiming hundreds of thousands and even millions of members, and boldly announcing their purpose to take over the government by force, for their fascist program.

Nazi Silver Shirts Unite

Also the organizations mentioned are wild-eyed and ludicrous at the present moment, it was just such organizations as finally succeeded in Europe. At a recent demonstration of Hitler supporters in New York the literature of the Silver Shirts in English was circulated as well as Nazi literature in German, confirming the charge that the Silver Shirt gang is being supported by the Hitler government for propaganda in America. The Khaki Shirts before they were discredited attempted to entrench themselves among Italian-Americans and to invoke Mussolini as a model.

Reasons For Fascism Here

The anti-Fascist Youth Committee lists five conditions of decay in Europe which enabled the motley forces of Fascism to conquer in Italy and Germany. These were widespread and continuous unemployment and trade collapse, an impoverished middle class, large numbers of organized war veterans whom there was no place for in industry or business, inadequate government programs of relief of suffering, concerted efforts of bankers and industrialists to eliminate the growing power of labor and finally, a great mass of disillusioned unemployed youth who see no hope in the future and fall for the wiles of an adventurer who with the money furnished by anti-labor bankers and industrialists can offer them action and some cheap bribes. Many of these conditions already exist in America.

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U. S. STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST WAR



Thousands of high school and college students struck or demonstrated during the first week of April to show their unwillingness to be used to make profits for armament millionaires in another war. This

group at Columbia University flatly said, "We pledge not to support the government of the United States in any war it may conduct." Meanwhile the Roosevelt government pushed its

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The Young Socialists are very active in the schools, carrying on a program which they share with the Belgian Young Socialists.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Recruiting drives undertaken during 1932 and 33 in the German areas of the country added about 2,000 comrades to the movement. The growth of the organization is greatly hampered by the extent of the depression in these manufacturing areas and the so-called "Gent" system of relief under which the applicant must show membership in a state recognized union for a certain period of time. Of course most of the young workers cannot do that and do not get any relief and cannot afford membership or activity in the organization.

Soviet Leningrad and Nazi Hamburg

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS by Leonora Gregory From THE NEW CLARION

Leningrad is perhaps the most dilapidated seaport in Europe. Hamburg is perhaps the finest. Yet a visit to Hamburg is depressing and a visit to Leningrad is not.

In 1923 Russia was down and out. A revolution and a civil war had reduced her to a state of chaos. The ruling class was banished; the proletariat, faced with a task more mighty than nation ever tackled before, was shuddering with indecision. Lenin was just gathering up the rein. Grass grew in the streets of Leningrad in those days. In the provinces people starved. The great wharves were deserted. Russia was an outcast nation. People lived like rats in holes.

Monuments to Prosperity

Meanwhile, there was Germany, five years after the Armistice, on the crest of a wave of prosperity too spectacular to last. Ships from the ends of the earth steamed in and out of Hamburg. Night and day there was the ceaseless chug of tenders, the clatter of derricks. There was buzzing life in Hamburg. The streets were thronged with people, the roads were crowded with traffic, shop counters were packed with buyers. In little offices within great building post-war financiers sat back and rubbed their hands.

Hamburg began building monuments to its prosperity. In the heart of the city slim modern buildings soared arrogantly to the sky. In the suburbs neat flats and houses as attractive as their trim gardens went up, blocks at a time.

A wave of prosperity was sweeping the whole world; Hamburg had its full share. Only Russia stood outside and had no part.

Ten years have passed. The wave of prosperity is over. What of Russia now?

Leningrad—the northern port of the Soviet Union—and Hamburg—the great outlet for Nazi Germany—form two useful points of comparison for the old ways and the new.

The traveller, after visiting Russia, embarks at Leningrad and comes ashore at Hamburg for his first revised impression of the Western world.

... it lasts for ten minutes ...

And what is that impression? The traveller's first instinctive reaction, whoever he be or whatever his political convictions, is one of relief. Right or wrong, he cannot help that: He has been for weeks or months in a country that cares nothing for appearances, that is grappling hand to hand with far too vital problems to give them even a thought. He has been close to visible poverty, been part of a scene depressingly devoid of beauty. For longer than he cares to think he has not seen an elegant woman, a garden, a street of proud, well-kept houses, or a modern department store. He has missed all that and, as well, his mind has become exhausted with the attempt to absorb a thousand new impressions and adjust itself to a world of new ideas.

After tremendous mental and emotional exertion he walks into the streets of Hamburg—into a scene like home. Here is the beauty he has missed, here are the proud buildings, the exquisite homes, the lavish shops, the lovely women, the air of polish and finish, the veneer, the veneer that one and all of us have grown up with. The indecency of its absence had offended us. How could our instinctive action be anything but relief?

It lasts for about ten minutes. It cannot endure for more. But that time a creeping dismay has begun to take its place. For what has happened to this veneer? Surely it is cracking. Everywhere we have glimpses of death and decay underneath. It is like looking at the glossy coat of an animal and finding the bones sticking through.

The shops, for instance, those lavish shops, with their rows and rows of counters and piles of exquisite goods. They are there to look at, certainly, but why are the dozen assistants standing about idle? Why do the people in the streets gaze longingly in the windows and then avert their eyes and move away? Why are shutters up on so many businesses?

What has happened to the people who were once employed in their workshops? Why are the great banks empty? Why are the people in the restaurants dining off a cup of coffee?

A proud port no longer

Why are the suburbs so quiet? Where are all the crowds? Why the stagnation and the listlessness even in the working-class districts? What is this creeping decay that is gnawing at the heart of the city? The place is like a glossed and painted mummy. Why is Hamburg like this? I will show you why.

Down at the docks is the answer. Look along the empty wharves, see the dozens of ships lying rotting in the harbour, look at the rusting derricks, see the few ships listlessly unloading, only to emphasise the general stillness around. This is the cause of the stagnation. This, once the proudest, port of the German Empire has no longer any trade. The life-blood of Hamburg has shrunk to the merest trickle. This city, in the country which is said to have found a saviour, is still a victim of the creeping paralysis that for five years has gripped almost the whole world.

Only one country has escaped it. The country that was down and out when the Western world was on the crest of its boom. This country has had to tackle five hundred years of reconstruction in one generation. It has done it, and is the only country that is going ahead to-day.

There is no grass nowadays in the street of Leningrad. There are still cobbles, certainly—cobbles in many places in bad need of repair. But there are tarred streets also, and every year more of them are being laid.

There are no ships rusting in Leningrad; instead, the wharves are piled with goods and timber awaiting shipment away.

There are no great department stores either. The goods in the shop windows, being made by half-trained ex-peasants, are still erratic in quantity and poor in quality, but hords of purchasers crowd the counters hour after hour.

The open shops in Leningrad, where the prices seem extraordinarily high, never lack for customers. At the Co-operative stores, where necessities are got cheaply, people have to wait in queues.

Russia moves ahead

Leningrad is still dilapidated; what money there is goes in more vital things than the keeping up of appearances. But wherever you dig below the surface you find health and growing prosperity. In our cities, though you scratch the surface but a trifle, you come at once to stagnation and rot.

No one can walk the streets of a Russian city without realising that this is a country that has known terrible things. No one can walk those streets either without sensing a concentrated vitality surging upwards with fanatical strength, the power of which nobody who has not seen Russia could possibly realise.

Those people who stream along the city streets, in the shadow of neglecting buildings—ill-clad, ill-housed, roughly fed as they are—have found an aim and an outlet such as no whole nation has ever known before. As one man, they have begun to tread a vast wheel—the wheel of prosperity—and slowly, but surely, it is beginning to turn. While the rest of the world is dithering, despairing, decaying the Soviet Union has gathered her shabby skirts about her and stirred. After centuries of oppression and inertia, Russia is moving; for the first time in history there is the dawn of hope in her eye.

Every person has his shoulder to the wheel, for every person is needed. There is no unemployment in Russia; every person feels he is of use and will share in what he works to build. No wonder Russia is lifting up her head. No wonder there is a light in her eye.

Still shabby, still blundering, she is very surely moving forward. Everywhere new life springs out of old decay.

The new enthusiasm

New factories go up daily. Though still low, wages rise every year; though still poor, the standard of living continues to improve. Already the masses, relatively, have better social services, better educational facilities, more and better entertainments than the masses in any country have ever had before. It is the energy, the hope, the enthusiasm, and the results already showing that make Leningrad the most stimulating seaport in Europe, while beautiful Hamburg, which has ceased to struggle, is the most depressing of all.

THE YPSL ON THE CLASS FRONT

Mooney at Time Of Latest Trial



LEST WE FORGET

It will be just 18 years this coming July that the bosses and militarists of San Francisco staged a great Preparedness Parade to whip up propaganda for the war into which we were plunged April 6th of a year later. A bomb exploded in that parade killing many bystanders. Without any proof and in the face of proof to the contrary, the open shop employers of California framed Tom Mooney, militant labor leader for this crime and railroaded him to the Death House from which he was only saved by the demonstration of Russian workers before the American Embassy in Petrograd. TODAY AFTER 17 YEARS TOM MOONEY INNOCENT IS STILL KEPT IN PRISON BY THE CALIFORNIA BOSSES. WHILE TOM MOONEY IS IN JAIL NO WORKER IN AMERICA IS FREE. REMEMBER LABOR'S MARTYRS ON MAY DAY!!

"ARMY DAY" DEMORALIZED

Seattle, Wash.—This city is still feeling the reverberations from the demonstration against war staged by the Young Peoples Socialist League in cooperation with other radical youth organizations in the very heart of the pro-war parade staged by the militarists on April 6th. The youth organization entered the parade staged by the American Legionnaires and army and navy units to whip up war sentiment, on a truck bearing a fake slogan, "Down With The Communist Menace In America."

As soon as the parade had started this banner was torn off to reveal the real ones hung beneath which proclaimed "Preparedness Never Prevented War" and "Billions for War \$1.20 for Relief!" The only marked applause and cheering from the sidewalk crowd was for this float which totally demoralized the pouter pigeons on the reviewing stand. As the parade broke up the truck was pursued and the boys in it violently removed and beaten up by the Legionnaires but as one of the boys later said "It was worth it." (Karl Pennington, Seattle YPSL).

AIRCRAFTSMEN ON STRIKE

Airplane workers in the two important centers Buffalo, New York and Hartford Connecticut have been on strike in recent weeks for union recognition and increased pay. The Buffalo workers are in an AFL Federal Union, the Hartford workers in an independent industrial union but both have made brave fights.

Buffalo Socialists and YPSL have been aiding with relief and on the picket line. Paul Rasmussen of the YPSL National Executive spoke to strike meetings on both his stops going to and from Bridgeport meeting. Dick Farber of Hartford reports from that strike torn sector that the YPSL have distributed handbills pointing out the treacherous role of Federal arbitrators and Labor Boards.

CAMPBELL SOUP WORKERS

Jimmy Simone, hard working YPSL Industrial Director of Camden is picket captain for the 2,000 striking Campbell Soup workers which have hit out against the Dorrance millionaires who last year paid out three million dollars in wages and ten million to their own pocket in dividends. Wages are a magnificent \$16 a week maximum. These fellow workers are putting up a magnificent scrap. Relief is needed. Show your solidarity and a real union will be built in the canning industry. (Mimmi Morris) New Jersey, YPSL

YOUNG SOCIALIST NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAPS NEW WORK

Bridgeport, Conn.—The National Executive Committee of the Young Peoples Socialist League meeting at Bridgeport April 6-8th laid down three main tasks for the Circles of the League to apply themselves and all the energy of their membership to during the next four months. Those tasks were summarized in the three slogans, "Build the Challenge," "Build the League" and "Not One Strike of Union Campaign Unaided by the YPSL."

The vital necessity of building the circulation of the official organ and of strengthening the number of the membership more rapidly were stressed. Reports of the Industrial Department showed an excellent spirit and wide participation of YPSL members in trade union and unemployed work but more members must be involved, as the spring and summer strike wave call for more aid to the trade unions everywhere.

A somewhat overlapping YPSL membership classification showed that 13% are employed manual workers and 14% unemployed manual workers. Another 13% are employed clerical and sales workers and 8% unemployed clerical workers. About 27% attend high schools and 15% go to college. YPSL Circles number about 170. Affiliation with the Youth Committee Against Fascism was approved and a resolution adopted asking the Socialist Party to speed negotiations with the General Defence Committee for the setting up of a permanent legal defense and strike aid organization.

The resignations of Hy Sheanin of California and John Domurad of

Massachusetts were accepted with regret. William Goldberg of Los Angeles was elected to replace Sheanin and the vacancy created by Domurad's resignation was left open for the next meeting. National Chairman Art McDowell was elected YPSL fraternal delegate to the National Convention of the Socialist Party at Detroit.

A telegram pledging aid and solidarity was sent to the striking canning workers at Camden New Jersey and a resolution instructing Circles to set up collection of relief funds was adopted. Circles were requested to make nominations for YPSL delegates to the International Socialist Youth Meeting at Liege in August. Summer Jamboree plans were discussed as well as plans for the next meeting of the NEC which may be held in Los Angeles.

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Bronx N. Y.
May Day '34

May Day Greetings
Workmen's Circle School No. 1
Bronx N. Y.

May Day Greetings
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Socialist Party
Pottstown, Pa.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CALIFORNIA

ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY

TO MAY DAY'S CHALLENGE!

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May Day Solidarity!
Eugene V. Debs Circle
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THIS MAY DAY 1934

May First, the International Labor Day, commands the loyalty of every human being who looks forward to a new day of peace and plenty and freedom to be won and guarded by the workers of the world for all humanity. Those who look to some Messiah bringing a New Deal for the workers and for humanity as a whole, those who look for help to the powerful, the enthroned, the privileged, these regard International Labor Day as a thing foreign and hateful.

A few years ago a number of stuffed shirts organized May the First in the United States as Child Welfare Day in an attempt to divert American labor from its solidarity with its brothers internationally in their celebration of the holiday. Those who back this smoke screen of Child Welfare Day this and every other year, are the believers in the capitalist order of profits first and foremost as the basis of industry and society itself. One of their counts against May Day is that it is a Socialist holiday, an anti-capitalist Labor Day.

This year these welfare folks will face the fact that in the richest of all nations in the richest period in the world's history, in the midst of plenty on every side, nearly 6,000,000 children of school age are dependent upon meager public unemployment relief rations for their very existence. They will face an America where in the last five years another 6,000,000 young people have graduated from high schools and colleges to become members of the hopeless army of the unemployed. They will confront an American armed on land and sea as she has never been before for a war that will serve no single good purpose but will be paid off in the lives of millions of young Americans, the best of those saved from the ravages of semi-starvation and demoralizing unemployment.

The stuffed shirts will go thru their mummery of Child Welfare Day in a land where youth has been unmercifully betrayed, and needlessly, for plenty exists for all. LET YOUTH THEN CHOOSE. WILL THE STUDENT AND WORKING YOUNG PEOPLE OF AMERICA STAND WITH THEIR BETRAYERS OR WITH THE SOCIALISTS; WITH LABOR WHICH FIGHTS FOR THE NEW DAY? UPON THEIR ANSWER DEPENDS THE CONQUEST OF WAR, OF UNEMPLOYMENT, OF STARVATION IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY.

THE MEMORIAL DAYS

The month of May has two Memorial Days. One is on May 30th and is marked by solemn but smart parades and equally solemn speeches in cemeteries where lie the unnumbered dead slain in the wars between nations. Those are remembered who died bravely but uselessly, who died in a quarrel which was not their own and in which they did not understand the issues or benefit by the outcome. Brave men, fine men, men with ideals but not men with understanding of what they fought for and against.

On May the first, Labor across the World stops to mark its fallen martyrs and soldiers but it honors the fallen not merely because they have died bravely but because they died for a cause which they understood and believed in and which was their own. More, they fell in a struggle to make the world a little better for all humanity and they knew whereof they builded. Highest honor of all is due such men and women.

May Day was dedicated in the blood of the Chicago anarchists of 1886, who were slaughtered to appease the wrath of Privilege at the spectacle of American labor demanding the 8-hour day and daring to call a General Strike to gain it. It was made an International Labor holiday at the request of the American Federation of Labor in 1889 and upon the initiative of the Second Socialist International. It is but to the shame of the great American Federation of Labor that in this day it still officially shuns the holiday it founded.

HAIL THE STRIKER

"Winter," says Nexo the great working class novelist, "is the poor man's double hell, endured once in anticipation and once in actual experience." So spring is a sign of hope for the workers everywhere and they are expressing that hope by striking in a wave of struggles that defy the best efforts of mediation boards to halt or break.

They do well to strike now as workers of every kind are doing in Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis and other industrial cities as the May Day Challenge goes to press. Workers have been promised a New Deal and the bosses have actually got it. Profits go up the elevator these days and wages climb the stairs if they rise at all.

A temporary world wide recovery is showing itself in the decrepit capitalist countries, based mostly on the piling up of munitions and armaments. Employers now see chance of immediate profits and will be more likely to cut their rate of profit by wage increase rather than to risk losing it all as a result of a prolonged strike. Strike, Strike Now and Strike Bravely you working men of America.

SOVIET RUSSIA 1934

Elsewhere in this issue we reproduce an article from the British New Clarion which describes at the length the contrast between the decay of the western capitalist world (in this case the Fascist Capitalism of Germany) and the strong new growth in Soviet Russia where a Socialist basis of society has been laid.

The recent appearance of two books in English dealing with the issue confronting International Socialism makes some clear cut statement on the place of Soviet Russia in socialist thinking imperative. The first of these pamphlets is a description of the activity and program of the growing revolutionary Socialist minority in the Labor and Socialist International to which the majority of the American delegation at the Paris Conference last year adhered. In his pamphlet, "The Struggle for Revolutionary Socialism," Heinrich Ehrlich of the Polish Bund sets forth the criticism of this minority of the reformist policy which has dominated the Socialist International up to now, and their demand for the substitution of a revolutionary policy.

The second pamphlet is entitled "Hear the Other Side" and it edited by Abraham Cahan of the Jewish Daily Forward. The other side is the argument, often wide of the point, for the extreme reformist approach to Socialism which would bind up the fate of Socialism tightly with the fate of the highly impaired structure of western European civilization.

It is the highly seasoned descriptions of Soviet Russia in this latter pamphlet which call for comment. A summary of those comments would assign a reactionary role to the Soviet Union in world affairs and finds no good worth mentioning surviving from the Russian revolution of 1917.

Such a position has been decisively rejected by the Socialist movement in America. To permit the mistakes and wrongs committed by the Russian Communist Party dictatorship to obscure the fundamental nature of the revolution of 1917 is to substitute weak personal sentimentality for historical facts. The Russian revolution has laid the basis of a Socialist society in the decrees nationalizing industry and setting up an entire socialist system of property relationships in place of those of capitalism.

The socialist basis of Soviet society remains and cannot be overthrown without a forcible counter-revolution. That socialist foundation makes the difference between capitalist decay and socialist construction today. That the dictatorship of the Stalin Party control is decadent is in many respects true. Certainly as far as an international revolutionary force is concerned the Communist International dominated by the Russian Party is bankrupt.

After the triumph of Fascist reaction in Germany it has officially declared that the "tactics of the German Communist Party before during and after the triumph of Hitler were correct in line and application." But to permit this bankruptcy of the Communist section of the international labor movement to obscure the essential permanence of the Russian revolution's Socialist result is to lead and be led far astray.

*The Struggle For Revolutionary Socialism by Heinrich Ehrlich Published by the Bund Club of New York (25c of National Office).

Hear the Other Side, A symposium of Democratic Socialist Opinion, Edited by Abraham Cahan (25c of Jewish Daily Forward 175 East Broadway, N. Y.)

MEMORIAL DAY 1934

Tramp... tramp... tramp...
A dozen million ghastly ghosts
Go marching by... holding high
A dozen million torches, red,
So you and I will not forget....
A dozen million trusting men
Were shot to hell
So a dozen millionaires might muster
Bloodstained wealth....

Graves... graves... graves...
The dozen millionth splintered cross
Tell the endless ghastly tale
In equal bitterness—
A dozen million brave damned fools
Threw their lives away
So a dozen multi-millionaires
Might live... in luxury....

ROOSEVELT THOMAS PLUMMER (Pittsburg)

Golf Links

Dedicated to the leisure class respectables under the leadership of Nicholas Murray Butler who have organized to block ratification of the Child Labor Amendment by New York and other states.

The golf links lie so near the mill
That almost every day
The laboring children can look out
And see the men at play.

Sarah N. Cleghorn

MAY DAY FINDS AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS FIGHTING ON

Vienna — Crushed by Fascism's superior military arms, the Austrian Socialists have been temporarily defeated but not whipped. Hundreds of Young Socialist Workers committed miracles of valour during the February fighting altho most of them had never had a rifle in their hands before and were only instructed in the use of it a few minutes before the action. Because, in the words of one of their leaders, it was the consciousness of lofty ideals, the conviction of a rightful cause which nerved them to the fight, the struggle is not ended but merely passed to another field.

Gone are the days of welfare work and peaceful endeavor when the Socialists pushed the program of Youth in Distress to care for the life and morale of 10,000 young unemployed each day. Now are the days of revolutionary underground activity. May Day this year will not pass unremembered either by bloody Fascist or the still loyally Socialist workers.

Socialist avengers have done their work of ridding the earth of those revealed as spies and traitors to their brother workers in the February days. Labor's executioners will yet catch up with the murder Fey who directed the cannon on the workers homes. Each day in the Austrian cities, proclamations on apartment houses and mail boxes, handbills in the door give assurance that Socialist organization is still alive. When Dolfuss spoke at Graz, the road all the war from the airport where he landed to the city was painted blood

red to remain the little assassin that his record is not forgotten.

The Vienna banner of the International was taken out of the troop filled Socialist headquarters under the very noses of the Fascist guards and whisked across the border. Socialism rises again in Austria.

HOLLAND

An intensive campaign of education as to the nature of Fascism and its methods is being carried on by the Dutch Young Socialists in their own ranks in preparation for an equally intensive campaign against the local variety of Fascism (known as in Germany as National Socialism). The Young Workers headquarters have just published a fourth report on welfare work of the headquarters on behalf of unemployed youth.

The Headquarters has its camps for unemployed at Vierhouten, at which the unemployed young people who care to come can enjoy themselves for a short time at least with sport and air and exercise and good if simple food. Since November 1932 over 2,000 young unemployed from all over the country have attended these camp meeting grounds.

More than 500 Philadelphia newsboys have formed a Newsboys' union seeking lower rates on papers and elimination of unfair competition.

Greetings
Karl Marx Circle No. 1
Chicago, Ill.

Socialist Greetings
Eugene V. Debs
Circle
Detroit, Mich.

Fraternal Greetings
BAY VIEW CIRCLE
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Greetings from Roscoe Rodd
Cooperative Commonwealth
Federation
Windsor, Canada

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FREE PRESS OUTCRY VEILS CHILD LABOR EVIL

Newspapers Code's Child Labor Clause Ok's Crime School

RECKLESS OF YOUTH ADVERTISERS PAY FOR CIRCULATION

By S. L. Devin

Chicago—Sometime ago President Roosevelt signed the NRA code for daily newspapers. "It is written practically as the newspapers' code committee asked for it," commented the Daily Times, editorially. This code gives the administration's sanction to child labor in the newspaper industry, the only concession being the elimination (if the code is enforced) of night selling and delivery.

To be fair to the president, he did state he was not satisfied with the Child Labor provisions of the code, and ordered a special report to be made in sixty days. But the ugly fact remains that the newspapers have had their way, loudly shouting "free press" to cover their tracks.

Gangdom's Kindergarten

According to evidence prepared for hearings on the newspaper code by the Juvenile Protective Association of Chicago, three out of four of the youngsters in the Parental School of this city were engaged in street selling of newspapers at the time of their truancy. Chicago's Parental School is notorious as the kindergarten for Chicago's gangdom. It was only recently Chicago's newspapers embarked upon another of their periodic rampages against the "crime wave." But for many years these same newspapers have supplied the raw recruits to Chicago's crime army.

A sample group of 65 boys in the Parental School were interviewed. Practically 75% were engaged in street selling at the time of truancy. 25 of these boys, more than a third of the total number interviewed, were engaged in night selling. All but one of these 25 night sellers had run away from home and been truant for long periods at a time.

Gunmen Heroes

Out of interviews, court records and investigations of many of these boys comes to light many a sordid tale of all-night rides on newspaper trucks; for the feeling of independence the pennies made on newspaper sales gave them; for the excitement of night raids on restaurants or crap games, and all the petty gambling and thieving devices that filtered down from their new found heroes—the sharp faced gunmen that swaggered in nearby centers.

There is the story of nine year old Joseph who had run away from home for three months, sleeping in the Tribune garage. He sold papers from 9:30 P. M. to 2 A. M., making fifty or sixty cents a night. He told a story that would have been unbelievable to the respectable shoppers on the upper levels of Michigan Boulevard. "The boss promised a sheepskin lined coat and big boots if we worked till Christmas," his story ran. "Every night we played cards and dice upstairs in de garage—an' in de trucks. We played '66' an' '7 1/2'. Sometimes I lost all my money. I hid fifty cents in my shoe for food de next day an' bet the rest."

"I was afraid to go to sleep. Dey rob yer when yer asleep. . . . A lot of boys robbed candy outen a 'Baby Rut' candy store. When dey needed blankets—in cold wedder dey broke windows in autos and robbed blankets. Sometimes a whole pile of boys ud go out at two o'clock to rob tings out of cars."

Two Levels

On the upper levels of Chicago's streets the theatre throngs mill through Chicago's "loop." Down beneath the street levels and in side alleys behind the newspaper garages, scores of boys run wild in a manner that puts to shame even the "Wild Boys of Russia" that these newspapers featured for many months. But Barney Thompson, editor of the Rockford-Register-Republic-Star in an address before the convention of the Central States Circulation Managers, in Chicago, could defend the use of child labor in distributing newspapers, declaring the work trained them in

NAZIS DRILL, HAIL HITLER IN NEW YORK



With slogans of Heil Hitler! Heil Roosevelt!, 6,000 German Fascists met in New York to protest the boycott of German-made goods being carried by the American Labor Movement in

an effort to weaken the forces of Fascist tyranny which are attacking the labor movement all over the world. Well drilled uniformed Nazis had charge of the New York meeting, sustaining charges of the Magazine "Today" that Nazis are drilling in America.

ORGANIZATION BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Michigan, Missouri and . . . Illinois . . . "A singing army is a winning army" . . . Student Defense . . . Dramatic Milwaukee.

Midwest Organization

Organizer Abe Dobkin will go down in the history of the League in Michigan. The responsibility for organizing circles in Lansing and Jackson will be assigned to him. The state of Illinois has just added a Rock-Island-Moline circle to the roster, and an East St. Louis group will enroll soon. Hoot and Paul Rasmussen had something to do with these developments. Kansas City and Joplin, Missouri may be added to the National Office list of circle secretaries, after Hoot does his duty there.

Songs for Workers

A song sheet has just been issued by the League Cultural Department. The words of many songs for mass meeting and picket line group singing are contained, including "Banker and Boss," "The Scarlet Banner," "Comrades," "The Bugles are Sounding," "March Song of the Workers (Whirlwinds of Danger)" and a half dozen more. Prices from the National Office are 50 for 10c, 250 for 40c and 500 for 75c.

We have had to print another, and larger quantity of Anti-War stickers, and the League received the benefit of a great reduction incosts. The new prices offered to circles for these stickers are 100 for 25c and 500 for \$1. It's cheaper now to do more propaganda work.

Greater New York Federation

The newly created "Active Committee" is serving as a membership committee. All new members are interviewed by one of the committee, given advice on studying Socialism, and the Y.P.S.L. organization and

character and "helps make them better citizens."

"To Move the World On a Child's Heart"

Circulation must grow! The all-powerful advertisers must bring to their readers by any means possible, all the propaganda to buy, made possible by printed words or lurid pictures. What matter if the cost is hundreds of permanently degraded lives, warped minds, and sometimes actual death beneath the wheels of speeding traffic? Vulture-like, that circulation grows on, on blood and bodies of thousands of America's youth—girls as well as boys.

CAMDEN CALLS Y.P.S.L. ANSWERS

Bridgeport, Conn.—The National Executive of the YPSL at its quarterly meeting at Bridgeport heard the appeal for aid from the Cannery Industrial Union No. 1 of Camden New Jersey, on strike against the Campbell Soup Company and under the leadership of Frank Manning, former National Director of the League. The National Executive responded with a call to all Circles to raise strike relief funds and if necessary to organize an economic campaign against the soup millionaires products. New York YPSL are already leading a group of labor youth organizations in gathering funds while Chicago is aiding in organizing the Campbell Soup plant in that city.

functions explained. All members are also required to maintain close contact with at least one other organization, as a labor union, school club, unemployed organization, so that Socialist influence will spread widely.

League members are continuing their work in the New York State Youth Committee Against Child Labor, under the leadership of Comrade Murray Plavner. Much publicity is being secured, and wide support from other youth groups.

One of the results of the widespread anti-war demonstrations has been the setting up of a defense committee by the New York League for threatened, suspended, arrested and expelled students.

The May Day parade and Demonstration will be just the start of the season, and will be followed on May 19 by a monster "No More War" parade, in which labor unions, religious groups, unemployed, students and the Socialist movement will demonstrate their solidarity and common determination. Arrangements are already on foot for Memorial Day, so that the "merry" month of May will become a "marching" month.

Wisconsin Dramatics

A Socialist players group has been rehearsing for the past month, with 35 members. The results will soon be offered to labor union meetings, unemployed groups, Party branches and youth rallies, and a newer, and more effective propaganda technique will spread our message in Milwaukee. Remember the play writing contest! The State basketball tournament came to a successful close. Milwaukee's city team, composed of the stars of the circle teams, were defeated by the Kenosha Y.P.S.L. gang, 19-17.

Reading Activities

Street meetings will be held regularly in May. Radio broadcasts are being made regularly over station WRAW every second Tuesday at 7 P. M.

LISTEN IN

Norman Thomas will speak over the National Broadcasting Company hook-up on May Day on "The Case Against Fascism—An Answer to Dolfuss." Time is from 2:15 to 2:30 P. M. Eastern Standard time and will be offered over the Red Network.

Against Fascism

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Fascism Betrays Youth Dupes

The betrayal of Youth by Fascism when it comes to power is clearly set forth by the records of Mussolini and Hitler. Mussolini after more than ten years of power governs an Italy where government deficits, widespread bankruptcies and mass unemployment plague the land just as before, the only difference being that the workers are deprived of the right to struggle for betterment. Worse yet, both in Italy and Germany all of the youth "is" being remorselessly driven into an all embracing war machine in preparation for a war that will destroy them.

The cynical use of youth was clearly shown by Hitler who recruited his storm troopers from among them and then as one of his first decrees deprived of the right to vote, all young people from 20 to 25 years. The reason can be seen in the fact that over a fourth of Germany's listed unemployed are under 25 years of age.

No Fascist Tyrants Here

Determined that no such cheap tyrant shall destroy liberty in America, the Youth Committee Against Fascism has set out to rally young America on an anti-fascist program which includes;

Promotion of the freedom of action of labor unions and political parties against all suppressive measures.

Opposition to all attacks on civil, religious or radical liberties.

Opposition to militarism, bigoted nationalism and imperialism.

Opposition to all Fascist movements in the United States and in any foreign nation.

Promotion of public meetings and publications exposing the nature of Fascism, and organizing hostility to it and its aims. Headquarters have been set up in New York and Chicago and will possibly also be set up in Los Angeles. As fast as possible the participating organizations will set up city committees throughout the country. Inquiries should be addressed to the Youth Committee Against Fascism Moxley Bldg., Clinton Street Chicago, Illinois. If youth is aroused to fight Fascism it will never triumph in America.

On with the Challengers

by Syd Devin

Have we been growing? Figures, they say, speak louder than words. Here then, Challengers, is your record so far this year:

January	185
February	200
March	279
April	348

Way over that 300 mark for the month of April! 1000 new subscribers since the first of the year! And April—the sixth month since the Challenger army began to function—saw that army pass well over the hundred mark. So far this year 20 Challengers have won their copy of DeWitt's "Rhapsodies in Red" by sending in 12 or more subs!

NEW YORK (94) New York City: Four new Challengers right off the bat! Gerald Coleman joins with a club of 8 subs and George Schottenfeld, S. Lang, and Irving Shapiro begin with 4 apiece.

Brooklyn: Bob Parker, newly-elected, N.Y.C. organized gets in another big club of 20. David Karmazin, his first club of 6.

Katonah: Dominic Gianasi sends in 8 subs from Brookwood Labor College students.

PENNSYLVANIA (91) Allentown: Anna Moyer repeats with 5 subs. She was winner of the Penn State sub-contest with 29. Erie: Johnny Strobel, Wisconsin NEC member, broke his trip to the Bridgeport meeting with 8 subs from here. Johnstown: Frances Langerholc renews with a club of 4.

Pittsburgh: Clay Lehman and Milt Weisberg keep up their fine work with 8 apiece. Reading: Austin Adams sends one dozen more. Mark Brown ties Bob Parker for No. 2 Challenger of the month with 20 more.

Pennsylvania has certainly been roused by its own sub-getting contest. It's young socialist movement is one of the best grounded in the country, not being confined to one or two large cities but having circles in many small towns as well.

ILLINOIS (49) Staunton: Ernest Erber, Gloria Waldron, Jakob Plax, Frank Uhlz, and Paul Rasmussen all helped in getting 20 subs at the Illinois Socialist Convention here. Paul Rasmussen also picked up 13 subs at New York meetings returning from Bridgeport.

He is our first Challenger to top the hundred mark! During April he added 38 subs to bring his total to 114—the result of 6 months activity!

OHIO (34) Toledo: Frank Leshley Jr. gets in 15 subs from his up and coming circle. Warren: F. Heiskala sends in 8 subs from his Socialist Local. This should pave the way for a YPSL circle, eh Warren? Massillon: Dancis, Strobel and McDowell orated 11 subs worth at a meeting here.

WISCONSIN (21) Racine: Oscar Kristopeit 4 more. Milwaukee: Gerald Rubin gets in his third dozen of the year! West Allis: Harold Steele gets over a long illness with 5 subs.

NEW JERSEY (17) Newark: William Kane brings this state back into the fold with 14 subs.

MICHIGAN (15) National Organizer Dobkin breaks a busy trip thru central Michigan with 14 subs.

Dick Farber of Hartford keeps Connecticut on the Challenge map with 4, while H. V. Lerner of Omaha and Eugene Grenling of Indianapolis keep Nebraska and Indiana growing.

Ye Merry Month of May promises Challenge Action aplenty. The 50 odd circles of the Greater New York Federation have chosen bustling Bob Parker to head their "Month-of-May Sub Campaign."

As for us all. Our first 1000 subs this year in 4 months. Our next 1000 in 3! Here's how. Circles! Join our "Club-a-month Campaign." No circle deserves to hold a charter unless it can turn in its club per month. If every circle joins in this campaign—and the way to join is to do just what the name says—we would easily top the thousand total every month!

WATCH FOR THE BLUE WRAPPER!

It means your subscription to the Challenge has expired!