



THE CHALLENGE

Launch "Give Work to Youth" Drive

Workers' Puppet Show Carries On Strike Campaign

By JOEL LLOYD

New York—Just returned from a southern tour for the National Biscuit Co. strikers, the Rebel Arts Puppeteers are continuing their "U-Don't-Needa Biscuit" campaign with daily performances in the streets and union headquarters in New York and New Jersey.

The puppeteers left New York last month, making Reading their first stop. Their performance was the wind-up of the Socialist Bazaar, one of the most successful affairs run in Reading for several years. From there to York, Pa., where the National Biscuit Company's pretzel factory is also in strike. At a meeting arranged by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers funds were raised for strike relief.

"Theater of Social Protest"
Then the group traveled down to Norfolk for a performance at the Workers' Education Conference. They stopped off in Hopewell, Va., scene of the spectacular lock-out of three thousands members of the United Textile Workers by the Tubine company, that would rather move its plant to Brazil than recognize the Union. From there they journeyed to Chapel Hill, N. C., for the three day Drama Festival sponsored every year by the University of North Carolina and the Carolina Play-makers. They were hailed at the end of the festival by Professor Frederick Koch as the first exponents to reach Carolina of the "Theater of Social Protest."

Shaw University, colored college in Durham, N. C., gave one complete chapel period to the Rebel Arts Puppeteers, who gave their performance for the entire student body. Then the players went north to Richmond, Va., for a special meeting arranged by the industrial department of the Y.W.C.A., to an audience composed of factory girls from Liggett and Meyers Tobacco Co., students of Westhampton college and the Workers' School and a group of girls from the Junior League of Richmond, Va. The puppeteers then visited Baltimore for a Socialist party general membership meeting, and went on to Washington, D. C., for a co-performance with the movie group of the Student League for Industrial Democracy.

Aid Strike Publicity
In Philadelphia, they performed for a joint meeting arranged by the Socialist party and the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. Then the group triumphantly entered New York with a full season ahead, both in and out of town.

The visible results of this puppet tour is a trail of newspaper publicity through the southeast for the National Biscuit strikers and for Rebel Arts, and a distribution of fifty thousand "U-Don't-Needa Biscuit" circulars to union and Socialist party groups who were practically unaware of the strike.

U-DON'T NEEDA BISCUIT!

Attention, Paul Reveres!

"From his youth, Revere ran with a crowd whose political color would today resemble the Red of the extremist," says Emerson Taylor, standard biographer of Paul Revere, revolutionary hero.

DEMONSTRATE MAY 1st!



May Day Proclamation

of the National Executive Committee
Young People's Socialist League of America

On May 1st, millions of workers throughout the world will demonstrate solidarity in their fight for a world of peace, plenty and freedom. The young must rally with the adult workers.

More than ever before, the solidarity of labor is the only hope of youth in the desperate fight against the menace of war, fascism, and reaction.

In Italy, Germany, and in other European countries, labor is ground under the iron heel of fascist dictatorship dragged into power to preserve a decaying capitalism. Yet even in these countries, thousands of workers will at risk of their lives demonstrate loyalty to their ideals of labor internationalism.

In the United States, this May Day finds millions of unemployed facing starvation or bare subsistence in the form of relief; employed workers facing reduced living standards and a drive for company unionism; the youth of the country facing the imminence of another war.

AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM, AGAINST COMPANY UNIONISM, FOR THE THIRTY-HOUR WEEK IN INDUSTRY, FOR A WORKERS' WORLD, WE CALL ON ALL YOUNG WORKERS AND STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE WITH US ON MAY DAY, MAKE THIS THE MIGHTIEST MAY DAY EVER—FOR PEACE, PLENTY, AND FREEDOM.

Relief Commission Increases Ranks of Illinois CCC Army

Chicago—(FP)—Illinois' quota of 22,861 in the Civilian Conservation Corps will be at full strength when the relief commission completes enrollment of 9,925 youngsters this week. First selection is made from relief families, taking boys between 18 and 25, unmarried and willing to allot at least \$23 of their \$30 a month to the family at home.

A recent issue of a confidential businessmen's service issued at Washington says of the CCC that it has "created the materials of a future army if and when we need it."

Socialist Youth International Initiates World-Wide Campaign To Employ Working-Class Youth

Youth March on Capitol to Aid Anti-Lynch Bill

New York City—An "On to Washington Trek" to press a favorable hearing on the Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynching Bill was planned by the Youth Fellowship of the St. James Presbyterian Church at its meeting April 14.

Plans were approved to organize a mass delegation of Negro church youth of Harlem and church youth from all other sections of the city. The entire group is to go to Washington, and demonstrate to aid passage of this legislation.

The Wagner-Costigan bill has been given the official support of the Y.P.S.L., and the attitude of Young Socialists was expressed by Noah C. A. Walter, Jr., Negro member of the NEC who was guest speaker at the Fellowship meeting.

School Heads Sued For Leading Attack On Three Students

Chicago—(FP)—Sued for \$10,000 damages for assault and battery. Principal H. H. Hagen of Crane high school, Assistant Principal A. Q. Grant, Dean Karo Quick, and Athletic Director Meyers, as well as two students, may regret participation in beating up Lester Schlosberg and two other pacifist students April 4 and 9.

Supt. Bogan of the Chicago schools had promised the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee that Schlosberg and his friends, who were active in student anti-war strike preparations, would be protected after the first assault which took place in the school basement. But the victim was beaten to a pulp on his way home. Suit was filed April 17.

THOMAS IS SPEAKER AT L.I.D. ANNIVERSARY FETE

New York—The League for Industrial Democracy celebrated its 30th anniversary at a dinner in New York City at which 500 persons were present. Speakers were Norman Thomas, Executive Director of the L.I.D., Prof. Harold J. Laski, famous author, of the London School of Economics, who just arrived in this country, and Dr. Harry W. Laidler, executive director of the League.

YPSL TO CARRY FIGHT TO U. S. CONGRESS

Chicago—"Give work to youth!" With this ringing slogan as its keynote, a world-wide petition drive has been launched by the Socialist Youth International to compel action for the millions of jobless youth by the International Labor Conference at Geneva this June.

"Give work to youth" will be re-echoed in the halls of the United States congress by a similar petition, prepared by the Young People's Socialist League of America, and in whose support is being enlisted the aid of scores of other youth organizations throughout the country.

U. S. YPSL Backs Drive

Following upon its hearty endorsement of the International petition drive at its Cleveland meeting in February of this year, at which it authorized the additional U. S. petition, the National Executive Committee of the Y.P.S.L., at its meeting in New York City, April 19, 20 and 21, mapped out a detailed campaign to push the drive among youth generally.

Support is being enlisted from other youth organizations such as the Young Circle League; the Co-operative youth clubs, the Young Poale Zion, the various Workers' Sports organizations, church groups and the Student League for Industrial Democracy. An especially vigorous drive will be made to circulate these petitions in the CCC camps, among the very youth who have suffered most from unemployment.

May Rallies Called

All local youth Socialist circles and city organizations of the YPSL were instructed to arrange, during May, rallies to publicize the petition drive for jobs for youth. In addition to the cooperation of other youth groups, support is being solicited, both nationally and locally, from the American Federation of Labor and from the organized unemployed.

The support of the trade unions is being enlisted not only on the basis that jobs for youth is of great importance to their organizations but also because the United States has recently joined the International Labor Organization and this country's labor movement is taking a leading part in its deliberations.

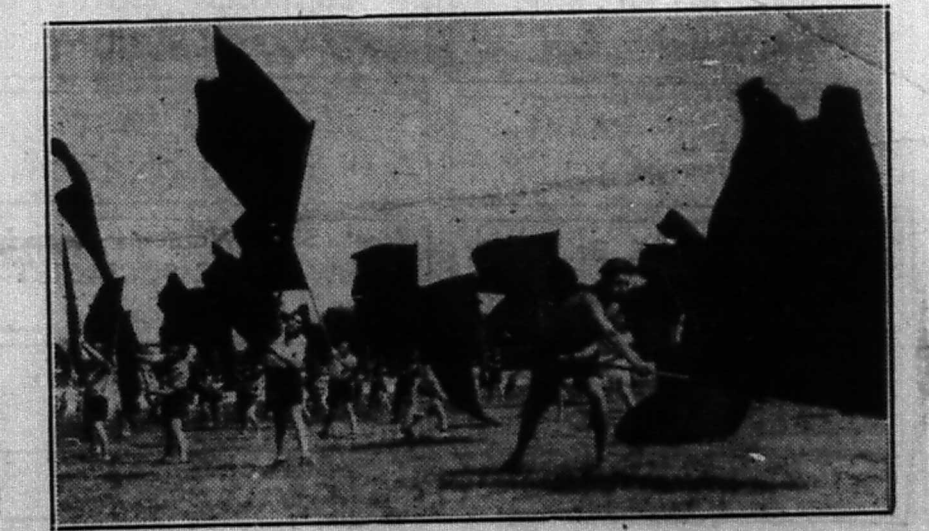
Trade Union International Boost Petitions

The International Federation of Trade Unions and its trade secretariats, to which belong many American unions, has endorsed this campaign of the Socialist Youth International and has instructed its national affiliates to aid in the collection of signatures.

The Workers Alliance of America, national federation of unemployed organizations, is also being asked to help promote the petition drive among its affiliated groups.

No less than 5,000,000 American youth between the ages of 16 and 25 are without jobs nor are they in school. Over the world double this number of youth have borne the brunt of five years of depression and poverty. The ravages of malnutrition and mental idleness have taken their toll of youth, playing increasing havoc with the passage of time.

YOUTH FOR LABOR MAY 1st!



Student Anti-War Strike Makes History

Expulsions And Sluggings Fail to Block Students

By RUTH OXMAN
(Nat'l YPSL College Secretary)

A Stirling Success! That is the verdict in regard to the 2nd Annual International Student Strike Against War. Not only did the walkout fulfill the highest expectations of the radical leaders who forecast that 100,000 students would leave their classes on April 12th, but even conservative papers conceded 150,000 participated in the strike!

Lessons of the Strike

The strike resulted in two outstanding lessons to student youth. Firstly, it again proved that student sentiment is overwhelmingly against war, not merely in the word, but in the deed. The courage displayed in facing threats of expulsion and actual physical danger testified to the depth of student feeling against war and to the length they would go to combat war.

The second lesson was found in the reaction provoked on many campuses that led to counter demonstrations with a distinctly fascist tinge. Sluggings, stench bombs, and similar devices were used in many instances against the strikers by bands of reactionary youth recruited from the R. O. T. C., fraternities and the athletes.

Estimate 175,000 Out

The Student L. I. D., on the basis of reports from its local chapters estimates a good 175,000 students participating in the strike. Following are flashes from a few of the schools and cities testifying to the accuracy of that figure.

Over 8,000 students participated in the anti-war activities in Cleveland, Ohio. In Collingwood High School, 4,600 students attended the largest school anti-war demonstration ever held in the country. The students were addressed by Peter Witt who roundly scored the American Legion for its attempt to break the strike and who spent the largest part of his time telling of the great Socialist leader, Eugene V. Debs.

Verne and Burt Speak

At Western Reserve, through the efforts of the SLID chapter, more than 2,000 students took part in a demonstration. The Cleveland Yipsels concentrated their efforts on John Adams High School and despite the opposition of the National Student League, turned out an outdoor meeting of 450 students who were addressed by Sam Verne, Organizer of the Cleveland YPSL, and Roy Burt, National organizer of the Socialist Party.

The strike was marked by violence and disorder only when the administration presented active opposition. At Los Angeles Junior College, two girl students were clubbed unconscious by the police, and the huge demonstration was dispersed by streams of water from the college sprinkler. At Chicago, in spite of vigilante attempts to disperse the Strike Parade, 3,000 students kept their ranks intact, taking the Oxford pledge.

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- Br. 21 A. D. Kings, Bklyn. Socialist Party
 - SOCIALIST PARTY MORRISTOWN, N. J.
 - Greetings LOCAL SP and YPSL NEW BRITAIN, CONN.
 - SOCIALIST PARTY DOVER, N. J.
 - May Day Greetings Socialist Party CHARLESTON, W. VA.
 - SOCIALIST PARTY WILTON, CONN.

Bronx Young Socialists See Depression America

Travails of Texas Workers Rouse Socialist Action

Two Bronx Young Socialists on a trip through the southwest have sent in a letter telling of their experiences and of the conditions among the working class they have encountered. The following narrates their observations in Louisiana and Texas—a story typical of depression in America.

"We passed through Baton Rouge and Shreveport without stopping overnight. However, we visited Louisiana State University to sound out some of the students on their opinions concerning Huey Long. They have adopted an air of indifference to matters relative to Long, which I think grows out of a constant fear of being expelled. The Student LID, which has a chapter of about fifteen members at Tulane University in New Orleans is attempting to organize a chapter at L.S.U.

Socialism Wins Dallas Youth

"The most active party local we have contacted is in Dallas, Texas. The 3-arrow club they organized has quadrupled its membership and it is not an unusual thing to have 50 to 75 youngsters between the ages of 12 and 18 to attend a meeting. There are also members of the party local between the ages of 18 and 25 who have organized a Socialist study group. Both groups should be ready for Y.P.S.L. membership very shortly.

Some of the comrades have been the most militant in the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union organization campaign in Dallas. One of the girl members, Virginia Monk, has been arrested sixteen times but that hasn't deterred her in the least. She is still in the thick of the fighting.

Socialists Unite Unemployed

The party local was instrumental in bringing together the three or four unemployed groups that are in existence in Dallas, in a "Central Unemployed and Workers Federation." It has had several successful demonstrations and recently it staged a strike for more relief on the steps of the City Hall. They held a rally in the City Hall Auditorium and refused to leave the place until better conditions were granted.

They held the fort for eleven days, Negroes, Mexicans, and the whites were joined together, some 2000 workers, in the demonstration, and their militancy has received statewide publicity and "notoriety." A soup kitchen was established in the party headquarters for the strikers during the demonstration. And their efforts in behalf of the unemployed have attracted many new members to the party.

Misery Encamped
Across the river in West Dallas

- SOCIALIST PARTY ERIE, PA.
- 7 A. D. BR. S. P. BRONX, N. Y.
- SOUTH PARK BR., S. P. LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
- EAST END BR., S. P. BALTIMORE, MD.
- SOCIALIST PARTY EVANSTON, ILL.
- 2nd A. D. Jewish Br., S. P. BROOKLYN, N. Y.
- 30th WD. BR. S. P. CLEVELAND, OHIO
- BROOKLYN, N. Y. Ridgewood Circle

Greet Demonstrators



The New York office of Willie Randolph Hearst doesn't lack doormen—as clearly shown by this picture. These gallant officers turned out in Willie's behalf to greet

a parade of several hundred workers who marched to Hearst's office to protest against his attacks on civil liberties.

is a camp of unemployed workers who are on relief, and their conditions are virtually inhuman. About a thousand of them in families of six, seven and, even eight or nine, live in tents, junked cars, and huts constructed of pieces of tin and slats of wood. We visited the camp and were amazed at the sight we saw. Many of them are bedridden, too weak from undernourishment to be able to work.

The men get four days of relief work a month for which they are paid \$3.00 per day. The \$12 or \$13 a month they earn is supposed to cover all their needs including food. The party and the federated unemployed group which the party organized, have taken upon themselves the task of visiting local merchants and sympathetic organizations in an effort to obtain money and food for these unemployed. Every day they deliver free milk and bread to the camp. We took some pictures of the camp and I am sending them along too. Many of the people there are living in that hole three and four years already.

Education for Young Workers
At a meeting we attended of the

Socialist Study group, we helped draw up a petition in the name of the Y.P.S.L. to be presented to the Federal Relief Administration, asking for the organization of a Workers' Summer School in Dallas. Should this be granted, the young workers in this city will have an excellent opportunity to catch up on their education which doesn't seem to concern the local authorities very much. We are sending in the names of five comrades who have taken subscriptions to The Challenge. We will be in El Paso, Texas, until April 28th; address General Delivery. Comradely,
Morris Unger
Hy Keller

- SOCIALIST PARTY POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.
- SOCIALIST PARTY BERKELEY, CALIF.
- SOCIALIST PARTY NEW KENSINGTON, PA.
- WOMELSDORF BR., S. P. BERKS CO., PA.
- WEST SIDE BRANCH, S. P. BUFFALO, N. Y.
- ELMHURST BR., S. P. JACKSON HTS., N. Y.
- National Executive Committee Student League for Industrial Democracy CIRCLE 1 SR. YPSL DETROIT, MICH.
- SOCIALIST PARTY GREENSBURG, PA.
- WORKMEN'S CIRCLE Branch 45 PITTSBURGH, PA.
- Revolutionary May Day Greetings Y.P.S.L. BERKS COUNTY READING, PENNA.
- Jewish Branch Socialist Party PITTSBURGH, PA.
- Forward to Revolutionary Socialism Y.P.S.L. Williamsburg District New York City
- Ohio State Federation Y.P.S.L.
- SOCIALIST PARTY GILLESPIE, ILL.
- SOCIALIST PARTY SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
- LOCAL HOLYOKE, MASS. SOCIALIST PARTY
- SOCIALIST PARTY AKRON, OHIO
- SOCIALIST PARTY SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
- West Side Women's Branch MILWAUKEE SOCIALIST PARTY
- SOCIALIST PARTY SYRACUSE, N. Y.
- SOCIALIST PARTY PAWTUCKET, R. I.

Labor Sports Notes

HAIL UNIFICATION CONVENTION!

Socialist sportsmen of the entire nation are turning all attention upon the Unification Convention of the three U. S. sports groups affiliated with the Socialist Workers' Sport International. The convention will take place May 11-12, in the New York City home of the Finnish Sports Alliance.

Not only are working class athletes looking forward to this convention but a tremendous wave of interest has swept through many sections of the labor and Socialist movement heretofore little inclined to take seriously the individual efforts of the Finnish, German and Czech organizations, despite their splendid work. We prophesy a glowing future for the forthcoming "Workers' Sports League"—by whatever name it may be called.

The annual Workers' Amateur Athletic Association cross-country championship run will be held in Gardner, Mass., Sunday, May 12th. This meet officially opens the track season for that league.

The first dual cross-country meet of the WAAA was scheduled for Sunday April 28 between the Karhn A. C. of Quincy, Mass., and the Into Club of Gardner. A full team from each will go the 3000 meter grind.

A large list of participants in the annual wrestling championships of the WAAA marks a rising interest in this sport. The Into A. C. of Gardner was the winner of the team prize which was held in the Finnish Socialist hall at Fitchburg, Mass., on April 11.

We know that the DTJ (Czechoslovakian Labor Sports) Clubs have been having a good deal of activity, especially in preparation for the visit of the gymnastic team from their homeland, but we just haven't been getting the news in. We want to stress the importance of every local club, of every sports association, designating a comrade to send in news. This will insure all our readers learning all of your activities.

The pressing need for a strong workers' sports movement was nowhere more clearly seen than recently in St. Louis. Leo Durocher, star shortstop of the St. Louis Cardinals not only approved his wife's scabbing at the strikebound Forest City Mfg. Co. dress plant, where members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union are fighting for decent conditions and wages, but he actively tried to break the strike by telling union members to go back to work.

Corroded by the profit-motivated big league baseball, this representative of the sport whose leaders are the heroes and examples to American youth, had the gall to sneer, "My wife is getting as much in one day as you would in a week," to the loyal strikers.

St. Louis' labor union's have sent a strongly worded protest to Baseball Czar K. M. Landis, as has the Ladies' Garment workers union. The local DTJ group, and the local YPSL can find in this incident a fine basis to organize a protest campaign.

BOYCOTT THE NAZI OLYMPIADE is the slogan of the German comrades in the WWSA. "Work against the sending of sport teams to the Nazi Olympiade in Berlin in 1936" they urge. "So long as the German workers' sport is forbidden, its property and sport institutions stolen or used for military purposes to threaten foreign countries with war preparations, no civilized men should go in contest with Hitler's sport teams."

All right sportsmen! Support the unification conference on May 11 and 12! Send in your local news to the Challenge that it may better publicize what will yet prove to be the largest and best section of the Socialist Workers' Sport International!

SOLIDARITY
By the National Industrial Secretary of YPSL.
Help New York Buy a "Permanent Strike Relief Rolling Kitchen!"
Circulate "Give Work to Youth" Petitions!

New York City:—A permanent "ROLLING STRIKE RELIEF KITCHEN" belonging to the Industrial Department of the New York YPSL Federation will soon be roaming the strike-torn streets of this city, bringing enthusiasm and grub to the fighting unionists on the picket line.

A fund-raising campaign to collect \$100 for this purpose is underway, the chief method used is tin collection cans which have appeared thicker than lamp posts the last week or two. Send contributions to the NYC YPSL, Industrial Secretary, 21 E. 17th St., N. Y. C.

More than 75 Yipseles were on the picket line in the Brighton demonstration for the Building Service Union on Sunday, April 21. Another demonstration was called for the 28th of April.

NBC strike work is still being pushed. NYC comrades picketed all Horn and Hardart Stores and Automats on Saturday April 27th. Shredded Wheat, Nabisco and Lorna Doone brands are National Biscuit Company products report the boycott spreaders.

St. Louis:—The Gas House Workers Union of St. Louis has been carrying on for the past few weeks one of the most militant strikes this city has seen for years. Both the President and Secretary of this militant new union, which is only a year and a half old, are Socialist party members.

The St. Louis YPSL has been extremely active collecting money for the strike and distributing the daily strike bulletins. In spite of the brutality of employed thugs and police the Gas House Workers are carrying on an effective picket line. The union has refused to accept any settlement up to now, short of the closed shop.

Connecticut:—Bridgeport's YPSL furnished considerable aid in the strike of the pocket book workers. New Haven's YPSL is still picketing, at last word, the Premier Pajama Co., proving they're wide awake.

Newark, N. J.:—The Yipseles here have shifted industrial activity from the now satisfactorily settled "Ledger" strike to the ILGWU organization campaign. Roselle, N. J. picketed for the Retail Clerks' Union.

"Chuck" Knappe, county organizer of the Milwaukee YPSL, has made a survey of conditions in local "transient shelters" and reports that extremely miserable conditions are opening the men's eyes to the fact that they must join with those who will change the whole system. The Kenosha comrades are fighting hard with the ILGWU strikers at Kormachs and Marquardt's plants.

The new circle at De Pere, Wisc. has jumped right into the swing of things by distributing Wisconsin Leaders among the local unemployed organizations and thereby helping bring some of those 2,000 Socialists, unionists, farmers, and unemployed who packed the state legislature at Madison to push the Socialist bills to take over the idle industry of the state and produce for use.

Fred Ramazzini of the Kincaid, Ill. YPSL, writes a gripping letter of his experiences in the CCC. Unfortunately it is too long to print but it emphasizes again and again the extreme need for more YPSL work among the regimented youth in these camps.

HISTORIC MAY IS THE MONTH OF LABOR STRUGGLES!
All YPSL Industrial Directors see that the "Give Work to Youth" petitions are pushed among young workers and students, especially in CCC camps. Get in your reports to the National Industrial Secretary by the 20th of the month, regularly every month! We've got to get the news!

TOLEDO, OHIO
Emil Barouth
John O'Hare
Jack Lane
Ulysses G. Showalter
Helen Malkin

Greetings
WORKMEN'S CIRCLE
Branch 155
TOLEDO, OHIO

Build! Build for Socialism! Keynote of NEC Meet

New York City—Build! Build! Build for Socialism! This was the keynote of the April 19-21 meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Young People's Socialist League of America in this city as it received reports of increased activity in every League department and laid plans to push on more intensively till the National Convention, July 19, 20 and 21.

The convention arrangements committee reported plans almost completed for accommodations of the delegates and that a mass meeting, social and banquet have been arranged for Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings respectively of the convention week-end. A special issue of the Challenge will be published, financed by an ad drive, and local comrades will prepare a journal which also will carry ads.

March on May Day!

A ringing manifesto to American Youth to join the May Day demonstrations was adopted and is printed elsewhere in this issue. Reports were heard on progress of the week-end organization training seminars, likewise contained in a story elsewhere in this issue.

Healthy increases of activity on the industrial field were reported by the National Industrial Secretary, and detailed plans laid out for the petition campaign (see p. 1) to "Give work to youth." In line with the plan to send a delegate to the Congress of the Socialist Youth International which will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark during August of this year, "three arrow" stamps to be sold to members at 10c each will be issued. 25c stamps for sale to sympathizers and party members as well as Yipseles will also be issued. The national convention will elect the delegates.

Sixth YPSL State Federation Born at Ohio Convention

By ALEX BRACKENRIDGE

Massillon, Ohio—Paralleling the resurgence of Socialist party activity and growth, the Ohio Socialist Youth Movement paused to crystallize its booming strength when delegates from 7 cities gathered here, April 6-7, to form the Ohio State Federation of the YPSL. This is the sixth state organization to be formed in the country.

Activity Amazing

A review of circle activities showed a truly amazing variety as well as quantity of Socialist work accomplished. Strike work, labor plays, effective support of the Student Anti-war strike, student work, work among the farmers, at Dayton and Kenton, educational programs — these and many more were reported.

Plans were made to strengthen existing circles, organize in the immediate vicinity of these circles, and to break into new localities. For this purpose, 7 districts were mapped out in the state and organizers assigned to each. Ben Shangold, Alex Brackenridge, Dominic Gianasi, Max Wohl, Robert Hill, Al Herling and others will be used in this work. Circles already exist at Fletcher, Yellow Springs, Toledo, Massillon, Akron, Ashtabula, Warren and Cleveland (three) with a half dozen in process of organization.

SEC and Department Heads Chosen

A State Executive Committee of five was elected, the members being Alex Brackenridge and Sam Verne of Cleveland, Robert Hill of Toledo, Bill Hollister of Yellow Springs, and Asa Scott of Fletcher. The state office will be in Cleveland with Pearl Weiner as state secretary.

The committee elected the following departmental directors: Industrial, Robert Hill, Toledo strike leader; cultural, Helen Malkin of Women's Trade Union League dramatic experience; Grace Smelo of the Student League for Industrial Democracy chapter at Antioch college, Student Director; and Sam Verne, League was designated as temporary organizer of the Cuyahoga County educational director.

Young Communist "Unity" Offer Rejected as Insincere

In reply to a committee from the Young Communist League which asked for joint action in the organization of young workers into A. F. of L. unions on the basis that it has just reversed its dual union position, the YPSL NEC flatly refused, citing the communist leaders themselves to the effect that it was merely a more cleverly disguised method of splitting A. F. of L. unions made necessary by the fact that the open and frank dual unionism practiced for many years has been a complete failure.

The Managing Editor of the Challenge reported an increase in circulation of over 1000 during the first 3 months of 1935; a renewed drive to reach the 10,000 mark by the end of the year; and, plans for a permanent 8 page paper within a few months.

Outline Output "Upped"

For the educational department, Walter Storey reported the following outlines being prepared: Father Coughlin and Long Movements; Unemployment and Social Insurance; Fascism, Socialism, and Communism; the General Strike; the Russian



Revolution; the International Revolutionary Socialist Movement; and, outlines on the "British Labour Party" and "An American Labor Party."

Fact-finding survey commissions whose function will be to collect data from every available source on American youth conditions were appointed by the NEC. Their material will be submitted in written form so that comprehensive and organized information will be available to the national convention as a basis for its resolutions. Later, this information will be published in pamphlet form for distribution to the League membership and others. The commissions will deal with Military Training, Youth and Unemployment, Federal Aid to Youth, Youth in Industry, Farm Youth, Child Labor, the Public School System, and, Student Problems.

Student Work With LID

A committee was elected to confer with the Student LID on closer cooperation in High School work. Extreme activity in the Student Strike Against War was reported of Socialist youth in every section of the

Week-End Training Schools to Solidify YPSL Organization

By WINSTON DANCIS

Chicago — "How to solidify the mounting membership gains brought into the Young People's Socialist League through the still continuing national membership drive" will be the theme topic at the many Week-End Organization Training Seminars being held this month in all sections of the country.

Seminar Schedules

Final arrangements have already been made for the Seminars at Detroit and Chicago, both to be held the week-end of May 25 and 26, the New Jersey Seminar, to be held at Elizabeth and Roselle, May 11 and 12, and the Philadelphia school which will be in session May 18 and 19. Definite schools have already been arranged for Cleveland, Milwaukee, and N. Y. City through final dates have not as yet been set.

Sessions will in all cases begin Saturday afternoon, and will be divided, on that day, into two two-hour sessions.

A discussion of Socialist propaganda with special emphasis on the approach to sympathizers and supporters of such panaceas as the New Deal, Long, Coughlin, etc., followed by a session on Internal Organization Structure—explanation of League structure and functions, relations of the League to party, inner democracy and discipline, etc.

Sunday Sessions

Sunday will be occupied with the "how" of organization methods. A one hour session on "Holding Good Meetings" will lead off, while two hours will follow on "Work in Outside Youth Organizations," both sympathetic and conservative.

Student work and Industrial and unemployed work will occupy the rest of Sunday's sessions. The classes proper will wind up with a well-conducted hour of group singing that should stimulate the spirited vocal expression of young socialists everywhere.

Saturday night will contribute a model social, with the visiting Yipseles from other towns as guests of honor.

Two hundred well-trained members are expected to result from these seminars alone, to take their place in the fighting, disciplined ranks of the Y. P. S. L.

country. Many YPSL'ers are continuing this work by organizing new Student LID chapters.

The Red Falcons of America reported that their National Convention will be held this summer and concrete plans will be submitted calling for the setting up of a permanent national organization. The FALCON CALL, its official organ, will appear in printed form beginning with the May issue.

The cultural department presented drafts for a convention poster, a propaganda poster; reported several new plays written, and that it will issue a new play list.

The New York comrades did a praise-worthy job of arranging for the sessions and accommodations of the NEC members as well as of the special dance affair in their honor.

GREETINGS TO THE CHALLENGE ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY

KENOSHA, WIS.

- Frank S. Symmonds
- Walter Benson
- John F. Kuehn
- Mildred Pobar
- Harvey Otto
- Edward Bergren
- Eugene P. Tyson
- Harry A. Miller
- John Martin
- Eugene Sturzenegger
- John Wojnicz
- James Jensen
- William Preston
- Raymond Zander
- I. Kranz

BETHLEHEM, PA.

- John Hendricks
 - William Matonis
- DETROIT, MICH.**
- John H. Bollens
 - Alfred King
 - Ruth Moore
 - D. D. Stewart
 - Loren Walters

WILMINGTON, DELA.

- Russel S. Altemus
- Joseph I. Cross
- Eugene A. Schroeder
- LeRoy Jones
- Donald F. Stooops
- Ernest H. Mills

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

- Jack Heikin
- George Bressler
- Mrs. & Mrs. N. Heikin
- Circle 6 Srs., Strawberry Mansion

ERIE, PA.

- Henry Hoffman
- Henry L. Schroyer
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ORGANIZATION BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

And still the League Goes Forward! . . . Double the Membership! . . . Treble Activities!

Now, at last, the full fruits of the NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE are making themselves evident. Taking a page out of the Ohio Socialist party plan, the League is actually on its way towards "DOUBLING THE MEMBERSHIP, TREBLING THE ACTIVITY!" And the drive still has till June 30th to go!

John Strobel, Wisconsin NEC member, is doing national organization work while travelling with the Brookwood Labor College Players. Many stops are scheduled in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Martha Gould, formerly of the Rochester circle, is making contacts for us while with the second Brookwood group in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Newark, N. J. knows that there is a National Membership Drive on with two active circles dotting its map. A magazine is also being published there. Reading Yipseles staged a parade to the large anti-war meeting held April 6 in cooperation with the Federated Trades Council and church groups. Senator Nye was the main speaker. No one left the meeting without getting a YPSL leaflet.

"Young Men! Refuse to Die for the Profits of the Rich!" An anti-war leaflet bearing this slogan is being pasted up all over the country. Chicago, Massachusetts and New York City have already taken large quantities.

Westminster, Mass. heard a talk on the 4-H clubs. . . this circle is doing considerable farm work. Ashland, Pa. is one of the fastest growing circles, reporting "about ten new members and more joining all the time." The New Haven YPSL heard a series of lectures on "Youth and the Future," the "Case for Socialism," and on "Karl Marx" by versatile Harry Fleischman, national league organizer.

Chicago is sure pushing the Membership Drive. . . Circle 8 is having a Youth Rally with Meyer Haisushka featured; Circle 9 is emulating 8 with Dr. Ross Stagner speaking, and the West Side circles 1, 5, and 7 Jr. are putting on a huge rally with Albert Goldman on May 8.

Many circles have been taking advantage of Gloria Waldron's Challenge series on Coughlin, Long, etc. by having lectures or discussion meetings on this "parade of the panaceas."

May meetings, aside from those with study classes to train the new members, should be built around the "Give Work to Youth Drive." The effects of unemployment on youth, the 30-hour work week bill, and Socialism vs. Unemployment can be worked into such a lecture or lectures.

Here's the sort of circle report your National Secretary likes to receive: "Eight applications received in last two days. New circle soon to start functioning. Will very easily double our membership in the next few weeks. Over 50 people already contacted in conjunction with drive." That's from Newark, Circle 1 Sr. which also includes reports on educational and industrial work to round out a good month's work.

"Economics of the Bible" was Circle 12 Srs. Bronx, educational diet one meeting. The Steinmetz Srs. of Cleveland have set up five committees each of which is entrusted with carrying out one part of the general outline of the Drive Handbook. Pennsylvania circles are consistently reporting membership gains: Bethlehem with 4 and New Kensington with 5 are the typical examples, and Circle 3 Pittsburgh has already passed its halfway mark.

"Best meeting we've had to date" writes Richmond, Va. of an Anti-War rally at which representatives for 2 colleges, 1 high school and the YWCA spoke. Milwaukee's new Junior group, the Commonwealth circle, picketed Gimbels department store with effective results.

FEDERATION BRANCH STRABANE, PA.

Greetings from the
CENTRAL BRANCH SOCIALIST PARTY

Tenement Home Work Feeds On Children's Sweat

NRA SHIFTS CHILD LABOR FROM FACTORY TO HOME

BY MURRAY PLAVNER

It cannot be denied that America is a land of opportunity. Or, as Henry L. Doherty, President of Cities Service, puts it, "There is no occasion when a condition is changed that a new opportunity does not present itself."

Thus, when the NRA prohibited the employment of children under 16 in factories, "new methods" of continuing the exploitation of American childhood were soon found. The old sweat shop was substituted by a more convenient form of exploitation of cheap labor, known as Tenement Home Work. Not only is this form of labor cheaper, but it also frees the employer from whatever responsibilities to the worker under the sweat shop system.

Home Work is Child Work

A survey conducted by the Association of Governmental Labor Officials of the U. S. and Canada, indicates that home work in some forms exists in every part of the country. Work is done by hand and machine, and among the most usual form of tenement home work, are the finishing of men's clothing, hand-made lingerie, artificial flowers, dolls, lamp shades, neckwear, etc. Wherever tenement home work is found, child labor is also found, for it is next to impossible to regulate the employment of children in homes where work is sent in from the factories.

An increasing number of children, as young as 5 and 6 and even younger, are employed in the so-called home-work industry, working under the most unsanitary conditions, in poor light, for long hours, and at night. According to the N. Y. State Department of Labor, 15,000 home work permits to individuals were issued during the past year. There are about 800 manufacturers in the home field employing some 10,000 workers. The workers are paid as low as 3 to 7 cents an hour! In many cases transportation charges have to be paid by the workers.

"Inhuman Exploitation"

A recent survey by the National Child Labor Committee and by the Consumers' League, furnishes the following incidents:

In a filthy tenement in Manhattan they found a family of six, including 4 children, stringing safety pins on wires late into the night and earning no more than \$3 or \$4 a week! In another home they found a group of 6 children, the youngest 5 years of age, separating long strips of lace; at the rate of pay they reported, the combined earnings of the group for the entire day would be 64 cents.

In another tenement we find a woman with three children from 6 to 14, deserted by her husband. She and the children make pom-poms for slippers for which she is paid 21 cents a gross. If she works from 7 A. M. until 10 P. M. she can make \$1.47 a day with the children's help.

The Sanctity of the American Home

In another home—if it can be called that—we see a little girl 8 years old and a boy 11 working on artificial flowers. The little girl can't bend the wire with her fingers, and so she uses the teeth. Both of the children have infected thumbs. 12 year-old Lucy, of a neighboring home, is called "lazy" by her family because she wants to go to bed at midnight. She doesn't like to be sleepy in school. It is nothing unusual for a family to work all night when there is an order to finish.

Says Dr. Nicholas Miraculous Butler, "Child labor has practically disappeared in the United States today. This fact I have tested by personal observation."

....And, still, they hang pictures.

WIN REPRIEVE

Washington—(FP)—After four years in the shadow of the electric chair, two of the Scottsboro boys, Clarence Norris and Haywood Patterson, won another reprieve in a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court setting aside their death sentences.

LOS ANGELES COPS 'STRIKE' TOO!



But, unfortunately, when the police struck it was with viciously-wielded clubs, as demonstrated by the valiant officer shown here. The girl on the receiving end was knocked unconscious. The attack started at the Los Angeles junior college when Capt.

Hynes' notorious "red squad" decided that they couldn't permit students to strike against war on April 12. Thus students learn another lesson in the course on "Fascism—American Style."

Student Strike Makes History

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A Roosevelt "HEILS HITLER"

At Harvard U., John Roosevelt, son of the President, was seen with his hand in a Fascist salute, while a group of militarists attempted to start a counter-demonstration on the edge of the 4,000 student strike.

In New York City, over 25,000 students came out despite the downpour and the administration and police violence. Attempts of high school principals to prevent students from striking by calling police into buildings, barricading doors, locking students in, refusing to give students their coats when they wanted to strike, led to numerous minor disorders.

Yipsels Suspended

Although the Board of Education has claimed that a very few struck, a tabulation of the attendance at strike rallies shows 8,000 walked out of N. Y. C. high schools. Alfred Dwin, Leonard Pass, Frank Rosenbaum, Morris Licht, and Joseph Ostroy, all YPSL'ers and members of the SLID chapter of Thomas Jefferson were suspended for strike activity; as were also Louis Panken, Louis Becker and several other young Socialists at Monroe High School.

New Jersey Comes Through!

Although New Jersey has no radical student movement to speak of, the slogan STRIKE AGAINST WAR captured the imagination of all sections of the student body, organized and otherwise. At Dana, over 250 students participated in the outdoor demonstration, with Dr. Harry W. Laidler, Socialist party member and Executive Director of the LID, as the main speaker.

At Central High, Dr. Frank Kingdon of the Socialist party spoke before an assembly of 800 students. At Barringer Evening High, entirely through the efforts of the SLID chapter, a large mass meeting was held. SLID and Socialist literature was widely distributed. Disciplinary action is being taken against several Yipsels active in arranging the strike.

With the students of the University of Chicago playing the leading role, thousands of high school and college students demonstrated their opposition to war in the windy city. At the U. of C. 2,500 students crammed their way into Mandel Hall and at the close of the meeting paraded to the center of the campus where they took the Oxford Pledge, led by Quentin Ogren of the Socialist Club.

Parade Jars Bankers Row

Successful meetings were held at the Central YMCA College, students of which paraded down the heart of Chicago's financial district to the office of the Board of Education to protest the plan for ROTC expansion in the high school. Lewis Insti-

tute and the People's Junior College, as well as in many high schools also came out. A number of Yipsels were arrested; others gave good accounts of themselves in the clashes with reactionary students at the U. of C.

Al Hamilton, National Chairman of the SLID and YPSL'er, was slugged by a strike-breaking thug in front of the Central YMCA but continued his activities as strike-leader for Chicago.

Berkley Aflame

The university city of Berkley, California has been aflame with the anti-war spirit engendered by the Student LID and the YPSL. Eighteen students were dismissed for distribution of anti-war hand bills. More than 300 students took part in the strike held at Sather Gate just outside the campus, the use of which was forbidden by university authorities.

At Connecticut State College, Nat Gere, Hartford Yipsel led a tremendously effective anti-war strike and likewise under his lead, an SLID chapter is being set up.

One of the few successful strikes in FERA schools was led in the St. Louis FERA College by Gloria Waldron of the YPSL NEC.

Thomas Enthuses Philly

In Philadelphia, the YPSL leadership of the Temple SLID chapter, after much maneuvering, forced the administration to dismiss classes for an outdoor strike at 11 A.M. The administration, which at first bitterly opposed the strike, erected a stand outside the school from which Norman Thomas spoke to an enthusiastic, cheering audience of 2,500 of the school's 3,000 students, despite a heavy rain.

A flying squadron of Yipsels and SLID'ers from Temple started the walkout from Gratz high school. After teachers locked doors, those students who were unable to get outside listened to Thomas from opened class room windows. Bernie Backer, the YPSL'er who did most of the preliminary work in Gratz was expelled.

Locked Doors Block Walkout

Annette Neutra, Yipsel student at Overbrook, tried to present student opinion at the indoor meeting called by the school administration at which a teacher said was unavoidable. When refused the floor she started to lead the 1,000 students in a walkout but was barred by doors locked in violation of fire regulations.

Norman Thomas also spoke at the University of Penn where NSL leadership of the strike compromised on an indoor meeting at noon. The regional strike committee on which Yipsels were active forced the Board of Education to instruct principals to hold anti-war meetings and discussions on the day of the strike. If these meetings are includ-

Radicals Spike Legion Promoted Youth Congress

Louisville, Ky. — Cleaved into two parts by a fight developing between radicals and conservatives, the Southern Division of the American Youth Congress, held in this city beginning April 19th, resulted in the calling of a "bona fide" congress by the radical group which broke up the secretive, fascist-inclined, Legion sponsored, original conference.

Typical of the tactics employed by the reactionary groups, was the adjourning of one of the round table sessions when a YPSL delegate introduced a resolution calling for the application of democratic methods to the management of industry.

Northern California Congress Called

Meanwhile, a call has been issued to a Northern California Regional Youth Congress for May 4 and 5 to meet at San Francisco. Considerable trade union support has been enlisted, and a fair response from youth, especially students, has been evoked.

As a side-light on the Southern Congress, among its sponsors was Bernarr McFadden, arch reactionary publisher of Liberty, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, both of whom later withdrew their support.

ed, about 50,000 students participated in one form or another of anti-war protest in the Philadelphia area, 5,000 of which took part in outdoor strikes.

Against War and Capitalism; For Peace and Socialism!

Are these instances sufficient? Do they not prove the stand of America's Student Youth in regards war? Now it is the task of Socialist youth to win these students to the fight on the War System—Capitalism!

Begin by bringing them out on May Day—teach them the lessons of solidarity with the workers! Hitler may have harnessed German students to Fascism but we will harness the enthusiasm, the idealism, the courage of American students to the battle Against War, Against Capitalism—For Peace and For Socialism!

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On with the Chhallenges

By SUB CHASER

April 16! That date has no significance except that it is the day this column is being written, on account of Sub Chaser chauffeuring the western NEC members to their New York meeting. April 16th and already 184 subs are in! Looks like we're heading into May with a big jump in circulation because we sold over 7000 copies of our April 2nd Anniversary issue, a new high circulation mark!

New York has again jumped way up in the sub running and Pennsylvania which led last month has slumped to a tie for third with steady Ohio. The big surprise of all is the showing of Connecticut. Y. P.S.L. activity there seems just about ripe for that long overdue spurt.

NEW YORK (65) Brooklyn: Bob Parker whose grand total of subs hit the 100 mark in February raises it to 126 with 26 new subs and renewals for the No. 1 club of the month. Wth that start the rest of this column is easy!

New York City: Mannie Goldberg sends in a club of 4. Walter R. Wallace of Circle 3 Sr. Bronx also gets in 4. Syracuse: Beatrice Shapiro gets in her first club from members of this upstate circle.

CONNECTICUT (21) New Haven: National Organizer Harry Fleischman is this state's big sub chaser with 8 substantial subs. Hartford: Kay Schkolnik breaks a long siesta for this city's Challengers with a half dozen more.

Wilton: Ethel Betts Weston, secretary of the Socialist party local here sends in a club of 4 and we won't be surprised if a YPSL circle in this town will soon grace the Connecticut family tree.

Good work Connecticut! Let's see if you can keep second place next month also.

PENNSYLVANIA (18) With Pittsburgh and Philly sub chasers asleep on the beat it's no wonder the keystoneers slipped. But three consistent Challengers from the smaller cities came through nobly. Bethlehem: William Matonis sends in 4. Now if we only had a Challenger in Nazareth, Pa. Pottstown: Raymond Strohl keeps up his productive plugging with 4 more. Reading: And this town's Challenge Agent, Clayton Mengel, comes through with another 4.

OHIO (18) Cleveland: With Sam Verne back in this state as organizer for this city's YPSL, the Challenger is all smiles. He sends in 21 subs, many however, from New York.

Mildred Palek, secretary of the Mt. Pleasant DTJ, gets in 8 subs from that sports club.

Okay Ohio! With your state YPSL federation launched, it looks like Socialist youth are going to put some real spirit into Ohio's working class.

ILLINOIS (14) Chicago: Winston Dancis again comes through—this time with 11, some picked up in Buffalo. Vivian Rubin, whose red hair may explain this, gets in her first club. And a note of apology for an error in last month's Challengers' column. Karl Marx Shier got in no less than 11 subs and not 1 as printed.

Bloomington: Glen Edwards gets in a club from this town where a reorganized YPSL aims to get places.

NEW JERSEY (9) Newark: National Organizer Melvin Willbach proves he wasn't kidding when he wrote for 8 sub cards early this month. He sent them in again with 8 subs and the words that "there's more where these came from."

CALIFORNIA (8) The Capay Valley Socialist local sends in 4 subs. Thanks, and now for a Capay Valley YPSL circle.

MASSACHUSETTS (5) Marstons Mills: Charles L. Hamblin sends in 4 from this town on the Cape Cod fishhook.

MONTANA (5) Reserve: Agnes Jensen gets in subs from three Montana towns.

TEXAS (5) Dallas: A Bronx YPSL'er, Morris Unger, who is now a travelling salesman gets in 5. Don't miss his letter elsewhere in this issue!

SOUTH DAKOTA (4) Sioux Falls: Marvin Halversen, youthful secretary of the Socialist local here, gets in 4 subs through drought and dust.

Look at those western states come through!