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"Romantic" Royal Mounties Fire On Young Strikers

BY CLIFFORD PEET

(Conductor of the youth section of the North Star newspaper, official organ of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation of Saskatchewan Province).

Regina—Dominion Day, July 1, 1935! A National holiday celebrating 68 years of progress of the birth of a nation by citizens in all parts of the Dominion.

While thousands were celebrating this day, sad events were being recorded in Regina where for three weeks two thousand British Columbia relief camp strikers were staying on their way to Ottawa to interview the Federal Government.

The sixty relief camps situated throughout British Columbia for the last four years have held from four to six thousand men. Young men who have been promised that their wrongs would be righted, and patiently waiting three months found no action taken by the municipal, Provincial or Federal governments. They decided to take their grievances to the highest body of the land—the governor at Ottawa.

"On to Ottawa!"

The march, "On to Ottawa" commenced and with the good wishes and the cheers of the citizens ring-

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Athletes of Many Nations Expected At Labor Olympiad

1936 YPSL JAMBOREE MAY BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY

Cleveland, O.—A huge Labor Sports Olympiad in Cleveland, July 4, 1936, the first affair of its kind and magnitude on the North American Continent, was recently announced at the tenth annual outdoor gymnastic exhibition of the D.T.J., Czecho-Slovak Socialist Gymnastic Union. The Olympiad will be one of the first major undertakings of the Workers' Sports League of America.

A full team of labor gymnasts will come from Czecho-Slovakia for the Olympiad, accompanied by Dr. Franz Soukup, Socialist President of the Senate of that country. Teams are also expected from Finland, Belgium, France, England, and other European nations, as well as from most states of the union. The Socialist nominee for President of the United States has been invited to address the Olympiad crowds. The affair is expected to be an outstanding working class demonstration.

Yipsels to Attend

The National Executive Committee of the YPSL has ordered an investigation into the possibility of holding the now traditional Midwestern Jamboree near Cleveland simultaneously with the Olympiad. This will increase the representation of Yipsels at the meet and add a well-disciplined unit of several hundred singing, blue-shirted enthusiasts to lend color and spirit to the occasion.

MAKE FREEDOM CONSTITUTIONAL



"Made Freedom Constitutional!" This is the title of a new booklet published by the YPSL, to further the campaign for Workers' Rights. Written by Aaron Levenstien of the NEC, and containing an introduction by Norman Thomas, this nominally priced pamphlet has already gone into its second printing. It will be sold to tens of thousands of students and young workers in the next few months.

8th National YPSL Convention, Meeting in Shadow of New World War, Drafts Program for Socialism in Our Time

NORMAN THOMAS OPENS CONVENTION WITH NATION-WIDE BROADCAST

Pittsburgh, Pa.—"Young men and women of America, as you love life and hate war, love freedom and hate tyranny, seek your emancipation and the fulfillment of your hopes by establishing Socialism in your time."

With these ringing final words of Norman Thomas, the gigantic opening rally of the 8th National YPSL Convention held Friday night, July 19, came to a close and the hundreds of delegates and visitors dispersed in singing, cheering groups to the various parts of Pittsburgh wherein they were lodged. The evening had been replete with speeches by Pittsburgh comrades welcoming the delegates, talks by the National Chairman, National Secretary and other prominent League members; there had been entertainment and refreshments, but it remained for the stirring voice of Comrade Thomas, addressed to the convention and to a nation-wide audience over radio from New York City, to complete an evening of preparation for the task of hammering out a program for the two surely eventful years to come.

"Put Thomas in White House" Says Dan Hoan Wire

The Convention proper convened early Saturday morning, when the Rules of Order were adopted and Convention officers elected. Willie Goldberg of Los Angeles presided the first day. The rest of Saturday was occupied in setting up the numerous Convention committees which were to draft and submit re-

ports to the delegates, and, to the hearing of reports of the National Secretary and the Challenge Editor. The Committees that were set up to report back to the convention were: Resolutions, Constitution, Student, Industrial, Finance, Organization, Cultural, Challenge, Education and Credential.

The balance of the Saturday sessions were given over to hearing of partial reports and the reading of communications of greeting from various individual and organizations. Many trade unions, internationals such as the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America as well as local unions, fraternal organizations such as the Workmen's Circle, scores of Socialist branches and locals, and

Edna Koller New Red Falcon Head

Edna Peters Koller, Milwaukee secretary and organizer, was elected national chairman of the Red Falcons of America at the first annual Red Falcon convention held in Pittsburgh, July 21.

A national constitution was adopted and new headquarters established in Chicago. Max Weber, Wisconsin state organizer, was elected national financial secretary.

"Stop Supreme Court Dictatorship" Slogan of YPSL in Labor's Drive

HILLQUIT AMENDMENT BACKED BY YOUTH

Chicago—In no uncertain terms is the working class of America answering the twofold threat to its liberties by the obsolete Supreme Court and the Hearst-impelled campaign of reaction.

Centering around the campaign for the Hillquit Workers' Rights Amendment to the Constitution, hundreds of thousands of trade unionists, through the local, national, and city bodies they are represented by, have joined in the fight. Church groups, Negro groups, and farmers organizations have endorsed the campaign. Youth, too, has joined in the agitation, led by the Young People's Socialist League, which at its Pittsburgh convention late last month, laid plans to further intensify the already begun youth campaign for workers' rights.

Nation Lines Up For Amendment

Indicative of the widespread support the campaign is meeting the Hillquit amendment has been endorsed by such groups as the St.

Paul Trades and Labor Assembly, The Milwaukee Federated Trades Council, The Chicago Federation of Labor, the Montana and Wisconsin Federations of Labor, the Workers Alliance of America, the Harlem Negro Labor Committee, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, and such other farmers groups as the Sheboygan County Cooperative Milk Pool.

Led off by the Greater New York Federation, open air meetings are being held in every city and hamlet where a YPSL circle exists. In New York, they are taking the form of "Red Noons," with gigantic mass rallies held in the heart of the various industrial districts. Prominent socialist, labor and YPSL speakers tell thousands of workers at their noon rest hour, the story of the Supreme Court's usurpation of power and how the Workers' Rights Amendment will make possible a new and loftier page in labor's history.

Make Freedom Constitutional

New York City is today thoroughly covered by stickers reading "STOP SUPREME COURT DICTATORSHIP! PASS THE HILLQUIT WORKERS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT." A pamphlet explaining the amendment, written by Aaron Levenstien and selling for three cents, is being distributed by the thousand, calling upon young America to "Make Freedom Constitutional!"

The Student Committee of the YPSL is feverishly planning and preparing for an intensive campaign in the schools to debunk the usual history and American Government classes which tend to deify the constitution and the Supreme Court. Its aim is to bring to every student and teacher in the United States, the true story of the constitutional bars to full life and security for the workers.

A Barometer of Labor's Power

Emphasizing, as they do, the necessity of passing the Hillquit Workers' Right Amendment, every Y.P.S.L. speaker and every Y.P.S.L. publication and piece of literature points out that the enactment of this Amendment will not of itself end the exploitation of the working class and achieve a classless society. It is only through the organized power of the working class, organized not only in its labor unions and farm organizations, but also through a working class political party, that these goals can be realized.

The Hillquit Amendment will be a tremendous step forward—making legal social legislation and workers' laws which are now foredoomed to Supreme Court nullification. But when the day of its passage is achieved, not the least valuable function it will fulfill is the registering of the fact that labor has at last reached the strength for it to go forward to its final conquest of power for Socialism.

A Scotsman from Aberdeen is putting off buying an atlas until world affairs look a little more settled.

—Humorist (London).

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YOUTH IN A WORLD OF CHANGE

By NORMAN THOMAS

Broadcast over the NBC July 19 to the 8th National YPSL Convention

Thanks to the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company I am privileged tonight to do two things: First, to address from New York my friends and comrades at the Convention of the Young People's Socialist League in Pittsburgh—an organization I am proud to commend to the nation; Second, to speak, I hope, to a nation-wide audience on some of the larger problems which must absorb the attention not only of that Convention, but of young people everywhere and their friends who think with them about the years which lie ahead.

"Springtime of Youth"

The news of the day furnishes plenty of illustrations of the changing, the tumultuous, and baffling times amidst which youth must play its role. It was primarily young people, frustrated by the disappointments of the post-war world, who made possible the triumph of Mussolini in Italy. The song upon all Fascist lips began "Youth, youth, springtime of hope" and for tens of thousands of Italian youth that "springtime of hope" leads only to the heat, the disease, and the cruel warfare of Mussolini's piratical raid upon a nation which he was bound by every obligation of honor, decency and treaty-right to respect. So rigid is the censorship that we do not know whether Italian youth is still drunk with mad dreams of glory or whether it has begun to learn that there is no "springtime of hope" for those who are slaves to dreams of empire as old as the cruel conquests of ancient Assyrians. The generation which in the face of the lesson of all the years wastes its strength to swell the greatness of a megalomaniac as dictator, leads the way to new dark ages for itself and those who come after it.

"We Still Have Time"

You, the youth who are the hope of America, are not yet caught in the hypnotic compulsions of war, nor have you yet given your strength to build up any demagogue as dictator who will feed his greatness on your very life's blood. We still have time, and because we have time your decisions are the more important. The last twelve months in America have seen a greater growth of restrictive legislation in denial of true civil liberty than at any time since the post-war hysteria subsided. Military expenditures have reached new heights. The propaganda of hate and fear, of menaces red and yellow, feeds the circulation of great newspapers. An R.O.T.C. in the colleges does not train officers fit for the unimaginable horrors of new war, but it does train men to accept the ancient delusions of militarism which so long have cursed the earth. War is more likely than peace in our own beloved land save as your generation will stand out as resisters of war and organizers of the power of labor against it.

Youth Funds vs. War Funds

Economically the outlook for you is not bright. Even if there is a far greater degree of temporary improvement in business than is now apparent, we shall probably continue to maintain a standing army of the unemployed which will run from seven to ten million. Of this a large division will be composed of youth. The President has recently recognized the peculiar problems of youth from an economic standpoint by setting up a National Youth Administration, with an annual budget out of relief funds of \$50,000,000. That is to say America has allotted for youth in time of unemployment a sum equal to the cost of the World War for five whole hours! Granting the liberal intention of the Administration and the high character of the administrators this fund has its dangers. It sets up machinery which unscrupulous administrators or lesser officials can use to

bribe youth to docility with a few crusts. It proposes once more to take away from big corporations the responsibility of educating at their own expense their own apprentices. At public expense we are to train youth to form a reservoir of workers whom corporations can hire or fire at will. The best service organizations like the Y.P.S.L. can render to this Administration is to preserve their integrity for constructive criticism.

Youth's Frustration Must Not Mean Fascism

I have been speaking of youth and to youth because in youth is to be found the power and the energy for significant change, whether that change is to be in the direction of the night of Fascism or the new dawn of the cooperative commonwealth. I speak to youth because I know so well that the frustration and disappointment of young men and women, eager and well trained for work that they cannot find, has been the raw material of Fascist movements. It must in America be the raw material of a movement nobler and far more hopeful.

Nevertheless, none of the problems which plague us or challenge us are exclusively the problem of youth. There is in the mere state of being young no sure wisdom to save us. The problems that beset us are the problems of mankind. There is no exclusive search for freedom, peace, and plenty, on which your generation can embark alone. To my friends at the Pittsburgh Convention I say that what you do or leave undone is less important because you are young than because you are Socialists. The supreme quest of our time is for no fountain of youth, but rather for the fountains of abundance which are to be shared with all mankind.

Two Paramount Facts

America is becoming aware of two facts of great importance: (1) We have the resources and the machinery already available to provide us with moderate abundance, probably on the average an amount equivalent for every family to that enjoyed by families with annual incomes of between four and five thousand dollars. (2) The present distribution of wealth is grotesquely and fantastically unjust. Ninety percent of the workers of America with hand and brain get less than two thousand a year; about forty-five percent get less than one thousand; agricultural workers in the onion fields, in the Imperial Valley in California, the share-croppers in the cotton country, the sugar-beet workers, rarely get three hundred dollars a year and many of them under a vicious system of exploitation are kept chronically in debt. Not many months ago a court in New York allotted to one of our less conspicuous child-heiresses an income to meet a budget of thirty thousand dollars a year. The research division of NRA has recently reported that under the New Deal the recovery of profits has far outstripped the recovery in wages. Between 1933 and 1934 it was profits and not wages that made the significant gains. No wonder then that the masses are interested in the sharing of wealth.

To Share Abundance

But what most Americans, including most American workers, have not learned is the fact that under capitalism with its planlessness and waste in spite of our potential productive power we do not produce what we ought and a program which merely talks of sharing the wealth

or of taxing the very rich more heavily—a job which of course ought to be done—is not enough. We do not want to share poverty. Hence the emphasis, especially of the generation to which youth belongs, must be on a new system of planned production for use. Only so can we share abundance. I challenge anyone to show me how we can possibly save the sick cotton industry from the growing of cotton to the manufacture of textiles until we can begin to produce in terms of what people need rather than in terms of what under the profit system the workers can afford to buy. Recent writers have commented more speciously than accurately about the number of planks in the Socialist Platform of 1932 which the New Deal Administration has appropriated. These planks concerned immediate demands, for strengthening the workers in their struggle for a new system, the Democratic Administration has used them rather as bribes to perpetuate the old. It is inconceivable that Socialism would have fixed up banks only to give them back to bankers, would try to rehabilitate railroads for the sake of the owners, or would endure the new evils which AAA has brought into the cotton country without even protesting the reign of terror which has followed the effort of the workers to organize. It is inconceivable that a Socialist Administration would allow the War Department by its contracts to break the just strike of the workers in the Colt Arms Factory or the Navy Department contrary to the spirit if not the letter of its contracts, to do nothing to establish collective bargaining for which the workers of the New York Ship Yards in Camden, New Jersey are striking in gallant and orderly fashion.

Act for Liberty

The Pittsburgh Convention will be concerned with a great many pressing and important problems of its own organization and of specific issues. Doubtless it will support resolutions in favor of Angelo Herndon, sentenced to twenty years in a Georgia chain-gang, of Mooney and Billings and many another in their struggle for freedom. Doubtless, you the delegates will speak out on matters of academic freedom and in the great and glorious cause of world peace.

Two things, however, matter most of all to the Convention, to youth, and to the great mass of us, who, under the shadow of insecurity, seek more abundant life as the result of our own honest toil. Those two things are, first a clear understanding of the goal we seek, and second effective organization to achieve it.

The goal we seek is the federation of the cooperative commonwealths of mankind. It is the society in which the fruits of labor go to the workers and not to an owning class. It is a world of planned production for well shared abundance. It demands social ownership of the great resources and the means of production in order that there may be more individual enjoyment of the good things of life. It is a world where

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"Carry on Comrades, in your fight for a brave new workers' world."

**FANNIA M. COHEN
NEW YORK CITY**

YPSL Convention Resolutions Blast Reaction; Point Out Three Defects Of National Youth Administration

The last several years have seen a wave of reactionary legislation and violation of civil liberties sweep the country that threatens every fundamental right the Labor movement exists on.

We call on the workers of America and all liberty loving citizens to unite in the defense of free speech, free press, and the right of organization. Every resource must be used to combat the anti-Labor propaganda of the Hearst press and other instruments that are being used to lobby for reactionary legislation.

We demand the release of those fighters of the working class who have been imprisoned for their part in the struggle to better conditions for the workers. We especially ask that support be given the campaign for the release of Angelo Herndon, Negro organizer of the southern unemployed, the Morganfield, Ky.

civil liberties and justice to the individual are respected as they cannot be in the hate and confusion of a disintegrating capitalist nationalism. We shall not be so busy serving the abstraction man to forget what we owe to individual men in religious and civil freedom.

"As You Love Life"

In our own country the vital task of organization requires the intelligent cooperation of youth with the American Labor Movement, with forward looking farm organizations and with Consumers Cooperatives. It requires that we give meaning and reality to the confusions of the American political struggle, first by obtaining the passage of a Workers Rights Amendment to make democracy constitutional and rescue us from the government of the dead hand administered through a judicial oligarchy. Second, it requires a federated farmer-labor party in order to use a Workers Rights' Amendment and all other governmental power for achieving plenty, peace, and freedom. There will be no satisfactory political mass movement save as we win strong elements of farmers and workers. There will be no satisfactory political mass movement except as we build into it as the very center of its life a Socialist Party which knows the way it is going, a Socialist Party which understands that the true fulfillment of the American Revolution is the establishment, pray God the peaceful establishment, of a new Declaration of Independence, from the war and exploitation inherent in the system under which we have been governed and in loyalty to which so many generations of young men have lost youth, yes, life itself. **Young men and women of America, as you love life and hate war, love freedom and hate tyranny, seek your emancipation and the fulfillment of your hopes by establishing Socialism in your time.**

unemployed who were imprisoned while organizing for better living conditions, and Ward Rodgers, organizer of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union.

We pledge ourselves to continue the fight on race discrimination and to work for the release of the Scottsboro boys, symbols of race injustice in America.

We send our greetings to Tom Mooney and rededicate ourselves to the fight for his freedom.

The National Youth Administration, born out of the government's recognition of the increasing discontent among the young people of America, has put forth a program in which there are three outstanding evils:

1—The allotment of \$50,000,000 is totally inadequate for the nearly five million young people unemployed in this country of whom only a slight portion can be given consideration by this plan.

2—The wage scale of fifteen dollars weekly to those on work relief, fifteen dollars monthly to those in colleges, and six dollars monthly to those in high schools, is not only inadequate as a relief measure but assumes proportions of a threat to wage standards of the American workers. Federal aid to youth must not be made the excuse for smashing wage standards of employed workers.

3—The failure of the plan to tackle the problem of the youth realistically is emphasized by the President's statement of the purpose of the National Youth Administration as being an attempt to "do something for the nation's unemployed youth because we can ill afford to lose the skill and energy of these young men and women." Here we see that we are told that its purpose is to give a sop to youth, to bring discontented elements into the camp of administration supporters.

The immediate needs of youth are enough jobs for all young people at a living wage. The N.Y.A. will not even attempt to answer these immediate needs adequately unless Youth and Labor unitedly raise their voices in protest against the present program and for an adequate substitute.

The government wastes enormous sums of money on armaments and relief to crumbling combinations of big business. This money, plus money obtained from income taxes and capital levies on the handful of wealthy financiers and industrialists, should be used for immediate aid to the large mass of young people who are exposed to hunger, destitution and lack of educational opportunities.

A permanent solution for youth's problems can only be brought about by the victory of the Socialist movement and the construction of a Socialist Society.

Greetings from the

**AMALGAMATED CLOTHING
WORKERS OF AMERICA**

Affiliated with the American Federation of Labor

**SIDNEY HILLMAN, JOSEPH SCHLOSSBERG,
General President General Sec'y-Treas.**

Greetings

From the

**MISCELLANEOUS LOCALS
JOINT COMMITTEE**

of the

Int'l Ladies Garment Workers Union

**3 West 16th Street
NEW YORK CITY**

F. H. UMHEY, Secretary

PSL Convention Moves to Meet New World Conditions

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Entrance into the Socialist party, will enable them to perform more effective Socialist work in their early years in the movement.

The arguments against raising the age limit and for maintaining it at 25 were: that experienced comrades were not numerous not because they "graduated" too soon from YPSL work but because the newness of the revived YPSL had not yet permitted any large number of trained members to develop; that the wide gap in outlook and interests of those between 25 and 30 and those below 25 was too great to bridge in one organization; that the 25 year age limit is entirely adequate on the student field; and, that we should be glad to send our members over 25 into the Socialist Party which is the most important and controlling group in the American Socialist movement.

Referendum to Decide

The age limit raising proponents won by a fairly large majority, but upon request of 25% of the delegates, a referendum was authorized and has already begun. A compromise proposal for a raise in age-limit to 27 was defeated but was also included in the referendum.

The arguments around the issue of drastically controlling publications were far too long and involved for a detailed listing. However, the basic points brought out in favor of drastic control were: This would help discipline; would tend to eliminate forces making for disunity; the Young Socialist Review is an adequate forum for free expression within the League, and, previous Socialist experience with uncontrolled publications, such as the old "Appeal to Reason" which supported the world war, proved the present condition of irresponsible publications should not be continued.

The counter proposal provided for control of publications but not of "statements." The advocates of this proposal stated that the first proposal would abridge the right of free expression of YPSL members; would not tend towards greater unity within the League since statements were the reflection of groupings and not their cause; further, that free expression would tend to resolve and clarify issues; and, that the only

YPSL Moves to Broaden American Youth Congress

"OUTSIDE YOUTH WORK" COMMITTEE IN CHARGE

One of the many important subjects coming before the 8th National YPSL convention was the American Youth Congress.

A statement was adopted outlining League policy on the American Youth Congress, which stated in part: "The YPSL will work in the American Youth Congress to make it a broad and representative expression of the

U. OF C. STADIUM SITE OF MIDWEST WORKERS MEET

Chicago—New event after new event come crowding hard upon each other in the world of workers' sports, inspired, it seems, by the unified Workers Sports League of America.

Probably the biggest Workers' Sports Event to date in America will be the huge Track and Field Meet sponsored by the Midwest District of the Workers' Sports League. It will be held at the University of Chicago Stadium, Stagg Field, August 31—September 1. Hundreds of participants are expected in the events and several thousand in the mass drill.

Ball and Outing Add Zest to Meet

The evening of September 1st will witness a Grand Proletarian Festival at the imposing ball room of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union on Chicago's West Side.

bar to statements should be when they prevented unity of action. The Convention decided against drastic control, but its advocates succeeded in having the entire question thrown to membership referendum.

The last work of the convention was to elect a new National Executive Committee and national officers. Ernest Erber, former secretary of the Cook County (Chicago) YPSL was elected National Chairman without contest. Ben Fischer, former New York League secretary, was elected National Secretary over Winston Dancis, former national secretary, by a vote of 48 to 39. The National Executive Committee elected, in addition to the two na-

Youth of America and to make it a federated body nationally and locally of authorized representatives of the main youth organizations and of all youth organizations. We will work to place the control of the Congress in the hands of the non-political, non-partisan youth groups and will fight vigorously against any attempt at political domination of the Congress, its functions or any of its committees, as well as against any vagueness in organizational structure. We will seek to base the Youth Congress structure on recognized organizations rather than on individuals whose affiliations are dubious."

YPSL Will Help Broaden Congress

In line with this general policy, the NEC declared, "In an attempt to bring the National Youth bodies into the Congress, the YPSL will seek to work out means of cooperation between those groups and groups affiliated with the Congress in order to bring the National Youth bodies that are not in the Congress closer to its ideals and its activities; Joint legislative work in relation to the National Youth Administration, the Workers' Rights Amendment and specific youth problems will be the basis of such cooperation."

A committee of Murray Plavner, Chairman of the New York State Youth Committee Against Child Labor, Nat Weinberg, leader of AYC activities, Al Hamilton, National Chairman of the Student LID and Chairman of the Social Action Committee of the National Council of Methodist Youth, and Winston Dancis and Aaron Levenstien, New York members of the NEC, was set up to function as an "Outside Youth Work Committee." The American Youth Congress work will be in the hands of this committee.

tional officials, is composed of Willie Goldberg, Los Angeles, Tarmo Hannula, Massachusetts, Gloria Waldron, St. Louis, Winston Dancis, New York, Milt Weisberg, Pittsburgh, Leon Shull, Philadelphia, Aaron Levenstien, New York, who had all served on the previous NEC, and two new members, Charles Hryniewiecki of Milwaukee and Hy Fish of Cleveland, the latter a member of the NEC of two years ago.

Canada's Crusade of Jobless Youth Meets Iron Heel

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ing in their ears from Vancouver to Regina they reached the latter city. From Vancouver to Regina the strikers rode on top of box cars, braving all the elements of nature, while inside, cattle were bedded down, well fed, and being taken care of. Cattle were of more value than human life.

Numerous public meetings were held which finally led up to the fracas Monday evening, July 1. The meeting was called under the auspices of the Relief Camp Workers Union and Citizens Emergency Committee, being attended by three thousand of which 90 percent were citizens and 10 percent strikers. The first speaker had finished speaking and a relief camp striker was making an appeal for finances.

Canadian Mounted Play New Role for Workers

Suddenly a whistle blew. Fifty city police rushed the crowd swinging batons and clubbing everyone they met. From all sides came Royal Canadian Mounted Police throwing tear gas bombs, clubbing down men, women and children. The crowd became frantic and rushed to all parts to gain shelter from this unwarranted attack. Citizens and strikers commenced throwing rocks to defend themselves.

It is necessary to point out that at this time some fifteen hundred strikers were at the stadium, approximately three hundred at a baseball game and the rest were attending the meeting.

Five minutes after City and R.C. M.P. rushed the meeting, cavalry appeared and clubbed everybody that they saw on the streets. Strikers appeared on downtown streets, formed in fours singing "Hold the Fort" and proceeded to march to the Stadium to avoid trouble, when again they were attacked by the police. Strikers and citizens were forced to set up barricades and defend themselves. Four hours after citizens were still inspecting the numer-

Worker Sportsmen of East Compete in N.Y. Track Carnival

New York City—The newly formed Workers' Sports League (American section of the Socialist Workers Sport International) is laying the foundation for a spirited organizational drive by planning its first Metropolitan District track and field meet in "Victory Field" (Forest Park) Queens, N. Y. on October 5 and 6.

This track and field meet will be the largest demonstration in Workers Sports the Metropolitan area has ever witnessed in a public park. Teams representing practically every eastern club affiliated with the Socialist and Workers Sport movement will compete. Among the entrants are the crack Finnish trackmen and unexcelled German Socialist gymnasts.

Events for All

All clubs may participate in any of the following events: Mass calisthenics, soccer, wrestling, all track and field events, and variations of regular standard games. There is at least two months time in which interested clubs and individuals may prepare.

All out of town visitors will be provided with lodgings free of charge. Address all communications to comrade Fritz Geyer, 5936-70th Ave., Ridgewood, Queens, N. Y. for entry blanks and other information.

ous bullet holes and broken plate glass windows.

Strikers Preserve Order Broken By Police

Numerous incidents witnessed by us were the following: "While police were fighting citizens and strikers in the heart of the city other strikers were patrolling the outskirts of the danger zone warning citizens not to enter because they might be injured. In other words, the strikers were policing the city while the police were rioting."

"Red Cross Strikers treating police, citizens and strikers even though they were clubbed and eventually arrested by the police."

Over one hundred strikers and citizens have been arrested. These young men, the average age of twenty-three years of age, have been condemned to relief camps with no future prospects ahead of them. They have proven to the citizens of Canada, the necessity of a change in our economic set up, they have awakened the citizens to the plight of our youth.

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New NEC Chooses League Department Heads for 1935-'36

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meeting in a one day post-convention session in this city, Monday, July 22, all eleven members of the newly-elected National Executive Committee buckled down to the task of providing the machinery to carry out the Convention program for the ensuing year.

Since the convention was not able to consider all committee reports, the NEC approved final drafts of resolutions (some reprinted elsewhere in this issue) and adopted, with revisions, the reports of the Student, Cultural, Industrial and Organization committees.

Referendum Scheduled

Winston Dancis and the national secretary, Ben Fischer, were placed in charge of supervising the two referendums ordered by the petition of 25 percent of the convention delegates—that on raising the age limit from 25 to 30 will be held August 1st through the 21st. The referendum on statements and publications will take place September 15th through October 14th.

Outside Youth Work

A statement was adopted outlining League policy on the American Youth Congress, which is printed in part in the current issue's story on that congress. A committee of Murray Plavner, Chairman of the New York State Youth Committee Against Child Labor, Nat Weinberg, leader in AYC activities, Al Hamilton, National Chairman of the Student LID and Chairman of the Social Action Committee of the National Council of Methodist Youth, and Winston Dancis and Aaron Levenstien, New York NEC members, was set up to function as an "Outside Youth Work" committee. The American Youth Congress work will be in the hands of this committee.

The NEC also decided in this respect that all circles be asked to organize local Labor Youth Councils of sympathetic youth groups for the purpose of carrying on joint activity and coordinating work. An additional task assigned to this committee is the supervision of the YPSL share of the campaign for the Workers' Rights Amendment.

League Department Heads Chosen

Heads of the various League Departments were set up as follows: Walter Storey of Philadelphia re-elected National Educational Secretary; Violet Eberil elected National Cultural Secretary; and, Winston Dancis chosen Eastern District Secretary. Heads of the other departments will be chosen as rapidly as acceptances of the nominees are received. Challenge Editorial Board and staff details are in a special story on it.

A National Organization Committee of 6 was elected to function on matters requiring action between NEC meetings. It is composed of Ben Fischer, Ernest Erber and Syd Davin of Chicago, Gloria Waldron of St. Louis, Chuck Hryniewiecki of Milwaukee and John Van Hazinga of Kenosha. A committee of Frank Stern, GNYF director of Athletics, Tarmo Hannula, member of the Workers' Sports League Executive Board, and Syd Devin, Cook County Sports Director, was set up to direct League sports activities and relations with the Workers' Sports League.

The perennial united front proposal of the Young Communist League was replied to by a letter which demanded that the YCL not further ignore the questions raised by the YPSL in its previous replies to such offers — questions concerning the union-splitting policy of the communists, their stand on the "united front from below," "social-fascism," etc.

The next meeting of the NEC will take place August 31st—September 2 in either Milwaukee or Chicago.

Cultural Jamboree At Camp Eden On August 24-25 '35

New York City—Sponsored by the Cultural Committee of the Greater New York Federation of the YPSL, a well-planned jamboree will be held on the week end of August 24-25 at Camp Eden, 50 miles out of the city. The program, which begins with "eats," swimming, and relaxation on arrival at Camp Eden, via bus, at 3:00 P. M. will round off Saturday with a concert, dramatics, and a midnite camp fire.

PITTSBURGH BOUND VIA THUMB



Snapped as they entered the city of Pittsburgh, these three Socialist girls were typical of scores of other delegates and visitors to the 8th National Convention of the YPSL. From left to right, these three girls, all of Bronx, N. Y. are; Lee Dillon, Ruth Etkin and Mildred Goldman. We thank the Pittsburgh Press for permission to reprint this picture.

War Menace Chief Youth Danger

Declares Convention Resolution

The eight National Convention of the Young People's Socialist League of America meets at a time when the smoldering embers of international conflict, ever present under capitalism, threaten to break into a new world conflagration. The competition of the various imperialist nations for the raw materials and the markets of the world leads inevitably to war. The world crisis of capitalism has increased the mad rush of the imperialists for further conquests. Japanese penetration of China threatens to continue until Japanese imperialism has undisputed sway over the political and economic life of the Chinese people. Italian fascism seeks to divert the attention of the restless masses of Italy from their economic plight by engaging in a war of conquest with Ethiopia, last independent Negro nation of the African continent.

The Y.P.S.L. again points out to the peoples of all nations that war fought by imperialist nations are imperialist wars fought for the profit of the owning class. The workers' share is the mutilated bodies of its youth, the increased privation of wartime and the debt burden of billions wasted by destruction.

All such wars are fought in the name of some sacred cause. We

remind the people of America of the slogan to "make the world safe for democracy" and "a war to end war." Today, we witness the tendency to involve the people of the nations with parliamentary governments in imperialist wars under the slogan of "war against fascism."

We put no faith in League of Nations or peace pacts of capitalist nations. We regret that the weakening of the defensive position of the Soviet Union as a result of the rise of Hitler and the triumph of Fascism in Germany had led to reliance on the broken reed of the League of Nations and such tragic devices as the military alliance with capitalist France. This is not the way of revolutionary struggle.

The defense of peace and of the Soviet Union as well must be based on the international solidarity of the working class determined that war preparation must be fought, the militarization of youth resisted, the general strike against war prepared and, if all else fails, to use the war crisis for the overthrow of capitalism.

TO THIS PROGRAM WE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE OF AMERICA PLEDGE OUR DEVOTION AND OUR ENERGIES, AND WE JOIN HANDS WITH THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS OF ALL NATIONS IN THIS STRUGGLE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM AND FOR INTERNATIONAL SLOGAN IN OUR TIME!

CHALLENGE ITEM

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Adopting an aggressive program to increase the circulation and influence of The Challenge, the National Convention of the YPSL ordered the full support of the League to be mobilized behind a Fall Subscription Drive for 5,000 new subscribers as the means thru which a regular eight page paper will be attained by the end of 1935.

The drive will center around a corps of speakers to be toured nationally in behalf of The Challenge. One of these speakers will be August Tyler, YPSL representative to the Copenhagen Congress of the Socialist Youth International in the latter part of this month. Other speakers will be chosen for their ability and knowledge of the problems of youth today.

October Declared "Socialist Youth Press Month"

October was declared "SOCIALIST YOUTH PRESS MONTH" and will be the period of the most intense effort of the Fall Drive. The Managing Editor was authorized to issue a special Challenge Handbook, either separately or as part of the official League Handbook as decided by the Organization Committee which is in charge of the work. This Challenge Handbook will be the basis for a full meeting on the problems and policies of a Socialist Youth Press which every YPSL circle will conduct during October.

Every circle was ordered to choose at once a Challenge Agent and to communicate that person's name and address to The Challenge office. All Challenge monies received by League subdivisions are to be kept separate from general League funds it was decided. Posters and stickers advertising The Challenge were author-

ized. The Convention also approved the renewal of the offer to the Workers Sports League of America which would give one page of an 8 page paper to workers sports news on the basis of that organization guaranteeing a prescribed number of subscriptions.

At the first meeting of the newly elected National Executive Committee, in Pittsburgh, July 22, Syd Devin of Chicago was re-elected Editor of The Challenge. Because of the increased pressure of work, the national secretary was authorized to engage a business manager to take over the business and circulation work of The Challenge, from applications for the position which are now being received at the national office, 549 Randolph St., Chicago.

Towards The Challenge of the Future

In accepting the position of Editor, Devin stated that "The separation of the editorial and business functions of The Challenge, made possible by its steady growth, will enable me to build on a well organized basis, a national corps of correspondents, reporters and feature writers that will be an asset even to a daily newspaper. We have within our League and allied youth organizations, the ability, talent and creative resources to turn out a "Challenge" that will meet with the acclaim of all Socialists and forward-looking youth, and that will earn the respect and fear of all enemies of labor.

"To provide an effective vehicle for the work of these comrades, it is imperative that every young Socialist whose devotion to labor is to be made effective, shall become one of the necessary army of builders of our Socialist Youth Press."

On with the Challengers

By SUB CHASER

The summer heat combined with "Conventionitis" has evidently affected our Challengers. A seasonal decline was due our new sub total but "it was never like this." We're sure ashamed to mention that it is only 127 for July and hope you are too.

August will be another tough month, a month that will require the cooperation of every friend of The Challenge. But beyond that month we can see many, many rays of Pollyanic light. Our corp of speakers which will tour the nation on behalf of The Challenge will be swinging into action. The new national YPSL constitution which requires every member to become a subscriber will start being enforced, and a real campaign will be waged among student and working youth in organizations other than the YPSL.

But meanwhile, it's up to us to "hold the fort," and believe you me, we need help in 60 point boldface type!

Here is July's sub chasers. More power to them and more subs to us!

WISCONSIN (20) Racine:— It's Edward Pahl from whom we haven't heard for many months who gets in the "club of the month" with 12 subs and puts the Badgers on top. Milwaukee: Evelyn Palm, efficient Challenge Agent of the Berger circle sends in 4.

CALIFORNIA (19) Los Angeles: Good news from the Pacific. Phil Wainman, aggressive new Challenge Agent for this city sends in his first 7. Fresno: Julius Richert tops him with 8. Berkeley: Gerti Landauer, former member of the German young Socialists, gets in her first club of 4.

NEW YORK (16) Bronx: Sylvia Lang comes through again with 6. Mannie Goldberg sends in a bob-tailed club of 3. Ozone Park: GNYF's industrial director, Jack Lynn, who sergeanted-at-arms the Convention, gets in his first 4.

INDIANA (13) Terre Haute: The home town of "Gene" Debs was front page news this last month when its workers decided to give their exploiters some general strike pills. And yet for another reason is Terre Haute real news—Violet Miller gets in her first club, a whopper, of nine. Indianapolis: Old reliable "Gene" Greuling gets in yet another club of 4.

ILLINOIS (13) Chicago: Karl Shier's club, bolstered by many a dribble of subs from other comrades, does the trick for sub chaser's home state.

OHIO (9) Cleveland: Nora Weintraub and Sam Verne get in 4 apiece. Portsmouth: John E. Morgan sends in his second club—5 this time.

PENNSYLVANIA (9) Reading: Clayton Mengel repeats with 3 while the balance singles and doubles through.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (8) Dorothy Horton gets in 11 from the new circle here.

MASSACHUSETTS (4) Fitchburg: John Hansen extracts his first club of 4 from a bunch of Finns here, judging from the names. One is from Taumo Valimaki who is a new addition to our Editorial Board.

Two of our comrades did fine work at two southern Socialist Summer Schools. Hilliard Bernstein of Richmond got in 4 from students at the North Carolina school and Charles D. Graham of Dallas did likewise at the Oklahoma school. Thanks boys, and keep it up in your home town.

Which winds up a mighty thin month, a fact we want to impress plenty on you Challengers. Seems like that July 8-pager fooled you all into thinking she was here at last but it's not so as you see by this issue. Well, I don't think we have to say any more, but as for you, just say it with subs.

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