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# **Building Service Workers Win YPSL** Aided Campaign

#### SOLIDARITY OF GARMENT WORKER BIG FACTOR

New York-Scoring with inspiring militancy, two amazing victories within three weeks, Local 32B of the Building Service Employees International Union has set afire the spirit of this city's labor movement in a struggle in which Young Socialists played no minor part. Early in November, it organized a strike of nearly ten thousand elevator men in the famous mid-town garment center of New York, throwing the entire distrist into utter confusion.

The large sections of class-conscious trade union workers who toil in this district refused to ride in scab elevators. Some walked up thirteen, twenty and sometimes more stories, but in many cases, the more aggressive unionists refused to walk, nor would they ride the elevators less to say the strike was a remarkable success. The bosses conceded everything.

### YPSL "Handles" Holdout

There was only one important holdout. An important building was owned by the Democratic boro president of Manhattan, Samuel S. Levy. He would have nothing to do with the union. In the offices of the New York YPSL, preparations has been completed for picketing his home, his office, and his building on that grand and elaborate scale for which this city's Yipsels have won wide renown. But Levy found out about the preparations and before the pickets could reach their posts he had hurriedly settled with the union.

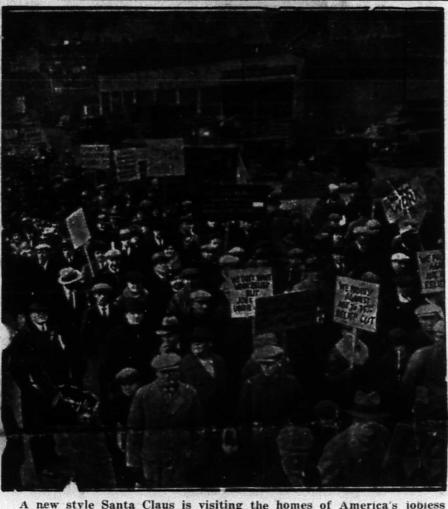
Throughout the strike, a large group of young Socialists played an active and leading role in its organng role in ization, picketing, and general field activity. The Ladies Garment Shipping Clerk's Union sent a group of its members, some of whom were YPSL members, into the situation to do some of the most difficult tasks of the strike. Most of the strikers realized that Socialists were giving the field leadership in the struggle. As a result they jammed into a huge hall, 7,000 strong, cheering with indescribable enthusiasm, the rousing speeches by Norman Thomas, Frank Crosswaithe, and Bill Gomberg who marshalled the YPSL contingent in the strike.

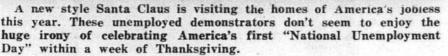
### City-Wide Strike Next!

Many Yipsels were arrested in the course of the strike, but with scarcely a halt, the New York League immediately swung behind the preparations for a second strike—this one to be a general city-wide strike in a field which includes some 275,000 workers. The bosses, too, were preparing. The Real Estate Board had been hiring thugs and scabs for two weeks at high speed. One Republican District captain, unwittingly, even gave a tip for a job scabbing in the expected strike, to be gotten through a well-known detective agency, to the Industrial Director of the New York YPSL. No more scabs were hired by that agency!

But at the last minute, the city authorities intervened. Mayor La Guardia, who had his reputation as a liberal to maintain, appointed a commission to arbitrate. Because of

### JOBLESS GET "HOLIDAY" SPIRIT







# WHY YOUNG SOCIALISTS WORK WITH

"How much do you want for it?" the hardboiled union leader asked the committee from the Young People's Socialist League which had come to offer its help in the strike.

'Nothing, of course. We help because it is in the interest of all working people to build a mighty trade union movement in the United States."

That is the answer of young Socialists all over the nation. Union men and women at first are amazed. Traditionally, people do not do something

Young Socialists do not work for unions for nothing. They work for unions because they know that the interests of the great masses of people in America, that the hope of the mass of American youth, depends on the growth and development of the trade union movement, more than on any other single

Union men and women are getting over their amazement and perplexity. It is becoming clear and plain to them that unions mean something of prime importance to thousands of young men and women who call themselves "Yipsels." And as they understand this fact more and more clearly, they also understand more and more clearly that there is something

more in trade unionism than jobs, wages and hours. They see the young Socialists fighting harder than even the average union members. They see them making great sacrifices. And they begin to understand that there is a connection of vital importance between trade unionism and Socialism. They begin to look upon their union as something more than a business affair, where upon the payment of a certain amount of dues, the union fights for better conditions for the worker who pays the dues.

Young Socialists are making labor history in many parts of the country today-through determined, courageous and patient work on the industrial field they are helping trade union struggles, making Socialism a by-word in thousands of shops; making it clearer and clearer to Socialists everywhere that is in the struggles, the organization and the power of the workers themselves that the basis, the lifeblood and the hope of Socialist aspirations lie.

It is on the trade union field that workers in great masses realize their power for the first time. It is in strikes, small and large, that workers learn from first-hand experience of the nature of the clash of exploiting class and working class and the place where working men and women belong.

# **Workers Gets Job**

State employment service, it announced. On an average, only one out of eight applicants is placed in a job.

Code wages, the department points out, while raising wages offered to boys and girls, have tended to decrease the proportion of jobs open. closed. He states further that al-"Employers argue that, if they are required to pay a minimum wage, they will do better to hire adults."

How relief, insuffecient though it is, has kept wages from falling even been some expansion is that of gene-lower, is revealed in the report. "The ral adult education. But here, accordwage range for young workers is ing to the speaker, teachers, almost protected in a measure by the refu- destitute, have been paid wages the strategic position of the union and its determination and strength jobs paying wages too low to live on," the report states.

| Smaller than the lowest paid laborates on relief rolls, and relief rather than education is the main purpose.

### One in Eight Young EDUCATION CUTS FALL HEAVIEST ON RURAL KIDS

New York (FP). - About 8,000 has allowed its educational system boys and girls between the ages of so to suffer," in the crisis as the 17 and 20 apply monthly for work United States, Edmund S. Brunner at the offices of the New York of the Teachers College, Columbia University, speaking before the National Rural Forum, pointed out that the terms in tens of thousands of rural schools have been reduced to only two or three months a year, and hundreds have been entirely thoungh high school enrollment since 1930 has increased 53%, expenses per child have been reduced 24%.

The only field in which there has been some expansion is that of genethan education is the main purpose. mistic."

### CCC Boys Mustn't "No other nation in the world See Unpollyanic Book

Washington, (FP)-Social change, even if discussed in the mildest liberal way, is apparently considered a dangerous subject for young, jobless workers in CCC camps to think about, judging from the banning of a pamphlet entitled "You and Machines," by Prof. Wm. F. Ogburn of the University of Chicago.

The pamphlet was financed by the General Education Board, a New York Rockefeller foundation.

But CCC Director Robert Fechner served notice on War and Education offices that he found it unsuitable. He said that passages pointing out that technological unemby machines made necessary a new "social technic," were too "unopti-

## Jobless Demonstrate Protest as Relief Rolls Hit New High

### Youth in Vanguard as **Unemployed March**

Facing a sixth bitter winter of mounting suffering, the nation's organized unemployed, for the first time since the beginning of the depression, have swung into action on a national scale. Thousands of jobless workers, accompanied by more thousands of sympathetic unionists and Socialists, marched throughout the nation, November 24th, the first "National Unemployment Day."

In the line of march, sometimes under the banners of the organizations of the unemployed to which they belonged, sometimes under their own League banners, marched hundreds of young Socialists, cheering and singing the marchers into enthusiasm. In New York, Milwaukes Chicago, Pittsburgh, in scor lesser centers, the unemployed massed before their local relief headquarters to present their demands. No More Relief on "Squeal Basis"

But of far greater significance than the specific demands they presented, is the fact that these jobless men, women, and youngsters were serving notice on the powers that be, that no longer were they to be carried through another winter on just enough "to keep them from squealing," as one frank relief of-ficial stated.

Men do not take to the streets unless the pressure is great. The pressure was great. For the depression has not yielded to the soothing of the New Deal as government figures themselves show.

That relief rolls, unemployment and their kindred miseries are mounting, is well known. What is not so well known is the dreadful havoc offspring or capitalism are wreaking upon the children of Amer-

"Out of the Hides of Children"

Referring to the unemployment relief census taken in October, 1933, Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Relief Administrator, declared, "The costs of the depression are taken out of the hides of children." The census reveals that out of a total of 12,-943,000 then on relief, 5,250,000 were children under 16.

Today, more than one year after this census was taken, Hopkins admits that the total on relief is upwards of 17,000,000. (He predicts 23,000,000 before the winter is over). Maintaining the same proportion of children to adults as prevailed in the October, 1933 figures, there are today 7,177,000 children under 16, dependent for their very existence on federal, state and local relief.

The New "Lost Generation"

Black as is their present, the future of these more than seven million youngsters is darker. How many of them will ever be permitted the luxury of earning their own living? How many of them will ever experience the normal joy of establishing a home and rearing children in reasonable security and comfort?

These things will never be for this new "lost generation." Subsidized in their misery that they and their class shall not threaten the flow of profits into the coffers of the coupon clippers, these youngsters are foreployment and other problems brought doomed to a dreary existence in perpetual poverty. Capitalism is dying, but in the process it is blasting the future of America's youth.

## Let's Visit The New York League

New York City's Young Socialist movement is becoming known to the population. In a city of seven million that is a grand achievement. Everyone in New York knows that there are Socialists. Apparently they all assume that there are younger ones too. But larger and larger sections of New York's population are begining to know what a blue-shirted young man or woman stands forwhen he or she wears a red tie and a red armband. In fact, in trade union circles-there are about 300, 000 trade unionists in New Yorkworkers even know what the word "Yipsel" stands for.

There are about 1200 Yipsels in New York. Somewhat more than half this number may be called active.

In every strike, excepting of the staid conservative and the reactionary unions, the Yipsels are summoned for duty. Sometimes that means doing some dull routine work. Sometimes duty means doing these things which none but young men and women fighting for a NEW WORLD would do. Usually the Yipsels are successful, sometimes they are not. They did not succeed in winning the strike of the textile yarn workers recently during the general strike. "In Shop And School"

In somewhere between 60 and 70 high-schools and colleges, the Yipsels, as leading members of the Student League for Industrial Democracy, carry on a continuous campaign among their fellow class-mates. In every labor demonstration, the Yipsels are well-represented. Whenever the YPSL as such is called to demonstrate, between 500 and 1,000 show up. As many as 500 have appeared in their Yipsel uniforms, with their fifty or more red banners, with their military-like lines, with their slogans and red songs shaking the streets of New York.

That's the glamor.

Behind the glamor-there are lipsels, distributing leaflets, carrying platforms, selling literature and Socialist newspapers, holding small local mass meetings, rallies, forums, debates, organizing the local unem-ployed, helping small local strikers, fighting anti-labor injunctions, doing every possible type of local antifascist work-campaigning all year round on cultural fronts.

Wherever there is a symbol of injustice, wherever there is a chance to point out the Socialist road-the Yipsels are to be found.

#### SPARTACUS YOUTH DRIFT FROM ISOLATION POLICY

New York-In line with current developments which are bringing into by Midred Geldman and Paul Aragon free tickets to football games! to their fellow-members of the Spartacus Youth League, expressed their cialist party into a mass workingclass movement.

The statement scores the Com-munist League of America, parent organization of the Spartacus Youth League, for its attempt to perpetuate books used in Canadian schools can the division and confusion of class conscious workers by setting up a in their treatment of war and peace "new revolutionary party" instead of and international relations, according joining with those who have had "the to a survey completed by the Cananecessary revolutionary courage" to dian branch of the Women's Intercompletely break with the ways of national League for Peace and Freethe past.

### SLID CONVENTION **DURING HOLIDAY**

Chicago-Meeting at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, a suburb of this city, Dec. 27 and 28, the Student League for Industrial Democracy will hold one national convention this year, instead of an eastern and a midwestern conference as in previous years, the growth of flourishing chapters on the west coast making this possible.

The tentative program includes discussion of opportunities for college graduates in the labor movement and the organization of unions for profesional workers in addition to organizational sessions. John Stafford Cripps will be present as a fraternal delegate from the University Labor Federation of England. Prof. Morris R. Cohen, Fred Henderson, and possibly Norman Thomas, are scheduled to speak.

#### NSFA Also To Convene

The National Student Federation of America is holding its 10th annual conference in Parker House, Boston, Dec. 28, through Jan 1. Academic freedom, disarmament as a means of peace, activity fees, and, the New Deal and youth will be among the subjects on the agenda. The NSFA is the national organization composed of officers of student councils.

### YOUTH AGAINST WAR & MILITARISM

On October 26th, 235 students at Akron University voted in favor of optional drill as against compulsory, while 152 declared for mandatory drill. Anti-drill students are preparing a vigorous resistance to continued compulsion. Local clergymen have attacked the attitude of the authorities and public opinion is aroused.

"You can't each 'en peace too early," declared a father who brought a 3-year old by one hand and a 4-year old by the other to march with the Red Falcons in the Nov. 11th Anti-War parade in Milwaukee. "The kids wanted to march, so here we are." Of the ten thousand marchers braved the chill November blasts, the largest section were from arrangements committee met in Mayor Dan Hoan's office, and in- at a saving. cluded representatives from churches and communist organizations as well as the labor unions and Socialist LESS CASH AND TEACHERS

Authorities at Ohio State Univerthe Socialist party many unattached sity, scene last year of a student re- less licensed teachers in the U. S radicals and members of the myriad volt against compulsory drill, have A million more pupils have entered of splinter groups, young radicals announced that no student will be school this year. But 25,000 teachers in like circumstances are similarly exempt because of conscientious op- have been dropped and school budgets joining with the Young People's So- position to military training, but that have been cut half a million dollars cialist League. A statement issued sophmores taking drill will be given as compared with last year.

Young people of Edmonton, Aldetermination to forsake the sec- berta, Canada, at their annual relitarian isolation which has heretofore gious camp conference, adopted a been their fate, and join with the statement declaring war, aggressive Y.P.S.L. in building it and the So- or defensive, contrary to Christian principles, and, with it, asserting the profit system in economics to be a chief cause of war.

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### German Refugee



TONY SENDER,

well-known European Socialist and woman labor leader-a former member of the German Reichstag-will lecture in this country under the auspices of the Socialist party during January, February and March

#### **EXCELLENT RESPONSE** MEETS NEW MAGAZINE

New York-With two issues off the press, Arise, new Socialist and Labor literary magazine, has been met with a response exceeding even the warmest expectations of its launchers. The October and November issues both contained numerous articles contributed by members of the Young People's Socialist League. Aaron Levenstien's article on Viola Ilma, buxom blond instigator of the American Youth Congress, was an outstanding piece of analytical retheir late uprising.

The magazine is published by Rebel

Arts, Socialist cultural organization located at 22 East 22nd Street in New York City. Subscription prices the Workers' Committee, Milwaukee's are: One Dollar per year and sixty militant unemployed organization in cents for 6 months. There are bulk which many Yipsels are active. The prices which makes it possible for YPSL circles to order in quantity

### BUT STUDENTS INCREASE

New York-There are 200,000 job-

School Executive's Magazine.

### A LABOR PLAY **FOR TODAY**

"We Ain't A-Goin' Back" by Hazel Cunard.. A one act play in four scenes. Published by the Cultural Committee, Socialist Party of Ohio.

The events of this play occurred early in the strike of the onion weeders in Hardin County, Ohio, This strike, still raging, is Socialist led and help for the strikers is coming almost exclusively from the Socialist Party. This play was written to aid in raising funds and to help in spreading knowledge of the true conditions prevailing amongst this courageous band of exploited workers.

The play deals with the early efforts of Hardin County preachers to break the strike, requires but five main characters and four to eight other brief spoken parts, and very simply staging. The people are human, the principle events actually happen and are still happening. Simply written, it has the power of the sincere, courageous men and women who are actually doing the fighting there on the marshes.

It can be secured from the author, Hazel Cunard, at Barnesville, Ohio for 10c per copy. All proceeds from the sale of copies go to strike relief. It is good. It is timely. Whether staged or not it should be read. It is a moving document on an epic came the modest reply. struggle.

### Philly YPSL Fights **Mass-Picketing Ban**

Combining theory with practice is more than a mere phrase to Walter Storey, National Educational Director of the YPSL, He, together with case. Nat Weinberg, Philadelphia County YPSL organizer, and Joseph Schwartz, County Chairman of the Socialist Party, and about thirty girl strikers were arrested in a shop strike in the neckwear industry.

This city has an ordinance requiring that the permission of the police be obtained before any mass picket line is formed. In practice this ordinance means that the police must be notified in time to prepare to destroy the effectiveness of the picket line. The arrests of the strikers and Socialists are the first step in a fight to the finish campaign Philadelphia Socialists are determined to wage until this ordinance is wiped off the books.

While all those arrested were discharged, the fight will be continued tormentor and shouted: until someone is convicted and the until someone is convicted and the "If I was as smart as you, Mr. case is appealed and won on grounds Levy, I'd be a lawyer too." of unconstitutionality or until the endoned by the police. In either event, wouldn't be a cop." local League members will remain in issue is brought to a successful conin a study of school statistics in the clusion for the workers of Philadelphia.

### Thumbing My Nose

by Belly Acre

"At the Bar of Justice"

In the past few months, a number of Young Socialists have been arrested on various charges and compelled to stand trial as a result of strike activities. The day of trial has often been circus-time for Yip-There was the case of the Bronx

YPSL'ers arrested for holding a street meeting in behalf of the Bakers' Union. Among the defendants was Sammy Rubin, the smallest Yipsel ever taken into captivity by the police. At the trial, the "people's case" was presented and considerably weakened by the skillful cross-examination of Jacob Panken, former judge elected on the Socialist ticket. As a climax in the defense, Judge Panken put Sammy Rubin, four feet tall, on the stand to testify. The district attorney rose to crossexamine.

"Are you a Socialist?" he asked.

"Yes," was the answer.
"Are you a member of the Young People's Socialist League?"

"I am."

"And," continued the prosecutor, his voice growing louder, "you are active in that organization?"

"Not as active as I should be,"

"Now," thundered the district attorney, approaching the tiny Yipsel whose head barely appeared above thewitness box, "isn't it true that you would lie to save your comra-

"A Socialist never lies!" snapped the witness, drawing himself up to his full height, as the court-room, jammed with his comrades, burst into applause and cheers. The judge agreed, too, for he dismissed the

### Cop Smarts Under Socialist Fire

Then there was the case of the New York Yipsels charged with violating an injunction. Local 306 of the Movie Operators Union has been restrained from picketing. Members of the Young People's Socialist League, appearing on the picket-line carrying placards of the Socialist Party, were promptly arrested. Matthew M. Levy, acting for the Socialist Lawyers Association, defended them on the trial.

A policeman testified against the young Socialists. Levy cross-examined him, neatly pointing out his contradictions, tore his story apart until the poor cop squirmed and wriggled on the witness-stand. No longer able to restrain himself, the red-faced policeman turned on his

"And if I were as smart as you," forcement of the ordinance is aban- fired back the Socialist lawyer, "I

The court-room suppressed its apthe forefront of the battle until the plause as the judge rapped for order.

### News Items

The New York Times reports: 'Owl Calls on Judge with Debated Intent. Some Think Visitor to Judge Sought Wisdom, but Host Says Bird Smelled a Rat.".. Is the last phrase a confession?

And on the financial page: "Seat on Stock Exchange Sells for \$75,000." Rather a stiff price for a peace of furniture, says the Yipsel punster.

#### \* \* \* \* Testimonial Dinner

Arthur G. McDowell, national chairman of the Young People's Socialist League, was recently feted by his comrades in Chicago, a town located in the state of Illinois. After the banquet came the speeches of prominent Socialists and trade unionists. Good speeches-good and long.

Finally the toast-master called on the YPSL spokesman, Bob Rogers. He rose, looked down longingly at a piece of silverware, frowned at the monogram, glanced up, measured the banqueteers with a glittering eye, and said:

"When there's literature to be distributed, who do you call on to do it? The Yipsels!

"When there's a strike on, who do you ask to picket with the strikers?

The Yipsels!" "When there's dirty work to be done like folding leaflets, cranking the mimeograph, lugging the platforms—it's the Yipsels again!
"But I'll be doggoned if you're gonna get us Yipsels to make after-dinner speeches, too!"

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### Fascism: "Impossible in America?"

Major General Smedly D. Butler, who was refused full command of the marines during the world war because he began his army career as a private and not as a graduate of West Point, is again rocking the very leaky boat of capitalism. Butler states that Gerald P. MacGuire, bond salesman, whose firm is at 52 Broadway, New York, asked him to organize 500, 000 war veterans into a fascist army organization, saying that the backers of the movement had \$3, 000,000 to start it.

MacGuire, according to Butler, discussed the need for a "man on a white horse" to lead the Fascist army organization, insisting that a show of armed force was the only way to save the capitalistic system. Butler said that if he did not take the army leader's job, it was to be offered to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff of the U.S. Army, whose term expired Nov. 21, or to Hanford MacNider of Iowa, former national commander of the American Legion.

There is already a bit of tendency to laugh this revelation off with the usual "Fascism is impossible in America." But something of the glibness with which this remark is usually delivered appears to have been knocked off. Fascism is as possible in America as in any other country where capitalism exists. For fascism is the method by which the owning class retains its power when the collapse of capitalism makes its position untenable within democratic forms of government.

Wherever capitalism extends and wherever its collapse becomes imminent, there will Fascism arise. The question is not "Is Fascism possibile in America?" The question is: Will the Farmers and Workers be sufficiently well organized when Fascism makes its bid for power to beat it to the draw?" That's our Socialist job to do, and it must be done, because when the capitalist class needs its fascist mercenaries there will be plenty of takers even if Butler turned them down.

### In God's Country

Millions of willing workers are damned to idleness and want while appalling quantities of food and clothing material are wilfully destroyed to satisfy the God of Profit. Profit that snatches crusts of bread from hungry mouths. Profit that dries the milk in mothers' breasts while babies starve and fathers mourn.

According to Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Administrator of the FERA, there are 7,000,000 children on the relief rolls. Who would dare say that they are receiving sufficient fruit, milk and eggs so essential for growing children on the miserable budgets allowed the un-

And yet we call ourselves a Christian and civilized nation. We are nothing more than children of the wild with empty heads, empty stomachs and empty

> From the Reporter, bulletin of the Illinois Workers' Alliance

### "Let Them Eat Cake" Had **Nothing on This**

Two American Girls, Nancy Leiter, 18-years old heiress to the Leiter millions, and Princess Alexis Mdivani, heiress of the Woolworth millions, were prominent in the world's news recently.

In spite of the nonsensical ballyhoo that there are no big fortunes any more, and that there is nothing to be taxed but the patient lives and sweat of the workers, these news reports tell the story of how Miss Leiter inherited \$1,300,000 on her eighteenth birthday and would no longer be compelled to worry along on a paltry \$5,000 per month; and how the Woolworth heiress gave an elaborate party, which cost \$20,000, to celebrate her 22nd birthday.

The party was given in Paris where starvation and destitution are even more rampant than in America. The majority of the guests wore some parisitic title. An orchestra was flown from London. Beds of orchids decorated the tables. Champagne flowed by the bucketful. A fabulous sum was wasted on the spavined nobility of a passing age to satisfy the whims of a daughter of an American exploiter.

These two young women are, perhaps, no different from thousands of other daughters and sons of America's idle rich. They live on a different plane—in a different atmosphere—oblivious and forgetful

of those from whose bodies and souls every dollar of unearned wealth was acquired. These heedless young people are really not to blame for their silly dissipating, wild abandon, and forgetfulness. They have not been taught to think the thoughts of normal people, any more than have the sons and daughters of the unfortunate victims of these massive purloined fortunes; all are victims of a vicious, heartless system.

But it does seem as if there would be some among them who would remember enough of the past-history to cause them to feel at least disquieted and fearful with this parading of revelous waste and huge fortunes in a world that is so fast becoming mad with the poverty and misery that great aggregations of wealth, riotous revels and degenerated nobility have caused. The French Revolution should not be so easy to forget in Paris. And upon the streets of Paris are many former "Russian Woolworth heiresess" and "Nancy Leiters" who could give these moderns some timely advice.

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### ALGEBRA AND REVOLUTION

square," several hundred thousand volutions. youths will be telling their teachers in a few days. And the teacher will course in military training. We should be telling them about equalities, and train our youth to fight-not in a radicals, and areas of revolution, and war for American against foreign progressions. He will explain to them power but for progress against rethe difference between rational and trogression. We should teach them to irrational radicals. He will talk to handle and throw dynamite-intelthem and give them assignments that lectual dynamite. We should show deal with the evolution of radicals. them how to form their battalions and And if one listens carefully he will armies-politically and industrially. hear the teacher talking about such And above all, we should teach them rebellious subjects as the addition and that the war is declared. multiplication of and the transformation into radicals in a class room for mathematics. And after it is over many thousand young men and women will leave our schools firmly convinced that radicals are found in mathematics and lunatic asylums.

### "Dividing Up"

that Z is equal to minus b plus or minus the square root of b squared mnus 4ac over 2a. How much more him that very shortly his wage would equal his labor minus rent, minus profit, minus interest, and that there subtracted from them when they get was nothing square about it. He will know all the formulae involved in mathematical and algebraic progressions and know little or nothing about tions are always a nuisance and that social progressions. He will learn to the working class can only fight for rearrange his X's and Y's and Z's to the progress it needs when all its fracremove all inequalities from his prob- tions are united to equal one. Ralems, but will pay little attention to the shifting of our social institutions to iron the inequalities out of our when all the quantities, known and human problems. He will labor many hours to obtain an equality of imaginary numbers and do little to obtain an equality of opportunity that shall be real and not imaginary. He will learn about areas and surfaces of by a few. And in order to do this evolution but never attempt to find we need a multiplication of radicals.

"X square plus Y square equals Z out the methods and purpose of re-

What we need in our schools is a

#### "Class Alignments"

The students of today, who in a few years will be workers of hand and brain, must realize that they need and must fight for progress. They must realize that the powers that be, the ruling classes, have opposed progress in the past and are opposing it today. Capitalists are quite content The student will learn with patience with things as they are and will fight any change the people demand. These students of mathematics who have learned that what is added in one important if it were impressed upon place is subtracted from the other, should also realize that what is taken by capital in the form of interest is the pay envelope.

Rational radicals are what this nation needs who will realize that fractional radicals are needed who can see that we can have progress only unknown, are moved over to the side of labor and there is left for indolence just one big juicy zero. Society collectively should displace the capitalist that society collectively may enjoy the fruits of our civilization now enjoyed

### CLASS STRUGGLES IN AMERICA

by Ernest Erber

Recently reissued in new edition by Charles H. Kerr & Co., this pamphlet by A. M. Simons, the one oustanding Marxist historian the American Socialist movement has produced, still remains the best brief analysis of America's historic development, despite the thirty year lapse since first published. It's one defect that the reader will deeply regret, is that someone has not brought it down to date. It cannot be too highly recommended, not only to the general reader, but for study class use. Chapter headings are conveniently arranged and its price makes it especially adapted for the latter use.\*

Class Divisions Begin Early

The first class division in this country took place between the manufacturing. trading, plantation creditor class along the east of the colonies, desiring a "sound currency and a strong central government; and, the back-country small farmer, hunter, pioneer, "always hopelessly indebted to his economic masters on the ocean brim."

Though the farmer and laborer class did the bulk of the fighting, the Revolutionary War was a clash between two sections of the ruling class. On the one hand were the British capitalists, who strove to monopolize for themselves, through discriminatory tariffs and shipping laws, the cream of colonial trade. On the other hand were the colonial merchants and traders, more interested in protecting their profitable smuggling and slave traffic than in sounding tocsins of liberty.

### The Origin of the Constitution

In view of the current "sanctify the constitution" campaign, it is interesting to note the unholy origin of this document which gave the victorious colonial ruling class the strong central government their interests compelled. A convention of business men which had been called at Annapolis to settle some questions concerning the navigation of the Potomac, proceeded to issue the call for a national constitutional convention!

Though the Continental Congress endorsed this convention the ideal which animated the original convenors, a strong central government controlled by the "better" classes to safeguard private property from the mobs, was incorporated in the document. The struggle over the \* Order from National Office, 549 Randolph St., Chicago. 10c.

adoption of the constitution threw the existing class divisions into bold relief. The superior organization and greater aggressiveness of the capitalist class rode roughshod over the protests of the vast mass of small farmers and workers.

Except for a "momentary triumph of the frontier," at the time Jackson was elected president, largely on the small farmer class vote, the laboring classes on farm and in city played a secondary role in the major struggle between the southern planter and the northern capitalist for supremacy.

### Chattel-Slave vs. Wage-Slave Labor

In the struggle between the wage-slave system of the north and the chattel-slave system of the south, the Northwest, then principally the upper Mississippi Valley, populated by small farmers, played an important role. When the South still provided the best market for northern agricultural produce and the Mississippi was the easiest method of transportation the Northwest supported the southern planters and voted democratic. When the canal and railroad transportation tied the Northwest to the Eastern market, the political support of the small farmer went to the northern capitalism.

"By 1850 a class began to appear, national in scope, compact in organization, definite in its desires and destined soon to seize the reins of political power." This was the class of industrial capitalists. "This class found its political expression in the Republican Party." Simons shows that the Republicans never attacked slavery as an institution but rather the southern ruling class that profited by it. Republicans looked to the limitation of slavery as the means of curbing the power of the south.

With the electoral victory of northern capitalism in the election of Lincoln, the slave holding class of the south had the choice between gradual extinction or secession and a gamble on victory in the struggle that would inevitably follow.

Capitalism Triumphs and Expands

The defeat of the Confederacy marked the beginning of a period of absolute domination for northern capitalism. Almost immediately a period of rapid industrial expansion took place.

The industrial expansion following the war drew millions of workers into industry. The common problems of the

workers drew them together in their fights against their employers and produced ever stronger and more stable trade unions. The National Labor Union was organized soon after the close of the Civil War in 1866 and reported a membership of 168,000 by 1869. Following the severe panic that started in 1873, during the course of which most labor organizations were swept away, the return of prosperity in 1877 found the rising prices leaving wages far behind. The answer of the impoverished workers was a wave of huge, violent, yet disorganized strikes. Though the workers decisivily defeated the militia in several cities their lack of organization made victory impossible.

### Labor Comes of Age

With the continued expansion of industry in the early 1880's, a labor union called the Knights of Labor, founded in 1869 as a secret group, made rapid progress in organizing the workers. By 1886 their membership was nearly 700,000. An agitation for the 8-hour day made thousands of converts during 1885, who looked to May 1st of 1886 as the Millenial Dawn when a general strike would bring the 8 hour day into being. Though the Knights of Labor disavowed leadership of the movement it was generally credited with it. The series of 8-hour strikes were brought to an abrupt end by the Haymarket Riot and the Knights of Labor smashed in the ensuing period of reaction.

"Little Man's" Last Stand

Following the depression of 1873 the farmers and debtors in general organized the Greenback movement as the small farmers last effort to play a prominent political role. After a few local success the failure to curb the growth of monopolies and manipulation of currency by large capitalists brought about the death of the movement. Ten years later it came to life as the Populist Party which merged with the Democrats in the Bryan campaign of 1896.

Bryan's campaign marked the last desperate effort on the part of the small capitalists, rallying the farmers and small merchants around them, to stop the forward march of monopolies. The defeat of Bryan left the capitalist class victorious over all its class opponents but one. The class struggle in America was now becoming a struggle between the capitalist class and the working class.

# UNIVERSITIES FACE CAMPAIGN OF REPRESSION

# **Academic Tyrants Gag Student Youth** At Three Colleges

"NERVOUS NELLIES" FEAR RADICALISM IN SCHOOLS

CHICAGO-East, West and South, university presidents have embarked upon a vicious campaign of "cracking down" upon any and all transgressing the political views of the Board of Trustees. At the College of the City of New York, 23 students have been expelled; at Louisiania University, censorship has been clamped down upon the school paper; and, at the University of California at Los Angeles, five students have been ejected for radicalism.

The CCNY affair is but the culmination of a long series of brushes between umbrella-swinging Dr. Frederick B. Robinson, "America's stuffed shirt No. 1," and the student body. Twenty three students, including many members of the Young People's Socialist League and the Student League for Industrial Democracy were suspended for their alleged part in an "unofficial" addition to Dr. Robinson's welcoming exercises on behalf of the 150 student emissaries sent by Mussolini to propagandize Italian Fascism.

Robinson Burned in Effigy

The expulsion has aroused a tremendous wave of protest that has shattered the college peace with strikes, picket lines, burning of to follow through, the arbitrators

At the UCLA, five radical student,s including members of the Student least a hundred thousand more of League for Industrial Democracy and the National Student League, were expelled for attempting to "destroy the university." It is common know- When the results are all compiled, ledge, however, that the real issue it will be found that in every step between the students and the admi- of this inspirng campaign of organnistration was the right of the

Frightened by the Sinclair hysteria, reactionary and even fascist organizations had exerted pressure upon with the International Ladies Gar-Dr. Moore, provost of the University, ment Workers' Union. to stifle any manifestations of liberalism or academic freedom that might help the growth of unrest and from this strike-that you must have NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING questioning of California's harsh the support of the rest of the work-capitalism. Thomas Mooney's 18 ers. For it was due to the refusal has been shifted to January 18, 19 of armed vigilantes was "something ancial district, which the second AND PROGRAMS for the authorities to handle;" and threatened strike covered, sentiment led to the expulsion of one.

Hon. Huey Again At Louisiana U., America's small-time dictator, the Hon. Huey P. Long, suddenly transferred his attentions from that institution's football team to the school paper. The President of the College informed to dismiss workers between the ages him by long-distance telephone that of 18 and 25 years and give their the editors were publishing a stu- jobs to older workers. Some three dent's letter, criticizing his honorable million young Germans will be thrown self for "appointing" Al Mickal, star out of their professions under the back of the football team, to the order. There is no appeal from the state legislature, and commending decision. Young workers are, however, Mickal for his refusal to go through promised employment in the labor with the farce.

That issue was censured and the paper put under permanent admini- CCNY for trying to sell ideas at the stration "supervision." Quitting enmasse, the paper's staff inscribed out that beneath this new wave of upon the door to the editorial offices academic repression was the fearthe legend, "Killed! By Suppres- fulness of college authorities at the sion." Farce though Huey is, the lacky-like kowtowing of the College President and Board puts a sinister aspect upon the power the slack- in my day turned out to be unexcitjawed politico wields.

Student Leftward Trend is Cause Citing Brookwood Labor College, with its Board of Trustees made up of democratically elected student,

### **COEDS IN ARMS AGAINST WAR**



They don't want to be Gold Star mothers! Typical of scenes on many college campuses during Armistice Day of this year is this parade of women students at Dana College as they demonstrate against war and fascism in Military Park in Newark. College youth

are responding with enthusiasm to the campaign against militarism, becoming increasingly aware of the necessity of militant action to avert war and fascism.

#### YPSL HELPS ORGANIZE **BUILDING WORKERS**

(Continued from page 1)

Robinson's effigy, and systematic made a decision which granted a virround-ups by the students and the tual closed shop to the union by throwing off the campus the de- allowing it to represent any workclubbed cops brought there to "cope ers who are members of the union. with the situation." An "oust Robin- It also awarded to the union, conson" movement is gaining momentum siderable gains in wages and reductions in hours, for its members.

As a result of this settlement, at the workers in this field are expected to join the union, started only six months ago by a valiant handful. When the results are all compiled, ization, the work of the YPSL was former to an uncensored open forum. second only to the work of union itself and the splendid solidarity of the Dressmakers' Union affiliated

The Lesson of Solidarity!

in sections like Wall Street's fin- LABOR FORUMS

### Youth Under Nazism

Hitler has authorized employers camps, if they care for it.

point of an umbrella. He pointed stirring of stuents from their conservative ruts into radical views.

"I think the men at the colleges ing and ultra-conservative because they figured out that every one of us had a chance to make a cool million dollars. All we had to do was play the game according to the rules. alumni, and faculty members, as an Now-a-days the young men at college are realists. They don't believe stration should be, Morris L. Ernst, that old boloney about the million well known New York Lawyer, in a dollars and so they say that if the adio speech over the Columbia game is to make a million dollars and we cannot make the million dollars what is the use of the rules ation, roundly scored Robinson at that underly the game?"

### BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

European Socialists welcomed ... NEC meeting in Cleve-land . . . Wisconsin Convention . . . Fascists and Rabbits Roasted . . . Solid South Socializing Self.

VELCOME COMBADES

The New York League did a swell job of welcoming Julius Deutsch on his arrival in the U.S.A. Seven hundred blue shirted members formgroup, and paraded to the Debs Auditorium. Short speeches of welcome and brief responses were made by Deutsch, and Gerhart Seger, German Socialist refugee from a concentration camp.

Comrade Modigliani, Italian Socialist and vigorous opponent of suit the rabbits toughness. A good 21—Henry Margulies, Brooklyn.. 24 Fascism, was accorded a similar time was had by all. One lesson that must be learned colorful welcome on November 27.

years in prison must not be allowed of the garment workers to ride scab and 20, 1935. The Cleveland com- the organization of the YPSL there. 27-Austin Adams, Reading, Pa. 20 to further irritate the academic elevators that the union was able to rades are hard at work already with High hopes are expected that the 28—Ruth Moore, Detroit, Mich... 18 respectables; the virtual peonage of get 100% closed shop agreements in the arrangements for several mass "Land of the Choctaws" will not 29—E. Venable, Binghamton, N.Y. 18 fruit and vegetable pickers in Cali- the mid-town garment section. But meetings and the customary banquet. secede, but will form an organic part 30-Morris Riger, Philadelphia. 18

The Montreal Circle announces its as for Upton Sinclair, open support was against the union as a nuisance, fifth annual series of forum, with a Va circles are also putting their 34—D. Gianasi, Massillon, Ohio. 16 by students was a crime that actually and there the union was forced to talk on "The Next Step to Socialism shoulders to the wheel in organizing 35—Sam Portnoy, Bronx, N.Y... 16 accept the partial victory of re- in Canada" as the first subject. The cognition but not a completely closed Karl Liebknecht circle of San Fran-

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cisco offers its members and visitors and 11 already in didn't decide to a survey of capitalism, socialist prin- round out that dozen or we'd exciples, and analyses of the program propriate the National Secretary of Liberalism, Fascism, Communism from a goodly share of his column. and Socialism in a well planned series of meetings.

FARM YOUTH RABBIT ROAST

Thirty-four attended the rabbit roast held by the Fletcher, Ohio circle. Rabbits (3 of them), pheasants, and marshmellows were washed down by coffee and the following program: short business session, YPSL yell, poem recitation, oration on munitions industry, group singing of Labor songs, followed by a short talk on the city worker and the farmer, telling of the aid given by the local 12-Syd Devin, Chicago, Ill.... 35 ed an enthusiastic, singing, cheering Farmers Union to the textile strikers 13—Winston Dancis, Chicago, Ill. 34 at Piqua. Several comrades then 14-A. G. McDougall, Chicago.. 32 volunteered for solo singing, and District Organizer Sam Verne gave an interesting talk. The meeting 17-Anna Moyer, Allentown, Pa. 29 lasted more than three hours, since 18-Gilbert Davis, New Haven. 25 the rabbits took that long to roast, and the program was extended to

"THE SOCIALIST SOUTH"

November 11th will be remembered 24-Kermit Haber, Brooklyn,... 22 in New Orleans not only as Armistice 25-Abe Dobkin, Bronx, N.Y.... 21 Day, but also as the anniversary of 26-Arthur Grossman, St. Louis 21 cooperative commonwealths of the World. High 32-Nat Weinberg, N.Y.C...... 17 Point, North Carolina and Richmond, 33-Marion Dumain, Utica, N.Y.. 17 the southland.

SOCIAL SEASON

a County Social on November 18. 39—Ben Goldberg, N.Y.C...... 15
The four West side circles combined 40—Nathan Rosen, New Haven.. 14 in arranging the affair for the bene- 41-Phil Treibitch, Washington. 14 fit of the County and a good time 42-Circle 10 Jr. Bronx, N.Y... 14 was had by all, including the actors 43-Philadelphia YPSL ...... in "The Dummy," and \$25 was added 44-D. R. Rabinowitz, Cleveland. 13 to the County treasury.

Dance promises to rival the 1933 47—W. Plampin, San Antonio.. 12 affair, and the World Cacophonic 48—N. Petersen, Milwaukee, Wis. 12 Symphony plus the Yipsel Grand 49-Johnny Strobel, Milwaukee. 12 Opera Co. will undoubtedly render the occasion unforgettable (Ed. Note-Advertising rates on application.) Tickets are only 45c, and the evening will be that of December 8th. WINTER ORGANIZATION

Saul Harris, of Philadelphia, has devoted the last month to agitation, organization and education in the Boston area. During December, he will move west to the Gardner-Fitchburg area for 5 weeks work. Harris is arranging a training school at Boston during Xmas week.

Dominic Gianasi is back in harness in Northeastern Ohio. With the help of Alex Brackenridge of Cleveland, Akron circle has been reorganized. "Nic" has put Massillon on the Lea-

Rapids to Detroit.

# On with the Challengers

by Syd Devin

The universal order of business, as years draw to their ending, is traditionally that of taking-stock-a critical summing-up to see wherein we have achieved; wherein we have fallen short. That we celebrated, on November 1, the first anniversary of the founding of our Challenger army, makes even more appropriate, a backward glance at our deeds and misdeeds.

Hence that long list a bit lower in this column. For that list contains the name of every Challenger who sent in a dozen or more subscriptions during the first year of the Challenger's organized efforts. Deferred to next month's issue, will be the acknowledgements of November's new subs, and a composite list of that month's and this month's totals will be given, with a summary of the results on our campaign to hit 1500 new subs in the last four months of this year.

November 1, 1933 to November 1, 1934! Over 150 Challengers enrolling with at least one club! Almost one third, as you see, getting in 12 or more. And luckily those with 10

CHALLENGE HONOR ROLL 1-Paul Rasmussen, Chicago 137 2—Bob Parker, Brooklyn, N. Y. 96 3—Noah C. A. Walters Jr. N.Y. 73 4-Sam Verne, Cincinnati, Ohio 56 5—Mark Brown, Reading, Pa... 54 6—Gerald Rubin, Milwaukee. Wis 52 -Milt Weisberg, Pittsburg, Pa. 48 8-Tillie Smith, Pittsburg, Pa., 46 9-Gloria Waldron, St. Louis, Mo. 40 10-Cook Co. YPSL (Chicago).. 39 11-Hoot Rasmussen, Chicago, III. 39 15-W. Goldberg, Los Angeles.. 32 16-Harry Fleischman, N.Y.C.... 31 19-Wm. Kane, Newark, N. J... 24 22—Clay Mestelman, Pittsburg.. 24 23—Raymond Strohl, Pottstown. 24 131--Jack Jaffe, Chicago, Ill..... 17 36-Circle 5 Sr. Kings, Brooklyn 16 OCIAL SEASON

Chicago took the lead in conducting 38—C. C. Nielsen, Mill Valley Cal. 15 45-Paul Walk, Allentown, Pa... 13 The 22nd Annual New York Rebel 46-D. Karmazin, Brooklyn, N.Y. 12

> Those who got in their 12 during 1934 were sent a copy of Sam DeWitt's "Rhapsodies in Red," and many thanks for those fine letters of appreciation. The best part of it was that the appreciation was expressed, in many instances, by an accompanying club of subs.

> We've got a bare month to wind up the Fall Campaign to get in 1500 new subs during the last four months of this year. We aren't doing so well at it, but a lusty wind-up campaign that will net us 500 new subs during December (look at the ad on this page for some inspirational sales-talk) will put us just about at the top.

gue map, and promises to do the same in Warren and Ashtabula.

Michigan has been invaded by Hoot Rasmussen, and young Socialists will be developed and stirred from Grand Rasmids to Detroit