

# THE YOUTH MOVEMENT

## The Results of the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the Enlarged Executive of the Y. C. I.

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The Enlarged Executive of the Y. C. I., was faced by the task of discussing the resolutions of the last enlarged ECCI, as to the political situation and as to Bolshevisation of the communist parties, and of working out instructions for the further development of the mass work of all sections of the Y. C. I. on the basis of the resolutions of the Comintern and of the experiences gained in the practical work of our leagues during the last seven months.

The Enlarged Executive of the Y. C. I. unanimously accepted all the resolutions of the enlarged ECCI. and pledged all the groups, especially that of Czechoslovakia, to a really active participation in political life, to join in the work of the communist parties, to the energetic defence of the line of policy of the Comintern and to support the Parties in the difficult task of Bolshevisation.

On the basis of the estimation of the situation given by the Comintern, the Enlarged Executive of the Y. C. I., worked out a resolution with regard to the Bolshevisation of the Youth Leagues, in which the opinion was clearly expressed that the chief attention of the Leagues should be concentrated on work in the various concerns and in the factory nuclei, on the fight for the economic demands of the working youth, and on work in the trade unions. Thanks to the vast experience of our French, Italian, American, German and other groups, our Plenum was able this time to concern itself in much more detail with working out the concrete methods and forms of the economic struggle and of the mass work of the Youth Leagues in the factories. On this occasion the Plenum pointed with special insistence to the possible modifications in the fight for partial demands and to the necessity of combining our daily struggles with the outlook of the revolution and of the ultimate victory of the working class over the bourgeoisie.

The second question on which the Plenum threw the necessary light and for the solution of which it made concrete suggestions, is the struggle to win over the youth of the rural population. Up to now the majority of our groups has only done quite insignificant work among the peasant youth. The Plenum pointed out the necessity of developing an energetic campaign for the conquest of the proletarian rural youth and the poorest members of the peasant youth, but at the same time laid emphasis on the class character of the Young Communist Leagues

and the necessity, under all circumstances, of preserving a firm proletarian leadership which will be realised by the proletarian nucleus in the leagues and with the help of constant and firm leadership on the part of the communist parties. For this reason the Plenum resolved that the Young Communist Leagues in the West should only extend their **organising activities** among the proletarian youth in the villages and among the poorest of the peasant youth. As regards the youth of the middle class farmers, our task is to neutralize it. The Plenum took up an attitude of **opposition** to the creation of youth sections in the Peasant International, as it was of the opinion that the peasant youth should join the non-party peasant associations together with the adults.

The Plenum took cognisance of the fact that many Leagues had been very successful in **reorganising the Leagues on the lines of factory nuclei**. The most important sections of the Y. C. I. are about to complete their re-organisation. The Plenum therefore had to pay increased attention to the purport of the work of the nuclei in the West, and to issue a number of instructions which will make it possible for the leagues to increase the activity of their members and to give the daily work of the nuclei a revolutionary purport which interests broad groups of the working youth.

The slogan of the Communist Youth International is: "Complete transformation of the Leagues into factory nuclei before the next International Youth Conference."

The Plenum devoted special attention to the work amongst the youth in the East. In all the most important countries of the East, Young Communist Leagues already exist, and some of these, especially the Chinese Mongolian League, have already done important work in mobilising the youthful workers and peasants for the struggle against feudalism and imperialism. The resolution as to Bolshevisation emphasised the necessity of differentiating our work in the East, and laid down the concrete tasks of the Young Communist Leagues on the basis of the three different types of the colonial and semi-colonial countries.

In recent times, the Menshevik youth of Germany and of other Western countries has developed an intensive propaganda against the Leninist Youth League and against Soviet Russia, by false statements regarding the economic and political situation of the working youth in the Soviet Union. The Plenum accepted the report of Comrade Tchaplín, who submitted extensive material to the delegates regarding the actual situation of the Youth, on the basis of which all the sections of the Y. C. I. will be in a position to give young Menshevik organisations the answer they deserve.

The central point of the attention of the Plenum was the question of a Leninist education for all sections of the Y. C. I. The present political situation involves great dangers for the ideological clearness of vision and political steadfastness of the Youth Leagues and demands a sound theoretical education not only of their functionaries but of all members of the leagues. The Plenum passed a whole number of resolutions which represent a guarantee that all sections of the Y. C. I. not only promote the Leninist education of their members but will, in the shortest time, bring this work up to the desired level.

Thus the 5th Enlarged Executive of the Y. C. I. created the political and organising basis for further work in the Bolshevisation of all sections of the Y. C. I., and represents a considerable step forward in the development of the Leninist Young Communist International.