

Review of Gil Green's Pamphlet

# 'UNITED WE STAND'

Forward to Peace and Socialism

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**United We Stand for Peace and Socialism.** By Gil Green. Price, 5 cents.

The most discussed event in the youth movement has finally received a complete analysis and explanation. Basing his pamphlet on the speech he delivered in New York on the 6th world congress of the Young Communist International, Gil Green, Secretary of the Y. C. I. of the United States, renders an invaluable service in explaining the policies of that historic congress.

One thing must be clearly recognized at the outset. The decisions of the 6th congress of the Young Communist International are important not only for the Communist and Socialist youth of this country. In the words of Gil Green, the Congress "spoke for the unity of the young generation not out of narrow, sectional interests. It realized that what is at stake is the very existence of humanity, the preservation and continuation of human culture and the further progress of the human race." He quotes Dr. Trexler, world leader of the Lutheran church, who said the following concerning the congress:

"The Young Communist International at its Sixth World Congress in Moscow has just called on the youth of the world to unite against war.

"This youthful organization, which claims to represent 3,600,000 young Communists throughout the world, has voiced an appeal which every Christian knows he should not only echo but should proclaim even more loudly. . . . What could be more Christian than a call to end this traffic in death—even when the call is uttered by those who style themselves atheists."

In order to understand the es-



sence of the policies of the Young Communist International we must clearly define and also distinguish between, its two major decisions. These are:

"First, the question of establishing the collaboration and co-operation of all non-fascist youth organizations, of all progressive youth, in behalf of a common minimum program. This was referred to as the 'front of the young generation.'

"Second, the reconstruction of our Young Communist League and its unification with all other youth who stand on a working class program for socialism, into one united youth organization. This was referred to as the task of building a broad 'non-party youth league.'"

Aubrey Williams, Director of the National Youth Administration made a confession some time ago, when he said that "Those young people who have been unfortunate enough to come of age during the

depression will be permanent handicapped."

Now that Hearst, and the fascist elements in this country have begun to threaten the independence of such organizations as the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s, the Epworth League and other non-fascist youth organizations, it is clear that concerted action by all such groups is necessary for the defense of the most elementary needs of the young people. For that matter, even before the Congress of the Y. C. I. convened the 'front of the young generation' began to crystallize in the form of the American Youth Congress.

In discussing the need for building a united working class youth league which will fight for socialism in America, Gil Green points to the practical possibility of a merger of the Young People's Socialist League and the Young Communist League, "because the Socialist youth are breaking from the influence of the Right wing, are accepting the principles of class struggle."

One of the most significant sections of this pamphlet, is that which deals with the immediate task facing the Young Communist League that of broadening the Y. C. I. and intensifying its class struggle activity and Marxist-Leninist education.

Gil Green does not only talk about the need of using a vivid, popular style in our propaganda. He writes in such a lucid manner that the most difficult questions are clearly answered.

Finally, we must mention the inclusion in this pamphlet of the resolution adopted by the 6th world congress of the Young Communist International. This cannot be studied too intensively by all who seek to dispel the shadows cast over the young generation by the clouds of war and fascism.