

Gil Green Outlines Results Of Communist Youth Congress

The Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International will be remembered as the historic congress which planned the complete reconstruction of both the structure and policies of the Young Communist Leagues, placing special emphasis upon the burning necessity for organic unity with the Socialist youth, declared Gil Green, secretary of the Young Communist League of the United States at his first press conference since his arrival from abroad Wednesday.

Green led an American delegation of ten to the Congress which was held in Moscow from Sept. 25 to Oct. 10 with more than 300 delegates from 53 countries in the

Hall of the Trade Unions, a former Tsarist ballroom. Three American delegates, Claude Lightfoot, Helen Porter and Green served on the presidium of the Congress.

one of the high-points of the Congress was a speech by Lyons, leader of an official delegation of Socialist youth from Spain, in which the decisions of the Congress were greeted as paving the way for the organic unity of the Young Socialist League and the Young Communist League of Spain, Green said. Raymond Guyot, secretary of the Young Communist League of France was elected general secretary of

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the Young Communist International.

Plan Reconstructed Youth Movement

Asked what new developments in the life of the Young Communist League would result from the Sixth World Congress, Comrade Green stated:

"In the first place, the Congress established a new policy which proposes the reconstruction of the present Y.C.I. into a non-party mass organization which, while clearly supporting a socialist goal will not take a position on how socialism is to be concretely accomplished, thus opening the way for organic unity with the Young People's Socialist League in all countries.

"Secondly, basing itself on the experiences of the Young Communist Leagues of France and the United States, the Congress issued a worldwide call for the united front of the young generation for the defense of all democratic rights of youth, for peace and against fascism.

"The Young Communist Leagues will give far more emphasis to education, sport and general cultural activities of the youth in the future than in the past.

"The organizational structure of the League will not be a mechanical duplicate of the Communist Party but will be based on forms developed by the youth themselves in accordance with their national traditions and customs. For this reason, any youth desiring to work for socialism, whether it be a club, a study circle or what not, will be eligible to join the Y.C.I."

Green asserted that particular stress would be put upon developing the closest and friendliest relations with the Socialist youth for the establishment of one united class organization of youth in every country. The Congress went on record as favoring the organic unification of the Young Socialist International and the Young Communist International.

Americans on World Executive

Four members of the American Y.C.I.: Gil Green, James Ashford, Jack Kling and Mac Weiss were elected to the Executive Committee of the Y.C.I. and two others, Claude Lightfoot and Helen Porter were elected as candidates for the committee.

Plans are now under way for the broadest popularization of the results of the Sixth Congress of the Young Communist International. The main reports and Gil Green's report on "Experiences of the United Front of American Youth" will be printed in pamphlet form. Open membership meetings will be organized all over the country to get first hand reports by delegates. The first, in New York City, which will be addressed by Gil Green, will be announced shortly.