

SOE DANGER SIGNALS IN THE FIGHT FOR THE UNITED FRONT

Young Socialist In Front Lack Unity On The Question Of The Unity Of The Youth

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"The Young Socialist International spoke the words of the united front of Liege."

These were the opening words of an article on the "Plans (for meeting) of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International (E.C.Y.S.I.) in the SOCIALIST paper, "People."

Whether the "People" wanted to emphasize in this way that the Plenum of the E.C.Y.S.I. was held under the symbol of the struggle against the united front or not we do not know. But the article remains that on the question of the united front there is no unity in the E.C.Y.S.I.

The Plenum of the E.C.Y.S.I. discussed a proposal made by the Italian Socialist Youth in the name of the Latin countries, in which, as is known, such countries as France, Spain, Portugal, and Greece are included. This proposal suggested that the E.C.Y.S.I. be organized in such a way as to carry out the decisions of the Prague Congress of the Young Socialist International in the spirit of "international unity" and to begin negotiations with the Young Communist International on this.

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In the Young Socialist International. This is how he "opened" the discussion on the united front—by profoundly announcing that the conditions for the united front are not yet here! Although we were prepared for it, this profound conclusion of the speaker nevertheless, seems very strange to us.

We may be asked why we were prepared for this conclusion of the speaker.

We can very openly answer this question. On July 20, 1932, the German socialist class in the process of setting up a bloody fascist dictatorship drove the German Socialist Party out of its government. At that time, the Communist Party of Germany tried to unite with the German working class in the struggle against fascism and was prepared to set up a united front with the Social Democrats.

It is known, however, that at the time the German Socialist Party was a member of the Central Committee of the Social Democratic Party in Germany. The German Socialist Youth, agreed with the leadership of the German Social Democrats in considering that the conditions for the united front did not exist.

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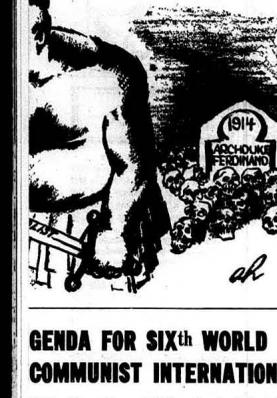
THE YCI ANNOUNCES CONGRESS OF YOUTH

The presidium of the Executive of the Young Communist International has the following decision regarding the 15th day of the forthcoming 6th World Youth Communist International:

"In carrying out the decisions of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International, the presidium makes the following decisions:

- 1) Convene the 6th Congress of the Young Communist International at the Y.C.I. Center.
- 2) Confirm the following preliminary Congress:

- 1) The results of the 7th Congress.
- 2) Report of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International and the tasks of mass work.
- 3) The struggle, war and the tasks of the Y.C.I. in Fascism, war and the tasks of the working and toiling youth.
- 4) On the propaganda of Marxist-Leninist revolutionary education.
- 5) The life and struggles of the youth of the USSR in their building of a classless socialist society.
- 6) Election of the leading organs of the Young Communist International.
- 7) Publish not later than three months before the opening of the Congress the most important materials on questions of the Congress and the international Communist youth movement and organize discussions on them in all organizations of the Y.C.I.



GENDA FOR SIXth WORLD COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

Young Communist International and the tasks of mass work.

Two weeks ago, after having castigated the Y.C.I. for its lack of support of the McAdoo Democratic machine he had the gall to say, at a mass meeting in Mooner's home town San Francisco, "I take no stand on the guilt or innocence of Tom Mooney."

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by HALE What Must Be Combated—A Policy of Unity or One of Disunity And Disruption?

By MacWEISS

A very interesting document came into our hands recently in the form of a petition to the Executive Committee of the Greater New York Federation of the Young Peoples Socialist League to the National Council of the Socialist Party. It is subject, suitably enough, in the united front. Its content, unfortunately, is not the united front but something else.

The letter begins by stating the following:

"The Greater New York Federation of the Young Peoples Socialist League is confronted with a serious problem in connection with repeated united front offers by the Young Communist International and affiliates."

Despite all our capacity for at least being able to recognize serious problems we still fail to see how the repeated united front offers of the Young Communist League can in any way constitute a serious problem for any one who is seriously desirous of establishing the united front.

Serious Problem to Existence of Unity

We can understand, of course, that if one were dead set against the united front, the repeated offers would be very embarrassing. We can understand, also, that if one were an enemy of the united front, the repeated offers would constitute a serious problem. We can understand, also, that if the membership of the YPSL was in such a state of confusion and in more frequent succession responding favorably to such united front appeals and joining the Y.C.I. and the Y.P.S.L. Communist youth movement and organize discussions on them in all organizations of the Y.C.I.

Our United Front Policy

Our united front policy is the policy of the YPSL, the Y.P.S.L. and student youth despite the political, religious and other differences which separate them in joint action against the attacks of the capitalist class. We do not see anything in this policy which may be regarded as a source of wanting to combat. We think, on the contrary, that every honest young worker and student will join in the united front of the YPSL, Y.P.S.L. and student youth.

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would constitute a very serious problem indeed.

For there is, to our mind, nothing in the united front organization as when the membership begins to go in a direction opposite to the leadership and of necessity over the leadership.

That such a serious problem exists in the Young Peoples Socialist League we have no doubt whatsoever. Such recent events as the participation of young Socialists in the Young Congress Against War and Fascism; the joint picketing of a fascist band by the Young Socialist and Communist in New York City; the vote of the Philadelphia County Committee of the YPSL to the NEC of the Y.P.S.L. in joining unity with the Y.C.I.; the vote of the Cook County Committee of the YPSL, requesting the NEC of the Socialist Party to join the American League Against War and Fascism; the tremendous impression produced on the YPSL members by the successful working-together of the YCL and YPSL in the First American Youth Congress and other events, all testify to the existence of precisely this problem in the YPSL.

We agree entirely with the Executive Committee of the YPSL that this is a most serious problem. To people who have in the past been misled by the interests of the toiling youth, the solution to this problem presents itself very simply. All that is necessary is that the interested parties, entering the united front, enter into an agreement for united front action in the Y.C.I. AND CARBON COPY TO THE Y.P.S.L. OUT IN PRACTISE.

But apparently some people are attempting to solve this problem by the refusal of the YPSL to enter to the NEC of the Socialist Party say, among other things, among these limits comment, the following:

"... but we wish to point out that their (the Communist Party) attitude is aggressive and dramatic—has been very successful in advancing their cause among young radicals in New York City. We must remember that their UNITED FRONT POLICY BY REFUSING ALL CARBON COPY TO THE Y.P.S.L. BELIEVES."

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By JACK OLSEN
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California has always had more than its share of quacks, fake prophets, revivalists, and messiahs. This year a new one has come on the scene. He is called Upton Sinclair. This man, a plan that he says will cure all of the diseases of mankind, will take the form of a new religion, revivalist, and messiah. This year a new one has come on the scene. He is called Upton Sinclair. This man, a plan that he says will cure all of the diseases of mankind, will take the form of a new religion, revivalist, and messiah.

mendous vote for Sinclair? How role does it happen that California Democrats are running him off? What is his program and what will it mean for the working class? These questions are of tremendous importance to every young worker not only in California, but throughout the entire United States.

Why is this man that called on socialist workers to "capture an old party (the Democratic Party) and use it as a tool for the realization of socialism peacefully?" This man is the man that wrote numerous books about the conditions of workers in American industry, the man that from time to time has come out in favor of a struggle against war, for free speech, for the freedom of Mooney, etc.

Early in his career Sinclair indeed the Socialist Party. He tried to stand a stand against war, organized a crusade against the meat trust for the relief of strikers, etc. Even that he continues to play the highly individualistic fra-

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as always characterized. When the war started became unsafe to be in the war, he gladly say, at a mass meeting in Mooner's home town San Francisco, "I take no stand on the guilt or innocence of Tom Mooney."

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The boss class is terrified by this movement and at least the one hand building a tremendous fabric apparatus around the state wide movement. This apparatus includes the agricultural, industrial, and commercial organizations, and the various reactionary Merriam Republican machine.

On the other hand in order to head off the militancy of the workers, and at least the one hand building an effective resistance to the terror, and the drive on our political standards. This is being done by a system of radical talk and more or less of the kind of the worker and poor farmers from the Communist Party.

It is here Mr. Upton Sinclair. The majority of workers who voted for Sinclair do so because they are not going to make big changes in the capitalist system. A lot of who voted for him are sympathetic to the Communist movement, but think that the Communists don't have a chance for years he called him "Com-ter than Merriam." In other words, they fell victims to the "lead" line of the old parties and the German and Austrian workers.

YOUNG SOCIALIST INT'L HEADS LACK UNITY ON UNITED FRONT

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of course for the youth, against the developing fascist terror which showed itself in its sharpest forms after the exposure of the now clear provocation of the burning of the Reichstag.

Olenhauer did not respond to this appeal. It seems that he once more considered that the "conditions" for the united front had not yet appeared. We, having been open minded to the end, then counted him among the hopeless enemies of the united front.

The powerful movement for unity, coming from the very midst of the masses of youth, made many who had doubts as to the possibility of establishing a united front reconsidered their views. Because of this, although we were prepared for his position, we thought that maybe Olenhauer might have changed his position. Our proposal remained a proposal. The "conditions" for the united front have not come, said Olenhauer. But in reality, it is just the opposite.

In France, an agreement was come to between the Communist and Socialist youth and the announcement of this at the meeting of the Socialist youth in Liege was met with thunderous applause.

"All Barriers Destroyed"

At the same Plenum of the E.C. Y.S.I., it seems that representatives from the Latin countries stood closer to real life and to the youth than Olenhauer did. Because of this, they put forward the question of the united front, and in connection with it, the question of the sharpening of the class struggle and the growing danger of fascism and imperialist wars.

Ernst Papenek, it also seems, came out without any idea of "maneuvers" and wrote in the name of the Revolutionary Socialist youth of Austria to the Young Communist International that:

"All barriers have been destroyed which up till now stood in the way of the united work of the Social Democratic and Communist workers . . . In the struggle for the aim—for the destruction of fascism—nothing separates us."

Precisely this fact, that there exist all the "conditions" for building the united front is brought out by the many facts of joint struggle of the local organizations of the Y.C.L. and Socialist youth in various countries. This Olenhauer does not understand, and up till now he does not want to understand!

He is not a beginner in politics. But just the same we have to explain to him that the All-Mighty does not manufacture "conditions" for the united front, but we ourselves. The conditions for the united front are here. They are plain and clear. The basic condition is the earnest desire to create a basis for joint struggle against fascism and war in the interests of the toiling youth, a united front.

If up till now Olenhauer has not had this desire then it is not our fault. We give him the right to ask the All-Mighty God to make for the next Plenum of the E.C. Y.S.I. the "conditions" for the united front. We ourselves will keep on working for the unity of the youth and will not put down our hands since there do exist all the conditions for this unity.

Communist Candidates Are