

# THE COMMUNIST YOUTH

## The Third Bureau Session of the Young Communist International.

After the Session of the Executive of the Communist International, the Third Bureau Session of the Young Communist International took place in Moscow from March 18th to March 29th. During the war the revolutionary youth organisations took up the struggle against the war together with the few adults and raised the banner of revolutionary class war together with Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht. In November 1919 at the First Congress of the Young Communist International the small but determined groups of the revolutionary youth came together for the first time. This Congress established an organi-

national basis and elaborated the program for the young revolutionists who had hitherto fought within the ranks of the revolutionary groups of the adult workers. After this First Congress in Berlin extensive propaganda and organizational activities were started, and at the Second International Congress which took place in Moscow in July 1921, preceded by the Third World Congress of the Communist International, the Young Communist International welcomed the representatives of more than 40 organizations from all countries of the world and an army of approximately 800,000 young proletarians responded to the decisions of the Congress. The Second Congress elaborated the fundamental directions for the new work of the Young Communist Leagues. At this Congress it was decided that the Young Communist Leagues which in the past had devoted their forces mainly to the building up of Communist Parties and of the gigantic international revolutionary bulwark, the Communist International, should in future concentrate their activities upon their new tasks as youth organisations.

These tasks resulted clearly from the slogan of the Third Congress of the Communist International: "To the Masses!" which formed at the same time the basis of the discussions of the Youth Congress. Thus the Second Congress of the Young Communist International revealed new fields of work for all Young Communist Leagues. It has been the task of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International to assist the Leagues in the execution of the decisions of the Second Congress.

During the few months between the Second World Congress and the Bureau Session, the E.C. has carried through this work to the greatest extent. The Third Bureau Session had to examine the activities of the past eight months in order to utilize the practical experiences of the Leagues in the various countries on an international scale and to issue new directions for the practical work. In the Bureau Session there took part representatives of the eighteen most important Leagues: America, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia, Switzerland, Austria, Poland, the Border States, Finland, Japan and China.

The agenda was as follows:—

1. Report of Comrade Zinoviev on the policy and the tasks of the Communist International.
2. Report of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International. (Comrade Unger.)
3. Economic and trade union activities of the Communist youth. (Comrade Shueller.)
4. Educational work. (Comrade Ziegler.)
5. Hostile youth organisations. (Comrade Shatzkin.)
6. Press. (Comrade Shoenhaar.)
7. Anti-militarism. (Comrade Doriot.)
8. The united front. (Comrade Shueller.)
9. Activities in the sport clubs. (Comrade Larsen.)
10. The situation of the Young Communist League of Russia. (Comrade Zetlin.)
11. The organization of the national leagues.

In the report of the E.C. the gigantic tasks were mentioned in the fulfilment of which the E.C. was engaged during the last months. The principal duty of the E.C. was to take an active part in the activities of every league. The economic and trade union activities, the educational work, the position within the leagues with regard to the fulfilment of their new tasks, the activities in the sport clubs—all these problems confronted the leagues after the Second World Congress and all their forces were necessary to solve them.

The E.C. has everywhere taken part in this work in close communication with the national leagues. In the course of the discussion on the report of the E.C. and on the other items of the agenda, it became obvious that during the period under review the comrades have not only succeeded in solving these questions theoretically in the leagues, but that everywhere the first practical steps have been taken. This is the more significant as the work was carried through without weakening the agitation and the interior organization of the leagues. On the contrary, during this period the leagues have been steadily growing. This became especially evident in the course of the discussion on the problems of educational work and on the Press. The great practical experience, the many smaller or greater beginnings to approach the large masses of young workers and to provide them with fundamental Marxian knowledge which were reported in the course of the discussion have shown the Leagues new ways and means for the practical work which will in future greatly influence the activities of the Leagues. The same can be said of the discussion on the

economic and trade union activities in which domain important steps have already been taken by the sections. All economic activities of the leagues were thoroughly discussed and experiences were exchanged and utilized.

The Session payed special attention to the problem of anti-militarist work. Clearly and distinctly the role of bourgeois militarism in revolutionary wars of the working class against capitalism was outlined and the intentions of world capital against Soviet Russia, the bulwark of the proletarian revolution, were revealed. In the resolution on this question the necessity of intensified activities in this sphere was again emphasized and practical suggestions were made. The same was the case in the discussion on the work in the sport clubs, which, too, is a new task of the Young Communist Leagues. The fundamental importance of this activity for the struggle of emancipation of the proletariat as well as for the winning of the young workers for the revolutionary fight, was pointed out in a resolution.

Furthermore, the Session of the Bureau considered the problem of the united front of the working class and the Young Communist International. It again expressed the determination of the Communist Youth to collaborate with all its forces in the creation of a solid international united front of the working class for the struggle against the offensive of capital, for the organization of the masses of juvenile labor and for the common struggle for the most urgent demands. In the resolution on this question it is again stated that the youth as a part of the working class is also a part of the united proletarian front and solves its problems in common with the adult proletariat.

All other items of the agenda were thoroughly dealt with in reports and discussions and although no fundamental decisions were passed, the work of the Bureau Session will be of utmost importance for the activities of the Young Communist Leagues. The great practical value of this eleven days session for the leagues, will soon result in a strengthening of the national organizations and in further steps onwards on our way. Thus the Third Bureau Session of the Young Communist International was a working conference of great success, a step forward.