

WHAT'S WRONG WITH OUR PAPER?

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The YOUNG WORKER if it is to become a mass youth organ, the "collective propagandist, agitator and organizer" of the young workers, must first become a real "youth" paper. Not a "youth" paper in the vulgar sense of the term, but a "youth" paper in the Bolshevik sense—a paper that reflects the life, struggles, and needs of the American young workers.

The YOUNG WORKER to date has been a cut and dry miniature pocket-edition of the "Daily Worker." The language, style, stories and make-up, were the same—if not worse. There was no attempt to portray and analyze the separate problems of the young workers. The sport field which keeps millions of young workers tied to the chariot of capitalism, was completely ignored. The tens of thousands of young workers in the mass youth organizations of the capitalist class, such as the Y. M. C. A., Boys Club Federation, etc., were forgotten, or given up for "lost."

Example of "Left" Danger

The YOUNG WORKER has been a good example of the so-called "left danger in the ranks of the Young Communist League. "Revolutionary phrases", but a failure to speak the language of the young workers, to speak and reflect their every day needs.

The YOUNG WORKER was only different from the rest of the Party press, by the mechanical injection of the word "young" before every word "worker". This has narrowed the YOUNG WORKER to a close circle of sympathizers, who have through diligence and patience, finally mastered the complex vocabulary used by our Party and League.

Turn for "Young Worker"

The turn towards the mass of young workers, in which our League is at present engaged, must also mean a turn for the YOUNG WORKER. With the May 1st issue of the YOUNG WORKER, the first issue of the Weekly, the National Executive Committee will consciously take steps to make the YOUNG WORKER a real "youth" paper. Already with this issue, a num-

ber of changes in this direction can be noticed.

The Weekly YOUNG WORKER will be simply written with language that an average young worker can understand. Instead of lengthy articles, short snappy ones will be written. The paper will have many cartoons and pictures of the class struggle. In order to express more fully the struggle of the young workers, more space will be devoted to young workers correspondence. A short story will also be printed in every issue.

New Features

Starting with this issue we have the appearance of a special page devoted to sports. Not only will working class sports be featured, but the paper will also give news of professional sports, of course, at all times with a class interpretation. This page will also be illustrated.

The Weekly YOUNG WORKER will further carry a weekly cartoon strip of the struggles of a young worker. There will also be special "Movie" and a "Book Review" sections. A special section will also deal with the mass youth organizations, and special space will be devoted to the soldiers and sailors.

However, the YOUNG WORKER will not improve from "lighter features" alone. In every issue of the YOUNG WORKER there will appear a special article

dealing with one special question of the working youth. In this fashion, we intend through the columns of the YOUNG WORKER to develop a real youth politic; to analyze the special problems of the young workers, and develop a real youth consciousness. Thus will and educate large number of young workers in the problems of the youth movement. At the same time, the YOUNG WORKER will give political content to the every day struggles of the young workers, will connect up their isolated struggles in shops and factories, into a general struggle against the capitalist class.

Build Mass Paper

The present class struggles demand a mass YOUNG WORKER. The present drive of the Young Communist League must transform the present monthly YOUNG WORKER into a Weekly regular appearing YOUNG WORKER. Linked up with this work building a Weekly paper, must come the turn of the YOUNG WORKER into a living expression of the struggle of the working youth.

May Day will mark the birth of a "new" YOUNG WORKER, the beginning of a mass youth organ. Forward to a Weekly YOUNG WORKER!

May 1st is nearly here. What have you done to make possible the Weekly YOUNG WORKER?

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