

FOR A MASS REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH PAPER

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THE sharpening of the class struggles arising out of the present period of world economic crisis, makes not only possible, but historically necessary, the building of a mass Young Communist League. A mass Young Communist League can only be built by making a sharp turn towards the young workers, in the shops, among the opponent youth, on the sport fields, and even in the churches. One of the first and foremost tasks in reaching and winning the young workers, is the building of a mass newspaper of the working youth, a **Weekly Young Worker**.

Mass unemployment, speed-up, low wages, and growing militarism, have created deep discontent among the young workers. In all the struggles of the workers, the young workers have taken an active and often leading part. The bourgeoisie "understanding that the outcome of the impending wars and class struggles depends now to a considerable extent on the part which will be played in them by the toiling youth" (YCI resolution), has increased its activity among the young workers. The school, the press, the church, the movies, sports—everything, is used in order to poison the minds of the young workers with the ideology of capitalism.

Needed a Mass Youth Paper.

The League has lagged behind the young workers, has failed to sufficiently counteract the offensive and increased activity of the capitalist class. One of the reasons for this, has been the failure on the part of the League to develop a mass newspaper as the organized expression, the "collective propagandist, agitator and organizer," of the young workers in their every day struggles. The **Young Worker** as a weekly mass organ, rooted in the shops and factories, will be one of the first steps towards breaking our isolation from the masses, towards becoming the organizer and leader of the young workers in their every day struggles.

The work of organizing the unorganized young workers into revolutionary unions and youth sections, of changing the social and national composition of our League and the building of shop nuclei, can only be accomplished through our every day struggle against rationalization and unemployment, in the shops and factories. This every day factory activity can best be conducted if we have a **Weekly Young Worker** to help initiate and develop our work. Through workers correspondence, through articles dealing with the life and needs of the young workers, we can place before them our program, give their struggle an organized character, link up their struggle with the struggles of the young workers and workers

on a national and international scale. A **Weekly Young Worker** is organically connected with the question of organizing the young workers for a struggle for their every day demands.

Without systematic activity in the regular armed forces and in the auxiliary armed forces, there can be no real campaign and revolutionary struggle against the war danger. The **Weekly Young Worker** as the organ of the revolutionary youth, must become the main central organizing force in our general anti-militarist activities. The **Weekly Young Worker** will also expose the war preparations of the bosses and organize a broad struggle against the danger of imperialist war, and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

The penetration of the opponent youth organizations, the winning away of the young workers from the bourgeois organizations, plus the development of mass auxiliary youth organizations, can also be aided greatly by a **Weekly Young Worker**. The **Weekly Young Worker** will be a weapon in our struggle against the influence and ideology of the bourgeoisie in the ranks of the working youth.

By May First a Weekly.

It is impossible to conceive of making the turn towards mass work, without the development of real Bolshevik self-criticism from top to bottom, without the development of youth politics, and real control of decisions. These can also be accomplished by a weekly **Young Worker** which will organize the young workers for struggle, educate our membership in mass work, and develop through its columns thorough self-criticism.

The weekly **Young Worker** is the instrument by which the League can make the turn towards mass work. In order to organize the unorganized, change the poor social and national composition of the League, build shop nuclei, penetrate the opponent youth organizations, struggle against the danger of imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union, it is essential to have a weekly **Young Worker**. Today, no longer is there factional manipulation with the **Young Worker**. No longer can we tolerate promises that are never fulfilled as in the past. Today we mean business in building a **Weekly Young Worker**.

The present period demands the winning of the youth for the class struggle, demands the building of a mass Young Communist League, based on the shops and factories. The every day struggles of the young workers demand a mass organ, a **Weekly Young Worker**. The realization of this fact by every Party and League member, by every class conscious young and adult worker, will make possible the establishment of a **Weekly Young Worker** by May First.