

Lack of Response From Many Districts Endangers 'Weekly'

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A few years ago our National Committee received a letter from one of our brother Leagues in South America. This League has been conducting a heroic struggle against imperialism under conditions of illegality and brutal terror. The letter was an urgent appeal to our League to help them re-establish their youth press. Let us quote directly from the letter:

"For over two months we have not printed our paper. The last number was discovered and seized as well as two of our comrades who are now in jail. As a result of this, no one will print our paper. At the same time our tasks

become more numerous and urgent. The events occur with greater frequency and without a voice, our League cannot be heard. WE MUST ACQUIRE A PRESS, but in our condition of rigid illegality we cannot do this by ourselves, as a press of no matter how small, is very expensive here. You must help us raise the necessary funds to obtain a press to print our paper. We have no contact but you and we believe that your aid will not be long in coming."

This is the appeal of a League battling against imperialism under conditions of the most bestial feudal reaction. "We must acquire a press," they write from a land where

to be found with a Communist leaflet or paper means years in damp, cold dungeons.

A Contrast

Compare this spirit with that of sections of our League in the U.S.A. Here we still have a legal press. We have every possibility to speak to the broad masses of youth, to bring them our message. And yet, precisely because of this our comrades do not understand the importance of our power and do little to utilize it as the most important weapon against our class enemy.

How About Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh?

Let us take the present financial drive of the Young Worker. How

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many districts have seriously undertaken to put it across, and through it build and strengthen our youth paper? Only a handful! Let us ask our comrades of Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. You work in the center of American industry. You face day in and day out the attacks of the government and the employers. You feel the effects of the anti-red hysteria of the Hearst press. But do you think you can answer these attacks, do you believe you can beat back the growing reaction without reaching the youth with our literature and first of all our Young Worker? Do you, Comrades Herman, Roberts and Doran?

Less Than 25 Per Cent Received

To date only \$426.59 has been received in the drive to raise \$3,000 to build the Young Worker. Less than 25 per cent! How happy the fascist Hearst would be to see the revolutionary youth press smashed. But the members of the Young Communist League, the readers of the Young Worker will not permit this. The drive must be put over the top. Every district and city must go over and above their quota.

By immediately making up for lost time in the drive, we will not only build our own paper, but enable our League to show its international solidarity by immediately helping our brother League in South America to re-establish its press.

Contribute to the Young Worker drive to beat back the fascists who want to destroy our press! Contribute to the Young Worker to help the revolutionary press of our brother Young Communist League!