

Gil Green Appeals to Y.P.S.L. for United Front

8th National Convention
Young Peoples Socialist League
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Comrades:—

We greet your 8th National Convention and wish it success in working out a program to advance the economic and political interests of the toiling youth. We greet the desire to make the Y. P. S. L. an organization which has no interests separate or apart from the interests of the working class as a whole. We are sure that the growing desire within the Y.P.S.L. for united front action between our two organizations flows from this aim which has always motivated the actions of the Y. C. L.

Our joint work in the A. Y. C. during the past year contains valuable lessons for the Y. P. S. L. and the Y. C. L. On our side, we have on numerous occasions publicly criticized whatever mistakes were made by the Y. C. L. in the course of its sincere and consistent efforts to achieve unity. These efforts for unity, flow inevitably from a correct application of the revolutionary program of the Y. C. L. which bases itself on the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. Unfortunately, however, there is still in some small sections of the Y. P. S. L., a certain hesitation or even outright opposition to all efforts for unity. We feel that such opposition expresses the influence of old policies of class collaboration.

In the past period of time, we have learned to work together and to act together despite the fundamental differences in program and policy which still separate our two organizations. Working relationships have now existed between the Y. P. S. L. and the Y. C. L. for over a year. Joint activity for realizing the program of the American Youth Congress resulted in the inspiring student strike of April 12th, participated in unitedly by socialist and communist students. It resulted, also, in united demonstrations against war and fascism on May 30th, participated in for the first time in many places by both of our organizations.

Cooperation between our two organizations in the work for, and in the deliberation of, the Second American Youth Congress contributed tremendously toward making

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Norman Thomas is shown pledging Angelo Herndon support of the Socialist Party in the campaign for Herndon's freedom.

it a unified and representative gathering of American youth, and an effective factor for the solution of many of the burning problems of the young workers, young farmers, and students of America.

There can no longer be doubt as to the effectiveness of united action between the Young Peoples Socialist League and the Young Communist League. There can no longer be doubt as to the possibility for cementing unity which has already been established between us in the American Youth Congress. There can no longer be doubt as to the increasing need for such unity.

Everywhere the forces of war and fascism threaten the youth.

Their economic conditions grow worse. Their desire to struggle against these forces and against these conditions increase daily. A united front of socialist and communist youth can strengthen the ranks of the youth immeasurably.

The power of such unity between socialist and communist workers has been made amply clear in the past period of time on an international scale in many countries, particularly in France. The glorious anti-fascist demonstration of 500,000 people in Paris, under the stimulus and under the direct leadership of the united front which exists between the Socialist and Communist Parties of France has inspired and encouraged the workers of the world.

Why cannot we, in the United States, follow this inspiring example?

Why can we not unite to carry through joint actions against the danger of war which now confronts the Negro people of Ethiopia? Why can we not act jointly against the danger of war which threatens the Soviet Union, the only country which fights for peace? Why can we not act jointly against the dismemberment of China by Japanese imperialism? Why can we not act jointly to express our solidarity with the youth of Cuba who suffer from oppression of our own imperialist government? Why can we not act jointly to save Angelo Herndon and the Scottsboro boys from the fate mapped out for them by the lynch lords of the South? Why can we not act jointly to beat back the attack upon the living standards of the youth and the entire working population which is contained in the proposals of the Roosevelt National Youth Administration?

Why cannot we carry on a joint campaign to unionize the working youth into the American Federation of Labor; to defend the rights of the working youth who are already organized in labor unions; and in this way help build a powerful trade union movement in the United States?

We ask the National Convention of the Y. P. S. L. to answer favorably our appeal for unity, an appeal which surely expresses the heart-felt desire of millions of youth. The National Convention of the Y. C. L. has appointed a delegation to attend your convention in order to bring this message to you. This delegation includes members of our National Committee who are workers in the coal and steel industries in the heart of which area your convention meets. We hope that you will receive this delegation in the same spirit as this letter is sent to your convention, the spirit of unity for the victory of the working class.

Workers of the world, UNITE!

Comradely yours,

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Sections of C. I. Ask Unity Against War

A stirring appeal issued by European sections of the Communist International has just been released, calling for world-wide demonstrations on August 1. We print the following excerpts:

To the Working Men and Women of all Countries!
To the Working Class Youth!
To All Friends of Peace and All Enemies of War!

It is only a few weeks to the twenty-first anniversary of the outbreak of the great World War. And today the nations stand on the threshold of another war, far greater than even that war. The introduction of conscription; the militarization of youth in Hitler Germany and the increasing provocations of German fascism threaten the world with another international massacre. The fascist rules of the newly-armed German imperialism are more and more openly preparing for an attack on other nations, and especially for a war on the Soviet Union, hoping by a new world war to achieve a redistribution of the world. They are feverishly searching for new allies. After Japan and Poland, they are now attempting to enroll fascist Italy in the war front of fascist states. In the Baltic Hitler's agents are intriguing to destroy the independence of the small Baltic states and to use them as a jumping-off ground in a war against the Soviets.

The Soviet Union stands in the midst of a world of capitalist enemies as an iron sentinel of peace. The Socialist Soviet state, with its non-aggression pacts, with its mu-

tual assistance agreements, with its struggle to create a system of collective security, is serving the cause of peace and the interests of the workers of all countries.

The fascist states, headed by Hitler Germany, leave no stone unturned in order to frustrate the consistent peace policy of the Soviet Union. Hitler openly declares that he is opposed to the Eastern pact and the creation of a system of collective security; in this he is supported above all by the anti-Soviet section of the British ruling class. The fascists hate the Soviet Union not only because it is the home of socialism, but because it is a bulwark against fascism, a citadel of peace and a defender of all small and weak nations.

Against the imperialist armament race, for a system of collective security!

Against Hitler Germany and her imperialist allies, the chief warmongers!

For the defense of the independence of small nations!

Against imperialist conquests!

Against Italian fascism, for the defense of the Abyssinian people!

Against the Japanese imperialists, for the defense of China from dismemberment by the imperialist robbers!

For the preservation of peace, for the peace policy of the Soviet Union, for the defense of our Soviet fatherland!

Proletarian united front against chauvinist hatred between the nations, for proletarian internationalism, for Socialism, which alone can safeguard peace!