

'Forces Decide Everything'.. Stalin

By GIL GREEN

The speech of Comrade Stalin, delivered at the graduation of the graduating class of the Military Academy in Moscow, has great significance not alone for the working class of the Soviet Union, but also for the work of our Party and Young Communist League in this country.

The leader of the world proletarian revolution made the keynote of his speech the need for developing new forces, of training and teaching workers for leadership. He pointed out that under the new conditions in the Soviet Union—conditions in which the country has already become a powerful industrial nation building Socialism—that "Cadres decide everything."

If the Bolshevik Party which for more than seventeen years has successfully guided the proletarian state, places so much emphasis on the need for developing new forces, of how much greater importance is this question for our Party and Y.C.L. For we in the U. S. A. are still struggling to win the majority of the working class, are only in the process of building a Bolshevik Party.

Yet, how little is this understood by all of us. Can we say that our leading comrades "realize that of all the valuable capital that exists in the world persons and cadres constitute the most valuable, the most decisive capital"? Is it not more true to say that in our Y.C.L. also, "persons are not infrequently thrown about like pawns"?

And yet, to say this is nothing more than a Bolshevik Convention major emphasis was placed on the need for training and developing cadres. We pointed out that the Y.C.L. if it is to be a real training ground for Communism must even more so than the Party undertake the systematic teaching of our

membership. We've constantly emphasized the need for promoting young new forces for leadership. But despite this, no real change is noticeable. Why? Because the leading comrades of our League hope to develop these new forces spontaneously and do not consciously, consistently and patiently work to train and teach them.

Comrade Stalin pointed out that, "Our leaders should show the greatest care towards our workers, 'small' and 'big,' in whatever field they work, and should bring them up with care, should help them when they need support, encourage them when they show first successes, should promote them, and so forth." Only when our leading comrades learn to work in this Bolshevik manner will a change be made in actual practice.

Today, we have many districts and sections who raise the cry, you ask these comrades in Cleveland, Detroit, California, etc., how many classes they teach, what comrades they are giving personal attention, how they promote, support and encourage individual young workers, they usually answer with a blank stare. "After all," they say to themselves, "we need people today and he's bothering us about developing people for tomorrow." With this attitude, is it surprising that they have few forces today and will be no better off tomorrow?

Many of our leading comrades work in a bureaucratic manner which makes impossible the development of new people. They have confidence in themselves and try to do everything themselves. Even when they understand the need for Marxist-Leninist study

they only think of themselves. Many comrades have gone to Party and League training schools. But when they return to their respective fields of work they feel that the knowledge they gained is their own private property, they do not as much as even attempt to organize a class of less developed comrades.

Then again, let's take literature. We could cite numerous examples of district and section organizers who upon receiving their copy of the "Communist" or "International of Youth" read same and when they are finished feel that their job is done. Nothing is done to see that other comrades read this theoretical literature. That explains why dozens of sections and units of our League and thousands of members never as much as see the most basic and most essential literature.

The speech of Comrade Stalin must result in the widest discussion throughout our League on the problem of developing forces. A leading comrade who does not draw others into responsible work, who does not teach at least one class, who does not work towards training and developing new forces, cannot remain in leadership. The training of new cadres cannot be accomplished through academic study alone. As Comrade Stalin said, "School is only a preparatory grade. The real tempering of cadres is obtained in living work . . . in the struggle with difficulties and in overcoming difficulties." This means a living connection between school and work, between theory and practice. The whole leadership must seriously reorganize its work along the lines of the speech of Comrade Stalin.

Young Worker STUDY CORNER

Question: Do Communists believe that under Soviets no one should be allowed to own his own car or home.

Answer: No. Communists point out that, under the present capitalist system all the means of production—the factories, the machinery, the mines, railroads, land,—belong to private individuals, and that these individuals use them only for the purpose of making profit for themselves. When they cannot make profits by using them, they simply let them stand idle, and large masses of people are thrown out of work.

Yet these means of production are the things that produce what the masses of people need. Without them, there can be no food, shoes, clothes, and all the other necessities and luxuries of life. Therefore, the few people who own them control the lives of the masses of people. And since they are interested, first of all, in making profits rather than in supplying the masses of people with what they need, they will shut down their factories, destroy the wheat and cotton produced on their lands, when they can get greater profits by doing these things. And under capitalism, profits can only be made by giving to the masses less than they need.

Communist state that, under a revolutionary workers' and farmers' government, such as exists in the Soviet Union, all the means of production—the factories, mines, railroads, lands,—will be taken over by society as a whole, to produce the things that the masses need.

But the things produced for use—food, clothes, homes, radios, cars, etc.—would be owned by the individuals who bought them. In fact, it is only under such a government that the masses of people could own these things, because the factories would operate for the purpose of supplying them. Under capitalism, the factories operate only for the profit of the bosses who own them.

That's why the Soviet Union is constantly building great factories, so that the masses of the people will be supplied with all the good things of life. In capitalist countries, there is no building of factories, a large part of those that are built are standing idle, food and cotton is destroyed, and large masses of people lack not only houses and cars, but clothes and food as well.

Who Are the Splitters?

By JOHN LITTLE

The recent attempts on the part of the leadership of the Young Peoples Socialist League to split the ranks of the American Youth Congress must arouse the indignation of every class conscious worker, student and every sincere fighter against war and fascism.

The proposal of the representative of the Young Peoples Socialist League at the last meeting of the Y.P.S.L. Continuation Committee—that "the Y.P.S.L. will not participate in the May 30th demonstration if 'dual' unions will participate"—shows the insincerity on the part of the leadership of the Y.P.S.L. in the development of the broadest

the deliberations of the A.Y.C., but waited until the most crucial moment in order to announce its withdrawal.

Does the leadership of the Y.P.S.L. desire to exclude the masses of workers organized in the independent unions, such as in the Redwood Brotherhood, the United Shoe and Leather Workers Union, the militant Office Workers Union, which has received the support of the Student League for Industrial Democracy, during the recent strike of Oberlin, or such mass unions as the Fur Workers Industrial Union?

DOES THE RULING CLASS EXCLUDE THESE WORKERS?

Certainly the ruling class will not

in the A. F. of L. will not participate side by side with the workers in the independent unions. The best answer to this treacherous reasoning has already been given by workers in 15 locals of the A. F. of L. who have already elected delegates to the May 11th conference and have pledged their support to the May 30th demonstration. The tremendous response for the May 11 conference from the various churches, shops, trade unions, both independent and A. F. of L., settlement houses, the N.A.A.C.P. and Y.W.C.A.'s, is the best answer to the leadership of the Y.P.S.L.

Responsibility Rests With Y.P.S.L. Leadership