

Editorials

Demonstrate On May 30th For Peace, Freedom, Progress

FOR the fifth time in as many years, the youth of America will march and demonstrate on Memorial Day, May 30. These parades and demonstrations will be larger and more colorful than in any previous year, fitting witnesses to the growth of a powerful united youth movement against war and fascism.

The Young Communist League, which initiated the first National Youth Day demonstrations and parades on Memorial Day, 1931, is proud that the masses of youth have taken this day as their own. We have no particular interest in maintaining this day as the exclusive private property of the Communists. We who are the greatest enemies of private property can only rejoice that the masses of youth have made this day of demonstration their common property.

On May 30th, this movement will be carried a step further.

The Young Communist League, in the interests of strengthening and broadening this movement, calls on the youth of America to march determinedly on May 30th for peace, freedom and progress!

ON MAY 30th, we march to express our hatred for the growth of the forces of fascism. We march because we wish to live and work in freedom. This freedom is more



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and more being taken away from us. Everywhere in the United States fascist violence and suppression of civil liberties confronts us. Even on this very day when we march for freedom, city authorities in Newark, Detroit, Chicago, Hartford and Paterson refuse us permits; at this very moment when we march, laws are being enacted in various state legislatures designed to take away from us the few democratic rights which we still have. Is it any wonder that the youth of America are marching and demonstrating for freedom? Not all those who march

for freedom understand how this freedom can be won.

The Young Communist League, which, together with these youth, also marches for freedom, points out that only by establishing the rule of the workers and farmers, the rule of the overwhelming majority of people, will it be possible to achieve true and lasting freedom.

ON MAY 30th, we march to express any hatred for all the forces which are now making for a new world war. We march because we wish to live and be happy instead of dying, torn and mangled, on some battlefield chosen by the bankers and munitions manufacturers. We march because we are against war and for peace, even though not all those who march understand the correct way of fighting for peace. Not all those who march understand that to obtain lasting peace it is necessary to overthrow the system which breeds war, the capitalist system.

The Young Communist League, which will march together with the masses of youth on Memorial Day, points out that only by a tireless struggle to replace capitalist rule by the rule of the workers and farmers who are not interested in wars for colonies and markets, will we be able to win the goal toward which we are striving, will we be able to achieve peace.

ARE the youth marching for something else?

Yes! They are marching for progress. They march against fascism, which tries to turn the wheels of history backward, which destroys industries and farms, which burns books and introduces a cultural barbarism. Not all the youth who march understand exactly how to insure progress and stave off reaction. The Young Communist League points out that the only really progressive class in modern society, because it is the only really revolutionary class, the only class which has no interest in maintaining things as they exist today or in fighting for things as they were yesterday, is the working class. Only by establishing the rule of this class, by setting up a workers' and farmers' government in America, a Soviet America, will the masses of youth be assured of lasting and uninterrupted progress.

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