

GREEN CALLS FOR ACTION

One of the most remarkable things about the Gil Green-Gus Tyler debate, was the manner in which Comrade Green anticipated everything which Tyler was going to say. Thus, Gil Green read from the works of Lenin, where that great leader of the struggle against war and for Socialism, answered the high-sounding "revolutionary phrases" such as those employed by Tyler. In his letter of instructions (which Gil Green read) to the Bolshevik delegates to the Hague conference in 1922, Lenin wrote:

"With reference to the question of combatting the danger of war . . . I am of the opinion that the GREATEST difficulty consists in overcoming that prejudice which regards this question as if it were simple, plain and comparatively easy.

" 'We shall reply to war with strike or revolution,' this is the phrase customarily employed by all influential leaders among the reformists of the working class. And often the workers and peasants are satisfied and quieted by the RADICAL APPEARANCE OF SUCH REPLIES.

"Perhaps the best method would be to begin with a DETERMINED REJECTION of such views. It should be explained that particularly at the present time, since the last war, none but the completest fools and most hopeless liars could suppose that a reply OF THIS DESCRIPTION IS OF ANY VALUE TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF WAR AGAINST WAR."

Comrade Gus Tyler failed not only to answer, but even to mention the proposals

which Gil Green made for immediate united front action. Stressing the primary importance of united independent labor action against militarism and war, Gil Green asked Gus Tyler and the Y.P.S.L.:

"Can we agree to fight for the following demands?—

"1. Not a cent, not a man for armaments and war. Against the Roosevelt billion dollar war program; against the threatening naval race; for use of all military funds for relief."

"2. Against all military training of the youth, for the abolition of the R.O.T.C. and C.M.T.C., for the removal of all army officers from the C.C.C. camps.

"3. For the immediate withdrawal of all naval and military forces of the United States from Cuba, the Philippines, China and all foreign countries.

"4. For the abolition of the imperialist and war-provoking Monroe Doctrine.

"5. For the prohibition of all government subsidies to munition manufacturers and war industries.

"6. For the outlawing of all private trading and transportation of arms.

"7. For the defense of the democratic rights of the American toilers and against all gag laws, deportation bills and all forces driving towards reaction and war.

"8. For the popularization of the achievements of the Soviet Union to the youth of this country so as to rally the American toilers for the defense of the first workers' republic."

What is your answer to these proposals, comrades of the Y.P.S.L.?