

YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE WELCOMES THE FORMATION OF THE FEDERATED FARMER-LABOR PARTY

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The Federated Farmer-Labor Party is here. The Young Workers' League of America hails with joy this latest evidence of the growing consciousness of the exploited farmers and workers of America to get together on the political field and act in unison against their common enemy, the capitalist class. The Young Workers' League feels that the spirit and desires of the rank and file of the awakened workers and farmers of the United States were fully expressed by the formation on July 5 of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party. There are some yet who, Achilles-like, sulk in their tents and, with what can be described as nothing else but plain betrayal of their rank and file followers, refuse to join in a united front of the militant farmers and workers against Wall Street, representative of American capitalism.

A Revolutionary Organization.

The Young Workers' League is a revolutionary youth organization. It says that ultimately the workers and farmers will be compelled for existence's sake to capture the political power in the United States, do away with the present capitalist forms of political representation, which fit only the bosses' needs, and establish a Soviet government, which grants political rights only to those engaged in useful, non-exploiting production by either brain or hand power. But—the Young Workers' League is interested in first making the broad masses of the farmers and workers realize the necessity of acting independently against the political expressions of the capitalists of the United States—the Republican and Democratic parties in particular. Once the masses have realized this crying need of independent, class-conscious political action, they will begin to understand and experience the means which will have to be employed if they are to capture the powers of government of the United States and to wield those powers in the interests of the plundered farmers and workers.

We feel that the formation of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party is a long step in the direction which leads to unity of the masses. The program adopted at this convention, and which the delegates from the Young Workers' League supported and voted for, is one, we believe, broad enough to include all farmers and workers desirous of uniting their forces in a battle against their exploiters, and narrow enough to exclude the fakers who mumble or shout words of unity

of the workers and farmers and then in action sell them out to the capitalists.

To Fight Child Labor.

The Young Workers' League can go along with an organization which will sincerely and boldly fight for the abolition of the crime of crimes existing in these United States of Wall Street—child labor. We can fight side by side with an organization which will struggle for the realization of a genuine eight hour day for the millions of industrial and farm workers. The Young Workers' League can battle together with an organization which will do its utmost to secure an adequate education for all until at least the age of eighteen years.

We favor that the money needed to provide for the education of the masses of the boys and girls, young men and women, shall be taken from the military budget. The newly-formed Federated Farmer-Labor Party has, among other worthy ends, declared for these planks. The young workers of this country, the Young Workers' League of America, the expression of the revolutionary youth of America, can go along with the Federated Farmer-Labor Party on these planks.

From all that the Young Workers' League has witnessed at the convention, which brought about the Federated Farmer-Labor Party, it feels that the workers and farmers, who came from the various unions, farm and other workers' organizations throughout the country and who will recommend to their organizations affiliation with the Federated Farmer-Labor Party, will fight to the limit to realize these, among other, elemental needs of the workers and farmers of this country.

The Young Workers' League recognizes the limitations, especially tactical, of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party. Nevertheless, while retaining its organizational autonomy and carrying on the battle for the communist goal it finds sufficient meeting ground in the program and principles of the

Federated Farmer-Labor Party to go along with the organization and carry on the fight for its demands.

Will Serve as an Instrument.

We are for the Federated Farmer-Labor Party because it purposes to carry on a politically independent struggle against the capitalist oligarchy of America, because this party can serve as an additional instrument of educating the toilers of America in class-consciousness and organizing them against capitalism. The Workers' Party of America, the clearest and most advanced element of the workers and farmers of this country, likewise feels that the acceptance of independent political action by the workers and farmers of this country is the greatest step forward toward emancipation from wage-slavery yet taken by the working class of America. Communism is our goal.

The Young Workers' League is out for the organization of the mass of unorganized young workers on the industrial field. We are urging that the American Federation of Labor take up this organizational work, tremendous in its potential militant and revolutionary strength for the future. The Federated Farmer-Labor Party will undoubtedly do its utmost to aid in bringing pressure on the A. F. of L. bureaucracy, headed by Samuel Gompers, to organize the millions of unorganized young workers.

Briefly, then, the Federated Farmer-Labor Party can be a means of more swiftly bringing together the masses of workers and farmers for political action against capitalism. That is in the direction of the goal of the Young Workers' League. The new party is backed by hundreds of thousands of class-conscious militant farmers and workers, ready to battle for many of the things the Young Workers' League is struggling for—abolition of child labor, soldier bonus, etc. We will go with this party as far as it will go—then we shall go farther, and together with the Workers' Party of America take as many more as we can along with us still further toward our goal.

SAM GOMPERS SAYS:

"As long as I have...

