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### Youth's Answer to New Draft Proposals:

# DENOUGH TO FIGHT AND E, OLD ENOUGH TO VO

## May Day Is Labor-Youth Holiday

May Day came this year, 1941, at one of the darkest periods in history. War, fascism, capitalist op-pression—every political and social curse conceivable inflicted on the workers and youth of the world.

And yet, despite the fact that there were hardly any REAL May Day demonstrations anywhere in the world, the tradition of May

Day, as the day of working class celebration and freedom, still lives. The fascist enslavers of labor and the Stalinist betrayers of labor both still have to try to utilize May Day for their own reactionary pur-

poses.

They both realize that May Day has such an unperishable tradition among the working class of the world-a tradition of freedom, a day of hope signalizing the aspirations of humanity for liberty—that they must try to capitalize on May

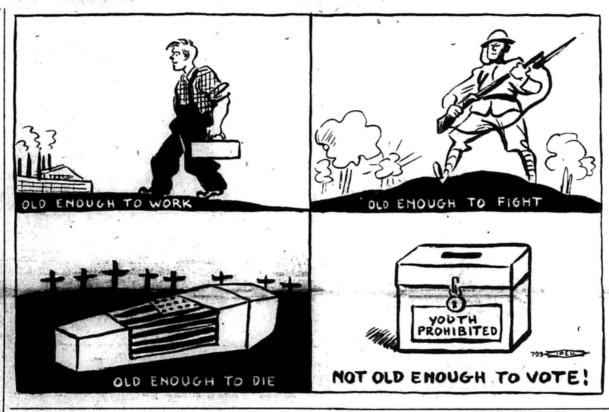
the people. But May Day has a life and tradition of its own. May Day belongs not to the fascists, nor the "democratic" capitalists, nor the Stalinists.

Day in order to fool the masses of

May Day belongs to the oppressed everywhere - the exploited workers, the enslaved Negroes, the locked-out youth. And they will yet make of May Day a day of in-

reaction.

But we, the militant young socialinternational socialist revolution. war costs money came Juy 1, 1940, lives, due to a reduction of the perwhere we shall stand!



## abor Pays for Boss War

#### New Taxes Hit Those Least Able to Pay

That is where we stand; that is A new law went into effect, in sonal exemption from \$1,000 to \$800. creasing the federal taxes on ra- These taxes were paid in order to

By BILL HAINES dios, autos, gasoline, cigarettes, help meet the costs of "national de-Everybody knows that wars cost playing cards and toilet prepara- fense." money. However, we seldom rea- tions, and reducing the exemption lize their full cost until we actually on the 10 per cent amusement tax ternational celebration which will pay through taxes and higher from 41 cents to 21 cents. Our next starting July 1, 1941, if Congress symbolize the liberation of all huprices. Last summer, while Conreminder came this past March 15, approves, as it probably shall, the manity.

The faint-hearted may despair; they may retire to their private isolation or they may surrender to the deadline on payment of federal income taxes. If we were fortunate this approves, as it probably shall, the deadline on payment of federal income taxes. If we were fortunate this approves, as it probably shall, the deadline on payment of federal recent recommendations of Secretary may retire to their private isolation or they may surrender to the deadline on payment of federal recent recommendations of Secretary may be a federal recent recommendation of Secretary may be a federal recent recommendation of Secretary may surrender to the deadline on payment of federal recent recommendations of Secretary may be a federal recent recommendation of Secretary may be a federal recent recent recommendation of Secretary may be a federal recent lation, or they may surrender to when Congress approved an ex- a federal income tax, we had to pay penditure of seven billion dollars an extra 10 per cent tax this year. for "aid to Britain," the costs of And if we earned \$800 to \$1,000 ists, remain proud of and firm in the war seemed far away.

during 1940, we had to pay an inour convictions—we stand for the Our first sharp reminder that the

But these taxes are as nothing compared to what's in store for us gram designed to raise an extra three and a half billion dollars. This program drastically increases every existing federal tax, and, in addition, puts into effect a whole series of new excise taxes, never used since the First World War. It proposed a 5% tax on candy and chewing gum, a tax of 1 cent a bottle on soda, 2 cents per 1,000 matches, 5 per cent on transportation, \$15 per bowling alley or billiard table and taxes on 30 other products including checks, tires, jewelry, telephones, furs, photographic apparatus, toilet preparations, clocks, musical instruments and suitcases. So many items are taxed that the tax is almost as bad as a general sales tax, the worst possible tax for a poor man.

#### Income Taxes

But it won't be until next March 15, when we again pay our income taxes, that we will really appreciate the tremendous cost of this war. For at that time we will have to pay income taxes about four times as much as we paid this year. Morgenthau's proposals call for an increase in basic tax rate from 4.4 per cent to 16.5 per cent. And he has already warned that "the taxes might even have to be made more

It is thus obvious who will have to pay for the cost of the war. The working class, those who can least afford it. The Roosevelt Adminis-

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Washington, D. C.—Revision of the Selective Service (Conscription) Act, eliminating as Army candidates all men in their late twenties or early thirties but including all males above the age of 18, was forecast by President Roosevelt in a recent press conference.

Probably by mid-June, Congressional leaders, at the bidding of the White House, will perfect new draft legislation which will make the drafting of all males above the age of 18, into a permanent institution in America.

### Mrs. FDR Wants To Draft Girls

Following on the heels of the propaganda campaign to put across the proposal of labor camps for America's youth, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has declared herself in favor of drafting girls for a year's service. More than that, she thinks the girls "should be placed on exactly the same footing as men, and they should be given the same subsistence and the same wage."

Aware that this proposal would be attacked on the basis of its being akin to Hitler's way, Mrs. Roose velt says that youth who do this are "ignorant of the principles of democracy." She compares being drafted in the army for a year as equivalent to compelling "our own children for their own good to go to school." Mrs. Roosevelt evidently doesn't know that education is for a socially useful life and not for the nightmare of the death and misery producing capitalist wars.

There is one proposal in her statement that can be subscribed to tiate collectively with officers on one hundred per cent. Mrs. Roosevelt says that she is in favor of "giving the people of the United States an opportunity to decide at the polls." We hope she convinces her husband of this. The practice different program than the one you is the reason President Roosevelt actually put across. She might also gives for conscripting 18 year olds. propose that the girls who will be People today at the age of 25 or 30 "drafted" this way also be given a chance to vote on this matter.

But it's our opinion that Mr. fight by that time! Roosevelt pays very little attention to Eleanor in these matters.

President Roosevelt made clear that the Selective Service Act was merely a temporary expedient and that he now envisaged a permanent state of militarization in America, thus giving the lie to the plea that he made, at the time of the passage of the Selective Service Act, that conscription was merely an emergency measure. American capital-ism has decided to permanently

#### **OUR PROGRAM FOR** THE CONSCRIPTS

militarize its youth.

Increase draftees' pay to \$60. 2) Complete voting rights for the draftees

3) Abolish Jim-Crowism in the Army.

4) For right of draftees to retain rade-union membership.

5) For the right of draftees to receive any kind of literature and to hold their own political forums and discussions.

6) For right of draftees to negocamp conditions.

Indicative of the fact that American imperialism is preparing for a thes days is to run for office on a long range war that may last years will be 35 or 40 in ten years from now, he argued at his press conference, and hence will be unable to

> Another franker indication of (Continued on page 2)

## Moscow Pacts Reveal Stalin's Anti-Working Class Policy

By MILTON MILLER

Bloody Joe Stalin did it again. After months of rumors and counter-denials, he has concluded a non-aggression pact with the Mikado, the immediate significance of which has been a tremendous blow to the morale of the Chinese masses in their struggle against Japan. The pact comes after eight years of pratracted warfare between China and Japan. In signing it, Stalin has recognized

the puppet state of Manchuoko. This means he has recognized it as a "legitimate" country and acknowledged Japan's act of invasion and subjugation.

Needless to say, the Stalinist boast of the aid that the Soviet Union gives to the "oppressed colonial peoples" is revealed as a lie.

Just as in the shipping of a to Italy, Stalin has betrayed their interests again. The local American communists are rehearsing a different tune these days. For months previous these stooges of the Kremlin yelled for a "Moscow-Chung-king-Washington" axis. If democ-

## No Convoys! No AEF!

The country rocks on the issue of convoys. The prostitute boss press whips itself into a lather of hysteria, urging that we convoy ships to Britain. All the war committees, composed of nice old ladies of both sexes who think it would be just ducky if American boys were shipped across the

in a war, are also screaming for convoys. But convoys mean war! Everyone understands that, and that's why the majority of the American people are against con-

ocean and about a half million of them murdered

Do you want proof that convoys mean war? Lis-

"Convoys mean shooting. And shooting means That statement was made by none other than President Roosevelt. And this very same President Roosevelt also said in his pre-election speeches that he would never send any American boys across the ocean to fight in a war.

Now we want to ask President Roosevelt: Why do you permit your Secretaries of State and Navy to make statements that hint that the government

will use convoys? Why do the New Deal Senators

kill a bill which would prohibit convoys?

AND WHY DO YOU YOURSELF KEEP SO QUIET ABOUT CONVOYS, ALLOWING ALL SORTS OF RUMORS TO SPREAD IN THE PRESS THAT YOU ARE PLANNING CONVOYS? IF YOU REALLY WEREN'T PLANNING CONVOYS, YOU COULD JUST SQUELCH ALL THESE RUMORS WITH ONE WORD!

The fact of the matter is that your government, Mr. Roosevelt, is planning convoys and that, you yourself have said, means war!

Election promises are cheap, aren't they, Mr. President? But American youth is determined today as it was at the time you were elected that it refuses to die in an imperialist war. We see no reason why we should be slaughtered in China, or in Egypt, or in whatever part of the world it may suit your imperialist interests to send us!

We intend to hold you to your promises. We want might even have no part of this imperialist war. It is a war of the drastic next year." bosses of all countries which helps the people of

Don't pull a Wilson on us, Mr. President. We on't intend to push up poppies in any Flanders

On the Youth Front-

## THE YCL SPILLS A FEW BEANS ABOUT THE AYC

-by IRVING HOWE

stooge organizations which are so readily created by the Young Comreadily created by the Young Communist League, is the American Youth Congress. The AYC has always been the biggest trump card of the Stalinist youth; they have devoted their most loving attention to it.

During the period in the history stock and barrel, by the Young Communist League, It was its force.

During the period in the history Stalinists were rabid patriots in the "democratic" imperialist countries and were shouting for collective security and Peoples Fronts, the AYC played a leading role. It was the mechanism through which the Stalinist youth were most successful in their attempts to be good, respectable boys and girls. They protested their patriotism to the skles; class.

The holding company of all the they even voted for resolutions ge organizations which are so which were passed at AYC con-

of the Stalinist movement before Communist League. It was its fore-the Hitler-Stalin pact, when the most champion; its organizer; its

#### AFTER THE LINE WAS CHANGED

when it was whooping it up for selves.

Two

magazine, when he writes: "Instead of the working class, and the program of the working class, playing the dominant rôle, it was the liberal beargeoise and the middle class, and their programs—the Rocsevelt New Deal Administration—which played the dominant rôle.

A very interesting a very cynical and a very untrue observation! That the program of the bourgeoisie was the program of the bourgeoisie was that two years ago the bourgeoisie had a program which DID meet the needs of the youth. That would be

the program of the AYC nobody needs of the youth. That would be can deny. (Nobody, that is, except an interesting admission!

After the Hitler-Stalin pact, the the Stalinists of two years ago, who YCL changed its line. It no longer got very indignant when we told it supported American imperialism in the war; it now supported the Stalin-Hitler part. And the AYC tagnot through the organizational control of any liberal organizations, ged along.

But how is the YCL to explain but through the organizational conthe rôle of the AYC in the old days trol of the Stalinist youth them-

Two years ago, they were the Max Weiss, president of the most ardent defenders of the pro-young Communist League, gives gram of the AYC; it met the needs the answer in a recent issue of American youth, they told us. "Clarity," the YCL "theoretical" Today they tell us this program

#### THE YCL IS WORRIED

It would seem, from the "Clarity" tiple of Carl Ross, another youth resentatives.

"That such a gapt of disrupters which our organization has leveled against the AYC fakery does not exactly leave the YCL untouched.

Over a period of time the Trotskyist groups have been system-atically attempting to penetrate the progressive youth movement and at the Town Meeting the youth section of the Trotskyist

and enemies of the labor movement could emerge even for a minute from their deliberate concealment to appear as an organization participating in the broad youth movement is a warning of the sharpest kind. . . .

Sorry, Mr. Ross, but we'll be

there next time also.

#### A NIFTY ITEM

Here's a little nifty, clipped from still motivated by the same high "SOS," the paper put out by Joe Lash's Student Defendent of Democracy, a pro-Ally group. "SOS" writes in answer to attacks on Lash, "It is difficult to prove that Lash is convinced?

## Poor Pay Taxes to Support Bosses War

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pper brackets. The following taken from the N. Y. Post, ws what the taxpayer may ex-

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pay four times as much as id last year while the weal-er \$15,000, will only have to

At the same time that the Treasury proposes to increase the tax ate on the poorest income groups y 400 per cent, it is proposing to crease the tax rate on corporations with income over \$25,000 by may 6 per cent. The most flagrant

lion is going to place the heaviload on the backs of the workSecretary of the Treasury Morthau recently stated: "The
asury intends to tap the pockets
people who have never before
it direct Federal taxes." His retax proposals do just that
they increase the tax on the
ter income brackets to a much
ater degree than the taxes on
upper brackets. The following example of favoritism to the rich

Our demand is: "Soak the rich." The big-wigs in Washington say they are for "democracy" and that's why we have to aid Britain. Let them practice a little democracy at home. Let them pass a 100 per cent excess profits tax. Increase the tax on the upper brackets, on America's "Sixty families." Let them pay the cost of their war,

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-The War Hits the Campus-

# With the N. Y. High Schools

# Prospective Teachers

"Openings for teachers in the New York City school system have virtually disappeared," Dr. William A. Hanning, vice-chairman of the Board of Examiners, reported last week. "For a long time to come, no new teachers would be needed in the academic high schools of the

city."
This report, coming on the heels of an announcement by the Board of an anhouncement by the of Education several months ago that no new teaching licenses would be issued this year, and following Mayor La Guardia's executive budget which drops 200 teacher-in-training and 464 regular high school teaching positions, completely closes the academic high school field for prospective teachers. This must come as a rude shock to the thousands of high school and college students who have been studying for many years to become teachers and now find all their study

With the academic high school field now closed, and with the elementary schools having been closed since 1929, when the last examination was given, the only opportunity remaining to prospective teachers in New York is in the vocational field. However, "even in the trade subjects the opportunities are rapidly diminishing," according to Dr. Hanning. And even if they weren't, what rare individual can meet the license requirements of nine years of paid experience in the particular trade he aspires to teach? As Dr. Hanning sadly remarks, "Few persons who are preparing for teaching today can meet this experience requirement.

Although this report is limited to New York, a similar closing of the teaching field is taking place throughout the country.

The simple truth is that American capitalism can offer no hope for a future or career to its youth.

part of the Western Hemisphere or

even possibly in other regions."

The situation of American youth

becomes even more desperate than

ever before in the light of this lat-

While some naive people may have had illusions about the draft

being merely an emergency meas

ure, these illusions have been dis-

pelled by this latest move. It be-

comes increasingly clear that America is headed toward some native form of totalitarianism under the

guise of fighting to protect "democ-

racy," and that conscription and militarization will be permanent features of this society.

Step Toward War

Youth must therefore consider:

the conscription bill that was passed

some months ago is now seen, as was then predicted by The Chal-

lenge of Youth, to be a step toward dictatorship and war. Its only result

is to disrupt the lives of American

Today the main preoccupation of American youth, since the conscrip-tion bill has actually been passed,

The National City Bank of New

Rochelle recently opened a new branch office. Everyone was pre-

Fat. Banker

roost in Washington.

## No Jobs for High School Democracy Is Victim of War Drive

By PHIL YOUNG

High school students are often told that this war is "different" from the last imperialist World War. Let's take a look at the facts and compare the situation in 1917 with today on the high school campuses. We will use New York City as an example.

In De Witt Clinten High School in 1917, three teachers were expelled because they were socialists. The charges against one was that he had given his class a "subversive" reading list. The most "subversive" book on the list was a work by the pacifist, Romain Rolland. The other two were expelled on similar filmsy charges. The principal of the school was at that time a noted reactionary in educa-tional circles who did his bit to make the world safe for plutocracy by delivering stirring speeches at school assemblies attacking radicals generally and "Bolshevists" in particular. He even set down a law in the school forbidding students to carry the socialist "Call' in class-

In Brooklyn Commercial High School a teacher was expelled for stating to his pupils that he did not believe that Lenin and Trotsky were German agents. In the same school another teacher was ousted for recommending to his class a magazine article by Thorstein Veblen, world-famed economist.

Throughout the country, money was taken from the high schools, colleges and other educational institutions and used for the production of guns, ships and other mili-tary equipment. There were enough guns to kill millions of men, but high school students sat two on a seat or on wooden boxes in overcrowded, stuffy classrooms and learned only of the virtues of capitalism. Nothing was said about the evils of the system which could produce only war and later on un-employment and fascism!

years of "progress" under capital- of peace, freedom and plenty.

Youth Says: Old Enough to

why the conscription process is must be to fight against the entry battlefield. We ought to have sometinto the European war. Secondly, thing to say about that!

being jumped up so fast was seen fighting to improve the conditions. We must ask the boss politicians: in a speech a few days later by and safeguard the rights of con-

Secretary of War Stimson, who de-clared that the American Army must be prepared to fight in any sue of The Challenge of Youth.

proposal the DEMAND of Amer-

We're entrusted with the "right"

An indication of how the present

Roosevelt Administration trifles

with the American people can be

seen in how the proposal for an 18 year draft is being handled.

Like all legislation which he feels is dangerous and which may

antagonize the American people,

FDR first allows one of his lieu-

tenants to put himself out on a

limb with the proposal.

In this case it was General Her-

shey who came out for an 18 year

draft law. Then the President him-

self mentioned it in a press confer-

Seeing that the proposal didn't exactly meet with a favorable response from the public, FDR had his General Marshall deny that the

whole thing is being proposed! (Who's the liar, huh?)

And then, to top it off, Represent-

ative Rayburn, majority spokesman

of the House of Representatives,

declares that the proposal is being

considered.

to go across somewhere and get our guts shot out on some foreign

**FDR** Trifles

With People

In concrete opposition to the latest STAKE!

Fight, Old Enough to Vote

being jumped up so fast was seen fighting to improve the conditions

ism, the situation repeats itself of a more terrible scale. Students still sit two on a seat in overcrowded, stuffy classrooms. The Rapp-Coudert Committee conducts a witch-hunt in the school system. It has just finished a tour through the city colleges, resulting in the suspension in "democracy." He says there are of a number of teachers by the "unlimited chances in this great Board of Higher Education. It is land of democracy." He also is for now on a similar tour of the high schools

The educational budget has been cut by the "liberal" La Guardia administration. An attempt is being made by the National Association of Manufacturers to censor social science textbooks now used in the schools. Upon examining these books you find they are not even

Certain criticisms of capitalism are made; unemployment is dis-cussed; superficial remedies are suggested; but these worthy gentle-men of the NAM will not stand for any criticism of their system, however mild. They know very well that they can't answer them and that the only solution is to change

and anti-war organizations are strictly illegal.

Townsend Harris High School, a permanently because of a ing on anti-war activity. budget cut, despite vociferous protests by parents, students, teachers and even the newspapers. A movement to install the ROTC on the high school campuses grows.

All of these things are part of the drive to war, the drive to dictatorship. High school students must realize these things. They must realize that they are the workers and farmers of the future. It is up to them to take things into their own hands. They must join the forces that are really fighting reaction and fascism at its roots—the capitalist system. They must join those who fight to give youth jobs, not guns— In New York today, after 25 a warless world-a socialist world

WE DEMAND THAT YOUTH,

NOT POSE THE QUESTION IN THE FORM OF A NATIONAL REFERENDUM WHICH WILL ALLOW THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES

TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT

These demands are pefectly rea-

sonable. They are the natural rights of American youth. They

THEY SHOULD GO TO WAR?

must be fought for and won.

## Jingo Drive Hits De Witt Clinton High

Principal A. Mortimer Clark of Clinton High in New York believes aid to Britain to save "democracy."
It might be a good idea for Mr.
Clark to look at his own school and test his own words.

During recitation periods students listen to jingoism mixed in with chemistry or mathematics. while sitting two in a seat, or standing or sitting on the radiators be-cause of lack of seats. Teachers who have some liberal ideas now "stick strictly to business" because they are afraid of Rapp-Coudert.

The school budget was decreased. There is a lack of textbooks, writing paper, etc. Naturally there is enough money to bring back the ROTC on the campus, to train students for death and not for a usethe system.

In every large high school in New York City, student progressive and articles of a diseful life. Student organization is frowned upon and the Stalinist ASU was recently banned from the campus. In the past, students were prevented from participating in the student strike against war and some school for bright students, is to be students were suspended for carry-

> Job opportunities for students are very bad. The NYA quota for Clinton is too low to meet the needs of all who apply. The job agency provided by the school gets a few employed at low wages and that's all. This is not a very pretty plc-ture for Mr. Clark's "democracy." He might do a lot better if he taught the students of Clinton to organize a fight for real democracy. The kind of democracy that is embodied in the program of the YPSL, the fight for socialism.

## Stalin Hurts Workers by Jap Pact

(Continued from page 1)

racy was to be "saved," only such an alliance could "save" it. But Stalin double-crossed them and is committed to a "non - aggression" pact with Japan that "preserves peace" in the Far East. The pact signifies the end of aid to China. The recent prohibition of shipments of war materials through Russia to other countries is the first straw in This was Stimson's subtle way of hinting that plans for a new AEF are not so very remote in the minds of the politicians and dollar a year men who are ruling the ENOUGH TO VOTE!

WE DEMAND THAT YOUTH, TOUTH, TOUT

It is really funny and tragic to follow the Stalinists on their dizzy merry-go-round in this war. They follow the same dishonest policy in the Balkans. When Bulgaria was in the process of being attacked by Hitler, they said "Bulgarian People Enraged at Failure of Government to Sign Treaty." "The Bulgarian people are deeply convinced that only a pact with the USSR would ensure peace and safeguard the independence of the country against the attempts of the belligerent imperialists." (Sunday Worker, March 2). You see, it was the failure to sign a pact with Stalin that led to their being over-run by Hitler.

## Hitlerland

Members of the YPSL were selling copies of the new penny pam-phlet entitled "Jim-Crow Is the Enemy" on the streets of Harlem. Along came one of New York's

Berlin, Feb. 24—A United Press dispatch of this date reports: "Twenty-seven persons were sent to concentration camps last week on charges of spreading false re-ports, the Strassburger Zeitung to-day quoted the police as announc-ing. Four others were arrested on accusation of making malicious remarks against Germany." This is a

#### WOW!!

Look at Yugoslavia

But look at Yugoslavia. It signed a pact with the Soviet Union. The government didn't "enrage" the Yugoslav people. As a matter of fact, the pact, according to Prayda, showed "that the people of Yugo-slavia are striving for peace, that they don't want war and they don't want their country to be dragged into the vortex of the war." This marks against Germany." This is a concrete indication that the fight against Hitler goes on in spite of all attempts to stifle it.

Into the vortex of the war. This is a concrete indication that the fight didn't stop Hitler from marching in a day later. The futility of Stalin's policy is revealed to the hilt. It makes no difference whether they do or don't sign; the world-wide imperialist war drags in nation after hation.

This constant policy of lies and betrayal will reveal to the workers and peasants of the Balkans that their liberation from their own ruling class and the German imperialists can come only by pursuing the paring for the appropriate ceremonies. But one little incident spoiled the entire ceremony. The president of the bank was too fat to get through the door of the bank.

Considered.

Along came one of New Yorks ists can come only by pursuing the finest. He saw the pamphlet cover and listened to the shouted slotated to the shouted slotated to the salesman contains the finest. He saw the pamphlet cover independent policy of the socialist unidependent policy of the socialist unidependent policy of the socialist of the salesman contains the finest. He saw the pamphlet cover independent policy of the socialist and listened to the shouted slotated the salesman contains the finest. He saw the pamphlet cover independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the salesman contains the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the salesman contains the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the salesman contains the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the salesman contains the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the salesman contains the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the salesman contains the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the salesman contains the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the salesman contains the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the finest independent policy of the socialist gams. Approaching the

## Youth in the Unions Emerson Radio Strikers Cut Sales By Organized Boycott of Scab Co.

More than 700 young people, most of them girls, struck the Emerson Radio & Phonograph Co. on April 10th in a fight to raise the \$13.60 a week wage. Mass picket lines, blockading of subway entrance to escort, pickets appeared at the subway entrance and blocked the way door. The anti-labor City stairs. The brave guys who scab picket in a fight to raise the blockading of subway entrance, blockading of subway entrance, only one used by scabs.

Attempts early in the walkent to recommend at the subway entrance and blocked the way entrance when confronted by a few girl pickets appeared at the subway entrance and blocked the way entrance and blocked the way entrance and picketing of the subway entrance. trances to the plant, and picketing Attempts early in the walkout to steps. This was the signal for poof retail outlets for Emerson Rapicket in the underground subway lice to wade in. But the girls clung Emerson products.

diots have solidified the ranks of passages led to police attacks and to the banisters to prevent cops the strikers and substantially cut the arrest of three pickets, all of them production and distribution of them militant girl strikers. When shouting to the strikebreakers:

Emerson products.

They ker shouting to the strikebreakers:

"You're taking away our jobs."

One cop apologized while pushng around an angry blonde: "I'm only doing my job," he said.

#### Police Provocation

When the pickets were ejected, they returned through other subway entrances. Hundreds of striksurrounded the scabs on the platform and concourse level of the subway, agitating them and exposing their cowardice, while police worked themselves into a fever, rushing about the huge station trying to single out strikers from subway passengers, attempting to provoke fights and make arrests. Pick-

street."

The police arrested Angelina Tameselli, Ray Weinberg and Yetta things that you say in your paper, Entler, militant girl pickets. They were released on \$100 bail each

This was followed by the establets and official union papers at lishment of a company union head-the meeting hall. ed by supervisors and foremen who Not all of the communists like became known throughout the plant

#### Picket Stores

Since then the Emerson strikers have had their first successes in the wide picketing campaign being conducted around stores which handle radios made by this scab company. The large Davega chain has taken all Emerson radios out of its disnobody can tell us what to read several weeks have put signs in their windows expressing support of the strike. The poster supplied by the union declares: "We, the dealers, don't buy Emerson radios Emerson Radio is on strike. We support the Emerson strikers.

> A strikers committee has already appeared at the New York Industrial Union Council and others have

Four more pickets were arrested he writes. It is not our intention to lice increased their attempts to for the apprentices and helpers to intimidate the members of the break the ranks of the strikers. practice on? union by staging a demonstration Those arrested were Loretta Genduso, Anna Donohue, Peter Laica and Artie Shapiro, making a total up for our right to present our of seven arrests since the strike be-

Shop Chairman William Santora win this strike to come down and has urged all who want to help picket any day in the week. Mass picketing takes place at 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

A PLAN FOR APPRENTICES

BRITISH YOUTH STRIKE;

back pages of the newspapers several weeks ago. It happened in the city of Man-chester. Six thousand young fel-

"great" Labor Minister Ernest Bev-

in, who last July declared strikes and lockouts illegal.

seem that factory owners are alike the world over, always seeking ways and means to exploit the youth and set them up against their older brothers.

be called unusual bravery. Previ- British labor.

News from England is not always out to this, although strikes in Eng-as welcome to the American press land have been numerous, the esas some people would make it out teemed labor leader had ordered to be. A sensational story from Lon-don was effectively buried in the ing themselves from war work and avoided arresting actual strikers.

By EUGENE VICTOR

This dragon, however, was a bit younger and St. George Bevin rode chester. Six thousand young fellows working as apprentices in the machine tool industry flew in the only equalled by a German blitzface of a regulation issued by their krieg, Bevin arrested six leaders of the 6,000 apprentices and held them until the strike was called off.

With true parental instinct Papa You guessed it! They went on Bevin did not apply the hairbrush strike for higher wages. It would but made the six young hostages swear that they would not violate the strike ban in the next year after having them censured by a magistrate.

It is to be fervently hoped that How did Mr. Bevin react? He they keep their promise as caremet the situation with what might fully as Bevin kept his pledges to

From Dearborn, Mich., comes an- the more obvious that the labor other story about the paternalism movement has yet to solve the prob-of industry for its youth. When the lem of youth in industry. From large a force of workers as possible tion which seems to make sense. inside the plant for use as scabs. "The apprentices," he says,

timental tripe. Henry picked 150 of tle interest in the union and in these potential scabs from among shop affairs unless they are directly those very seasoned and hardy mechanics of the Ford Trade School, boys aged 12 to 15.

Inside the plant these youth were union. bedded down and fed for the duration of the strike, while, according to CIO reports, the scabs were supplied with huge quantities of whiskey and permitted to brawl over

Reports like this make it seem closer to it?

River Rouge plant of the Ford Mo- a Chicago correspondent comes a tor Co. was struck by the CIO; old suggestion about this problem as it Henry was intent upon keeping as affects young machinists, a sugges-

Evidently of the belief that talk my local of the International Assoaffected. They tend to remain a reactionary force, almost completely outside of and antagonistic to the

"Yet if there is anything these new machinists are interested in, it is discussing the problems of their trade, learning about new procedures, or tools or metals. Why does "crap" and card games to maintain not the union take advantage of this interest to draw the youth

#### UNION CLUBS FOR YOUNG MACHINISTS

"Why, for example, doesn't the of course, is a substantial raise in union sponsor a special club for their wage level, something which these youth? Unions with a large the unions will not achieve until membership of women workers they become less conservative and have tried forming women's clubs pay more attention to their youngwith special activities and educa-er members, involving them in the gone to the Newark and Philadel-phia unions to request support for the Emerson strikers.

with special activities and educated the interest to one section of leadership, training special shop the union membership. If a union stewards from among the youth can invest several hundred dollars in sports equipment, why can't it Monday, April 21st, as the city po- buy a lathe or similar machinery the trade union movement.

> "Why not organize a special educational program, drawing upon metallurgical concerns for their free motion pictures on new machine tool processes for special metals and similar material of interest to the youth in the machine tool industry?

make these youth union-conscious, from the unions themselves.

leadership is taking an aggressive attitude on the problem? When the

ster" shift wanted to start later and

If the union leadership does not

take an aggressive attitude toward the company on THESE matters, then it can never stop the serious practice of gypping on wages by hiring learners.

Put that in your paper!

special program for this section of

Yes, like baseball and special women's clubs, this proposal for apprentice clubs in the unions can help to overcome some of the barriers between the unions and the

America's working youth can be brought into the union movement not by closed shops alone, as some union leaders seem to think, not by fake paternalism, but by a real The only thing which will really show of interest in their problems

Chi Rivet Man

## LOCAL 65 MEMBER WRITES IN

**Program for Young Workers** 

1. A minimum apprentice wage of \$24 for a 40-hour

3. All war industries shall be required to hire at least

4. Equal Pay for Equal Work. We oppose cutting of

tion of the youth in skilled trades.

prentice for every 10 mechanics."

The machine facilities in the shops shall be avail-

able to the union after working hours for the instruc-

10 per cent of its additional employees from the

ranks of unemployed youth (in the trade unions and

outside) between the ages of 18 and 24. "One ap-

wages because of "learner" status or because of sex;

employees doing the work of the normal employee

should receive the regular wage, regardless of conditions of employment. This regular wage should

have as its minimum \$1 per hour. Apprentices who

do not do equal work should receive at least 60 cents

5. Jim Crow is the Enemy. No discrimination in hiring

or on the job because of race or color.

**Inquiring Reporter Visits** 

NYA Astoria Workshop

I would like to discuss with my union brothers, through the medium of your paper, what happened at the last meeting of our local. I walked out of the subway entrance to come to the meeting and was confronted by a line of people dis-tributing The Challenge of Youth. On the sidewalks around these distributors I saw a lot of people who were obviously there to protect the distributors.

I didn't like this demonstration

people being beat up at the last outside and we need a couple of eting was then prohibited in the meeting and after seeing what hap-pened at this meeting, I can at least street." understand why you bring a big bunch of your members to the dis-

About twenty minutes after I be members of the Young Communist League ran into the hall all excited and started rounding up a bunch of other Young Communists to go out and beat up your disof force and I still don't like it, but tributors. tThey kept saying "there when I heard about two of your are almost a hundred Trotskyites

hundred guys to chase them off the subway.

including some of the things you say about Local 65. But I think it's which was provided by the union. came into the meeting a bunch of an interesting paper and I would union members whom we know to like to read it. At least it gives me union members whom we know to like to read it. At least it gives me 434 of the United Electrical, Radio a point of view that I don't get in & Machine Workers, CIO, began other papers. I know, also, that a Thursday, April 10th, after the lot of members of the local feel company so interfered with a the same way about it and take the scheduled Labor Board election trouble to read your paper. Since that the board itself called off the you guys came around we've been poll. getting more than just YCL leaf-

> the idea of beating you fellow up, for their coercive and bull-dozing about the innocence of youth is sen- ciation of Machinists take very liteither. When the YCL members tactics in connection with the eleccame in and started rounding up a tion. goon squad, a lot of their own members started to argue against doing it. A big argument broke out on that question and they did not suc-

I think it's a shame that a couple of hot-headed members of the YCL should try to stop you from giving out paper. They have no monopoly on this union and on free speech play windows and 60 other stores We'll read anything we like and of the 150 picketed during the last and what to throw away.

In the future I would like to see leaflets or papers given out at our union like at any other union, in a quiet and peaceful manner. Having different points of view among union brothers should be accepted as a matter of course.

A Local 65 Member.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We quite agree with "A Local 65 Member" on what of any kind. But we have to stand point of view through distributing ban. our paper. We also believe that it should be a matter of course to have different points of view presented before unions, without making any fuss about it.

## Union in Ford Instrument Must Fight the Wage-Chiseling Learner System

To the Editor:

The letters in your paper about the young fellows working as underpaid learners for Ford Instrument, discuss the day shift but leave out an important section of the shop where things are a little different. I'm referring to the second and third shift machine hands, among whom a good section were on as learners.

The company is putting us on two-shift instead of the former three-shift basis. For those of us who will be forced to work the second shift, beginning in the early evening and quitting in the early morning, this will be pretty lousy. How we're going to explain this to our girl friends, I don't know.

#### A Lot of Overtime

But the question is: why is the company willing to pay out so much in overtime (we will work a ten hour day). Why don't they stay on THREE shifts, run-the ma-chines 24 hours a day instead of 20 and not break up our time so that we can't do anything but eat, sleep

There is only one answer. The company would rather pay time-and-a-half to learners than pay a decent wage and hire more work-ers. They turn away experienced men hecause their rates are too men because their rates are too high. It's only because the com-pany wage rates are so low and they can keep the fellows at these rates that they prefer the ten-hour day to the eight.

from such shops as Bendix and Aero Associates, non-union shops where they do the same thing. Fellows there are working 12 hours a day at a basic learners' rate of 45 cents an hour. The company would rather pay for four hours of overtime than hire three shifts and pay mechanics' rates. Abolish Wage Chiselling

lathes and boring mills who come

There are

This is nothing new.

There is only one way to solve the problem. The union must find a way to solve the "learner" situation. As long as the company can hire a man for 45 or 50 cents and

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## Writes In To the Editor:

men in the shop working turret hours of overtime a day they won't lathes and boring mills who come hire new men at higher rates to Machine Co. Working in the shop I work for the Chicago Rivet & expand their production schedules, are a number of young fellows who now that they have a new building, are classified as helpers and earn between 50 and 60 cents an hour. How do we know that the union

These fellows have been put on very specialized work, making dies question came up of deciding the at a very close tolerance under the hours for the night shift at the last supervision of tool and die makers. hours for the night shift at the last union meeting, the "lobster shift" Despite the fact that they are kept passed a motion for 9:00 p.m. to at this work and not given an oppassed a hotton for solvent for an opposition of the day shift meeting, I discovered that the day shift was given the impression that the previous shifts all voted for 7:30 p.m.

The shop is under contract with to 6:00 a.m. as the hours for the night shift. The day shift voted to "concur." Yet the union president attended the night shift meeting. Why didn't he report that the "lob-

The shop is under contract with the International Association of Machinists, AFL, which has done many things to better wages and working conditions for us. But I cannot understand why the unit permits this situation to continue

These fellows are doing the work of skilled mechanics. Yet they are paid a youth's wages. This cheats them of their pay and the mechanics of their jobs.

Something ought to be done about it-and soon.

A Chicago Rivet Co. Worker.

Watch For Our New Pamphlet:

Ford Instrument Learner.

YOUTH IN THE CIO

#### ANSWER - (Machine Shop Work-ANSWER - (Machine Shop Work-"I have been in the machine shop er): three or four days. I think it's pretty good. I applied about four months ago but they put me in the wood mill instead. I just got transferred. You sure go through a lot of rep tape. I think I'll have to go for two or three hundred hours be-fore I can qualify for a job."—N.A. ANSWER—(Garment Cutter): "No. I think the training is inad

Place: NYA Work Center.

quate for you to get the job you want?

quate. The teachers are pretty lax and they aren't too anxious to teach you. They know their stuff but they don't pass it on. They keep you doing one job all the time and you doing one job all the time and you don't get a chance to learn different things. The work gets monotonous and dull. Besides if you come a few minutes late you get docked for a half hour."—R.P. ANSWER—(Sheet Metal Worker):

"Well, you see, they don't train you for the regular job. With the training you get all you could do would be to get a job as an apprentice or learner. Besides they slick u on one thing and that's all you et to do. It's just production work, all you can get would be an un-

ANSWER (Auto Repair Worker):
"Well, frankly, I don't know. You see, the instructors haven't much time because they have a lot of fellows to teach. I think there are o many guys for every instructor, not they haven't get the right system. Instead of teaching you step y step they keep you on one thing ost of the time. I keep wondering whether I'll be able to get a job with this training."-J. B.

Question: Do you think the training you get here is atle-

"The training might be adequate. Some fellows think it is and some think it isn't, but you should se the jobs they send you out for! We had a call for fellows with 200 hours of experience to go to Springfield, Mass. And do you know the pay they offered? A lousy \$15 a week!"—S.D.

## Union Drive At Workshop

The NYA Workers Council, drive to organize the Astoria NYA Workshop this month with sponsored by the CIO, begins a street incetings, leaflet distributions and contact work in the

Helen Harris, NYA administrator, sanctions the work of the union, which is demanding better working conditions in the plant but local administration officials have been hindering union work, intimidating NYA workers and discouraging dis-

Miss Harris sent a form letter to all department heads warning them against interference with the union and asked the union to inform her fired istration interfered.

# Continue the Fight Jobs for Negroes!

The agreement won in Harlem with the bus company i a signal victory. Not only because it will help a few hundred Negro families get better living conditions; not only because these families will be able now to have a little money to pay for their clothes and food. That in itself is important; that in itself means a lot. The important thing is that the united effort of Negroes and whites is the road to victory over Jim-

Thousands of Negro people picketed the bus lines, people who never had a chance to get a job as a bus driver. They were fighting not for jobs for themselves, but for the right of their people to have jobs, for the dignity and freedom and equality of the entire Negro people.

And that's why they won. The entire population of Harlem was active or at least actively interested in this issue. The people of Harlem understood that this issue affected them as a whole, even if they, as individuals, had no chance to get the jobs as bus drivers.

There are many lessons to be learned from this campaign. Our parent organization, the Workers Party, has published a special pamphlet on this question, called "Jim Crow on the Run." Here we only want to list a few of these lessons, and also to discuss what has to be done in the future.

#### The Lessons of the Campaign

- 1) The Campaign Was a Fighting Campaign. The Harlem people didn't send petitions to Congressmen; didn't fool around with endless conferences with the big shots and the bosses. They went out and fought; they participated in militant actions. First they fought; then they negotiated. They backed up their conferences with their picket lines. They understood that only by a show of their strength could they win.
- 2) The Campaign Was a Campaign Allied with Organized Labor. The attempts of the union-busting bus company at the beginning to drive a wedge in between the Negro people and the Transport Workers Union were smashed by the fact that the Negro people cooperated with the Union when it held its strike and then the Negro people, in turn, were helped by the Union. Both groups understood that only by Negro-labor unity could they achieve their objectives. If the bus company had been successful in its attempt to split the Negro people and the Union, to make them fight against each other instead of fighting together against the company—then the Union might have lost its strike and the Negroes might have lost their campaign. Together, they won both.
- 3) Both Negro and White Participated Together in This Campaign. From the Workers Party and its youth section, the Young Peoples Socialist League, came volunteer pickets, both Negro and white. In this fact, that Negro and white workers fought together, is the greatest hope for the future.

#### What Must Be Done Now

The campaign must not end now. In fact, it has only who pays for a Pullman ticket must begun. The bus jobs are, after all, merely a drop in the beginned by the state of the bus jobs are, after all, merely a drop in the beginned by the state of the book. From the point of the beginned by the point of the book. From the point of the book. From the point of the book is the guite to the book is the guite to the book. From the point of the book is the guite to the book is the guite to the book. From the point of the book is the guite to the g cket. There are still thousands of Negro workers and youth in Harlem-and throughout the country, for that matter-who are locked out of jobs by Jim Crow. In its pamphlet, the Workers Party has suggested that the campaign be continued to force the utilities companies to hire Negroes. This is a good idea. We must hit hard to force the utilities companies into a contract similar to the bus contract.

But even that isn't enough. It's necessary to hit the big "defense industries." There are many large plants throughout the city which are producing for the government armament drive. They say it's for "democracy." All right, let's see them give a little democracy right here at home by hiring some Negro workers. We must not fall into the trap of trying to get jobs for Negroes only in those places which Negroes patronize directly. Negroes deserve jobs everywhere, where ever they are technically qualified.

And we have another suggestion. There are thousands of Negro youth who have special problems. They've never worked at anything, many of them. They've never had a chance even to learn a trade. We think the United Negro Bus Association ought to establish a youth committee, in which all Harlem youth organizations could participate, which would take up the special youth problems, like getting job training, etc.

These are some ideas for future work. There are probably other suggestions to be made. But one thing is certain The campaign must be continued. It must be enlarged. It must continue to be a militant, aggressive campaign. It must continue to be a pro-labor, united Negro and white campaign.

# arlem Bus Victory s Blow at Jim-Crow



### HARLEM WAS ON THE MARCH TO WIN JOBS FOR ITS SONS

NEW YORK-The drive to break down the bars of Jim-Crowism in industry has won its victory. A small victory, it is true; but a very important one nonetheless.

The campaign to get jobs for Negro bus drivers in New York ended here on April 19, when an agreement was signed between the bus corporation, the Transport Workers Union and the

#### To Our Readers—

This is your page. Why not write for it, then?

Why not write in and tell us what's happening in your section of the country, why not tell us what movement began in Harlem to get you think about the problems of Negro, youth, why not tell us what you think of our paper, where you agree or disagree with us on the problems of Negro youth, or for that matter on any other question?

This is your paper. Write for it!

United Negro Bus Association, the latter organization being the one which conducted the struggle to get jobs for Negro bus drivers.

The campaign was first suggested during the famous bus strike in New York, which was conducted by the Transport Workers Union. After the TWU won its strike, which was supported by the overwhelming majority of Harlem workers, a jobs from the boss corporation for Negro drivers and mechanics. At first the bus corporation stalled and hemmed and hawed. It tried to play a nasty trick by making it appear as if the Transport Workers Union was responsible for its Jim-Crow policy. In this way it figured that it would distract attention from itself by trying to manufacture dissension and quarrels between the union and the Negroes.

But neither the union nor the Negroes were to be fooled. The union made it clear that it supported the drive to get jobs for Negro bus drivers and the Negroes made it clear that their drive was directed against the company, and not against the union. The great majority of Negroes marching on the picket lines of the campaign made t clear that they were pro-union.

The bus company was caught hands down. It was losing thou-sands of dollars each day, because Negroes refused to ride on the buses. The United Negro Bus Association threatened to establish its picket lines in the downtown Times Square area in addition to the picket lines already established in Har-

## Supreme Court Decision **Naintains Discrimination**

Court Backs Negro Rights on New York Times after the recent decision in the case of Arthur W. Mitchell, Negro congressman from Chicago. This statement was repeated by Mr. Mitchell himself when he said that the decision was a step in the destruction of Mr. Jim Crow himself." A glance at the facts reveals that the New York Times, Mr. Mitchell and everybody else who says this is lying.

The story happened this way. Mr. Mitchell was riding in a Pullman railroad car. When the train came to the Arkansas border, Mr. Mitchell had to go into a second-class Negro car. This car was "filthy and foulsmelling," according to Mr. Mitch-ell. The fact that he had paid for Pullman ticket didn't make any difference. In the South a Negro's money is not as good as a white man's because of the Jim Crow practices. Mr. Mitchell took the case to court and the Supreme Court ruled in his favor. A man what is considered a "victory over last few years. Jim Crow."

As a matter of fact the company has already revealed how it is go-ing to treat this "victory." Mr. Mitchell won't have to go into the second-class Negro car any more. Now he will be accommodated in a Pullman coach Negro car. The company has built a "modern, allsteel, air-conditioned car divided for Negroes and whites." The "vic-

tory" turns out to be nothing at all The railroad companies will continue their policy of SEGREGA-TION. That's the real issue that is at stake. The Supreme Court decision does nothing but establish this discriminatory policy as legal. The issue is not "question of segregation," according to the Supreme Court. It is not interested in that

#### I AM INTERESTED

in receiving more information about the YPSL.

The Negro people are interested. their rights together with their Trains." This was the heading of That's why the Mitchell case was white brothers. They cannot de-the article that appeared in the important. Negroes want full so-pend on the Supreme Court to help important. Negroes want full social, economic and political equality. The Supreme Court of the United States just like the government of the United States, won't solve this problem. They have shown this to be true by their actions, past and present.

> The road for victory over Jim people must organize and fight for really have a victory celebration.

> them in this task. Those who practice Jim-Crow won't end it. The Neroes must say to the New York Times and Mr. Mitchell and everybody else who tells them about the "victory" they won: "We know the truth about this case, and we won't be satisfied until our own government rules in Washington and in Crow is organization. The Negro the South. That's when we will

## "Native Son" - - the Tragedy Of a People in Chains

were anxiously awaiting the novel's be found in a white woman's room, dramatization by Orson Welles can smothers Mary with a pillow to be assured that the play now showing on Broadway does full justice

Uniformly excellent acting, effective staging and sound effects and clever direction combine to produce a dynamic play which keeps its audience tense at all times. In a word, the play is magnificent.

The plot concerns the unintentional murder of Mary Dalton, a beautiful white girl, by her chauffeur, Bigger Thomas, a young Negro, and his subsequent capture and trial. Bigger Thomas symbolizes the frustrated Negro youth of today growing up amidst poverty and discrimination. The play's opening scenes vividly portray Big-ger's life; the way he sleeps on the floor in a rat-infested single room apartment called home by his mother, sister and brother; his irritation at chronic unemployment and sister's consequent nagging; his humiliation by a relief investigator; his alley haunts in Chicago's South Side slum area

#### Meets Upper Class

Subsequent scenes depict his introduction into upper class white society as the chauffeur of Mary Dalton, the daughter of his landlord. Mary tries to win Bigger's classes of people, workers and cap-confidence, but succeeds only in italists. Again in the words of Max clusion. When those millions of increasing his resentment because

Those readers of Richard Wright's | blind mother enters the room and best selling novel "Native Son" who Bigger, in a panic of fear lest he smothers Mary with a pillow to keep her quiet.

> Whose is the guilt for this tragic ness, economic injustice, race discrimination and all the squeezing and oppression of a ruthless world -the frustrated way of life intensified by the cruelty of a blind and enslaving industrial mechanism. It is that way of life which stands on trial today in the person of Bigger Thomas. He represents but a tiny aspect of a problem whose reality sprawls all over this nation-in the Jim Crow corners of our buses and trains, in the Jim Crow army, in the Jim Crow navy.'

#### The Real Tragedy

The tragedy of Bigger Thomas lay not in the fact that he committed a murder, but rather the fact that he struck back at his oppressors in a blind, irrational manner. born of confusion and fear and hatred. American Negroes will not repeat Bigger's mistake. When they fight back, it must be based on analysis and understanding of the economic system which exploits them; it must be in a disciplined like you were. But the day those and organized fashion.

Bigger Thomas made another mistake; he identified his hatred of society with a hatred of all whites, not realizing that there are two -"No, that's not it, Bigger. They

#### Harlem on the March

All Harlem was on the march. Thousands turned out to the mass meetings which were called by the United Negro Bus Association. Hundreds picketed daily. These Negro workers understood that they were fighting not only this local, small against Jim-Crowism, but also that this was a test case, which would be the beginning of greater things to come. They were fighting for the dignity and freedom of their people; that is why so many pitched in, even though only a few could expect to get jobs.

Finally, the bus company knucchanics to be employed should be Negroes. After that there will be employment of one Negro for each white until 17 per cent of the working group is Negro (this percentage is the proportion of Negroes in New York City). This means that there will eventually be some 500 jobs for Negro workers.

The Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League participated actively, day after day, in the campaign. Both the WP and the YPSL ran special mass meetings on the problem in which both Negro and white adults and youth participated.

On this page The Challenge prints an editorial which gives th position of the YPSL on further activities in relation to the campaign for jobs for Negroes.

frightened and lost and angry millions . . . those millions of poor men make up their minds . . . begin to believe in themselves." Here Max stops.

But we of the Young Peoples Sopoor men, black and white, under stand, make up their minds, and of her patronizing manner. Bigger says, "She made me feel like a dog. I hated her." Later when Mary comes home drunk at night, she forces Bigger to escort her to her room. The actual murder occurs purely accidentally when Mary's