

QUESTION BOX

BROWNSVILLE WORKER (Continued)—

Question: How can we conciliate the successes of the five year plan with the numerous reports of starvation in the S.U.?
Answer: The successes of Soviet economy are due to the political and social structure of the workers' state...

R. Z., LOS ANGELES—

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Draft Thesis for C. I. A. Convention

The Need for a National Spartacus Youth League

This thesis is submitted by the National Committee of the Spartacus Youth League and approved by the N.C. of the C.I.A. for discussion by the League membership to be ratified at the C.I.A. convention...

I a. The future of our movement depends upon our ability to win the young workers to our banner. This is true both in regards to our immediate task of constructing a Marxist International party...

The building of a new party means the assembling of the best elements in the present labor movement on the basis of revolutionary Marxism and our active participation in the economic struggles of the workers...

This is demonstrated once again by the reaction of the radical, especially the socialist, youth in the United States, as well as in Europe...

The youth are not only the most immediate reserves of capitalist military organizations, but also a great potential source of the future active forces of fascism. Imperialist war and fascism are not distant, but immediate dangers to the working class...

II a. The most effective medium through which the mass of young workers and the radical youth can be won for the new revolutionary movement is an autonomous political organization which accepts the political program of the Communist League (and later the new party)...

Political subordination means that the strategy and tactics of the Communist League are the strategy and tactics of the youth league. The latter is a broad mass organization which includes strata of young workers and students who want to learn communism...

Since the political youth league should have in its ranks primarily militant youth who are to be trained for the Communist League (later the party); that is, to become revolutionists, it is necessary that it have organizational autonomy...

This is needed so that the youth can develop their own methods of work and policies suitable to the special needs and desires that arise from the physical and intellectual immaturity of the young workers...

Fundamental Aspects of Youth Work

Anti-Militarism and the Struggle Against War

The fundamental concepts of this work have been laid down many years ago. The special youth character of this question lies in the particularly brutal manner in which it affects the youth.

It is highly important that this work shall not be left entirely or primarily in the hands of the youth organization. The youth must carry on an education of its own section, rally broad masses of the youth in the struggle against war...

At present, the Stalinists are holding up, as a means of attraction, the wooden horse of Self-Determination or a Jim Crow Republic in the southern section of the United States...

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WORLD OF LABOR

NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY ELECTION VICTORY

The Municipal elections in Norway brought the expected results, in the colossal victory of the Labor Party. As against the Storting (Parliament) elections of 1933 the party gained, even though in the municipal elections the eligible electorate was smaller than in the Storting elections...

The National Socialists received altogether 2.88% of all votes cast. In Oslo they were united on the same ticket with two bourgeois parties. This ticket received less votes than did the Fascists by themselves in the Storting elections of last year...

It might be expected that after these favorable results the party will at least issue the slogan "dissolution of the Storting and new elections". Under the pressure of the election results and the general feeling in the country it becomes probable that the Labor Party should receive more than 50 percent of all the votes in a new election...

But it is not to be feared that the Labor Party would raise such a "radical" slogan. The "dissolution of the Storting" has never taken place in Norway and the Labor Party follows traditions very closely. It will merely limit itself to the demand for power when the Storting meets in January...

EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN

The Lerroux-Gil Robles government has carried out the first executions of participants in the recent uprising on the persons of two terrorists. Jose Naredo and Jose Guerra were shot in Asturias Thursday morning after all attempts at intercession and pressure on the government for pardon or commutation had been exhausted...

In spite of the unanimous vote of confidence that it obtained from the rightist controlled parliament a few days ago, the present government is quite evidently under strong pressure from both sides. Lerroux is still obliged to heed the voice of the masses. It is significant that the revolutionists are being prosecuted for individual acts of terrorism rather than on strictly political charges...

The Fascists and Monarchists have demanded that the most severe penalties be meted out to all those implicated in the revolt and that the Socialist and other labor organizations be declared illegal. But in spite of the setback suffered last month, the Spanish workers have still been able to maintain their organizations. They are now, despite continuance of martial law, still in a position to exert considerable pressure on the reactionary rightist regime...

MENDIETA IN STRAITS

Wall Street's Cuban puppet Mendieta has appealed to the opposing capitalist parties and political groups for assistance in surmounting the present critical period. Having lost most of his own popular support, he now finds himself on the brink of the abyss. Only the army under Batista, stand between him and oblivion...

The masses meanwhile are reassembling their forces in an attempt to carry still further the revolution begun in August 1933, and which suffered a serious check with the fall of Grau San Martin last January and his replacement by Mendieta. While the petty bourgeois groups are still in the lead in the general political fight against the present government, the workers, upon whom the real outcome must depend, are rapidly and persistently elbowing their way to the fore...

Within the proletarian ranks a deep ferment is taking place. The Bolshevik Leninist party advances rapidly, increasing its mass contacts and influence; the Stalinists are losing ground no less rapidly. "Young Cuba", the split-off left petty bourgeois wing of the Granist "Autenticos", now seek a united front with the Bolshevik Leninists. Decisive struggles approach...

Discussion Article

The Fight for Full Social, Economic and Political Equality

By SIMON WILLIAMSON

One of the most serious problems that confronts the American section of the Fourth International is the breaking down of the walls of white chauvinism and so-called race prejudice held by the white proletariat of the country (who are influenced by the white bourgeoisie) and the winning of full economic, social and political equality for the Negro masses...

The American bourgeoisie has always felt the acute need of maintaining division of black and white in the working class and thus render it impotent in the struggle against the ruthless exploitation of the oppressed. Race hatred has been one of the chief means of keeping the workers divided. Karl Marx truthfully stated years ago that "Labor in a white skin cannot emancipate itself so long as labor in a black skin is branded..."

Most Negro proletarians, who have been used for this end by the capitalists are ignorant of the role that they often play. However, the black proletariat is gradually losing its race consciousness and acquiring a class consciousness, and is destined to play an egriegious role in the labor movement in the near future. Let us take Boston, Iowa for example. Some years ago Negro labor was brought to Boston to break a strike and lower the morale of the whites. The job was accomplished, but twenty years later the Negro workers were playing a leading role in the labor unions...

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