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Labor Sports Convention Over; Many Important Decisions Passed

Dr. Nash, Dean of Physical Ed. in N.Y.U. Enlisted to Fight for Free Gyms.

NEW YORK CITY.— With a loud bang on the table of dumbbell, comrade Joseph Sausser, dean of the Chicago Workers Soccer League and Vice president of the Labor Sports Union opened the sixth National Convention of the only national workers sports organization in this country.

It was not a convention of fat men and men in military attire. Those present preferred to be called Comrades so-and-so rather than General so-and-so or Honorable so-and-so. There was a contrast between this convention and that of the Amateur Athletic Union which was held about 2 months ago in the best Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Here we saw workers, most of them young workers. They came from the factories and from the shops, from the schools and from mines and from farms of upper Michigan. There were young men and women who could well be authorities on the use of the English language as well as Sports and there were men and women who could barely speak the English language. There were Finns with names a yard and a half long. There were Ukrainians with their types of names and a few Lithuanians with names of all lengths.

It was not the best place in the city that they were meeting either. It was the Harlem Labor Temple and it was beautiful. As beautiful as one could expect the Finnish organizations to support from the meagre earnings which they made.

Around the hall were pictures pasted on cards. They showed the different activity of the different sports clubs that had prepared them and there were photographs of Sports in the Soviet Union. All were interesting to the delegates.

The chairman for the session was elected, Richard Heikkinen who was doomed to become the next National Secretary of this sports organization.

Dr. J. R. Nash, dean of the New York University's Physical Education department was introduced by St. Geysen, the National Secretary of the L.S.U. Dr. Nash was a recent visitor in the Soviet Union and paid particular attention to the development of the sports activities in that country where the workers rule.

He spoke first of all, on the present situation in this country. He significantly told the delegates that "we are about to face much more leisure time than ever before." Dr. Nash, by the way is not a Labor Sports Union member. He stated himself as working together with the CWA and other governmental projects. But his prediction about facing much more leisure time had an effect, and probably its purpose. He then went on to say that he is in favor of Mass Athletics and in favor of opening of the school gyms. He spoke against the economy measures of the school boards in all the larger cities and condemned them saying that they were run by a

group of wealthy people who do not care for the "ordinary citizen." He cited that Central Park in New York City should be filled up with recreational and athletic facilities, football fields, tennis courts, playgrounds and swimming pools. He said that he saw a place similar to that in the Soviet Union only it was one and a half times as large and was facing the riverbank where multitude of people went for athletics, recreation and rest.

Comrade Mac Gordon, Secretary of the New York District of L.S.U., seizing upon the opportunity to use Dr. Nash in the fight for free gyms, asked him if he would support the fight against the school boards for free gyms. Dr. Nash immediately stated that he would support any move on the part of the Labor Sports Union to open up the public gyms. He also added that we must not forget that the pressure from the outside is the only force that will open the gymnasiums and recreational facilities in the communities especially where workers are. A man, high up in the physical education circles has been enlisted in the fight to open the school and public recreational facilities. Another victory for the Labor Sports Union!

(In the next issue, we will deal mainly with the World Spartakiade preparations.)

NLYC FINANCIAL DRIVE FOR \$300.00

Vanguards Lead With \$40.53

The Financial Drive for the organizational fund of the National Lithuanian Youth Committee has begun to take on a new impetus. This week especially, over forty dollars have come in and the list of all the donations so far are tabulated below. They show that only about half of the necessary finances have been collected. This is the most important drive which the youth on hand at the present time.

FINANCIAL DRIVE

M. Petrusis, Denver, Colo.	\$5.00
Z. Bechis, Great Neck, N. Y.	5.55
M. Maculkeviciene, Chicago Ill.	1.63
O. Girniens, Binghamton, N. Y.	2.00
Philadelphia Lyros Choras	7.10
LDS 92 Br. East St. Louis, Ill.	7.00
LDS Youth Brch. 101, Bklyn	3.62
LDS 29 Brch, Springfield, Ill.	1.69
LDS 27 Brch., Forest City, Pa.	3.00
Olga Karpavich, Brooklyn	1.10
Bella Jockola, Worcester, Mass.	2.40
M. Slekiené, Gardner Mass.	2.85
LDS 123 Brch, Paterson, N. J.	1.00
M. Kucavskaité, Baltimore, Md.	4.75

LABOR SPORTS UNION VOTES BOYCOTT OF OLYMPIC GAMES

NEW YORK.— Voting unanimously for a boycott of the 1936 Berlin games, the Sixth National Convention of the Labor Sports Union closed Monday after three days of debate at the Harlem Labor Temple, New York. Delegates from ten states and 20 different cities took part in the convention. A fraternal delegate from Toronto greeted the convention in the name of the Workers Sport Association of Canada.

The convention decided to work for the sending of a mass delegation to the World Spartakiade, international workers' athletic meet, to be held in Moscow, August 5 to 18, 1934.

The Labor Sports Union national basketball championship will be held in New York City, it was decided, Cleveland was given the national track and field championship meet for a date early in September.

Richard Heikkinen of Ishpeming, Michigan, was unanimously elected national secretary of the organization, with E. Erickson as assistant secretary.

Greetings were sent by the convention to the Scottsboro Boys, Tom Mooney, the Red Sports International and the Daily Worker on its Tenth Anniversary.

Al Jukelis Recovering

Al Jukelis, labor sportsman and member of the "Sparks" L.D.S. Youth Branch in Chicago is recovering from a major appendicitis operation. We wish him all the success in the world for recovery. Incidentally, many of the readers will remember him as a delegate to the First National Lithuanian Youth Convention which was held in Brooklyn last July. He played on the Roseland L.D.S. Basketball team which won the National Championship in the Labor Sports Union National Basketball Tourney in Cleveland last July and besides, is holder of the third place record for 100 meters in the L.S.U. which he did in 11.2 seconds at the Counter Olympics meet last year.

LSU to Hold Basketball Tourney

Labor Sports Union Decides on Basketball Tourney

NEW YORK CITY.— The Labor Sports Union has decided to hold another National Basketball Tourney in which only teams of the Labor Sports Union, teams playing in leagues affiliated to the Labor Sports, and teams playing in leagues organized by the Labor Sports Union will participate. The dates have been set in the following manner:

District elimination tournament: March 10, 1934.

Regional eliminations: March 27, 1934 in Chicago and New York.

National Playoff in New York City: April 14, or 15th, 1934. The prizes offered this time are to be:

First: A rotating cup—Must be won twice in succession starting with the coming tournament, to become permanent possession of club or must be won any three times to become permanent.

Second: A Placque.

There was some previous dispute over the trophy from last year's meet and when the National Convention was told about it, the NEB stated that there was no trophy planned from the National Office and that comrades were misinformed. This time, however, the trophy will be given.

A. Jakaitis	.25
S. Kazulonis	.25
B. Kirstukas	.10
A. Curoskas	.10
J. Cepila	.10
C. E. Z.	.10
J. S. Jasiliauskas	.15
J. Bagdonas	.20
J. Boguzis	.10
Iz. Dapkus	.25
B. Rakauskas	.05
N. Radakas	.05
Peter Dagis	.10
P. Baika	.05
P. Kravulis	.10
K. Lozenakas	.05

Total \$250

Baltimore, Md. (per J. Balsys)	
V. Mikuckis	.25
V. Povilaitis	.05
J. Balsys	.10
J. Marcinkevicius	.05
J. Vitkus	.05
P. Kask	.10
I. Josaitis	.25
John Grud	.15
Alex Stanton	.03
John Dilny	.25
W. Prystavitz	.05
J. Merkson	.10
J. Stanis	.25
V. Stankevicius	.25
O. Staniené	.05
Bevardis	.02

Total \$2.00

Linden, N. J.
(Per Angelina Vertelis ir Tessie Bachunas)

Julia Kukenis	.10
A. Smith	.10
Jessie Brown	.05
C. Raton	.05
Mrs. Vertelis	.50
Al. Solgut	.25
M. Uzkurenas	1.00
LDSA 129 Brch, Linden, N. J.	2.00
ALDLD 165 Brch, Linden, N. J.	1.00
LDS 135 Brch, Linden, N. J.	2.00

Total \$7.05

APLA 1 District, Pittsburgh \$5.00
Grand total \$142.27

'Hard in CCC Camps,' Says Youth

By TONY SINCUS

The following story was told to me by a young worker in my factory:

I suddenly realized that I was desperately in need of a job. Money was becoming scarce, what relief we received was small, so I decided to try for the reforestation camp. The registration headquarters was glad to get volunteers.

The day I registered I was told to report back for a physical examination. Several days later we were on our way to Montana. When we arrived, we were given muddy-black coffee and some soup which seemed to resemble beef-stew. We were then assigned to sleeping quarters in a two story building (old fort). Boy! were those beds hard. We had to remain in our quarters for two days because of rain. On the third day, we were taken to Medical Headquarters and given inoculations (shots) to make us immune to certain diseases. These shots certainly made us feel as though we were about to die. The next day we awoke early (very early) had breakfast, then prepared for physical exercise, which included military drilling. The first few weeks were quite cheerful and comfortable, but the food was terrible, ohoooooo. But later, the food was getting worse and worse, and the accommodations were becoming poorer. Because of this many fellows left.

Just before we started for our permanent camp, I was appointed sub-forman, because of my past experience with the National Guards. Our present location was situated in a valley near a fast moving stream. At night the air was cold and damp. Not being prepared for this, the first few nites we nearly froze. For several days we built bridges and log cabins for the superior officers. And did we work like horses! After a few days of this we then started our scheduled work which consisted of constructing roads, building bridges, dynamiting huge rocks, cutting trees etc. We commenced at 8:00 and finished at 4:00 P. M. For lunch we received bologna and cheese and tea with sandy water gathered in a nearby stream. By the way, we bathed in the same water we drank.

Recreation was quite dull after a hard day's work. When Saturday came some of us managed to attend a dance in a village many miles away, however this didn't cheer us up any.

The Forest Rangers of Montana, having undying hate for all East-ers, accused many of us of subordination. Our word against them meant nothing.

I had been promised a raise of \$10 because of my promotion to forman. Did I get it? No!

After five and a half months of hardships I decided to leave. I was fed up with both bossing and spying on my friends, and I had already lost about twenty pounds. After leaving camp, I hitch hiked all the way home, had several fights with railroad bulls but arrived home in one piece.

These youths who are anxious to become cave-men by going with the reforestation camps, better remain home instead and fight against these camps of torture.

YOUNG WORKER DRIVE		
More Young Worker Subs have come in to the National Office. The standing now for our organizations is as follows:		
Previously reported	Points	Subs
Tot Last Week	598	809
Chips last week	7	4
" this week	2	1
Brooklyn Br. LDSA	2	2
A. Vertella, Linden	5	2
Totals	612	809

Youth's Outlook in Soviet Union

Youth! In whose veins the blood runs quick, whose minds are eager for knowledge, receptive to new experiences, who accept responsibilities willingly and enthusiastically—that is the youth, the Young Octobrists, the Pioneers, the Komsomols (Young Communists), in the Soviet Union. They have their own codes of behavior under which self-discipline and self-criticism are characteristics of the training of each member. Each Young Octobrist and Pioneer is taught from the beginning cooperation with others, that the chief aim of each member's life is not to further his own interests but to broaden out and embrace the cause of the workers of the whole world, to help that day come when every worker shall be able to live a full life, developing himself to the utmost of his ability.

What goes on in the Soviet Union and elsewhere in the world is of keen interest to this organized youth. The Pioneers and the Komsomols own their own presses and publish their own literature. The Komsomols publish around sixty newspapers and twenty magazines whose circulation, though not of

each individual publication, is over the entire country. They uphold the principles of Lenin and follow the instructions of the Communist Party of which party they eventually become members. Thus, closely knit with the Communist Party, what the Komsomols have to say concerning politics, and the moral and social phases of the nation's life is bound to be influential.

It is the Komsomols who gladly take on the responsibilities of organizing young people into functioning units of Pioneers and train them in character building and citizenship which bears no resemblance to the nationalistic attitude of "my country, right or wrong." They are found at the front in the fight against illiteracy, drunkenness, and various other social problems. Wherever there is work of a constructive nature to be done, there you will find the Komsomols.

Can one say the same of American youth? It is true of only a small part. Yet one can not judge hastily to the detriment of all of them for the fault is not entirely theirs. Material gain today is regarded as the ruling theme of life. He who has the most money has the most power. An ideal of this sort which promotes bitter competition can not result in the good for the greatest number of people.

I. Legmalls.

Letters I Would Like to Write

(But do not dare on account of postage and time.)

By JOHNNIE ORMAN

TO THE SHENANDOAH DISTRICT COMMITTEE—

We have received about a dozen letters for an organizer to be sent to your district, but as yet, we have not found the comrade who will be able to do the task. We all ask you bear with us in this time of busy-ness. It is hard to yank a comrade from the overwhelming amount of work which must be done that certain portions of the work is neglected. We ask you to bear with us and try to do something yourselves. At least the district committee should send us what they plan to do and we can help them thru mail. So far, nothing has been accomplished by that committee. You can at least get a few "Young Worker" Subs. We know that you do not have much experience and you need someone to help you. But there is work to be done all over the country. How can we do it? There are no finances to speak of to hire some one to work; there are practically no comrades who can leave New York at the present time. Bear with us and try to do something yourselves and when you accomplish something, you will be doubly proud of it since you will have done yourselves.

Comradely,

JOHNNIE.

To All Those Who Write "Snap Shots"

Why is it that the Snapshot writers still continue to make dirty digs at chorus members? I mean about personal lives of these individuals. I think about the worst of this type is something like this:

"Anthony K., do you believe now that love is only a waste of time between two peoples?"

"We've paired off most the people in the chorus. Ask me about it sometime."

"Helen wants to keep put of this column she says, but how can she when she tells the wrong person that she has eyes for only three of our boys. My ears were too weak to catch the words."

"That is nothing yet compared to what never sees the limotype's rack sometimes. It honestly makes one blush and furious to see such things written about. What good is it? Will it help our movement or will it keep people away? I'm sure it will do no good for us. Someone may try to use the excuse that the reason he or she does not want to join our organization is because they will write-up his private-life. Oh yes, sometime there is a reason for not wanting your name known: It is because some writer will have to apply for sick benefit from the LDS if he lets his pen get away with his imagination."

Then, too, if the comrades who write would try to get the snapshots typed! What an editor's paradise that would be! Think of it, nothing to rewrite! The writers should bear in mind also that we have malice toward none. (In Chicago, "Malish" towards none) We try to get as many Snapshots in as possible each week. We cannot always do that tho'. The forms are not made of elastic material. Try as we might we could not stretch them the last couple of weeks to get everything in.

Remember, dear writers, that the youth section comes out on Thursdays. So get your stuff in a day sooner. Write up announcements as soon as possible, so that even though your Snapshots would not fit in sometime, the important announcement will.

Comradely,

Johnnie.

To the Midwest Youth Committee:

Why is it that you are not active in the "Young Worker" drive? What is the matter with you comrades. The east practically alone got the 300 subs so far. It is very easy to get them too. Then Snoop-around should have accepted the challenge of Chips column too. I will now issue a threat. You know, Comrade Snoop-around, you still brag that no one knows who you are. Unless you get ten subs by January 4th, I will run an expose in this section. Not only will I tell everyone who you are, but even the names of the girls that you go around with. You see, my secret investigating committee has done more work than Dickson's Anti-Nazi Propaganda Committee did. I have a lot of documents here to prove the identity of the famous Snoop-around!

Why do you comrades call the NLYC an "eastern" committee? You know it is not so. There is no division of jurisdiction. The NLYC has jurisdiction all over the country. It was elected at the National Conference. The Midwest Committee is a sub-committee. But we do not see why you fail to recognize it as such. You do not carry any of the campaigns which we try to instill. You do not work toward killing the antagonism between the east and west but only deepen it by answering our communication with: "Dictators, bosses, bureaucrats and especially, the National Secretary" whose duty is to write to you to and urge you to cooperate with us. You are the only ones who complain about dictatorship and etc.

As one step to bring a better understanding between us, let us put in our Youth Section letters from each other. I mean a regular feature column. We can well use a WEEKLY LETTER FROM CHICAGO and no doubt you can use a LETTER FROM NEW YORK. Not only about the movement alone, but about the sights, conditions, etc., etc. That would be interesting.

Let's get closer together.

Comradely,

Johnnie.

JOHNNIE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is Political Economy?

(Conclusion)

In the practical commune where there still exists (communal) ownership of land and a natural form of economy, human relations are simple and easy to understand. But with time, with the appearance of exchange and property, economic relations become complicated; natural economy passes into simple commodity, and then into capitalistic commodity economy. This capitalistic commodity economy presents an infinitely closely interwoven network of operations of production and exchange, and for this reason it is particularly difficult to establish the economic laws which govern this type of economy.

If we were to take such different kinds of epochs as, let us say, the patriarchal and the capitalistic, and attempt to derive the economic laws which govern social-economic relations in both of these epochs, we would get nothing except generalities. Because, when investigating such different types of epochs, we can establish between them the most general superficial connections which do not enable us to understand in all their fullness the laws governing one or other of these societies. Therefore, if we wish to acquaint ourselves as deeply as possible and from every side, with the substance and the motivating forces of capitalist society, we must turn to the study of this society alone, leaving aside pre-capitalistic societies. The science which studies the peculiarities belonging only to capitalist society, in contradistinction to other societies, is called political economy. The greatest and preeminent role in the discovery of the whole economic mechanics of capitalism was played by Karl Marx. (Of course this does not mean that the phenomena of pre-capitalistic economy have no significance for the Marxist. On the contrary, being a teaching in the highest degree historical, Marxism builds on the study of history. Its knowledge of the present, and points out the path to a better future. The point of view of the Marxist is only the study of the pre-capitalistic forms of economy must be the subject of a special science, other than Political Economy.)

CHIPS

By JOHNNIE

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.—The Chicago Comrades seem to misunderstand the full meaning of everything that was contained in the "Distorted History." They claim that it was written in a moment of personal antagonism. I would like to refute these statements. It was written in the most sincere and comradely way that I knew.

From what I hear, not only that the criticism was taken so lightly that it was disregarded, but the comrades have come to state that the idea is circulated among the middle west comrades that it was a personal attack upon the western comrades. It would not be so terrible if it were not done by the leading comrades of the Mid-west Committee, but it certainly shows political weakness, when one reads a criticism and tries to find an excuse that "he was mad" at me so he wrote it." This attitude of subjectiveness must be erased from our movement and especially from our leading bodies.

I wish to again appeal for a last minute spurt in the drive to get Vilnis Youth Section Subscriptions. The price is only one dollar per year and you can send it in to Johnnie Chips, 46 Ten Eyck Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. and it will be forwarded directly to the Vilnis. Already Bill Malin of Brooklyn has subscribed thru' CHIPS. Who will be the next one? Get the Youth Section of Vilnis delivered directly to your home each week and follow the pre-convention discussion which is bound to begin immediately. Who doesn't want to follow the competition between the east and the west for supremacy in organizational work and in the various campaigns? Send in the dollar bill with your name and address and you will be served by the mailman each week with this wonderful youth section which is sometimes even better than our own Laisve. Then, compare the two and see which is more appealing to read. Voice your criticism of each. Let us make our discussion better than ever before for this coming Youth Convention. Let us not wait till the convention is already upon us. We must improve, as much as possible, the calibre of our work right away. Who knows? Perhaps we shall have fascism by the time the next convention comes around. We must not wait for conventions to improve our work. We must carefully plan out our work and build strong youth clubs and organizations so that fascism would not even get a foothold on the land of the North American Continent. Organization of young workers is one of the chief guarantees against this.

We will only be successful if we point out our mistakes to each other, not with the idea of destroying or degrading, but with the idea of helping our movement. We must take the criticism from our comrades with the idea that they are giving it in order to show us what they think is correct.

In many cases, much more than anyone can imagine, there is a reason for every criticism. There is something wrong in Denmark if the work does not go on as it should.

Comrade Straus is now touring with Miller in the New England States. Although, due to financial "embarrassment" we were not able to send the comrade alone, we appeal to all the youth up in the New England States to come to the meeting and listen to Comrade Straus' report of what happened at the World Congress of Youth Against War and Fascism. He has something to tell you and he knows what he is talking about. Therefore we must get as many young people to attend as we possibly can. Even though the preparations may be hurried this time, we should be ready for this meeting.

Sparks Accept!

The Sparks accept Brooklyn's challenge in the Sport and Play, drive which will be over Feb. 15, 1934. Brooklyn, you don't know what a big task you have taken upon yourself when you challenge the Sparks of Chicago when they say that they will do something they mean it, so watch your step and get more subs. How many has Brooklyn? Chicago has two already, but that is just starting. It takes them a long time to get started but when they do, it is just too bad.

Sparks Report.

The Drive for Young Worker subscriptions is still on. This week the number of subs has come down some in so far as credit for the column is concerned, so again I urge all of you to come across with more subs. However, there is also one sub for the Vilnis Youth Section to record this time.

The Totals up to date for CHIPS in the Young Worker Drive:

points	subs
Reported last week	220 96
This week L. Z.	2 1
TOTAL	222 97

Observer's Totals
Last week reported 51 subs
One which a New York Comrade gave 1 sub
Total subs. 52 subs

SNAPSHOTS

Wilkes Barre

What a wonderful party the YCL of Plymouth had, they had quite a few strangers in their midst. I don't know if they made any profit or not, because as yet everything isn't quite settled, still in all every-one had a good time and that is

Why say, folks I hope you all took notice of the boy friends who fell for Jennie and Aldona, mm-mm are they cute, I should say they are!

Our most liked tenor (especially by the girls) Stanley A. is able to get around now, of course you all know he's been quite ill, for a time, and it looked as if he'd be pushing up daisies, but we're glad that's not so.

Rosie, what town or nation did you spring from? I thought you had forgotten your best friends, your seat at chorus practise, is still there why not occupy it?

Say, what is all this commotion about that I hear in the barroom, it seems a certain gang of girls put a few props against the door thus insuring privacy, and then proceeded to "raise Cain," and did they raise it? If you were there you should know.

What! None of you knew we had a second Helen Kane in our midst, who? why our Aldona, next time take notice of her "cute baby laugh."

Albina, give everyone a surprise next Friday, and stay quit for ten minutes. No, better make it five, we don't want any emergency cases on our hands.

Hope none of you folks take any of these snapshots too seriously, you know it's all in life. See you all next time.

Snip

LETTER BOX

A KICK FROM PITTSBURGH

Editor of the English Section,
Dear Comrade:

The LDS Youth Branch of Pittsburgh wishes to make a complaint about the publishing of their articles in the English section of the Laisve.

Our Reporter, Helen Kohns, has written in several articles that have never been published.

We would like you to give us some suggestions as to the way an article should be written, if ours have been incorrect.

An answer or suggestions would be appreciated.
Comradely,
LDS Youth Branch
President Alben C. Boggs,
Secretary Helen Tamul.

BROOKLYN, AIDO CHORUS

Congrats youth, for your interest in the chorus to such an extent as to attend the annual meeting. (This is for those who were present only).

Who will be the first to ask for a rest for their lungs, the prof. or the songsters? Our decision at the meeting about rehearsing two hours without any intermission, did not look so inviting to Bunny, did it?

Who ever thought that Aidas has an x-ray in the form of a member? And a girl at that? Nellie Z. with her piercing eyes at "Laisve's" bazaar, looked through a glass jar and said that there were 685 pennies there and when it was opened, imagine our surprise to find that there were 684. She got the cents, you know.

Let's hope our youthful executive body will have some bright plans for the chorus for the new year. We sure have to enliven our rehearsals and make them more inviting if we want to recruit any new members.

We must not forget that we are to spend the last minutes of the old year en masse in Laisve on December 31st. Bring all your friends to this affair also and help the chorus both morally and financially.

"Ade."

Responsibility

Have you ever stopped to think why you "chase" certain club members to do the most important work? Is it because you know he would do a thing if he accepted the task? When I hear anyone say a person is "dependable," I think that person is being paid a very high compliment, as not every one of us can be relied upon.

There are people in our clubs, in schools, in factories and among our friends who we know we can depend upon. But, are they the ones who are in the spotlight? Hardly. The headlines, who mostly are not reliable, are always waiting expectantly for the dependable ones to support them and keep them up front. The dependable ones are most always in the rear, doing all the work for another person who receives the credit.

If we would all try our best to do the work that is assigned to us, instead of depending upon someone who is steadily plugging along, we would accomplish more and retain our "head" as Comrade of the Lithuanian Youth.

M. K.

"Roosevelt's Alphabet"

A Sketch on Unemployment
At center of stage, a group of unemployed workers are gathered, hopelessly looking at one another. They are very poorly dressed, and look haggard.

From L entrance, three dancers come flitting in each with a letter of Roosevelt's alphabet on her back. The first, is N, the second is R, and the third, A. They dance out making all sorts of fancy motions and when they get to center front stage, they bow to the audience, then turn around and bow to the unemployed workers, trying to flirt with them... then they turn and dance out to the right. As soon as they are out, the unemployed workers run to the exit with their hands outstretched as if they were trying to get something from the N.R.A. but they see it is useless, and they turn back to the center stage, more depressed than ever.

The same dancers come in again, but this time from the side they ran out, and with the letters "P... W... A" on their backs. The unemployed workers look a little brighter... because maybe this time they will get help. The dancers repeat the same routine... and when they run out, the workers again follow them... all in vain... only to return very sad.

For the third time the dancers come out... with the letters "C. W. A."... and he whole procedure is repeated... But this time the workers are aroused... they see through the bluff of Roosevelt's alphabet... and one of the workers runs out of the group and stands in front of stage, speaking directly to the audience...

Worker 1... Jobs, Jobs, Jobs... Thousands of promises, millions of promises... and yet there are 17, to 18 millions of us without work. All the workers... (all standing in one line at front of stage)... Down with Roosevelt's lies and fake promises.

A couple of workers in the audience: We want jobs!
Second-third of the workers on stage: Immediate Relief!!

Last-third of the workers on stage: Unemployment Insurance!
All workers (stage and audience): Jobs for all without discrimination!! All workers: Rush funds! Send delegates! Support the struggles of the workers by supporting the Convention for the Unemployed in Washington, D. C., starting Jan. 31.

The following cheer could be used as a wind-up:

Give a yell, give a yell; give a good substantial yell,
And when we yell we yell like hell
and this is what we yell.
Organization, education, solidarity
C-O-M-R-A-D-E
The Communist Party is the only way
Let's all fight the N.E.A.

Likewise, at the opening, the unemployed workers could be singing the following song to the tune of "East-side, West-side all around the Town."

No jobs, hungry mobs, all around the town.
Not a cent to pay the rent; the system's breaking down.
Families thrown together, out on the side-walk,
While rackets parade around the Getters of New York.
Berates Shelly.

BACK SEAT DRIVER

"Have you ever driven a car?" the lady applicant for a license was asked.
"One hundred and twenty thousand miles," answered her husband, "and never had a hand on the wheel."

NO PUSHING

Salesman: "Of all our cars, this is the one we feel confident and justified in recommending."
Prospect: "That's no good as I want one to ride in."

EDITORIALS

Spartakiade Campaign

The Labor Sports Union's Sixth National Convention is now over. There were many important phases of sports work discussed and many good decisions were passed. In reference to the Lithuanian Youth movement, what must we do now?

The primary task which stands before us is the mobilization for the World Spartakiade. This meet of workers sportsmen of the world will be a huge gesture of worldwide solidarity for peace only in so far as we will be able to mobilize the masses of youth to support the American campaign.

The task lies before us, comrades. It is building of a huge united front of all the Lithuanian Youth organizations for the campaign and directly involving them in its progress. It is our task to carry on the work among the Lithuanian Youth. Immediately, the members of the National Lithuanian Youth Committee who were assigned to carry on investigations as to the extent and influences of various youth organizations should prepare their reports as to the places and extent of the youth in organizations which contain workers yet have not been involved in our workingclass youth movement.

The task of involving them into a united front lies mainly in the hands of the National Lithuanian Youth Committee which will be responsible to work out directives for the different district committees which have been formed recently and endorsed the Spartakiade work.

In some districts, our athletes are to participate in Labor Sports Union Spartakiade meets. In others, it will be necessary to hold Lithuanian Athletic Spartakiade meets in order to insure the mass participation of young workers of all affiliations to become an integral part of the campaign.

Frankly, we must call upon the Knights of Lithuania, SLA Youth Branches and other organizations to endorse this campaign. It should not be too hard. The government of the United States has recognized the Soviet Union, the masses of athletes of the AAU have forced them to at least make a gesture toward boycotting the Hitler Olympics of 1936.

What does this campaign mean in reality? If viewed from the correct angle, it will mean that we will be able to win over the masses of Lithuanian Youth under reactionary leadership for the workingclass movement. It will mean that they will be won over from the capitalist and fascist influence. We must immediately roll up our sleeves and prepare and prepare this campaign to such precise perfection as our youth movement has never before witnessed. We must work carefully and cautiously. We must not lose hope if our first attempts are not as successful as we would like them to be. We must continuously plug away at

our objective. This objective is not necessarily to send the two athletes to the Spartakiade, but to involve them into workingclass activity. It was correctly brought out in the convention, that the bourgeois organizations of youth were growing at a tremendous rate. That the capitalist class and their staunch supporters are mobilizing in a manner similar to that of the Hitlerites of Germany. Unless we reach this youth, the fascist organizations and the militarists will win them over thru' their propaganda by means of radio, newspapers, schools, movies and every other means which is at their disposal. Our central activity must now be to begin preparations for a nationwide mobilization of Lithuanian Youth behind the Spartakiade Campaign.

Long Live The Unity of Working Class Youth!

Seriously, Comrades

A review of the Workers' Almanac was published in this paper recently mainly with the hope that it would stimulate some serious discussion and self criticism among the comrades of the Mid-west. The whole attitude of the Mid-west Lithuanian Youth Committee is expressive of the following items of comment published in the December 21 issue of the "Vilnis" Youth Section:

"Looking over' Comrade Johnnie's article on the 'Distortion of History' I almost cried over the fate of poor mistreated history.

"That was when I became too sentimental. But reasoning gradually gained, the conclusion was: why cry because somebody's article was shortened and much improved?"

Comrades, we must do away with our subjectiveness toward real serious and comradely criticism. We must begin to evaluate criticism for what it is worth. Perhaps comrade Johnnie Orman was correct in his analysis of the almanac?

To take another reference to the item which appeared in the same issue of "Vilnis" we find subjectivity again:

"In Chicago, we had an epic making sale on Leave of the Dec. 9 issue. The reason: the English Section featuring 'Distorted History'! In my opinion this was not a comradely criticism of the Workers' Almanac, but an open attack on the Western Comrades. It seems that Johnnie wrote that article at a moment of personal antagonism. (Our emphasis) I wish he had thought it over before publishing such an article. The Chicago comrades were greatly enraged."

To take the attitude of "personal antagonism" is grossly incorrect. The comrades of the Mid-west Committee should study the article and criticism and make a statement to our youth press on the correctness or incorrectness of the criticism. Again we plead with you, as comrades in a revolutionary youth movement: Take criticism from an objective point of view and not a personal angle.

For Schools or for War?

"Free education"—this has always been the boast of the capitalist rulers of bourgeois democracy.

But what the capitalist rulers, and their Roosevelt Government at Washington really think about education is glaringly visible in the latest report of the National Education Association, which reveals the following:

1. Over 1,000 country schools have been forced to close since the lack of funds from their local govern-

ments. Hundreds more will have to shut down by March 1.

2. The country's school teachers have been robbed of over \$40,000,000 in back pay now owing to them and probably gone for good.

3. More than 25,000 teachers have been dropped "for lack of funds" at the same time that 1,000,000 more children have been added to the school rolls, adding to the already scandalous overcrowding and heavy teacher need.

4. In many cases the school terms are less than they were 75 and 100 years ago.

What do the capitalist local, State and National Governments mean when they rob the children of the workers of the most elementary rights of education, "for lack of funds"?

The local, State and National Governments have plenty of funds. But when it is a choice of paying the loans of the bankers, when it is paying the interest to the bondholders, and the coupon clippers on time, or else of closing the schools, the capitalist governments, from the smallest village to the Roosevelt government at Washington, always

ROAMING WITH C. STRAUSS

It began to appear that the writer had become lost, strayed or stolen. For two weeks he failed to make any appearance in the press. Appear a day late because of car trouble, I was told that they were just about ready to insert a lost and found ad in an effort to find me. Once more I shall try to make my presence known.

In Youngstown, Ohio. Up to this time, very little was heard on the youth angle. Was it due to the fact that Youngstown was not graced by the force and vitality of youth? The reason is that youth work has been entirely neglected. The adults must wake up to the fact that unless they put more energy and time into this branch of activity, Youngstown will remain behind the rest of the country. There is very fertile ground from which a splendid youth branch can be formed.

Gazing at the audience the speaker was deeply moved by the number of bright youthful faces. For over an hour they listened patiently, anxious to absorb all. After the meeting, practically every youth subscribed to the Young Worker and pledged to start some real youth activity.

In my previous writings, I expressed the opinion that the Oldsmobile would never reach New York. Perhaps the car became indignant at all the abusive things I wrote about it and to spite me chugged un-derstringly back. Will the age of miracles never cease!

A bit more of encouraging news. In Washington, Pa., another youth club has been formed. At their first meeting, fifteen youth were recruited. A mighty healthy start. We are assured that by the next meeting the total membership will be at least 25. For such a small colony, it is really remarkable. It all goes to show what a little real and honest work will accomplish. In the larger colonies where we have so many youth, it reflects more than ever our inactivity.

I take off my hat to an up and coming speaker. It is a youth from the North Side of Pittsburgh. He is none other than Art Norkus. With clarity and force he put across the role of the LDS. Credit should also be given to the chairman of the evening, Al Boggs, who did a good job. These are only a few examples of the progress made by our youth. They are rapidly rising and right-fully taking their place. Everywhere such leaders are coming to the top. Adults, it is your task keep them going. In you vests a tremendous task, and we expect you to do a good job of it.

Youth is emerging from the fog which has enwrapped them. They begin to see the light of day. Confusion vanishes; clarity comes. With full realization comes action. It is evidenced by our growth. Our movement is what the name signifies, still youthful and ambitious. Let it flourish and thrive and not give cause for it to sag.

Close co-operation between adults and youth will insure its successful growth.

take one choice—they pay the bankers and close the schools. Elementary progress in education is going back to the conditions of 75 to 100 years ago. It is growing more and more culturally barbarous.

Closed schools, unpaid teachers—

BUT ONE BILLION DOLLARS FOR WAR PREPARATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS FUND!

Here is the reactionary heart of the Roosevelt government laid bare. Unlimited funds for the banks, for war preparations, however, the degradation of the masses. This is the program of Roosevelt.