

Article styled "The Coming Y.C.L. Convention" by Gil Green which appeared in the Party Organizer for February, 1937;

Article by Gene Dennis and Gil Green styled "Notes on the Defense of American Democracy" which appeared in the magazine styled "The Communist" for May, 1938;

Article styled "The Young Generation and the Imperialist War" by Gil Green which appeared in the magazine styled "The Communist" for November, 1939;

Article styled "Imperialist War and 'Democratic' Demagoguery" which appeared in the magazine styled "The Communist" for June, 1940;

Article styled "Some Effects of War Economy in the U.S.A." by Gil Green appearing in the magazine styled "The Communist" for January, 1941;

Article "How the British Empire is Conjured Away" by Gil Green appearing in the magazine styled "The Communist" for April, 1941;

Article styled "Our Tasks in the Struggle to Defeat Hitlerism" by Gil Green. This article is based on a report to the Plenary Meeting of the National Committee, C.P.U.S.A., June 28-29, 1941. This article is found in "The Communist" for August, 1941;

Pages 7 and 8 of the Daily Worker for May 22, 1937, which consists of a "Report of Gil Green, National Y.C.L. President." This is the report of Green to the "Eighth National Convention of the Young Communist League;"

Article styled "National C. P. Leaders Greet Ford on Birthday" - Daily Worker, December 22, 1938;

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Article styled "Youth Citizenship in 'Forward-Moving  
Democracy' is his Aim" - Peoples World, February 24,  
1939.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. 102-3

REPORT MADE AT <b>Sioux Falls, S. Dak.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/17/41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/14, 15/41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
TITLE <b>0 YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>VOORHIS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No young Communist League activities in the Sioux Falls Field Division.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from the Bureau to all Special Agents in Charge dated 10/15/41.

**DETAILS:** AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA:

A review of the files at the Sioux Falls Field Office fails to reflect that there has ever been any activity on the part of the Young Communist League in this Field Division. However, in the course of investigations which are now being conducted relative to Communist activities in the Field Division if any information is developed regarding the Young Communist League such information will be fully developed and reported in this case.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION INTERNAL SECURITY  
THE SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT HAS STATED IT IS NOT OBJECTIONABLE TO INTERVIEW  
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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 8, 1941

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Young Communist League - Vochris Act

Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 19, 1941, relative to the Young Communist League, inquiring whether this Unit has any objection to the Bureau's conducting interviews with League members or officials, to obtain desired information. There is no objection to such procedure.

Under date of September 12, 1941, I addressed a memorandum to you relative to the Communist Party, U.S.A., in which I discussed the advantages and disadvantages of contacting Party members and officials in order to secure additional information which is desired relative thereto, and concluded the Government's position would not be prejudiced by such direct approach. I believe the same procedure should be followed in the cases of all Communist Party affiliates or fronts, as to whom additional evidence is required or whom it may be necessary to interview to secure material relative to the Party itself, or to other affiliates or fronts. Unless you subsequently are advised to the contrary, therefore, it will be unnecessary to delay any current investigation to ascertain the attitude of this Unit in this regard.

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Your memorandum of September 19, 1941, above referred to, enclosed a list of officers of the Young Communist League. It is noted that the national officials listed in the enclosure are entirely different than the national officers reported in "The Review" for January 20, 1941, as reflected by your subsequent memorandum of September 24, 1941, relative to the Young Communist League. The latter-mentioned group is stated to have been elected at the League's Special Convention of December 21-22, 1940. No date of election is shown as to the officers set forth in the enclosure of September 19, 1941, but your memorandum states that the list constitutes "the best information in the Bureau files at this time." This Unit has not been advised of any of the League's proceedings since December 1940, and I should appreciate, therefore, your clarifying the matter.


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Reference is next made to a second Bureau memorandum dated September 19, 1941, wherein you refer to my prior memorandum of September 4, 1941, and request a more specific statement as to the type of investigation desired by this Unit concerning the League, particularly in view of the fact that you have not yet been advised of the theory upon which the Unit intends to proceed with the prosecution of the said League. Inasmuch as my memorandum of September 4, 1941, makes repeated reference to the Voorhis Act, I assume you desire to know under which subdivision of Section 2(a) of the Act prosecution is contemplated. As indicated in my prior memorandum, very little material previously had been furnished to the Unit regarding the Young Communist League, but so much of it as was available indicated such a complete identity with the aims and purposes, activities and tactics of the Communist Party, U.S.A., as to justify considering both organizations in the same light. Both the Communist Party, U.S.A., and the Young Communist League are believed to fall squarely within Subdivision 1 of Section 2(a) of the Act, as being organizations engaging in political activity and subject to foreign control. As of the period subsequent to June 22, 1941, it would appear that both of these organizations, in advocating the overthrow of the Nazi Government, additionally fall within the language of Subdivision 4 of Section 2(a) of the Act. The prosecution of both, therefore, insofar as the Voorhis Act is concerned, will proceed upon both of the subdivisions of the Act referred to.

My memorandum of September 4, 1941, in incorporating the relevant portion of my memorandum of August 26, 1941, relative to the Communist Party, U.S.A., sought merely to avoid duplication of similar matter, inasmuch as the Young Communist League, like the Communist Party, U.S.A., formerly had an admitted foreign affiliation, and at about the same period of time, held a Special Convention to renounce such affiliation, while adhering unshakably to the principles of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin, "embodied in the Communist International." It becomes most material to establish that either, notwithstanding its discontinuance of such admitted prior affiliation, the ultimate objectives and methods of operation of the Young Communist League remain unchanged and are such as to require registration under the Voorhis Act or that the League's action in renouncing such affiliation constituted a fictitious measure of expediency, not affecting its real allegiance and control. Accordingly, with regard to the League, I deemed it advisable to ask the Bureau to accumulate as much of its literature subsequent to December 1940, as possible, and to forward the same to this Unit for transmission to the comparative analysts. I also thought it advisable to ask the Bureau to secure all possible evidence of the continued subversive aims of the League, as reflected in

statements, publications, and other utterances of its officers and responsible leaders, formally and informally, at meetings, conventions, over radio programs, movies, etc. All of this material is expected to be used to establish the unchanged status of the League, as indicated at the opening of this paragraph. In this same connection, since the League, like the Party, held a Special Convention to dissolve its affiliation with the Young Communist International, I intended to ask the Bureau to secure whatever evidence it could as to discussions, meetings, and activities of the League's officials and leaders, prior to the proposal and adoption of the constitutional amendment in reference thereto, or any evidence of foreign directives in that regard. An additional source of evidence is indicated in reference to the League, in that there undoubtedly were conferences with leaders of the Communist Party proper with reference to the calling of the convention and the adoption of the constitutional amendment. I believe the above indicates sufficiently clearly the theory which I had in mind in my original request.

LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH  
Chief, Special Defense Unit

By   
R. Keith Kane  
Assistant Chief

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December 6, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE  
VOORHIS ACT

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For your assistance in the above-entitled matter  
there is transmitted herewith one copy of each of the fol-  
lowing reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
November 15, 1941, at Omaha in the above-entitled  
case;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
November 17, 1941, at Des Moines, Iowa, in the above-  
entitled case;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 14,  
1941, at Houston, Texas, in the above-entitled case;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
November 17, 1941, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in  
the above-entitled case;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
November 14, 1941, at Memphis, Tennessee, in the  
above-entitled case;

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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December 15, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER  
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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.;  
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YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;  
VOORHIS ACT

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Dear Sir:

In developing evidence concerning the official positions of officers in the Communist Party and Young Communist League, the following suggestions are made which may prove helpful to you:

Local newspapers in some instances contain signed statements of local leaders of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, voicing objections on certain public matters.

The files of local police departments, sheriffs' offices, prosecuting officers, corporation police agencies, heads of corporations, school boards, colleges and universities in some instances contain complaints by officers of the Communist Party or Young Communist League where the names of such individuals and their official positions are admitted.

It may also be found that the mayor, city manager, municipal government or county government may have received requests for the rental of town halls or public grounds from officers of the Communist Party or Young Communist League wherein such persons disclose their identity and official position. The same may be found to be true in connection with high schools or societies owning large buildings, which can be used for public gatherings. Further sources of information are:

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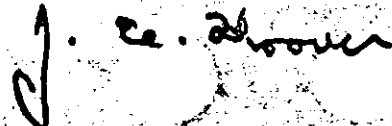
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Public petitions  
Requests to parade on May Day or  
Labor Day  
Selective Service records  
Rental records  
Post Office records  
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Requests for radio time  
Use of radio  
Mail carriers.

Information of value may also be obtained from persons who have attended public rallies where Communist officers have publicly admitted their identity and official status.

In connection with the investigation of the two above-styled cases, it is desired that you give consideration to these suggestions in your efforts to prove that certain persons occupy particular positions in the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover  
Director

December 15, 1941

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YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE;  
VOORHIS ACT

Dear Sir:

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December 17, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

RE: <sup>0</sup> YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE  
VOORHIS ACT

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there is transmitted herewith one copy of each of the  
following reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated November 18, 1941, at Dallas, Texas;

Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated November 24, 1941, at Chicago, Illinois;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
November 25, 1941, at Buffalo, New York;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
November 26, 1941, at Savannah, Georgia;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
November 27, 1941, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
December 1, 1941, at San Antonio, Texas;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated  
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Very truly yours, *ph*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 11820

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED] b7c**  
Knoxville, Tennessee, dated December 5, 1941.

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December 29, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

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RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE  
VOORHIS ACT

Reference is made to your previous request for information concerning the relationship between the Young Communist League and the Communist Party, U.S.A. The Bureau has received a pamphlet styled "The Communist Party of the U.S.A.," by Earl Browder, copies of which are being obtained and will be made available to you in the immediate future. The pamphlet was published in May, 1941, and on page 45 contains the following statement with reference to the relationship mentioned above:

"Your organization is not subordinated, not auxiliary to the Communist Party. It is an entirely independent organization, standing on its own feet. Membership in the Y.C.L. does not commit one to any Party program or discipline. Each one will choose his party program and discipline for himself when he feels that he is sufficiently mature in understanding and experience to make a wise and permanent choice.

"There is, however, an intellectual and spiritual connection between the Young Communist League and the Communist Party. Both find their greatest resources and inspiration in those great teachers and guides, Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin and Joseph Stalin, and in the magnificent successes of the new civilization which embodies their teachings in the life of over 170,000,000 people—the Soviet Union. Both are finding, by the use of these teachings, our own American history, rediscovered after some generations of neglect, as a great soil of democratic and revolutionary tradition, typified by Jefferson, Paine, Jackson and Lincoln, in which we can thoroughly root these teachings, so that they can grow and come to fruition also in our country...."

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Very truly yours,  
John Edgar Hoover

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January 3, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

RE: YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE  
VOORHIS ACT

For your assistance in the above entitled matter there is transmitted herewith one copy of each of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 3, 1941, at San Diego, California;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 19, 1941, at Miami, Florida;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 26, 1941, at Indianapolis, Indiana, together with one copy of the enclosure thereto.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Robert T. Kelley,  
 Chief, Division of Eastern European Affairs, *SI is State*  
 Department of State,  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of September 22, 1929, enclosing a copy of a letter believed to have emanated from the Young Communist League of America and intended for some individual named "Tony" said to be in Moscow. *(S) X*

The Bureau files do not contain any information concerning the individuals mentioned in the enclosure to your communication, with the exception of *b7c* copy of the report of Special Agent *[redacted]* dated September 22, 1929, at Washington, D. C., concerning *[redacted]* was furnished to your office on January 11, 1930.

In the event any further information is received in the Bureau concerning the individuals mentioned in your communication, such information will be forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Robert F. Kelley,  
Chief, Eastern European Division,  
Department of State,  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Kelley:

I have received your strictly confidential letter of July 24, 1931, #315, reference "EK", for which please accept my thanks. (S) [Signature]

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL DODDS

There are transmitted herewith copies of the following:

Letter to Honorable Frank E. Lemon, United States Attorney, Springfield, Illinois, by Special Agent in Charge T. D. Quinn, St. Louis, Missouri, July 27, 1931.

Letter from Honorable Frank E. Lemon, United States Attorney, Springfield, Illinois, to Special Agent in Charge T. D. Quinn, St. Louis, Missouri, dated July 23, 1931, enclosing letter from [redacted] and Mr. Lemon's reply thereto.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Drawer 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri

July 27, 1931

Hon. Frank K. Lemon,  
United States Attorney,  
Springfield,  
Illinois.

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Attention: Mr. James P. Dillie.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your communi-  
cation dated July 23rd, together with enclosure alluded  
to therein, a letter from [redacted]

[redacted] and your reply thereto dated July 23, 1931.

The contents of [redacted] letter has  
been carefully noted and I beg to advise that the  
holding of meetings by the "Young Communists League  
of America" [redacted] is not a violation of  
Federal law over which this Bureau has investigative  
jurisdiction and I, therefore, regret to advise you  
that I am unable to take any action in this case.

Very truly yours,

A. C. [redacted]  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Springfield, Ill.  
July 25, 1931.

Agent in Charge,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith to you a letter received by this office  
from one [REDACTED]

Also copy of our letter in reply  
to him under date of the 21st.

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I do not know just what, if any, action you can take in regard  
to this communication. However, I am respectfully requesting  
that you take whatever steps that you deem advisable and which  
you are warranted in doing in the premises. Please advise me  
as to what your reaction is to this communication.

Respectfully  
FRANK K. LEMON  
United States Attorney  
By  
James P. Dillie,  
Ass't. U. S. Attorney

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Springfield, Illinois

July 23, 1931

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Sir:

Your letter of the 21st instant addressed to the Honorable Frank K. Lemon, U. S. Attorney has been referred to the writer for attention.

It will be impossible for this office to comply with your request to have one of the Assistants present in your city on July 25 or August 1 to attend the meetings which have heretofore been permitted by your local city council.

The U. S. Attorney or any of the Assistants do not have power to make arrests, and furthermore it is not within the province of their duties as attorneys for the government to make the investigations which apparently you desire made in this instance.

However, for your information, I am referring your letter to the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, St. Louis, Missouri, and requesting them to make any investigations which they deem advisable in the premises. If in event any investigation which they make discloses that any of the laws of the United States have been violated by any individuals or any group of individuals the same will be vigorously prosecuted by this office. However, it is not against the laws of the U. S. to hold public meetings and if in event such meetings are permitted by local city officials, the Federal Government is powerless to exercise any police duties in regards to the holding of such meetings or demonstrations.

Respectfully  
FRANK K. LEMON  
United States Attorney

By James P. Dillie,  
Assistant U. S. Attorney.

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**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

August 16, 1933.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is attached, hereto, [redacted], received here today, relative to communistic activities and the N.R.A.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

For your information there is transmitted herewith  
a photostatic copy of [redacted], relative to Communist activities  
in connection with the National Industrial Recovery Act. [redacted]  
[redacted] was forwarded to the Division by the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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Woodland, California, April 23, 1934.

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Mr McLaughlin,  
Care Louis R. Glavis,  
Department of Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr McLaughlin;

I am herewith enclosing a circular which was distributed at a meeting of Women' Clubs, held at Grass Valley, California and which speaks for itself.

Yours Truly

*(Miss) L. F. Arnold*

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT  
OF THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE  
(So. California Section)

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Dear Comrades:

The educationals in these folders are to be covered in a period of two months, December and January. The units can arrange to take them up in the manner they think is best suited for them. It is suggested that the educationals be studied in the order in which they are given. Particular care should be exercised in taking up the educationals on War Preparations and the "Three L" Campaign (Lessons #3 and #4) before work is begun on the "Three L" Campaign.

It is suggested by the Educational Department that a lesson be taken up at each meeting - about one hour being devoted to the educational. One of the principle reasons for issuing the educationals in a folders to cover a long period of time is to allow plenty of time for preparations and to insure thorough and lively discussion.

PREPARATION OF THE EDUCATIONALS IN THE UNITS

1. Every member should have a copy of the educationals.
2. The job of the educationals director in the unit is to assign the lessons well in advance (3 weeks) to a group of comrades. One person should not lead every educational. Groups of 3 or comrades should be assigned to prepare the educational. These comrades should work in cooperation with the educational director of the unit, and should work out the manner in which the educational will be conducted (as to division of work, time, etc.)
3. The groups assigned to prepare the educationals should read carefully all the reading material given at the end of the lessons. Efforts should be made (by cooperation with the literature agents) to make the reading material available to all the comrades.
4. All comrades must understand that they have to study the educationals and read the references before the meetings. All comrades should be involved in the work - assigning a lesson to particular comrades does not mean that the others have nothing to do.
5. The comrades assigned to conduct the educational should be prepared to answer questions, explain the meaning of any words that are used, and to supply additional material than that given in the lessons.

BROADENING THE SCOPE OF OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK

1. At all times we must apply the educational material to our unit work-illustrate the lessons by examples from our every day activity.
2. Make particular efforts to draw in outside youth to our educationals.
3. Use the educational material for holding open forums, debates street meetings, etc. This will have the double purpose of spreading our educational work and of training speakers.
4. Current events should be tied up with every educational.

FUTURE EDUCATIONAL WORK

1. All comrades should take the time to write detailed criticisms and suggestions on the educationals. These should be handed in to

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STRIKE STRATEGY IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE  
CANNERY & AGRICULTURAL WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION

District Headquarters 81 Post Street, San Jose, California

Since the coming of the CANNERY & AGRICULTURAL WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION into the fields, thousands of workers have been organized and have taken part in struggles for better living and working conditions. Considerable experience in revolutionary struggle and in strike strategy has been developed. With greater and greater masses of workers constantly being drawn into struggle, the time has come to take stock of the various methods and tactics used in preparing, calling and conducting strikes of field workers. This is necessary so that all classconscious workers may benefit by the experience of past struggles.

In general, three methods of calling strikes have been used. These methods are: (1) The method of holding mass meetings, which may be called the public or "open" method. (2) The method of calling secret preliminary conferences of worker-delegates, or the "quiet" method. (3) The use of both the "open" and "quiet" methods. The advantages and disadvantages of those three methods were explained and discussed at the last District Committee meeting of the C.WIU, and will be helpful to the comrades if applied to their own situation.

I. THE "OPEN" METHOD

Many of the recent strikes have been called by the public or open method. That is, the Union, by leaflets, or advertisement of other means, calls a public mass meeting of workers to consider the question of calling a strike. If the sentiment of the majority is in favor of striking, the strike call is issued, a strike committee elected from the floor and general instructions issued in regards to picketing, etc.

Some of the advantages of the open method are: This may be the only way to break into a new territory or a district where the Union is very weak. This method results often in a large number of and valuable recruits into the Union. The open method is perhaps the quickest way to call a strike, and sometimes the quickness by which a strike is called hinges the question of victory or defeat. This method has proved comparatively successful in a number of instances.

The disadvantages of the open method are: (1) The results of a public mass meeting with little or no preliminary preparation are too uncertain. It is hard to anticipate and be prepared for everything, that may come up. (2) Secondly, a public meeting will expose those workers who take a forward or

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stand will likely be fired from their jobs before the strike actually materializes. Many class-conscious workers who are eager to be in the struggle, will not come forward at mass meetings. (3) The open meeting gives the bosses warning to mobilize strike breakers and the police time to deputize thugs and gather new armed forces of oppression. (4) Such a method will increase the danger of bringing stool-pigeons into the general and central strike committees. (5) It is difficult to such a general assembly to make the necessary preliminary preparations or to draw the rank and file of the workers into a free discussion of the conditions and problems that are faced. (6) There is no assurance that at such a meeting there will be a wide, truly representative assembly of workers. (7) Calling a strike of workers when they are off the job increases the difficulty of getting the strikers on the picket line.

### II THE "QUIET" OR DELEGATED CONFERENCE METHOD 64655

This method involves the calling of preliminary conferences or worker-delegates representing as many ranches as possible, especially the larger ranches, which are usually the "key" ranches and set the wage scale for the territory. The workers can be summoned to the conference by Union men who are working on the ranches, or by unemployed Union men who can make contacts in the early morning while looking for work. Much can be done by both employed and unemployed during the noon hour to secure delegates.

This method of calling secret or "quiet" conferences of worker-delegates from the various ranches before the calling of the strike has a number of important advantages: (1) The a main advantage is that the identity of the workers is kept from the bosses--there is no exposure of the leading, most active workers. (2) The bosses and the police are kept in the dark about the strike, and altho they may hear rumors of strike, they cannot be sure, and when the strike is called, it comes as a surprise to the bosses and police. (3) This "quiet" method of calling preliminary conferences enables full and detailed discussion by the workers of their conditions, wages, strike sentiment of fellow workers, when best to call the strike, they demands, and the ranches most important to concentrate forces on. The conference will bring out on which ranches the Union is strong and on which ranches it is necessary that Union men get work, or try to get work, and at the same time contact delegates. Whenever possible, Union men should be working on the ranches as much more effective work can be done from the "inside" than from the "outside". (4) These preliminary conferences make it possible to set up the entire strike apparatus prior to the calling of the strike, such as; the relief committees, leaflet committees, publicity committee, Central Strike Committee, etc. (5) At the conference opportunity is had to explain the role and functioning of the Union, and new members can be signed into the Union. There is also opportunity to give detailed information to worker-delegates on the method of conducting a strike, forewarning them against the red scare which the bosses will raise, and preparing a broad leadership for the strike.

(2) STRIKE COMMITTEES : General and Central strike committees should keep in touch with ranch committees at all times to know the developments on each ranch, to know what growers are ready to sign, etc. THE CENTRAL STRIKE COMMITTEE SHOULD MEET AT ONCE A DAY!--to discuss and meet the changing developments with a change in tactics. 64656

(3) RELIEF : Strikes are often won or lost over the question of relief. Relief machinery should prepare prior to the strike--collection lists, trucks, etc. should be in operation first day with a responsible committee in charge. Liberals, friends, and sympathizers should be used in this work, and the small business man and farmers called upon and visited to support the strike.

(4) DEFENSE : The usual method of the bosses to break a strike is to arrest the leading comrades. This is done in order to behead the strike and intimidate the workers. It is therefore necessary for every leading comrade to work closely with committees that will be prepared to take over his work. 2. Defense committees should be organized to a. crowd around the comrade speaking; b. to work with the IED in reporting arrests and raising bail; c. to see that the pickets are kept solid in their lines and no comrades wandering away alone. 3. Every camp should have a defense squad that will surround the camp and warn the workers of police raids. 4. Defense committees should consist of the best comrades who will set the example in their militancy against police terror.

(5) UNEMPLOYED : The Section Committee should immediately notify the comrades in the surrounding sections about the strike. Constance agitation leaflets, meetings must be held at welfare agencies, freight yards, etc. calling on the unemployed not to scab and to come on the picket lines.

(6) PUBLICITY-EDUCATIONAL : Publicity in the form of mass meetings, news releases, leaflets, etc. should be conducted constantly during the strike. Sympathizers can be utilized to handle publicity. Where possible pictures should be taken of the picket lines, etc. In order to keep alive the militant spirit on the picket line, the comrades who speak on the picket line and at mass meetings must not only deliver agitations and political speeches, but it is of equal importance and vital that they instruct the workers as to the role and functioning of the Union. Since a large proportion of our membership consists of migratory workers, it is particularly important to stress the duty of those workers to act AS UNION MAN NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE OR IN WHAT CROP THEY ARE WORKING.

(7) PICKET LINES : Picket lines must be established and maintained from the first day. It is particularly important the picket line be formed early in the morning to prevent strike-breakers from being brought to work. Experience seems to show that it is better to mobilize the workers right at the picket line rather than mobilizing some where else for the first and then going enmass to picket. Tho, where possible, there should

The disadvantage of the conference method comes mainly when the Union is weak--when there are few Union men working in the ranch or when there are but few contacts established. Another disadvantage of the quiet method is that it sometimes turns out to be too quiet, that is, the workers themselves don't know a strike is being prepared and will be as much surprised as the bosses when the strike is called. To avoid this, care must be taken that during the preparatory work of the conferences, a general agitation for strike is carried on among the workers in the ranches. This will assure a readiness on the part of the workers to walk-out when they receive the strike call. We must also guard against the possible development of ideas of "illegality", and at all times boldly raise the call and the demand of the right of the workers to ORGANIZE? STRIKE? AND PICKET?

### III. COMBINATION "OPEN" AND "QUIET" METHOD

The third method of preparing and calling a strike is a combination of the other two. Conference of worker-delegates are held prior to the calling of the strike, but the more open mass meeting held on the eve of the strike as well. This is a very common method, perhaps the most common.

The chief advantage over the quiet conference method is that it assures a more widespread knowledge of the strike among the masses of the workers. However, the disadvantages are similar to those of the "open" method--that is; exposure of workers taking leadership before the strike actually materializes and the calling of the strike when the workers are off the job and does not assure an immediate mass turn out the next morning for the picket line.

Thus we can see advantages and disadvantages in each of the three methods. In choosing their method, the comrades have to be guided by the circumstances of the particular situation they face. As the Union grows and our experiences broaden, these methods will be improved and new and better ways found to increase the standard of living of the workers--and finally to bring about the establishment of the workers' own government which will once and for all bring an end to exploitation and give all workers a decent standard of living.

No matter which method is used, the following should receive special attention if successful strikes are to be led:

(1) PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS : Of utmost importance is to have a well-functioning Local and SECTION APPARATUS. The Section and various local committees should meet regularly. Full information should be possessed about the area in which the strike is to be called--the number of workers, important ranches, roads to ranches, the strategic points for establishing

be a central place where all the workers can gather if anything occurs on the picket line.

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(7) LEADING COMRADES : It is necessary that leading comrades receive a minimum amount of rest and sleep during the strike so that they will be sufficiently alert mentally to meet the new developments from day to day and from hour to hour. All comrades can get the needed amount of rest if there is organization of and division of work.

(9) DEVELOPMENT OF LEADERSHIP : In every strike, in every struggle, the comrades will witness new workers cropping up into leadership, playing an active militant role in the struggle. Those workers must be drawn into the leading strike committees DURING the strike and efforts made to bring these workers closer to the movement.

(10) RECRUITING : The question of recruiting and building the Union is of equal importance to winning the strike. A recruiting commission should be in possession of sufficient books and stamps to enable recruiting at all times, whether on the picket line, mass meetings, or in committee meetings. The recruiting committee should be under the control and should be instructed as to how to make books etc. by the dues secretary.

(11) THE DISTRICT OFFICE : Full information, from the beginning to the strike to the end, should be sent to the District Office of the Union. Only thru the constant cooperation of the various Sections and Locals of the Union thru the District center can we hope to build a strong powerful Union.

Attention! This bulletin should be distributed among the Union members and a thoro discussion held in each Section Committee and Local.

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Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated May 22, 1934, transmitting a communication found by you emanating from the Young Communist League, 2075 Clinton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

There is no federal legislation in effect at the present time under which investigation of so-called radical or communistic activities can be conducted. Your interest, however, in forwarding this material is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director

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Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, calling attention to the activities of the Young Communist League of Newark, and the efforts of that organization to discourage young boys from enlisting in the Civilian Conservation Corps by putting circulars in mail boxes and under doors of homes in the vicinity of Newark.

In view of the fact that these circulars are being placed in mail boxes and possibly some of them are distributed through the mails, I am forwarding a copy of your letter to the Post Office Inspector.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. P. M.  
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Room 1408  
270 Lexington Avenue  
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June 4, 1934.

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Mr. F. J. Moran,  
Inspector in Charge,  
Post Office Department,  
31st Street & 6th Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information and for such action as you may deem appropriate, a copy of a letter received from [redacted], calling attention to the activities of the Young Communist League of Newark, placing circulars in mail boxes and under doors of homes in Newark and vicinity.

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Very truly yours,

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New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

By reference from the War Department, this Division is in receipt of your letter dated June 4, 1934, together with the enclosure referred to therein, addressed to the War Department, with reference to Communistic activities in the United States.

There is no Federal legislation in effect at the present time under which investigations of so-called radical or Communistic activities are authorized. Any complaints relating thereto should be transmitted to the local authorities.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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June 16, 1934

JUN 19 1934

Major General James F. McKinley,  
The Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated June 9, 1934, transmitting a letter addressed to the War Department by [redacted] dated June 4, 1934, and the enclosure referred to in [redacted] letter, relating to Communistic activities.

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Inasmuch as there is no Federal legislation in effect at the present time under which investigation of so-called radical or Communistic activities is authorized, [redacted] is being so advised.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
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The War Dept. of War  
Washington D.C.

Gentlemen:-

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As an American citizen I have a  
question to ask

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My grandfather was a Captain  
in General Lee's staff 4 years. My  
father in the Spanish American war.

Gentlemen why is it that  
the Communist Party be allowed  
to print and hand out on the  
streets such damning hand bills  
against the U.S. Government. If they  
don't like this Government can't some  
arrangement be made to send them  
back where ever they come from?  
I can't help but feel that  
there are thousands like myself  
who would give well if need be.



(2)

To defend the Government, let so many men of the best blood of America lay down their lives to make it what it is today.

We the living who represent America today should feel disgraced to let such things happen for one cent help we feel that the Government has been insulted long enough - by our foreign so called "helpers".

Gentlemen as a citizen, to his Government, & am asking what something he done? - Can't we put a stop to this feeling against the Government and the president?

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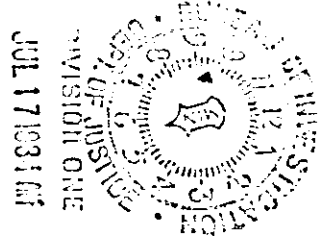
Yours Truly  
Allen L. Morris  
207-W-87 St. - N.Y.C. C/o 44 St. S.

U. S. Department of Justice  
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**Bureau of Investigation**  
P.O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California.

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July 10, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

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[REDACTED]

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I have acknowledged receipt of  
this circular.

Very truly yours,

*E. P. Guinane*  
E. P. GUINANE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 24, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENEAN

[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman.....
- Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Cowley.....
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P.O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California.

WEST

April 19, 1955

Mr. H. H. HoPike,  
United States Attorney,  
Post Office Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 16, 1955, enclosing a letter relative to communistic activities, which letter was forwarded to you by the Postmaster of Vallejo, California.

In accordance with your suggestion, I have submitted the above letter to our office at Washington, for their information.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

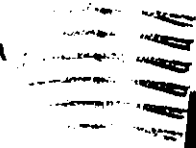
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April 21th, 1938 114617

Dear Comrade:-

As you already know, the Young Communist League has definitely formed a group of young workers into a League unit, which is meeting regularly in Richmond. Inasmuch as we are not able to get in touch with youth in other parts of Contra Costa, we feel that the Party comrades can help us. The resolutions of the last Party Central Committee meeting show clearly that the Party feels the responsibility of building the Y.C.L., and sees the necessity of a strong youth movement. Steps are being taken in every Party section to cooperate in building the Young Communist League. We make the following proposals for the Party in Contra Costa:-

1. To contact as many youth as possible with our official organ of the West Coast, "The Voice of Youth." These are sold for 2¢ each. If your unit can neither sell them to youth, or pay for them, but can contact youth with them in your territory, we will undertake the responsibility of the financial end, although it will be difficult for us.

2. At the present time, a wide campaign is being carried on to build a broad united front Youth Congress in California and a tie-in as well, in order to discuss the pressing issues of today, in reference to American Youth. Our section is cooperating with the East Bay Section in a sub-committee meeting. We are trying to contact as many youth organizations as possible in our section, and ask your help. (Social clubs, church groups, W.C.A., language groups, unions, sports groups, etc.) We would like to have you give us a list of any organizations in your territory that may be contacted. Tell us when they meet, and where. This is important and should be attended to immediately. The time for the Northern California Congress is approaching quickly, and if we expect to have any organization from our section represented, we must contact them immediately.

Please come prepared to discuss these proposals with the Y.C.L., which regularly attends all section and bureau meetings of the Party. Communicate with us at 126 10th Street, Richmond, addressed to Mrs. Le. Brown, and not to the C.P.

Comradely, [redacted]

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE  
RICHMOND

Dear Comrade [redacted] b7c  
We called at 7's. for your promised  
of organizations, but thought you were  
able bring it due to the rain. Hope to  
hear from you soon.

Comradely,

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April 19, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave., at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter referred to this office by the United States Attorney at San Francisco, California, the letter having originally been received by him from the Postmaster of Vallejo, California.

The United States Attorney in his letter transmitting the enclosed letter advised that same was opened by the Post Office Department at Vallejo, after it had been referred to the Dead Letter Office.

This letter is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau, upon the suggestion of the United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,

*E. P. Guinane*

E. P. GUINANE, WRR.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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RW:PS

July 25, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith,  
for the Bureau's information, copy of a letter  
dated July 24, 1935, addressed to this office by  
[redacted] of the Military Intelligence  
Reserve, together with the enclosure, a Communist  
publication referred to therein.

I have informed [redacted] that  
the Bureau has no jurisdiction and that no action is  
being taken.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

1936

As the name implies, the Young Communist League is composed of the young element who by reason of their youth are not eligible to join the Communist Party proper, but who invariably do so when they reach the required age of 18. The Young Communist League is dominated by the Communist Party. The Young Communist League is dominated by the Communist Party. The membership has decreased considerably during the past three years.

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The number of young Communist League units in the Cleveland area is not less than eight. This is due mostly to the lack of organized sports and other leisure activities and the too slight enforcement of Prohibition laws and the youth question was taken up considerably at the Seventh National Congress of the International in Moscow, certain resolutions being made which were adopted by the Soviet Sixth World Congress of the Young Communist International, also held in Moscow. It was decided not to organize the youth simply as a branch of the Communist Party but to create a national youth movement and non-party youth organization which will draw in its ranks not only Communist youth but also socialist, national socialist, fascist, and other youth, which will educate all the youth in the spirit of Marxism-Leninism. A national youth league has already been made in Cleveland, as can be seen in the photograph showing number of participants in the Lower Concentration and the merging of several of the country's youth organizations, including the National Student League, with the American Student Union (A.S.U.) The American Student Union is closely allied to the Young League and is a Russian.

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Quoting from an article by Joseph P. Kamp, Nat. Secy of the American Student Union, "The American Student Union represents the affirmative of these students' present rulers of society that if capitalism, and the government which supports it, prevent us into war, it will not have our allegiance; that as will refuse to support which the U.S. Government may undertake. It opposes a system of foreign wars in servitude, a system which denies him equal educational opportunity, and denigrates him as an individual. There all it represents the desire of American youth on behalf of common humanity, by working in the American Student Union, we have found an effective, non-political agency for the prosecution of truly peace, freedom and security." As in all other so-called "non-party" organizations, the Communist Party contrives to "come from within" and set up Communist cells in all of the various youth groups and in fact the principles of Communism are of their activities, particularly in the framing of resolutions and subjects for discussion at national conferences and conventions.

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YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE

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The Young Communist League, originally known as the Young Workers League of America, had its inception when the latter named organization held its First National Convention in New York City from May 13 to 15, 1922, inclusive, according to the June-July, 1922 issue of a pamphlet of the Young Workers League of America.

There appeared in the same issue resolutions which were adopted by the Convention favoring action toward the following:

- Political and Class War Prisoners
- Friends of Soviet Russia
- Soviet Russia
- The Freiheit, New York City Jewish-Communist Newspaper.

According to the same pamphlet, the National Executive Committee, as elected by that Convention, consisted of the following:

- H. Jacobs of Philadelphia
- A. Marks of Boston
- H. Tam of New York
- H. Cannon of Chicago
- H. Abers of Minneapolis
- S. A. Schulberg of New York
- D. Carlson of New York.

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J. Edwards of Chicago  
 A. Eason of Philadelphia  
 W. Oswald of Chicago  
 W. Theinert of Providence  
 W. Kaminsky of New York.

The motto of "Clarity and Action" was adopted by the Convention. As one of its resolutions the League wholeheartedly endorsed the work carried on by the Friends of Soviet Russia, the Famine Scouts and recognized all the affiliated sections of the Friends of Soviet Russia. Another resolution demanded that the United States Government recognize the Soviet Republic of Russia.

The emblem adopted by the Young Workers League at the Convention in 1922 was a crossed hammer and sickle and a 5-point star surrounded by a circular margin having at the top the words "Young Workers League of America" and underneath the words "Clarity and Action."

This organization was known for a period of a few years as the Young Workers League of America and since that time has borne the name of the Young Communist League.

Since the initial convention of the Young Communist League in 1922, the organization has grown to approximately 22,000 members throughout the United States.

A pamphlet entitled "The Party Builder," July 1939 issue, page 11, states:

"The convention not only reflected the growth of the Y.C.L. from 19,000 in 1937 to 22,000 today, but showed that the League was becoming a new kind of organization."

During the convention of May 11 to 15, 1939, the

Young Communist League adopted a new preamble and constitution. The preamble reads, in part, as follows:

"The Young Communist League of the U.S.A. is an organization of the young people, dedicated to character building and education in the spread of Socialism - - - It derives inspiration from these great teachers and guides of all mankind: Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, V. I. Lenin and Joseph Stalin."

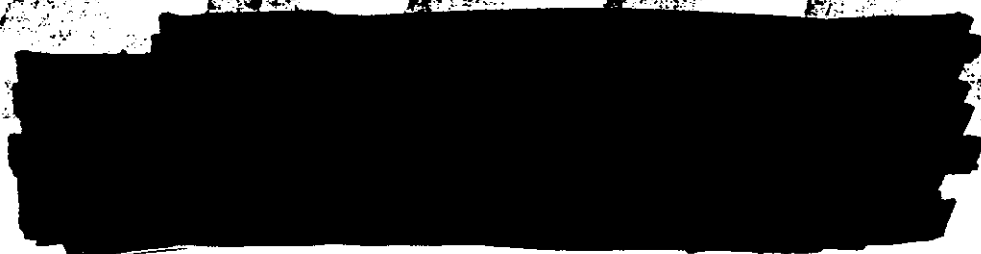
In an article pertaining to the activities of the convention of the Young Communist League held at New York City during May 11 to 15, 1939, the pamphlet "The Party Builder" states:

"The Ninth National Convention of the Young Communist League was held May 11 - 15 in New York City. The opening session at Madison Square Garden was attended by 18,000 persons of whom well over 10,000 were young people. It was addressed by Earl Browder, John Little, Angela Herndon, Gil Green and John Gates."

All are leading members of the Communist Party.

The following new national officers were elected at that convention:

Gil Green	- President
Bob Thompson	- 1st Vice President
Josephine Bassano	- 2nd Vice President
Henry Winston	- Administrative Secretary
Earl Ross	- Public Relations Secretary
John Little	- Education Secretary



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The Young Communist League admittedly is closely allied with the Communist Party, U.S.A. This organization bases its platform solely on the overthrow of the capitalist system of society in accord with the program of the Communist Party. It caters, of course, to young people towards membership and is said to be entrenching itself in large organizations, such as the Y.M.C.A. and similar societies. It is reported that chosen members of this group are selected to join the Army, Navy, National Guard and similar organizations, in order to spread Communist propaganda.

The position of the Young Communist League in relation to the Communist Party is clearly indicated by the following excerpts:

In the pamphlet entitled "The Party Builder," July 1939 issue, page 11, it is stated:

"The Young Communist League is a Communist organization but not a party. It is an organization independent of and separate from the Communist Party. Its task is to organize all the toiling youth and lead them to Socialism. Its role is more modest, to educate its members and friends to a better understanding of the world in the light of Marxist theory and the experience and example of the Soviet Union."

In another portion of the same article there appears the following:

"The Communist Party can well be proud of the work that its members are doing in the Y.C.L. The growth and prospects of the Y.C.L. are a marvelous aid to the Party. Members of the Party can do much to help the Y.C.L. in its work. Party members should spread as widely as possible the new constitution of the Y.C.L., the speech of Harry Winston and the convention proceedings."

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There appeared in the pamphlet entitled, "Western Worker," October, 1936 issue, a statement by William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, wherein he urged all Communist Party members to throw their full support behind the drive of the Young Communist League to reach a membership of 20,000 by January 1, 1937. The following is stated therein:

"I have viewed with greatest interest the increasingly-important role being played by the Young Communist League in developing broad mass movements of American youth on the basis of the fight for their elementary rights to jobs, education, peace, freedom and progress.

As a result of this work we have witnessed a tremendous growth in the prestige and influence of the League. But the organizational growth of the Y.C.L. is still out of all proportion to the following developed.

The election campaign is offering the Party the opportunity of bringing its full position to the youth through mass meetings, leaflets, daily newspapers and through numerous local broadcasts. This opportunity can well be used to bring in thousands of new youth into our League during the campaign and in the period immediately following it.

The Communist Party has a very important task in this regard. Side by side with our slogan for a Communist Party of 100,000 we must raise the slogan of a Young Communist League of 20,000 by January 1st.

This task cannot be considered as a 'special favor' that the Party is extending the Y.C.L. We must look at the task from the viewpoint of strengthening the arm for a progressive youth movement in America.

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"Particularly new is this important when the Fascist forces behind Landon and his stooge Leaks are making a strong bid for youth support. The youth can and must be won for the struggle against Fascism for the building of the Farmer-Labor Party. A Young Communist League of 20,000 will go a long way towards insuring the successful carrying through of this job."

Another Communist pamphlet, which clearly indicates the close affiliation of the Young Communist League with the Communist Party, U.S.A., entitled "Young Communists and the Unity of the Youth," was written by Gil Green, National Secretary of the Young Communist League and published by the Youth Publishers, New York City. It reads as follows:

"First, it is absolutely necessary that the Communist Parties seriously give leadership and help to the Young Communist League and take up as one of their central tasks that of winning the young generation for the struggle against Fascism, for Socialism. If our Young Communist League in the United States has made progress, and it has, great credit must be given to the Central Committee of our Party and especially to the general secretary of our Party, Comrade Browder, who has been giving more and more attention to the problems of the youth. Our achievement in the United Front would not have been possible without the closest guidance from our Party. This of course also indicates to what extent our Party has broken from Sectarianism, as without this the best intentions would not have helped.

Second, it is necessary to help the Young Communist League establish a firm, stable, developed leadership over a period of years. Our Party for the last years has had a critical attitude toward the work

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"of the Young Communist League leadership, but at the same time it did not follow the policy of dismembering this leadership even when important errors were made, of course, never tolerating opportunist tendencies. The result has been that a whole number of trained youth cadres have been developed. The conception of many parties that politically qualified mature leadership is not needed for youth work lies at the bottom of many of the ills of our present Young Communist League."

Another statement, indicating the position of the Young Communist League in relation to the Communist Party of America, appears in a pamphlet entitled, "Jersey Youth Vote for a Future," issued in 1936, and reads as follows:

✓ "The Young Communist League wholeheartedly endorses the platform and candidate of the Communist Party, and is lending its every effort to rally the youth for a Free, Happy and Prosperous America—to prevent fascism from sneaking into the home of the brave. And after the record has been carefully studied there is but one real way to do that job and do it right—build a broad Peoples Front against reaction, now! All Communists are working tirelessly to help build such a movement of workers, farmers, professionals and small businessmen, all of whom have felt the stings of economic pressure. This is a Farmer-Labor Party. For us young people, Communists and Non-Communists, this means building a nation-wide youth movement supporting the Farmer-Labor Party."

It may be further noted that on the evening of October 10, 1936, Earl Browder, Presidential candidate on the Communist ticket, spoke over the radio with reference to the American Youth Movement. According to the Daily Worker for October 14, 1936, as the result of Browder's speech, 700 young men and

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women joined the Young Communist League in New York City and collected \$1300 for his election campaign. As the result of the unexpected favorable reaction to the speech of Earl Browder, the National Committee of the Young Communist League stated:

"This is an indication of what can be done. It is an example of powerful import to the entire League and to the Party to go forward and double the membership of the League and the Party as was decided by the Ninth Party Convention."

In the pamphlet entitled "Two Decades of the Communist Party, U.S.A.," September, 1939 issue, there appeared an article entitled "The Tale of Two Decades" by Israel Anter, wherein he states:

"In the struggle for democracy and peace for the winning of the youth to the banner of progress our Party has aided the Young Communist League in building up its organization to a membership today of 12,000. The Y.C.L. is the largest youth organization of its kind in the state."

On page 23 of the same article there appears the following statement:

"We must assist the Young Communist League in doubling its membership. This organization of young workers and students is able to permeate large sections of the young population of our state which is looking for leadership, because youth faces many more problems than even adults."

Another statement which emphatically indicates that the Young Communist League is closely allied with the Communist Party is a statement made by Earl Browder, General Secretary, Communist Party, U.S.A. in a pamphlet entitled "Social and