

APRIL 12, 1932 STRIKE IN DANGER

The Student Council of CCNY has made an important concession to the faculty by agreeing to demonstrate in Lewishon Stadium instead of at the flagpole on the campus where the strike would be most effective, and by attracting the widest attention, have the greatest chances of success. This they have done in the name of "legality and compromise."

But already, they have compromised the STRIKE in a far more dangerous way; by obscuring the central issue, that the strike is not aimed against WAR in the abstract but against a particular kind of WAR. This raises a question which they have almost entirely ignored.

STRIKE AGAINST WHAT KIND OF WAR?

The obvious answer is: "Against Imperialist War" But this term must be explained, and differentiated from such wars as we do support. Imperialist war is the war waged by capitalistic governments for the possession of colonial markets. Such for example was the World War. Such will be any war "offensive" or "defensive" into which the U.S.A. will enter. Such WARS we oppose unequivocally.

On the other hand we support the workers in the great CLASS WAR which they are waging continuously against the capitalist class. Only with their victory will the basic cause of Imperialist War, namely, Capitalism, be eliminated. This must be clearly pointed out to the students. Otherwise the STRIKE will become a meaningless gesture such as was made by pacifist demonstrations before the last World War. These served only the purpose of confusion, for they ignored the cause of imperialist war, Capitalism, and confined themselves to "idcallistic resentment" against "War." We must not fall into this trap again.

This is the danger which confronts the April 12 STRIKE at CCNY. And who is responsible for this.....?

WHO IS AT FAULT?

We charge the confusion of issues to the Young Peoples Socialist League, the Young Communist League and their sattelites the LID and the NSL. They have given the Spartacus Youth League no cooperation in its efforts to achieve a broad United Front of working class and student organizations which would clear the issues involved.

At last Thursday's rally at the flagpole the representatives of the LID and the NSL refused to allow a member of the Spartacus Youth League a chance to present the issue of imperialist versus CLASS WAR. This aspect of the question was not touched upon by any of the speakers at the rally.

The Spartacus Youth League, the youth organization of the WORKERS PARTY, alone, raises the slogans which can save the STRIKE:

FOR A NATIONAL UNITED FRONT OF THE YPSL, YCL, AND SPARTACUS
IN SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY PLEDGED TO THE STRIKE

AGAINST PACIFISM AND CONFUSION

AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR

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