

ATTEND MEETING OF YPSL ON THE A.S.U.
FRI. NOV. 19 AT 8:30
IRVING PLAZA 15 ST AND IRVING PLACE

Red Herrings from the Right

11/17/37

Once again the "Campus" has broken out in a blast of Trotsky-baiting. In yesterday's issue, it devoted a full column editorial to "unmasking Trotskyism." As in the past, we shall disregard the insults and fulminations of the "Campus" and answer it in principled manner.

1. ARE TROTSKYISTS DISRUPTERS? Flowing from that theory of "permanent revolution" (with which the editorial writer has a sudden familiarity) "Trotskyism", we are told, thrives upon disrupting the unity of progressives." Let us make our position plain: We stand for the united front of all working class groups. We will march on the same picket line, we will fight for N.Y.A., and we will unite around specific points in the anti-war struggle together with all other groups. That is the meaning of the united front! We do not want unity with capitalist groups, unity on the basis of non-working class programs, unity on the basis of a program that leads to war (collective security). That is not the united front, that is the People's Front, which leads to war and the defeat of the working class. Our criterion for unity is simple; We believe in that unity which advances the working class against capitalism. All else we reject.

2. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE A.S.U. : The "Campus" lies when it says that we want to break the A.S.U. On the contrary, we are the most consistent defenders of the original A.S.U. program! We are fighting for the active maintenance and carrying out its original program, i.e. the support of the Oxford Pledge. We do not consider the Oxford Pledge meaningless, as the Young Communist League does, and therefore in all probability as the "Campus" does.

3. SPAIN : We challenge the "Campus" to offer any proof that we are allied with Franco. This is a libelous slander! The Spanish Trotskyists have mercilessly criticized the Spanish Loyalist government because of its inability to carry on an effective struggle against Franco, but have given it complete material support. We criticize the Loyalist government for its arrests and persecutions of Spanish Revolutionists, for its incompetence in its struggle against Franco precisely because we desire a workers' victory over Franco. Disagreement over how to fight fascism does not mean alliance with Franco!

4. RED-BAITING : The charge of red-baiting comes with ill-grace from the "Campus". We have made it clear that our attacks upon the Y.C.L. have been not because of its "communism" but because of its anti-communism.

5. Why does not the "Campus" say that the majority of the students at the anti-war demonstration did take the Oxford Pledge in spite of the opposition of the Y.C.L.iers?

6. We vigorously protest, against the use of the "Campus" as a tool in the hands of the Y.C.L.'s struggle against "Trotskyism." The "Campus" pretending to be the voice of the student body has consistently slandered the Y.P.S.L. (Fourth Internationalists) It refuses to print our answers.

We fight against war, and war programs like collective security. We stand for a consistent revolutionary struggle against war; WHICH INCLUDES MINIMUM UNITED FRONT SLOGANS, SUCH AS THE OXFORD PLEDGE.