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In the past week, slanders and accusations have been hurled from all sides at anyone and everyone. The past editor and present literary genius of the Campus is trying to out-do Pres. Robinson in the use of epithets and thus avoids a discussion of the issues at stake. Therefore we would like to clarify the situation to some extent.

First- We are the Young Peoples Socialist League, 21 W. 17 St., affiliated with the Socialist Party, U.S.A. That group is calling itself the Y.P.S.L., "Young Internationalists" is misusing our name. It has no relation to our organization or the Socialist Party. It is in point of fact the Trotskyite Youth League.

Second- The Young Communist League, in its recent letter to the Campus, adopted for itself the halo of "defender" of the A.S.U. program and infers that all those who oppose the Y.C.L. are splitters, factionalists, disrupters, etc... What, however, are the facts?

The Y.C.L. is committed by national convention decision to subvert the present anti-war program of the A.S.U.; to abolish the Oxford pledge and substitute in its place dependence for war prevention upon war pacts and military alliances. We support the A.S.U. anti-war program; for the Oxford Pledge- against capitalist war alliances.

The Y.C.L. program also calls for A.S.U. endorsement and affiliation of local candidates and parties. This is in contradistinction to the A.S.U. policy, which we wholeheartedly support, of non-partisanship.

The Y.P.S.L. also endorses, without any ifs or buts, the A.S.U. policy of having a united democratic organization. We believe that all individuals, regardless of their political beliefs, have a place in the organization; that the various tendencies in the A.S.U. should have representation on the executive committee. The Y.C.L., despite lip service to its vague ideal of democracy, is in favor of excluding from participation in the A.S.U. all those whom they choose to label Trotskyites, Lovestoneites, sectarians, "wharf rats".

It is apparent from the foregoing that the Y.P.S.L., supporters of the "Militant Progressives," stands on the original program of the A.S.U. The Y.C.L. on the other hand are the real factionalists--they who wish the program of the A.S.U. to be a mild repetition of their own program. The A.S.U., in our opinion, can only grow and assume the leadership on the campus if it frees itself from the watering-down policies of the Y.C.L. and sets its course upon the direction laid down in the A.S.U. convention decisions.

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