

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL - -

# All Workingclass Youth Orgs: -

Dear comrades:

The workingclass youth of America must give a decisive answer to the Memorial Day celebration of the American capitalist class. We must rally to smash the plans of the imperialists to make cannon fodder out of millions of youth for the maintenance of this system of bloody profits. But this must be done in such a manner that it will effectively serve to awaken and organize the young workers to struggle against capitalism which breeds war.

The American Youth Congress - which has bureaucratically made all arrangements for the so-called United Youth Day demonstration on Memorial Day - plans to make of this day not one of militant demonstrations against imperialist war, but a pacifist-tinged patriotic affair. They are even preparing to ~~xx~~ celebrate "our Memorial Day". The AYC finds even the Oxford Pledge is too narrow for a struggle "for Peace".

THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE calls upon all proletarian youth and proletarian youth organizations to break from this demonstration and to hold a separate united front demonstration against bosses' war. Instead of the disgraceful capitulation to bourgeois patriotic traditions, this demonstration must be uncompromisingly opposed to the Memorial Day traditions. The meetings to be run by the American Youth Congress will carry such slogans as "for Peace", "Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world". These slogans can be used with better effect by the imperialists themselves. They play into the hands of the war-makers by tacitly upholding the status quo. Not capitalist peace - the peace of the dead, the unstable peace of bosses' exploitation - but the revolutionary war of the proletariat and its allies for the overthrow of capitalism. We must hold a demonstration in opposition to both the bosses' Memorial Day and to the betrayal of the leaders of the AYC. The fight against war is inseparable from the fight against capitalism and all manifestations of patriotism. No united front of all peace-loving elements can cope with the situation. Any real movement against war cannot include - as the AYC seems to think - patriotic or semi-patriotic groups, and cannot compromise with patriotism in any form.

In answer to a national call for a united front, the Young People Socialist League evaded the political questions involved and despite its previous criticism of the AYC, refused our united front appeal: - Because they are under AYC discipline! Young Socialists must force their leadership to break from the "Congress" and from its demonstration.

**BOYCOTT THE AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS "PEACE" DEMONSTRATION!  
UNITE TO DEMONSTRATE MILITANTLY VS. IMPERIALIST WAR!**

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