

THE CHARTER

Immediate Demands All Young Workers Must Fight For

Never have the youth of the working class of Australia faced such terrible conditions of poverty and degradation that are now forced upon them by Capitalist production. In industry we are expected to work the same hours as the men, and are subject to the same rate of exploitation, but our wages are very much below that of the miserable wage of adult workers. At the same time, as the result of the introduction of new machinery, many thousands of us are denied the right to enter industry and are forced, as a result, to suffer the terrible trials of unemployment.

In agriculture our lot is even worse; there we are subject to the complete mercy of the boss; our hours of labor are almost without end, while the wages and general conditions are insulting and degrading.

Under such conditions what can we do? Can we trust the Trade Union officials to organise us to fight against the bosses' wage cuts? No. It is they who have failed to organise us in the past, because we could not pay the same union dues as an adult worker, and when we took the fight into our own hands as we did in the Rubber Strike and other industrial combats what did they do? They sold us to the Boss Class.

Can we expect the "Labor" politicians to fight for better conditions for us? No, we are now awake to the true character of "saviour" Lang and his off-siders! Instead of fighting for us, he is fighting against us. At the opening of Parliament he instructed his thugs, the police, to baton us. In office he pinched a shilling in the pound out of our already inadequate wages. To crown the lot he talks of introducing the "single men's tax."

How can we organise to counter the bosses' demands and make them realise that we are human beings who feel, suffer and fight? The Young Communist League shows the way. We must organise ourselves around the Young Workers' Charter and raise its points at every workers' meeting.

Every point in our charter that we compel the boss to grant us, is a victory for the proletarian youth of the world. It is also a nail in the coffin of capitalism. Comrades! Let us put enough nails in that coffin to sink it.

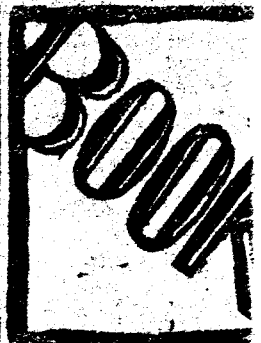
As we rapidly build up our effective organisation for the Strike Struggle against the wage cuts, every young worker must rally to the fight for our charter.

- (1) Equal pay for equal work between adult and youth, lads and girls.
- (2) Six-hour day for all young workers under 18 years of age, with no overtime. Time allowed off for study classes, etc.
- (3) A month's holiday on full pay every year for all workers under 18 years of age.
- (4) Education and trade training up to 16, and a maintenance allowance of 15/- per week.
- (5) The right to vote for all workers 18 years and over, whether employed or not.
- (6) Free transport for unemployed youth in trams, trains, etc., when seeking work or attending training classes.
- (7) Free sports grounds, gymnasia, and adequate equipment for youth sportsmen in industry.

Young workers! Smash home our charter!

Every Unit of the League must carry on an intensified campaign among factory workers to popularise these demands.

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The study of Political Economy is the most important of all worker students. It is the key to understanding the social character of events.

This science has no equal among English-speaking countries. The scarcity of books on Economics. The student is deterred from studying it because of its size, and the fact that the course of study is ad-

In the new book, "The Economy" by Lapide, we have a text book by every student. It is a book for every English-speaking student. It is a study of Marx. This book is a study of the interest in that work to a better understanding of Economics.

At the end of each chapter is a list of questions for the student to answer.

The student who reads this book will be able to understand the social character of events.

In France, the bourgeoisie, with the aid of the army, taking advantage of the weakness of the workers, to seize power and hold it off one class against another.

Need for military intervention of the dynasty of Napoleon III, to declare war on Prussia, was also satisfied the laborators and petty capitalists. A possible rise in the price of wheat, as also a general strike, as also a general strike, as also a general strike.

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SOVIET JOTTINGS.

During this month no less than two hundred and fifty thousand working-class youngsters will enter the factory, vocational schools.

The papers are making a great outcry against the "dumping" of Russian wheat in this country. It is funny to hear our wage-cutters screaming that Russian wheat is grown under conditions of labor not easily distinguishable from slavery.

Before the War Russia exported huge quantities of wheat, even in famine years, when the peasants were starving. The peasants were sunk in the depth of misery and ignorance, and robbed by the great landed nobility. No one heard about "dumping" and "slavery" from the boss press.

IN LIGHTER MOOD

Three well-known Money Kings, to wit, H. Ford, Goodyear and Rocketteller, were stranded in the country. At last in their wanderings they came upon a garage. Ford asked for a car, and was told that the only car in stock was a Ford. "This is peculiar," remarked the big magnate. "I'm Ford."

Tyres were the next consideration, and on asking for some were told by the mechanic that only Goodyear tyres were stocked there.

Goodyear disclosed to the mechanic with a smirk his identity.

The time for parting came, and Rocketteller, always of a peevish disposition, leaned out of the window with beard and whiskers streaming in the breeze, and exclaimed: "Well, young men, who the devil do you think I am?"