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The Meaning of International Correspondence

JUST as we are interested and learn thru an exchange of activities and experiences between one section of the country and another, so it is true to a larger extent and with richer experience, between one country and another in our international. Especially are the young workers of each country interested in the lives and activities of the Russian Young Communists, where they already embody nearly two million of the Russian youth.

Towards this end the Young Communist International is encouraging the exchange of correspondence between shop nuclei of the Russian League and the shop nuclei of America. Probably no country in the world creates the same interest and enthusiasm as America. The Young Communists of Russia have heard and read of the American technique of industry, of the productive capacity of America's factories. They strive to learn from the methods of American industrial development so as to improve the economy of the Workers Republic.

At the same time, they inquire anxiously as to the activities and development of the American Young Communist League. What better method of acquainting our Russian comrades with the condition under which the working class of America live and of the activities of our American League than thru a systematic international correspondence.

Such correspondence has been attempted in the past, but has been sporadic and not systemized. The Y. C. I. has now connected a series of districts (gubernia's) of the Russian Leninist Young Communist League to respective districts in our American League. These will exchange regular correspondence as districts and at the same time inaugurate a similar regular correspondence with nuclei in each of these districts.

- The district connections as outlined by the Y. C. I. are as follows:
- Boston—Kostroma.
- New York—Kharkov (see 1/17/26)
- Philadelphia—Kursk.
- Detroit—Siberia.
- Chicago—Sokolniki district of Moscow.
- Minneapolis—Pensa.
- Superior—Kaluga.
- California—Baku.

Other connections with the remaining districts will be made shortly. This gives an immediate duty to the comrades in each of these districts to fulfill to our Russian comrades. Already they have taken the initiative and the Kaluga Gubernia has sent their first correspondence to the Detroit D. E. C. A large nucleus in the Kharkov district has sent their first letter to a nucleus in the New York district and the Yakhromsky textile factory, located outside of Moscow, having heard of the activities of one of our nuclei in Pittsburgh, desire to be connected with them and have sent their first letter. The D. E. C. should immediately take up this task and assign certain comrades for this work. The letters written by the Russian comrades should not be formal reports, but just a reflection of the life of the young workers in your factory and the activities of our nucleus.



Let us quote a few lines from one of the letters of the Russian comrades: "On behalf of 250 Young Communists working at the Yakhromsky Cotton Mills, we send out fraternal greetings. . . . Now we will tell you how things are here with us. The working day for juveniles under 16 years is four hours. Up to 18 years, six hours and over 18 years, eight hours. In 1922 factory and workshop apprenticeship schools were instituted. We already see the results; this year 20 skilled weavers, charge hands, etc., have passed out of our factory school. . . . In the Y. C. I. organization itself, deep-rooted changes have taken place, namely: Formerly, we had a what we called the 'bureau system,' that is, everyone contacted the nucleus bureau and secretary. But as the secretary and the nucleus bureau could not get in touch with all the youth in an equal manner, this hindered our work. Therefore we reorganized and now we are organized on the shop system—a nucleus in each shop, spinning, management and weaving."

We could go on quoting at great length from each one of these letters. Such interesting information will be given to each of our D. E. C.'s, even to each nucleus if we efficiently organize our international correspondence. This must be centered thru the D. E. C., who will send all letters receive all such correspondence, will insure safe delivery and clarity. Let us build up an international network of correspondence with Russian League.

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