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## GROUP CALENDAR

(This information is accurate when published, but emergencies may necessitate sudden changes in date or address. For last minute information, watch the bulletin board in the club-

room.)  
Arts & Crafts Group. Thurs. nights, 3012 Bedford Ave.  
Discussion Group. Tuesday nights, 50 East 19th St.  
Dramatics Group. Wednesday nights, at the clubroom.  
Current Events Group. Alt. Friday nights, clubroom.

# THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Here it is -- the Flatbush magazine. We hope you like it.

This is the first issue, and it was gotten out in a hurry so that we could get it to you on the first day of the year. Being done in a hurry, it isn't as good as it might have been. But we think it's pretty good anyway, and we hope you do.

Future issues are going to be better, not only (we hope) from a literary point of view, but also technically and materially. For instance, this issue has only eight pages: we wanted twelve at least. We were hampered in having more by lack of time and also by lack of cash. We also wanted to run a story and illustrations for the articles, but the story was crowded out and it was impossible to contact an art-

ist experienced in stencil work in time. At this writing we have no idea how the mimeographing is going to turn out (in fact, we haven't yet even started on the stencil-cutting) though we expect it to be at least readable, as our mimeographer, Johnny Michel, has an up-to-date machine and plenty of experience: still there will probably be plenty of room for improvement even there.

As for the reading matter itself, there are several ideas on the fire. Besides other things, we think this magazine ought to:

Campaign for recreational centers for young people. The Flatbush area is sadly deficient in these. Outdoors playgrounds could easily be established in such places as Farragut Woods or others which can be found.

Grow up when these conditions approaching squalor among Negro families in our district.

Investigate and publicize working conditions in Flatbush, particularly in the event of a strike.

Expose the activities of the completely reactionary International Catholic Truth Society, which seems to infest the neighborhood.

Sned out an Inquiring Reporter to find out the thoughts of the Flatbushites.

And that's not nearly all. These are based on neighborhood work only: the magazine will also try to give a comprehensive summary in each issue of some world-wide anti-fascist activity, to keep the branch members in touch with other YCL sections by publishing news of them and their activities, to run a calendar of events for the month, in which will be listed the dates and places of group (Please turn to page eight)

# LENIN LIEBKNECHT LUXEMBOURG

by Stan Brown

THIS LUXEMBOURG MARKS the commemoration of the work of three great leaders of youth -- three people who ever-increasingly are an inspiration to the entire progressive movement throughout the world. The ARTERY considers its rebirth on this occasion to be a happy augury for its future. New let's settle why.

Karl Liebknecht, if for nothing else, will go down in history as the only Social Democratic deputy in the Reichstag who voted against the granting to the German Government, at the outset of the World War, the war credits for which it asked. This is not the common story, but it is a fact. Through all his life Liebknecht fought militarism. Further, he was in-

sistent upon the point that the Social Democratic Party form the first international Socialist youth organization. At the first congress of this youth body he delivered a report on anti-militarism, which, with the work of Lenin, is still the basis of YCL policy on the topic. Lastly, Liebknecht, with Luxembourg, founded the Spartacus League, which became the Communist Party of Germany after the fall of the Kaiser.

The activities of Rosa Luxembourg closely paralleled those of Liebknecht, especially in the fight against the Junkers. Concerning the matter of the treachery of the German Social Democratic Party (before the war the most powerful group in the Second International), as exempli-

fied by its war credit vote Luxembourg wrote the famous "Junius Pamphlet". This particular item, so revealing, so correct in its analysis of the condition, is worth much study even today.

About Vladimir Ilyitch Lenin, an outstanding figure in world history, it should be necessary to say little. He is the one who has best translated Marx into action. It was through his leadership that the Soviet Union came into being. Lenin's entire life is a record of service to all peoples -- and a service brilliantly performed. To the youth Lenin devoted much attention and interest. We quote a bit from one of his notable speeches:- "The task of the youth in general, and of the YCL and all other organizations in particular, may be summed up in one word: learn."

Concluding, then, the work of Lenin, Liebknecht, and Luxembourg (who, by the way, were contemporaries) (Please turn to page seven.

## FRANCO-

by Lizzie von Schnickelfritz

(War Correspondent for The FLATBUSH ARTERY)

THE BOOM OF CANNON sounded all about us as I was ushered into the field tent.

Within, everything was in deep gloom, relieved only by the wan light of a candle burning before a tasteful little ikon of Il Duce and Child.

And there was Franco. He sat before a battered desk in a far corner of the tent, his pale, noble face gleaming in the semi-dark.

"Come here, my pretty," he said artistically.

As though in a trance I drew nearer and seated myself on a pile of cameldung in front of the desk.

"Gracious Excellency," I asked, "is it true that Teruel is being retaken by your annies?"

He frowned -- oh! so beautifully -- and spat at

a passing cockroach.

"At this very moment," Franco pounded on the desk, splitting off several cubic feet of decayed mahogany, "my victorious troops are occupying the city. Fascism triumphs! . . . But come," he continued, leering at me with his dreamer's eyes, "let us talk of things more intimate. Let us talk about you!"

"Oh, general," I faltered, "I mustn't forget what I came here for. Tell me, please, how long will it take you to completely subdue the enemy?"

The great man glowered dramatically and chewed the end off a quill pen.

"When? Who knows? A day -- a week -- a month -- a year -- two years. What does time matter? Fascism triumphs!"

"You said that before," I reminded him, and was about to delve further into his sensitive soul when suddenly a sentry dashed into the tent.

"Mi jefe!" he screamed through a yard of beard, "scram! The counter-offensive has collapsed! The Loyalist army is at our heels -- and our men are getting the worst of it!"

La Franco leaped to his feet with a falsetto shriek, scattering brass medals and Journal-American press-cuttings all over the place as a shell carried away both the tent and his toupee. He left his pants sticking to the seat of his chair.

"Hey, tovarich!" I yelled, "Don't forget your britches!"

The Conqueror glanced once at the pants and once behind him at the Loyalist vanguard rapidly approaching.

"The hell with them!" he belched, and, flinging his heels high in the air, beat it over a snow drift -- artistically.

# ALL ABOUT US

THE DAILY WORKER  
1931 Friends,

Do You Remember That --

-- our branch is rapidly developing a comradial air? Remember are Bea Siegel (the old one), Felice and Ben, Myliss Cooper, and Molly Lind.

-- we have an appropriate named mascot in Nash is 'dog, "Bolshevik"!

-- Donny Wicner says his next stop is Detroit? Won't somebody please keep track of that guy? And, incidentally, IF he leaves, the secrets of how many girl comrades figure to be broken?

-- Bernadette Kane, who joined the YCL in our branch but is now at Cornell, has been doing splendid work in the student movement at Ithaca? Just another typical Flatbush product!

-- Lenny Sonnenberg is carrying on a long-distance romance? His O.A.O. is in California.

Does Anyone Remember --

-- Connie Silverman's car and how it was always loaded with YCL material, YCLers being taken 'home' miles out of Connie's way, or both?

-- that keen outfit, the District Youth Club?

-- the way we froze in our old Regers Avenue headquarters last winter, in spite of our brand new, \$25 oil heater?

-- Bill "Wee Scottie" Hutchinson, the fighting sailor and one of the best friends the branch ever had?

We'd Like to Know Why --

-- Claire always looks so scared -- but almost never actually is.

-- Paul Silverman is frequently to be seen around Fort Hamilton Parkway. (P.S. That's where Dotty "Dramatice" T. lives.)

-- Sylvia Schultz goes out to Long Beach so often.

-- our much-heralded ping-pong tournament has not yet been held.

-- in addition to helping anti-fascist struggles such as those of China, Spain, striking workers, and so forth, we don't devote more attention to the building of, and fund-raising for, that darned swell and eminently progressive organization, the Young Communist League!

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(Note to my faithful readers, if any: Any one drawing any nasty implications from any item will immediately receive dire and dreadful punishment at the hands of the kuskier available male comrades. As an added attraction, any false assumptions will probably result in the dropping of this column. Remember, we warned you!)

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WANTED --

-- some gossip to fill this space.

WE  
CALL  
HIM

# COMRADE

by Stan Brown

RECENTLY A NON-CLERK, after attending a meeting, remarked to me that he objected to our use of the word "comrade" as being foreign and un-American.

I can't intend to disprove this by means of de-finite quotations from his-tory texts, though I am certain, through previous inquiry, that "comrade" was used in the United States long before the glorious e-vent occurred which re-sulted in the USSR.

We of the Young Commu-nist League are not immature or long-haired little reve-lutionaries, rejoicing in radicalism as in a newfound toy and delightedly playing with lurid pamphlets, wild phrases and the like; we are not world-embittered adolescents who see in uni-

versal massacre of all who oppose us a sadistic and e-gocentric satisfaction; we are also not an organiza-tion of young men and women joined together for pleas-ure alone. And certainly we are not devout worshippers in a temple of culture for culture's sake,-- remote, unrelated to the realities of life.

Then what is the nature of the force which keeps us together?

Simply the desire to add purpose to our lives by learning and by doing. We learn in our classes, in our literature, and in our own Daily Worker. As we study we come to understand the society in which we live and to realize what must be our course of ac-tion in it.

We become aware that we

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MUST FIND OURSELVES FROM  
our discussions, howsoever fruitful, and attempt, the application of fundamental principles we believe in. An infringement of civil liberties, an attack on la-bor, a domestic or foreign assault by fascists, a red-baiting drive by Wild-Eyed Willie, the germ of jour-nalism,-- any one of these acts is to us a clarion call. Nor do we wait for these things to happen -- frequently we are able to recognize an evil and mobi-lize to abate it before it has gained momentum.

Summarizing, then, we in the Young Communist League have more in common with one another than congenial-ity, the pleasant memory of good times had together, and the anticipation of en-joyable times to come -- as great weight as those undeniably have. Add, even, id-entity of ideals -- the ter-tial is not yet reached.

It is all of what has been mentioned plus that concrete and inspiring sen-sation of doing construc-

things together that makes all the difference.

As for refining this relationship must have richness of meaning, must have a historical significance, must have a background of struggle, must include the joys of work and play for a worthy goal, must be rooted in the desires of men and women for a full, healthy, and free life -- must, in short, be "comrade"!

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LEVIN, LIEBKNECHT, LUXEMBOURG  
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has certainly been of vast importance to youth because of their leadership in the fight for peace -- a dominant concern to the generation which has always borne the brunt of sacrifice inward -- and in the struggle for socialism. At this meeting in their honor it is not enough merely to recite their deeds. The occasion should cause us to resolve that we will add substance to their work by carrying on in their spirit!

# STATE YOUTH CONGRESS

YOUTH HAS A CHANCE to show what it wants! Not by writing letters to Congressmen, not by a few scattered groups here and there passing resolutions, not by trying to influence voters by word of mouth, but by UNITED ACTION! United action in a model State Legislature sponsored by a broad non-partisan youth group, the American Youth Congress.

Over the weekend of January 28th-30th, at COONT, the AYC is holding a New York State Model Legislature, to which every body of youth in the state is invited to send delegates. Among the prominent laborites and progressives who have signed the call to this legislature are Mike Quill, Elmer F. Andrews, John Little, and well over a hundred others.

The work of the legislature will consist of attempting to coordinate the activities of the various

youth organizations in the state, passing legislation of the type youth deems necessary (which, although of course not binding upon the state's legal code, will probably have considerable influence on Albany's actions), and joining the groups together in mutual understanding. It is specifically stated that participation in the Legislature will not bind any organization to a program which it does not choose to support

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and to be in general a  
clearing house of interest-  
ing and informative news,  
gossip, and miscellaneous  
odds and ends for the  
branch.

There are now three per-  
sons on the staff of this  
magazine. More, if they are  
genuinely willing to work,  
are vitally needed. We need  
especially people with  
typewriters to help stencil  
the paper, people who can  
write to prepare articles  
and stories, people who can  
draw to do illustrations,  
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-- A TRIUMPH!

by John B. Michel

IT IS A WELL-KNOWN axiom  
that no task can be too  
hard for the Bolshevik  
worker or intellectual --  
or artist. "Peter the First"  
is a further proof of this,  
if proof is needed.

A lavish, lusty, swash-  
buckling, closely-knit film,  
it has taken American audi-  
ences by storm. Among the  
persons who have been de-  
lighted by it is President  
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contribution to cinema art  
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