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## Out of School on May Day!



### The Chicago Election War

By S. G., Chicago, Ill.

In Chicago there is a real war going on between the two parts of the Republican Party. And when I say a real war I mean it. There have been nearly seventy bombings in the election campaign; people are shot and murdered; people are kidnaped and beaten up.

The Republican Party is made up of two parts. One is led by "Big Bill" Thompson, the Mayor. The other is led by Senator Deneen. They are fighting each other something terrible.

They are fighting because they want to get into office and get all the graft, especially the bootlegging graft. Each part of the Republican Party has its gangs and the gangs are always fighting.

Both of the sides who are fighting are against the workers. Both have helped the bosses break strikes many times. They are both servants of big bosses of Chicago who pay them thousands and millions of dollars.

All this should teach the workers that they need a party of their own, a labor party, which should be made up of all union people and other workers.



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### 168 WORKERS KILLED AT WORK IN N. Y. STATE

During the month of March more than 168 workers were killed in New York State while at their regular work. These are the figures of the State Department of Labor.

Two of these workers were children. One of these was a messenger boy who was hit by an automobile while delivering telegrams.

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## “Out of School on May Day”-- Call of N. Y. Children's Conference.

By E. S., New York Pioneer

Plans for a big school strike of all working class children on May Day were made at the Children's May Day Conference held in New York City on Sunday April 15.

Over fifty delegates representing the Young Pioneers, the Non-Partisan Jewish Workers Schools, the Miners Relief Scouts, the Friends of Culture, the Finnish Labor Schools, the Ukrainian Labor Schools, the Czechoslovak Labor Schools, etc., were represented. All voted in favor of the slogan: “Out of school on May Day! To go to school on May Day means to scab!”

There was a little trouble when one of the teachers of the Non-Partisan Workers Schools, a man by the name of Levine, tried to oppose this slogan and the idea of a school strike. But all delegates voted unanimously for it.

The working class children are part of the working class and they want to show their solidarity with the older workers. The school to the children is like the shop to the grown-up workers. The slogan “Down tools on May Day!” means for the children: “Down pencils, papers and books! Out of school on May Day!”

The workers quit work as a protest against capitalism in the factory and the children quit school as a protest against capitalism in the schools. These are the reasons for calling the children out of school on the workers holiday.

It was also decided to spread leaflets and hold open-air meetings to get thousands of children to come out on strike.

The plans for May Day are for the children to parade from Columbus Square to Central Park into Madison Square Garden where they will take part in the huge demonstration of workers.

Out of school on May Day! To go to school means to scab!

Protest against the miserable conditions of the working class children!

### May Day Or Labor Day

By B. R., Baltimore, Md.

ONCE I told a friend of mine about May Day. I said it was the holiday of labor. But he asked me what about Labor Day, isn't that the day of labor? So we got into a talk about Labor Day and May Day. And here is what we found.

Labor Day is a fake labor holiday, made by the bosses to fool the workers and to try to make them forget about May Day. What kind of labor holiday is it when it is made by the bosses' government and celebrated by all sorts of friends and servants of the bosses like teachers, preachers, politicians, generals and such like?

May Day is a real workers holiday. It came out of struggles of the workers. The police always try to break up May Day meetings but never Labor Day meetings. Because May Day meetings are real workers meetings.

The bosses like Labor Day and therefore the workers must “hate” it because what's good for the bosses is poison for the workers. The bosses are terribly afraid of May Day — that show it's a real workers' holiday.

# CHILD HEALTH DAY--

In many parts of this country May Day is celebrated by the public schools as "Child Health Day." The



**THREE MINERS CHILDREN**

children are given lectures on how to keep their teeth clean, on what to eat, on what sort of clothes to wear, and so on. The children are told that they must get plenty of fresh air of sunshine, of eggs, milk and other good things. There is only one thing the teachers "forget" to tell the children and that is: **How are the poor children, the workers children, going to get all these good things when their parents hardly make enough money to keep them from starving?**

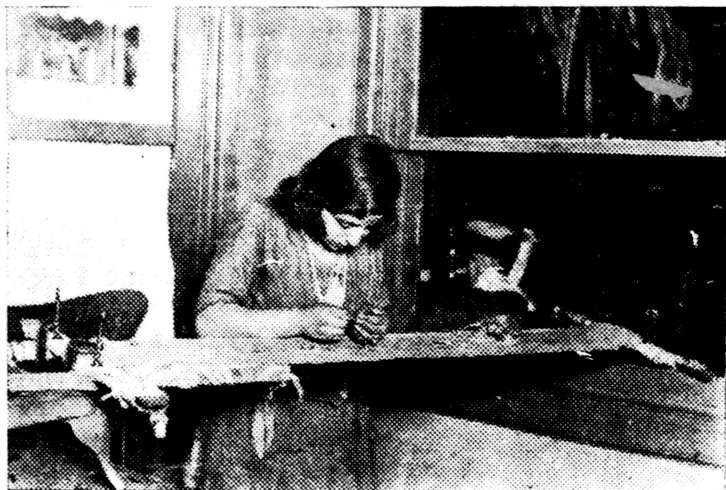
It's nothing but shameless hypocrisy to talk to workers children

about health and good food and pure air while at the same time the bosses who run this country, and the schools as well, are rolling in money while the workers who produce all good things, have to starve and freeze and let their children starve and freeze. It's disgusting for the hypocritical teachers to talk about health and good food and pure air to the children of the unemployed workers who haven't even got the miserable wages they get when they have a job. And what does health and good food and pure air mean to the millions of child-workers in the factories, fields and mines, who toil their lives away for the profit of the bosses?

There is **only one way** in which the children of the workers can get health and good food and pure air — and that is by kicking out the bosses and setting up a Workers and Farmers Government which will put all the factories, the land and the mines in the hands of the workers and farmers to be run for their own benefit and not for the profit of some greedy bosses. Then the workers' children will get the best of everything and will have real health and happiness.

That is what has happened in Workers Russia. In that country the workers and farmers who run the government, say: The workers and farmers children must get the best of everything. There is no child labor in the Soviet Union; the children get the best of food and clothing and education there is; there are hundreds of country homes where workers children from the cities are sent free; and, as time goes on, the con-

# --A Big Fake



Tenement House  
Girl at Work  
Beading

ditions of the children keep on getting better and better. That is because they have a workers government.

The real way to fight for better health for workers children is to fight against the bosses who are robbing and oppressing the workers and the workers children—to fight against the bosses servants, the school authorities, who are always trying to fool us and make us believe the bosses are all right.

On May Day we raise the cry:

**Down with the fake "Child Health Day!"**

**Put up a real fight for the welfare of the workers children!**

**Demand free food and clothes in the schools for the children of unemployed and of strikers!**

**Demand the abolition of child labor and the government support of the child workers!**

**Stay out of school on May Day—**

**the holiday of the workers—to show that you really mean to fight for these demands!**

## Pioneers Active In Fruit Clerk Strike

**By Harry Eisman, N. Y. Pioneer**

In New York there was a strike of Fruit Clerks. The Pioneers got active in this strike. The Pioneers helped in picketing. The Pioneers organized the children of the strikers and their friends for picketing. Many children were chased by the cops and apples and potatoes were thrown at them. But we helped a whole lot in the strike.

The chief thing the Fruit Clerks are fighting about is their hours of work. Before they worked from 12 to 14 hours, 7 days a week. Their strike demand is a 10-hour day and a 6-day week. Of course the Pioneers support these demands.

The Fruit Clerks gave a vote of thanks to the Pioneers for their splendid work.

## NEW SCHOOL PAPER IN CLEVELAND

The fight against whipping and the demand that the children be allowed to elect their own guards and monitors are the two big issues in the new school paper issued by the Pioneers of Lincoln High School in Cleveland, Ohio.

"Corporal punishment is one way in which the teachers punish us," the article on whipping begins. "They pound our heads against the blackboards and walls. Mr. Blach does it. Mr. Monks, Mrs. Miller and Miss Nutting slap our faces all the time. They shake us and tear our clothes and pull the buttons off. In the gym Mr. Auer uses the paddle.... They break the yardstick over us like Mr. Merriman and they pull our hair and punch us.....They punish us because they want us to become like slaves... Now the Board of Education has given the teachers full permission to beat us.. We must fight against this with all our might."

"We demand the right to elect our guards and to tell them what rights they have"—this is the slogan on which the Pioneers are going to rally the pupils of Lincoln High School to fight against the despotic system in that school.



## THE QUESTION BOX

Can you answer these questions:

1. Against what three enemies are the striking miners fighting?

2. In what big industry have 30,000 workers just gone out on strike?

3. Which of the following parties should the workers and farmers support: Democratic Party, Republican Party, Communist Party, Socialist Party?

4. Why was Sinclair, a millionaire grafter, set free by the courts and Sam Bonita, a miner, sent to prison? Whom do the courts serve?

5. In what country is May Day a legal holiday? Why?

Answer these questions and send in your answers to: Young Comrade, 43 East 125 Street, N. Y. C.

## Our Principal Is Against The Workers!

By R. O., Astoria, Oregon

In our school the principal is very much against the workers. He always tells us all kinds of lies about them, especially about the lumber workers. We try to tell the children the truth.

Our principal is also cruel. When some one so much as whispers the principal gets hold of him and speaks very roughly to him and hits him with his fist. Many a time when a boy says something back to the principal the principal hits the boy in the eye or nose. That's how children are treated in our school. That's what the Pioneers are fighting against.



# Pioneer Life



FROM AKRON, OHIO.

By P. S., Akron (Ohio) Pioneer

I want to tell you about our Pioneer Club here in Akron, Ohio. We meet every Friday evening and after our meeting we play games. We have about a hundred members but only 50 or 60 come regularly.

The room in which we meet was supposed to be a store-room but we rent it. This room has a nifty little platform. We have pictures all over the wall not of presidents of the U. S. but of fighters for the working class like Lenin.

A few weeks ago at our meeting one of the miners from Bentleyville, Pa., came to talk to the Pioneers. He was very glad to see how active we are to help the miners.

We discuss all about unionism and about the miners. We find out what a Union is and what it is good for and also a lot of other things.

FROM DORCHESTER, MASS.

By B. D. P., Organizer, Dorchester (Mass.) Section, YPA.

Recently a new section was organized in Dorchester, Mass. It has a membership of about sixty members. A social meeting is held once monthly, a business meeting once, and an educational meeting twice. We are in the Young Comrade Drive and are also selling meal tickets for our brother workers who are on strike in Ohio and Pennsylvania. We have also organized Miners Relief Scout Clubs.

There is also a school group in Dorchester. Both the section and the school group were represented at the District No. 1 Pioneer Convention held March 24. The school delegate

New York Pioneers Hold Successful Conference

(By a New York Pioneer)

We, the Pioneers of New York, just held our Second District Convention. We opened our Convention on Friday night with a big affair to welcome the delegates. More than 800 workers were present. We presented the Living Young Comrade which showed the Pioneers at work and play. The crowd sure did enjoy it!

On Saturday and Sunday we got down to real business. The representatives of the Workers Party and Young Workers League greeted in all our work. We read telegrams from Pioneers in other cities. Gee, this was swell. We also received greetings from a lot of workers organizations. The one that got the most cheers was from the International Labor Defense telling us to carry on our work and that they are ready to defend us. Oh boy! did we cheer!

Then came the reports of our work and discussion of the plans for future. There were reports on our work in the schools, reports on the Young Comrade, child labor, miners relief, etc. All the Pioneers showed real pep in discussing problems and when the Convention was over on Sunday, we all felt as if we were better prepared to become more active and ready to get many more children to join us. And we are going to do it too! Come on! Want to join?

spoke on the "School Struggle" and one of the delegates of the section spoke on "Miners Relief"

We are going ahead fine.



# MAY DAY--The Workers' Holiday

**O**N MAY FIRST this year thousands and thousands of children in scores of schools in America will take up the cry: "No school on May Day! To go to school on May Day is to scab! The workers leave their shops—we leave the schools—to celebrate the world holiday of labor!"

What is the meaning of May Day that it should be such a big holiday for the workers and the workers children?

Years ago May Day was the day of the enslaved, of the oppressed. On that day the slaves would make out that they were free, would dress themselves up as lords and kings, and to to forget their miserable condition. May Day was also the day of many great slave revolts in the ancient times.

But May Day became a real workers

holiday only about forty or fifty years ago—in the United States. May Day, as a workers holiday, was born in America and so it is a real American holiday.

Here is how it became a workers holiday. In the 80's of last century there was a big movement all over the country for an eight hour day. The center of this movement was in Chicago. In 1886 the Chicago Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions decided that on May First of that year its members would work only eight hours. On May First of that year nearly 40,000 struck for the 8-hour day. On May First of the next year nearly 40,000 struck for the 8-hour day. Big demonstrations were held. The bosses and their city government were scared and sent out hundreds of policemen

to suppress these. The police acted in a violent manner in another demonstration to protest against this meeting was held on Haymarket. There a bomb was thrown by some men killed and more were killed. This was a good excuse for the police to begin persecuting the labor movement and the leaders of the workers. Then is a long story for the readers. Seven workers were convicted and sentenced to prison. They gave up their lives a little later; two h

## 30,000 Textile Workers On Strike

By S., Young Comrade Correspondent

30,000 textile workers in New Bedford, Mass., have gone out on strike to fight against a 10 per cent wage cut.

The workers in the textile mills make a very low wage as it is, not even enough to clothe and feed their families. It seems that the mill owners are not satisfied with the number of Rolls Royces they own. They want more so they want to cut the wages of the workers.

Remember the Passaic strike? The children supported the brave struggle of the Passaic textile workers and will support the strike of the New Bedford workers.

The textile workers, with the support of the entire working class, will win!



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or fifty years ago to suppress these demonstrations by force. The police acted in the most brutal and violent manner and the workers called another demonstration a few days later to protest against the police brutalities. This meeting was the famous Haymarket meeting, on Haymarket Square in Chicago. There a bomb exploded, probably thrown by some spy. Six people were killed and more wounded. This served as a good excuse for the bosses and the police to begin persecutions against the labor movement and especially against the leaders of the workers. What happened then is a long story, well known to most readers. Seven working class leaders were convicted and sentenced to death. Four of them gave up their lives on the scaffold a little later; two had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment; one committed suicide. A terrible wave of persecution swept over the labor movement.

This is how May First, as a workers' holiday, was born and baptized in the workers' blood. The American workers will long remember their first May Day martyrs.

That is what May Day means—a day of solidarity of the workers and farmers of the world—a day of united struggle for freedom!

That is why we, workers and farmers children, leave the schools on May Day—to show that we are a part of the working class and that May Day is our holiday too.

**No school on May Day! To go to school on May Day means to scab!**

### The "Free" Library

Sollie Eidinoff, Chicago, Ill.

One day I saw a friend of mine with a library book and it was "Oil!" I asked him to lend it to me but he said it would be better if he returned it to the library and then I took it out for myself. So he returned it. Then I asked for it. The librarian said that it wasn't in. But of course it was. Then I asked her if I could reserve it and she said: "Just a second!" I saw her go over and talk with another librarian. Then she came back to me and told me that the head librarian wouldn't allow me to take out the book or reserve it.

This just shows what a library is. They will let you read books that put you on the bosses' side but when there is a good workers book they won't even let you read it.

### ABOUT MAY DAY

By S. G. Milltown, Minn.

My teacher said May Day is a Red Flag day and is not good for the children. Mary, another Pioneer (we have three in our class) asked: "Why is a Red Flag holiday bad? The Red Flag is the workers flag and we are workers children." The teacher said: "Look what the Red Flag has done to Russia?" "Well, what?" I asked. "Russia is now a free country for the workers. The workers children have the best things there are and not child labor and hunger like in America which is under a capitalist flag." The teacher said for me to shut up. But the children are with us.

# THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

## *The Big Save-the-Union Conference*

“THE miners must take the Union into their own hands!”

This was the chief cry at the great National Save the Union Conference held at Pittsburgh on April 1 and 2.

One thousand, one hundred and twenty-five delegates, representing tens of thousands of fighting miners all over the country, came together at Pittsburgh to consider how best to save their Union which is now being attacked by the coal operators (the bosses), by the government, and by the crooked union officials, like Lewis, who are really servants of the bosses.

There was the greatest enthusiasm and fighting spirit shown at the Conference. It was decided that the miners must work for a big national general strike of all miners and that the miners of the Southern Illinois district and of parts of Pennsylvania which were not yet on strike should go out on strike also. The Conference decided that the big jobs before the real fighting miners are: (1) to win the strike, (2) to organize the unorganized miners into the Union, and (3) to save the Union by throwing out the bosses servants like Lewis and Cappellini.

The miners children are solid in support of their fathers and brothers. They understand how important the fight is and that it is their fight as well. At the Conference a miners child, a representative of the Strikers Children's Club movement, read a declaration showing that the children are behind the striking miners. You can read this declaration on page eleven in this paper. The Conference cheered the child speaker very enthusiastically and voted unanimously in favor of spreading and strengthening the Strikers Children's Club movement.

The Pioneers, who are the big push behind the Strikers Children's Club movement, are glad of this because our slogan is: One solid front—workers, young workers and workers children!

Long live the heroic struggle of the miners! All workers children must support it!

## THE MINERS STRIKE IS SPREADING

By Young Comrade Correspondent  
**S**INCE the Save-the Union Conference took place, the miners strike has been spreading thruout the country.

The miners in the Illinois fields came out as well as the thousands of miners in the unorganized fields.

Lewis and his crew cannot stand in the way of the brave miners, They have learned how to fight. They are on the picket line every day—hundreds and thousands of them, men, women and children. No arrests no tear bombs scare them.

The miners are determined to win. And we are all going to help them. We know that food and clothes are necessary, now more than ever. Every workers' child must do his share.

# DECLARATION Of Strikers Childrens' Clubs

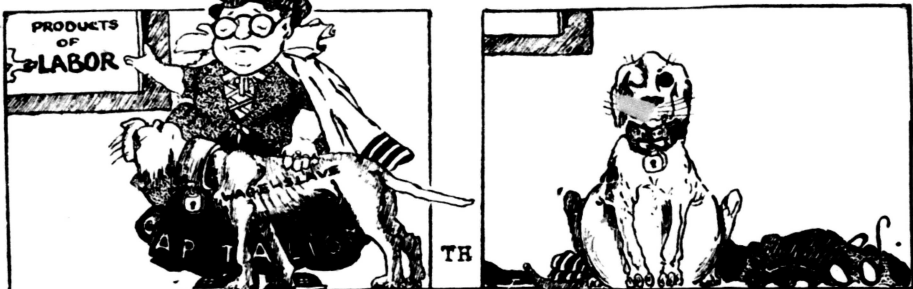
We the children of the striking miners, greet the representatives of the miners assembled at the National Save-the-Union Conference. For one long year we have stood by you, suffering hunger and cold. In spite of threats by teachers, the brutality of the coal and iron police and the reactionary Lewis organization we have tried to take our place on the picket line and fight side by side with our parents to win the strike.

The teachers who are paid by the coal operators tell us that our parents are lazy foreigners and are not doing their duty to us, their children, by being on strike. But we don't believe the lies the teachers tell us about our striking parents. We know that our fathers are fighting for us so that we may have more bread and a chance to live as human beings. We know that this strike is our strike and we say to you: we will stand by you! We want to win the strike. We will fight the lies the teachers tell us. We will fight side by side with you on the picket line. We want to be organized. We call upon you to organize the children throughout the coal regions. Because only when we are organized can we be of real help to you. We are union children. We want to grow up to be union men and women.

Fathers and brothers, we want to help you. Let us fight together to win the strike.

**Organize the miners' children to help save the union!**

EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY



Old Mother Hubbard  
She went to the cupboard  
—And said there wasn't a  
bone.

But the dog woke up  
And decided he'd sup  
—And now the poor pup's all  
alone.

## We're Not Afraid of Scabs

(By Albert Roth)

PENOWA, Pa.—The coal companies and the scabs want to break the Union but we won't let them. The scabs are cowards and have the yellow dogs to protect them. The yellow dogs think they are smart because they have a gun and badge. When the Union wins the yellow dogs won't be so smart and won't chase people out of their houses any more.

Well, Christmas was pretty poor for us but better for the scabs who take the bread out of our mouths. We didn't want any toys or such. We only want wood and something to eat and clothes. If we have some of these things we can fight hard and win.

### Young Miners Club Against Lewis

CURTISVILLE, Pa.—At a spirited meeting held here on March 6th, a Young Miner's Club was organized. About 30 people were present, nearly all of them young miners from Curtisville mines No. 1 and 2. The club discussed the situation in the United Mine Workers and took a militant stand against the reactionary policies of Lewis and Co.

## Miners And Farmers

By George Tvevich, Warnock, Ohio

In the village where I live there is a coal mine. It has been on strike since the first of April. The people are hungry and ragged but they are fighting on. And they are going to win.

I am a farmer's son. The farmers are up against it too here. There is hardly anything to eat. Can we eat ground and green grass?

Things are getting pretty bad and it will be worse when father has to pay taxes.

## The Bosses Ain't Gonna Reign No More

### A Song of Striking Miners' Children

The bosses sure are wise gyes  
To the workers they're a foe  
They're cutting down the wages  
Tho they are already low.

(Chorus)

But the bosses aint gonna reign no more

They aint gonna reign no more,  
Yes, by heck, they'll get it in the neck!

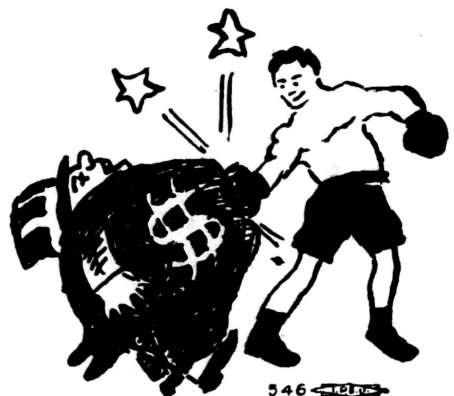
The bosses aint gonna reign no more.

The bosses think they scare us  
By police and all such stuff.  
But we, the miners' children  
Know how to call their bluff.

(Chorus)

Our fathers are on strike now  
They won't go back to work  
Until they got what they demand  
From those who like to shirk.

And we, the strikers' children  
Tho we've nothing much to eat,  
We'll show our fathers' bosses  
That they will yet be beat!



I hope I will live and see capitalists work for their living just as poor people do so that there won't be any capitalists.

# "You Can't Kill The Young Comrade!"

## *A Story from Pioneer Life*

(Continued from last month)

They read this notice, laughingly, then the one whom the teacher called Willie took out a pencil and wrote underneath—

"Anyone can get the Young Comrade by asking Willie during the recess."

He wrote this just to get the teachers sore, but it came out different. During the next recess about twenty school mates asked him for the paper. He only had one copy so the whole crowd sat around him while he read the paper aloud to the attentive crowd.

When he reached the end, one of the listeners asked:

"Do you buy it, or subscribe for it, Willie?"

"Subscribe for it"

"Is it expensive?"

Willie mentioned the price.

"Oh, that's only a little bit. Where can I subscribe for it?"

"That's right, where can we subscribe for it?" asked a few more. There were quite a lot who wanted to subscribe. Everyone liked the paper, everyone wanted to spite the teacher and have the latest number.

"Tomorrow you bring the money for half a year. I'll get your addresses and take them down to the office," said Willie.

"And if we will go to the office?"

"All together? That's good!"

"Tomorrow after school?"

"O. K."

Teacher Press sat in the principals office and was telling him about his affairs with Willie.

The principal listened, rubbing his long whiskers and nervously arranged the paper on his desk.

"So.....—" he drawled when the teacher was thru, "your opinion is...?"

Press's face became serious and determined

"Most severe measures, sir, most severe measures!"

"Even expulsion?"

The principal got up and walked to the window thoughtfully.

The window was right above the school gate, and the principal could see children running out of school. Unlike usually, however, they got together by the nearest lamp post instead of running home. The principal noticed one of the boys climbing the lamp post and the others waving their caps in reply to something he said.

The principal called over Press.

"Who is that fellow on the lamp post?" he asked.

"That's Willie."

"Willie?"

The principal and the instructor stood and watched the children. Willie climbed down and the children ran away. Their merry laughter could be heard thru the closed windows of the office.

"That's funny," said the principal, moving away from the window "in one way, they're children, and in another....."

Press completed the thought of the principal:

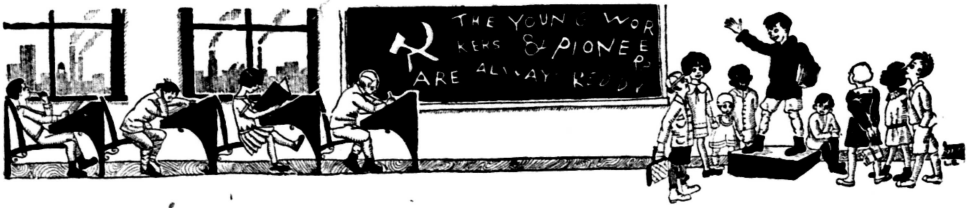
"In another way they are even more dangerous than the grown ups. The principal walked around the room for a few moments and then took up the conversation.

"And so," he said, "you recommend expulsion?"

"Absolutely!"

"Whom?"

(Continued next month)



## PHILADELPHIA PIONEERS TAKE UP FIGHT

By Joe Gralick

(Adams Public School, Phila. Pa.)

In my school we have to salute the American flag. Just to show what the American flag stands for, I refused to salute the flag.

Well, at first nothing was said. And then Monday we had saluting the flag again. I again refused. The next day I was called down to the office. When I came to the office of the principal, Miss Clarke, said: "We have been having a lot of trouble with you. How dare you refuse to salute the flag?" I answered: "Why should I salute a capitalist flag? I am not for the capitalists." She cried out: "Who ever told you the stars and stripes was a capitalist flag?" "Well," I said, "anybody with common sense can see for himself. Look what the American flag protects. Child labor—sending of of soldiers to

shoot down strikers—sending marines to crush the Nicaraguan people who want freedom. All this is done for the benefit of the capitalists—so this is a capitalist country, and the flag is a capitalist flag." She got mad and said: "If you don't like it why don't you go where you came from?" I said: "I have nowhere to go. I was born here. My father served four years in the navy." She was surprised. She said I was suspended.

I reported these happening to my Pioneer school group and we decided to distribute leaflets to the children telling them what it's all about. The kids like the leaflets. The principal ordered the safety patrols to grab up the leaflets so the children won't see them. But many of the children even took the leaflet home.

We are going to keep up the fight and win the children.

### A Strike in Our Town

R. O., Astoria, Ore.

There is a strike going on now in one of the factories of this city. The factory is called the Allen-A. The Allen-A is hiring strike-breakers and scabs. The police men stick up for the scabs and the bosses. They attack the strikers and some of the men are in the hospital because a policeman hit them over the head. One striker died already.

### About Nicaragua

By Anna Zamorra

Two days ago a boy in my class asked the teacher why is the U. S. fighting with Nicaragua. The teacher answered: "The small country is in trouble and they asked the U. S. to help them." But then I asked: "Why are the Marines killing Nicaraguan people if they want to help them?"

## WHAT HAPPENED IN P. S. 61

By E. S., N. Y. Pioneer

Junior High School 61 is the most discussed school group in New York City. We again want to tell you what we are doing.

The Pioneers of 61 have already put out three school papers, the "Young Spark". In order to explain to the children the issues confronting them we get out our paper.

In the third issue of the "Young Spark" we have an article about the fake annex that they gave us (the article was printed in last month's Young Comrade) and also about our school.

Our third bulletin was a big hit. The kids grabbed up copies and were very eager to get the paper. Many pupils applied for membership in the Pioneers. We also made hundreds of sympathizers. When the principal got hold of the bulletin he was very sore and tried to get hold of the Pioneers. He got hold of the organizer of our school group and tried to ask him a lot of questions. But it wasn't of much use. Then he got one of the so-called "Honor Leaguers" to ask in the auditorium those who were Pioneers. But the Pioneers knew not to show themselves because we did not want the school authorities to all the Pioneers. Anyway the principal couldn't get much out of us and he is very sad.

The children all know about the Pioneers and like the Pioneers and their program. We have made 3500 children become acquainted with the Pioneers.

## CONDITIONS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL 89

**W**HEN children go to our school they have to go over dangerous crossings. Some children have to walk between five and ten blocks more than they should if they want to cross where the traffic cop stands.

There is only one traffic officer near the school and the children are in danger.

There is no gymnasium, auditorium or lunchroom in the school. The section of Bronx where our school is growing very rapidly and as a result the school is already badly overcrowded. Children have to sit two in a seat. A majority of children live far away from the school. These children have to bring lunch. The teachers always tell us to keep clean. But how can they? We have to sit on the floor of a dirty basement where gymnasium exercises are going on. The dirt gets into the food which children eat.

The children have to pay for most of their school supplies. When a child, so much as creases or tears a page of a school book they make him pay. The principal wants a piano for the school. He asked the children to bring money for it. Why can't the Board of Education buy a piano instead of making the poor kids pay for it.

The monitors are taught to act like bosses over the children and sometimes hurt them.

P. S. 89 is going to have what they call a "self-government"... The Pioneers in P. S. 89 are going to form a Party for the school elections. We are going to fight for real school issues and things for the benefit of the children.

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# No School on May Day!

## To go to School on May Day Means to Scab!

### WORKERS CHILDREN!

May Day is the world holiday of labor! On May Day the workers of the world lay down their tools and go to all kinds of meetings and demonstrations to show that all workers must stick together to fight against the bosses—to show their solidarity.

We, workers children, are also a part of the working class. And we must show that we are really a part of the working class by **STRIKING ON MAY DAY!**

The workers leave the shops on May Day — we must leave the schools! To go to school on May Day when the workers strike means to scab! Don't be a scab! Stay out of school on May Day!

By staying out of school on May Day — by striking — we show that we mean business in fighting to better the conditions of the workers children. When we strike on May Day we strike:

Against rotten school conditions!

Against child labor!

Against anti-labor teachings in the schools!

Against making the workers children into soldiers for the bosses! Against military training in the schools! Against military teachings in the schools!

For the support of the striking miners and the miners children!

For the defence of Workers Russia!

For free meals and clothing in the schools for the strikers children and for the children of the unemployed!

For real self-government in the schools by the children!

For one solid front — the workers, the young workers, and the workers children — in the struggle against the bosses!

Workers children! No school on May Day! Come to the big mass meetings arranged by the workers to celebrate May Day! Hold your meetings and demonstrations!

Remember! No school on May Day! Don't Scab!

Young Pioneers of America