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**FREE THE
GASTONIA WORKERS**

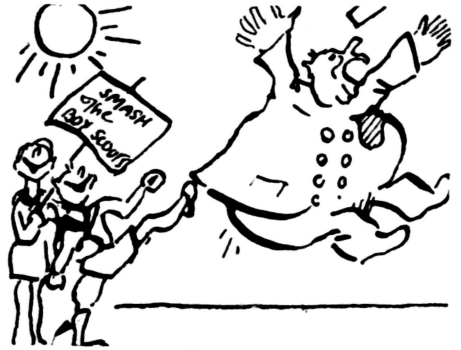
Pioneers Fight Boy Scouts

NEW YORK PIONEERS HOLD DEMONSTRATION AGAINST BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

On July 20, the Young Pioneers of New York held a demonstration on the Pier, where the Boy Scouts were leaving for the Jamboree which is being held in England

The Jamboree is being held by the bosses, to prepare the workers' children for war. From all parts of the world, Scouts are attending. 1500 Boy Scouts left from the United States. The government, financed the sending of the 1,500, together with the bosses of this country.

The Pioneers entered the pier, then unfurling their banners, which read, "Down with the Boy Scout Jamboree" "Defend the Soviet Union" "Join the Young Pioneers of America" and "The Boy Scouts are supported by the bosses". "Smash the Boy Scouts" we quickly started to hold the demonstration. Some one notified the police and in a little while they came. Without mercy, they clubbed and beat us. We got out into the street, and then discovered that Ben Harper, our Pioneer Director, was arrested and held upstairs. We wanted to rush upstairs, and get him down, but the police closed the doors. After a while the boat left, and the parents of the Boy Scouts started to leave the pier. Our demonstration before, had delayed the leaving of the boat for over a half hour. As they came into the street we booed them. Then other cops on horseback arrived, and rode into our ranks. Thugs who were hired by the shipping company and the police, beat up any workers children demonstrating, whenever they became separated from the rest. Many comrades were arrested and beaten up, but a cop had to buy a new uniform, and we up many other cops. It was at this demonstration that Harry Eisman, militant young pioneer was arrested, and later sentenced 6 months in the reformatory, just because he dared to demonstrate with us all against the bosses' Boy Scouts!—**N. Y. Pioneers**



NEGRO BOY SCOUT JOINS THE YOUNG PIONEERS

Scoutmaster Glenn,
Troop 783,
115 West 134th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Glenn:

I want to let you know that I don't want to be a member of the Boy Scouts any more. You sent me here to the Pioneer Camp at Wingdale, N. Y. so that I should send information about the Pioneers and help the Boy Scouts fight against them. I am here only a short time, but I learned a lot.

I learned that I must fight with the workers and their children and that I must help the workers when they go out on strike.

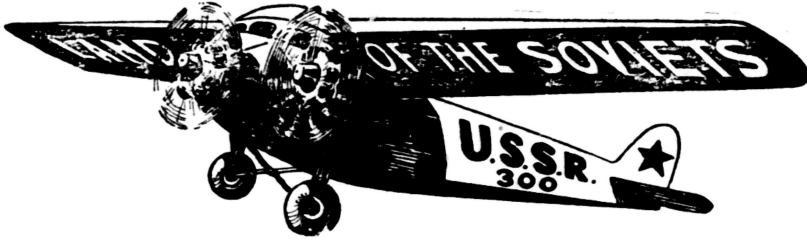
When I went to your camp, I was not permitted to be with the other children, because I am a Negro. In the Pioneer camp we are all the same, white children and Negro children. I like the camp for that reason. I know that they are really my friends and will fight for the workers. I want to leave the Boy Scouts, cause I don't want to be loyal to the bosses anymore.

I was always told to "Be Prepared" for war. Now, when the bosses will start another war for more money themselves, they want us workers' children in the Boy Scouts to fight for them. My father is a worker and I am not going to fight against him.

Please forward to my home address the \$2.00 that you owe me.

Leslie Boyd.

SOVIET FLYERS LEAVE FOR UNITED STATES



Four Soviet Fliers from Workers' Russia left Moscow on their way to the United States. Leaving in their plane, "The Land of the Soviets" these fliers plan to stop in Siberia, San Francisco and then on to New York.

In the Soviet Union, where the workers control the government and the factories

they have been able to develop their industries by leaps and bounds. This trip by air is just another demonstration of what the workers in Soviet Russia can accomplish.

We greet the Soviet Fliers in their flight!

Welcome to the brave fliers of Workers' Russia!

BOSSES PLAN UNITED ATTACK ON U. S. S. R.

The war lords of China, responsible for the murder of thousands of our Chinese comrades, have started a new attack upon the Soviet Union. In the early part of July the Chinese militarists took over by force the entire Manchuria railroad, which was controlled jointly by the Soviet Union and China. They arrested hundreds of Russian workers and broke up the workers' trade unions.

This attack of the Chinese generals is but the beginning of a united attack of the bosses against Workers' Russia. It has just been discovered that Secretary of State Stimson sent a note from the United States to England, France, Italy, Germany and Japan, proposing a joint attack against the Soviet Union.

Workers' Children: Our Fatherland is in danger. We must rally to the defense of the Soviet Union. The bosses throughout the world want to destroy workers' Russia. Are we going to let them do it? We must join the older workers in one united stand against the bosses and for the Workers' Fatherland.

Fight against the bosses' new attack against Workers' Russia.

Defend the Soviet Union.

Join the Young Pioneers.

FOLLOW IN LENIN'S WAY

Rules for Pioneers

1. A Pioneer is always faithful to the cause of the working class.
 2. A Pioneer is the comrade of all Pioneers and of all workers' and farmers children the world over.
 3. A Pioneer is honest and faithful to his comrades and to his class, the working class.
 4. A Pioneer is always trying to learn. Knowledge is power in the struggle of the working class.
 5. A Pioneer organizes the children around him. He takes part in the life and interests of these children and draws them into the Pioneers. A Pioneer is the model for all workers' and farmers' children.
- Pioneers, **Stand Ready! Always Ready!**

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Pioneers On Red Day

THE Young Pioneers of Cleveland were an important feature on International Red Day Demonstrations. We marched on our way to the Public Square, singing our Pioneer songs with real Pioneer spirit. Thousands of workers were gathered on the square to demonstrate against the bosses' wars and for the defense of the Soviet Union. Everything was going along fine until we were about one block away from the public square. Then the "Law" stepped into the picture and blocked the way.

While the officer was yelling questions at our leaders, the Pioneers kept their signs high and workers came running from all directions. We told the cop that we belonged to the Young Pioneers of America and were bringing the message of the Young Pioneers to the workers' children of Cleveland. His eyes sure did pop when he read our signs: "**Hoover's Child Welfare Investigation is a Fake**". "**The Boy Scout Jamboree is a Trick to Train Workers' Children for War!**" "**Workers' Children Stand by Soviet Russia!**" "**Defend the Workers' Fatherland!**" "**Fight Bosses' Militarism!**" "**Down With Child Labor!**" and there were many more of them. He just trembled with anger and shouted: "This is the limit."

There were a lot of workers all around us and I guess the cop was afraid to start anything with us. Anyway he had to let us go on to our meeting. All the workers cheered and we started to sing "We are the Builders."

We, Pioneers, helped to expose the ways that the bosses use to take the workers' children away from the working class. Especially now, when the Bosses are preparing for war and are trying to get the workers' children to support them, we must work harder than ever before. All Pioneers should take part in every demonstration that the Party and League hold and get more children into the Young Pioneers.

We have to expose the real meaning of the Jamboree in England where 50,000 Boy Scouts are meeting now. We

NEW YORK PIONEERS DEFY POLICE

When International Red Day came along in New York the Young Pioneers were there in full force. They were there in uniform and were all ready to protest against the new Imperialist war that the bosses are hatching. The Pioneers were there as they should be, "Always Ready."

When the Pioneers came marching out of one of the side streets towards the square the police got active. They remembered the demonstration when the Boy Scouts left for England and they acted just as they did on that day. The first move was to stop the Pioneers from marching on the grounds that they had no permit for a march. When the Pioneers protested the Police tried to break up the line. But the Pioneers stuck together and continued marching. The police then used their clubs on children, young girls and anyone whom they got into their hands. Finally they arrested one of the Pioneer leaders and a little later they arrested another one. Nevertheless the Young Pioneers continued marching until they reached the crowd of demonstrators in the "Square."

During the demonstration the Pioneers lent their hand in denouncing imperialist war and calling upon the workers to defend the Soviet Union. Even when the rain broke up the demonstration the Pioneers went away shouting the slogans:

Defend the Soviet Union!!!

Down with Imperialist War!!!

Down with Police Brutality!!!

Long Live the Revolutionary Workers of the World!!!

F. B.

have to keep right on raising money for the Children's Delegation to Soviet Russia. We must pledge ourselves to strengthen our forces and make our Young Pioneer movement a mighty challenge to all the bosses' organizations that are trying to trap the workers' children for the capitalist class.



Comrade Sophie stands "Always Ready" for
the Cause of the Working Class.

WORKER'S CHILDREN DEFEND YOUR COMRADES

CHILDREN'S ORGANIZER WRITES FROM JAIL

Dear Comrades:

While we are in the Gastonia Jail, 13 facing the electric chair and many others facing long terms of imprisonment, I want to write to the workers' children of the North. I know that they are good fighters for the working class and we are looking forward to see them show their **Solidarity Now!** We have been put here because we fought for and defended the interests of the workers.

I want to tell you something about the conditions of the Southern workers. They slave in the mills 12, 13 and 14 hours a day, making \$10 and \$11 a week. Because of low wages the workers' children are forced to go in-

to the mills when they are 12 and 13. They hardly have a chance to grow up and get what little education is given them by the bosses. Some of the children have never seen the inside of a school, because their mothers haven't the money to buy them shoes and clothes, and have no money to buy their school supplies.

But now these workers and their children are learning to stand up for their rights. They will no longer slave under such conditions—making the bosses richer. They are learning that the only way to better their conditions is to organize into a powerful workers' union. They are joining a workers' fighting union, the

National Textile Workers Union.

Our union teaches the children to fight side by side with the older workers. The bosses fear and hate us, because we are helping to build a powerful union for the workers. They want to murder some of the most active and bravest workers.

In that way they hope to destroy the union and keep the workers in their present slavery.

Workers' children! Will you allow the bosses to send our fellow workers to the electric chair?

The bosses lynched our brave fighter, Frank Little!

Sacco and Vanzetti — two comrades devoted to the workers' cause were electrocuted by the bosses' courts.

Little six year old Johnny Maderos was killed on the picket line by the mounted police during the Fall River strike.

The workers' children thruout the country must unite and fight for the freedom of our fellow workers.

The Gastonia strikers must be saved from the electric chair! Not one must be sentenced to prison.

The 23 innocent men and women now in the Gastonia jail must be sent free! Workers' children, only you together with the older workers can set us free!

We send you our greeting from jail.

Comradely yours,

SOPHIE MELVIN



Comrade Sophie stands "Always Ready" for the Cause of the Working Class.

Pioneer Leaders Conference

A huge mass demonstration at the Grand Theater of Moscow will mark the opening of the IV International Conference of Pioneer Leaders, on September 2nd. Pioneers from all parts of the Soviet Union will bring greetings to the Pioneer leaders who will represent many capi-



talist countries and also the Soviet Union. Workers children's delegations from many capitalist countries, including the delegation from the United States and Canada, will also take part in this demonstration.

The Conference will meet from September 3rd to the 7th. On September 9th the International Leaders School will open, and will hold sessions through the 15th. On the 16th both the Conference and School will close. Reports will be given by leading comrades who have been active in Pioneer work for many years. Comrade Khitarov, Secretary of the Young Communist International will also give a report. Teachers of the Soviet Union schools will also take part in the Conference.

Each day the capitalist war looms nearer. Each day the danger of war against

the Soviet Union—the workers' fatherland—become more serious. The bosses are working overtime in preparing and training the workers' children to be good soldiers for their war. The Boy Scout Jamboree is one of the means of preparing the children of the working class for the bosses' war. In the schools, which are controlled by the bosses in every country but the Soviet Union, the workers' children are filled with lies about the Workers' and Farmers' Republic. Here they are taught to be loyal to their country, and to "be prepared" to fight for it. In the schools the children are taught to be good factory slaves for the bosses.

Today the conditions of the workers in the shops are worse than ever before. Thousands of workers are unemployed. In this the richest country in the world, there are millions of workers' children who slave in the mills and shops and on the farms. But the workers and workers' children throughout the country are beginning to fight back. In Detroit thousands of auto workers went on strike to fight the attempt of the bosses to cut their wages. In Gastonia, the workers and workers' children are carrying on a militant struggle for better conditions and for organization into the union. At this time it is more important than ever to win the workers' children for the workingclass.

The International Leaders Conference will be a weapon in our hands for helping to carry on better work among the workers' children throughout the world.

The Young Pioneers of America greet the IV International Leaders Conference which will help us and lead the way in building our organization in the United States. The Young Pioneers of America will be **ALWAYS READY** to carry out the tasks that this conference will place before us. The Young Pioneers of America will build a strong workers' children's organization that will be **ALWAYS READY IN THE CAUSE OF THE WORKINGCLASS!**

Workers' Children! Join our ranks now and fight with us!

★ PIONEERS IN ACTION ★

HARRY EISMAN SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS

Harry Eisman, a New York Pioneer, was sentenced to six months in a Hebrew "reform" school because he took part in the Pioneer demonstration against the Boy Scouts, when they left for their International Jamboree.

This severe sentence shows that the bosses thru their courts are making a definite attack upon the fighting working class children. They are trying to smash the Young Pioneers.

We must answer this attack by organizing the workers' children into the Young Pioneers and carry on a more active fight against the Boy Scouts and all other bosses' organizations.

Comrades: Pioneer Harry has been active in the Young Pioneers for a long time. He was one of the most active Pioneers in his school, P. S. 61 and because of his work there he was EXPELLED. Pioneer Harry was always on the picket line and was arrested many times because he was an active fighter for the working class.

The bosses think that by this vicious sentence they will remove Comrade Harry from the struggles of the working class and stop him from carrying on the fight against the Boy Scouts. But Comrade Harry will fight on! He has written from jail calling upon all the workers' children to carry on the fight and pledging himself to join them in their struggles.

Comrades Pioneers! Are you going to let the bosses jail our comrades and remove them from our ranks? We must answer the bosses attempts to break up our organization by putting up a militant fight for the release of our comrade.

Organize the Workers' Children.

Rally them to the Defense of Comrade Harry!

Demand the Release of Harry Eisman!

Carry on the Fight against the Boy Scouts!

Build the Young Pioneers!

GASTONIA PIONEERS ARE "ALWAYS READY"

Dear Comrades:

We are having a Pioneer meeting tonight. These are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We want some membership cards so please send us about 25. Our group is growing fast and every Pioneer is doing his best. I have gotten many new members. We are planning a picnic for the children here.

I went to see Sophie in jail and she sure looks glad that the Pioneers think about her.

Well as its near murdering time (that is how the workers children refer to the time when their comrades go on trial in the bosses' court, editor) I've got to get on the job. I can't think of much to write. The boys in jail are as happy as they can be. They know we're organizing real strong on the outside to free them. Oh, yes, there is going to be a big conference in Bessemer City Sunday.

Your Comrade,

BINNIE GREEN

14 year old Gastonia striker.

MARCH SONG FOR PIONEERS

(to the tune of Tramp, Tramp, Tramp)

If the workers would be free.
From the bosses tyranny,
And would like to see the Red Flag
raised on high,
They will have to make a fight
And resist with all their might
When the bosses try to break their unity.

CHORUS

Fight, fight, fight keep on a fighting;
Organize and show your power.
Show the bosses and their tools
That the workers are no fools,
That this world and all its goods will
soon be ours.
Workers' children can't you see
That to march to Victory
You must join the Young Pioneers and
help the fight.
Let's go forward, do not fall,
For the end is worth it all,
We will kick the bosses out and claim our
right.



SACCO

FIGHT FOR THE FREEDOM OF GASTONIA WORKERS



VANZETTI

ON AUGUST 26th the trial will be on! 13 of our comrades stand in the shadow of the electric chair. 10 face long prison sentences. Why? Because they dared to defy the Southern mill bosses. Because they dared to be "Pioneers" in the South, organizing the Southern textile workers, building a real workers' union, carrying on a militant fight against the mill bosses.

POLICE SMASH PICKET LINE

On June 7th the workers had gathered on the Union Lot for the regular mass meeting. The childrens' section of the Union was leading the singing and cheering. Many child workers were joining in the strike songs. As the meeting was closing Fred Beal, the union organizer, called the workers to form a picket line to the Loray mill. The workers on the inside were ready for a walk-out. The mill bosses knew that if the picket line got down to the mill all of the workers would come out and join the strikers. The bosses were determined to smash the Union once and for all.

"All workers on the line!" Men, women and children were all falling into line. Sophie Melvin, Edith Saunders (children's organizers) and Vera Bush were leading. As the line came near the mill two car loads of policemen jumped out with loaded shot guns. Women and children were choked and beaten. Only the brutal beating of the police kept the line from going on to the mill.

WORKERS DEFEND THEMSELVES

An hour later. All is quite on the Union lot. The organizers are inside the Union hall. The police with armed thugs invade the union lot. The committee of One Hundred (the mill bosses' gang of armed thugs) is on its way. They are ready to lynch the organizers and smash the Union.

After the first Union headquarters had been smashed by company thugs the workers had organized themselves into a Defense Corps. They stood ready to defend their Union and their organizers with their lives. When the police attacked they were met by the workers with an iron resistance. In

the fight one of our union was wounded and the chief of Police was killed.

WORKERS' CHILDREN ORGANIZE

The workers' children in the South are learning for the first time what a real workers' union means. They are doing everything possible to help their comrades, whom the bosses want to destroy. They are helping to build their union into a stronger and more powerful weapon with which the workers can fight. Their aim in this attempt of the bosses to rail-road their comrades to the electric chair is to organize themselves more strongly together.

August 24th to September 1st will be National Defense Week for the Gastonia workers. Thruout the country the workers will rally to the defense of our comrades. This same week is going to be a Southern Children's Defense Week. A special leaflet has been issued to the workers' children, telling them what has happened in Gastonia and calling upon them to show their support.

We also have special defense booklets that all the children can sell, so that they can do their part in the defense. If you can't get your booklet from the Pioneer office you should write immediately to the National Office, 43 E. 125th St. Don't delay. The time is very short.

NATION-WIDE CHILDREN'S CONFERENCES

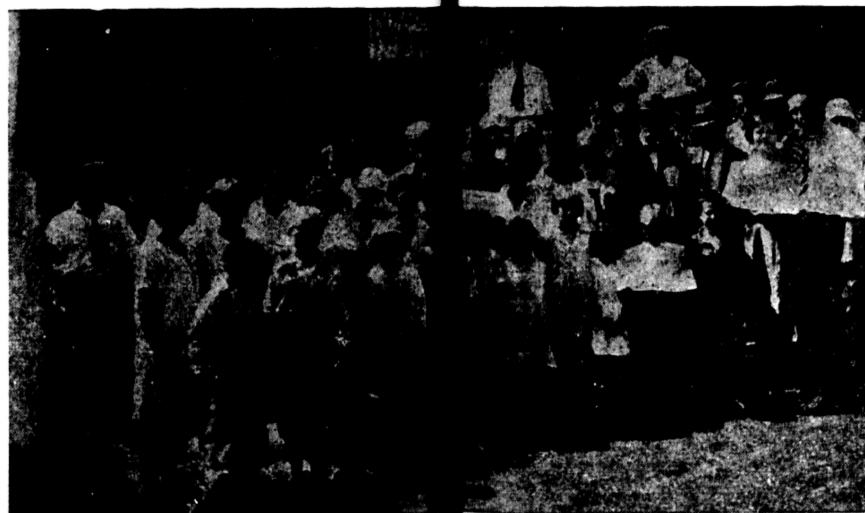
Beginning August 24th there will be workers' children's conferences all over the country. These conferences are called especially to make plans for the defense of the Gastonia workers. Plans will be laid for special children's tag days, rallies and house to house collections. Every workers' child can do their part in the fight for the freedom of our Comrades to bring them back into our ranks once more.

The fight of the Southern workers for a real workers' union, for better conditions and shorter hours is OUR fight also. The bosses in the North have been beating down the conditions of our parents because of the miserable conditions of the Southern workers. The Southern workers' children know this and they have put up a bitter struggle along with their fathers and mothers to build their Union. They have a fighting spirit that cannot be broken and now is the time for us to show them where we stand. They have united with the workers against the bosses.

DEFEND GASTONIA WORKERS

They are looking to the workers' children of the North to rally to the defense of the Gastonia workers. Comrades: Remember Sacco and Vanzetti August 22nd will mark the second anniversary of the murder of these two fighters for the working class. Are we going to stand by while the bosses of the south "celebrate" the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti with this new murder of 13 comrades?

All workers' children to the defense of the Gastonia Workers! Show your Solidarity with the Southern workers and their children. The workers' children thruout the country must be mobilized to free the workers now on trial. Fight for the release of all the Gastonia workers!



WORKERS' CHILDREN CAN FIGHT IN GASTONIA

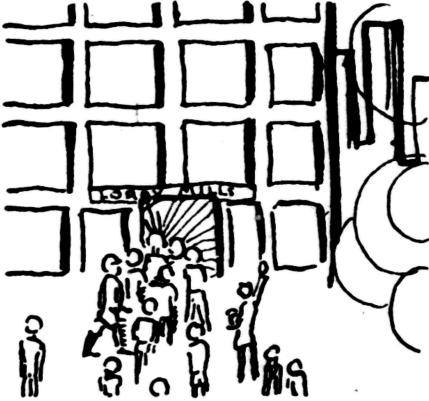


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PIONEER LIFE

THE TRADE UNION UNITY CONVENTION

Workers from the Southern textile mills, young workers from the Gastonia, miners from Pennsylvania and Illinois, shoe workers, auto-workers, young workers and child laborers from all over the country are electing delegates to the big



Trade Union unity Convention which will open on August 31 in Cleveland. This Convention will be a weapon in the hands of the workers in organizing a strong trade union movement in America. All the workers' children must support this convention.

In America, the richest country in the world, there are three million child workers slaving on the farms, in the mills, in the mines and on the streets. These workers' children are forced to go to work at so early an age because their parents do not get enough wages to keep them at school. Each day more and more workers' children are forced to enter the mills because their parents' wages are being cut by the bosses. With the bringing in of new inventions into the shops, it becomes easier for children to work at machines. The bosses would much rather have children work for them because they can exploit them more. The Trade Union Unity Convention will take steps to fight against Child Labor, and to fight for the state support of those children who now work.

We workers' children must understand

that this Convention will be a fighting answer to the fakers of the American Federation of Labor, the organization which does not fight for the workers but against them. At this time when the workers are beginning to fight back against the oppression of the bosses, the Trade Union Unity Convention, will lay plans for organizing all the workers into militant unions that will be powerful tools of the workers. These unions will also help the workers to fight the preparations of the bosses for a war against the Soviet Union.

Workers' Children! Only in the Soviet Union where the workers have power is there no child labor. There the children have the best of everything. We must support the Trade Union Unity Convention for this Convention will help the workers and the child workers' fight for better conditions.

The Young Pioneers of America greet the Convention, and we pledge ourselves to help in the fight for the organization of all workers against the bosses!

Fight against child labor!

Fight against the A. F. of L. Betrayers!

Build the Young Pioneer of America!



The golf links lie so near the mill
That almost every day
The working children can look out
And see the boss at play.

I. L.

FIRST WORKERS' CHILDRENS DELEGATION TO U. S. S. R. SAILS

Our delegation is off to the Soviet Union! The boat is to sail at 5 P. M. Hundreds of workers and workers' children of New York are on the pier to greet the first children's delegation from the bosses' United States to the workers' Soviet Union. The workers and workers' children give their greetings of solidarity to the Russian workers and their children!

The boat is about to leave—we all start singing "Solidarity", and the "International". We march off the gang-plank cheering and singing. Suddenly from all parts of the pier cops, clubs in hand, rush out and try to break our ranks and our demonstration. But we Pioneers are not scared of the cops—we know how to fight back—and we sure gave the cops a busy time on that pier. Many workers were badly beaten up. One league member had to be taken to the hospital. J. P. Morgan one of the richest capitalists of the world left on the same boat. The cops gave him plenty of protection. The cops had been prepared and told to beat us up, because they were afraid that the same would take place that took place when we gave the Boy Scouts their "send-off".

After the demonstration on the pier we went through the streets singing our workers' song. Now while the delegation is carrying on its work in the Soviet Union we will carry on our fight against the bosses here. We are working hard raising funds for the Delegations return—so that our Delegates will be able to bring the message of the workers' children in the Soviet Union to all the workers' children in America. We will show the bosses that we will never stop carrying on our battle. We will carry out our pledge to the Russian workers' children to win the workers' children here for the defense of our Fatherland the Soviet Union.

N.Y. Pioneer

RUSSIAN PIONEERS HELP ON ELECTIONS

The Pioneer organization this year took the most active part in the re-election of the Soviets. They organized at the time work demonstrations in the factories and shops under the slogan of 100% attendance at the election meetings. In the enterprises where there are many women they organized temporary nurseries to take care of the children so that the women could take part in the elections. They also introduced a draft of additional instructions to the newly elected Soviet dealing with the enlargement of schools and turning of churches and synagogues into clubs.

Our entire district organization of the Young Communist League and of the Pioneers organized on the eve of the elections to the Soviets, a carnival on the outskirts of the city. This carnival was conducted under the slogan of 100% attendance at the re-election meetings of wives, sisters, mothers, fathers, workers and office and store employees.

This is a quotation from the letter sent to the New York Communist Youth League by the October District Committee of the Young Communist League of Kharkov.

CHILD LABOR IN THE ANTHRACITE

In the Anthracite it is very bad. The children have to work on the farms and in the factories too. On the farms, the children start to work at 6 o'clock in the morning and stop working about 5 or 6 o'clock when the sun goes down. They work in the sun 12 hours a day. They work until 12 o'clock and as soon as they are thru eating, they have to rush back to pick the potatoes and tomatoes. They get about 75 cents to \$1.25 a day.

The braker boys in the mines go to work about half past six and work until 5 or 7 o'clock in the evening and have half hour rest during lunch time. Then they go back to work and start separating coal, rock, etc., many get killed.

≡ PIONEERS ≡

By HELENA BOBINSKA

Translation and Introduction by MARY HIMOFF

In the Soviet Union, where the workers have thrown out their oppressors and now rule the government, the workers' children have a different life than have the children in bosses' United States. The Soviet Union does all in its power to give the best of everything to the children. Each year hundreds of thousands of children go out to the country for their vacations.

This story tells you about the mass children's Pioneer Organization in the Soviet Union. The Pioneer movement there has more than two million children in its ranks, and is growing stronger each day. This story shows you how our Russian comrades live, not only how they play, how they work and how they help the peasants and so help to strengthen the bond between the workers and the peasants—just as our great leader, Lenin, taught.

The children of the Soviet Union take part in the building up of a new society, and in the struggle to free the workers in all lands. We American workers' children can learn from our comrades.

Comrades, we are starting the story "PIONEERS" in this issue of the YOUNG PIONEER, and we want to hear from you as to what you think of it. And now for the story!

THE PIONEERS ARE ON THEIR WAY.

FOUR by four the Pioneers march! Even from far they can be recognized. By the clear, ringing tone of their songs, that comes from their ranks, by their red bandannas, by the rhythmic sound of their bare feet on the ground, by their happy eyes!

There are the PIONEERS!

Their knapsacks on their backs, light of heart, and a song on their lips—they march.

Lovely is the world this sunny Spring morning. There is no hill so high, no valley so broad, nay, there is no sea be it ever so stormy and deep that can frighten them! Nothing seems difficult—nothing is unconquerable!

Just see them march! Look closer! The red banner of Labor waves over their heads!

IN THE PIONEER CAMP

High on the top of a hill, overlooking the wide sea, the Pioneers pitched their camp. From the distant shore one can see the white tents—like giant white birds' nests among the firs and the pines. A thin cloud of smoke rises from the camp ground into the clear skies. The Smoke and the voices of the children are the guides through the dense, dark forest to the camp. The way to the camp is long and difficult. Forest and sea separate the camp from the city. Skillful are the hands of the Pioneers, and tireless their young legs. . . The sound of the axe resounds far and wide. Their voices echo through the air. Suddenly carefree laughter rings and pierces the silence of the woods. Not only songs, however, not only healthy camp life do the Pioneers bring into the solitude of the forest.

Just look down from the top of the hill, there, on the banks of the sea, you can see the small, grey huts of a village. As the Pioneers march through the small village, barefooted youngsters run from all sides to stare at them. Wide, wondering

blue eyes stare at the red banner, at the orderly ranks that march to the beat of the drum.

Listen, Boys and Girls! Away with your staring! For too long a time have you clambered over fences, picked neighbor's berries and chased their hens! The Pioneers are coming!

Into the farthest corner of the village they will bring the sparks of the new life...

THE CAMP BUGLE

Those who know nothing of Pioneer life, may think that the call of the bugle is always the same.

But to the Pioneers it tells much!

Seven in the morning, when a dense, white mist still covers the sea—the voice of the bugle is very sharp.

And its sounds seem to say:

"Awake! You dreamers!
Greet the new day!
Stand Ready!"

At the first sounds the boys and girls sink deeper between their covers and into their pillows. Nothing seems softer than their forest beds! Somebody sighs—still half asleep: "Why must one get up—just then when one is sleepest!" Life is really very badly planned . . .

The last notes of the Bugle call, however, and everyone is on his feet. Through the morning air of the woods rings the answer of the Pioneers:

"Always Ready!"

Quickly all get up, rub their sleepy eyes once again. Pull on their shorts, and then trot downhill for the morning dip.

How wonderful is their wash basin! Nowhere can a more beautiful one be found! It glitter^s and glistens like silver in the sun. The blue skies are its brink!

A leap—a bound—and splash—right into the icy, clear water. They swim like fishes and puff like young, brave sharks. High over their heads circle sea-gulls and swallows. Under them in the deep water swim tiny fishes. From the hill the bugle calls once again:

"Hey—boys and girls!
Up on your toes! For breakfasts run!
He who comes late gets less than none!"

This is terrible! The Pioneers dash up the hill like a flock of sheep. In a jiffy they are around the tables and benches made from beams. This is the dining-room. The benches are not very comfortable—but what matter—they have a roof over their heads! That is more important. No rain can drip into the soup here. The kettle steams—the water boils. The young teeth chew the black bread.

The sea is no longer covered by the mist. As far as the eye can see—the water sparkles in the morning sunshine.

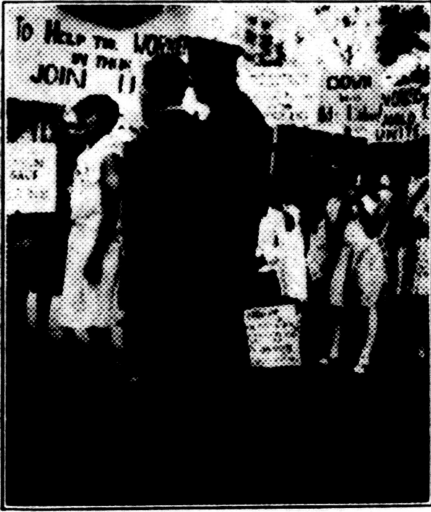
After breakfast work begins. The Pioneers gather, sitting in long rows, on the slope of the hill. This is the Soviet custom. After three hours of hard work in the open, the boys and girls, hungry as wolves, return to camp.

How welcome to the ear is the call of the bugles for luncheon. It seems as though it were spreading the delicious aroma of the noodle-soup through the air.

Soon the steaming dishes are before the Pioneers. It would be better were there bread. But what difference! Without bread the meal is done sooner. Such appetites! They wonder at how quickly the plates are emptied. Truly—they must have larger ones!

The day is long, and the Pioneers work hard and study many things. And yet how sad they are when it is done! The notes of the bugle at night seem mournful to the Pioneers.

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Cleveland Pioneers Demonstrating on Red Day

SPORTS IN THE YOUNG PIONEER CAMP

The sports in the New York Pioneer Camp are progressing in giant steps. The sports in the pioneer camp are entirely different from the sports carried on in Boy Scout Camps, R. O. T. C. Camps, and etc. In the pioneer camp the children all play together and are taught to stand together and fight together in games as well as in labor struggles. While in the other camps the children are divided in their sports activities according to race, color, religion and etc.

In the Pioneer Camp besides having the games as baseball, soccer, basketball, football and others we have revolutionary games in which the entire camp partakes. In these games besides being physically developed the children also gain more knowledge of the class struggle and the Pioneer movement, because they are directly connected with the struggle of the workers. In Boy Scout camps the children are given these sports activities to keep their minds off the struggles of the workers, their parents.

For these reasons the majority of children who go to the Young Pioneer Camp are easily won over to the Pioneer movement, and enjoy Pioneer camp better than the Boy Scout camp.

M. R. — N. Y. Pioneer.

PIONEERS ILLEGAL IN SWITZERLAND

In East Switzerland, the most reactionary corner of the "democratic model country", the Pioneers' League has to hold its meetings illegally. Such a bitter agitation is carried on by both priests and teachers against the Pioneers that they are prevented from doing their work in the open. Nevertheless they are fighting on and are not letting the united forces of the boss class crush them.

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Most beautiful of all are the hours spent around the evening campfire, telling stories. The flames flicker brightly in the darkness of the forest. Mitka, the leader, tells stories.

The Pioneers listen with large, bright eyes, their stomachs on the grass, chin propped on hands. The fire cast sits red glow on the browned faces and on the brown arms and shoulders.

Night and silence reigns over all. Now and then a night-moth or bat flies quietly over the fire and disappears into the darkness.

Beneath—the sea flows gently on. The sound of a choir echo over the waters.

Suddenly: "To bed! To bed! Into the tents!"

The sharp notes of the bugle break the lonely silence.

The Pioneers quench the fire, throw gravel and earth on it. Soon all are in their tents. Laughter comes from somewhere. Then steps! That is the Leader who inspects the tents to see if all are asleep. All singing and laughing ends. Deep quiet reigns throughout the camp.

At the edge of the camp one can see the evening watch, musket on shoulder marching back and forth, back and forth . . .

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BUILD THE YOUNG PIONEER!



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AND THE COMING WAR

AUGUST 14, 1914! The war drums boomed—the bugles called “To Arms!” And millions of workers, young and old, started to march to the battlefields. Russian workers marched against Austrian workers, and English and French workers against German workers. The workers of these lands went to slaughter their comrades, because the bosses of their country were fighting against each other for colonies to exploit and for more profits.

The socialists who until the outbreak of the war had been loudly proclaiming that they were fighting the bosses and against war, betrayed the workers—by calling upon them to “Defend the Fatherland.” This meant—to fight for the bosses of one’s own country. Only a few great leaders broke from these traitors. Liebknecht, Luxemburg and Lenin raised their voices to protest against the Imperialist slaughter. They called upon the workers and soldiers of all lands to unite and fight against their common enemy—the bosses in their own country.

April 1917! The American bosses joined the bloody slaughter and the fight for profits. The workers of America were mobilized and sent across to fight the battle of their oppressors. In America, one workers’ leader stood out in his fight against America’s entrance into the war—Comrade Ruthenberg. Just as Liebknecht, he raised his mighty voice in pro-

test and told the American workers that this war was not for their interest; that they were being sent across to slaughter their fellow workers so that the American bosses could get more profits.



CHARLES E. RUTHENBERG

Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg, born on July 9, 1882. He was the son of a longshoreman, and he himself became in turn a factory worker a clerk and a newspaper correspondent. From 1909, when he joined the Socialist Party until his death Comrade Ruthenberg was active in the labor movement.

He took an active part in all workers’ struggles. He helped to build the International Labor Garment Workers Union and was very active in the Cleveland strikes of that organization.

Comrade Ruthenberg was one of the founders of the Communist Party in the United States. For several years he was the secretary of the Party and one of the most loyal fighters. On his deathbed his last words to the Party were: “Comrades: Close your ranks. Carry on the fight!”

Comrade Ruthenberg’s fight against bosses’ wars sets an example for all militant workers’ children. At this time when the bosses are united in their attempts to destroy the Workers’ Fatherland. The workers’ children must stand ready to defend the Soviet Union. Workers’ Children: **Join the Young Pioneers!** We are fighting for a **workers’ government.**



CHARLES E. RUTHENBERG

HAIL INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Fight Against Bosses' Wars! Defend The Soviet Union!

14 YEARS ago in the midst of the World War, when millions of workers were being killed to make more profits for the bosses, the revolutionary young workers of Europe gathered together in Berne, Switzerland. The Socialist leaders of the Second International had betrayed the working class. Instead of telling the workers to refuse to take part in this imperialist slaughter, to turn their guns against their real enemies, the bosses, these traitors repeated the words of the bosses, "the workers must defend their own fatherlands." That meant that the workers were to kill their fellow-workers in order to defend the interests of the bosses. Only Lenin the leader of the Russian revolution, and Karl Liebknecht one of the founders of the revolutionary youth movement with a hand of followers remained loyal to the working class.

The young workers also refused to be traitors of the working class, and while the imperialist war was raging they met to make plans for a revolutionary struggle against this war. These young workers prepared the way for the organization of the Young Communist International, which today is the only leader of the fighting young workers and workers' children the world over.

September 8th is International Youth Day and thruout the world the young workers and workers' children will demonstrate against the new imperialist war that is being prepared and for the defense of the Soviet Union. At this time when the bosses are using every possible means to prepare the workers children for a new war, for an attack against the Soviet Union, our answer must ring out clearly! We will defend the Workers' Fatherland! We will fight on the side of the workers and not for the bosses.

The Boy Scout Jamboree now being held in England is only one means that the bosses are using to militarize the workers' children and make them "good" soldiers for the bosses. All of our patriotic teachings in the schools, the anti-labor teachings, the lies about Workers' Russia are used by the bosses to prepare the workers' children to be good slaves for them, to win the children away from the working class.

FIGHT AGAINST ALL ANTI-LABOR TEACHINGS IN SCHOOLS.

FIGHT AGAINST BOSSES MILITARY TRAINING

SMASH THE BOY SCOUTS, TOOL OF THE BOSSES

FIGHT AGAINST BOSSES' WARS

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JOIN THE YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA.