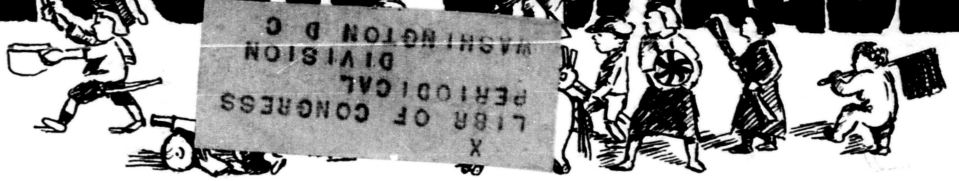




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## International Children's Week

EVERY year, in every part of the civilized world, the workers' children organized in the junior groups, celebrate International Children's Week. This year instead of the children holding a celebration of their own they are going to work together with the young Communist organizations all over the world. They are going to have their Children's Week from September 1st to September 7th. All during the week the children are going to arrange meetings; they are going to fight against the lies that the teachers have taught them in the schools; they are going to bring hundreds and thousands of new members into their organization.

Sunday, September 7th is International Youth Day. This is the day when the young workers, led by the young Communists the world over are going to gather together to demonstrate against war. The young workers are going to unite to fight against the terrible conditions they and their little brothers and sisters are compelled to work under.

Our junior groups, while they take part in the struggle against the entire capitalist system, are particularly interested in carrying on a struggle against child labor. Since we are children ourselves it is easy for those of us who are fortunate enough not to have to work for

a boss to imagine how awful it is for our comrades to slave in the factory day after day, instead of being in the open air where their undeveloped bodies would have a chance to grow. International Youth Day is therefore important to us, the children of the working class, since one of the slogans is going to be the fight for the Abolition of Child Labor.

We will join hands with the Young Workers League. We will take part in their programs.

We will have our speakers. We will unite our International Children's Week with International Youth Day. The end of International Children's Week is the beginning of capitalist mobilization week. The capitalists are going to show their military strength to the world. They are going to show off the navy and the army. They are going to show off the state troops and the militia. And last but



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not least they are going to show off the Boy Scouts. While our comrades in the Workers Party and the Young Workers League are going to fight developed militarism, we, while joining with them, are going to carry on our special struggle against the Boy and Girl Scouts.

We are going to tell all our friends, whose parents are workers, to keep away from the

Scout organizations. We are going to show them that these organizations are trying to entice them into their organizations like a spider tries to entice a fly into its web, so it can destroy them. We are going to show these children that it is a disgrace to fight in the army of the capitalists against the workers. On the other hand we are going to show them that it is an honor to fight in the army of the working class against capitalism. This army has our junior groups for its children's organization,

the Young Workers League for its youth organization, and the Workers Party for its adult organization, giving leadership to all of us in our struggle against all capitalist institutions.

Are we going to make our demonstrations effective this year? Are we going to carry on the work assigned to us? You bet your life we are! We have learned the motto of the Junior Groups: "We are always ready," and we are!

## The End of the World

By INTO SUVANTO

**I**T WAS on Monday in the school yard. The day after they had been to Sunday school.

The Sunday school teacher told everybody that the world would come to an end any time. So they would have to look out for it.

Now, there were three boys discussing over this matter; they were George, Fred and Sid.

George said to Fred, "Gee whiz, I can't think of a way to look out for the end of the world, can you, Fred?"

Fred answered in an angry voice, and said, "For gosh sakes, don't ask me." Then he hollered to Sid to go up where there were two kids (Alec and Elmer) and ask them how you could look out from the end of the world. So Sid asked them.

Alec got mad and said, "By not thinking about it."

Fred went in with the others and said, "Our Sunday school teacher told us to look out for the end of the world.

"Well, it ain't true," said Elmer.

"My Sunday school teacher knows," said Fred.

Elmer then said, "So does my father."

George got mad and said, "Aw, you bone-head, take a walk in the lake."

Elmer got violent and he hit George on the chin.

Then George hit Elmer in the bread basket and said, "You big fish, you don't know anything.

Elmer said, "Yes I do."

George said, "No you don't."

So on it went for a long time, fighting, and each saying everything about each other, until John came along and asked them what they were fighting about.

George and Elmer were a little bit afraid



because they both had a black eye and George had fallen into a mud puddle with his new suit on, but they said that they were fighting because of the end of the world.

Then John said that there was no fighting about it because the world has kept on going around the sun hundreds of millions of years and will still keep on going around the sun hundreds of millions of years. He also said, "You do not have to look out for the end of the world, but to look out so that the preachers don't mix up your think-tank and make you foolish and you should join the junior league of this town and learn things that are right and not wrong, like in the church.

"Next Sunday we will have a meeting again; come on to it, boys!" Then he went away.

Then the others went home too.

George was thinking about this matter and when he got home he got a spanking from his mother because he had soiled his new suit. He remembered that day and went to the junior league meetings after that.

The junior section is an organization of children of the workers who are fighting against the boss class. If you are a child of the working class, join the junior section.

You and your friends should subscribe to The Young Comrade.

# Little Stories of American History

By MARSH

## How the Last War Was Fought

**Y**OU will remember that the United States did not go into the war when all the other European countries began. The world war started in 1914 and the United States entered it in 1917.

You will also remember, perhaps, that we were very much against the war at first. We said that we were "too proud to fight" and that we would be neutral. What was it, then, that made us get into this terrible war?

Before we answer this question a few remarks must be made. In order to carry on a war, countries must have millions and millions of dollars to buy uniforms, guns, cannons, ammunition, airships, food and dozens of other things. This money is got by securing loans from rich people, the bankers. So, for example, England, in the great war, had borrowed millions of dollars from the big banker in America, John Pierpont Morgan and Company.

Along about 1916 it began to look as if the Allies, England, France, Italy and Russia, would lose the war. And if England lost the war, the loan of Morgan would not be repaid. And there would be the great danger that Germany would become the most powerful country in the world.

The American rich people were afraid of this. And so, to protect the money of the rich Mr. Morgan, and the interests—which means the profits and investments of money—of the other millionaires of this country, America was forced into the war. Before the workers knew what was happening, they were dressed in uniforms, drilled and trained, and shipped to Europe to fight.

They did not fight for "democracy." They had no democracy then and they haven't got it now. They did not fight to protect America. America was never in danger.

They fought to protect money.

Do you know what a war means? It means the workers are sent to the battle front where they shoot down other workers whom they have never seen. They have nothing against these other workers who happen to have been born in another land. They never saw each other and have no quarrel. Millions and millions of workers were killed and wounded and crippled in the last war. The hearts of millions of mothers and sisters and sweethearts and

children were broken because the working men were killed.

The capitalists, in their schools, and movies, and newspapers, and churches, told us of the high ideals that the soldiers died for. But that was a pack of lies, told to us in order to make us willing to die for capitalist profits.

You can see for yourself:

When the soldier-workers came back they could not get their old jobs. When they did get a job and tried to get better wages and hours and conditions, by going out on strike, the government—which is owned by the bosses, too—sent other soldiers to shoot them down and stop them from winning.

The workers were told they were fighting for democracy. But you have heard that the officials of this country are being caught in big robberies and graft and scandals every day.

The workers got the worst of it in the last capitalist war. And they will always get the worst of it unless the war is that of the workers against their bosses to really end all wars.

The Boy Scouts is a capitalist organization which teaches the children to fight against the workers and for the bosses. We want the children of the workers to learn how to fight against the bosses and for the workers and that is why we have the junior section.

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# The Juniors Ring Some Door Bells

By BILLIE SAYLES

"AW, c'mon, mister, take a subscription!" Johnny Red was saying to the man in the doorway. "The Daily Worker is a peach of a paper—honestly! It fights for the workers, got all the labor news—it's only for the working man."

"Well, it does look mighty good," the man answered, "but why do you go from door to door with it?"

"Well, you see, mister, we kids are organized too. And we are working men's kids and we fight for the workers and their kids. And when I'm as big as you are, mister, I'll be in a union too. And by the time I'm your size, why we will run the country."

"But what do you get out of it?" the man asked.

"We make twenty per cent," Johnny said. "And with this money we help organize more kids and do more work."

"Do you mean you don't spend it on yourselves?" he asked.

"Holy cats, mister, we aren't in business. We want to educate ourselves and other people's kids."

The man smiled. "You're all right, boy," he said. "I'll take a year's subscription."

Johnny got busy and wrote his name and gave him a receipt. And when he ran down the stairs he met Nails and Freddie Work and Rosie Red on the street.

"Oh, boy, this is the berries!" he shouted, "a whole year's sub."

And Nails and Freddie Work and Rosie Red looked on in admiration. "Aw shucks, we only got one for six months!" But they were all



pleased, even though in some homes they had the door closed in their faces. Nails said those were the "dumb-bell" workers but he left a sample copy under their doors. You see, maybe they were only feeling cranky," he said, "after working all day. The poor mutts, they don't like the bosses any more than we do."

"Yeah, but I wish they woke up," Freddie Work added.

"I have an idea," Johnny Red said. "Let's all go to the next place together. Just for luck!"

And when they rang the bell of a plain home a lady talked to them, and she had a nice little girl with her. All the boys talked to the lady and showed her the dandy articles and the cartoons and the stories and the children's section in The Daily Worker.

And finally the lady took only a three months' subscription. And she smiled when Nails said "Gee, I wish you had more money!"

"I wish I had it too," she said. "But I must work hard for a living."

And now you boys can go," she added. "I have some mending to do. But where is Margie?"

Margie was the nice little girl. And she was sitting in a corner listening to Rosie Red who was reading from THE YOUNG COMRADE.

"Oh, Mamma," she said, "Rosie said I could keep this little magazine. It's so interesting! And she said I could come to their meetings. Can I?"

The little girl's mother glanced thru the magazine and was very pleased. "That's fine," she said. "Yes, Margie, you can go to their meetings and when I get my next pay you can give them your sub for THE YOUNG COMRADE."

The whole bunch of little Reds ran down the street shouting and laughing. And Freddie Work said: "Gee willikens, now we don't have to ask the Workers Party branches for money."

And Johnny said: "Some work, some work! Seven subs and a new member in about two hours. Boy—some work!"

And Nails and Johnny Red and Freddie Work said: "We'll tell the world!"

And Rosie Red said: "You're juniors—you tell 'em!"

**We want no capitalist teachings in the schools. Everything for the workers!**

## **John and the Teacher**

By ANNA LEGGET, Age 11

**A** FEW weeks ago, in school, the teacher asked us to read our histories while she was out of the room. Before going out, however, the teacher looked to see if every one did as she told them to do. She looked at John, who was reading one of those cheap paper-covered books.

"John," she said, "what are you reading?"

"A book, ma'am."

"Bring it here."

John brought the book and the teacher gave him a look that I think scared John.

"The Red Guard," she said with a frown.

Before school was dismissed, the teacher said to John:

"Who bought you this book?"

"My father, ma'm."

"John," she said again, "this is for your good: if you keep on reading these books you'll grow up to be a Bolshevik and Red."

John did not get the book back, but he said he was proud to be a Bolshevik and a Red.

Wouldn't you?

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## **THE WORKERS' CHILDREN**

By William Gershonowitz, Age 11

**T**HE workers' children work and slave.

For whom? For whom?

For the big fat boss,

And the capitalist, too.

The workers' children have no play.

Why? Why?

Because they have to eat to live,

And so they have to work, not play.

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## **THE THOUGHTFUL BIRD**

By Albert Galatsky, Age 12

**I**N a far away country there lives a bird called a Pelican. The people there teach this bird to catch fish for them. When the bird catches a large fish it gets the head of it, and when it catches a small fish it does not get anything but a beating. The bird worked for a few months and soon began thinking it was of no use to give all his work to his master and so he ran away and never gave his catch to his master.

This is what we juniors think the workers should do. The workers should make a revolution and keep everything that they produce and have a workers' and farmers' government.

## **Race Hatred Victims**

By GENE CHAPMAN, Age 9

**W**HILE taking my usual afternoon walk, I saw a cart being pulled by a white boy, and seated in the cart was another white boy. On the opposite side of the street was a colored lad walking. This colored lad was, as I should judge, around the age of seven years old, while the other two children were around the ages of twelve and fifteen. Now I shall continue with my story. When the boy pulling the cart saw the colored youngster, he hollered with a rough voice, "Hey, you, pull this cart for me."

The colored boy was now pulling the cart with both boys in it. After pulling these two boys around the block a couple of times, his strength gave way and he fell, which made the cart upset with both boys in it.

This vexed one of the white boys very much, and he picked himself up and began to hit and kick the colored boy. The latter had just strength enough to pick himself up and walk away slowly, but before he did so he managed to give the white boy a good punch in the nose, which made it bleed, and the white boy went home crying, while the other followed. Nothing made me more happy than to see ignorance being beaten.

Only the capitalists want to divide the workers into black and white and the workers should not permit that.

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## **COMMUNIST CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS**

By Stephen Tarczali, Age 11

**O**UR parents were not born Communists. The children of Communist parents were really born Communists. But our parents didn't know anything about Communism, when they were born. But by the time we Communist children grow up we will know all about Communism. We will get rid of the rich. The rich will not be riding nice cars and smoking expensive cigars while the workers are working hard, sometimes hardly making enough money to buy bread. The workers deserve more than one dollar an hour, but the boss gives them forty and fifty cents an hour. The worker deserves one hundred dollars a week and they give our fathers and mothers twenty and thirty dollars a week. The bosses give less pay for hard work. When we get rid of the capitalists and the bosses, we will be carrying red flags and banners.

# Foster and Gitlow

By **MAX SALZMAN,**  
National Junior Director

**S**INCE we all want to know anything we can about the working class movement I must tell you of a very important event that took place recently.

We must have all read by this time that the Workers Party has nominated Wm. Z. Foster, the comrade who led the steel workers in the fight against the steel trust, for President, and Benjamin Gitlow, who was sent to jail in New York because he fought in the interest of the workers' for Vice-President.

We have all heard about Coolidge, the strike breaker, who is running on the Republican ticket. He is against the workers. He hates all workers. He is like the "talking" doll we see in vaudeville. He moves his mouth but he lets Morgan and the other robbers of the workers speak for him.

Davis is the candidate for the Democrats. He is the same kind of a person as Coolidge, the only difference being that he has another name. They will both do what the capitalists tell them to.

LaFollette is also running for President. He tries to make believe that he is against the big capitalists because they rob the workers. He is against the big capitalists, but that does not mean he is for the workers. He is for the small capitalists, who are also robbing the workers. He is for the rich farmer, who makes the farm hands work 12 and 14 hours every day, and who pays the men very poor wages and gives them rotten food to eat. Therefore he is as much our enemy as Coolidge and Davis.

The socialists are helping LaFollette fool the workers. Only the Communists are against him, and Coolidge, and Davis too. The Communists in the Workers Party have nominated against all the capitalist candidates, the only working class candidates in the field, Foster and Gitlow.

If we want to help the working class in its struggle, we will help the Workers Party. Are we ready to do it? We can already hear the cry from the throats of thousands of our juniors, "We are always ready." Already we can hear our young comrades crying. "What can we do?" That's what we are going to tell you now.

We know that most of the American workers are a bunch of sleepy heads. They refuse to open their eyes and see the things that are tak-



Wm. Z. Foster



B. Gitlow

ing place all around them. We must help to wake them up. We must talk to our friends and schoolmates and tell them all about Foster and Gitlow. We must tell them how the bosses rob the workers. We must tell them that all other candidates except Foster and Gitlow want the bosses to continue robbing the workers.

We must help arrange the mass meetings where our Communist comrades are going to speak. We must help distribute circulars advertising the meeting. We must try to bring all the workers we can to the meeting. At the meeting we will help sell buttons. We will sell the party literature and *The Daily Worker*. We will sell **THE YOUNG COMRADE** and try to get the parents who come to the meetings to tell their children about our junior groups.

We will help the Workers Party carry out its first national political campaign and at the same time build our junior groups.

We know that with our spirit and our enthusiasm we can carry on a very successful struggle. Sometimes our work might be tiresome. But that will not keep us from doing our work. We are young Communists, and we do everything that has to be done whether it is hard or easy to do. When we do this, we are doing our duty to the working class. We are helping in the struggle to free them from capitalism. We are waking up the sleeping American workers. We are helping to bring about the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a revolutionary workers' and farmers' government.

There will be plenty of work to be done. Are we ready to do it? Now we have a chance to prove we believe in our slogan: "We are always ready!"

## NEWS OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

### NASHWAUK, MINN.

**W**E SPOKE too quickly about the Nashwauk children in the August issue of The Young Comrade, when we said there was no junior group there, because right after that was published we received a letter from Comrade Forma telling us that a junior group was organized there with thirteen members to start. That's a pretty good beginning we think, don't you? The comrades are busy now preparing to give a working class play and are going to give the money they make to be used in carrying on the work of the movement. That's the stuff, comrades.

### BOTHELL, WASH.

**H**ERE, too, we have a new junior group. It was organized thru the aid of some party comrades. They are going to hold meetings twice a month because they live so far away from each other. "We expect to get more members, and also to get on excellently, under the guidance of our leaders," says Paul Lingquist, the correspondent of the group in a letter to us. Welcome, Bothell comrades, we are glad to have you in our ranks.

### PATERSON, N. J.

**C**OMRADE GERSHONOWITZ, in writing to us, tells us that the junior group in his city has taken five members away from the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. M. H. A. Pretty good, eh! They find it hard to get along, but nevertheless they are going ahead with their work. Who said our juniors cannot overcome obstacles!

### MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**T**HE juniors are preparing to give a play at the International Youth Day celebration of the Young Workers' League. The comrades are getting along rather well. The group which disbanded for the summer is starting to meet again and there is no doubt that they will greatly aid the already existing group in carrying on its work.

### HAMMOND, IND.

**T**HE Hammond juniors have more than doubled their membership. Comrade Bucha wrote us a very interesting letter in which he tells us of the activities of the Hammond juniors. We are all going to learn from these comrades, and are going to increase the membership of all our groups. "We are always ready" to do this, aren't we?

### LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

**T**HE Los Angeles have done two things worthy of note this month. First, they are establishing a mimeographed paper for their junior groups, and they sent in \$25.00 to the national office to help us carry on our work. Besides they have succeeded in organizing another junior group. This makes a total of seven junior groups for Los Angeles. The rest of us could learn a good deal from the Los Angeles comrades. They just met children on the street, who they never saw before and told them

about the juniors. Some of the children got interested and wanted to join. They were accepted with open arms. You comrades, who tell us it is hard to organize the children, try this method. It's good. The comrades want all the junior groups to send news for their new born paper. You should write to Anna Lyons, 417 Forest Street, and let them know about your group.

### CHICAGO, ILL.

**T**WO more groups have been added to the Chicago organization. This brings 30 more members into our ranks. Our Chicago comrades have been very active. They have assisted in arranging open air meetings and in selling papers at them. Some of them have acted as speakers also. We have some good material in the Chicago juniors. We have speakers and writers among them. If you notice they never let an issue of THE YOUNG COMRADE go by without having a story in it. What about the rest of the comrades? This is our paper and we should write more often for it.

### NEW YORK, N. Y.

**C**OMRADES will remember that the last time we told of Eva Stone, she was leader of the junior groups on Minneapolis. She has moved to New York lately and has already organized a new junior group with 43 members. Atta' boy, Eva, keep it up! We wish your comrades the best of luck in their work. But you are not going to stop with one new group, are you? There are many more children in New York. The city junior director has just written us and he tells us that the junior groups are becoming stronger. They are also taking in many new members. One of the junior groups here calls itself the Wm. Z. Foster group.

### CLEVELAND, OHIO

**C**LEVELAND has at last broken into the junior group column. The comrades write that they have organized a junior group recently. This is the start. We bet that Cleveland will grow rapidly. Comrade Papcun is helping the young comrades function. He reports that there are possibilities for organizing many more groups in Cleveland. Good! Let's get to work and organize them.

### A United Front of Children

San Pedro, Calif.

**D**EAR COMRADES:

I have good news in this letter. Our group is organized again and the children that come now are real fighters because the raids frightened all of the more conservative ones away and we are forming what I have hoped for all along. The I. W. W. children are joining with us and we all realize now through a united front is the only way that we can win.

Yours, with high hopes,

ELEANOR MILDER.

## Comrade Sunny's Column

**G**REETINGS, Little Comrades:

The summer time must have made all of us lazy. We only do what we really have to do and no more. I notice that some of us don't even like to write any more. I get so few letters during the hot months.

I was out in the slums of Chicago a few days ago when it was so very hot here. How the children out there suffer is awful. The streets are narrow and dirty and hot and the smell of garbage is everywhere. And those poor kids out there can't go on vacations like the richer children do. They just have to stay there and sweat and suffer and many of the little babies get very sick or die when it gets too hot. They can't go away anywhere. Their fathers make very little money, if they can find work at all, and it costs so much to feed and clothe a family that there is nothing left with which to go to the seashore or the woods for a vacation away from the heat and dirt.

And this morning I was out in a rich neighborhood and there were a few children that had not gone away for a vacation yet or had come back from one already but you should have seen how nice it was for them. They were bathing in the lake and there were big beach umbrellas up under which they could sit and sip ice cold punch that a nurse brought out for them when it got too hot playing in the water and the houses that they came from were big and cool looking with large lawns and many shade trees.

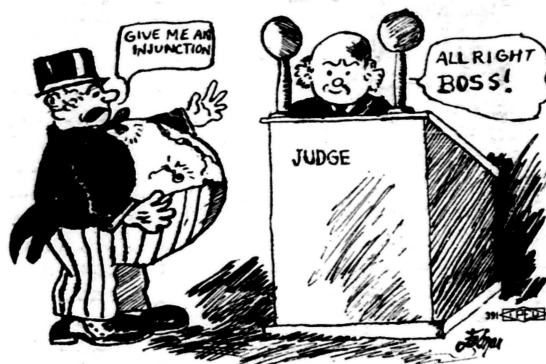
Isn't it about time us juniors got together and got these slum children to see what they are being cheated out of? Let's go into the slums and get these children of the real workers and organize them and pretty soon we won't have such differences between children. There won't be any rich children and poor children, there will be the Juniors of the Workers' Government of America.

Yours for the fight,

COMRADE SUNNY.

**In Russia the workers have their own government and the children do not slave in the factories for the money and profit of the bosses. Let us fight for a workers' government here, too. We want no more child slaves!**

## The Judge and His Boss



## Why I Joined the Junior Group

By OLGA KRATA, Age 13

**I** AM writing this because I would like you to do the same. I want you to help your friends whose fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters work in the dark factories, who earn meager salaries, plus long hours. Now to begin my subject:

I have joined the junior group because I am interested in the workers' needs. When I grow up I want to be a Communist and fight against the Y. M. C. A. and the chain of capitalistic clubs, where they teach the members and children that the Ku Klux Klan is a good organization. The Ku Klux Klan says that the capitalists are all right. The Klan tars and feathers and even murders workers who are foreigners who don't do what the Klan wants them to do.

Another reason why I joined is because I am against the big-bellied capitalists such as John D. Rockefeller, Morgan, Ford, Wall Street, who own America, and exploit the workers. Now I suppose you'd like my point of view on the phrase "Owning America." I will write it in a brief sentence. These capitalists own hundreds of oil fields, own many factories, rule over the workers and have nearly all the money in the United States.

I am also against the school clubs whose teachers teach the children to go against the Communists, and tell them the Communists want to overthrow the American government and are not satisfied with what they get and also that they kill people. The teachers tell the children a pack of lies and the children believe it.

That is why I joined the junior groups and want you to join it to help all the workers and Communists fight for their rightful freedom.