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This picture shows what the bosses think of the Young Comrade.

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TROUBLE IN OUR SCHOOL

By JOHN KUZMICH

THE school that I go to is the Dickinson school. We have to bring money for all kinds of things and nobody can afford it. Our teacher Mrs. Purkey wants us to bring about a quarter or more for the exhibit, a quarter for a party which we in Mrs. Purkey's room have to feed those in Miss Horner's room. We also have to bring money to buy busts of great musicians such as Beethoven, Paderewsky, Wagner, Mendelssohn, Liszt, and many others. I always say, "Why don't you buy a bust of some great person, such as Lenin, Marx, Liebknecht or Luxemburg?"

But the teacher does not buy them.

All the girls in our room brought money for the party. But the boys didn't. Both my brothers and I who are young comrades and belong to the junior group are in the same room and didn't bring any money because we can't afford it.

We had to stay after school for not bringing the money. I got so mad that I hit the teacher in the face. I made all the boys go on a strike and she is afraid to hit us. Today she wouldn't teach us, only the girls; so a boy was raising his hand to tell the answer to a problem. I said, "Willie, put your hand

The Capitalist's New War

By SULO PAASO

SOME of the capitalists are trying to make a big war with Japan. They had a big war ten years ago. It was the world war and it wasn't the worst. A worse one is coming. In the Civil War the families killed each other. In the next war the workers will kill each other. But it will be a capitalist war and only the workers will suffer. They will die for the capitalists. We must all organize against this war because it is a capitalist war.

down, she won't choose you." Then she took me by the collar and I was getting ready with my fist.

When she took me out of the room and came in again one boy who say this was 16 years old (he was my friend). He came to the teacher and she slapped him. He got his fist ready and was going to hit her but she stepped back frightened. Then I came in and she was afraid to hit us.

I am trying to make everyone even the girls go on strike against these two teachers, Mrs. Purkey and Miss Horner.

Comrades, do not let teachers hit you. Go on strike.

THE CHINESE SITUATION

By EMANUEL MANKIN, Age 12

HANDS off China! This should be the cry of the workers all over the world. What are the American, English and Japanese marines doing over in China? China has done them no harm. They say a Chinese ship shot upon an American ship but, this is lie. They just want to draw China into a war. The reason they want China so badly is as follows:

1. There is an abundance of cheap labor in china.
2. China has many mineral resources.

When the Chinese workers went on strike for higher wages, the Chinese students went with them. Many of the workers and students were shot down like dogs in the street by the police. The Y. W. L. as well as the Junior Section is taking up this cry. Come to all protest meetings and help keep up the cry of

"Hands off China!"

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Our Red Flag

By BERNARD PALATNIK (Age 11)

Our flag so red,
As red as blood.
Thruout the country
Shall our freedom bud.

We'll raise you high,
And let you fly,
So all the world
Can see you.

For you are the emblem
Of the worker
Against the capitalist
And the shirker.

Oh, the flag so red,
As red as blood.
Thruout the country
Shall our freedom bud.

A HEAVENLY PARADISE

Frank Valentine.

On every Sunday millions of people go to the churches to hear the preacher read and pray about a paradise the people are going to get when they are going to be dead. Thousands of workers goes to church because they are fooled by the masters' class that they will get to heaven when they are going to be dead.

There will never be peace on earth until capitalism will be abolished from all lands of the world.

To keep the workers from fighting, the masters' class, they established churches in every country, so the churches will serve as a tool for capital.

A priest's duty is to tell the working class how they are going to get something good in the new world and not what good they can get in this world.

We are in the struggle for good conditions and good things now while we are alive. When we are dead we are and we cannot get up and fight. If we abolish capitalism we will not have to wait until we are dead. We will have our heaven on earth.

Those who join the junior groups, join an organisation which is helping in the great fight against the murderers of working class children, the capitalists. Join now!

Join the junior groups of the Y. W. L.
Fight with your class: the workers.

A RUSSIAN VIEW

This cartoon is from a Russian Young Communist paper.

It gives the view of the young Russian workers towards the Monkey Trial in Dayton.

In Russia today, where the schools are controlled by the workers and not by the bosses, a workers' child is encouraged to study evolution, instead of being prohibited as in America.

The school children in Russia are having a good laugh at the monkey education that Williams Jennings Bryan and the bosses are trying to force on the children in Tennessee, and call on the American youth to fight against the capitalist dope peddled in the schools, and to demand the right to be taught the truth.



Edna Balkans age 18

WHAT IS CHILD LABOR

By BLANCHE SURWALL

"CHILD Labor" is the work of children at unfit ages under the most unhealthful conditions.

They cannot get education there which they need in order to get on when they are older.

They cannot get recreation which they need in order to be strong and healthy. They should not be working in those filthy, dirty slums, while the children of another class, the capitalist class, go to beaches and sip cold sodas and sit under big umbrellas.

But comrades, why do the children have to work in mills, factories, mines, sweat shops, stores, bundle wrappers in beet fields, sugar-cane, on farms, salespeople in cotton fields, almost everywhere and sales-girl?

They have to work because their parents cannot get work or are paid in such a small amount that it is not enough to live on and are forced to work instead of schools.

And because the capitalists profit by employing children, because children will work for less pay, because the capitalists say that children cannot work as good as grown ups and because they have skillful little hands that can make many fancy little things such as pasting dots on face veils, putting beautiful feathers on beautiful hats that their mothers never even had on for a second, carding dress snaps. But if the parents of these children would organize into one mass strike and get their pay which they are supposed to, then there would be no child labor for the parents would have enough to live on.

But best of all, the parents and the children should organize and form one mass of Communists, they could overcome the capitalists and then there wouldn't be a man richer than the other, no partiality and best of all, no "Child Labor."

But, comrades, child labor does not mean that working of children in their homes helping their parents a little by washing dishes or running on errands or peeling potatoes. No, not if these tasks are given in small amounts. But of course, it is not good in large amounts.

In Russia children do not work until 18 years of age and then they only work four hours a day until they are of age to work eight hours a day.

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Detroit Juniors To Celebrate

October the 12th, the Detroit Juniors will be one year old. One year ago just 15 members were organized. Now there are 150 Juniors in four groups and one nucleus. Their influence has increased much more rapidly than their numbers, however.

On Sunday, October 11, at the House of the Masses a large celebration will be held known as the Junior Jubilee. It will last from two until midnight. In the afternoon there will be a program toward which every group and every Junior will contribute. Delicious eats will be served and in the evening there will be dancing for the "grown-ups." For the evening entertainment the Juniors will give a series of dances which have never been equalled. They will delight everyone who sees them. There will be many other interesting attractions for all those who attend this greatest of all Junior affairs—the Junior Jubilee. Watch for more news about this in the future.

THERE is one thing that a Junior looks forward to, one thing that marks the greatest step towards his becoming a fighter for the working class. This is the time when a member of the Junior Section graduates into the ranks of the Young Workers League.



Johnny Red at Work

IT was seven-thirty in the morning and Johnny was up sleepy and stretching. If you remember Johnny was forced to go to work when his father was blacklisted for being a Bolshevik. Now Johnny was working at the Main Street news stand. He dressed in a hurry and ate a hurried breakfast because he was now an hour late for work. Johnny had a hard shift to work at. He started at six-thirty in the morning and worked till twelve in the afternoon at which time he went home to eat. He started to work again at 4 in the afternoon till eight o'clock at night.

You can realize how hard he had to work because these were the rush hours when the people were coming to work and coming from work. His pay was little for the boss claimed that he could not pay more for such a young boy. But Johnny expected this because he knew all about the capitalist and the bosses. Immediately on the job Johnny became acquainted with some of the newsboys who seemed to work harder than the rest. There was Tony, Frank, and Joe that Johnny had already told of the Juniors Section and of how it fights for the interests of the working class and how it was part of a larger and older organization known as the Workers Party and the Young Workers League.

After work Johnny would walk home with these newsies and talk to them. He would tell them how the bosses made all their profits on the workers and how the workers suffered. He also told them of the activities of the Juniors how they would come to all the factory campaigns and made them promise to be down at the next meeting of the Juniors.

During the week a supper was given in the honor of the newsies by the big bosses of the city. There speeches were made by these bosses telling them how they should work hard, obey their boss and defend their country in time of need or they would not be a good citizen.

Johnny immediately protested and was put out of the hall after a little arguing. Many of the newsboys did not like this treatment of one of their newsies and gave their sympathy to him. After the meeting was over for which Johnny waited the newsies came out and he began to talk to them. The most sympathetic listened when Johnny told them about organizing a newsies' union. He told them of the school nucleus of how they fought back at the teachers when they were not treated right. The newsboys promised Johnny that they would be down at the next meeting of the Juniors and had expressed their desire to organize into a newsboys' Nucleus. On his way home Johnny told of what he was to tell at home for he was very happy since now he acted in a Communist way and had succeeded in winning over a group of newsies.

Why We Take Young Children Into the Junior Groups

By JOSEPH FRANK, Age 14

WE take young children into our movement because when they are young we can teach them the truth about the working class and also throw out what they are taught in the capitalist schools. Now what are we teaching the children when they are young in the junior groups? We don't teach them to go out and kill people or to make hold ups. No, we teach them that those things are wrong. We tell them the truth about the working class, and we show them these things by having discussions, lectures, games and thru those things we teach them. I am a member of the junior group for a very long time. And I can tell the children and the parents of the children that if they want their children to be brought up well, that he should not be a traitor to the workers and to himself, send them to the junior groups. There he or she will learn every thing that is true about the workers.

I may say this:

Long live the comrades who thought about building up junior groups!

Long live the junior sections throughout the world!



Bosses Don't Want Us to Learn the Truth

By JACK BAKER, (Age 12.)

Not long ago a teacher named Scopes, was convicted in Dayton, Tennessee, of the crime of teaching evolution in the Tennessee schools.

All the big papers owned by the bosses made a big noise about the trial, but none of these capitalists' papers told what it was all about.

I live in Tennessee and I know what the schools are like here. William Jennings Bryan, who was prosecuting this teacher Scopes, said when the trial started that: "Those who pay the taxes own the schools,

and they shall be the only ones to say what shall or what shall not be taught there."

This was what all the noise was about. The bosses own the schools in Tennessee, just like everywhere else, and they don't want anything taught there that isn't for them and that tells the truth about anything for the workers. Do you think we children in the schools object to being taught evolution. No! It wasn't the students in the Dayton public schools who wanted Mr. Scopes arrested. It is Mr. Bryan and his boss class who don't want the workers' children to be taught the truth.

Into the Junior Groups

JUNIORS! Help to get as many members as you can to join;
Then from from their old ideas they will turn
And find out as we have found out before
How the bosses at the workers gnaw.

Then they will fight for the workers the same as we
And strive to get this bosses' country free.
So if you want this country to be the workers

Try to get as many members as you can—
AND DON'T BE SHIRKERS!!

Max Karp, Age 11.
Foster Junior Group.

Teaching Bunk in School

By LEON LEVINE, Age 8

SOME time ago we were shown moving pictures in my school in which they showed us that the Bolsheviks burned down schools and killed people. Teacher explained it all to us. I knew it was all a lie but other children believed it was true. When I told my father about it, he explained to me that this was capitalist propaganda to poison our children's minds against our real friends, the Bolsheviks.

I know who my friends and my enemies are.

The Boy Scouts and Why We Should Not Join Them

By EMANUEL MANKIN, Age 12

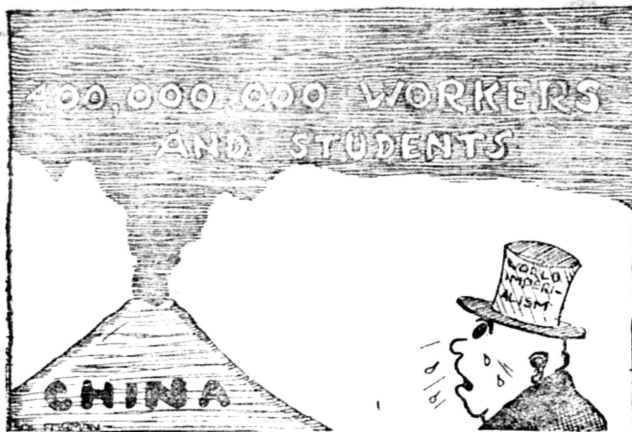
TO the children all over the world:

Do you know what the Boy Scouts are? Do you know what they are organized for? Listen, and I will tell you. It is an organization which all working class children should hate. If a war should break out, the children who belonged to this organization will be ready for the war and will be sent to the front because the capitalists of this country make profits out of war.

The Young Workers League and the older comrades are fighting this organization, and the Citizens Military Training Camps. Do not join the C. M. T. C. or the Boy Scouts. They are organizations for the capitalists, not for the workers. Besides going to war, they break strikes when the workers want more wages and the bosses do not want to give it to them.

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The Chinese workers have rebelled against their terrible conditions and against the way they are exploited by the imperialists of America, England and Japan.

While the Chinese workers and students are striking against such slavery and rotten

conditions as is their lot, their exploiters are landing troops to crush the strike and are sending battleships against the Chinese workers.

Workers all over the world, under the leadership of the Communists are supporting the Chinese workers in their struggle.

International Correspondence

To the Communist Junior Group of New York.

Dear Comrades:

I have been selected from my Junior Group to write to you about the things we do here in this country. We Young Spartacides, (that is our name, you know) fight our biggest battles in the schools. For there we found our greatest enemies, the capitalists, and their tools, the nationalistic and cruel teachers. We are now carrying on a "school week," organizing in the schools. On the second of January we had a conference where we planned all the work that we are going to take up in the future months.

Our greatest help and responsibility is our paper, the YOUNG SPARTACAN. And the groups of Hamburg are growing bigger and bigger. The police of Hamburg hate and persecute us children as much as they do the party members and that's saying a lot. But just as many children as they arrest, they have to let free again. We had a wonderfully big and powerful demonstration here in honor of Lenin, Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.

I close, comrades, with a call for three cheers for the Third International! Long live the Communist International.

A member of the Young Spartacides.
Hamburg, division; Neustadt.

From the Young Communist of Germany
To the Young Communist of America.

Dear Comrades:

We have read nothing in the Vorwards and in the New York Volkszeitung regarding the Communist Children's Groups. Don't you have any? Where are you organized?

We are in the Young Spartakus League, which is spread over all of Germany. Also we have many Communist Children's Groups in Hamburg. The Communist Party

has declared a Propaganda Week, in which the Children's Groups are to take part. We have distributed leaflets in the schools. We also write on the blackboards. "We demand amnesty!" "Down with corporal punishment!" Some comrade were punished for this. But not with corporal punishment. We spread our propaganda wider in order to enlarge the Young Spartacus League. We will also make a large demonstration. Some will speak from each Children's Group. We will soon organize a Pioneers' Group. There children of over 12 years will be taken in. In the Young Spartacan Group we only have children who are ten years old and over. But we are all proletarians, we will not be oppressed. We want to eat and play like the rich children, that is why we must fight together with the older comrades.

We will also build school nuclei... But that will some because we join together solidly. You must also have solidarity! Against the reactionary masters of punishment!

Do you also collect money for the Red Aid? You must do this, so you can give the money to the poor wives and children whose fathers sit in prison because they have struggled for our freedom.

Last Sunday there was a Women's Conference. We sent a comrade there. The women comrades said that they are sorry that we have not won over more children.

You comrades in America must accomplish these things too. We children must be a model and we must help the Communist Parties and not desert them when the police comes.

The home in Worpswede, where poor children of fighters were brought, the reactionary bands have also taken away from us. They want to let the workers' children starve. Our Children's Group in Barmbeck, who also send you their greetings, has 50 members. If you have no newspaper, write us about it. We are ready to send it to you. We hope to have a letter from you soon.

Dear comrades of America! We will remain in constant contact with you. This is what Communist children should do, who struggle for international brotherhood and for the freedom of all the workers.

With Communist Greetings,
From all the Young Pioneers of the Young Spartacus League Hamburg,
Children's Group of Barmbeck,
Erwin Kirschenknopf.

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CHINA—FACTS

From the Shanghai Child Labor Commission 1924: — Cotton:—The very largest number of children under twelve employed in any one cotton mill in Shanghai are employed in the British Yangtsefoo Cotton Mill, where out of a total of 3,000 workers 700 are children under 12.

Silk:—Say Hwa Silk Filature: 20 men, 500 women, 200 boys under 12, girls under 12.

The Lives of Workers

By ELI CLAYMAN

IT was in a little mining shanty in Pennsylvania.

There was not a single window and only a low opening for a door. There was one small bed in the room, with no mattress, and a torn filthy sheet for a cover.

A mother was soothing two babies, crying for want of food. A ragged girl of five was sitting on a box, lonely, waiting for her brother to come home.

This was one of the poor, fatherless families, who were caught in the claws of capitalism, and didn't have a chance of getting out. The father had died working in a mine and the oldest boy, Johnny, went to take his father's place. He was only nine years of age, and didn't know of the suffering he would have to go through.

It was nine o'clock at night and the little shanty was still full of wailing, waiting for its supporter to come home. There was a knock and a small boy, clad in mining clothes, came in.

The little girl ran to him, hugged him, and all she could say was, "Johnny! Johnny!"

"Well, my son," said the mother, "how much did you get?"

The boy's face grew dark as he laid a few dollars on the table. "Six dollars," he said. "The boss said that there wasn't very much to do this time. I saw him give the men fifteen dollars, and just because I was small he gave me only six."

Have you a junior group in your town? If not, why not organize one?

Join the junior group in your town. We'll send you the address.

The Truth in Spite of Teachers

By HERMAN LUGACH, Age 12

THE children who go to school are supposed to learn everything from their teachers. But they must not ask too many questions. When they do, they get slapped. And sometimes the teacher slaps them just to bully them.

One day, a member of the Young Workers League told a bunch of us about the junior section. We learned that it fights for the working class and the workers children, so we formed a junior group. We are going to fight against the teachers licking the workers children who go to public schools.

We named our group the "Rosa Luxemburg Group" in memory of Rosa Luxemburg who was killed because she fought for the workers. I wanted to see if my teacher knew what Rosa Luxemburg was, so I went to school and asked her. She is supposed to know because she is a teacher. But she didn't know. She is a worker and yet she didn't know. But we are going to get more children into our group and learn the things we ought to know like this because our parents are workers. We have to get a group in each school so we will be strong enough to fight for our own rights.

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