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C. E. RUTHENBERG

ONE year ago — March 2, 1927 — C. E. Ruthenberg died...

Which Pioneer, which Young Comrade reader, does not know who C. E. Ruthenberg was? Who does not know that he was the leader of the revolutionary workers movement, of the Communist movement, in America?

Comrade Ruthenberg was active in the workers movement for twenty years. From the beginning he became known as always fighting for the workers interests. He led the fight against the war in America and was sent to prison for this. Many of you have read and heard about the big mass demonstration held in Cleveland May 17, 1919, which was a real powerful protest against the war. When the Russian Revolution broke out Comrade Ruthenberg immediately came out for the support of the Russian workers and farmers. He began a bitter struggle against the yel-

...of the old socialist when the Socialist... real working class... who really... the Communist Party.



born July 9, 1882. Died March 2, 1927.

Ruthenberg became the first secretary of the Communist Party and he kept this position until he died. For his work in forming the Party he was twice arrested and convicted. Comrade Ruthenberg gave his whole life and strength to the workers and the revolutionary movement. He was a real Communist, an example for all Pioneers, for all workers children. His last words were: "Build the Party! Let's fight on!" Comrade Ruthenberg always helped the Pioneer movement and the Chicago Pioneers will remember his speech at the Convention in November 1926.

Build the Pioneers! Fight on!
Live up to the example of Comrade Ruthenberg!

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More Military Training For Workers' Children

By A. M., New York

THE Gugenheim Foundation for the Promotion of Aviation, an organization controlled by one of the biggest bosses in the United States, has called a conference of 15,000 school superintendents for the purpose of introducing compulsory training in aviation in the Public and High Schools.

The bosses are now preparing for a world war, a war much greater than the one which was fought in 1914. The bosses wish to crush the Soviet Union, the only workers government in the whole world. They want to crush it because it serves as an inspiration to the workers of the rest of the world to carry on their struggles against the bosses much harder. They want to crush the U. S. S. R. because they want to get hold of the oil, coal, gold and other minerals in the Soviet Union. Also, the capitalists are fighting amongst themselves, they each want to get better markets for their goods, they each want to make more profits. Therefore every country is preparing for a war.

It is then no wonder that the bosses are training the workers children to be able to fight. They want to use the workers children to shoot down the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union, they know that air-planes will be of great importance in the next war. The workers children will be trained to shoot down their comrades in other lands.

We, workers children, must not fight against our comrades in the Soviet Union, we must not shoot down the workers of other lands.

We must fight the bosses.

The U. S. Junior Naval Guards

By X., New York Pioneer.

The U. S. Junior Naval Guards, a national organization, backed by patriotic societies, is organizing the boys for the purpose of fostering militarism and patriotism in the minds of the American youth.

The Guards are organized by men who get certain picked boys in the schools. These boys are recruited from the 8th grade and the high schools.

The Lieutenants and Assistants are assigned certain rooms in the schools and are told to organize battalions. Such battalions have already been organized in New York City. In Harlem there are sections in Wadleigh High School, in the Uptown Talmud Torah, and in the Institutional Synagogue. The boys are organized with the aid of the teachers. All kinds of slogans are used to attract the children. The children wear blue uniforms. This also attracts the children.

I was confidentially informed by one of the Lieutenants that the commander told him to organize the Guards immediately so as to counteract "such un-American organizations as the Children's Committee for Miners Relief, the Young Pioneers and the like." Also that the "children must be taught to be loyal and fight against lazy strikers." These were the instructions of the commander to the Lieutenants.

Already over 30 children left the Guards after they were told by Pioneers what the Guards are and what their purpose is. We are going to fight this strike-breaking scab organization to the finish.

Our Fight Against Unemployment

CHILDREN of the unemployed! Workers' and Farmers' Children of America!

Nearly four million workers are out of a job today in the U. S. A.

Millions of families are suffering from hunger, cold and worse because the fathers and mothers cannot find jobs. Millions of children have to go to school ragged and hungry, have to suffer sickness and disease, because their parents are unemployed and get no wages.

Why is there this unemployment? Because the bosses have had so much prosperity, they have squeezed so much profit out of the workers that now they cannot sell all the workers have produced, so they fire the workers and let them starve. Because the workers have produced so much food they must now go hungry; because they have produced so much clothes they must now go ragged; because they have produced so much good things they must now be miserable. This is because we have in America a bosses system, where everything is for the benefit of the bosses and where the workers always get the worst of it. And yet many teachers have the nerve to tell us that there is unemployment because the workers are "lazy" or "obstinate", that it is the fault of the workers that they can get no work.

There are hundreds of thousands of little children in this country working at the jobs that grown-up workers should work at. These children work at wages below the wages of grown-up workers. In this way the poor children are being squeezed for the profit of the bosses and the older workers are out of jobs.

Conditions are becoming worse and worse. The children of the unemployed, the children of all workers and farmers, must get together to fight to help the children whose parents are out-of-work. The government cares nothing about the poor children because the government is for the rich we must put up a big fight against the government if we expect to get anything.

The Young Pioneers of America propose that all the children of the unemployed, all workers and farmers children, should get together to fight for the following things:

1. All child labor must be abolished and the children supported by the government.

2. Stations for giving out free food and clothing to the children of the unemployed must immediately be set up in the schools. These stations must be under the control of labor and parents.

3. The schools must be made into recreation centers for the children of the unemployed so that they won't have to stay in their miserable cold homes while their fathers and mothers are looking

for work. These recreation centers must be under the control of children, the parents and labor.

4. There must be free medical treatment for the children of the unemployed in the school.

5. There must be no teachings or propaganda against the unemployed or against the workers in the schools.

All together to fight for these things! Remember: Only by fighting all together can we defend our interests.

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AL SMITH THROWS SOME BULL

By I. S., New York City

ALFRID SMITH, governor of the state of New York and candidate for president, was the "guest of honor" at a dinner given by the Guggenheim Foundation at which 1200 newsboys were present.

The chief point made by the governor in his speech was that a newsboy in the U. S. A. has the best chances of becoming a millionaire. He "forgets" that millions of children go to school hungry because their parents get such low wages or are out of work altogether. He "forgets" that there are over three and a half million child laborers in the U. S. A.

Governor Smith also "forgets" that these same newsboys who are going to become millionaires make only about 40 cents a night. They are often forced to stay out as late as three o'clock in the morning to get their measly pay. The governor of our "glorious state" also knows that the poor children are forced to go to overcrowded schools, schools that are fire-traps.

These are the "opportunities" that the children have in the U. S. A. For these "opportunities" we should all be "grateful" — yes by joining the Young Pioneers and fighting against child labor, against bad school conditions.

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ABOUT THE ELECTIONS

By R. S., Boston Pioneer

THE elections are coming on fast and all papers are full of talk about candidates of all kinds.

There are two big parties in the U. S. A.—the Republican and Democratic. They are both bosses parties from top to bottom. There is very little difference between them altho there are differences in each party. There are "conservatives" and "liberals" in each party. That means there are some people who say openly they are against the workers and farmers and there are others who try to fool the workers and farmers by saying that they are for the capitalists. They are all just as much servants of the boss as Coolidge and Dawes.

Then there are the Socialists who say they are for the workers. But anybody who sees what they are doing can see that they are also nothing more than servants of the bosses. In every struggle of the workers the Socialists are always against the workers. That is why the workers have no confidence in them and the Socialist Party nowadays means practically nothing at all.

The party of the of the workers is the **Workers Communist Party** which really stands for the workers and farmers. The Communists tell the workers that they must break away from the capitalist parties and form a big Labor Party of their own. In many parts of the country there are Labor Parties in existence. The Communists want to make a big Labor Party in the whole country.

The workers children should understand that only the Communists stand for the benefit of the workers. They should tell all children about it and their parents also.

THE TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL

By Louis S., Los Angeles, Cal.

YOU read the papers about the Teapot Dome scandal. This tells how some politicians gave away rich oil lands to some oil magnates in return for bribes. There has been a lot of "investigating" and still the oil kings and the politicians are free. This is because the government is a bosses government and always protects the bosses.

Now we read that \$25,000 of this bribe money was given to the Republican Party for its campaign expenses. This shows us why the bribers and the politicians are free and going strong.

SCHOOL STRIKE



Workers Children Leave School
in Frederick, Colorado.

FROM THE STEEL REGION

By Mike Nickolas

GIRARD, Ohio.—The section where I live is not in the striking area. But conditions are very bad.

THE "POOR" TRACTION MILIONAIRES

By Leo G., New York City

THE poor traction millionaires feel they are starving and not making enough money for a few more Rolls Royces and country homes and therefore they decided they must raise the fare on I. R. T. in New York to 7 cents.

The I. R. T. subway and elevated have the worst service in New York. The trains are always packed so that you can't even breathe. In the summer it's always too hot and in the winter it's always cold altho the law says they must have a temperature of 68 degrees. The dogs of the traction magnates are treated better than the people.

The I. R. T. workers are also treated terribly. They are not allowed to have a union of their own. The I. R. T. has a fake "union" called a company union; if the workers don't want to belong to it but want to belong to a real union they are fired.

The workers in New York will support the subway workers who want a real union and better wages and conditions.

My father didn't draw more than \$30 to \$35 in two weeks. But some workers don't even work at all.

Here in this small town one worker had six children and didn't have any work. So he asked the city for help but he didn't get it. So he went crazy and killed himself and his wife. And his six poor children are left to starve.

But even tho conditions are bad here we are trying to help the children of the striking miners.

CLUB & SCHOOL PAGE

There are many kinds of organizations of workers children in the U. S. A. There are workers schools for children, like the Finnish workers schools, or the Jewish Non-Partisan Workers Schools, or the Lithuanian schools. There are children's clubs connected with workers organizations. There are clubs of the children of union members connected with the unions, as for example, in New York, the children of the Window Cleaners, the Bakers; in the mining region, the Children's Strike Clubs; and so on. Then there are sports clubs and athletic clubs and many other kinds of clubs.

These clubs, schools and organizations are very important because there are many thousands of workers children in them. Lenin's Rules for Pioneers say: "**A Pioneer organizes the children around him. He takes part in the life and interests of these Children.**" Wherever there are workers children the Pioneers must be; wherever there are workers children the Pioneers must lead.

The Pioneers support all these organizations of workers children—but of course we are always ready to point out their shortcomings and mistakes and so put them on the right track. The Pioneers try to make these clubs and organizations active in the struggle of the children; we try to bring all these organizations together in a united front to fight for the interests of the workers and the workers children. We carry on propaganda about the workers struggle and the Pioneers and we sell the Young Comrade among the members. But most important of all we try to get new members for the Pioneers.

Of course many times we will have to fight the leadership of such organizations, especially the grown-up leadership, because that leadership may be reactionary and against the working class. In such cases we fight this leadership and try to rally the children against it and for the working class. The Pioneers always defend the interests of the working class children everywhere and against everybody.

The Pioneers are always ready to help all organizations of workers children do their best for the working class. We help to strengthen these organizations and improve them. We want to draw them closer to the Pioneers.

We invite all organizations of workers children to send in their news to the Young Comrade. We will have a special page every month for news from clubs and organizations of workers children. We will be glad to print all we get. Who will send us the first news?

WRITE US ABOUT

YOUR CLUB OR ORGANIZATION



Pioneer Life



PIONEERS! This page is entirely for you.

This page is going to be given over, every month, to news from the Pioneer organizations all over the country. We are going to have news of your experiences, suggestions how to make your work better, and all sorts of things dealing with *Pioneer Life*.

Pioneers! *You* must write for this page. Send us reports of your meetings, your activities; send us articles on your work; send us suggestions on how to improve our work. All are welcome. Send your articles to: YOUNG COMRADE, 43 East 125th St., N. Y. C.

TWO CONVENTIONS COMING

THERE are two big Pioneer Conventions coming. Pioneers in the districts where these conventions are taking place know all about them and are preparing for them. Pioneers in other districts should send letters and telegrams of greetings to these Conventions.

The first Convention is in

NEW YORK

This Convention will take place April 13, 14 and 15. On April 13 there will be a big affair at Manhattan Lyceum. There will be some wonderful things at this affair and every Pioneer, every reader of the Young Comrade in New York should be there and bring along your father and mother and other relatives. The other two days will be devoted to the business of the Convention.

There will also be a Convention in

BOSTON

March 24—This Convention will have delegates from all over New England and will be an important event in the history of the children's movement in this country.

The Central Buro of the Young Pioneers of America and the National Committee of the Young Workers Communist League greet these Conventions and convey to them the Pioneer greetings of all the Young Pioneers and young Communists in this country.

PIONEERS! GET READY FOR MAY DAY!

Pioneers! May Day is one of the most important holidays of the working class of the world. We must make May Day the great holiday of the workers' children of this country.

Pioneers! For May Day we must organize big Children's United Front Demonstrations. We must get together conferences of children's organizations to arrange for these children's demonstrations.

But our biggest job is to organize a **SCHOOL STRIKE ON MAY DAY**

No workers' child should go to school on May Day, the holiday of the workers. *To go to school on May Day means to scab!* Workers must get out of the shops on May Day—the workers children must stay out of school!

Pioneers! It's up to you to get the children out of the schools on May Day. You must get down to work preparing the Children's Demonstrations and the **BIG MAY DAY SCHOOL STRIKE**.

Pioneers! Stand Ready! Always Ready!

If you want to send greetings send them to the following addresses:

Young Pioneers of America, 108 East 14th St., N. Y. C.

Young Pioneers of America, 36 Causeway, Boston, Mass.



THE PARIS COMMUNE

EVERY year we hear the wonderful story of the PARIS COMMUNE, and every year we find something new in it, some inspiring lesson, some wonderful act of heroism and bravery...

The whole French government was collapsing because of the defeat of the French emperor and his army in the Franco-Prussian War (1870). The workers of Paris began to see that only they could save themselves and so on March 27, 1871, they got together and set up the first working class government in the world, the COMMUNE OF PARIS. It was a government of, by and for the working class.

The Commune

The Paris Commune immediately set to work towards improving the conditions of the workers and towards freeing them from the bosses. There was set up a National Guard composed of working men, a real Red Army.

Child Labor In Indiana

By J. P., La Porte, Ind

IN an investigation made of Indiana by the National Child Labor Committee, Mr. Smith, acting general secretary of the committee, states "that a large number of school children are working outside of school hours, frequently in violation of the legal requirements for work."

Many of these children work long hours in difficult conditions. They don't even have their working certificates. Of course the bosses don't care, as long as the children make profits for them. They pay the children much lower wages than they

The forces of the bosses, the bourgeoisie, led by the scoundrel Thiers, began to prepare to overthrow the working class government of Paris. The French capitalists got together with their recent enemies, the German capitalists, to crush the workers of Paris. That shows that the capitalists all stick together against the workers. Thiers began mobilizing forces, the worst elements of France, to march against Paris.

Meanwhile, the working class government of Paris was committing a lot of mistakes. First, they were too hesitant about crushing the bosses, and if you hesitate in a revolution you are lost. Then, they did not build up their army enough and without an army a revolution is impossible. Thirdly, they didn't have a single, strong, disciplined revolutionary party a Communist Party, and so they had a lot of squabbling and differences and all kinds of troubles. For all these reasons the workers of

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There is a great need for strong Pioneer groups in the towns of Indiana. Only the Pioneers can lead a real fight against child labor.

STAND BY US!

(By S. K.)

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We know that we are up against the big coal companies and the state troopers and the government and I know all about the injunctions. But we are going to fight on if we have the help of all the workers and the workers children. So send us relief!

The First Workers Government



Paris could not defend themselves against the bosses' forces.

The Capitalists Attack

In May, the attack of the bourgeoisie (the bosses) began. The workers resisted with the most wonderful heroism. But the cause was lost. Street after street was defended by groups of armed workers and street after street was taken by the bourgeoisie over the dead bodies of the heroic Communards.

The Commune Falls

In these struggles, the youth and the children took part and the whole world knows the story of the Parisian boys fighting on the barricades. But by May 27th all was lost. The bourgeoisie had overthrown the workers' government and had captured Paris.

Then began a horrible slaughter. The "civilized" and "cultured" French capitalists began to butcher the workers with the ferocity of wild animals. Thousands of workers were

taken in droves and shot down with machine guns. Over 100,000 Paris workers, their wives and children, were slaughtered by the Thiers government. But these heroes of the working class died with the cry: "Long live the Commune!" on their lips.

The Commune Lives

And the Commune has lived. True, it was overthrown in France but it rose again in Russia in 1917. Now there is a Workers government covering one sixth of the territory of the earth and including 180,000,000 people. This workers Government has stood firm for ten years and is getting stronger and stronger.

We honor the heroes of the Commune! We will never forget the heroism of the Paris working class and the brutality of the bosses! Some day we will be revenged! Now the best way to honor the Paris Commune is to fight with all our might for the establishment of a Workers Commune in America.



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FOR THE MINERS' CHILDREN

ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S CONFERENCES

IN the last issue of the YOUNG COMRADE we reported about the movement to organize Children's Conferences for Miners Relief all over the country. This movement has been growing steadily in the last few weeks. Now there are Children's Conferences in New York, Passaic, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles. Meal tickets have been issued and thousands of dollars collected. The New York Conferences alone collected nearly \$2,500 in two tag days besides a lot of money collected otherwise. These conferences take in a lot of children's organizations of all

kinds, like clubs, schools, and the like. They also take in the Miners Relief Scouts, groups of children organized especially for miners relief. These Miners Relief Scouts are also growing fast, especially in New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia. Thousands and thousands of children are drawn in by these conferences to help the striking miners.

These Conferences are supported 100% by the Pioneers who take the leading part in all of them. The Pioneers must work even harder because they must be an example to all workers children.

OUR FIGHT!

(By EDDIE)

Miners Child who spoke at New York Children's Relief Conference

We are now fighting the coal companies and the State police. And the companies keep on putting the striking miners out of their houses. The barracks we live in are cold and we have to gather all around the stove to keep a little warm. The barracks are like a chicken coop only bigger. We get only a little bit to eat and sometimes we don't have dinner.

That's because the scabs are taking the food out of our mouths. We don't care how hard it is. We will stick and win. But you got to help us by sending relief.

SPREAD THE

YOUNG COMRADE

* THE W.I.R. (Workers International Relief) is an organization to help workers in every possible way. It helps workers in strikes by giving them food and money; it helps the workers and farmers in case of earthquakes or floods; it establishes summer camps for children; it helps the unemployed. In fact it helps the workers wherever help is needed. The W.I.R. is now establishing soup kitchens in the strike area in Pennsylvania where the children of the strikers will be given good, nourishing food. The W.I.R. is a workers organization and in doing this the W.I.R. is really getting the workers all over the country to help the striking miners.

We Pioneers think the W.I.R. is doing splendid work and we will help it with all our might.

READ THE STRIKE CALL ON PAGE 16

THREE MORE CHEERS

POLICE BREAK UP
MEETING OF STRIKERS
CHILDRENS CLUB

1 — 2 — 3 — 4

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Who for? What?

What are we going to yell for?

Save the Union! Save the Union! Yea!

Give a yell, give a yell

Give a good substantial yell

And when we yell we yell like hell

And this is what we yell:

2 — 4 — 6 — 8

What do we appreciate

Relief! Relief! Relief for Miners-Yea!

Ice Cream Soda

Ginger Ale Pop

Pioneeram Pioneers

Are always on the top.

A STRIKE SONG

By Frank Mikita, Van Voorhis, Pa.

How are you Mr. Scab, how are
you?Come join us, if you can; join the
Union, if you are a man.How are you, Mr. Scab, how are
you?How are you, Mr. Scab, how are
you?We are right to win this fight, to
win this strike.How are you Mr. Scab, how are
you?How are you, Mr. Scab, how are
you?Join the Union if you can; if you
can then you'll be a man.How are you, Mr. Scab, how are
you?

By A Child Correspondent

THE children of the mining region have formed clubs which they call **Strikers' Childrens' Clubs**. The children in these clubs learn how to help their fathers in the strike. Anything wrong with that! No, in fact its quite a good idea. However the police don't seem to have the same opinion. Of course not! The police are the servants of the bosses and they don't want the children to organize.

When 200 children of striking miners of Avella, Pa., came to hold their meeting on Saturday, March 10, the police came along and broke it up. Their excuse was that an injunction had been issued prohibiting all mass meetings. Childrens club meetings are not mass meetings but the police are only hired thugs of the bosses and since the strikers' Childrens' Club meetings are likely to harm the bosses, that excuse is as good as any other.

But the miners' children will not be frightened. We will continue to organize **Strikers' Childrens' Clubs**. We will help our fathers win by going on the picket line, by fighting against the anti-strike teachings in the schools. We will continue meeting and even the injunction will not scare us. Our fathers are holding mass meetings and we will too.

We only ask the rest of the workers children to come to our aid.

We need food and clothes. The only ones who can help us are you. (workers and farmers children.

Send us food! Send us clothes!
Send Money!

We are standing by our fathers!
You stand by us!

"You Can't Kill The Young Comrade!"

A Story from Pioneer Life

"YOU heard what I said, children?"

The teacher was standing before a group of children and angrily waving his hands. It was the third time already that he had tried to attract the attention of the children, and for the third time there was no reply.

The children, sitting close together on the window sill of the school recreation hall listened attentively to the reading of an older school mate. The quiet was broken now and then by outbursts of laughter.

No one even noticed the teacher. Raising his voice, he shouted:

"Do you hear me, children?"

Now they heard him. The reader quickly hid a thin paper in his blouse,—the other children turned to the teacher.

"Yes, Mr. Press, what did you want?"

"What were you reading?"

"A book, teacher."

"What book?"

"Oh, an ordinary book teacher"

"Don't be silly, Willie. I am asking you the name of the book you were reading."

"Oh.....I can not name it"

"Why is that?"

"Because the principal forbids even mentioning the name "The Young Comrade"

The teacher was getting angry.

"You are getting fresh. You know perfectly well that the principal forbids reading the "Young Comrade!"

"We know that, teacher"

"And yet you continue reading it"

"And we'll continue reading it!"

"Children, I do not understand your stubbornness. Aren't there many good magazines for children? For instance—the *Yuan Christian* or *Boys Life* and many others? Why do you read the *Young Comrade*?"

"Why?"

"Yes, why?"

"Because its a good, sensible magazine, the others are all bunk! You can tell that only fools write in them."

Teacher Press became blue from anger. He himself contributed to a good dozen of highly patriotic children's papers, published by all kinds of Christian, Boy Scout, and Socialist organizations. And these magazines were being called foolish, and all their contributors fools.

Teacher Press decided that it was best to stop the conversation. He took out his note book and pencil.

"Your names?"

He was new at the school and did not know the students well.

"Well, Well" he mumbled, writing down the names—

"Not a single one of prominent family, all working people..."

One of the girls could not restrain herself:

"You ought to keep still about prominent families, teacher. Our parents, at least, never spied on strange children!"

The teacher wanted to say something but the words got stuck in his throat. He turned around and left the hall.

"He'll go to the principal!"

"All right, let him!"

"We'll get thrown out for this yet?"

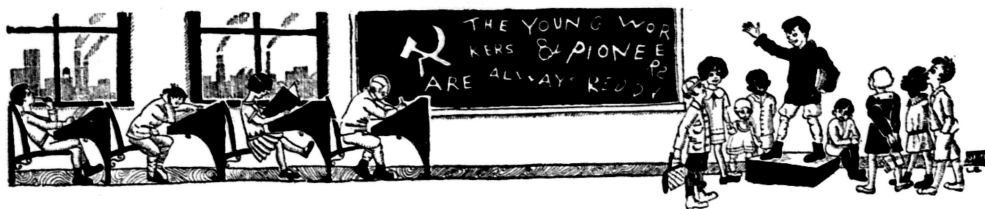
"Let the try!"

The children ran out of the hall. On the way out they stopped to read a notice posted on the bulletin board. It stated—

THE PRINCIPAL

Calls to the attention of all students and their parents, that the reading of the *Young Comrade* in school is prohibited.

(Continued next month)



POLICE CAN'T SCARE US

By a New York Pioneer



POLICE and detectives tried to break up a meeting of the children of P. S. 109, Brooklyn, N. Y., called by the Young Pioneers to protest against the bad conditions in the school, and to organize in order to force the Board of Education to better the conditions.

Three Pioneers were arrested while distributing leaflets calling the children to attend the meeting, and pointing out the bad conditions in the school. The Pioneers were taken to the police headquarters and questioned about their activities in the Pioneers. The following day in school the Pioneers were called before their principal and forced to write out a statement why they joined the Pioneers.

The police chased many children away from the hall. There was a teacher at the door who took the name and class of every children who entered the meeting.

About 150 children came to the meeting even tho they were warned by their teachers to stay away. Many children discussed the bad conditions in the school. They told that the walls needed painting, they said that the conditions in the hall and the base-

FIGHT ON!

By R. L. S. New York City

LAST year one of our big schools was overcrowding and we got all the children to demand an annex. Well, we put up a big fight and this term we got an annex.

But what kind of annex? It is in a Talmud Torah (Jewish religious school) and can accomodate only six classes. It is a fake annex.

Why did the Board of Education open this annex? They did it so as to try to shut our mouths hollering for an annex. It was the Pioneers who first raised the slogan: "We demand an annex." It is the Pioneers who are fighting for a cafeteria. It is the Pioneers who are fighting for the interests of the workers children everywhere.

First of all, we say that the problem of congestion has not been solved.

We demand a real annex, not a fake one like they gave us.

School-mates! Stand with us!

ment that they used for a lunch-room were very unsanitary.

The police disturbed the meeting several times but did not succeed in breaking up the meeting. The Young Comrade was given out to the children present, and about seventy-five joined the Young Pioneers.

The Young Pioneers in P. S. 109 are going to continue their work of organizing the children of this school.

MINERS RELIEF IN SCHOOL

P. Q. R., New York Pioneer

In February we organized a Miners Relief Scout Group in our school. Then we decided to arrange a tag day in our school. We decided to get out a leaflet



telling the children about the miners struggle and about relief, and to tell them to bring their pennies and nickels the next day.

A committee of seven Miners Relief Scouts was chosen to go out giving out these leaflets and we stationed ourselves at the gates and started distributing the leaflets. As soon as a teacher saw what was happening he ran over like lightning and confiscated the leaflets and took us up to the principal. The principal was not there and so the clerk together with the teacher started fooling around with us, trying to get something out of us. Next day we were taken before the principal who asked us a lot of questions, and then told us that we should collect for the Red Cross but not for the miners. He tried to terrorize us by making a speech against the miners in the Auditorium and told the children not to help the tag day. He also tried to terrorize us by calling us to his office. But we had a representative of the Children's Conference for Miners Relief come to the principal and he was not able to do much.

In spite of all this we had our school tag day all right. The children responded all right and we collected quite some money. The children also the miners and for the bosses because they want to help the bosses.

WE WANT REAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

By the Organizer of the P. S. 61

JUNIOR High School 61 has had a "school self-government" for the past five years. In this "school-city" the pupils were supposed to rule the schools for themselves. Last year there were elections. The Pioneers got active. The Pioneers and others organized the Rapids Party, put out a good platform of school demands for the benefit of the children, and had a big campaign. The Rapids Party won a big victory in the elections and we began to try to make the student "self-government" really help the students.

Do you know what happened? The "school-city" director got together with Mr. McGuire and bust up the school self-government. Mr. McGuire always used to go around bragging about the school self-government; why doesn't he go bragging now? It's because the school self-government really tried to help the children.

Now they have a new scheme. They have made up an "Honor League" only of picked students and only members of the "Honor League" can run for office in the school "self-government." This is a scheme to get the school-city out of the hands of the children and put it in the hands of teacher's pets picked out by the school authorities. They call this democracy!

Well, the Pioneers and the children of the school can still be in the Board of Alderman and that's where we are going to continue our fight. We say that we want real self-government in the school and that the teachers should keep out. The "Honor League" is a fake! We don't want any "Honor League". We want all children to have the same rights.

A NEW KIND OF BOSSES SONG IN THE SCHOOL

By Tessie G., New York Pioneer

TWO weeks ago our teacher told us that she was going to teach us a new song. It is called "Laugh It Off."

The second part, though, is what we are interested in. It says: "If you're cheated of your rights — laugh it off!" The capitalists have found a new way to spread propaganda. Just imagine: your father works long hours for low wages. Should he and the other workers fight for their rights? No, says the songs, they should "laugh it off."

The only way the workers can get anything is thru fighting. We, the Pioneers, must help our fathers and mothers fight the bosses. The only way we can do this is by **NOT LISTENING TO THE ROTTEN SONGS** and the lies that are being circulated in the schools. If you are not a Pioneer, become one.

TEACHER LIES ABOUT THE STRIKERS

By Northsider, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MANY working class children hear the same story as we in Pittsburgh. A few days ago our teacher said: "The miners get from four to five dollars a day. When they get their salary they gamble and drink whiskey and then their money is gone and then they go out on strike. But there are others (she means the scabs) who don't do such things but they save their money and plant fine gardens and have fine houses." She said that the strikers are idle and lazy and never satisfied with what they get.

That's how the teachers help the operators fight the miners. That's

O U R S C H O O L

By a N. Y. Pioneer

IN our school there are many things that are against the interests of the children. For example, here are some things:

1. The absolute tyranny of the teachers. The rules are very strict and if a boy breaks any least rule, he is severely punished, sometimes he is hit.

2. No cafeteria. The only place for the children to eat is the assembly hall and if that is the least bit dirty after the lunch time all the children to get punished. The assembly hall is a terrible place to eat.

3. Brutality of the monitors. The monitors are like the Pennsylvania Coal and Iron Police, they are so brutal. If a boy just giggles he is punished and maybe beaten. Many times monitors report boys just out of spite. 4. Time for lunch. We only get 20 minutes for lunch. This is very bad. After 12.15 the monitors close the doors and the children have to stand outside until 12.45, rain or shine.

These are some of the conditions of our school. We Pioneers are trying to line up the children to fight for better conditions. We demand:

1. Free lunches and a school cafeteria.
2. Self-rule for the children. We should have a say in our discipline.
3. Three-quarters of an hour lunch period.
4. Our parents should have something to say in running the school.

why all the workers children and especially the miners children must demand: "No lies about the strikers in the schools!"

Strike! Strike! Strike!

Miners Children!

The miners are now at the sharpest point of their struggle! One year after the strike was called, thousands of miners are still fighting bitterly and heroically to save the Union and better their conditions. The enemies of the miners are not only the coal companies, but also government, the courts, the police—and the fake “leaders”, the officials of the Miners Union like Lewis and Cappellini who are really servants of the bosses. The miners are now getting together to organize the unorganized miners, to save their Union, to win the strike, to throw out the traitorous officials, and to take the union into their own hands. Big Save the Union Conferences have already been held in various districts and now a big National Save the Union Conference is being called for April 1.

We, miners children, must support with all our might the Save the Union Movement. Only when the Union is a real workers Union will it stand by and defend the children.

Miners children! On the occasion of the first anniversary of the strike organize big meetings to show your solidarity with the striking miners!

Now at the sharpest moment of the strike, the schools are coming out more and more against the strike. They are protecting the scab children and in many places are telling all sorts of lies about the strike and the workers. They are trying to make scabs out of us children. We go to school hungry, cold, and ragged and the teachers try to turn us against the strike and against the workers.

Miners children! We must protest against this! We must demand:

No talk against the strike in the schools!

Free food and clothing for the strikers children in the schools!

We must organize big SCHOOL STRIKES to show the teachers that we really mean to fight for our demands, that we stand solid with the striking miners.

Remember:

Organize big mass-meetings for April 1!

Organize big school strikes! Don't scab! Stay away from school on April 2!

All together—stand by the striking miners!

YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA