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## WORKERS' CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE MARCH 6

March Sixth! This day will go down in history as one of the most heroic for the workingclass! Hundreds of thousands of workers and workers' children in the United States demonstrated against unemployment for WORK OR WAGES! Hundreds of thousands of workers demonstrated in spite of the police, who in most cases beat up the workers, broke up the meetings, arrested many.

In New York, a few days before March 6th, the school authorities issued a warning to all workers' children: "Any child found at the demonstration, any child not going to school on March 6th will be arrested for truancy!" This was done in order to frighten the workers' children from attending the demonstration on March 6th, and showing their solidarity with the old and young workers. This was done to keep the children from seeing and learning about workers' movements!

But the children of the unemployed workers and the Pioneers were not frightened by these threats.

The morning of March 6th! Thirty children who met in the lower part of New York to prepare to go to the demonstration were arrested! Jessie Taft, a Young Pioneer, ar-

rested and given five days for distributing leaflets calling on the workers and the unemployed workers to demonstrate.

March 7th! Fifty children already in the hands of the truant officers for attending the demonstration on Thursday! Harry Eisman served a summons to the children's court.

Now the parents of these children, all of whom are workers, many of whom are unemployed, must pay either \$5 fine or go to jail. This is the democracy we are taught in the schools! This is the "free speech and freedom of thought" we are taught in schools!

The bosses' schools think that this will stop the workers' children from taking part in the demonstrations and struggles of their parents.

Workers' children! You must join in the fight against the persecution of workers' children who take part in the demonstrations of the workers!

Workers' children, children of the unemployed workers! You know what it means when your father or your mother are "out of a job." There are seven million workers who are walking the streets today looking for work. The only answer they got at the factories is "Not hiring today."

And at the same time what do we see? Millions of children working in the factories and mills and on the plantations! Thousands of more children forced to work now that their parents are out of work! And this is the country of "prosperity", we are taught in the schools!

Workers' Children! Support the struggle of the unemployed workers! You must fight for:

Free food and clothing in the schools for all workers' children!

Immediate setting up of feeding centers in the schools for children under school age. These

## JAIL HARRY EISMAN SIX YEARS

Comrade Harry Eisman has just been sentenced to the reformatory till he is 21 years of age. This means six years for our comrade in a bosses' children's jail.



Harry Eisman was re-arrested because he stayed away from school on March 6th to take part in the demonstration of the workers of New

York. This arrest of Harry Eisman shows us that the bosses and their schools are taking all steps to smash the Young Pioneers of America. They want to do this because the Young Pioneers organize and lead the workers' children in all their fights for better conditions, especially now in their fight for the demands of the children of the workers who have no job. Harry was arrested for his "political opinions".

Comrade Harry has proven that "HE IS ALWAYS READY TO FIGHT FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORKINGCLASS!"

Comrades, workers' children! You too must show that you can carry on the fight of the workingclass! Your comrade has been sentenced to six years in the reformatory! YOU MUST FIGHT FOR HIS FREEDOM!

Organize demonstrations, protest meetings!

**FIGHT FOR THE FREEDOM OF HARRY EISMAN!**

centers to be controlled by the workers.

The right of workers' children to participate in all workers' demonstrations!

Abolition of all child labor under 14, and support by the state of all children now working.

Fight against discrimination against children of the unemployed in the schools!

Join the Young Pioneers, the leaders of the workers' children in all their struggles!



## DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION!

The bosses of all countries are trying to start a war against the Soviet Union. They try all ways to arouse the workers and make them hate the country where the workers and poor farmers rule. Now the bosses use "religion" as an excuse for this war. They are raising the cry that popes and priests and rabbis are being persecuted there.

es for better conditions.

The bosses who see that instead of things becoming worse in the Soviet Union, they are becoming better. Under the great Five Year Plan they are building up industry and agriculture. Here unemployment is being reduced, the workers work less hours, their wages are being increased, there is no child labor. The



In the Soviet Union anybody can worship any religion or creed. But they also teach the workers and the workers' children that religion is only another tool of the bosses to keep the workers and workers' children obedient slaves. They teach this by showing the workers that the priests and rabbis tell the workers that they must not worry about bad conditions here on earth—the worse their conditions are, the better they'll have it after they die! And so they try to keep the workers and workers' children from fighting against the boss-

es are afraid of this, because it makes all the workers look to the Soviet Union as their inspiration in their fight against the bosses!

Workers' children! The conditions of your parents are growing worse each day! 7 million workers in the United States are out of jobs! You must defend that country where the workers have already freed themselves! You must defend that country where the workers have good conditions!

Workers' children! Defend the Soviet Union!

### FROM OUR COMRADES IN GERMANY

Dear Comrade Pioneers!  
Stand Ready!

We, Pioneers of the Class Group in the Tuerkean School in Munich, want to establish correspondence with an American School group that you have built up.

On May First demonstrations took place all over Germany. In Munich, too, we demonstrated. We demanded that we be dismissed from school at 10 in the morning. Of course this demand was refused us, so we issued

leaflets to the school, and called on the children to strike on this day and demonstrate. At the beginning of our work we only numbered three in our ranks, but after our work we grew to nine. Our work is very hard, because the Young Spartacus Bund (the name of the Young Pioneers in Germany) is prohibited by the government.

Dear Comrades, write to us about your work! Let us strengthen our international tie so that we can fight better for the workingclass cause!

Always Ready!

Pioneers of Munich, Germany.

## Welcome, John Porter!

John Porter, member of the Young Communist League, was greeted by 400 League members and young workers and children when he was released from military prison after having served twenty months. The demonstration took place on February 26 in New York City.

### John Porter, a Fighter for the Workers.

John Porter was arrested during the textile strike in New Bedford in 1928. Because he was a brave fighter for the strikers, he was charged with desertion from the U. S. army and sentenced to two and one half years in a military prison. Before his arrest for desertion he was offered to be let alone if he would give up his activities in the strike.

### John Porter Sends Greetings to the Workers' Children.

Here is the letter that John Porter wrote to all the Pioneers and the workers' children when he was released:

Dear Comrade Pioneers and all workers' children!

For over twenty months I have been waiting for the day to come when I would be able to fight once again side by side with all you comrades and all the workers. Finally the day has come—and I am ready to take my place in the battle-front to fight against the bosses.

When I arrived at the Battery in New York, I was glad to see so many Pioneers and workers' children ready to take part in the demonstration. The Pioneers showed a real fighting spirit here! And it inspired me to fight even harder for the workingclass!

I have fought side by side with the Young Pioneers in New Bedford and I know what the workers' children can do! Comrades! On my release from prison and my return to struggle I give the Pioneer pledge: "I am always ready to fight for the cause of the working class!"

Comradely yours,

John Porter.

### John Porter Tour.

Comrade John Porter will be toured by the International Labor Defense throughout the country. He will speak on the "U. S. Army and the Workingclass." Every worker's child and Pioneer should watch for the day when he will speak in your city and go to greet him!

## PIONEER STRUGGLE

### Cleveland Children Demand Free Fare.

The workers' children of Cleveland, led by the Young Pioneers of America, organized a demonstration in the city council, demanding free car fare for all school children.

Some of them got up and spoke. They told how the workers' children have to pay a lot of money for car fare going to school, and they can't afford it.

The Mayor called the police, who attacked the children, and arrested some of them. Then they tried to fool the children, saying that they would only have to pay 5 cents.

The workers' children all over the country must follow the example of the Pioneers of Cleveland, and demand that school children have free fare! The bosses don't want to give it to us, because then they'll get less profits. But we must fight for it!

**DEMAND FREE FARE FOR WORKERS' CHILDREN!**

By Pioneer, Cleveland.



In the year 1870, in July, France, then under the rule of Napoleon the Third, declared a war against Prussia. This was a war like all bosses' wars—a war in which workers lost their lives, suffered misery and starvation while the bosses grew rich.

On the second of September, Napoleon handed over the sword to the King of Prussia. France had lost the war.

When the news reached Paris, Thiers and other leaders overthrew the empire and set up a republic. This was a republic only for the bosses like we have in the United States. It immediately tried to blind the workers. These leaders said: "We will not cede an inch of our territory nor a stone of our fortresses." But behind the backs of the

The basketball tournament which was held under the auspices of the Eastern District of the Junior Section of the Labor Sports Union has come to an end! On March 8th at a Grand Sports Rally in Brooklyn one of the hardest fought games was played between the Sea-Gulls and the Kaytees! The score was 17-16! But the spectators consisting of more than 200 workers' children had to fight even harder to keep each other from pitching into the exciting game.

### Other Games.

But the final game was not the only exciting and hard fought one in the tournament! In the game the Staten Island Spartians showed unusual talent against the Wing-Foot A. C. During the last half of the game the Ring-Footers had a lead of 9 to 0, but when the whistle blew at the end—the Sparti-

ans came out on top with a 21 to 19 score!

### Baseball.

Last year's bats and baseballs are being taken out by the workers' children from their hiding places. This means that you've got to form your baseball team now, start practice now—and get into the Junior Baseball League now being organized by the Junior Section of the L. S. U.



## The Paris Commune

workers, they were planning a treaty with the Prussians who had surrounded Paris!

But the workers of Paris were not so easily fooled! They saw that this new government still kept them starving and refused to give them arms to defend Paris! On the 10th of March Thiers and his government fled to Versailles just outside of Paris. Paris was left without a government.

On the 18th the workers declared the Commune! The troops of Thiers tried to seize the cannon from the National Guard—the army made up of the workers. The order was given to fire on the crowd of women, men and children! But the soldiers refused!

As soon as the Commune was set up, the workers of Paris started building a new order of things. Education was made free for all workers' children. Religion was not allowed in the schools. All the officials in the government were workers, they were not allowed to receive wages higher than the wages the workers received in the shops. No one could eat who did not work! Just like the workers of Russia, the Paris workers did away with a system

where a few live on the toil of many.

But the workers of Paris did not have a strong Party which could lead them and show the way to keep the power they had fought for. In Russia it was the Bolsheviks, now the Communist Party, who lead the workers during the Revolution, and who now lead the workers in keeping power. The Paris Commune allowed the bosses to keep on printing their newspapers. They did not take arms away from the bosses, and allowed them to carry on work in Versailles.

The Paris Commune had a short life. In May the bosses started their bloody revenge! Thousands and thousands of workers were slaughtered! Women and children fought side by side with the men on the barricades!

But the Paris Commune was NOT DEFEATED! The Russian workers victoriously carried out the battle of the Parisian workers—in 1917!

The workers' children of the United States must take part in all the struggles of their parents to set up such a government as there is in the Soviet Union, here in the United States!

Remember the Paris Commune!  
Defend the Soviet Union!

### CHICAGO PIONEERS CARRY ON FIGHT AGAINST BOY SCOUTS

In Chicago the Pioneers called an anti-Boy Scout meeting for the workers' children. At this meeting one of the workers' children who was a delegate to the Soviet Union last year, gave a report of the conditions of workers' children in the Soviet Union.

This meeting was held on the 2nd of February. On the Saturday before, the Pioneers distributed leaflets against the big Boy Scout demonstration held that day. Immediately the bosses' newspapers came out with big headlines denouncing the Young Pioneers and praising the Boy Scouts as an organization that teaches patriotism denying that the Boy Scouts prepare the children for bosses' wars! The schools began discriminating against those Pioneers who took part in the distribution and also in the "Defend the Soviet Union" meeting on the 2nd.

The Pioneers throughout the country should follow the example of the Chicago Pioneers, go out among the workers' children, teach them what the Boy Scouts are, teach the workers' children in the Boy Scouts that their organization is the Young Pioneers! Carry on the fight against all the bosses' organizations for children.

### BOSSES MILITARIZE SCHOOLS

The Coughlin Bill which has been introduced into the New York senate calls for the forced military training of all school children between the ages of 10 and 18. The state government, of course, will provide the uniforms. This Bill comes at the very same time that the bosses' governments are talking "peace" at the naval conference in London.

The workers' children must follow the leadership of the Young Pioneers which leads all workers' children in the struggles against bosses' military training.

## In Which Johnny Red Learns About Codes

By W. M.

Johnny Red had been to a meeting of his unit of the Young Pioneers of America. It had been a very unusual meeting. All meetings were interesting, but this one had ended with a very great responsibility being placed upon Johnny and two other members of his unit.

It all happened like this: Johnny had helped a few of his Comrades to sweep up their meeting room before the meeting and he had found something that took him immediately to his Pioneer Group Leader. What he had found was a queer typewritten note in an unaddressed envelope. Johnny's unit of the Pioneers knew that the Boy Snoopers of America, an opponent organization of the capitalists, had tried to send some of their members into the Pioneers to spy and report on the "Red Activities."



This note that Johnny had found would not have attracted his attention except that it was not written in English or any other language. It was just a jumble of meaningless letters separated into groups. Was it a code message? Johnny thought so and took it to his Group Leader. He thought so also and so after the regular meeting, the executive committee elected Johnny and two of his Comrades as a committee to try and decode the message and find out what it meant.

The committee with the Group Leader were to meet at Johnny's house that night to try and decode the message.

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Johnny looked hard at this but could not see how any sense could be made of it. "It's probably just a joke anyway," he thought. But at the same time, it would not do to have the thing left unsolved. His unit was preparing a surprise demonstration at the jail when Comrade Joe was to be released and Johnny felt that this note had something to do with that.

He wrote it on paper and counted the words and times each character was used, but finding that he had to make many erasures and thus smudged the letters, he went to his sister's typewriter and typed a copy of the note leaving three lines between each line of type. Then he saw the solution.

See if you can decode this note before the solution is printed in the next issue of this paper.

Key to this code: 1. Study the typewriter keyboard—here it is!

q-w-e-r-t-y-u-i-o-p-1/2  
a-s-d-f-g-h-j-k-l;-c  
z-x-c-v-b-n-m,-,-|

For every letter given in the secret message, you must use the letter to the right of it. If the letter is at the end of the line like "c" you must use the letter at the beginning of the line like "a".

Example—"PIONEER" in this code is written: "Ouimwwe".

Now to work, and send your answers in—there will be a prize for every correct answer.

(Note! In the code letter c is used in place of character for "cent.")

