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## Boston Pioneers Invade Schools; Fight Scouts

(By Young Worker Correspondent)

The whole capitalist press, the city school authorities, the city council—all in hysterics over a couple of four-page mimeographed school papers. That's what happened in Boston.

About four weeks ago the Roxbury and Dorchester Pioneer school groups issued their first school papers, the "Flash" and the "Spark."

These papers contained brief articles on Washington and Lincoln, child labor, the Boy Scouts, jokes, pictures, news, etc., all written by the school children. Especially good was the article that exposed the Boy and Girl Scouts as organizations for the purpose of turning the workers' children against the workers and to make them scabs and friends of the bosses.

The papers were effectively distributed among the children of the schools who read and discussed them with the greatest interests.

What headlines in the Boston press! Eight column spreads in all Boston papers. "Reds Spread Propaganda!" "Police Will Probe Pioneers!" reproductions of the school papers, reprintings of articles . . . . The exposure of the Boy Scouts seemed to get under their skin most.

The papers came out with statements of the police and the school authorities. Investigations were begun and the comrade whose name was on the bulletin (a League member and not a Pioneer) was visited by several agents. Even the District Attorney let it be known that he was busy on the "case".

But it didn't seem so easy to stop the work of the Pioneers. Police Superintendent Crowley had to admit in the March 7 papers that there is "nothing unlawful" in the distribution of the papers or in what was contained in them. So that's that!

The Boy Scouts got scared. According to the papers they have formed a special group to issue a school paper against the Pioneers. They have also offered a Scout knife to any one who snitches on the Pioneers. The Pioneers are ready for the fight.

Now the second issue of the bulletin have already been prepared, a real good issue and a very great improvement over the first. It continues its attack and exposure of the Scouts and has many letters from children in the school. Several hundred copies were distributed in the schools and the children read and discuss them with greater eagerness than ever. The children feel that the Pioneers are right and are ready to support them.

The workers of Boston are realizing that their children too can fight the bosses in their own way and in their own place. They are ready to stand behind their children.

### A Challenge.

By H. Righthand and A. Schneider, New York Pioneers.

We, the Pioneers of Brownsville Section, have organized a basket ball team. We have hired a gymnasium. We have selected a good team. The team is as follows:

Right Forward—Albert Schneider  
Left Forward—Benjamin Bushlowitz  
Center—Herbert Righthand  
Right Guard—Meyer Hoffman  
Left Guard—Bimbo Greenberg.

We are hereby extending a challenge to any team, Pioneer or non-Pioneer.

Come on, Pioneers! Organize your section teams.

## Workers Capt Shanghai!

Is the Fight Really Over?

(By a Passaic Pioneer)

The Passaic strike is now over. But the fight against the bosses is not over. For over a year the workers were fighting for a UNION and now although the strike is at an end they must still continue to fight for a UNION.

What can we, workers' children, do to build up a UNION. During the height of the strike we were out on the picket lines helping our parents in the fight. Now, we must also be side by side with our parents in building up a UNION.

The first thing that every workers' child should do is to speak to their parents and get them into the UNION. It is up to us to see to it that they become members immediately.

Another thing that we can do is to help the UNION when they are arranging an affair.

Come on! let us all join as ONE and help our parents build the UNION. Only if we are organized will we be able to lick the bosses.

Struggle for Freedom Conquers

Bayonets Sent by U. S. Bosses..

Made desperate by the victorious march of the Chinese Revolution, the great capitalist powers—England, Japan and America—are sending dozens of battleships and thousands of men to China to crush the Chinese Revolution and in this way to protect the interests of the foreign bankers and capitalists.

Revolutionists Win Shanghai.

The latest victory of the Revolutionary Army is the fall of Shanghai. Shanghai, the largest and most important city of China, was captured by the Revolutionary Army on March 19. The tools of the foreign bosses, the Chinese militarists, left the city and the Revolutionary People's Army entered in triumph.

The reason it was so easy for the Revolutionary People's Army to win Shanghai is because the workers in Shanghai revolted against the reactionaries and started big strikes. It was the resistance and protests of

workers that made the reactionaries clear out of Shanghai.

People's Government Victorious.

With the capture of Shanghai the People's Government is now in control of practically all of the most important parts of China, the sections where there are most people, the greatest industries, and most wealth. Most of China has been freed from the claws of the foreign bankers and is now in control of the People's Revolutionary Government.

Capitalist Countries Try to Crush Revolution.

When the big capitalist countries saw that the Chinese Revolution was winning they sent battleships and marines to China to frighten the Chinese people. The capitalist papers also started a campaign of all kinds of stories about the terrible things the Chinese were doing to the foreigners. On the excuse of "protecting" the lives of a few Americans the U. S. battleships in Chinese waters opened fire and bombarded a big Chinese city and killed hundreds of Chinamen. Later it was found out that only one American had been killed and he was killed by accident. The American government knew this in the beginning yet it ordered the murder of hundreds of Chinese. It did this and is still doing it because it wants to frighten the Chinese people from fighting for the Revolution and freeing themselves from the rule of the foreign capitalists.

Workers' Russia Friend of China.

The only country that is friendly to the Chinese people and the Revolution is Workers' Russia because the workers and farmers, who rule Workers' Russia, have had their own revolution and always sympathize and help any other people that has made a revolution and is defending it.

Workers of World Friend of Chinese Revolution.

But if the governments of other countries are against the Chinese people, the workers of the whole world are with the Chinese people in their fight for freedom. The workers are also fighting for their own freedom against the same enemies whom the Chinese workers are fighting against. The Wall Street bankers are the enemies of the Chinese people and are also the enemies of the American workers. So, workers and workers' children, help the Chinese workers and farmers win their revolution. Make the American government keep its hands off China.

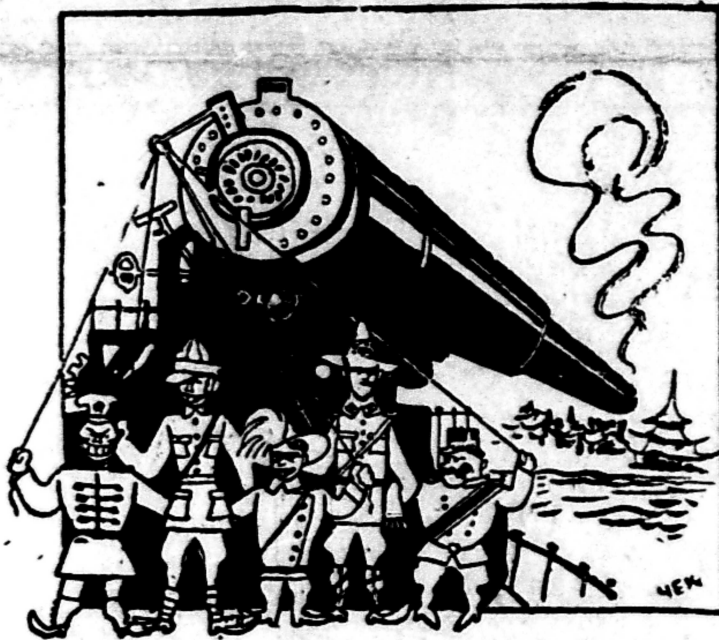
### BOY SCOUTS AND PIONEERS.

By Mary Shanknis, West Frankfort, Ill., Pioneer.

In the Pioneers we are taught to be for the workers and to fight for the working class. We fight for the workers' children and also help the workers.

The Boy Scouts are trained to be for the interests of the rich. They are taught how to be soldiers and to fight for the boss and kill their innocent fellow workers. The Boy Scouts are many times children of the workers but they are cheated because they just don't understand the real meaning of the Boy Scouts.

## All Together Against the Chinese Workers



## THOUSANDS OF WORKERS HONOR RUTHENBERG.

Tens of thousands of workers and workers' children all over the country poured out into the meetings held everywhere to honor the memory of Comrade Ruthenberg. In this issue we have special Young Comrade reports on two of the biggest, New York and Chicago. Young Comrade correspondents! Send in reports on the meeting in your town and we will print them.

By Nathan Goldstein, Chicago Pioneer  
Comrade Ruthenberg died on March 2. For a few days after his death his body was kept in Chicago at the Ashland Auditorium. Thousands of workingmen and women and children came to see the body of the great leader. Dozens of flower wreaths were sent. The Pioneers of Chicago gave a wreath of flowers with a sickle and hammer and a star.

On Saturday, March 5, we Pioneers had our own Memorial meeting and we had over two hundred children

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(By a New York Pioneer.)

On March 8, 1927, we paid the last tribute to our dear Comrade Ruthenberg. Carnegie Hall, the Central Opera House and the New Star Casino were packed. When his ashes arrived at the hall, all stood up and sang the Memorial March. Comrade Lovestone was carrying the ashes in a small bronze box and the Pioneers dressed in white and red bandanas were carrying the banner. There was not a word spoken, during the

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# Get Into the Big Young Comrade Sub. Campaign!



# "Let's Fight On!"



## Statement of the Young Pioneers on the Death of Comrade Ruthenberg.

The working class children of America, like the entire American working class, have suffered the most terrible loss in the death of Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg, the greatest leader of the American devolutionary movement. Never since the death of Lenin has a blow like this struck us.

Comrade Ruthenberg was the greatest supporter of the working class children's movement in America. The Pioneers, he told us, are the future forces of the revolutionary army. Yoo Pioneers must take the place of the comrades today who fall in the struggle.

The life and struggles of Comrade Ruthenberg are an inspiration of revolutionary courage and activity to every worker and worwers child in this country. Better than any of us. Comrade Ruthenberg fulfilled the glorious Pioneer Pledge: One aim throuout our lives—FREEDOM FOR THE WORKING CLASS!

In his Last Message Comade Ruthenberg called upon us to close our ranks, to fight on! The spirit of Comrade Ruthenberg must fill the hearts and minds of every Pioneer, of every workers child. Only in this way can we, shoulder to shoulder, in close ranks, make up the best we can for the terrible loss of our great leader.

Comrade Ruthenberg is dead! Long live the Party of Ruthenberg, the Workers Communist Party of America!

Pioneers! Workers children! Remember Ruthenberg's Last Message! In the cause of the working class, STAND READY!

### Big Ruthenberg Meetings

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time his ashes were carried on the platform. All stood silent with bowed heads. The ashes were put on a platform all decorated in red and black; the Pioneers were the guards of honor standing near the box with the ashes.

There were many speakers. They all spoke about Comrade Ruthenberg's devotion to the party and to the workers. He fought for them and their children all his life and died fighting; he sacrificed; he sacrificed his life for the cause he was fighting for. His last words were not of himself; they were: "Let's fight on."

The last one was the Pioneer speaker. "Comrade Ruthenberg is our hero; his life is an inspiration for all Pioneers. Comrade Ruthenberg fought against imperialist wars. It is those who are children now, who will be called to fight in the future imperialist war. The parents must pledge themselves to send their children to the Pioneer organization and help us to save their children from the clutches of the capitalist propoganda in schools. We, the Pioneers of America, stand always ready, always ready for the cause of the workers!"

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On Saturday, March 26, every section of the Young Pioneers of America, New York District, held memorial meetings to commemorate the death of Comrade Ruthenberg. The chief slogan for these meetings were: "Carry on the work of Ruthenberg!" "Build the Pioneers!" "Every workers' child a member of the Young Pioneers!"

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altho we had very little time to advertise the meeting.

On Sunday we had a big meeting in Ashland Auditorium. Over ten thousand people were there. Here also the Pioneer District Organizer who read the statement of the Pioneer Buro on Comrade Ruthenberg's death.

## RUTHENBERG STORY CONTEST.

We have already received many contributions for the Ruthenberg Story Contest. We are printing some in this issue. The rest will be printed in the next and the following issue. The contest will close with the July issue—because July 9 is Comrade Ruthenberg's birthday.

The following contributions have already been received: Anton Bubel, a picture—a poem; Bernard Epstein and Nathan Goldstein, a poem; Julius Furman, a story; Evelyn Abelson, a story; Mildred Platt, a story; Abe Reinstein, a story; Esther Widrevich, a story; Alice Santti, a story; Solomon Kerjak, a story; Bunny Yanes, a story; Martin Miroff, a story; Sylvia Kaplan, a story; Bella Miller, a story; Vetold Lamont, a story; Julius Kaplan, a story; Nathan Goldstein, a story; James Rosen, a story.

Remember! The contest is not over yet at all. You can still send your contribution in until June 25. Send us a story, a poem, a picture—anything. Speed up!

### Our Lost Leader.

By Eveyn Abelson, New Haven, Conn.

COMRADE C. E. RUTHENBERG was born in Cleveland on July 9, 1882. His parents were workers and he was brought up as a workers' child although his parents were religious.

He joined the Socialist Party and soon became a leader not only in Cleveland but in whole of Ohio. At that time there were two parts of the Socialist Party, the Right Wing and the Left Wing. Comrade Ruthenberg became the leader of the Left Wing, the part that stood for the workers.

When the Russian Revolution broke out and the Russian workers organized a Workers' Soviet Government, Comrade Ruthenberg came out strongly and enthusiastically in support of the Russian workers.

For his work in organizing the Communist Party Comrade Ruthenberg was sent to prison. There he showed the courage and heroism that every revolutionist should follow.

The next few years he spent in working for the Communist Party.

But now Comrade Ruthenberg is dead. His work is not yet finished. It is up to us, Pioneers and workers'

### OUR LEADER.

(By a West Allis Pioneer.)

This is the end of him,  
Here he lies,  
No more the smile in his eyes—  
Our Leader.

Never again will we hear  
The voice, to all of us so dear—  
Of our Leader.

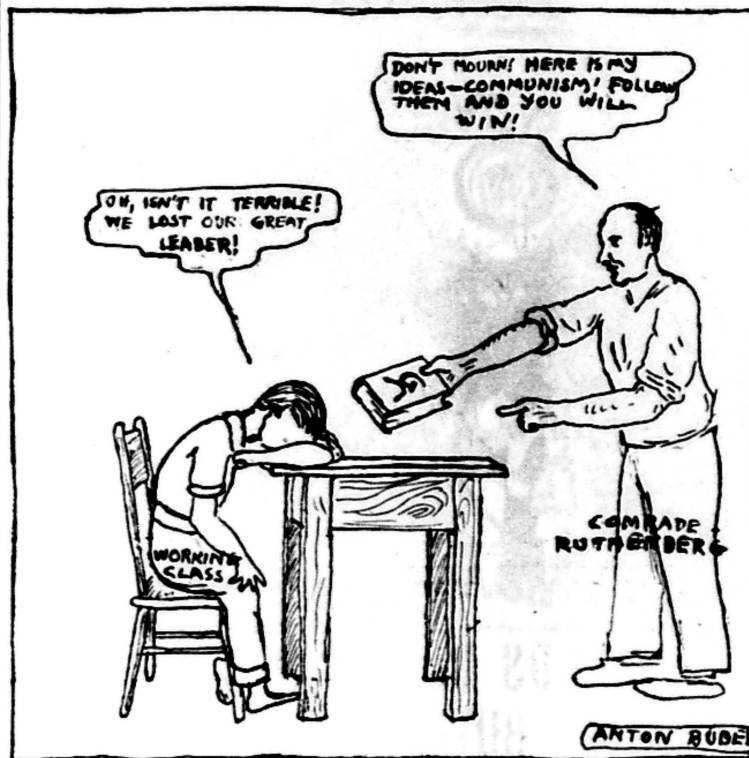
Our deepest regret  
For your untimely death—  
Our Leader.

Your dying words  
We will work for;  
Our fight continue ever more—  
Our Leader.

Farewell, comrade brave and true,  
The work you started we pledge to do—  
Our Leader.

children, to keep up the work of our leader. We must follow our pledge: ONE AIM THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES—FREEDOM FOR THE WORKING CLASS!

### FIGHT ON!



### Why Did You Die?

By Brownville (N. Y. C.) Pioneer.

Dear Comrade Ruthenberg why did you leave us  
To fight that battle by ourselves, alone?  
It can't be true, the ranks they need your guidance,  
They need your help to bring that ideal home,  
They need your wisdom to help roll that boulder  
Of brotherhood united in the strife,  
Against a class that murders and oppresses  
The workers who are fighting for their lives.

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You gave your life for freedom's cause  
And we? We mourn our heavy loss.  
As a Bolshevik you died  
And as a Communist you cried  
Comrades, FIGHT ON, you'll win!  
Yes, we'll fight on, we'll fight  
We'll work and strive and labor till we win  
We'll carry out the work you've started  
The work you left off, we'll begin!

### Ruthenberg in Jail.

By ALFRED WAGENKNECHT.

I remember Ruthenberg's first year in jail. Hardly had the iron doors snapped behind his back then he revolted against the prison regulations and exactions. And for days he hung by the wrists in a dark cell, underground. Every day the jailers would ask him: "Will you give up?"—and every day we heard his deep: "No." In this No he expressed every injury of our class, all its protests and revolutionary purposes. He had been sent to jail for telling the workers

not to obey the conscription laws, to fight against the imperialists' world war.

His hatred of the capitalists was always at white heat—and they knew it. That is why he was sent to jail so much. And we can now only guess what by this frame-up at Washington his death has robbed his enemies the pleasure of taking.

His revolutionary labors knew no time nor rest. They are now added to our tasks. We take them up as a duty in the cause in which he died.



Canton Jail Where Ruthenberg Was Imprisoned.

### WE'LL CARRY ON!

By Julius Furman, Baltimore, Md.

We Pioneers and workers' children have received the message of the leader of the American workers' working class, Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg, who is now dead. We must follow his instructions for building a stronger Pioneer movement and do more determined work than ever to help achieve the goal for which Comrade Ruthenberg gave his whole life and energies. We must see to it that every worker's child be taught for what Ruthenberg and the Communist Party stand. We must get the workers' children to join the Young Pioneers of America which is the only organization of children that fights for the interests of the workers' children. In the name of Comrade Ruthenberg, we Pioneers say we are: ALWAYS READY!

### Remember Your "Ruthenberg Tasks"!

1. Subscribe to the Young Comrade and get another subscriber!
2. Join the Young Pioneers!
3. Support and build up the Young Pioneers!



WHO IS THIS?

He was born in Cleveland in 1882. He joined the Socialist Party in Cleveland and soon became a leader of the Ohio movement.

He was a leader of the "Left Wing" in the S. P.—that is, that part of the S. P. which really stood for the workers' interests.

He was the leader of the workers fight against the bosses' war in 1917 and 1918.

He was the leader in organizing the Communist Party in 1919.

He was the greatest leader of the Communist movement till the moment of his death.

He was sent to prison three times by the capitalist government for defending the workers' interests.

He died in 1927.

WHO IS HE?

Do you know? Send in your answer to: Young Comrade, 1113 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

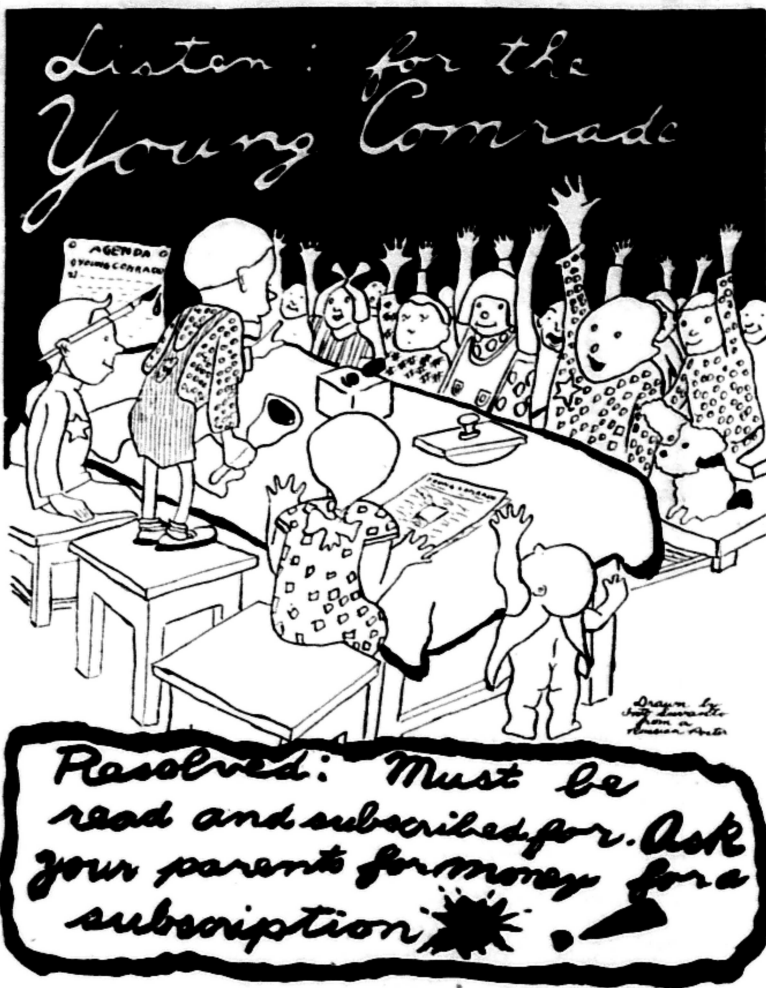
NUMBER PUZZLE NO. 1.

Here's a number puzzle which tells a big truth:

20-8-5; 23-15-18-11-5-18-19; 8-1-20-5; 20-8-5; 18-9-3-8; 2-15-19-19-5-19; 2-5-3-1-21-19-5; 20-8-5; 2-15-19-19-5-19; 7-18-1-2; 1-12-12; 20-8-5; 23-15-18-11-5-18-19; 16-18-15-4-21-3-5.

Now solve it. Remember—A is 1, B is 2, C is 3, and so on.

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THE FIRST CHALLENGE!

Vetols Laemont, member of the Dautless Reds (Chicago), challenges Tilly Lurye, member of the Shepard School Group, Spartacus Section (Chicago), to get TEN SUBS. Vetold has gotten his ten subs already. What's your answer, Tilly? What's the next challenge? \* \* \*

How to Get Subs for the Young Comrade.

By Vetold Laemont, Chicago Pioneer. Affairs and meetings of workers' organizations are very good places for getting subs. When there is an affair going on some Pioneers should go to it. One Pioneer should get permission to make a short speech, something like this: "Fellow workers! You who have children should subscribe to the Young Comrade for them. Look at the rich. They have plenty of papers and magazines to poison the minds of the children against the working class. What will you do to help your children? You should at least give them a chance to learn the truth about the workers and their troubles and struggles. Subscribe to the Young Comrade!" Then the other Pioneer should go through the audience asking the people to subscribe. \* \* \*

THE HONOR ROLL.

Here are the first names on the Honor Roll for good work in the drive:

- Mary Kovacic, Euclid, Ohio..... 10
Vetold Laemont, Chicago, Ill..... 10
Linda Niemi, Bruce Crossing, Mich 9
Eddie Shatz, Cleveland, Ohio..... 7
Ab. Brooks, Washington, D. C..... 5
Victor Maki, Eben Jct., Mich..... 5
Elona Kniivila, Iron River, Mich..... 5

Will YOUR name be on the Honor Roll next month? \* \* \*

SNAP IT UP!

You, Pioneers and non-Pioneers, snap it up! The subs are not coming in fast enough at all. Are you doing your best? Are you subscribing yourselves? Are you getting your friends to subscribe? Are you visiting all the children's organizations in your neighborhood? Are you visiting workers' organizations to get them to subscribe for their children? Are you making house-to-house tours to get subs? All these are things you must do in a hurry.

IN OUR SCHOOL.

Pauline Olenberg, New York Pioneer. In my school there is a boy who works by day and his mother works at night. When he brought the teacher a note that he couldn't come to school that day, the teacher asked why and the boy gave the reason. The teacher showed no consideration and when the boy answered back she slapped him in the face and said sit down.

Answers to March Question Box.

(To save space this month we are giving only one answer of the questions asked last month in the Question Box. Next month, however, all answers will be listed.)

The First Question.

"If unions are workers' organizations so why do the Communists in the unions fight against the leaders in the unions like in the Miners' Union?"

The answer is: The Communists and the Left Wingers fight against the "leaders" of the unions because these "leaders" are really agents of the bosses. They are traitors to the workers, like Lewis, Sigman, Beckerman and others. One of these traitors, Farrington, was found out to be in the pay of the bosses. The Communists and the Left Wingers want to make the unions real fighting organizations and they want to clean out the traitors from the unions.

The Second Question.

"Where did people get the idea of a God?"

The answer is: Long ago the people didn't know about science or the real facts about the world so they imagined that all kinds of gods and devils are making things move. Then when there arose slave owners and other kinds of masters these rich people wanted the workers to believe in the gods because they could use the gods to frighten the workers and make them obedient. Also they could promise them fine things in Paradise if they worked hard in this life. But the intelligent workers of today know that it's all bunk about God and Paradise and that the bosses hire priests to spread this bunk for their own benefit.

Johnny Red Calls a Ruthenberg Memorial.

By M. S., Passaic, N. J.

THE Pioneers were gathered together before the meeting. Johnny Red jumped into the room and cried: "Oh, comrades, let us hurry and start the meeting, there is something very special to take up." All the comrades felt that there was something very immediate and soon every one was very quiet.

"Comrades," Johnny said, "you know the great leader of the workers died." "Who is it?" everyone asked. "Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg," was Johnny's answer. There was a long painful silence.

"Comrades, it is such a loss," Johnny said breaking the silence. He could not go on the tears were choking him. He rubbed his hand over his eyes and said through his tears: "You know Pioneers, I shouldn't cry, that's not how Bolsheviks mourn but we must now more than ever be ALWAYS READY. I'm sorry I cried but I couldn't help it." Once more the tears choked him. After a few minutes of silence. "Comrade Ruthenberg's last words to the workers were 'LET'S FIGHT!'"

Rosie Red jumped up, "Comrades, I sure got an idea, let's call a memorial meeting of all the children in our school." Nails scowled: "Oh, heck! I was going to recommend that." Many comrades yelled, "So was I."

"All right! Pioneers, first let's have order. Do you think that Ruthenberg would like to see us be so undisciplined at a meeting?"

"Holy cats! Ruthenberg was always disciplined that's one reason why he was such a good leader." Every one sat down.

"Any objections to calling a Ru-

thenberg meeting?" asked the chairman. "Of course not," was the reply, "he is our LEADER."

"That's fine," Johnny said, "now what arrangements are we going to make?"

Many children raised their hands. The chairman gave Johnny the floor, "First of all, we have no hall to meet in."

Nails raised his hand and said, "You can have my big back yard. My mother won't care and she is becoming a real bolshevik herself since I joined the Pioneers and bring her our paper to read."

"All right. Remember, comrades, that in two days we will hold the meeting. Fatty can print so he will advertise the meeting on papers and we will distribute them in the schools." Rosie jumped up and said: "Yes, and we will get up early in the morning and write all over the sidewalks and the building and get the children to come to the meeting."

"What about speakers?" Every one agreed that we must have speakers and many comrades were nominated. Johnny and Rosie were elected to "Comrades, let's adjourn now so we can all go home and rest up so we will be up real early and advertise the meeting in the schools. But let's adjourn in a real comradely spirit and in the best way we can mourn the death of our LEADER. Let us give our pledge to Comrade Ruthenberg that we will FIGHT ON and that we too will be ALWAYS READY to fight for the working class just as he was!"

Everyone gave the pledge and sang the INTERNATIONAL. All the Pioneers left the meeting full of spirit and ready to FIGHT ON.

RHYME PUZZLE NO. 1.

Here's the first of our rhyme puzzles. It's a dandy. It spells the name of the organization of workers children. It has eight letters. Here it is:

- My first letter is in PEOPLE but not in MEN,
My second is twice in INDIAN but not in TEN,
My third is in SOVIET but not in ITALY,
My fourth is in UNION but not in FASCISTI,
My fifth is in STRIKE but not in STAB,
My sixth is in WORKER but not in SCAB,
My seventh is in REBEL and also in TRUE,
My eighth is in SCHOOL and in TEACHERS too,
Together I'm something that you all ought to be
To help us win the liberty.

Can you solve it? Send in your answers to Young Comrade, 1113 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

KARL MARX.

The answer to last month's Who Is This? puzzle is:

KARL MARX.

The following comrades sent in correct answers:

- Reuben Wolk, N. Y. C.; Veikko, Clinton, Ind.; Sylvia Luikkonen, Rock Island, Ill.; Helen Kuusisto, Duluth, Minn.;

- Rosie Blazaitis, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Billy Tapolesanyi, Herminie, Pa.; R. Mortanen, Port Arthur, Ont., Can.; Hyman Vinzer, New York City; Antti Hannula, Pearson, Wash.; Alice Santti, Enfield, N. H.; William Belenson, Detroit, Mich.; Helvie Sillanpan, Ironwood, Mich.; Solomon Kerjak, San Francisco, Cal.; Oliver Hillis, Hurley, Wis.; Anna Skrtich, Lowellville, Ohio; Mary Maziarчук, Short Creek, W. Va.; Ruth Oja, Geyser, Mont.; Liberto Villareno, Inglewood, Cal.

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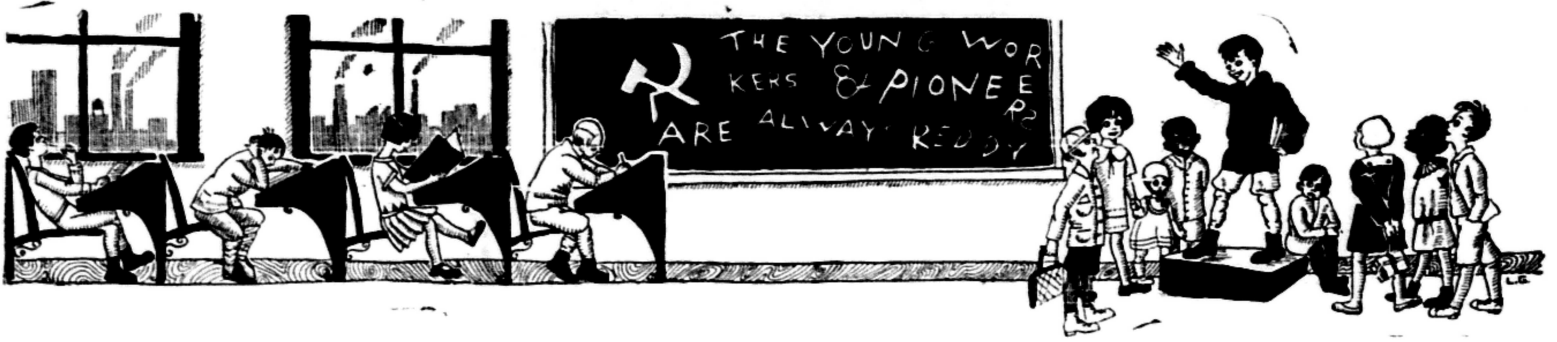
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# Into the School Struggle



## THE TEACHER AND THE SCHOOL STRUGGLE

LAST month we had an article on "The School Struggle." We showed there that the workers' child in the school has his battle to fight against the rich bosses just like the worker in the factory. The school child's battle is against anti-labor teachings, against patriotic teachings, against religion in the school, for better school conditions for workers' children, and so on. In the schools the Pioneers fight to win the support of the workers' children and to prevent them from being poisoned by the capitalist teachings and being won over to the bosses.

Now, in fighting the school struggle we children, of course, usually have to fight against the teachers because the teachers are the agents of the bosses to spread the bosses' poison among the children of the workers.

Most teachers really believe that the bosses are right and so they are eager to win over the workers' children for the bosses.

Other teachers don't believe in anything—but they have to keep their jobs and so they are ready to go on telling lies and poisoning the minds of the children.

Other teachers are honestly for the workers and do their best for the workers in the school. They tell the children the truth about the workers

and their life and struggles. If the big guys on the Board of Education find out about such teachers they fire these teachers.

Another thing we must remember is that teachers are also workers. Many teachers act like scabs and strike-breakers, but a few of them are real loyal militant workers.

Teachers are among the worst paid workers there are. The capitalists are so stingy that they don't even pay well the teachers upon whom they depend to win the workers' children to the side of the bosses.

What shall be our attitude to teachers?

First of all, of course, we must fight the teachers whenever they come out against the interests of the workers or the workers' children. This is a part of our school struggle and we told about this last week.

But at the same time we must try to explain to the teacher that she also is a worker and that she is going against herself when she sticks with the bosses against the workers. Here is a little poem made up by the Boston Pioneers and printed in one of their school papers that explains this:

Teachers and workers—  
They work for their pay.  
When they lose their jobs  
They starve or eat hay.

The teachers—they work  
Like our fathers do;  
Why don't they organize  
As we advise them to do?

The teachers and we  
Together should aim  
To free the people.  
The workers unchain.

We must try to show the teachers that they are workers like our fathers and that they should organize into their Teachers' Union. There are teachers' unions in all cities but not all teachers belong to this union. We Pioneers must try to get the teachers to join this union and we must support this union in every other way.

Wherever we find teachers who favor the working class we must support these teachers in every way. We must support them against the Board of Education who will try to throw them out of school. We must remember that these teachers are our friends and NOT our enemies.

So, remember: **It's one of your jobs to win over the teachers to the side of the workers, to get them into the Teachers' Union. Even though you may have to fight the teachers every day, remember that these teachers are against the workers because they are fooled by the bosses. Try to wake them up!**

## The Young Comrade in School.

By Mary Ranich, Willock, Pa.

One day I took my Young Comrade to school. I started to read it and wanted to show it to other children. But the teacher sneaked up on me and looked at what I was reading. But I did not want to hide it. She took it from me and said that I should not read such stuff. I told her and the children that the Young Comrade told the truth, more than the bosses' papers or the Bible. She got mad and she wanted to give me a whipping because I said it. But I kept on saying it was true. She made me stay in after school.

## Pioneers Win Debate.

By Julius Hauser,

Lowell School Group, Chicago

In our class we had a debate under the supervision of our teacher. The title was: "Resolved that the U. S. should discontinue its war in Nicaragua." Two non-Pioneers, another Pioneer and myself made up the affirmative side. Seven judges were chosen by the teacher. Our side won by a vote of five to two. When the entire class took a vote on the debate we won by a vote of 33 to 3.

In the course of the debate we prov-

ed that the U. S. government had appointed Diaz president of Nicaragua thru a fake election and that Wall Street (the American rich men and bankers) controlled all the industries and land in Nicaragua. We also showed that the U. S. bankers were paying the Nicaraguan workers such a low wage that they couldn't support themselves and their families.

The children that heard the debate got a good idea of the Nicaraguan situation and what the working class children must think and do.

## OUR TEACHER.

By James Rosen, New York City.

One day we had gymnasium and the gym teacher was giving us military drill such as marching, bayonet charge, etc., and this we do for 45 minutes. Once in a while a boy gets restless and whispers to his friends; the teacher comes over and gives him a bang on the neck and then sends him down to his class teacher.

This happened at the end of the last period and a boy started to talk to his neighbor, when the teacher came over and gave him a slam on the cheek and one of his teeth came out; the boy started to cry and the teacher said, "Don't be a baby, I did not hit you with 1-10 of my strength."

By J. N., New York Pioneer.

In P. S. 57 we have showers every Tuesday. The teacher doesn't care how it is or how anybody feels but he makes you do what he says.

Our shower room is in the basement and a draft is always blowing in from somewhere. Our teacher, Mr. Davies, always carries a small bamboo stick and if he doesn't like what you are doing he hits you with it.

One day while we were having showers he wanted to hit a small boy. I got in the boy's way and I got an awful rap on the knuckles. It hurt like the devil to get hit with the bamboo stick. I didn't say anything but all the boys sympathized with my thoughts.

## Result of Teachers' Brutality.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

GREENSBURG, Pa.—What the brutality of teachers can lead to is shown by what happened here in the New Madison school. A few days ago this school house was burned down under very mysterious circumstances.

Investigation showed that it was the work of two boys who were driven to desperation and madness by the brutal treatment of their teacher who had whipped them severely many times.

The boys did not know how to answer such brutality thru united action, as the Pioneers do, so they resorted to such desperate methods as burning down the school.

## Another School Paper.

Julius Hauser, Lowell School Group.

The Lowell School Pioneer group has just given out its first issue of its school paper—the "Lowell Searchlight" to find out about the Pioneers and to get a free copy of the Young Comrade. We already got two subs that way.

The paper was discussed by many teachers in the classes. The result as a whole was fine. If other groups would give out their papers the same way they would increase their membership the same way.

By Harry Gordon, Shepard School Group, Chicago, Ill.

One day my teacher said she wanted to give us an example of compromise, so she picked out two children—one to be a miner and the other a boss. She picked me out to be the miner and a girl the boss. I was supposed to be getting \$10 a week and work 8 hours a day and there was supposed to be a conflict between me and the boss. A boy who was to be Benjamin Franklin was to make a

compromise between us. He said to the boss to give me \$12 a week. The boss said: "All right." The teacher asked the boss, "Are you satisfied?" The boss said: "Yes." The teacher asked me if I was satisfied and I said "No!" Many children laughed and thought I was foolish. So I said to the teacher if I could ask a question but she told me to sit down. I sat down all right but five minutes later I raised my hand and said if I could ask a question. Teacher said: "Is it very important?" I said: "Yes." Then she

told me to ask it. I said: "Why doesn't the worker get at least as much as the boss? Doesn't he work much harder and doesn't he take risks? He is liable to get killed quicker than the boss. The boss does not do anything but have good times." The teacher said: "Oh, that's a question that hasn't been settled yet." At this another Pioneer stood up and said: "Oh, that's a question that will be settled soon by the workers." The teacher yelled for him to sit down.

## Parents Support the Pioneers in Big Fight

By M. L., Waukegan, Ill.

I go to the McAllister School, Waukegan, Ill. The conditions in this school are very bad. The worse thing of all is that the teacher and principal whips us for the least little thing. We the Pioneers decided that we would issue a school paper "The McAllister Searchlight" and fight against this "padding" in the school. All the Pioneers gave out the paper and some of us were caught. The principal tried to scare the Pioneers that were caught—and tried to make them promise that they would not be Pioneers any more. All the papers in Waukegan printed long stories about the "terrible" Communists and a lot of other bunk. Then we decided that we would organize a Parents' Council so that our parents could protect us from getting such treatment in school. Our Parents' Council called a big protest meeting of all the parents in the neighborhood to tell them what was being done to us kids in school and why the parents must organize to fight against it. The Board of Education sent down lots of men and thought they would be able to break up and spoil our meeting by talking for Miss Carmen and for punishing the children in school. Miss Carmen sent down all her "pets" and "snoopers" and told these boys to talk for her, too. Anyhow, the parents didn't listen to them and they elected a committee of five parents who are going to go down to the Board of Education and protest against the teachers and principal beating us in school. All the workers' organizations are with us. We're going to issue a school paper every month and our parents will give it out for us. We're going to fight and we're going to WIN!

## Boston Pioneers in Big Fight.

(See story on first page.)

By A. R., Boston, Mass.

In spite of the threat of the Boston School Committee, the City Council, and the Police the Pioneers distributed the second issue of the Spark. Hundreds of school children eagerly received it.

In this issue the Pioneers expose the Boston authorities as the tools of the bosses, as enemies of the working class and their children. They prove that the Boy Scouts are backed by the bosses and that it is a strike-breaking organization.

The authorities did not attempt to deny the Pioneers' statement, and decided to keep quiet. But the Pioneers are busy. The recruiting of members, the distribution of the Young Comrade goes on with greater energy and success.

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