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## Organize Relief for Miners' Children!

### COLORADO COAL STRIKERS MURDERED BY BOSSES' GOVERNMENT

Over ten thousand miners are on strike in Colorado, fighting against the Rockefeller and other coal companies, for conditions in which human beings can live a little easier. These strikers are fighting to get the wages and conditions of the other coal miners in the U. S. A., even tho these conditions are pretty bad.

The young miners and the miners children are fighting splendidly in this battle against the companies. They are on the picket line, in the strike halls, at the strike meetings, everywhere. They understand that this is their fight and they must do their best to help beat the bosses.

The Rockefeller interests have decided to crush the strikers so that they will remain obedient slaves for a long time to come. They have hired huge gangs of thugs and murderers and attack the strike pickets and other miners. But not only this. They have gotten the help of the state government. The governor has sent soldiers to the striking territory and these soldiers have turned their machine guns on the strikers and killed and wounded a large number. That's how our "democratic" government treats working people.

The truth is that the government is nothing more than a servant of the bosses; it does what the bosses tell it to do. That's the kind of government that we are told in the schools is a "government of, by and for the people." It's really a government of, by and for the bosses and rich men; it's slavery and oppression for the workers.

The Colorado strikers, like the strikers of Pennsylvania and Ohio, are fighting a hard fight for the whole working class. They need help. Especially do the children of the striking miners need help.

Do you want to help them win? Do you want to help to beat the bosses? Do you want to help your brothers and sisters, the strikers' children?

Then:  
**ORGANIZE RELIEF FOR THE MINERS' CHILDREN! GET TO WORK!**

### WHEE!!! LOOK AT THIS!

#### The Young Pioneers are issuing Special Children's Lenin Buttons.

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Every worker's and farmer's child should wear this wonderful button. Single buttons are sold at 10c. apiece, postpaid.

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Get your group, your club, to order a batch of buttons.

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### STARVING MINERS CHILDREN BATTLE BRAVELY AGAINST BOSSES

Hungry and cold, a striking miner's child near Hastings, Pa., fell faint on the roadside and lay there unconscious until some passer-by carried it home.

This is happening everywhere. The coal miners in the Pennsylvania and Ohio soft-coal (bituminous) fields have now been striking for many months.

They have been fighting against the big powerful companies, against the gangsters and the thugs hired by the companies, against the courts and the police and the state militia, against the whole government which is helping the companies.

The coal companies own the houses in which the miners live and they have thrown the strikers and their families out. The striking workers and their wives and children now have to live in old cellars, in garages, in tents in these days of bitter cold.

The poor children of the miners suffer most. No food! "Black bread . . . black coffee," is the most they can expect and not even enough of this. No clothes! Rags, shoeless, in the cold blasts of winter. No shelter! Cold cellars and tents. Nobody can imagine how terrible the conditions are for the brave miners' children.

Children faint in schools for hunger and hundreds can't even go to school because they haven't got any shoes or clothes. Up in Nanty-Glo an eye-witness saw many children hobbling along in the snow with their bare feet sticking thru their old rubbers. There is no question of learning anything in the schools under such conditions! It's pretty hard to keep living.

But the miners' children are brave. They know that they must stick with their parents in the fight. They know that the bosses are their bitterest enemies.

Workers' and farmers' children of America! You know that the striking miners are fighting the battles of the whole working class, your battles as well as their own. Don't you think they should have your help!

"All workers are brothers and sisters"—that's what a group of miners' children say in their appeal. Don't you want to help the strikers' children? They are starving . . . freezing . . . nowhere to live. . . Will you help them fight?

**ORGANIZE RELIEF FOR MINERS' CHILDREN!**

Get together conferences of all workers' children's organizations in your town! Make plans for collecting money and then go to work with all your might! Get relief!

Send the money to the YOUNG COMRADE, 43 East 125th Street, New York City, and we will send it to the miners' children.

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hemselves. They have overcome the attempts of the capitalists to overthrow the Soviet Government. They have overcome all the difficulties of the blockade, the famine, the breaking up of the country; now they have brought things back to where they were before the war. This is a wonderful thing.

If the Soviet Union has advanced so much in ten years how far will they advance in the next ten years, in the next fifty years!

### An Appeal

By A Group of Miners' Children

**OUR fathers are not working. They are on strike, fighting the Coal Companies and the Coal and Iron Police. We have nothing to eat and we have no clothes.**

**The union gives out some money but mostly it gives us old clothes. The scabs have lots of money on pay day. But we have no pay days.**

**We go to school hungry and cold. But the scab children are well fed and have better clothes. And they have Coal and Iron Police protecting them.**

**You, workers' children whose fathers are not on strike, must help us. If you help us you will help our fathers fight the Pittsburgh Coal Company and other coal companies and the Coal and Iron Police.**

**All workers' children are brothers and sisters. So you must help us. Only by all of us sticking together and helping each other can we beat the company. So help us!**

**All you workers' children! Organize relief!**

### About the Geneva Disarmament Conference

By Arthur Survin, Boston Mass.

All the papers are very much excited about the Geneva Disarmament Conference. What's up?

The different capitalist governments got together at Geneva, making out to talk about "peace" and "disarmament," which means doing away with armies and navies and such things. Of course, the capitalist countries don't want peace or disarmament because they need war for profits but they have to talk peace to fool the people who really want peace.

Well, Litvinoff, who came from Workers' Russia, called their bluff. He said that all countries should right away do away with all armies and navies and stop the making of guns and weapons of war. "Complete and immediate disarmament" it is called.

The capitalist politicians got all excited. Such a thing to them sounds crazy because they really want their armies and navies and want to build them bigger because they want war. But just because they acted this way shows that they are hypocrites and are talking peace only to fool the people.

We all know, and Litvinoff knows too, that as long as you have capitalism you will have war and so there can't be any disarmament. Litvinoff made his proposal in order to show up the capitalist politicians.

In his message to the new congress President Coolidge says that the U. S. must build more and more battleships and submarines. Some disarmament!

**Rush Help for the Young Comrade!**

### The Big Explosion

By Alben Boggs, Pittsburgh, Pa.

We, the workers and working children, have had a good scare. On Monday, November 14, an explosion occurred. It started at 8:45 a. m. Many people lost their lives in Pittsburgh and many are homeless. The Pittsburgh newspapers are fooling the people of Pittsburgh, saying that there are 26 killed but there are so many killed that no one knows how many are killed. My father went to the morgue house and the cops do not let people in to see the people that were killed. Hundreds and hundreds of people were cut by flying glass and now the Equitable Gas Co. has raised the gas three cents per cub.

Monday, November 14, I was walking to school when I heard a bang and the earth started to quake and I looked around and in the sky. I saw a big ball of flame and the glass was scattering like rice and big pieces of steel flying in the air. Many children in the public schools were cut by the flying glass. The Equitable Gas Co. says it will pay the damages for the people but I think it will not.

### TEN YEARS OF FREEDOM

By Sollic Fdinoff,

Vanguard Group, Chicago, Ill.

It is now ten years since the Russian Revolution. Ten years of progress and freedom for Russia. Yes, it is now ten years since the Russian people realized that the only way to freedom is to get rid of the bosses and landlords.

The Russian people have advanced very rapidly since the time they freed





### Why Trotsky and Zinoviev Were Expelled From the Communist Party

The papers have recently been full of the fact that Zinoviev and Trotsky, two of the great leaders of the Russian Revolution, were expelled from the Russian Communist Party (it is called the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, C. P. S. U.) and that a number of other leaders were warned that if they kept on the way they were going they too would be expelled.

The capitalist papers try to make out that all this means the break up of the Communist Party and the beginning of the end of the Revolution. This is absolutely nonsense. These events show the strength of the Communist Party and of the great Russian Revolution and the Soviet Government.

Zinoviev and Trotsky and the others were punished because they refused to accept the decisions of their Party and kept on fighting against it in the bitterest way. The Communist Party is the fighting organization of the workers and in order to be a fighting organization you must have discipline. Every member of the Party must realize that the Party stands higher than anything else and that the decisions of the Party are law. Otherwise you will not have a fighting army but just a crowd of people each pulling in a different direction.

Every Pioneer knows this. The Pioneer salute — hand raised above head — means the interests of the organization, of the Communist movement above everything. This is Communist discipline.

Because Trotsky and Zinoviev and the other Opposition leaders tried to put themselves above the Party — the Party and the workers condemned them and punished them and threw them out. The Party is stronger than any man no matter how important.

Now the Communist Party and the Soviet Government are stronger than ever, the workers are rallying more than ever to their support.

**Are You a Worker's or Farmer's Child? Then You Belong in the Young Pioneers!**

**Get All Your Friends to Subscribe for the Young Comrade!**

### ABOUT MEXICO

By Julius Hauser, Chicago Pioneer

The Calles government has found out that the "revolution" in Mexico is merely an attempt of United States capitalists to change the present form of Mexican government to a government that will give them more oil rights.

Election time is near in Mexico. The Wall Street bankers know that they have no chance of getting a government elected by the people that is in favor of their interests, so they decided to manufacture a "revolution" instead. Serrano, Gomez, and the other reactionary leaders are hirelings of the Wall Street bankers. Their job was to overthrow the Calles government and put up a government of their own, then they would pass laws which would allow United States Capitalists to take the oil out of Mexico. Of course the big bosses would pay them for their trouble and everybody would be pleased but the Mexican workers and farmers. The capitalists succeeded in getting the reactionary rebellion started but, seeing that they underestimated the strength of the Calles government, did not go through with it. Most of the reactionary leaders were killed, and the rebellion was put to an end. Now Wall street will have to lie low awhile till they can manufacture another "revolution."

**The Young Comrade is YOUR Paper! Write for It! Spread It!**

### FROM RUSSIAN PIONEERS

(Pioneer Groups! Answer these letters of our Russian comrades. Send in your answers to the Young Comrade and we will send them to the Soviet Union.)

#### FROM THE CITY

Pioneers of America! Stand Ready! We, Pioneers of the town of Naitchevan in the Soviet Union, want to start a correspondence with the Pioneers of some American city and exchange experiences.

In the U. S. S. R. the conditions for Pioneer work are very good because our government provides us with everything possible for our work. We all go to school and every day new members join the ranks of the Pioneers. Our group consists of 51 boys and 44 girls. Once a week we have a general meeting. There we discuss some subject according to the plan we draw up. We take up our campaigns. We have drills, sport, play games, and we sing.

We carry on educational work in clubs, in Red and Lenin Corners. We have living newspapers. This newspaper is named the "Blue Blouse."

Our group is divided into links, each link consisting of 10 members. Each link has its own link leader. The link meetings also take place once a week. The Group Committee tells the links what to do.

We await an answer from you.

With Pioneer Greetings,  
BUDIONNY PIONEER GROUP.

#### FROM THE VILLAGE

Pioneers of the U. S. A. Stand Ready!

We, Pioneers of the village of Krutika, are writing you this letter with the purpose of getting acquainted with your life and work and of making you acquainted with ours.

In the spring we Pioneers were busy making preparations for a Pioneer vegetable garden. Now it is organized already. Our group weeds and waters the vegetable garden. Besides this, all the Pioneers have their little gardens at home.

Our group has carried thru International Children's Week Campaign very well. We listened to a report. We collected money for the Chinese Pioneers. There is a revolution in China and the Pioneers are very active. Besides, the life and conditions of the Pioneers and children of China are very bad.

Today we watered our garden and then we went to bathe. Just a short time ago we went to town to get acquainted with the life of the town Pioneers.

In summer we'll go on hikes and excursions in the fields.

Please write to us about your life and work. We wish you the best of luck.

With Pioneer Greetings,  
LIBERTY PIONEER GROUP.

### RUSH RELIEF



THE 'BELLY BOYS' ARE STUCK ON THE STRIKING 'MINERS!' GET THEM OFF WITH THIS

By Sam Silver

### TRUTH ABOUT RUSSIA

By Rose Sclosberg, Boston Pioneer

One day in school discussion came to the Bolsheviks. Our teacher said that they were very wicked people and that they went from house to house in Russia killing and robbing the people. Also that they set wild dogs on the children.

Last year I went to Russia. Altho I did not believe a single word of what the teacher said yet I resolved to find out as much about the matter as I could. I found out that the teacher had told nothing but lies. The Russians were full of enthusiasm when speaking of the Bolsheviks who, they said, had made their land a much better place to live in than it had been ever before. The workers and farmers are free and happy and especially the children.

Let's fight these lies of the teachers! We want to be told the truth about Russia and about the workers!

Join the Pioneers, read the YOUNG COMRADE, and learn the truth!

### PIONEROS ROJOS DE MEXICO Secretariado Nacional

19th of October, 1927.

To the Young Pioneers of America—  
Dear Comrades:

Several of the Mexican Pioneer Groups are desirous of establishing correspondence with their comrades of North America. At this time when the Mexican workers and peasants are so oppressed by the big American oil and mining companies, we realize that a real comradely understanding with the children of the American workers is necessary. Many of the Mexican children imagine that all Americans are their enemies. That is because they do not realize that the workers and the workers' children of the United States are also oppressed and exploited. It is one of our tasks as class conscious children to explain this to them and a very good way of doing it is to establish correspondence between your groups and ours.

We have several groups of miners' children and child miners in the state of Jalisco. These comrades have just come through a hard struggle with the bosses who are Americans and nothing could be more appropriate than for them to correspond with American Pioneers. These Pioneers were very active throughout the whole strike movement.

There are also several Pioneer groups among the peasants (poor farmers) that would like very much to have correspondence with rural Pioneer groups in the United States.

Please, comrades, do your best to put us in touch with some of your groups. We assure you that all of your letters will be answered promptly. With comradely greetings from the Mexican comrades.

WORKERS' CHILDREN OF THE WORLD UNITE!

For the National Secretariat.

ROSALIO NEGRITE.  
EDUARDO CALERO.

### Here's the REAL Pioneer Spirit!

READ THESE LETTERS:

Lincoln, Ill.

Dear Comrades:

I myself, Joseph Jurjevch, Jr. did as the Young Comrade paper told me to. It said to help the Young Comrade and that's what I do.

So I went to some of my friends and collected \$1.50. I only have a few friends who believe in the Young Comrade. But I went to them all. I am interested in the Young Comrade and wish to do all I can for it.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH JURJEVCH, JR.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Comrades:

I want very much to help the Young Comrade because I like it so much.

So here are two new subscribers to the Young Comrade. I am sending you a dollar for these subscribers. And also \$1.70 from a collection. I collected money to help the Young Comrade. Altogether I send you \$2.70.

Your comrade,

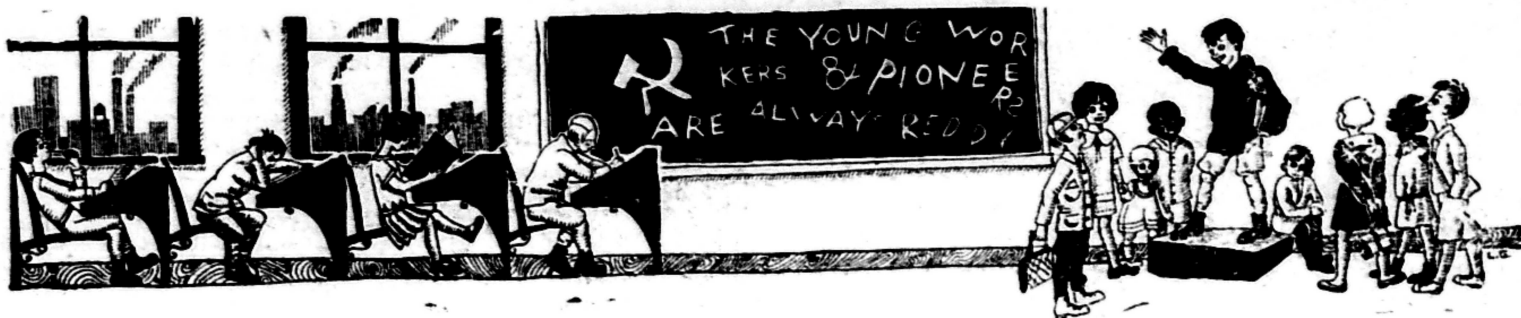
ANNA JANOSICK.

These are SPLENDID examples!

Will YOU follow them?

Get subscriptions—collect money, everywhere, from everybody. and rush to the YOUNG COMRADE.





## Our Work in P. S. 61, New York City

By X. Y. Z., New York Pioneer

In Public School No. 61, the Bronx, New York, we Pioneers are very active in carrying on the school struggle. We have a fine school group in this school and we are doing a lot of work.

In this school we have a "Self-Government" where the pupils are supposed to rule the school thru a Mayor, a Board of Aldermen, a District Attorney, three Judges and a Sheriff. These officers are children and are elected by the pupils.

### The Rapids Party.

Every year we have elections for the above mentioned officers for the "school city." During election times "parties" are formed. Before you form a "party" you must have a convention to put over your candidates. In the last elections the Pioneers started a new party called the Progressive Party. But a little later on we formed a united front with the Rapids Party. We held a convention and had more than 225 children at our convention. At this convention two Pioneers came up for nomination as candidates. We soon found out that the parties had no platforms or programs and just wanted to get elected on a personal basis. We changed all that. We got the Rapids Party to put up a real platform. This platform took up questions of interest and importance of the children in the school. For instance:

Demand REAL self-government!

Build a cafeteria!  
Relieve congestion in the school!  
Boost the Fathers Association!  
When the platform reached the school the whole school was aroused. Elections were approaching and speeches were made every day. We put posters up all over the building. We got out a leaflet giving our platform. We told all the pupils about it.

### Elections.

Then came elections. Five out of our seven candidates were elected. But this is not the most important thing. The most important thing is the propaganda we carried on for our platform which reached all the children in the school.

The election was only the beginning of the work of the Pioneers. We have done such hard work that now we have real control of some of the most important parts of the school self-government. We can't tell you what those parts are because we don't want the school authorities to find out. That's why we can't give you more details.

### Our School Paper.

We Pioneers have carried on a lot of work besides the election campaign. We have a school paper, "The Young Spark." On the front page is a big cartoon about overcrowding. We have articles about our school, about the Soviet Union, about the Pioneers and about the "Young Comrade." The bulletin looked very attractive and we distributed over a thousand in about an

hour or so. After the teachers and the principal got hold of the bulletin they immediately tried to suppress it and to fight us by asking all monitors if they were Pioneers. But we are not scared. We are issuing now an 8-page bulletin (the other was four pages). Our aim is to get two more bulletins out before the end of the year.

### Further Work.

Since we got so much influence in the Board of Alderman we began to try to use the Board of Alderman really for the interests of the pupils of the school. But there is a teacher, Mr. Marr, who is trying to stop this and he broke up two Board of Alderman meetings already. And many teachers don't want to let the members of the Board of Alderman to report back to their classes. In the next school bulletin we are going to expose Mr. Marr and tell the children not to listen to him.

We have worked out a fine plan but we can't tell you what it is because we don't want the principal and the teachers to learn it. So wait and see what will happen.

We think that all Pioneer groups should carry on a lot of school work. Then you will be able to raise your membership 100 per cent. Here is the proof. At the first meeting of our school group we had twelve members and now we have on the average twenty-five Pioneers at our meetings. We are doing work. We are growing daily.

## Military Drill and Science

By Rose Schlossberg, Boston Pioneer

In the ninth grade there is a list of what every pupil is compelled to take. "Military drill" is listed for three times a week. Hygiene and science are given once a week. We want to know: Is the school preparing the workers' children to go to war to die to make more money for the bosses? Are the schools to educate the children or to make bosses' soldiers out of them?

## The Pledge to the Flag

By Soltie Eidinoff

Vanguard Pioneer Group, Chicago.

The conditions in the school I go to, the Lowell School, are very bad. The place is overcrowded and each hour we have to move to a different room. We are not allowed to enter the building until the bell rings; and when we do go in we've got to pledge allegiance to the American flag.

Why do the teachers of Lowell want us to say the pledge? They

want us to say the pledge so that when we grow up we'll believe in the bosses and their government.

No worker's child should say that pledge, because what it says is not true at all. In the last line it says "liberty and justice for all." But that is not so!

What about Sacco and Vanzetti? What about Mooney? Where are they? Sacco and Vanzetti are dead, and Mooney sits in a jail! That is the "liberty and justice for all." And that is why I say that workers' children should not say any pledge except the Pioneer Pledge.

## In Lowell School

By Sarah Held,

Lowell School Group, Chicago, Ill.

In the Lowell School we have to say the pledge every morning. One day while we were saying the pledge I said the Pioneer pledge. A teacher was standing near me. She gave me a dirty look. She was going to take me out of line but the bell rang. So she thought she would not bother with me.

The conditions in our school are very bad. We have the Platoon System in our school. We get very tired of walking up and down the stairs.

The School Board has been promising us a new part to the school already for a year and a half. But we haven't got it yet.

Our Pioneer School Group has plenty of things to fight for and we are doing it.

## We Need a Strong Pioneer Movement

By M. W., Cincinnati Pioneer.

A manual training teacher came up to a pupil who was sawing wood the wrong way. Instead of correcting the pupil he pulled him by the hair. The pupil did not want to stand this punishment and told the teacher what he thought of him. The teacher immediately went to the principal saying that the pupil had disobeyed him and that he had corrected the pupil but that he would not listen to him. The principal punished the pupil.

What we need in Cincinnati is to strengthen our Pioneer movement so that it should carry on the fight in the schools against the teachers who treat us like slaves or animals.

## SCHOOLS IN THE SOVIET UNION

By M. H., Pioneer.

A SCHOOL in the Soviet Union does not look like a school in America. In America the children all sit in rows of seats in a big room and in front there is probably a picture of Coolidge or Wilson. But in Workers' Russia it is entirely different.

The pupils, boys and girls, are seated around tables on comfortable chairs. They sit together in groups and work together. The teacher sits somewhere among them, gives them advice, helps them do their work whenever necessary. He has no "teacher's chair," no throne to sit on; he is a comrade of the pupils. On the walls of the school are wall newspapers made by the children themselves.

The children in Russia learn and study in an entirely different way. They are not divided in classes but in "working groups." These groups are made up of pupils of the same age who are doing and learning the same things. But above all the children learn not so much from books but from the factories, machinery, from the methods of agriculture, and so on. They learn about the world from things that actually go on in the world.

Of course in the Soviet school there is no "punishment" such as we know it. Who is going to punish whom? The children run their own school and make their own rules. If any child breaks these rules the children themselves decide what must be done. The children rule themselves and the teachers help them.

In the Soviet Union the Pioneers have a special job: they must become the centers of energy and activity in the school, they must lead the children in running the school, they must organize all kinds of affairs, demonstrations and celebrations. But above all they must fight against the remains of the old school system and methods that are still found in some places; they must help the Soviet state build up the country.

We Pioneers in the capitalist countries should be the first to begin the fight against the old school for a new school such as there is in the Soviet Union.

## What Do You Think of This Puzzle?



What are these Pioneers shouting and telling each other? Do you know? You can find out by putting together the words from the letters on the map of the Soviet Union. First take the letter to the extreme right; then take the letter next to the left; then take the letter after that to the left; and so on and you will get the answer.

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# A Page for Miners' Children

## FROM THE "HARD-COAL" REGION

By Nick Vratarich, Luzerne, Pa.

The section where I live is not in the striking area. Here is the hard-coal region (anthracite) and the miners are not on strike now. But our life is a hard one anyway even when our parents make some money. In the summer time when there is no school we poor children have to go to work on the farms. The poor children work 10 hours a day, from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. and are paid 75c. a day; that means only 7½c. an hour. The children who work are from 9 to 13 years of age.

The poor children have to go to work like this because their parents don't make enough money for the family. The company is always trying to cut down what it pays the workers and if the workers go on strike the company gets thugs and policemen and state militia to beat them up.

Just recently the father of four small children got crazy and jumped into the river. He was sick for several months and there was nothing to eat, no coal, no clothes, no rent. And the poor man couldn't see his children suffer so he ended his life but not the misery of his family.

Right now we must all help the children of the striking miners in the bituminous fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio and in Colorado. We miners' children know how hard it is for these children and we ask all workers' children in the U. S. A. to help them. Send relief!

## A Word to the Miners Children!

Brothers and sisters:

We know about the brave fight you are putting up to help your fathers beat the coal companies and the Coal and Iron police. Many of us Pioneers are the children of striking miners and we know how hard you are fighting to make the union win.

We know about the terrible conditions of the miners children. Our fathers don't get any pay. No food . . . no clothing . . . no place to live. We are put out of our homes but the dirty scabs are protected by the Coal and Iron police.

We, the Young Pioneers, are getting all the workers and farmers children of this country to help you because we know that the fight you are fighting is the fight of all the working people. We all of us have one enemy—the rich bosses. All workers children are brothers and sisters and should help each other.

Miners children! Don't you think it's strange that we are starving and freezing while Coolidge and all the newspapers talk about the wonderful "prosperity" in this country? The government is spending millions on new battleships and poison gas and such stuff but we starve.

We must demand that the government spend some money to feed strikers children! Of course the union should take care in how this money is distributed and spent!

Another thing. We are supposed to go to school — cold, hungry, and without any decent clothes. How can we learn anything if many of us are hardly strong enough to stand up in the class room?

We must demand that the school authorities give us free hot meals and some good clothing!

Miners children! These things we must fight for if we expect to get them. We have against us the coal companies and all the rich bosses in the country, the Coal and Iron police, the courts, the police, the whole government which takes the side of the bosses. But we have on our side millions of workers and farmers and working class children — and best of all — our courage and solidarity, our sticking-together.

Stick together—miners children! Fight to help your fathers win! Fight also for your own demands, for the government to give money to help us, for the schools to give us hot meals and decent clothing!

Stick together! The workers and farmers children of America are behind you.

YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA

## About Injunctions

By a Penows, Pa., Reader.

If you want to know on whose side the government is when the workers fight the company then you ought to find out about the "injunction."

Do you know what the injunction is? It's an order by a judge that the strikers mustn't do things to win their fight. They mustn't picket, they mustn't tell scabs how dirty they are, they mustn't breathe, maybe, and if they do these things they're arrested and punished by the judge.

I read about a little boy five years old who was arrested because he sang union songs and made faces at the scabs. That's what an injunction is.

On whose side is the government? I guess we know.

## About Child Labor and War

By Anna Bogovich, Versailles, Pa.

One day we had health study in our school. The teacher said that the parents make the poor children go to work. But I said the bosses make them go to work by giving the parents so little wages.

One day we had history about the Greeks and we read about how the king made the people go to war. The teacher said that there wasn't any such thing in our country. But I said: "Here the bosses make us go to war to do their fighting for them."

We have just moved out of a town where the Coal and Iron police (the coal bosses' police) were beating up the people with clubs.

## FROM THE STRIKE FIELD

### The Union Will Win!

By Doris Broggi, Gallatin, Pa.

The conditions in Gallatin are not very good. It isn't safe to walk in the road. Things are pretty quiet at school; only every once in a while the scab children get beaten up. The first two or three days at school we chased the scab children home; they were afraid to come back. The scab children's fathers go down the road with razors and hatchets in their hands.

The scabs have been doing shooting around here. If it wasn't for the coal and iron police coming and protecting the scabs they would be afraid to stay here. Every night the patrol takes the scabs home, about nine coal and iron police protecting them. The coal and iron police ride up and down to see if any one calls them scabs; if any one does they put him in the patrol wagon and take him to jail.

The union is going to win and when we do win it's going to be pretty bad for the scabs.

People that lived in the Pittsburgh Coal Company's houses for ever so many years have to get out and give them to the scabs. The scabs take the bread out of the mouths of poor little children. They take our fathers' jobs and our houses.

I don't think we people at Gallatin will have a good Christmas because our fathers are not working and the scabs are taking their jobs and bread and clothes.

### Never Pay Day

Liberty Lenzi, Gallatin, Pa.

There are many people in Gallatin who are starving to death and have no clothes to wear. The union gives us some old clothes that Columbus used to wear in 1492. People in Gallatin are making collections to help these strikers but nobody in Gallatin has any money now. I heard a scab woman say: "Oh, I don't go shopping until pay day!" But we strikers can never go shopping because it's never pay day for us.

### SOME REBEL SONGS

(Made up by the children of the striking miners.)

#### I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Scab

(Tune: I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier!)

I didn't raise my boy to be a black-leg,  
I didn't raise my boy to be a scab!  
Who dares to place a shovel on his shoulder  
To take the jobs the other fellows had.  
We left our old home towns and houses  
And gave them up to the yellow dogs.  
There would be no scabs today  
If mothers all would say:  
I didn't raise my boy to be a black-leg!

#### The Scabs Are Cowards

By Elizabeth M. Lenzi, Gallatin, Pa.

There was a woman in Sunny Side. She lived there 42 years and they sent her out of her house.

In school here things are pretty quiet. But it is not safe to walk upon the roads any more. The scabs carry around razors and hatchets and such things. The union people are not afraid. The scabs are cowards and they know they are wrong. That's why they carry around all their weapons. In the school there are the scab children. If they try to get smart we knock them down once in a while. There is nothing meaner than a low down scab or scab child. I'd rather eat dirt than be one of scabs.

I am a little union girl  
And not very fat.  
If any scabs come 'round the corner  
You'll get some of that!



Fight hard for your right!  
We'll win this fight!  
Our victory is bright!  
So hurrah-rah-rah!  
On, united miners,  
On to the fight!

Sit up, sit up! We're rocking your boat!  
The union girl has got your goat!

### SOME QUESTIONS

1. How can workers' children all over the country help the striking miners' children win their brave fight?
  2. What is an "injunction"?
  3. On whose side is the government in a fight between the bosses and the workers?
  4. What should the strikers' children demand of the government and the school authorities?
  5. Why don't the Russian workers have to have strikes?
- Who can answer these questions? You, miners' children, you ought to be able to answer them. Rush your answers to YOUNG COMRADE, 43 E. 125th St., New York City.

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## Here—And in Russia!

Here, in America, the "land of the free," tens of thousands of miners are on strike fighting the bosses for better conditions. The companies have the help of the government, the courts, the police, the militia, in fighting the workers. The workers find that the "government of, by, and for the people" arrests them, puts them in prison, shoots them for daring to fight the bosses.

In Soviet Russia the workers don't have to strike. They own and run the factories and mines and whenever they can they give themselves shorter hours, more wages, better conditions. The government always obeys the workers and helps them.

Why this difference?

Because:

In America—the factories and mines and land are owned by the rich and the workers are slaves. The government is the servant of the rich bosses.

In Soviet Russia—the factories and mines and land belong to the workers and farmers. The government is a workers' and farmers' government and worked for the benefit of the workers and farmers.

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