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CABLEGRAM FROM SOVIET PIONEERS

MOSCOW, APRIL 22, 1929.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMING SOVIET UNION PIONEERS CONVENTION WHICH WILL MEET NEXT AUGUST THE PIONEER ORGANIZATION OF SOVIET UNION INVITES AMERICAN WORKERS CHILDREN DELEGATION OF FIVE MEMBERS
PRESIDENT PIONEER BUREAU SOVIET

LET'S SPEED OUR DELEGATION!

During this summer the Boy Scouts are holding an International Jamboree in England. From all over the world Boy Scouts will be sent to England. From America 1500 Boy Scouts are being sent. What is the meaning of this jamboree?

This Jamboree is a means of strengthening the Boy Scout Organizations thruout the world. This Jamboree is an additional means in the hands of the bosses of all countries of increasing the already rapid militarization of the children. This Jamboree is a means in the hands of the bosses for preparing the workers children for the attack they are planning on the Soviet Union.

The Young Pioneers propose an answer to the Jamboree. We propose as our answer the sending of a Children's Delegation on behalf of the workers children thruout America to pledge to defend the Soviet Union in case of capitalist attack.

We propose to send a children's delegation to the Soviet Union that will represent the Negro children, the exploited child workers, the children of the textile workers and miners. We must pledge our international solidarity to the only workers' republic—the Soviet Union which is the fatherland of all workers' children, of all exploited workers thruout the world.

Will there be anything said at the Jamboree about the miserable conditions of the workers' children, about child labor, about the low wages and terrible slavery of the workers, about the rotten school conditions, about the starvation and misery of millions and millions of children of unemployed and locked out wor-

kers? Of course not. The Jamboree is meant to turn the attention of the workers' children away from these things. The Jamboree is meant to glorify the whole capitalist system.

Our delegation to the Soviet Union will go to a land, where the workers' children are cared for first and foremost by the government. The Soviet Union is the only country in the world where child labor is completely abolished, where there is no child misery. When this delegation comes back to America, it will tell all the workers children throughout the country the truth of how the workers and the workers' children live. They will tell the truth of how the bosses are preparing to attack the Soviet Union. It will be an additional weapon in the hands of the American working class to win over the children of the workers for the side of the workers and for the Soviet Union.

Comrades, you know we have no thousands of dollars given us by rich bosses to send large delegations to the Soviet Union. The workers and the children themselves must raise the money. The bosses are opposed to our delegation and the only way to have a delegation is by complete and wholehearted support of the workers' children themselves.

Are you for the Soviet Union?

Are you against the Boy Scout Jamboree?

Are you for the workers' children's delegation to the Soviet Union?

Then get into the drive to raise money!

Send your money to the

YOUNG PIONEER
43 E. 125th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

FIGHT BOSSES MILITARIZATION

PIONEERS ACTIVE IN ANTI-BOY SCOUT CAMPAIGNS

During the week of February 8th to 14th the Pioneers carried on a campaign against the Boy Scouts showing up their real anti-working class character. The



Pioneers proved to thousands of Boy Scouts and workers' children everywhere that the Boy Scouts are nothing but a tool in the hands of the bosses to prepare good willing slaves for the bosses' wars.

Leaflets were issued all over the country. 25,000 leaflets were printed and in addition to that, many thousands of leaflets were mimeographed. Wherever the leaflets were distributed, they met with a good response from workers' children.

In Superior, 4 comrades were arrested for the leaflet distribution. In many school the teachers started all kinds of investigation campaigns to find out who were these "Terrible Pioneers" who dared to tell the truth to workers' children about the Boy Scouts.

Good work was also carried on in the Chicago District. In St. Louis, the Pioneers put out an anti-scout leaflet inside of a valentine leaflet and distributed it to

FIGHT CADETS

One of the most important plans of the bosses in preparing for a new imperialist war, is the establishing of childrens' militarist organizations, such as the Cadets. The Cadets is an organization of high school students training them in the highest military knowledge, such as rifle practice. In the Cadets the students drill for long periods twice a week to make the bosses feel secure in the next war.

The Cadets are not only instructed in rifle practice, but part of the military training is the mental preparation for war.

We have training in different kinds of "war games". In these competitions the Cadets are taught the correct moves when attacked by an army, when attacking, etc.

These things are used to attract the students for the Cadets and those who do not join are discriminated in many ways in school.

Comrades, a very important part of our work against the capitalist preparations for war, is the fight against the Cadets and in such militarist organizations. Some of our Pioneers have joined this organization so that we can break the mup within. At the same time we are carrying on our work against them from the outside.

CHARLES S. WASHINGTON

all their school friends. The whole capitalist press was up in arms against the Pioneers for sending out such valentines. Meetings were held all over the country. Many boy scouts came to these meetings, but they are particularly important because many workers' children for the first time learned the truth about who the Boy Scouts really are.

Comrades, this is only the beginning. We must understand that the bosses will do their best in this period, when they are preparing for another war, to build such organizations as the boy scouts. Our job is to smash the Boy Scout organizations and to win over the workers' children in the Boy Scouts for the Pioneer movement.



CHILD LABOR



CHILD WORKER KILLS HIMSELF

Finding the burden of supporting a family of five too much for him, Paul Bartesh a 14 year old Chicago workers' child, shot and killed himself.

His father, probably tired of slaving day in and day out and not making enough to keep his family going and pay all his bills, left five months ago and cannot be found. Paul being the oldest child worked nights in a neighborhood drug store in an effort to make enough for his mother, brothers and sisters to eat.

But working nights made him dull and drowsy in his classes at the Lane Technical High School which he attended and he didn't get a chance to do his homework. Trying to catch up in his school work, he got another child laborer to take his place for a few minutes while he did his homework. This other boy quit. Paul went home in seemingly low spirits. A few minutes later he died in the Chicago General Hospital where his mother had carried him after he shot himself.

Who is to blame for the death of this child worker? The blame lies with the bosses and their whole rotten system which forces children to slave away their young lives.

FROM NEWSBOY TO CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT 3 PIONEER CONVENTION

(This comrade is a newsboy himself and he was chairman of the Pioneer Convention held in Philadelphia. This just goes to prove that the place for workers' children is the Young Pioneers of America).

In Philadelphia we find that child labor is as bad as in many other places and even worse. We find children under 16 working at the magnificent wages of \$6.00 to \$12.00 a week. They work from 10 to 13 hours a day. We find that many Negro children work and are treated even worse than the white children. There are a great many children working on



CHILD HEALTH IN SOVIET UNION
(Note Lenin picture on mug)

the streets selling newspapers, shining shoes, etc.

The paper boys are the most miserable of all. They are forced to work in bad weather and are always getting sick. More than half of the child workers on the streets are paper boys.

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★ ON THE SPORT FIELD. ★

Well, it's all over now. Billy Stribling and Jack Sharkey hugged and love-tapped each other around for thirty minutes before a crowd of about 40,000 people, most of them being swell sassiety ladies and professional gamblers. The whole fight

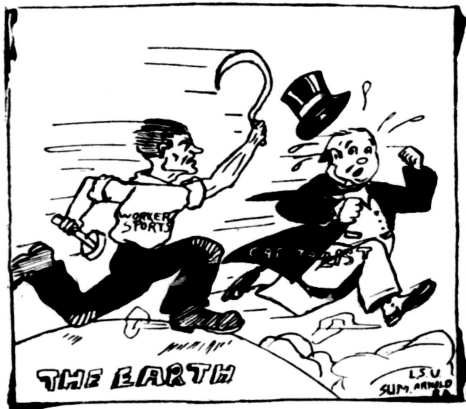
children on the picket lines with their fathers and mothers got a taste of this too. And every workers' child that was there felt determined that he or she was going to learn how to fight better, so that he or she would be able to be a real fighter for the workingclass.

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Many workers children now certainly realize the necessity for a Children's Section of the Labor Sports Union, if they never did before. Yes now many workers' children want to learn to be better fighters so that they can put over that Big Left to the chin of the bosses and knock them so far that they'll never come back. And an organization where thousands of workers children can learn to fight—in more than one way—is the Children's Section of the Labor Sports Union!

The Junior Section of the Labor Sports Union has issued a call to all workers' children to form baseball leagues. Once we are started, you just watch us sock that ball. And what's more, we are really going to get many children drawn into the Junior Section of the L. S. U.

Workers' children! Build the Children's Section of the Labor Sports Union! Become better fighters for the working-class!



was crooked from beginning to end. Everything was "fixed" before the first gong sounded. The gamblers had that match in their hands, just as they have every professional sports affair.

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And in the meanwhile the real slugs of the bosses, the cops, were busy trying to break up the picket lines of New York dress workers. Many workers'

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

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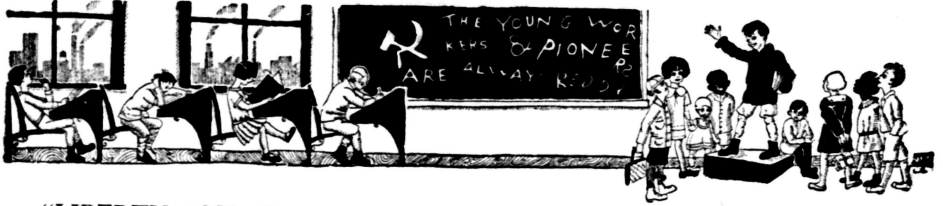
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of April 1929.

(Seal)

MAX KITZES.

(My commission expires March 30, 1930.)



"LIBERTY AND JUSTICE"

Minersville, Pa.

Dear Comrades:

In our class there are 37 pupils and 4 teachers. In our school the teachers often beat up the children if they come in late. She makes them go home for an excuse. If we make a mistake, she makes us stay after school. She makes us say the Pledge and we have to stand like soldiers. I do not believe that there is justice and liberty for all and it is not true, because there is only justice and liberty for the rich people. The workers are thrown into prison and get low wages.

We are organizing in the school and we are going to put on a real fight and get lots of Pioneers.

MARY SH
9 years old

WASSON, ILLINOIS SCHOOL PAPER

Dear Comrades:

We sure did distribute those school bulletins on the school grounds. All the kids were hollering, "Give me one! Give me one of them." One of the teachers came up and popped her fist in my face. I told her that the paper was issued by the Pioneers in Wasson and I don't care what they do to me. She said that if we want things fixed up in the school, that the Pioneers do it themselves and if we didn't stay away, she was going to have us arrested. I said, I wasn't afraid of being arrested and I said it will do the kids a lot of good to read these papers.

The next day I met a little girl and she said they were raising Hell in school about the papers. I said, "Let them. It will do all the kids a lot of good." I guess we are going to get a big bunch of Pioneers into the Group now.

LILLY G.

TRUANT OFFICERS CANNOT SCARE PIONEERS OFF THE PICKET LINE

During the dressmakers strike in New York City for higher wages and shorter hours and against the sweat-shop system, the Pioneers were real active on the picket line.

The Pioneers sang and cheered on the picket line and cheered up all the workers. So the bosses thought they would get out the Truant Officers to chase off our comrades from the line. They arrested a bunch of Pioneers and they were taken into the Board of Education and were told to appear again in court.

The capitalist papers wrote that the Pioneers ought to be in school instead of leading "mobs" of workers on the picket line. We Pioneers thought that our job is to help with the struggle of the workers.

Two Pioneers received suspended sentences. Two Pioneers got probation cards for one month. Harry Eisman was put on probation for four months and was told that he would be deported if he wouldn't keep off the line. Comrade Eisman told them that the Pioneers were not being tried for being absent from school. They were being tried because they were fighting side by side with the workers. The Pioneers of New York are proving themselves to be "Always Ready in the Cause of the Working Class."



:: The Paris Commune ::

By M. H.

ON the 18th of March, 1871, the workers of Paris seized power, and for the first time in history established a real workers government. The cry "*Long Live the Commune*" rang thruout the whole capitalist world!

A year before that, in July, France under Napoleon III, declared a war against Prussia. The only people that voted against the war credits in the German Government were Wilhelm Liebknecht (father of Karl) and August Bebel the leaders of the workers.

On the second of September, Napoleon handed over his sword to the king of Prussia. The French army was surrounded by 20,000 Germans. France had lost the war.

When the news reached Paris, the workers, thousands strong, marched to the Chamber of Deputies and shouted "*Long live the Republic!*" This was not a workers' government, it was a government for the interests of the capitalists of France, and its leaders were Jules Favre and Thiers. These immediately tried to blind the workers by saying "We will not cede an inch of our territory nor a stone of our fortresses". But behind the backs of the workers, they were planning a treaty with the Prussians—so as to put an end to the National Guard, and to the rebellious workers of Paris.

But the workers of Paris were not so easily fooled. They saw that Thiers' government would oppress them just as much as had the government of Napoleon's Empire. They refused to disband the National Guard. On the 10th of March, the coward, Thiers, and his government fled from Paris, and set up their government in Versailles. Paris was left without a government.

Paris was an armed camp of the workers! On the 18th of March when the Commune was declared, the troops of Thiers tried to seize the cannon of the National Guard, the army made

up of the workers of Paris. The order was given to fire on the crowd of workers, women and children. But the soldiers refused! Instead they went over to the side of the workers.

As soon as the Commune was established, the workers of Paris started building a new order of things. All the officials in the government were workers, and none received wages any higher than workers in the shops. Education was made free for all workers children. The priests were not allowed to preach religion, because the Commune knew that the church was against the rule of the workers. No one could eat who did not work! Just like the workers in Russia, the Paris workers did away with the system where a few capitalists live on the toil of others.

But the Commune had many weaknesses. At that time there was no strong party to lead the workers in holding the power they had won. There was no Bolshevik Party like in Russia. The Paris Commune allowed the Capitalists to print their newspapers. They did not disarm the capitalists, and allowed them to carry on their work in Versailles. The Paris workers did not know how to get the poor farmers to unite with them to keep the power which was for the interests of all the toilers.

The Paris Commune had a short life. Outside of Paris, Thiers was organizing his forces to capture Paris. In May the bosses started their bloody revenge. Thousands and thousands of women and men fell at the barricades. The workers' children of Paris fought with their parents to save the Commune. They, too, were slaughtered. Many of the workers were buried alive!

But the Paris Commune was not defeated—not even on May 28th when the Parisian capitalists seized power again. What the Parisian workers

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TEXTILE STRIKERS MUST WIN!



HOUSANDS of workers pouring out of the mills! Striking! This is their protest to the 70 hour week, to the \$8.00 to \$10.00 wages per week.

The textile bosses of the North have been moving down South with the hope that they would get American workers to work for them at endlessly long hours. They thought they could get children from 10 years up to slave in the mills, women to work nights. They thought that these American workers would let themselves be exploited without fighting back, without organizing into a union, without striking. They thought only the foreign workers in the North are "REDS" who got out on strike.

But in the beginning of April the workers of the South proved that they are not the willing, tame, docile slaves that the bosses hoped they would be. The workers of the South are in a fighting mood. They will abolish the 72 hour a week. They are fighting for more pay, so that they and their children can live like human beings. They are fighting against the vicious "stretchout" system which makes the workers tend as many as 114 machines at a time for the same pay or less, as when they operated 24 machines or less.

There is nothing that the bosses are not trying to do in order to break the strike. First they tried to spread all kinds of vicious lies about the National Textile Workers Union that is leading the strike and against our comrades in the struggle. They call it a strike directed from Moscow. They warn the workers against the "terrible "Reds". They try to frame the leaders. They do everything they could to hide the real issues in the strike, to fool the workers, to play on the prejudices of the most backward workers. When all this failed they use their next weapon. They are throwing the workers out of the company houses which are owned by the textile companies also. Now they are using the next means. They are throwing our comrades into jail. Bands of armed thugs broke up the Union headquarters and the Relief Store.

Government Orders Out Troopers

Wherever workers go on strike, on what side do you find the government? The answer came in the Southern Strikes with very great speed. Immediately the state troopers were ordered out on strike duty. Immediately the National Guard was ordered out to shoot down and to bayonet the men, women and children on the picket line. It is clear where the Government stands. The Government stands with the bosses, against the strikers. The Government stands for slavery for the workers,



"Don't take our Bread away!" "Don't scab on us"—Fellow worker!

LORAY WORKERS

By Christene Patton, a Loray Striker.

We work from week end to week end and never lost a day.
But when that awful pay comes, we draw our little pay.
Then we go home on pay day and sit down in our chairs.
The merchant raps upon the door, he's come to get his share.
When all our little debts are paid and nothing left behind,
We turn our pockets wrong side out, and not one cent we find.
We get up early in the morning we work all day real hard,
To buy our little meat and bread, sugar, tea and lard.
Our children they grow up, and have no time to go to school,
Almost before they learn to read, they learn to spin and spool.

misery and starvation for the workers' children. The Government stands for child labor. The Government is the tool of the bosses against the workers!

To You Strikers' Children

In Passaic, in New Bedford, in the mining strike, in the strike of the Needle Trades Workers, the strikers' children have proven where they stand and what they can do. Side by side with their parents the little children fought the scabs, spread the truth about the strike, pepped up the strikers, gave them courage to fight on.

No doubt the teachers in your school (those miserable, rotten schools which they have for the workers' children) are spreading lies about the strike, lies about the National Textile Workers Union and about its leaders. But strikers' children, you know the truth. This strike is your strike. To win the strike, means higher wages for your parents and less hours. To win the strike means that you will not have to go to slave in the mills at so young an age. You must help win this fight! On the picket line! Fight the scabs! Fight the lies of the teachers! Build strikers' children's clubs of the new union, where you will be able to organize just as your parents do and help them in the strike.

Strikers Children: We call upon you to join the Young Pioneers, an organization of workers' children all over the country. The Young Pioneers is that organization of workers children which fights for better conditions for the workers' children all the time, which fights against child labor, which fights against the bosses' government, which fights for a workers and farmers government, just like they have in Soviet Russia.

Join the Young Pioneers! Read our paper, the Young Pioneer. Spread it among all the workers children. It's the only children's paper that tells the truth about your struggle. It wants to see you win this strike.





Rush Relief!

The childrens' section of the WIR has again begun to work. They issued meal tickets in connection with this. They are organizing the workers' children all over the country to raise money for the children in the Southern Textile. The children's section of the W. I. R. is putting into life again the slogan, "Solidarity. Not Bosses' Charity."

Workers' children on which side do you stand? Are you for the 72 hour week, for the \$10.00 a week pay, for the "Stretch-Out" system and their ruthless slave driving? Are you for the Government which sends State Troopers and National Guardsmen to shoot down the workers.

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are you for a living wage and human conditions in the mills? Are you for the abolition of child labor? Are you for the abolition of child labor? Are you for the right of the workers to organize into unions?

You can give your answer in one way. You must get into this drive

for relief, back up the strikers. Every penny you raise will be bread and milk for the strikers' children.

DON'T WAIT!— DON'T DELAY
Rush Relief immediately to:
CHILDREN'S SECTION OF W.I.R.
1 UNION SQUARE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

THE PARIS COMMUNE

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had begun in 1871, the Russian workers carried out victoriously, in 1917.

The children of the Paris Commune were the first real Pioneers. They set an example to all militant workers' children who fight to free the workers in their land!

At this time, the bosses are preparing for a war against the Workers' fatherland, the Soviet Union. We must follow the example of the Parisian Pioneers in 1871. **WE MUST STAND READY TO DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION!**

Remember the Paris Commune!
DEFEND WORKERS' RUSSIA!



Rush Relief!

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PIONEER LIFE

COMMUNIST YOUTH HOLD FIFTH CONVENTION

On April 27th, 1929 there will open in New York the Fifth National Convention of the YOUNG WORKERS' (COMMUNIST) LEAGUE. This Convention concerns us workers' children and Young Pioneers very much, because the YWCL is that organization of young workers which organizes us children. The YWCL is the big brother of the Pioneers. They give us leaders for our groups, they help us organize, they help lead our movement in its fight for better conditions for workers children, for a workers' and farmers' government. And when we grow older and become young workers, we take our place in the ranks of the YWCL.

The Convention will consider as the most important question before the young workers in America, the problem of how to mobilize and win over the American youth in the struggle against the coming war which the bosses are preparing. The Convention will also take up how the YWCL can become a mass organization reaching out to broad masses of young workers in the shops, in the mills, in the mines.

Because the Young Workers' League organizes the children, it will also take up the question of how to improve the work in the Pioneer movement. In the last year or so, we have gained a good many new members. The Pioneer movement has learned how to carry on work among the strikers' children. It has begun work against the Boy Scouts. But it is still a weak movement. We have still got to make a real beginning in winning over the workers' children to the side of the working class and to make them realize the nearness of the coming war. In order to best consider ways and means of bettering our movement, of deepening its roots among the workers' children and among the child workers, in particular, there will be a conference of Pioneer Directors from every part of the country.

In the next issue of the Young Pioneer, we will report what decisions this conference has made. We will send out

to all units a report on what are the tasks for the coming period.

The Pioneers send their comradely greetings to the Fifth Convention of the YWCL.

Forward to a Mass Communist Youth League in America!

Forward to a Mass Pioneer movement!

PHILA. PIONEER CONVENTION

On February the 23rd and 24th, the Third District Convention of the Philadelphia Pioneers was held. There were delegates present from the Anthracite Coal Region, from Washington, Baltimore, Trenton and Philadelphia. Many things were discussed and the activities of the Pioneers in the coal regions were reviewed. But first of all, it was emphasized that the Pioneers must fight with all their might against the coming imperialist war. We have got to fight against all militarist, patriotic and religious organizations which dope the minds of the workers' children against the working class. It is especially necessary for the Pioneers to get child workers into their ranks because they are the most exploited part of the working class.

We Pioneers went on record in favor of the delegation to the Soviet Union. We want to show to the whole world and to the workers' children in America in particular, that we are going to stand by the Soviet Union in case of an attack against it by the bosses. That's why we want the delegation and of course what got most applause, was a motion for a National Pioneer Convention.

It was a fine convention and we were all in good shape to go ahead and really build a mass Pioneer movement.





NEW YORK PIONEER TRAINING SCHOOL

APPROACHING OF MAY
By Mildred Gains

"A Pioneer is always trying to learn. Knowledge is power in the struggle of the working class." The Pioneers of New York and New Jersey are trying their best to carry out this **Pioneer Rule**.

During the Easter vacation, 125 comrades, many of these workers' children from the textile mills of New Jersey took part in the Pioneer training school of the District.

The Pioneer Organization, the tasks of the Pioneers, a course in American History, and the A B C of Communism, were some of the subjects discussed. A trip was made by the whole school to study the conditions of the workers and the workers' children in the slums of the East side of New York City.

All the Pioneers returned to their groups, better equipped to carry on work in organizing a fighting, mass workers' children's organizations in the U. S.

When winter is vanquished and conquered,

When blackness gives way to the light,
When hope supplants fear as the ruler,
And sleeping hordes wake to their might,

The masters then shiver in terror,
They fear the approaching of May,
For workers then show their great numbers,

Their songs and their challenges say,
"You kept us too long from the spring-time,

Too long we have slaved for your gain;
You murdered our children in gold lust,
The best of our youth you have slain.

"Too long we have bowed to you meekly,
Too long you have reaped what we've sown.

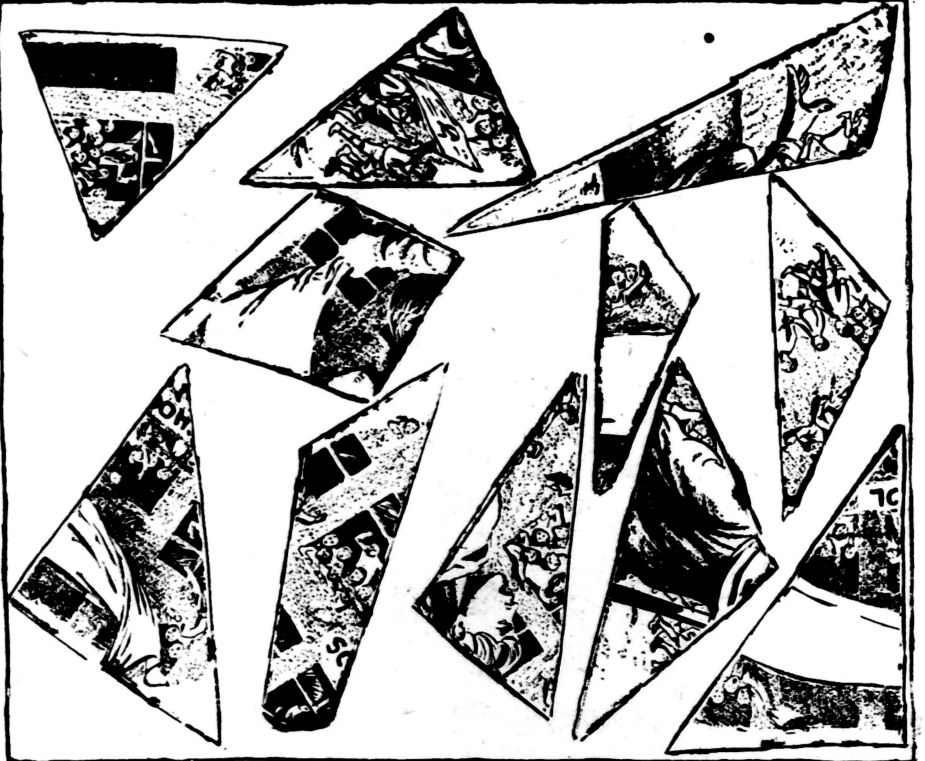
Be warned for the day is approaching
When the workers shall claim all their own."



NEW YORK PIONEER TRAINING SCHOOL

APPROACHING OF MAY
By Mildred Gaims

PIONEER PUZZLE PAGE



When put together the picture shows what workers' children should do on the First of May. Send in the puzzle pasted together on plain paper with your idea for a good title for the picture of not more than ten words. We will send a prize for all correct answers.
YOUNG PIONEER—43 East 125th Street, New York City.

If you put the puzzle paster in the last issue together you found a big fat capitalist gobbling up a child worker.

The jumble puzzle read: *Lenin said "Organize the Children"*.

JOHNNY RED

This is little Johnny Red,
 Did you hear what Johnny said?
 Johnny is never tired of telling,
 Asking, talking, shouting, yelling
 To the children he may meet,
 In the school and on the street,
Out of school the first of May.
This is the workers' fighting day.

San Antonio, Texas.

The Young Pioneer,
 43 East 125 Street,
 New York City, N. Y.

Dear Comrade:

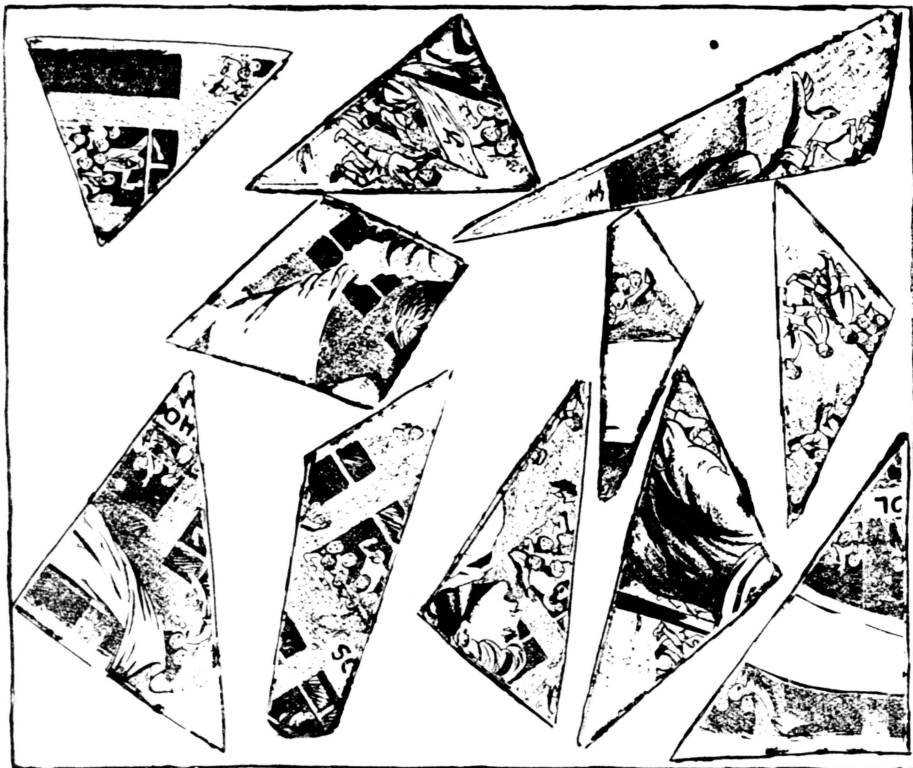
Enclosed you will find a check for \$5 For the collection stamps \$4.50 and 50 cents for a sub to the Young Pioneer. I think that changing the name of the Young Comrade to Young Pioneer is very good.

I am very proud that I got that pin for solving the puzzle in the November issue of the Young Comrade and I wear it to school and show it to all my friends.

Your Comrade,
ELSIE SUNSHINE



PIONEER PUZZLE PAGE



When put together the picture shows what workers' children should do on the First of May. Send in the puzzle pasted together on plain paper with your idea for a good title for the picture of not more than ten words. We will send a prize for all correct answers.
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Curious as to the solution of this jig-saw puzzle, I scanned the microfilm of this issue of Young Pioneer at 600 dpi single bit black and white using a ScanPro 3000 21st century microfilm scanner. I then printed the puzzle out using a 1200 DPI HP 1320 laser printer. I then meticulously cut out the pieces, and solved the puzzle. Then with the help of some 21st century “glue-stick”, I preserved the solution. Finally, I placed that solution on a printout of this text, and then scanned it at 1200 dpi single bit BW on an Epson GT 20000 flat bed commercial grade document scanner. And so, via the use of a \$12,000 microfilm scanner, a \$200 laser printer, and a \$1200 flat bed scanner, plus assorted desktop computers and monitors, I bring to you via 21st century digital technology the solution which I arrived at using the same means (a scissors and paper) that the children who originally read Young Pioneer used to arrive at a solution three quarters of a century ago.

---marty (Martin H. Goodman MD, director, Riazanov Library projects)
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Bill Haywood's Book

(THIS SECTION OF BILL HAYWOOD'S BOOK DEALS WITH THE CHILDREN IN THE PATERSON STRIKE)

AT a strike meeting one day at Haledon it was raining. I spoke to a great audience which stood sheltered under umbrellas. When I asked the strikers to indicate their feeling by raising their right hand, up went that multitude of umbrellas. It looked as if the earth itself were rising up through the mist of the rain. There were many meetings of the strikers' children. One big meeting was held in Turn Hall to discuss the school strike. While the children were framing their demands one little lad sang out: "No home work, Bill. Put that in."

These children got together, organized a strike committee, appointed their speakers, elected a treasurer and collected money to be used for their needy members.

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TO these children and to others throughout the United States I used to tell a story about "Kid's Town." I did not know then that I would see a kid's town in real life or a children's home conducted by themselves as I have seen in Russia. The story I told was about a city where the people were all children. There were no grown-ups to keep telling them: Don't, don't, don't." I told the children that the world is young and ever-changing, explaining to them the elemental forces continuously at work, the glaciers ever moving, the effects of earthquakes, volcanoes and cloudbursts, the erosion of the earth's surface and the reaction of heat and frost. That these great things, with the assistance of microbic life, were always making new out of the old. This is true of everything on the earth. I told them that the hardest thing to change is the minds of old people, and some people become old while young in years. It is they who make the world seem old. It is they who fasten on the people besotted governments, bigoted religions and frightful diseases. Generation after generation they precipitate disastrous wars. All of these terrible things the old give as a heritage to the children of the world.

The story about "Kid's Town" to me grew bigger and more interesting every time I told it because the children with their bright keen imaginations lent many original and attractive ideas. Their young minds could readily grasp the advantages of communal life. But quite as important were the things they did not want in their city. No boy would think of being a policeman and soldiers wouldn't be needed. They were not going to fight with other children. They thought they could get along without prisons or banks, and none of them said anything about churches.

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THE children of Paterson knew who made the tools and machinery, who built the houses, who grew all the foodstuffs, who made all the clothes, and they knew, too, who enjoyed the use of all these things produced by the working class. And they would answer contemptuously, when asked: "Why, the bosses!"

One thing of interest was that the children everywhere wanted cities as close to nature as possible. They expressed their love of the green grass, the flowers, trees and singing birds. Often they made the suggestion that instead of common shade trees that the trees of their city should answer the double purpose of shade and good things to eat—fruit and nut trees. Instead of hedges of briary bramble they would have berry bushes.

OUT OF SCHOOL ON THE FIRST OF MAY

Comrades, workers children! May Day is drawing near.

May Day is the day when the workers in all lands lay down their tools and demonstrate against the miserable conditions under which they are forced to slave in the factories, mills and mines. May Day is the true Labor Day, the world over. May Day is the day of International workers' solidarity.

May Day was born out of the struggles of the American workers. About 40 years ago there were great movements among the American workers for the 8 hour day. The movements grew stronger and stronger, until in 1886 it was decided to have a big general strike on the first of May as a demonstration for the 8 hour day. In 1889, the workers in other countries accepted the first of May as their revolutionary holiday. Today wherever there are oppressed workers, May Day is celebrated as a day of protest. May Day is the American workers' holiday that has become the holiday of the workers of the world.

MAY DAY—1929

What does May Day this year in particular mean to the working class, to the workers' children? Throughout the country, we find that the workers are growing more ready to struggle against the bosses, to improve their conditions. In particular the textile strike that is now going on in the South, shows the revolt of the most terribly exploited section of the American workers.

May Day must be the day when the workers' children voice their demand for putting an end to child labor, for the improvement of the conditions of the working class as a whole and of the workers' children, for the victory of the Southern Textile strikers and all striking workers!

WAR IS COMING!

May Day 1929 finds the American bosses feverishly preparing for a new slaughter of the workers in order to enrich themselves. We find that the bosses are especially building up childrens' militarist organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and the like for the new war.

May Day must be a day of struggle against the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and all forms of militarist and patriotic teachings in the schools—a day of struggle against the danger of a new war.

FOR A CHILDREN'S DELEGATION TO THE SOVIET UNION

The capitalist countries and the United States in particular hate the Soviet Union, because the workers and farmers run the government there. They are planning to attack the Soviet Union, to smash the Soviet Union. Our answer must be clear: **To the Defense of the Soviet Union!** Send a workers' childrens delegation that will bring the message of solidarity of the children of America to the workers' children in Russia.

OUT OF SCHOOL ON MAY DAY

Workers Children! We must lay down our tools—our pencils and books. We must leave the school!

Workers' Children! Don't scab on May Day, by going to school! Show your solidarity with the entire working class! Together let us all fight against child labor, against child misery, against the bosses' preparations for war, for better living conditions for the workers and workers' children, for the defense of the Soviet Union, for a Workers' and Farmers' Government in the U. S. And on May Day we call upon you to join our ranks—**Join the Young Pioneers of America!**

YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA.