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"Merry Christmas!" --- For Whom?

By PAUL PASSENTI, School 12, Passaic, N. J.

I AM a boy only thirteen years of age. My parents are on strike for eight and one-half months. I am very interested in the strike. During the strike I was put in jail three times. You know all the hard tasks you have to go thru in time of a strike.

Last week I was put in jail on account of calling the people "scab" names because they go to work while our parents are on strike. When I was in jail the cossacks would come by me and try to scare me by saying such words as: "Get the rubber hose!" "Put him in the rat cellar!" and other things like that.

They didn't scare us and as soon as I got out from jail I went after the scabs again asking them to stay out and the union will win.

Chinese Revolution Winning

If you read the papers nowadays, you will see that the people's government and the people's army in China are having great victories and triumphs. What's it all about?

Well, you see the Chinese people have for a long time been practically the slaves of the great big powers of the world, like England, Japan and America. The capitalists of these big countries own the factories and mines and oil wells in China and make the Chinese workers toil like slaves for them. They even make the tiny little children, sometimes even four or five year old children, work to make profits for the foreign capitalists.

But soon many Chinese began to wake up and to see how they were slaves of the foreign capitalists. So they started a revolutionary movement to kick these foreign capitalists out of China and make China belong to the people. This fight against foreign imperialism (that's what the tyranny of the foreign capitalists is called) began long ago but when the Russian revolution came the Chinese masses could see how the Russian workers freed themselves and so they knew how to fight.

The foreign capitalists got certain traitorous Chinese generals—just like bosses get scabs and strikebreakers—to fight for them. These generals collected an army of bandits and started down to crush the people.

But the revolutionary people organized their people's party (Kumintang) and their people's army (Kuomintang) to fight for their freedom. The revolutionary workers organized in the Communist Party of China support and fight with the people's party and the people's army.

The Chinese people are having great success in freeing themselves. And

just because the American bosses are the worst oppressors of China, just for that reason the American workers and workers' children must support the Chinese people in their fight for freedom.

Merry Christmas—the season of good cheer, joy, and happiness! That's what we hear everywhere these days—in school, in church, know. For the RICH CHILDREN for whom Christmas means a happy in the newspapers.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"—FOR WHOM? That's what we'd like to know. For the RICH children for whom Christmas is a holiday, a fine time, good foods, lots of fun, and many splendid presents; or for the POOR CHILDREN for whom Christmas means a few days, when instead of going to school, they have to go to work in the factories, shops, and department stores because of the Christmas rush?

For whom is Christmas a season of "good cheer, happiness, and joy?" For the RICH CHILDREN in nice warm houses receiving lots of beautiful presents; or for the POOR CHILDREN, cold, hungry, and lucky if they've got something to eat?

Or NEW YEAR'S! For whom is New Year's a time of happiness and joy? For the RICH CHILDREN for whom the New Year means a new year of gladness and good things; or for the POOR CHILDREN for whom the New Year means another year of poverty, hunger and hard work?

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"—"HAPPY NEW YEAR"—for WHOM? For the RICH or for the POOR? That's what we'd like to know!

"Merry Christmas"



Who is "merry" at Christmas time? The RICH boy whose father (he is a boss) has just bought him lots of presents or the POOR boy (whose father is a worker) who has to stand shivering in the cold streets selling things to the rich people so as to have something to eat? Ask your teacher this question when she begins telling a lot of bunk about "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year."

ABOUT THE PIONEERS

By Herbert Righthand, Nek York Pioneer.

I LIVE in Staten Island. I did not know anything about the Pioneers until my cousin told me. After that I wished I could belong to the Pioneers. My cousin at last coaxed my mother to let me go to the Brownsville Pioneers.

Before I went there I thought the Pioneers were ruled by teachers just like in school, but when I came there I saw that the Pioneers did everything for themselves. They do not need some one older to run the meetings for them. They just have a leader who does not teach but is their companion. The Pioneers' Club is not a dead organization. It is full of life and is always trying to improve the conditions of the workers' children.

The Pioneers are better than the Boy Scouts because the Pioneers are not ruled by an outside discipline like the Boy Scouts but the Pioneers rule themselves. The Boy Scouts also are for the rich people. On the other hand, the Pioneers strike and fight for the

workers' right and for the rights of the children. The Pioneers conduct their meetings just like their parents who are workers, conduct their meetings. The Pioneers also have all kinds of games and sports.

I am glad that I joined the Pioneers and I will try my best to fight with the Pioneers to help the workers and the workers' children to get their rights.

THOUSANDS of children will learn this year that all this talk about "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" is nothing but a fake and an insult to the poor children of this country. Is Christmas very "merry" to the thousands of Passaic strikers and their children who have been forced to fight bitterly against starvation, to bosses, and the police for almost a year because the rich mill owners don't even want to give the workers enough to live on?

Young Pioneer Campaign Against Christmas.

The Young Pioneers of America and all real workers' children are going to fight against this Christmas bunk that's being spilled all over this year. In school we're going to ask the teachers for whom is Christmas "merry" and the New Year "happy" and why? The Pioneers and the other real live workingclass children are going to refuse to take part in all the Christmas celebrations in the schools because they are intended to fool the children and make them believe that Christmas means something to them. The Pioneers are going to call upon all children to fight against these fake Christmas affairs and to come to big anti-Christmas parties that are being arranged everywhere in the country at which all children will have a good time and will learn the truth about Christmas and New Year's.

Fight Bosses' Charity.

The Pioneers are also going to fight against the charity of the bosses that everybody hears so much about around Christmas time. The rich bosses think that by giving the poor some good things for Christmas they'll make the poor forget their troubles and remain good slaves. We want to know: Where did the rich people get their money out of which to give charity to (Continued on page 2)

We and the Rich

By IRMA WAILIN

Red Star Pioneer Group, Chicago

IS Christmas the same for the workers as for the bosses? No! The rich have big parties and invite all their rich friends to their beautiful homes. They eat and drink, dance, and have a very enjoyable time. They also get plenty of fine presents. The poor get no presents or worthless ones; the rich get fur coats, automobiles, and other costly things.

But the workers do not have a nice thing like the bosses do. Most of the poor people do not get any presents at all. Many poor children have to go to work during Christmas time to help make a living.

The workers make all the things but the bosses have them. That's why the workers and the bosses have different kinds of Christmases. The workers and workers' children must fight for all they make and nothing for the bosses who make nothing.

WHILE the rich people roll in wealth and spend millions for useless Christmas presents, the letter below from a little Chicago comrade shows what the poor people are up against. When you remember that the rich are enjoying the good things that really belong to the workers because the workers made them all, doesn't it make your blood boil? Here is the letter from the Chicago comrade:

December 1, 1926.

Young Comrade.

Dear Comrades:

I am very sorry I cannot order any more papers from you or The DAILY WORKER because my father isn't working and can hardly support us on a living and I am very sorry I cannot order the Young Comrade from you're altho I miss it very much.

Yours truly, M. B.

P. S.—Maybe later on I will order it when I go on a farm and work for it.

Why Children Work

By J. K., Hamtramck, Mich.

IN my city there are many boys and girls working all the time or after school. For instance, my brother has to go to work every Saturday and Sunday. My father and mother both go to work. But my father gets only \$20 or \$22 a week and my mother gets only \$20 a week and there are two boys and a girl in our family and we have to pay rent and buy clothing and take lunch to school and a dime to buy a glass of milk or a bowl of soup or something else. My father gets laid off very often and for lots of time. Once my father didn't work for a couple of weeks and we couldn't buy any clothing.

I know many girls 14 and 15 years of age who live on our street who don't go to school at all but who have to go to work for small wages. I know some boys also on my street who can't go to school but who go to work for \$9 a week.

If our parents got more wages the children wouldn't have to work.

HERE AND IN WORKERS RUSSIA

By M. N.

Lawson School Group, Chicago.

WHAT is the difference between an American workers' child and a Russian workers' child? The difference is: a child in America whose father does not make enough to support his family (that means, whose boss doesn't give him enough wages), this child must go to work also, either before and after school or the whole day. This is CHILD LABOR. The bosses do not care for the children that work for them. These children do the hardest work carrying boxes and working at machines like some children we know. The children must put their strength into the work and they work long hours and grow up crippled and sick and ignorant.

In Russia, which is a workers' country, there is no child labor and the government and everybody try to make everything for the best for the children.

We Pioneers are fighting against child labor in America. Will you join us?

"Merry Christmas"

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the poor? Didn't they get it from the workers? Don't the rich first take all the good things from the workers and then give them back a little bit as charity to keep 'em quiet? Sure! We don't want their dirty charity! We want them to stop taking all the good things the workers make! There's another thing we want to know and which we should ask our teachers when they begin talking about the "splendid spirit" of charity. What's going to happen to all these poor people and poor children after Christmas and New Year's? We don't want any charity! We want the worker should get enough wages to support themselves and their families and not need any charity! That's our answer to the charity bunk of Christmas time.

Support Passaic Strikers.

If the workers are ever going to get enough wages to live on they will have to fight for it, just like the workers in Passaic are doing now. And the best way we can spend our Christmas is to help these heroic workers and workers' children who have been fighting so long and so bitterly to make the boss give them a little better conditions. No charity—but wholehearted solidarity and support of the Passaic strikers! That's our slogan! And when the teachers and others are going to talk to us about Christmas charity collections we are going to answer—Support the Passaic Strikers! Collect money to help the Passaic strikers win better conditions so that they won't need charity! Charity fools the workers and makes them lose faith in themselves and believe in the bosses. Solidarity unites all workers in one big fighting army against the bosses! This is our message for Christmas.

Remember—

For whom is Christmas "merry" for the RICH or for the POOR?

Don't take part in any Christmas parties! Protest against them! They are fakes!

Take part and support the Pioneer Anti-Christmas Parties!

No charity! Charity is a capitalist fake to fool the workers!

Solidarity! Support the Passaic Strikers! Collect money for the Passaic Strikers!



"Happy New Year"

For whom is this a "happy" New Year? For the RICH lady (a boss's wife) who is spending thousands of dollars stolen from the workers to buy herself some expensive fur coats—or for the POOR family (who are workers) who stand starving outside of a bakery wishing they had some money for bread? Ask your teacher this question when she begins raving about "Happy New Year."

Organizing Passaic Pioneers

By Bessie Bogorad, City Organizer, Passaic Pioneers.

ON January 10, 1926, the Passaic section held its first meeting. At this meeting there were only six comrades present who were bent on making our group a success. A few comrades from Paterson helped us to organize. At the second meeting we had twenty-five comrades present. The third meeting brought still more forces to us as that week the Passaic Textile Strike began. We had many obstacles to face. The main obstacle

was that we could not meet regularly but we had the advantage of being able to draw in many new comrades from the strikers' kitchens, picket lines, play grounds and camps.

In this way in a period of more than nine months we have built up a section of over 200 members. We do not intend to stop at this number but to go on steadily increasing our number with more workers' children. Children who want to learn the truth and to fight for it and who want to fight for the freedom of our class should join us.



NEWS FROM MEXICO

By Our Special Mexican Correspondent.

THE RED PIONEERS OF MEXICO (Pioners Rojos de Mexico) were only organized a very short time ago and are growing fast. We now have about 300 members on our books and are in constant touch with about 400 others. In one district the Pioneers have already organized a Pioneer District Committee. In the Madero Communal School (a radical school) practically the entire school council are members of our School Group. Most of the heads of departments are Pioneers. We have a fine library and wall newspaper. The Director of the School helps us in everything.

On the night of November 6, the Pioneers attended the Russian Revolution Anniversary demonstration. There were two Pioneer speakers. The Pioneers danced a Mexican folk dance and sang many songs.

On November 4, the Congress of the League of Agrarian Communities (a farmers' league) of the state (not the nation) of Mexico approved a resolution presented by the Pioneers promising all aid in helping the organization of Red Pioneer groups in the villages. We will present the same resolution at the national conference of this League which will soon be held.

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Comrade Kollontai who is coming as ambassador to Mexico from Workers' Russia.

We are organizing groups in Tampico, Vera Cruz, Jalapa, Pueblo, and Morelia.

Greetings to the Young Pioneers of America from the Red Pioneers of Mexico.

Support the I. L. D.

By PAUL BUCHA, Hammond, Ind.

The I. L. D.—What Is It and Why Pioneers Should Back It Up.

MOST readers of the Young Comrade have heard about the I. L. D.—which means: International Labor Defense. The Pioneers and all working class children should back up the I. L. D. because the I. L. D. is an organization which helps the workers who are attacked by the bosses' government.

Why?

Suppose you were a poor worker (and workers are poor) and you took part in a strike in your town or in a meeting or in some fight for the working class. Then suppose the bosses got the police to arrest you on some fake charge or frame-up as it has already happened many times. What would you do without any money and without any help? If there wasn't an I. L. D. you would be helpless. But the I. L. D. protects you; it hires lawyers, gets the workers all over the country to back you up, and defends you. And not only big workers are defended by the I. L. D. but also workers' children in case they are arrested while fighting for the rights of the workers and the worker's children.

If the I. L. D. can't save the worker from prison it tries to make things easier for him by sending him some money in prison and by helping his family. And so when the workers come out of prison they are just as good fighters for the working class as when they went in.

So you see how valuable the I. L. D. is to the working class and that the working class children must support it. Like real Pioneers we must be: ALWAYS READY.

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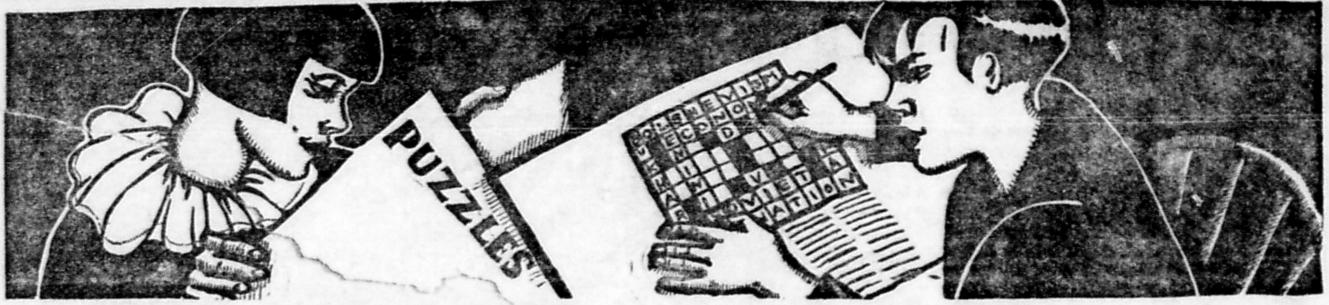
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POLICE AND THE STRIKERS



Here you see some workers on strike. The police are chasing them and trying to beat them up—just like happened in Passaic. Why do the police do this? It is because the workers are fighting the bosses; the police and the whole government are on the side of the bosses. On which side are you—with the workers or with the bosses and the bosses' government? And why? Write in your answer. Our address is: Young Comrade, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Answers to Last Month's Puzzles

Eva Soren, San Francisco, Cal.—"I think I have found the answer to the puzzle in the last month's issue. It is that the bosses are afraid of the workers. The workers are going to crush the bosses and have a workers' world."

Ether Widrewich, Philadelphia, Pa.—"Answer to picture puzzle in November's Young Comrade: The boss is frightened just at the shadow of the worker with rolled up sleeves because the boss knows that the workers are growing day by day and will soon throw him over."

Elsie Saari, Gardener, Mass.—"My explanation of last month's picture puzzle is: The man standing up is a worker and the man on the other side of the desk is a capitalist. The capitalists are afraid of the rising of the working class. The workers in America mean to crush the bosses just like the workers of Soviet Russia did."

Solomon Kerjak, San Francisco, Cal.—"Now I am going to tell what the picture in November's paper means. It means: The workers are getting stronger."

Look at These Two Puzzles!

Solomon Kerjak of San Francisco, Cal., sends us in a fine puzzle. It runs this way. We will tell you what's in a place and you must find the place. Can you tell which three places are meant here:

1. A place where workers are free and not under the bosses' rule.
 2. A place where the people are fighting the priests and where the priests are being kicked out.
 3. A place where there is misery for the workers and workers' children.
- Who knows which three places are meant here? Write in your answers.

Here is another number puzzle sent in by Benj. Levine of St. Louis, Mo.

8-21-7-5-14-6; 22-9-3-20-16-18; 4-5-2-19.

To solve this puzzle: Write down the alphabet and then put numbers in place of each letter, thus a is 1, b is 2, c is 3, and so on. Now put the letters back for the numbers in the above puzzle.

You will get the name of a man who died recently.

BARNEY SHIPERTIS of Detroit, Mich., answers both of last month's questions best. Here are his answers:

1. The question was: "Why are the workers' children so badly off in America?" Answer: "The workers' children cannot have the proper food and clothing necessary for life because the workers get only a little bit of what they make. The boss keeps the rest."

2. The question is: "What is the difference between the Quakers and the fighting workers? The Quakers also believe that all men ought to be the same, that they shouldn't take off their hats to anybody, and that there should be no war." Answer: "The Quakers are too quiet and do not fight for their rights the way the workers do. They do not want to fight and shed blood for their rights." Another thing, Barney and other readers, people who call themselves Quakers nowadays don't always act according to their beliefs. Some of the worst oppressors and cruel people are Quakers. For example, A. Mitchell Palmer, former attorney general, was the man who persecuted the militant workers worst of all. Yet he is a Quaker.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION

J. R., Chicago, Ill., writes: "My teacher says there is no education in Russia and no schools and everybody is ignorant. Is that right?"

Who Will Answer This Question?

JOKES

Do You Know Any Better Ones? Send Them In!

LIBERTY—WHERE ARE YOU?

Coal Miner: Why does the Statue of Liberty stand on the water?
Iron Miner: Give up! Why?
Coal Miner: Because—there's no room for Liberty on the land in America!
—Ether Widrewich, Philadelphia.

"HOMINY.

Teacher: Say, Johnny, can you use the word "hominy" in a sentence?

Johnny: Sure!

Teacher: Well, go ahead.

Johnny: "Hominy" marbles has Jimmy got?

HOW'S YOURS?

Johnny Red: Bet my teacher is meaner than yours!
Rosie Red: G'w'ap, you're crazy! Mine's meaner.

Johnny: Well, look, my teacher borrowed my finife to sharpen her pencil to give me a bad mark with. Rosie:.. Aw, that's nothing!.. My teacher told me to remind her tomorrow to give me a bad mark and if I didn't remind her she'd give me two bad marks.

WORKERS' SEASONS.

Teacher: Jack, what are the seasons of the year?

Jack (whose father is a worker): There are two seasons, teacher! Bay and slack seasons.

A CHRISTMAS POEM

By BEATRICE BROWN,
Omaha, Nebraska.

A little poor boy walking
A little rich boy met,
All dressed in lace
With big white face
And red cheeks that looked fat.

The little poor boy talking
To the little rich boy said:
"We workers eat
What we can get
While you are quite well fed."

The little poor boy talking
To the little rich boy said:
"Christm'as is near
And you'll have cheer
While we'll be shivering and ead."

The little rich boy talking
Said to the poor boy sweet:
"What do I care
How bad you fare
As long as I have meat."

IMPORTANT TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Look at the address label! If it bears a 1926 date (after your name)—your subscription is expiring and your name will be taken off the list before the end of the year. RENEW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE! You don't want to miss a single issue of the Young Comrade—we know that—so do it now—renew!

"Merry Christmas" By Bernard Palatnick

(Bunny Palatnick, who sent us this fine story adds: "Even tho this is a made-up story it is true. I know

the slums of Boston, I lived pretty near them and I know that's how the workers live.")

It was the night before Christmas, a very cold and very dark night. A small figure peered thru the darkness and turned the corner into a narrow slum alley. The figure proved to be a small boy about twelve years old, shivering in a torn sweater. You didn't have to ask him to find out that he was not of rich parents but that he was a working class boy. He had a newsboy strap slung across his shoulders, holding one paper.

Walking up the steps of an old tenement house, he entered a barely furnished two-room apartment occupied by himself, his sick father, his mother and three other children of whom he was the eldest. Throwing his cap on a small scratched table, he walked over to his father who was lying on an old mattress on the floor.

"Well, son, did you make out good today?" the father asked.

"Yep, pop, pretty good—about thirty-six cents," said the lad counting his money slowly.

The man sighed: "That'll never get us anything to eat—or pay the doctor," he groaned.

Just then a woman of about thirty-five, but who looked like fifty, entered. She was very thin and had black rings around her eyes from lack of sleep. She could hardly speak when she entered the room, but finally she said in a dull tone: "I've lost my job."

"What!" said the sick man in a weak voice and the boy looked frightened. "How did it happen?"

"Well, you see," she explained, "I was working at the rich Goldrocks family, cleaning up their house for Christmas. What a beautiful warm house they have and what lots of presents the children are getting. Not like with us," she added bitterly. "Well, I was washing the kitchen floor. I hadn't eaten since yesterday and I happened to spy the bread box. It looked so tempting and as the cook was out of the room I took a piece of bread. Just then that rich old Mrs. Goldrocks came in. You ought to see her diamonds sparkle. Why she came into the kitchen I can't imagine. I've slaved there four years and have never seen her in the kitchen. I gulped down the piece of bread without chewing it for fear she would catch me. Looking at me with angry eyes she asked: 'What have you just been eating?' I replied: 'A piece of bread, ma'm.' 'Oh, is that so!' she screamed in a terrible voice. 'You've dared touch a piece of my bread. Don't you know that's stealing. Don't you dare come back here tomorrow!' That's how it happened."

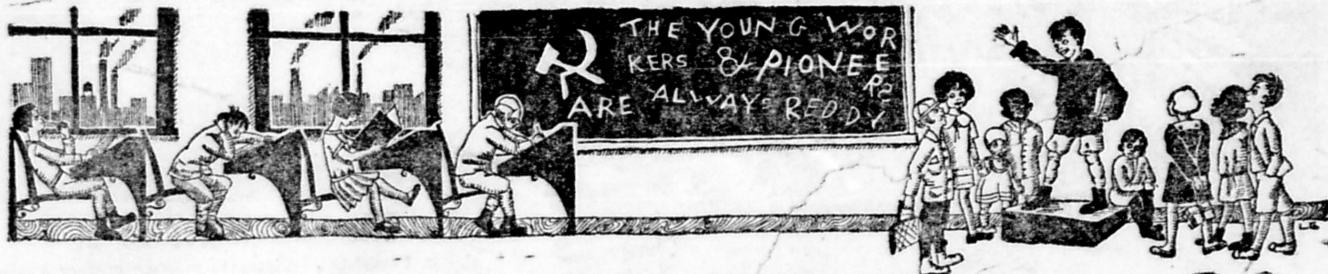
The mother wiped her eyes with a dirty sleeve.

There was no supper that night—Christmas night, and so they all went to sleep to try to forget their troubles.

As the little boy was falling asleep his eye caught the headline of the last paper he had brought home with him. "Merry Christmas" ran the headline in the paper.

The boy got very angry and clenched his little fist. "Yah, Merry Christmas," he muttered, "a fine Merry Christmas it is for us poor people!"

Into the School Struggle



Pioneers Fight Against Dangers to Children

By a Chicago Pioneer.

ON Wednesday, Nov. 12, during lunch time, a little girl by the name of Jean Bass was killed right in front of Lawson school in Chicago, by a big automobile.

There is no regular traffic officer in front of the school even tho there is great danger for the children. The "Stop and Go" sign has been broken for almost a year now. Instead of that they are trying to have Junior Police.

The Pioneers in Lawson school are on the job fighting against such dangers for the poor children. They have already issued a leaflet about it and their December's school paper ("The Lawson Searchlight") has an article about it. Here is something they say in their school paper: "Who is to blame for the death of 7-year-old Jean Bass? The rich men who run the city and the schools are too stingy to spend money to hire traffic officers to protect the school children. Their own children, the rich children, are safe; they go to school in nice private cars. What do the rich care for the poor children? They haven't enough money to protect the poor children but they have plenty of money for policemen to guard Queen Marie."

Civilization and Lynching

By IRMA LAINE,
Palisade, Minn.

WHEN we were having geography in our school the teacher asked one of our classmates: "Do the Negroes work harder than the whites?" The boy answered that the Negroes work harder. But the teacher said: "Oh, no, no! We work harder because we are more civilized." Then, I asked her a question: "How could the whites be more civilized when they burn and hang and kill Negroes even if they don't do nothing bad?" I read in a paper how a group of Ku Klux Klans caught a Negro from jail. First they put gasoline on his body and then they made a fire on it. They wet his body so it shouldn't burn so fast so he should suffer more. Then they hit his body with axes and other things. When he began to holler they poked a sharp iron into his eye and poked it out. Then they smashed his head and his body to pieces and put it behind a car. Then they dragged it to the woods.

But the police didn't arrest anybody of these kluxers who were all white men. So I wanted to know how the white men are more civilized. The teacher went to another question.

I think all workers, white and black, and all workers' children, white and black, ought to stick together, and my schoolmates think so too.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Beginning with the January issue, the Young Comrade will not be sent out on credit. All bundles will have to be paid in advance. All units of Young Pioneers will have to take care of ordering and paying for in advance by establishing a literature fund.

I GO to the Sumner school in Chicago. We had no real Pioneer group in that school but there were some boys to whom I talked and who agreed with me on many things.

Last Thursday we were supposed to write the patriotic pledge from memory and then copy it from the board. I do not believe in that pledge so instead of it I wrote the Pioneer Pledge: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the cause for which it stands. One aim thruout our lives: Freedom for the working class!" Friday, during the history class, the teacher called me out and said: "Is there anything the matter with me? All the other teachers get along with you." She meant why I had written the workers' pledge. Then she said: "You come up to the table and get a sheet of paper and write the pledge." I said that I wouldn't write it because it wasn't true. She said that my mind had been twisted and then she started telling me about the good things the government gives us for nothing. I interrupted her and said: "What about the children who work? Why do bootblacks and newsboys have to work?" She said it was because their fathers drank moonshine. Then she sent me to my seat. When Mr. Trout, the principal, came in, she said: "Here is a boy who thinks his government is not giving him a fair deal." He also started telling me about the "opportunities" our country gives us. I reminded him about the bootblacks and the newsboys and other child workers. But his answer was that I should come to his office. Later in the day Assistant Superintendent Clark came into our room and he wanted to know what we were studying about. Teacher said that we were having civics and that I could give him an idea of what we were studying. I gave him an idea. I said: "The government is a tool of the bosses against the workers. The bosses also use the schools to teach us to be good and willing slaves for the bosses." I had to see the principal on Monday again.

Monday the principal started to yell at me for what I had said to Mr. Clark. He said I couldn't stay in school unless I gave a promise to take back what I said. I wouldn't, so I was suspended. But then the Young Pioneers got on the job and other workers' organizations supporting them and we started the fight. I was taken back and I did NOT make any promise to take back my ideas.

But the fight is just beginning. What happened to me has made many children interested in the questions I brought up and the children who were interested before are more interested now. There are many children who think the way I do. We are making plans to organize a real strong Pioneer group in the Sumner school. We are also going to fight for our rights, especially for the right to tell the truth and what we believe.

We are ALWAYS READY in the fight!

Vetold Laemont, Chicago Pioneer.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"



FOR WHOM?

For Whom Is Coolidge Good?

By Pee-Wee, Garfield, N. J.

DURING our history lesson our teacher showed us a new half dollar. On one side is the Liberty Bell and on the other is the picture of Pres. Coolidge and Benjamin Franklin. Our teacher said that the reason they put Coolidge on the half dollar is because he is the best president of the United States. The children hollered out: "Yeh, good for the rich, good for the bosses, and always will be good for the rich." I hollered out: "Yeh, good for all except the workers." The teacher got all red in the face. But she didn't say anything more and told us to take our spelling books and do homework.

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Pioneer Beats Teacher in Debate on Russia

By EDWARD STONE.

IN our Civics class we were told by the teacher to bring headings for debates to class. One of the headings I brought in was: "The United States Should be A Soviet Republic." Of course, the teacher objected. He excuse was that we couldn't get enough points but I said that, being as there was so much in the papers about it, that would be easy.

Well, then, finally the teacher answered: "Suppose you have a debate about it with me tomorrow." I was not frightened and said: "All right!"

The next day we had the debate and the class was the judge. The class didn't want to defeat the teacher by deciding against her and they didn't want to defeat me because I had the most and the best points. So they decided it was a tie. But many of them told me that they thought I was right and that they were with me.

Young Comrade Fights Against Scout Papers

By J. K., Amsterdam, N. Y.

ON November 10, American Education Week, the school I go to published a special school paper called the "Clarion." In it there is stuff about the Scouts, such as "Join the Ccoouts," "Girl Scouts are organizing! Boost your school paper! Work and play with the Scouts!" and a lot of other bunk like this.

To fight against these papers we distribute the Young Comrade among the school children. There is only one real paper for the children and that is the Young Comrade which is best for the children.

About the Farmers.

By GEORGE GUMLIA.

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I am interested in this work and would like to write in the "Young Comrade Corner" of an experience in school and quite a hot battle we had, too.

The question arose about the farmers. We were talking about the brokers can bring their grain to elevators give them very little money for it.

The teacher said that before the world war brokers and their work existed quite a bit. But now the farmers can bring their grain to elevators to be stored and fix their own price. This isn't true for there are very many brokers now. The farmers can't set the prices either.

Secretary of Agriculture Jardine isn't a rightful man. He would rather boost for a rich man than a farmer. If he could he would take everything from the farmers.

When we were talking about brokers, some of the rich children said that brokers ought to handle prices because they knew more. I got up and gave a few criticisms of the brokers. We soon had the other side down when the bell rang.

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