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12 Years



Hail the Russian Revolution!

The Fight in the Schools

PIONEERS PERSECUTED IN P. S. No. 89, NEW YORK CITY

The conditions in P. S. 89, a school located in the Bronx, New York City, are very bad. First of all the school is the only one in about twenty or more blocks which is populated with lots of workers. This means that we have to walk thru lots of traffic and the school itself is overcrowded.

There are as many as 62 classes in 24 class rooms. We are forced to attend a four hour session with thru session going on every day. Some of the classes are held in the workshop. Besides all this there is no assembly or lunch room. Last term the workers children under the leadership of the Pioneers protested these conditions and forced the school authorities to grant us busses to take us to and from school.

At the beginning of the term most of the busses were removed and the principal ordered that only children under sixth grade should be allowed to use the busses. This meant that most of the school was

forced to walk the large distance to school. When the Pioneers once more began to rally the children, the principal tried to answer them by attacking and terrorizing them. Two Pioneers were demoted for handing out leaflets, but the principal was forced to take them back in school again.

Two weeks ago a worker's child by the name of Louis Surfer, during an assembly meeting said the words of the Pioneer pledge while the assembly was saying the bosses pledge to the American flag. The teachers susupected something and under compulsion forced a boy to snitch on him and the child was demoted. This is another attempt of the capitalist class thru their school authorities to combat working class ideas expressed in the schools. The working class children of New York must answer the attack by mass protest and demonstrations. We must force the servant principal and the teachers to allow workers children to show their solidarity with the working class.

N. Y. Pioneer

SCHOOL



TEACHER— *This is a democratic country. You can express working-class opinions.*

Welcome Soviet Fliers

The Soviet Fliers are in the United States, when the American workers as well as the workers and the colonial masses of the world, are celebrating the 12th anniversary of the existence of the Workers' and Farmers' government of the Soviet Union, American, French, Italian, etc., fliers are making flights. The difference is, that these flights are made and supported by the capitalist class for their interests. They are part of the preparations of the bosses for the coming war. The Soviet flight on the other hand is a warning sign to the capitalist class and a welcome sight to the American workers that the Soviet workers and farmers are strengthening their defensive forces against all attacks of the capitalists.

Mass meetings have been held in Seattle, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Chicago, Detroit, at which tens of thousands have turned out to show their sympathy with the Soviet Union. A huge mass meeting is being arranged in New York at the Polo Grounds to welcome the fliers and to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

The Friends of the Soviet Union will present the fliers with bronze plaques commemorating the 12,500 mile flight of the Land of Soviets. As a result of the successful flight, Osoaviakhim, the aviation society sponsoring it, announced that the Trans-Siberian air service of the first Workers' Republic will be extended by establishing an air route between the Soviet Union and the west coast of the United States.

Recently the Soviet Pioneers presented the Red Army with a plane for which they had raised the money. The American working class children showed their solidarity with the Soviet workers and children by turning out large numbers for the welcome of the Soviet fliers.

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ON THE SPORTS FIELD

THE BASKETBALL CONFERENCE

On Saturday, October 26, there was held in Irving Plaza a basketball conference. We called it for the purpose of building up a real sports movement of the workers' children. But we knew that boys and girls did not want us to talk only about sports. They wanted actual activity. They wanted to do things. therefore, we started with something real—an attempt to build a real city wide basketball tournament.

How far did we succeed? There were handed in about 15 credentials, but only ten teams took part in the meet. There were present about 30 delegates and of these ten were from children's clubs outside the Pioneers. There were representative attending from two girl's teams and five outside clubs. The schedule constitutions and executives committees met November 2 to form a constitution, make a schedule and build a permanent basketball league.

At the conference, the great majority except for teams outside the Pioneers, had had no practice as yet. They had their teams on paper only. Since then the Finnish Group of Harlem, which was not at the conference, sent a challenge to clubs which had entered the tournament. The Favorite A. C. accepted the challenge. Other clubs have already announced their readiness to play. As for the ball they can't get a ball. Others, have no gym to practise. As for the ball question you can raise \$2.00 at a Party meeting, at a League meeting, a left wing union or in a workers sports club. If you have no gym practise in your school after 3, Saturday and Sundays in the park, and last not least get a gym at least for your team in a School Community Center. Most of the time it costs only 25c each for a G. O. ticket in a center for the entire term. Whatever you do, build your team now. The tournament starts November 10 or 11th.

Get new clubs, block teams, build more



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school group teams. There will be two tournaments. When we finish the first, in which only those clubs which have their teams ready by Nov. 4th can play, we will play another tournament. In the second tournament, all pioneer sections, all pioneer groups which will have teams were not read when the first tournament started, will be able to enter the second time.

Also for the second tournament get more children's clubs to enter. Show the workers that we mean business. The winners of the first and second tournament will play each other for the city wide championship, unless the same team wins both. The prizes will probable be medals for each member of the winning team, or perhaps a cup for the winning club.

Girls, two teams have been formed and there is no reason why you can't do the same thing. By the time the second tournament will start you can and must build a girls basketball tournament. Girls, get to work.

Pioneers, on to a real mass movement. **Build children's sports thru a big Basketball Tournament. Make our work permanent—lasting thru forming a Basketball League.**

20 YRS. FOR GASTONIA PRISONERS

Seven of our comrades in Gastonia have been sentenced to a living death in the state penitentiaries of North Carolina. When a mistrial was declared during the first trial, because one of the jurors went crazy, the other jurors said that they never would have convicted our comrades, because there was no evidence against them. This made the bosses mad with fury. They were determined to put our comrades out of the way.

The very night of the mistrial a mob of mill thugs, led by Dullwinkle and Carpenter (lawyers for the bosses) kidnapped Ben Wells, a union organizer and beat him until he was unconscious. This same mob came to Charlotte hunting the other Union organizers. The police of Charlotte "pretended" not to see anything when five hundred thugs invaded the city.

At the second trial, the bosses knew their case was so weak that they released all but seven of our comrades and reduced the charge to second degree murder. This was a trick on their part to make sure of convicting those comrades that were the most active, and whom the bosses hated most. The second jury was a hand-picked jury of the bosses.

Judge Barnhill, who had been pretending to be so "fair," proved that he was no better than Judge Thayer, who murdered Sacco and Vanzetti. Our comrades were not on trial for "murder." They were on trial for organizing the workers into a fighting union, for going on strike against the 60 hour week, the "stretch-out" (speed up) and the miserably low wages.

When Comrade Edith Saunders, who was Pioneer organizer in the South, was on the witness stand for the Defense, the prosecution hardly questioned her at all about the actual shooting. Instead they asked her if she believed in God, if she believed that this

government was against the workers and if she were for Soviet Russia.

Comrade Edith told them that she didn't believe in God. That it rested in the strength and power of the workers to change their conditions and free themselves from slavery. She also said that the children of the South could already see that this was a government of the bosses, used to crush the workers thru the police, the courts, the militia, etc.

The bosses' jury was not out even an hour when they came back with the verdict of "Guilty!" Four of our comrades were sentenced to 17-20 years in jail, others were given 13 and 14 years.

Workers' Children! Are you going to sit back and let the bosses take our brave comrades from our ranks for life? Only the mass pressure of the workers and their children the world over can free our comrades.

Organize workers' children's committees for the freedom of our comrades!

Organize mass protest meetings of workers' children!

Collect money for defense!

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



Free Speech

FREE HARRY EISMAN



HARRY EISMAN

Harry Eisman, New York Pioneer is now serving 6 months in the Hawthorne Boys' Institute for his participation in a demonstration against the Boy Scouts. Comrade Harry is being kept in an institute with all kinds of criminals just because of his activity in the Young Pioneers.

Recently Harry went on a hunger strike, which lasted one day. Many comrades have sent letters to Harry but Mr. Klein, president of the "home" refused to give them to Comrade Eisman. In protest Harry went on a hunger strike refusing to eat. After one day Mr. Klein agreed to give Harry all his mail. This is only a promise. Usually when the mail arrives for the boys, Mr. Klein opens them and erases everything that he doesn't like and then the letters are given to the boys, and many times the letters are not given to the boys at all.

In order to make the boys obey the

teachers they have introduced a "ticket" system. Anyone who whispers when in line is given a ticket, this means that he must remain 6 or eight weeks longer in the institute. Every morning from 8 to 9 is spent at the synagogue, and on holidays 5 or 6 hours. Before and after every meal, prayers are said. There is also a Boy Scout group at this place and the boys that join are the pets of the teachers, but when it comes to getting "tickets" they're treated the same.

We must raise a strong protest and get Harry out of the hell hole. Letters should be sent to Mr. Klein, Hawthorne Boys' Institute, Hawthorne, N. Y.

PALESTINE SCHOOL STRIKE

A few weeks ago the capitalist press were filling their sheets with news about pogroms and civil warfare between the Arabs and Jews over Religious issues. This was done to hide the real facts. The English just as well as the American or any other capitalist class oppressed and hold the colonies in subjection by force. MacDonald and the rest of the "socialists" are not the agents of the capitalist class for nothing. Just as brutally as in Nicaragua, China, India, MacDonald ably serving the bosses are, the Arabians being forced to accept English rule. Tanks, airplanes, troops, have been rushed there to bring "peace". MacDonald talks "peace" and carries on wars of suppression. The workers and farmers children are actively participating in the struggle.

There is a Pioneer movement in Palestine. We have not yet received reports, but you can be sure that they are in the forefront of the struggle. The children in Jerusalem are out on a sympathy strike with the Nablus children. British assistant director of Education there flogged the children because they refused to attend school on the day of the general strike.

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★ PIONEERS IN ACTION ★

MILWAUKEE SCHOOL

As part of a general country-wide drive against the only organization of workers and farmers children who fight in the interests of the working class, the city government of Milwaukee started a campaign of terror against the members of the Young Pioneers.

When the principal of the Roosevelt Junior High School, Mr. Speerbercher, learned that a new Pioneer group had been organized in that school, and out the names of the Pioneers, he called them down to his office, and threatened to expel them from the school if they did not quit the Pioneers.

The children were terrorized and all of them except one signed a statement saying that they would not be Pioneers any longer.

One of the Pioneers Joel Schneider, refused to submit and stood up for his rights. For this he was expelled from the school.

The principal said that he received orders from the City Hall to expel all Pioneers. And who is in control of the City Hall? None other than the "socialist" party, which claims to be a party of the working class!

When the workers children organize for better conditions, the "socialists" expel them from school. The Tammany government of New York jailed Harry Eisman for 6 months, and persecutes the children when they go on the picket lines with their parents.

Thus we see that the "socialist" party is just the same as any other bosses party, and that it fight against and betrays the workers.

But the Pioneers will not give up without a fight! They will continue to organize the workers children to protest against this reign of terror against the Pioneers.

Demand the reinstatement of Joel Schneider!

Demand the freedom of Harry Eisman!

Fight the bosses terror in school!

Join the Young Pioneers.

MACDONALD'S VISIT TO THE U. S. A.

On the same boat that carried the Children's Delegation to the Soviet Union back to America was Ramsay MacDonald (Labor Prime Minister of Great Britain). The teachers tell us he came here with a message of "peace," and that he was going to confer with the millionaire President Hoover about disarmament and "Naval Parity."

But this is not the reason that MacDonald came here for. He came here not for peace but to plan a war, a war against the Socialist Fatherland of the workers all over the world, the Soviet Union.

Workers' Russia is an inspiration to the workers to kick out their bosses and establish a real workers' and farmers' government, and that is why the bosses want to smash it.

When two hundred thousand textile workers in India were on strike, the government sent soldiers who killed a number of the strikers.

This, together with many other acts of betrayal, is the record of the MacDonald "Labor" government. And he, the agent of the British Imperialists, has the nerve to come here and talk about peace, when he is really preparing for war!

The workers' children must understand what the visit of MacDonald really means. And we must join hands with the entire working class and fight against MacDonald, against the "Socialist" Party, against the labor fakers and against the bosses and their preparations for a new world war!

We must stand *always ready* to defend the Soviet Union against its enemies, the MacDonalds and the Hoovers.

HAIL THE TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

ON Nov. 7 the workingclass of the world and the colonial masses, all races, all sections, adults, youth, children, will celebrate the 12th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

The Russian workers and peasants under the leadership of Lenin and the Bolshevik Party made a successful revolution. The first workinclass revolution had thundering effects. Immediately revolutions followed in Hungary, Germany, Finland, Bulgaria. The oppressed masses unbent their heads and backs from under the burden of death, disease, famine and saw their goal; to overthrow the imperialists, the parasites, and establish a Workers and Farmers Government like their Russian brothers. The capitalist class trembled, so did their agents the "Socialist" "International, for the masses learned in the terrible years of the world slaughter their true role as that of betrayers of the workingclass. The masses of China, India and the colonial countries rose in a wave of revolt. The effects were felt in the United States, the Revolution being a booming force in the formation of the Left Wing of the Socialist Party from which later sprang the Communist Party.

After the period of civil war in which the enemies of the Soviet Union were soundly beaten back, the workers went back to the factories, the peasants to their land. They faced the difficult task of builing up the country. In the course of the civil war, factories and bridges were blown up and the lands not tilled. Famine, disease raged thruout the country.

Many are the accomplishments of the Societ workers. The factories, the lands, the houses belong to the workers and the peasants. The worker have the seven-hour day, receive a month's vacation with pay, have social insurance for unemployment, sickness etc. The youth works six hours a day, five days a week. At the age of eighteen they have the right to vote.



First Workers Children's Delegation from the U. S. A. to the U. S. S. R.

The children in the S Union receive the best of care. There we have self-government by the children. No beatings by teachers, no teaching of patriotism. Meals are given at the schools. Child labor under fourteen is prohibited. Spare homes are built for the thousands of children orphaned as a result of the civil war, in which they are taught trades. In the summer a countless number of camps spring up. The Pioneer movement receives the full support of the government.

In the United States, the richest country in the world, there are three million child laborers, children are beaten in schools, workingclass children are terrorized for expressing workingclass ideas, the children of the unemployed starve, the schools teach patriotism. Here the Boy Scouts, the anti-workingclass organization is officially endorsed and supported by the bosses and their gov-

ernment.

The twelfth Anniversary marks also the first milestone in the completion of the five year plan. The successful carrying out of this plan means a further improvement of the conditions, raising of the wages, the lowering of the cost of living, increase of production, more schools, camps, no child labor, etc.

The strengthening of the Soviet Union means the strengthening of the world revolutionary movement. While conditions in the Soviet Union are improving rapidly, in the capitalist countries the wages are cut, hours lengthened, cost of living going up, workers speeded to the point of exhaustion. The workers and the colonial masses are looking to the Soviet Union. The capitalist class needs markets. The Soviet Union affects the workers in a way the bosses do not like.

The bosses are preparing for an armed attack upon the Soviet Union. The first step taken was the capture of the Eastern Railway. Soviet citizens are being murdered and tortured in China. Russian and Chinese bands are crossing into the Soviet Union killing and robbing the workers and peasants.

The workingclass children will show their solidarity with the Soviet children. We will answer the lies of the bosses, schools and the socialists about the Soviet Union.

We will build a strong, mass Pioneer movement in the United States.

**WORKERS' CHILDREN ARE YOU READY?
ALWAYS READY TO DEFEND THE
SOVIET UNION!**



THE TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY RUSSIAN REVOLUTION



First Workers Children's Delegation from the U. S. A. to the U. S. S. R.

Socialist Contest Between Russian and American Pioneers

Througt the Soviet Union the workers and workers' children are engaged in Socialist competition to build Socialism in Workers' Russia. The The Five Year Plan of production that has been organized in the Soviet Union is a plan for the organized increase of production in every phase of industry, agricultural, and includes plans for tremendous increase in the schools for workers' children and the improvement of their conditions. The workers' children of the Soviet Union are taking an active part in all of this work of building Socialism in Russia.

The following is the pledge that our American Delegation made with the Russian Pioneers of the Ukraine. Comrade Pioneers! Workers' Children! *This is your pledge!*

CONTRACT A FRATERNAL COVENANT

"We, the proletarian children of the United States and of the U.S.S.R., having gathered at the first All-Union-Pioneer Meet in the Red City of Moscow, having concluded this fraternal covenant to the effect that: In the struggle against the class enemy, in the cause of helping the Communist Party and the Young Communist League, in the cause of combatting the influence of the capitalist class and its servants upon the proletarian children, in the cause of the struggle against the war danger, and for the Defense of the Soviet Union, we shall be *ever ready to carry on intense activity and fighting for the cause of the working class!*

"We shall organize the masses of the children for the fight against capitalism. All study, all labor, all kinds of games, journeys, and camps shall be subordinated to this aim and linked up with the propaganda and agitation of the working class, and to aid in the building of Socialism and the organization of the defense of the

Proletarian State of the Soviet Union.

"We shall dedicate our young forces to the task of doing our utmost to help in the consolidation and expansion of the Socialist construction, in the bettering of the conditions of the children of the workers, and in securing the conquest of the *Great October* (the Russian Revolution, editor.)

"To commemorate the First International Congress of Proletarian Children the Pioneer organization of the United States promises to the fraternal Pioneer organization of Ukraine to carry out until September 30th the following:

1. To organize 200 new groups—school nuclei.
2. To increase the circulation of our Young Pioneer by '00%.
3. To work among working children. To form groups of working children, to attract to our ranks no less than 500 child laborers.
4. To transfer to the Young Communist League no less than 600 of our members.
5. To increase the struggle against a military attack upon the U.S.S.R.
6. To increase our contact and correspondence.

"On its part the Pioneer delegation from Ukraine in the Soviet Union promises to the fraternal Pioneer organization of the United States in the course of the twelve months until Sept. 1930 to carry out the following:

1. To organize 4,000 new units.
2. To assist in the Socialist Construction in the Soviet Union.
3. To increase the circulation of the press by 200%.
4. To transfer to the Young Communist League 10,000 of its membership.
5. To strengthen and extend the patronage over the village.
6. To strengthen the defense of the country.

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ARMISTICE DAY

CREIGER SCHOOL

Nov. 11, will mark eleven years of the ending of the war. The capitalist class will celebrate "peace." Millions of workers were killed, others wounded. Famine, disease stalked the world. Meanwhile the bosses were sitting in their homes, rather palaces, rolling in luxuries from the profits that were coming in.

The teachers tell us that it was a war for democracy. The workers and their children cannot be fooled as easily now. They have the example of the Russian workers. There, Armistice Day is not celebrated because there no is bosses and instead Nov. 7, the Anniversary of the Revolution is celebrated.

Armistice Day, the "Day of Peace" will see parades of Soldiers Sailors, National Guards, Boy Scouts and side by side pacifist poison spread thickly. The "Day of Peace" sees greater and more intense preparations for an attack against the Soviet Union, the workers fatherland.

Fight the war preparations of the bosses!

Defend the Soviet Union!

Fight the Boy Scouts!

Join the Young Pioneers of America!

When the school season opened in Chicago, the children found that the Creiger school had been changed into a Junior High School. This meant that hundreds of little children would have to walk many blocks to another school, and cross dangerous crossings on their way.

Immediately the mothers of the children held a strike, and refused to allow their children to go into the school. But the police broke up the meeting of the mothers, and disbanded them.

But the Young Pioneers were right on the job. They called a meeting of the children and their parents. A parent's council was set up at this meeting, and the next day a demonstration was held in front of the school.

The police attacked the children, and arrested four. But they were not scared by this! They organized the children in the school, and now there is a Pioneer Group of 75 children there.

The Pioneers will keep up their work in this school, pointing out to the children that the bosses made the school into a Junior High because he wanted to have the children go to work earlier, and be better slaves.

SOCIALIST CONTEST

7. To increase the contact and correspondence between the Russian Pioneers and the American comrades.

We pledge ourselves to inform each other once in two months about the work done to fill this contract.

We request the Central Buro of the Pioneers of the Soviet Union and the International Children's Buro of E.C. Y.C.I. to systematically check up our fulfillment of the contract.

Long live the fraternal international solidarity and contact of the proletarian children.

To fight for the cause of the work-

ing class, for the cause of Lenin, we shall be ever ready.

*Moscow, Park of Culture and Rest,
August 22, 1929.*

Comrades: In two months we will be sending in our report. We must get on the job *right now!* Beginning with November 7th we are starting a membership drive for the Young Pioneers.

Every Young Pioneer a Defender of the Soviet Union!

Every Young Pioneer active in the Socialist Competition with our Russian comrades.

Every Pioneer to gain at least one new defender for the Soviet Union!

Letter from a Communist Father to his Pioneer Son

Moscow, August 18, 1929—Sunday, 11 P. M.

Dear Son:

By the time this reaches you, which will be about September 4th, you will be getting ready to resume school in the United States. I have written several letters to Ma describing conditions here and these letters were also intended for you as well and I have been expecting you to reply and tell me of your experiences.

The Pioneers arrived here last week. The leaders met in Kharkov while the Pioneers were taken all over the Soviet Union, some to Leningrad, some to Odessa, the on Bas, Stalingrad, the Urals and Crimea. The kids had one glorious time. Everywhere they went—parades, demonstrations, speeches and welcome by the Soviet Pioneers of whom there are over two millions. Of course there are delegations of children (not all of them Pioneers) from all countries, Germany, England, France, China, Turkey, Italy, Holland, Sweden, Japan, etc., from every country, nearly, in the world.

The Pioneer convention in Moscow was opened officially at the Denama Stadium. (Denama is the name of a huge sports organization of the U. S. S. R. workers.) The Stadium is one of the largest in the world and seats over 90,000 people. It was crowded. Loud speakers make it possible to hear every word spoken from a mammoth platform in the shape of a huge hammer and sickle on one end of the field.

Parades of Flags

Well, there were 50,000 Pioneers present and 40,000 spectators. Each Pioneer group (here they call them troops) marched onto the stadium field, with their red flags and banners and their drum and fife corps or drummers and buglers and filed to their places in the stadium. At 5 p. m. a massed brass band of 500 pieces marched in and took their place at the base of the platform. Then a bugler from the top of the tower above the platform blew the Pioneer call and was answered by a thousand Pioneer bugles and drums from the Stadium. The color bearers then streamed from their seats bearing their red flags and banners from each Pioneer troop and marching three by three from both sides of the stadium, met in the center of the field and to the strains of the Internationale played by the huge band and sung by 90,000 people, marched on, under a flood of flaming red, to the platform and planted their standards there—while at the same time a Pioneer ran the red flag of the Soviet Union to the top of the flag-staff every Pioneer standing at salute "ALWAYS READY". Then at the bugle call from the tower every Pioneer drummer and bugle corps, drum beating, bugles blowing, marched from the stadium over the field to the platform. This was the most thrilling exhibition I ever saw in my life. And these manouvres were carried out with military precision by children from 6 to 15 years of age, both boys and girls together.

A group (100) Soviet Red Cross nurses with full equipment, with four auto ambulances, took their places at the platform. (This is the Pioneer detachment.)

Soviet airplanes, built entirely of duraluminum, glittering in the sun like silver birds, circles the stadium, coming down so low at times you could see the pilot and mechanic and the moving picture operator in the plane, while the triple motors roared.

Opening of World Congress

A blast from the bugle in the tower and the chairman announced the opening of the World Pioneer Congress; introduced the representative of the Soviet Pioneers on the E. C. C. I., a young woman, who spoke in tones as clear as a bell carried

thru the amplifiers so that every syllable was audible to that vast crowd. She told of work of the Pioneers in the U. S. S. R., how they go amongst the peasants, help on the farms; teach the young and old their knowledge of grammar, arithmetic and politics; of their participation in carrying out the 5 year plan; the future Kom-sols, the sturdy, strong future manhood and womanhood of the Soviet Union; the future leaders of the world revolution and of the Soviet State; to be clean and strong, to be free, to fight always the battles of the working class, to give everything to the revolution, to help the proletariat of all lands to learn English and French, German and Chinese, to study and understand the principles of Marx and Lenin, to become red engineers and technicians, red army officers and fighters, red administrators, writers, speakers and organizers; to give their all and dedicate their lives to the revolution and to be—ALWAYS READY—"Pioneers! Stand Ready" and from 50,000 throats, the thunderous response (in Russian) "ALWAYS READY" The "Internationale" again with everybody at salute. A speech of welcome by the chairman of the Moscow Soviet, more responses by the Pioneers, and then—

From every gateway into the Stadium, marched more troops of Pioneers, onto the field, carrying symbols of cleanliness (huge tooth brushes) of labor, of machinery, of agriculture, of science, of art and manufacture. And still they came. Troops from every republic in the Soviet Union, Mongol kids from Outer Mongolia; Tartar kids from the Don; Caucasian kids from the borders of Turkey, from Middle Asia, from Siberia, from the Ukraine. All in their own uniforms, some in blue and white; some in red and white; some in green; the Mongol in white tartans and flowing robes, etc., singing their own songs.

Distinctive Uniforms

Each Pioneer has its own distinctive uniforms—a multitude of colors and designs. And what Pioneer! Sun-browned faces and bare legs, many bare-footed, boys and girls as well. Husky little people, bright-eyed, clean and strong. In the brass bands, in the drum corps and the buglers, girls are trained with the boys, the girls carry heavy flag-staffs and standards, beat the drums, blow the bugles, in some cases they wear little kilts and in others wear the same uniform as the boys, there is no distinction in their task, duties, etc., whatsoever. Everything they do is done together. They receive sex education from the time they are six years old. What a country the Soviet Union will be when these boys and girls grow up!

Pioneer Pledge

Then all the Pioneers paraded to their stations on the field, masses before the platform, 50,000 voices repeated the Pioneer pledge, after hearing short speeches from their leaders and the visiting delegations the massed red banners moved forward thru the center, the great band followed each drum and bugle corp took position with its troop and the Pioneers parade thru the streets of Moscow began and ended in the Soviet Victory Square on the Tverskaia.

I watched them pass the balcony of my hotel. You should see those kids march! all in step, in formation, like an army, they were still marching when I started this letter.

And as I watched them I wished that I could be a kid again and be a Pioneer in Russia and grow up with this generation. They will never smoke or drink strong liquor; they will never lie or cheat or try to live by exploiting their fellows; they will not be lazy or dirty; they, as men and women will treat each other as equals and love will be for them a beautiful unfolding of their inner selves instead of the nasty, filthy conceptions of girls and love which you no doubt have already heard from the boys with whom you must associate in capitalist America and who are trained by ignorant school teachers and still more ignorant parents under a brutal and bestial government where the highest ambition is to be a rich man and rob the poor.

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The First Workers Children's Delegation From U. S. to U.S.S.R. Return

The first workers children's delegation left the United States on the liner Mauretania towards the end of July. Hundreds of New York Pioneers and workers were on the pier to bid their comrades good-bye. While we were singing and cheering, all of a sudden the police together with the paid thugs of the ship company (who still remembered the fine demonstration of the New York Pioneers against the Boy Scouts leaving for the Jamboree) charged the Pioneers, beating left and right with their clubs.

The delegation arrived in England, and there received a fine welcome from the British Pioneers. From here they boarded a Soviet boat straight to Leningrad, and from there to Moscow. From the moment that the delegation reached the Soviet Union mass meetings and demonstrations awaited them at every place they stopped.

After being in Moscow for a short time the delegation went to a children's colony in the Ukraine where they saw how the children who were left homeless on account of the war and the famine are taken care of by the workers government. Here they attended the All-Ukrainian Pioneer Congress to which came Pioneers from all sections of the Ukraine. Before the congress began a huge parade took place in which the American delegation took part. After the congress the delegation visited a large exhibit of the work done by the Pioneers in the Ukraine. Then off to the All-Union Congress of the Russian Pioneers in Moscow.

To the All-Union Congress came the Pioneer delegates from all sections of the Soviet Union. More than forty delegations representing the various nationalities were there. At the All-

Union Congress the American Delegation was given a banner by the Ukrainian Strengthening the bonds of solidarity. Besides this, a Red Army rifle was also given as a symbol of workingclass solidarity and defense of the Soviet Union.

At the All-Union Congress the Pioneers officially presented to the Red Army representatives a large modern aeroplane which had been bought with the money raised and collected by the Pioneers of the Soviet Union. This is a clear expression of the devotion and preparation for the defense of the Soviet Union on the part of the workers and farmers children against the attack of the bosses.

Then came the international Pioneer Congress in Moscow, at which the American Pioneers were delegates. There they discussed the problems facing the Pioneers all over the world, the fight against bosses' wars, the defense of the Soviet Union, and the need for international communication between the Pioneers.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

Hoover, the millionaire Wall Street president, has issued a declaration that Thursday, Nov. 28, be set aside as Thanksgiving day. On this day the rich people will celebrate, but the workers will starve, just as they do all year around.

In the schools, the teachers tell us that we should be thankful that *God* allowed us to live in such a wonderful country. But what have the workers' children got to be thankful for?

We have rotten conditions in our homes, and in our schools. We have to work at an early age to get enough money to live on. Our parents are robbed by the bosses. Should we be thankful for this?

In the schools they fill our minds with religion, so that we will not think about bettering our conditions, but will become good slaves for the bosses.

The workers' children must ask themselves, "For whom is Thanksgiving?" Is it for the workers' children, or for the rich bosses? The bosses have all the good things of life, but we have nothing.

Thanksgiving is the holiday of the



bosses, and not of the workers. The Pioneers must point this out to the workers' children, and tell them the truth about thanksgiving.

Only in workers' Russia have the children got anything to be thankful for. In the Soviet Union, the children are not taught religious bunk. They have real self-government in the schools. The government is a government of the workers and farmers, and the first care of the Soviet government is the children.

The workers' children must fight for the establishment of a workers government here in the U. S., and then we will have something to be thankful for.

THE FIRST WORKERS DELEGATION FOR THE U. S. TO THE U.S.S.R.

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After the congress ended and the Delegation had rested in Campin the country near Moscow, they prepared for the return to America. They left England on the same boats as MacDonald. Our Delegation came back to mobilize the workingclass for the defense of the Soviet Union while Mr. MacDonald came here to plan a war on the Soviet Union.

The New York Pioneers held a big Mass meeting for the Delegation when it arrived here. All the delegates spoke at that meeting. Then they left for their different cities to speak

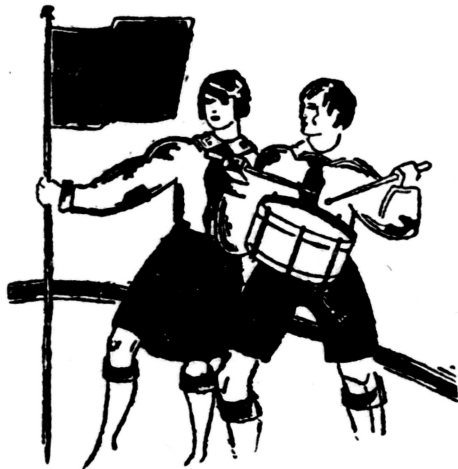
at meetings there and to tour their territories telling the workers children what they saw in the Soviet Union and spreading the message of workingclass solidarity.

All Pioneers and Workers children should attend the meetings for the Pioneer delegation. Arrange these meeting everywhere—so that the message of the delegation will reach the masses of workers children—Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Detroit, are all arranging meetings in the various sections of these cities. These meetings will help expose the lies of the bosses against the only workers and farmers government in the world.

Pioneers **STAND READY** to defend the Soviet Union!

DOUBLE THE CIRCULATION OF THE YOUNG PIONEER ANSWER THE BOSSES' ATTACK

OUR paper is the only working class children's paper. It is our paper, the paper of the textile children in Gastonia, of the miners' children, of the farmers' children and of Negro children. We are the ones who keep this paper in existence. It is not supported by the bosses, but fought by the bosses, because the Young Pioneer defends the interests of the workers and farmers' children, thruout the United States. In the Young Pioneer is pictured the struggles of all section of the working class children.



Not only is the Young Pioneer our collective agitator and propogandist, but it is our collective organizer. To carry on our struggles against the bosses, their schools, the Boy Scouts, we must be organized. The Bosses are making strenuous efforts to put out of existence the Young Pioneer and our Organization, the Young Pioneers of America.

The sentencing of Comrades to five years in jail, in California, arising from the raid on our camp; Harry Eisman, who is serving 6 months, proves that bosses are making an attack against the Young Pioneers of America, because they are the leaders of the workingclass children in all their struggles. We must answer the attack of the bosses by sharper and better organized struggles. We would be grievously handicapped should our Young Pioneer not appear. We must guarantee its appearance regularly by doubling its circulation.

The First Workers' Children Delegation to the Soviet Union in the Socialist competition with the Ukrainian Pioneers gave its pledge that we would increase the circulation of the Young Pioneer 100%. The Delegation has confidence that we will be able to do this. It is not only their pledge, but our pledge.

**SHOW OUR RUSSIAN COMRADES WE WILL CARRY
OUT OUR SHARE OF THE CONTRACT!**

ANSWER THE BOSSES' ATTACKS!

FIGHT THE BOY SCOUTS!

JOIN THE YOUNG PIONEERS OF AMERICA!