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"THE SWEET SUMMER BREEZE" FOR THE WORKER'S CHILD

DURING this month the public schools all over the country come to a close for the summer months. The rich children can all be very happy, because they can go to the country and enjoy the cool air and good food. But the poor children whose fathers are workers and are robbed by the boss all year 'round can rarely go. They must stay in the hot stifling city and instead of enjoying their vacations they really

of enjoying their vacation have a very rotten time.

Even some children who can afford to go swimming occasionally gener-ally go in crowded trains and cars and lose as much as they gain by this recreation. Besides they get food which is often spoiled by heat be-cause their parents cannot afford more

Often, even long before vacation Often, even long before vacation time is over, they are glad to go back to school, no matter how bad it is there, just because they are tired of the bad conditions under which they rested. The large-cities never have sufficient playgrounds and the result is that all of them are crowded and most of the children play on the streets, where many accidents occur.

But the bos salways gets plenty of But the bos salways gets pienty of worse off. They never get any vaca-tions. They have to work in shops which are badly ventitlated. Often they are dark and burt the eyes. Look at your father or brother or sister or at your father or brother or sister or anyone else who works in your family the next time they come home and see how tired they are! They need a good long rest, but can never get it because they never get enough wages, and if they stopped working the whole family would not have enough money to live on.

But the boss always gets plenty of vacations. While your father is work-ing all day and getting so little wages his boss is having a good time at some summer resort, and yet always gets

This situation will be changed only This situation will be changed only when the workers all get together and organize to fight against it. Ask your father what ne is doing. Ask yourself, are you doing your share? You are only if you are an active member of the Young Pioneers.

CHILD LABOR EVIL MUST BE FOUGHT BY CHILDREN

By MAX WEISS, Spartacus Group, Chicago, III.

IN every city, town and village and farm in this country there is child labor. In most states there is a law that children under the age of sixteen eannot work. Yet in every city chil-dren anywhere from eight to sixteen, stay out in the streets until one or two o'clock in the morning selling pa-papers because their parents don't get enough wages to support their fam-liles. There are thousands of chil-dren in the factories and many thousands more working at home, stringing beads and making flowers. On farms little children do hard

on farms little children do hard work, take care of cows and flocks of sheep and so on. They do not go to school and so cannot get an education. In the south little Negro children work in the cotton fields picking cot-

ton. They also get no education.

We must all together fight to stop
child labor and that is what the Young Pioneers are trying to do. Join the Young Pioneers,

THIS IS THE FOURTH OF JULY!

"Now, Now, Sonny, You Must Drink this Patriotic Dope!"



But the workers' children will fight for the DECLARATION OF INDE-PENDENCE OF THE WORKERS AND FARMERS! This will become OUR COUNTRY when we have a Workers' and Farmers' Government. Now the country belongs to Morgan, Rockefeller and the other bosses.

PIONEERS! TO RAISE \$5,000!

Big Drive Ends August 14th. First Prize, a Trip to Chicago for Three Pioneers.

EVERY PIONEER GETS HAND-EMBROIDERED TIE!

\$5,000 drive to insure the Young Comrade and to enable the Pioneer movement to grow in the direction it shows every sign of going. All the comrades who are working in the Pioneer field, as well as all the Pioneers themselves, know that there are no limits to the speed with which we Pioneer groups can be organized and their steady ac-tivity built up, provided, of course, there are comrades to help in this drive they will make it a go and realize work. This drive should enable the the \$5,000 they start out for.

The Pioneers are launching a big Pioneer department in the national office to send out comrades into new places where there are no Pioneer groups now, but where many can be organized. This drive will also insure the regular publication of the Young Comrade.

Of course, this drive will be supported energetically by all the Pioneers and there is no doubt that when the Pioneers once set to work on this

Fight for Workers' Declaration of Independence on This July Fourth

JULY 4th is coming 'round again. Oh, how the 100% patriots will shout how much they love this country. In the movies, the churches, on the streets, from our teachers we will hear about the glories of "our" country "the land of the somewhat free and the more or less brave."

What do these patriots mean by "our" country? Do they mean those who own every nook and corner of it and run the

efeller, etc. It seems like that's what they mean. And all the workers' children, the millions of child laborers should raise one united protest on this July 4th, "WE WILL NOT BE PA-TRIOTIC TO OUR MASTERS." We will not kiss the hand which is robbing us.

Yes, we love our country. We would like to have the chance to see some of its sunshine and playgrounds once in awhile and not only the dusty factories, canneries and fields where we We would like to see the capitalist power overthrown in our country and the workers and poor farmers government established in its place.

On July 4th the declaration of independence was signed. It was a dec-laration of independence of the small es of this country to the king of bosses of this country to the king of England and the capitalists there. Then the workers and slaves had to go out and fight for this independence—BUT THEY DIDN'T KEEP IT FOR THEMSELVES. This 4th of July the workers' children pledge themselves to fight for a new declaration of independence—the independence of the workers and poor farmers from the grip of bosses, from wage slavery. Then we can truly say. THIS IS OUR en we can truly say, THIS IS COUNTRY UNDER WORKERS AND FARMERS' GOVERNMENT

RUSSIAN PIONEERS



I SEE THE BOSSES PLAY.

The golf links lie so near the milf

That almost every day

The workers' children can look out

And see the bosses play

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PASSAIC STRIKE

Youngsters are Practising

I'N my block I organized a gang of boys. I am called Weisbord, another one is called Miller and a third one is called Rubenstein. Every night we have a meeting and I tell them to stick together and we win the strike.

Then we make a picket line and go around Botany mill and sing songs. When the cossacks hear us they break up our picket line and drive the kids home, and curse at us like anything. We all hide ourselves until the cosmacks go away, then we make a line again and holler "Brass buttons, blue mosts, can't catch nanny goats.

Once the policemen took me into the patrol wagon and kept me in jall for a whole night and didn't give me anything to eat. And in the morning they ordered to give me a spanking. I wasn't afraid of those dirty cossacks. G. 13 years old, A Strikers'

ROCHESTER HELD PARADE

The Young Pioneers of Rochester celebrated May 1st with a parade together with the Young Workers League, the Workers (Communist) Party and the Amaigamated Clothnig Workers Union. At 12:30 the Young Workers Union. At 12:30 the Young Pioneers marched in a body to the headquarters carrying banners. One banner read, "Send your children to the Young Communist School!

JOHN REED HIKES IN DETROIT

The John Reed group of Detroit held a hike and picnic last Saturday. Twenty-eight Young Pioneers show It was a six mile hike. We had sports events also and pictures were taken. Sorry we can't print the picture in this issue.

The Kid Is Right

THERE are seven children in the family including myself. Both of my parents are strikers. There is my parents are strikers. There is little to eat. I hope the strikers win so that we can have more food and clothing. We live in a tenement house. There are four rooms, but they are very small. My parents could help win the strike by going to the picket line every day.

A Bigger Slice of Life

MY parents are poor. We live in three rooms. There are four in our family. Our house is a company house. There is a friend of mine who has seven in a family and lives in three rooms.

I would like my parents to win the strike because then we would have enough food and clothing. Then we could move to another place where there is larger and more rooms so that we will fit in. I hope we all win.

F. B., age 14.

FOR A WORKER CHILDREN CAMP.

By MAY OSKAY, Perth Amboy,
New Jersey.
I think the workers' children should
have a camp so we could get a little
fresh air and not be in factory smoke. We could learn a lot about the work-ers. We could learn songs and yells about the workers. We could also have lots of fun outdoors.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, MARY By Mary M. Carpp Shelton, Conn.

I haven't any money because my mother and father are very poor. I took a long time before I found some money to send for the Young Com-rade and the Daily Worker. Because these papers protect the working class.

PHILADELPHIA PIONEERS HOLD LIVELY DISTRICT CONVENTION

FIGHT AGAINST CHILD LABOR AND WORK AMONG NEGRO CHILDREN, ETC., DISCUSSED

PIONEERS GET MUCH FREE PUBLICITY

By SAM SILVER.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The opening of the first District Convention of the Young Pioneers was celebrated here with a mass meeting and concert Friday, the fourteenth of May. The concert The concert was quite a success and was given much publicity in "the city of American independence" in the columns of its daily press).

There was present at the conventionabout 25 delegates representing Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and a fraternal delegate from New York. The Workers' Party and Y. W. L. were also represented.

Report on Passaic.

Comrade Bail of the Workers' Party reported on the activities of the Pioneers in the Passaic strike and of what they can be to the working class in the future.

Comrade Lazarowitz of the Young Workers' League reported on the past activities of his organization.

Child Labor Discussed

We had discussions on child labor, the Negro problem, opponent organizations, the press, and sports. The topics were reported on by various comrades.

This was followed by the reports of the various cities in the district and of the convention in New York.

There was discussions on reorganization and bolshevization, which was followed by the election of a district executive committee.

D. E. C. Elected.

On the district executive committee are E. Carrol, E. Stone, E. Kleimman, V. Lifshitz and J. Duga of the Young Workers' League, with their candidate, J. Sklar. From the Pioneers are E. Kritzer, J. Trachtenberg, M. Trachtenberg, S. Silver and E. Laborvitz. The candidates are Wm. Tumarkin, H. Colodny and S. Minkin.

The convention was adjourned with the singing of the "International."

LOS ANGELES ON JOB

The Young Pioneers of Los Angeles have organized a few clubs. These clubs are, The Chorus Club (The new members and to have numbers ready for future programs? clubs are, The Chorus Club, The (The Rebel Singers) the Dramatic (Rebel Red Actors) the orchestra and the sports club.

We spent May Day in City Grove
Park. We had lunch and a swell May
Day program. The next day Anna
Lyons, Pioneer director, was arrested
by the police because revolutionary
songs were sung in the park.

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Here's all the "dope" on our big drive (the drive began June 1st and ends August 15th)—and look at these prizes!

WILL YOU COME TO 1st Prize: CHICAGO?

The first prize in this campaign is trip to Chicago for three Pioneers, and the right to edit a special eightand the right to edit a special eightpage issue of the Young Comrade. The
three cities raising the highest amount
over \$300 (in the case of New York
City and Chicago, which are so big,
the highest amount over \$500)
will choose one member each from
emong their Pioneers. These three
Pioneers will come to Chicago (we
pay your way) and serve on an Edi-

torial Board of Three to edit a special eight-page Young Comrade. (You're cordially invited to Chicago.)

ANOTHER FIRST PRIZE (Part Two) is space in the Young Comrade for the winning cities. Here's the plan: Every city which raises over \$100 in this campaign will get quite a large Section in the September issue of the Young Comrade. This space the winning cities can use for any destra Only,

2nd Prize: WE WANT YOUR DIS- pictures are very nicely framed

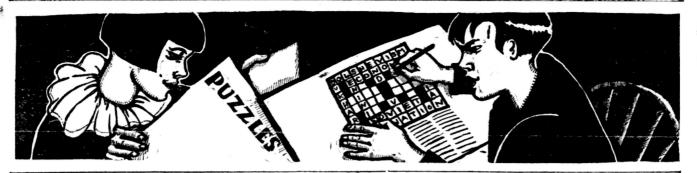
gets one of the ORIGINAL drawings of the pictures that appeared in the book, "FAIRY TALES FOR WORKbook, "FAIRY TALES FOR WORK-ERS' CHILDREN." Of course, the

4th Prize: WHOSE SIGNATURE WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE?

WOULD TOU LIKE 10 HAVE:
Every Pioneer raising \$25 or more
gets an autographed copy of FAIRY
TALES FOR WORKERS CHILDREN. The nice part of it is that you can choose whose signature you want in your book—any member of the C.E.C.

your book—any member of the C.E.C. of the Party or the N.E.C. of the League will like to give you his signature if you raise the \$25.

AND EVERY PIONEER who raises only \$5 gets a very lovely red handpainted Pioneer tie, you know, the three cornered ones. three cornered ones.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



best answers explaining the meaning of this picture will be published in the next issue of the Young Comrade with your name. Send it to: Young Comrade, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, III.

Answers to Last Month's Puzzles

Ben Levine, St. Louis, Mo.-aution is NIKOLAI LENIN." -"My so-

Beatrice Jackerson, Washington, D. "This is the first time I have written to the Young Comrade. tried the puzzle called 'A New One' and here is what I got: PIONEERS ARE ALWAYS READY TO FIGHT

FOR THE WORKERS' CAUSE."
Sophie Minkin, Washington, D. C. "My soluiton to the puzzle on page 5 of the May issue of the Young Comrade is as follows: PIONEERS ARE ALWAYS READY TO FIGHT FOR THE WORKERS' CAUSE. I took the example given in the beginning and ad of substituting a letter for the one before it I substituted for the one in front. I just got the Young Com-rade and after reading the various articles I turned to the puzzle page. The answer to the other puzzle is NIKOLAI LENIN."

Sylvia Jackola, Cloquet, When I was reading the Young Com I noticed the puzzles and tried f them. Answer is: PIONEERS ALWAYS READY TO FIGHT one of them. ARE FOR THE WORKERS' CAUSE."

Pietro Zinni, Springfield, III..-"My answer to the picture puzzle in the May issue of the Young Comrade is as follows: Part 1 shows the capitalist class organized as so able to rob the working-class of what the workers produce. Part II shows what the working class will do to the capitalist produce. class when the workers organize."

Martin Nivala, Palisadde, Mich.-"1 got the answer of last month's puzzle on page 5. The great working-class leader is NIKOLAI LENIN. He was the greatest leader of the work-

Isidore Siminow, Los Angeles, Cal.

"This is the first time I have written to the Young Comrade. In the there are some good puz zles. I noticed a puzzle on page 5.
The answer to the one that looks like Russian is PIONEERS ARE ALWAYS READY TO FIGHT FOR THE WORK-ERS' CAUSE. The answer to the one next to it is NIKOLAI LENIN."

Max Chernoff, Brockton, Mass. The answer of the puzzle in the May ssue is that the boss wants to make the worker give him more profit and the worker gives him a wallop with his hammer. The answer to the other puzzle is NIKOLA LENIN."

Leon Levine, Detroit, Mich. swer: PIONEERS ARE ALWAYS READY TO FIGHT FOR THE WORK-ERS' CAUSE. Answer to 'What Does This Mean?' The boss is holding ERS' CAUSE. out his hand and asking the worker for more profits. But instead of giv-ing him profits he gives him a wallop which means that the workers don't want to be slaves."

Irja Kokkinen, Waukegan, III.— "I will answer last month's puzzle. The answer is Nikolai Lenin."

Alice Rabinovitz, Los Angeles, Calif. -"The answer to the puzzle in the May Young Comrade is: Pioneers are always ready to fight for the workers

Terttu Helin, Brookline, N. H.—"For the puzzle what does this mean, I got for the answer: the poor workers toil all day long and re while the boss gets all the profits. The men that are standing in a row are the ones that don't work—but if the workers realize what circumstances they are under they will crush down the enpitalists."



Here's a Peach!

Suggested by Max Chernoff, Brockton, Mass.

The puzzle itself is easy. stands for A. 2 stands for B. 3 ands for C, etc. But the thing which stands for C. etc. is harder is: Tell who he is! living? Is he arrested?

THE PUZZLE. 1 HE PUZZLE.
1, 12, 2, 5, 18, 20
23, 5, 9, 19, 2, 15, 18, 4
Com' on now solve it! Send in your answers to be printed.

"Flying Horse" Story in Next Issue.

We regret that this issue of The Young Comrade does not cotain the regular installment of the "Flying Horse" story. This is not to be understood as the discontinuation of the story since it will be regularly con tinued in the next issue and every issue thereafter. It was only due to pressure of space in this number of our paper that the story did not ap-

BRULE TO HELP PASSAIC Jennie Ruuska wrote in for a book of meal tickets and is sure she can sell them in her small town.

Child Slaves.

By CHARMION OLIVER. Age 11 yrs. Lenin Young Pioneer Group,
San Francisco.

IN a land, little comrades, far over,

the sea

Where children do not work in the mills.

d they are all happy and free As they scamper and romp o'er the hills.

Young Pioneers let us stand by our oath

To convince the young slaves every where.

Let's sass back to the bosses we

Why not raise Cain and give them

OUR dear beloved Leader commands That we strive by all means, to destroy

child slavery found in most lands.

And to them bring sweet hope and

speak of Russia to all chums we meet,

And to all working children, we'll

show How Lenin foiled the robbers complete,

So the first Republic of Freedom might grow.

Johnny Red Is Elected Organizer!

By MAMIE LITVIN. Age 11.
Baltimore, Md.
JOHNNY RED'S father was a worker.
That was why Indiana.

That was why Johnny belonged to the Young Pioneers. He did his best, always, to please his comrades

One day Johnny was in school they ad a club assembly and all the ones that did not belong to a club would have to go home. When it came the have to go home. When it came turn of Johnny and some of friends to be questioned, as to where they belonged, they proudly answered,

To the brave Young Pioneers."

When the principal of the school heard this, he made them go home. Johnny and his comrades other children, however, did not go vote.

home. They had a meeting in the back yard. They decided that they would sell papers to the school children and then go to the Pioneer Meeting.

After school they sold the papers and then went to the meeting. new members came up on the order of business, there was over fifty members in a line. This was all explained by Johnny Red when they discussed literature sales and school nucleus work. At the end of the meeting the good work done that day was cheered by all the comrades. Then Johnny was surprised. He was nominated and elected organizer with everybodies'

What to Read?

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From the School Struggle



TELLING IT TO THE "WORLD"

By Thelma Kahn and Leo Granoff.

NEW YORK CITY.—The Morning World is publishing a series of articles on Religion trying to convince the workers of e importance of putting religious training into the minds of the children in the public schools, as a preventative of crime, social unrest and radicalism.

The World begins its articles with the infamous school system of Gary, Indiana, which is a small steel manufacturing town. In this town religion is thought

in the school as a major subject. The capitalists want us to take as our example Gary and teach religion in the schools as Gary does.

It states that since so many children are living in the great city of New York, where there are many crowded tenement houses and there are not such good conditions, they must bywe something to help them bear their conditions. We fail to see where knowing the bible improves the conditions of the working class. It condtions of the working class. It would be better to organize unions and therefore the workers could get a living wage.

constitution of the United States sets religion apart from state affairs. Having religion in the schools connects it up with the government and thus is contrary to the constitution. But that is nothing new, be-cause the constitution is always con-tradicted by those 100 per cent Americans when it is for the welfare of the

W. E. Knox, president of the Bow-ery Saving Bank, donated thousands of dollars for the cause of establishing religion in the schools. Capitalists do nate money only when it is for their interests. This shows that religion is for the interest of the capitalists.

Religion tells you to be contented with your lot. This means, never try to better your conditions. This insures the continuation of capitalism. The capitalists want to place religion on a larger scale. Religion is like an opium to keep the masses contented.

Religion has caused strife since the corld began. Religion was founded superstition and superstition is founded on ignorance

In the factories race prejudice and religion are used to separate the work-ers and prevent them from organizing.



"YES, WE HAVE FREEDOM BUT ARRESTING WORKERS IS DIFFERENT, MY DEAR!"

By GUSSIE ROSENFELD, Karl Marx Pioneer Group, New York City. IN my grade we learned that the In my grade we learned that the Federalist Party's downfall was caused because they were responsible for the alien and sedition laws. The alien laws stated that if any foreigner says anything against the government he might be deported. The sedition law stated that if anybody prints an article against the government he article should be put into prison. These laws were against amendment 1 of the con-stitution guaranteeing free speech and press. It aroused the people against them and so the Federalists fell.

I raised my hand and asked if there

are any such laws now.
"Why, of course not!" she answered Then I said that a man by the nar of Benjamin Gitlow was put in pris writing a few words against the government

At first she couldn't find an answer to give me but then she replied:
"This man spoke against the government and tried to organize the people

against it. That's a traitor."

I wanted to answer her but she turned to an entirely different sub-ject. That's how she poisons the minds of the workers' children against the workers.

TEACHER ASKS QUESTION. DON'T WANT ANSWER

By TAUNO HALIN, Quincy, Mass.

In my geography class we are studying about the conserva-tion of our natural resources. One day the teacher asked us to name the countries which still have vast amounts of natural re-sources and would it not be economical for the United States to be friendly with those countries?



RATHER DITCH THE KINGS AND

By MORRIS FINK, Chicago, III. In my class reader it says that the world is a happy place and that "we should all be as happy as kings." But that is not so easy because it is a hard world for the workers and the workers' children.

TEACHERS HELP THEIR PETS! By MARTHA E.

One day our teacher had us recite poem. One of her pets, who is a rich girl did not know her poem per-fect, so the teacher helped her out. I happened to be one of those who didn't know it. She told me and others who didn't know it to stay after school until we learned it. She got tired waiting and told us we must know it by tomorrow.

appened to call on me first. said that Russia is one of the countries which still has vast amounts of natural resources and one main reason why the United States will be forced to recognize the Russia is because of her natural resources.

The capitalists know that Russia has The capitalists know that Russia has coal, lumber, petroleum, gases, furs, gold, silver, etc. They know that Russia has many unexplored regions which hold rich minerals. She also has millions of square miles of territory which is covered by forests. The capitalist countries are trying to get their hands on the great forests of Russia, but the Russian workers and farmers are not fool enough to give it tarmers are not fool enough to give it to them. The capitalist countries like the United States, Great Britain, France, etc., would never recognize Russia if they thought they could depend on themselves in the future for raw materials, etc.

Before I got thru the teacher

stopped me and started talking on stopped me and started talking on an-other subject, instead of discussing the question. This shows that the bosses are afraid to have the workers' chil-dren learn the truth in the schools.

FIGHT AGAINST TRANSFER TO FAR AWAY SCHOOLS By SALLIE EIDINOFF Chicago,

Vanguard Group.

The leader of the Vanguard Groun gave two pioneers some leaflets which told the pubils of the Lowell School not to accept transfers to go to far away schools, just to fill up a few rooms.

While the two Pioneers were giving out these leaflets a man stopped them and asked whether it was true that the teachers and the agent of the board of education said that the children could come back now.

oren could come back now.

One then who acted as spokesman, said, "My teacher said that she thought the pupils could come back," but he doubted it. Then one of the boys said, "I just came from school and I couldn't find out anything," so he didn't brow mother. he didn't know whether they right or wrong.

Then the Pioneers began telling him of the Pioneers of America and their movement. He gave the boy a leaflet and his parting words were: Join the Young Pioneers of America.

TEACHER READS BIBLE DAILY By LEON LEVINE, JOHN REED Group No. 2, Detroit Mich

Nearly every day our teacher reads us the bible. She tells us about David, Joseph, etc. This aiready This already David, Joseph, etc. This aiready teaches us to be obedient slaves. Then we have to write about what we read. This is also against the workers. If we want to stop this there is only one way and that is by helping and joining the Young Pioneers of America.

FOR A WORKERS CHILDREN CAMP



WRITE US ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL LIFE AND STRUGGLE