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JOHNNY MADEIROS MURDERED!

Johnny Madeiros was drowned. Driven into the river, running away from the mounted policeman.

Just a mill worker's brat. His life doesn't count, for all the bosses care.

But the workers do care. They organized a mass funeral—and thousands of workers and workers' children came. The priest helped the police drive them away from the church where his body lay. That shows what the church and religion are for—just to help the bosses out.

Workers' children also care. All over the country, memorial meetings are being held by the Pioneers for Johnny Madeiros. In Wingdale, N. Y., at the Workers' International Relief Camp, the Pioneers called a mass meeting of all the children. And more than two hundred workers and children campers were present. And they protested against the brutal murder of Johnny Madeiros. And they raised \$15.00 for the relief of the textile workers and their children. And they raised \$4.50 for the Young Comrade so the Young Comrade can go out among more workers' children and tell them the truth about the struggles of the workers.

In Fall River and New Bedford, the picket line grows stronger. Every working man, woman and child grows more determined to beat the beastly bosses and their troopers, and their judges. Hold the picket line!

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WORD FROM ROSE PLOTKIN

Dear Comrades:

When the policeman grabbed me in the demonstration on Wall Street for the independence of the American colonies and against America's war in Nicaragua, he expected me to cry, but he was disappointed, because I started making a speech as I was dragged off.

Then I was taken off to a jail with a very fancy name—"The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children." But the "prevention" is an extra word for this jail really is "cruelty for children."

The I. L. D. was on the job defending me, but the bosses' government doesn't want to see workers' children take part in demonstrations and so they cooked up an excuse about my not having a proper guardian (my sister was also arrested in the demonstration) and sent me off to La Porte, Indiana.

They think that the punishment they gave me will stop me from fighting with the workers. But no, comrades, it will only make me go still further with a new and better vigor. I'll carry on the work out here in this hicktown, where I'm lonely but not deserted. So please write to me: Rose Plotkin, 413 Jefferson St., La Porte, Ind.

YOU DO NOT CARE

Frances Orlin-Trenton, Y. P. (12 years old)

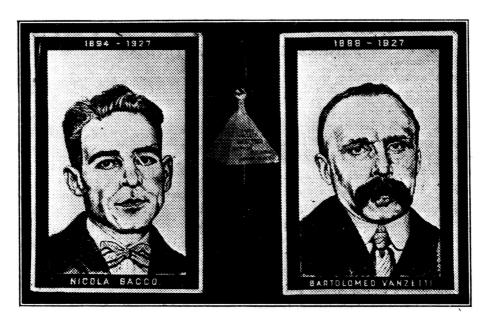
We freeze, we hunger, day by day, You do not care.

In vain we toil our lives away, You do not care.

Our life we spend in dark, cold mines, You do not care, For us the sun so rarely shines, You do not care.

Alas, we want but better pay,
You do not care.
Oh well, soon we'll change this day.
Then you will care!

Remember Sacco and Vanzetti



A year ago on Auguust 22nd, Sacco and Vanzetti were murdered. Murdered by the boss class, by their government. Sacco and Vanzetti, two loyal fighters of the working class were electrocuted in Massachusetts—the state where only recently Johnny Madeiros was murdered, where hundreds and hundreds of striking textile workers are being thrown into jail.

Sacco and Vanzetti came to America, looking for freedom. They worked hard as laborers, dishwashers, millhands and dozens of other kinds of jobs. But jobs were scarce and wages were low. So we find them in Massachuusetts, trying to organize the workers to fight for better lives.

After America entered the war, raids started all over the country to get rid of all foreign agitators. Many of the best fighters were thrown into jails, killed, sent out of the country. And the bosses determined to get rid of Sacco and Vanzetti too.

They framed them up on a charge of killing 2 payroll masters. That was an

easy way to do away with them, they felt.

Here in America, it was only the International Labor Defense, that organized protest demonstrations, strikes. Many of the labor fakers and liberals were scared to see the workers demonstrating their anger and begged Governor Fuller to do something.

But the bosses had to have their victims. They feared the growing strength and bitterness of the working class. They murdered Sacco and Vanzetti!

We will never forget Sacco and Vanzetti who to their very death were loyal to the working class.

Remember Class War Prisoners

In remembering Sacco and Vanzetti we must also remember those other working class fighters who are still behind the bars of the capitalist jails. The working class must organize strong defense organizations, defend the bravest fighters—to free Mooney and Billings, the Centralia prisoners, John Porter—all of whom are guilty of no other crime than being faithful to the working class.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER!

MINERS BUILD NEW UNION

Lewis and his machine have ordered the miners to go back to work— to give up the fight for the Jacksonville scale to go back on terms dictated by the coal miners.

Lewis has done a good job for the coal barons. He smashed the union, betrayed the strikers, told them to sign up on district scales and even each local for itself, and paved the way for more misery and suffering for the miners and their children.

But the fight is not over!

The old miners Union, which was once a powerful weapon of the workers is now smashed. The only way left is for the workers is to build a new union under the leadership of the real fighters of the Union, under the control of the rank and file.

MINERS WILL HOLD CONVENTION

On September 9th in Pittsburgh, the new miners' union will be launched. Delegates are coming from the coal fields all

over the country, from the hard and soft coal fields in Pennsylvania, from Southern Illinois, from Kansas and Colorado, from the hitherto unorganized fields in West Virginia and even as far as Canada.

MINERS' CHILDREN!

You have a big job to do in this fight. You have got to line up with the Union you have got to fight side by side with your fathers and brothers for the new union.

YOUNG PIONEERS! WORKERS' CHILDREN!

We, too, have a big job ahead of us. The miners are fighting to build a real Miners' Union. But hunger must not be allowed to demoralize the miners into complete surrender. We must continue to support the miners. The need now is greater than ever—you must do more than ever NOW.

Get busy and raise relief. Get collection lists and get on the job.

WORKERS' RELIEF SCOUTS ACTIVE!

Newark, N. J. August 7, 1928

Dear Comrades:

We, the children of the Workers Relief Scouts have collected the sum of eleven dollars and fifteen cents (\$11.15). We are all trying to help the miners and

hope to accomplish as much as possible.

We are selling the meal tickets, we have received and hope that we will raise a lot of money for the miners and their children. I have already heard that we have sold 25 tickets in one day.

Comradely yours,

Qorothy Soger.
Secretary-Treasurer

Rush Help to the Miners!



STAND BY THE FIGHTING MINERS AND TEXTILE WORKERS!

The miners have been on strike for over sixteen months—their children are hungry. You must help them get food.

The textile strike is over 18 weeks old. Strikers and children are being arrested, jailed. The children are fighting side by side with their parents.

YOUNG COMRADE READERS!

You know more about the struuggles of the miners and the textile workers than other children because the YOUNG COMRADE is the only children's paper that tells the truth about the struggles of the workers.

YOUNG COMRADE READERS!

You should be the first to help. You mu. keep on helping as long as the struggle goes on!

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A COLLECTION LIST? ARE YOU COLLECTING MONEY ON IT?

Send for a list. Collect Money. Send it to:

NATIONAL WORKERS' CHILDREN RELIEF CENTER

Broadway — Room 238 — New York, N. Y.

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ALREADY SENT IN MONEY ON THE COLLECTION LISTS

The National Children's Center for Miners' Relief acknowledges the following donations on the Collection Lists for Miners Relief:

B. Schweitzer, Passaic, N. J. \$2.00; Grace Silverblank, New York City, \$7.00; Esther Cohen, Dorchester, Mass., \$3.00; T. H. Jensen, Los Angeles, Cal., \$5.00; Dorothy Kirin, New York City,

\$5.60; Olga and Antoinette Sharkin, De Kalb, Ill., \$12.40; Wm. Oakwood, Chicago, Ill \$5.00; Helen Mazelis, Fairview, N. J., \$1.00; Julia Spector Los Angeles, Cal. \$4.20; Tom Frank, Chicago, Ill., \$2.10; S. Binchovsky, Whitefield, N. H. \$6.10; Lillian Seaser, Chatham, N. J. \$2.75; Steve Seiler, Henderson, Md., \$5.85; Ruth Milmanm, Chicago, Ill., \$2.30; Henry Hendrickson, Port Allen, La. \$5.00; George Pavesich, Chicago, Ill. \$12.25. —Total \$80.55.

WITH THE CHILD WORKERS

CHILD TOBACCO WORKERS BURNED TO DEATH

Three children burned to death! Thirty more children injured! A truck load of child tobacco workers returning from Ellington to Hartford, Conn., turned over and caught fire. Three children—Samuel Mozzi, 12 years old, Domenick Mucci, 11, and Robert Wells, 11 scorched so that their bodies could not be recognized! Three more victims of the greed of the capitalists.

These child tobacco workers get up at 5 in the morning, work all day in the burning sun, stooped over, straining their arms and legs, and return after 6 in the evening, herded together like cattle in overloaded trucks. All this for \$1.50 to \$2.50 a day.

The Pioneers and Young Workers Communist League of Hartford issued a leaflet to these child workers and to all the workers in Hartford calling upon them to demand:

- 1. Abolition of child labor. The government must support children now working.
- 2. An eight hour day for all child tobacco workers, including the time it takes to go back and forth to the fields.
 - 3. A minimum wage of \$15 per week.
 - 4. Safe transportation.

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These children are only part of the three million child laborers employed in the United States, the richest country in the world. At the same time, there are four million grown-up workers in America who cannot find jobs A fine record for American capitalism:

the wealthiest country in the world 4,000,000 unemployed 3,000,000 child laborers!

MESSENGER BOYS SLAVE FOR LITTLE PAY

The Western Union Telegraph Co., for which I work, employs a great many child laborers. The boys are forced many times to work overtime with no extra pay. They are continually being speeded up from errand to errand and only have one half hour for lunch.

Newcomb Carlton, the owner of the Western Union, makes about fifteen million dollars a year, while the messengers get very small pay and the company recently cut the pay.

The boys are willing to organize, if only there were a Union to which they could belong. The Young Pioneer together with the Young Workers Communist League must help the Western messenger boys organize and fight for:

- 1. A straight salary of \$15.00 per week.
- 2. Rubbers and raincoats in time of rain.
 - 3. No speed up while working.
 - 4. 44 hours per week.
- 5. No overtime and no work on Sunday.
 - 6. One hour for lunch.

Moey

WORKERS

Sarah Colin · 10 years old Wilmington Del. Pioneer

Workers work and sigh,
Children pine and cry,
Workers must suffer and die,
But many are asking "Why?"
Workers suffer, but workers will conquer!
So be brave, brave, brave.
And Hurrah, rah, rah!
Workers of the world unite,

And help to win our fight —
Side by side we'll win,
Everything for our right.

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Pioneer Life



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

International Youth Day, which has its beginnings from the fight against the World War in 1915, is the day for mobilizing the young workers thruout the world to fight against the danger of new capitalist wars. This year in particuluar the plottings of the capitalist countries against the Soviet Union and among themselves makes the danger of a new war especially great.

This year on International Youth Day, the Young Workers (Communist) League of America, our brother organization, will have the double task of mobilizing the young workers in a struggle against the war danger as well as in a struggle against the drive that the war department is planning against the League for its Communist work in the armed forces.

POLICE SMASH PIONEER LINE AT PHILADELPHIA SHOP

Negro Children Picket With Whites

A group of more than 50 members of the Young Pioneers, marching around the S. J. Cohen clothing factory, at 13th and Callowhill Sts., in a demonstration of sympathy with the strikers at this plant was broken up by the police, four full patrol wagons of which arrived on the scene. Among the Young Pioneers were Negro children who joined in solidarity with their white comrades.

After the arrest of the Young Pioneer leaders, the Young Pioneers of Philadelphia issued the following statement:

"The demonstration in front of the striking clothing shop is only one of the means we will use to help the clothing workers. We are going to make an intensive drive to organize the children of the clothing workers."

PIONEERS "GRADUATE" INTO LEAGUE

Thruout the country Pioneer "graduations" are being arranged for those comrades who are entering the League. These comrades must feel that upon entering into the League they assume greater responsibilities—and they must become even more active in the movement. But we remain in the same movement fighting for the freedom of the working class from bosses' oppression.

KREITZER TOURS ANTHRACITE

Pioneer Kreitzer is touring the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania and together with the comrades in that territory they have succeeded in building and reviving the units in Wilkes Barre, Luzerne, Plymouth, Shenandoah, Minersville and some other places. The groups have a membership of about 125 Pioneers, most of whom are miners' children. Other districts ought to follow he example of the Philadelphia comless and send out organizers into their territory to start things moving.

SCHOOL OPENS

Every Pioneer must remember that the most important task before every Pioneer is the work in the school. school will be open and we've got to be ready to start at once. Wherever there are district committees of Pioneers, special enlarged meetings should be held to work out a plan of work for each Pioneer unit and how they should carry on the work in the schools. schools. Carry the fight for the interests of the workers children into the schools! Carry Pioneer message into the the schools!



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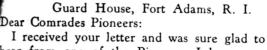
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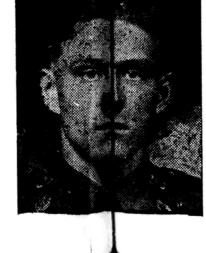


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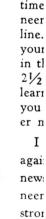
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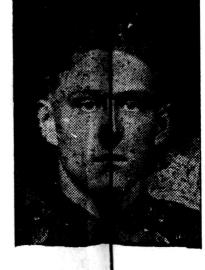
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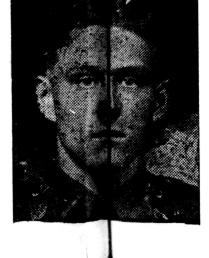
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Do You

A BOLSHEVIK ACHIEVEMENT By Jay Dee, New York

KELLOGG AND WORLD PEACE

Fate is ironical. In Italy we find hundreds of Communistworkers being slaughtered and thrown into prison—way out in the Arctic ice of the North Pole, the gallant captain and crew of the Soviet icebreaker Krassin, and the heroic aviators Chuknovsky and Babushkin—all dyedin-the-wool-reds, — risked their lives to rescue people whose government is persecuting the Communists.

All the capitalist nations of the world were unable to achieve what the only workers' nation could. Because of their selfishness, because of their consideration for their own interest only and their refusal to accept the cooperation and help of Soviet Russia, they failed.

A good example of the selfishness of the capitalist nations is the action of Nobile, Zappi and Mariano. Nobile was the commander of the Fascist expedition but when the Italia met with disaster he was the first to save himself, caring little about the fate of his comrades. Zappi and Mariano stole the food supply of their companion Malmgren, the Swedish scientist, left him to die on the ice and went off to save themselves. In these actions is expressed the spirit of the capitalist countries of the world.

The Russian rescue crew expressed the spirit of the Soviet Republic. The workers' children are proud of this achievement. We know that a Workers' Government thru its collective interest and collective achievements will prove to be not only the leader in great scientific achievements, and rescuer of Fascist explorers, but also the leader of the workingclass movement and the rescuer of the workingclass of the world from the rule of capitalism.

Secretary of State, Kellogg, has thrown a peace proposal to five sixths of the world. In it he has denounced war as a means of settling differences between nations. The Soviet Union is the one-sixth of the world that Kellogg has forgotten or, rather, has purposely omitted. This alone shows the hypocrisy of this "peace" proposal. This alone shows that the capitalist nations are trying to over-throw the workers' republic.

Kellogg, the guardian angel of peace, who is using so much energy to outlaw war, is one of a cabinet, that is unofficially carrying on a war against the little nation of Nicaragua. Kellogg asks for world peace and wages war against a defenseless nation. World peace is being promoted by carrying on war, building fleets of bomb throwing airplanes, building gigantic instruments of death—battleships. Kellogg is only trying to throw a smoke screen around his preparations for the next world war, in order to fool the workers.

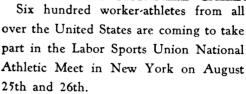
Under capitalism it is impossible to outlaw war. Capitalist countries depend on markets to make profits. And they always seek greater and greater profits—larger and larger markets. And so they come into conflict with one another and war is inevitable.

Only under socialism when profits shall be abolished and the workers will produce for their own good and not for profit will there be no war. By J. C.



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LABOR SPORTS UNION MEET WILL ORGANIZE CHILDREN'S SECTION



Special events have also been arranged for workingclass children such as running, jumping, relay races and drills of various sorts and many children are expected to take part. The New York P10neers have been practicing for this meet for several weeks and they are sure of making a good showing.

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FIFTY THOUSAND AT SPORT MEET IN RUSSIA

Fifty thousand worker athletes from all over the world participated in the Spartakiade, the International Sport Meet, that took place in Moscow from August 12th to 22nd. On the day of the opening of the meet 50,000 workers took part in mass drills and calisthenics all over Moscow. And thruout the Soviet Union big sports events were held on the opening of the meet. Children took a very active part in the sports events.

THE **CAPITALIST CANDIDATES** AND THE WORKERS' CHILDREN

In his acceptance speech Hoover spoke about the children. Just words about the right of children to education, to a chance to grow up healthy, and so on. But how about the millions of children who slave in factories, mills, on farms? How about the children of the striking textile workers, the children of the miners? about the children of the unemployed workers How about the children in many sections of the country that never go to school or do not go beyond the first few Hoover has not a word to say vears? about all this!

Al Smith the governor of the State of New York in his acceptance speech has even forgotten to mention the children's conditions in this country.

We have nothing to expect from either one of the capitalist parties-they're not for us! Workers' children stand by the

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By Jay Dee, New York

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Secretary of State, Kellogg, has thrown a peace proposal to five sixths of the world. In it he has denounced war as a means of settling differences between nations. The Soviet Union is the one-sixth of the world that Kellogg has forgotten or, rather, has purposely omitted. This alone shows the hypocrisy of this "peace" proposal. This alone shows that the capitalist nations are trying to over-throw the workers' republic.

Kellogg, the guardian angel of peace, who is using so much energy to outlaw war, is one of a cabinet, that is unofficially carrying on a war against the little nation of Nicaragua. Kellogg asks for world peace and wages war against a defenseless nation. World peace is being promoted by carrying on war, building fleets of bomb throwing airplanes, building gigantic instruments of death—battleships. Kellogg is only trying to throw a smoke screen around his preparations for the next world war, in order to fool the workers.

Under capitalism it is impossible to outlaw war. Capitalist countries depend on markets to make profits. And they always seek greater and greater profits—larger and larger markets. And so they come into conflict with one another and war is inevitable.

Only under socialism when profits shall be abolished and the workers will produce for their own good and not for profit will there be no war. By J. C.



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PIONEER JAILED

"BOY COMMUNIST INCITES RIOTING"—, so reads the headline of the Philadelphia Daily News on August 15th.



At an open air meeting on August 14th held by the Workers Communist Party, Comrade Benjamin Weiss, an active Pioneer and a member of the Pioneer District Executive Committee, called on the audience to fight the military propaganda being spread by the bosses among the children. He also urged the parents to send their children to the Young Pioneers, the only organization of workers' children that organize the children in the struggle against the bosses.

The police, the bosses' tools, hearing our comrade urge the workers to fight against the growing war danger, did not like that and dragged him down from the platform and arrested him.

Comrade Weiss was kept in jail for three days and finally released on Five Hundred Dollars Bail! But when Comrade Weiss came out of jail he was full of courage and fighting spirit in spite of the fact that his trial was yet to be held. He immediately got to work again speaking at open air meetings and doing organizational work for the Pioneer movement.

The bosses may arrest and persecute the Pioneers but they can never break the fighting spirit of revolutionary children.

ARE WORKERS' CHILDREN INTERESTED IN ELECTIONS? By T. L., Chicago, Ill.

The Young Pioneers of Chicago recently took part in the election demonstration of the Party and the League. The Pioneers showed up in full force.

One of the speakers was a Pioneer. When he jumped up to speak somebody from the crowd asked him a question—before he even said a word. The question was, What have the children to do with the election campaign? And the worker answered his own question by saying: "You have nothing to do with it, you're kids, what do you know?"

"What do you mean we, the workers' children have nothing to do with the election campaign? The capitalists say that but not the workers.

"Are we not a part of the working class? Don't we suffer because of the conditions of the workers? Don't 3 millions of workers children have to go to work? Aren't the lives of the workers' children miserable and unhappy? And isn't the Party that is fighting for the interests of the whole working class, fighting for us too—for the workers' children.

"Long live the United Front of the Workers—Young Workers and Workers' Children, shouted the Pioneers in the crowd.

SEVERAL HUNDRED PIONEERS,

(Tune: Hi Ho Merry Oh!)
Several hundred Pioneers
Hundreds more there'll be
Hi! Ho! the Merry Oh!
A Pioneer I'll be.

The bosses hate the Pioneers Because they organize All the other workers' children To fight for better lives.

We've organized some thousands now And thousands more there'll be Hi! Ho! the Merry Oh! A Pioneer I'll be.

The Little Runaway

By Nelmi Nelson

Editor's note: This incident actually took place at the summer camp of the San Francisco and Berkeley Pioneers.

The boy's heart was heavy with home-sickness. He thought of his mother and sisters at home. He remembered how his mother had wept when he left home and told him to be obedient and dutiful at the orphanage. But little Rodney could not be satisfied with the life at the orphanage. His small weak hands were tired with the heavy labor he was forced to do. His little body was breaking down under the severe treatment and repeated punishment. And now he had run away the third time.

He walked along the road not knowing where he was going. At last he came to a river bank and since it was a hot and sultry day, he stripped and jumped into the water.

But the stream carried him along with it and he could not swim. Realizing in what great danger he was, he started calling: "Help! Help!" How terrible it was to be going under—but suddenly a hand grasps him by the hair and he is pulled ashore.

"Why did you go in swimming alone and without permission?" his savior asks. "Dress up now and let's go to Minnie."

Rodney is so excited that he doesn't know what to say and silently follows his unknown rescuer—to the Young Pioneer's Summer Camp.

Here Rodney is fearful and trembles like a little bird; he does not want to say a word. Venni, who saved him, brings him to Minnie, the head of the Pioneer Camp tells her how he had heard his cry for help and had saved him. But Minnie does not know him—no, he is not a child from the camp.

Little Rodney, weeping and faltering, explains that he had run away from the

orphanage, and that he is afraid to go back there because the caretakers would whip him.

He tells about his mother far away and three little sisters, and his step-father who is in a hospital and who always beat him. And his mother could not support him and so she sent him to an orphanage, from which this was the third time he had run away.

"Couldn't I stay here?" pleaded Rodney. "There are so many other child-



ren here. This certainly is not the kind of a children's home where I have been.

And so Rodney remained at the Pioneer camp. It was a strange place—all the children were called "comrades" and he was called "Comrade Rodney" now.

All the children lived in tents that were kept in perfect order. He was allowed to live in the library tent, which was called the "Lenin Center". The children in camp sang happy and spirited songs—about the workers and about their struggles.

Minnie, the leader of the camp, told them about Lenin, whose picture was on the wall of the library, and how he had led the workers into power in Russia. and how, just as Lenin taught, the Young Pioneers were being organized and held summer camps. The Young Pioneers were fighting for a better life for the workers and for their children. Little Rodney listened to all this. It seemed to him that all the world had suddenly changed into one so good and beautiful and he too wanted to be a Pioneer and

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THE LITTLE RUNAWAY

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fight with all his comrades for a better world for all the workers and for their unhappy children. He would never again return to the orphanage—with its tiresome prayers and hard dull life that wearied his mind and body.

Then one day, two well-dressed unknown men arrived at the camp, accompanied by a boy, about 12 years of age, from the orphange from which Rodney had run away. One of them had a gun and he poked around the bushes and clumps, looking for little Rodney, as if he were an evil-doer. They asked for Minnie. (They knew about her, because she had written to Rodney's mother about him when he first came to camp). The young boy pointed out which child was Rodney.

This was a bitter moment for little Rodney. The detective took hold of him firmly by the wrist and led him toward an automobile. "They will whip me, they will beat me," he cried as if his heart would break.

Before Rodney left he assured his new friends that he would never forget the days spent at camp. He took a picture of Lenin with him and he promised that when he would be free again, he would fight for the working class.

He was now taken to a state school for incorrigible children where he must remain until he is 21 years of age—eleven years of imprisonment for this little half-orphan.

And then Comrade Minnie called all the children of the camp together. She told them about Rodney's hard fate and explained why such conditions exist in the world. Yes, and how we must change these conditions. All the comrades promised to be active—to build the Pioneers and to fight on until there was a workers' government in America.

The Whole Capitalist System ...



IT's good for Society mamas ..



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It's good for Norman



ITs good for Sezus Squawkets ..



for snappy Jimmie Walkers



For Cal, the silent talker.



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SUPPORT THE COMMUNISTS!

Fight For The Communist Demands For Children



WORKERS' AND FARMERS' CHILDREN:

The bosses shout about the prosperity in America. For whom is there prosperity? For the four million workers who are out of a job? For the half million coal miners and their families who are suffering from the 17 month strike? For the striking textile workers whose wages have been cut 10%? For the millions of underpaid workers who are unorganized? For the farmers who are being driven off the land? For the millions of children who are underfed, who do not go to school at all or get only a very few years of schooling? For the three million children who are forced to slave in fields, mills and factories or on the streets?

But there is prosperity-yes-for the bosses who are growing ever richer and richer. These same bosses are plotting against Soviet Russia. They are preparing bigger and bigger armaments for the coming war.

THE BOSSES' PARTIES

The capitalist parties are for the bosses and against the workers. Both the Democratic and Republican Parties are as like as two peas. They come at election time and ask the workers to vote for them, but the workers must have nothing to do with them.

THE WORKERS' (COMMUNIST) PARTY

Only the Workers (Communuist) Party is fighting for the interests of the working class. Only the Workers (Communist) Party fights for better conditions for the workers, fights against capitalist wars and fights for a workers and farmers' government.

THE COMMUNISTS AND THE CHILDREN

The Workers (Communist) Party as the leader of the whole working class fights for the workers' children also. It raises these demands for us:

Right of workers children to take part in labor struggles. Abolish all child labor. The government must support The government must support the children now working.

The government must build more and better schools in working class neighborhoods and central schools in farm neighborhoods, with free transportation.

Out with anti-labor, religious and military teachings in the schools. Children and teachers must have the right to organize! Abolish capital punishment.

Free feeding and clothing for all the children in the schools. Build rest homes for workers' children under workers' control.

Complete equality for negro children.

Workers and farmers children: We must fight for these demands! We must stand by the Workers (Communist) Party!

Organize Vote Communist Clubs that will help the Party in the election campaign! Our slogan must be:

> Workers' Children Have No Bread! Working Parents Must Vote Red!

JOIN THE YOUNG PIONEERS the fighting organization of the workers and farmers children