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And The Coming War

TEN YEARS AGO on January 15th the Socialists in Germany murdered Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, the leaders of the German workingclass in their struggle against capitalism.

In these "times of peace", which are really times when all the capitalists coun-

tries and America, in particular, are busily preaparing for war, it is particularly important to study the life of Liebknecht.

Karl Liebknecht devoted the best years of his life to the struggle against militarism and against imperialist war. He carried on the fight against war in the trenches while he was in the army, before the military court when he was tried by the G e rman govern. ment, right in the bourgeois Parlia. ment (Congress).

He told the masses that the chief enemy of every people is to be found right in its own country. In Germany it was the German capitalists class; in America it is the American capitalist class. The task of the working class is not to fight against the workers of other countries, but against the boss class in its own country.

WAR IS COMING!

Today the threats of war are becoming more definite every day. American imperialism is pushing fast toward another war. It sends Ho ever on a battleship to make a good will tour, only in order to strengthen America's hold over Latin-

America. U. S. Imperialism manufactures a war between Bolivia and Paraguay in order to gobble up oil lands and river ports which will be necessary in the next war. U. S. imperialism invades Nicaragua with marines, runs a fake election and now has its puppet government entrenched. Coolidge hurls the challenge of Wall St.

in the teeth of the entire world. Second to Navv None"! The Kellogg Peace Pact is ratified by the Senate because part of the war preparations is the need of the bosses to fool the masses by fake peace talk. John P. Morgan, the biggest financier of Wall Street, openly and brazenly will be the dictator at Reparations the Conference in Europe. which will attempt to fasten onto Europe the rule and domination of the United States.



KARL LIEBKNECHT.

Mobilize The Children Against The Coming War!

While the bosses are preparing for wars, intensifying the drive for the Boy Scouts they are preparing the minds of the children for the coming war thru the school, movies. We must go out among the workers' children and explain every war move of the bosses' governments, tell them that war is coming and organize them against the coming war.

Liebknecht has shown how to serve the cause of the working class. We must follow his example.



KARL LIEBKNECHT.

Julio Mella Murdered



On January 10th the bloody hand of the American capitalists reached out to Mexico to crush the life of Julio Mella.one of the foremost leaders of the exploited masses of Latin America.

Julio Mella was the organizer and the first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba. For his activities for the workers and Peasants of Cuba and all Latin America, he was driven from Cuba by the Ma Machado chado government. American imperialism of Cuba and the American bosses are very much interested in Cuba, especially because Wall Street controls the sugar industry there.

The police in Mexico are very busy. No, they are not searching for those responsible for the murder of our comrade! They are busy beating up and clubbing the masses of Mexican workers who are

Our New Name

BEGINNING with this issue our paper will be called YOUNG PIONEER. If we were to print all the letters we got about changing the name of our paper

it would fill up at least two issues. But nearly everybody that wrote to us liked

the new name.

There are more changes ahead. We'd like to make the paper a little larger and have more pages too, but above all we want it to come out regularly every month -don't you? Give us a hand comrades. It's our Young Pioneer!

protesting against the brutal murder of Julio Mella. The police have turned the water hose on the huge protest meetings of workers in Mexico in their effort to break up the meetings. More rea banners drenched in the bolod of the workers! Yankee Imperialism is Responsible For

This Murder!

We must raise a storm of protest against the bloody Cuban government that is the kept agent of the American imperialists. We must join hands with the exploited masses of Latin America and unitedly struggle against American imperialism.

Down with the butchers of Julio Mella, the American bosses! Long live the revolutionary work of Julio against American imperialism!

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EXECUTE LABOR



NEGRO CHILDREN SLAVE

The National Child Labor Committee has just published a report of a study made in Missisippi covering 1927 up to the spring of 1928.

More than one fifth of the white and more than two fifths of the colored chil-



dren from twelve to sixteen years of age are working ten hours a day. These children's names appeared in the school census but the children didn't appear in school.

The wages run from \$8 to \$12 a week, the Negro children receiving less than the white children. The children work under unsanitary conditions and do not receive the proper nourishment.

As usual, the government is working for the bosses. These children should be in school. Their names are in the school census. The government knows that these children are working. Yet it does nothing to help support these children so they wouldn't have to work or even to improve their working conditions.

No fledging feeds the father bird! No chicken feeds the hen No kitten mouses for the cat— This glory is for men.

We are the Wisest, Strongest Race—Loud may our praise be sung!— The only animal alive

That lives upon its young!

LIFE OF A FARMER'S CHILD

The farm life of a poor farmer's child is rotten.

You have to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning and work hard until eleven or twelve o'clock at night.

First in the morning a person has to get the cows. Then milk them, feed the pigs, calves, chickens, etc. Then only you eat your own breakfast. Then you wash the dishes, clean house, etc. Then work all day on the farm. And then more work in the house.

Why do the workers children and Pioneers have to work so hard, why can't they get along just as good as the rich children that ride around in nice, shining, new automobiles?

Let's join together, Pioneers and fight to do away with this capitalist system of government. Let's remember our pledge: "One aim thruout our lives, Freedom for the working class!"

MORE DEATHS IN POOR NEIGHBORHOODS

The New York Board of Health suddenly discovered that as many as 28 of every 1000 workers die on the East Side, which is the poor workers' neighborhood of New York This is two times as many as die in a neighborhood that is just a bit better. They do not dare compare the number of deaths on the East Side, with the number in the rich sections. But this is no discovery to the workers' children—it is a well known story.

In this richest country of the world, which the workers have made rich, the workers have to live in such miserable conditions, that even life is not certain. Because of the unsanitary conditions, poor houses, no parks to play in while young, long hours, bad food, the workers and the workers' children get sick very easily, and die quicker.



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NEEDLE TRADES WORKERS BUILD NEW UNION!

On December 30, over 9,000 cloak dress and fur workers assembled to hail the convention in New York that was laying the basis for a real needle trades union—a Union that will fight for the workers!

And because the workers know the value of the children in their struggle they decided to organize a **Children's Auxiliary** to the Union. The Union is now preparing for a strike in the dressmakers' trade and the children will be organized to help win the strike.

THE BOSSES LOVE FOR THE WORKERS

(tune—"Jesus loves me")
The bosses love us, this we know
For they always tell us so.
But when we grumble at long hours
Then we feel their loving powers.

Oh yes, they love us to slave
And oh how they love us to speed
That's the only love we get—
They love our toil and they
love our sweat.

BUILD THE YOUNG PIONEER





A group of Kenosha Pioneers demonstrating against injunctions and demanding release of the Allen-A Hosiery strikers.



FIGHT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THE SCHOOLS!

A fourteen year old child in a Cleveland school forgot to bring his gym suit to school. For punishment he was forced to run around a track 5 times and then forced into a cold shower. The child now is ill in bed for three weeks already, as a result of the brutality of the gym teacher.

This is only one instance. Last year there was a case of a boy who came home with a black eye inflicted by his teacher; of a boy who went thru the "spats" (the gauntlet, a line of 80 boys, each of whom pummelled him) for failure to bring along his gym suit; of a child who dropped dead of heart failure while running on the track as punishment—and cases thruout the city that were never reported.

The teachers got official permission to hit the children as they pleased last year by the Board of Education. This punishment of course takes place in working class neighborhoods only—in schools that are crowded with workers' children. Sometimes the children are hit for not bringing the supplies that their parents cannot afford to buy for them.

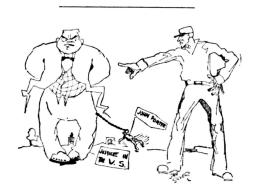
Pioneers of Cleveland Organize the Fight!

The Young Pioneers of Cleveland are organizing a real fight against this shameful system of hitting workers' children in the schools. Already several thousand leaflets entitled: 'Stop Punishment of Workers Children" have been distributed. The Pioneers are chalking up the streets with our slogans. Efforts are being made to enroll the women's organizations in the fight. A resolution is being introduced in the schools demanding the abolition of corporal punishment in the Cleveland schools and the Pioneers are putting these to a vote in the classes.

PIONEERS PUNISHED FOR SCHOOL PAPER

For distributing our school paper which told about the bad overcrowded conditions in school 89, many of us Pioneers+ were taken out of our class s and put into the same grade, but lower classes. Rado, the principal thinks that he is going to scare us in this way, and is trying to scare the other children in the school by threatening that if he catches anyone with a leaflet or bulletin of the Pioneers he will also "demote' him. We know that Mr. Rado is doing this because he is afraid that the Pioneers in his school will win over the children in his school. He knows that what the paper says about the conditions in the school is true.

Why do the schools have classes—such as one, two and three. Because the bosses and their lackeys want to divide the workers' children now, so that when they grow up, they will be able to pick the foremen, and put them above the other workers. They want the children to feel divided, the backward child to feel that he has no place with the other children, and will never be able to get ahead. We are against this means of dividing the children of the workers. It is only a means of the bosses' schools.





OUT WITH RELIGIOUS DOPE FROM THE SCHOOLS

The bosses of Superior have decided to introduce religious training in the schools. The children are being dismissed from school earlier one afternoon a week so that they can attend their church or synagogues for religious instruction. Those children who do not go, are, of course, being discriminated against.

The bosses need, good, willing servile slaves that will fear to revolt against their rule. So they are calling on the priests and the rabbis to help out the teachers in doping the minds of the workers' children.

The Pioneers are mobilizing the children and the adults in a fight against religious training. They have distributed a bulletin in the schools calling upon all children to fight against religious training.

A comrade from Philadelphia sends us a clipping from her school paper. The principal of the school, Dr. Wilson, has recently come back from a trip to Russia and is giving lectures on the Pioneer movement there. Dr. Wilson says, that

Dear Comrades:

Today we were supposed to say our prayers in school. We had to lay our heads on the desk and pray. But I didn't do it. I just put my chin in my hand and my elbow on my desk. My teacher said I should say my prayers. I said I don't believe in prayers and I won't do what I didn't believe in.

"Then if you can't say your prayers sit up straight," said the teacher. But I did not, she looked disgusted but said nothing. I am not afraid and no one can make me afraid.

JERRY STEELE (9 years old.)

Russia has beer overturned and the League of Youth—the Pioneers and Octobrists—are helping to put her on her feet again.

If a bourgeois school teacher is so much impressed with Soviet Russia—just think what a report a workers' children's delegation would bring back!

LET'S ORGANIZE OUR OWN WORKERS CHILDREN'S DELEGATION TO THE SOVIET UNION!

Our Leader Lives

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bol of struggle and freedom; but the bosses, our oppressors, tremble at the mention of the word LENIN. Comrade Lenin showed the Russian workers how to conquer the enemy—the bosses; how to set up a real workers' government; how to get the factories working again—and in this way to build up a new, free, Socialist system. In doing this Lenin is not only the leader of the Russian workers and farmers, but he has shown the workers of the world the path to freedom.

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Then came the revolution of 1905 when the Russian workers made their first, though unsuccessful, attempt to throw off the yoke of the czar. Lenin did not lose courage and hope in the workers after the revolution was defeated. Instead he, and the group of Bolsheviks with him, intensified their activity.

1914! The bosses' war! Lenin was in Switzerland. From there he carried on the work to organize the workers against the bosses' war. He raised the slogan: "Turn the imperialist war into a civil war". He told the workers not to fight in the bosses wars but to turn their guns against the bosses.

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November 1917! The biggest moment in the history of the world! Under the leadership of Lenin and the Bolshevik Party the workers overthrow the bosses and set up their own government.

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Follow In knin's Way!



LENIN'S BEQUEST TO THE PIO OF THE UNION OF SOCIALIST SOVIETBLICS

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Fight Bosses Wars!

FOUR dead soldiers are seated on the floor on the stage, as the curtain rises. A Pioneer comes on the stage and recites:

Pioneer

The danger of war is now at our door,
The workers must not be caught unawares,
We must resist the capitalist snares,
With which they entrapped these soldiers before.
We must not be fooled by glittering slogans,
As were these victims of the last World War.

The three dead soldiers now rise in turn and recite their verse, each returning to his place, and remaining there until the end of the act.

First Dead Soldier

I was a peasant of the Polish plain;
I left my plow because the message ran:
Russia, in danger, needed every man
To save her from the Teuton; and was slain.
I gave my life for freedom—this I know:
For those who bade me fight had told me so.

Second Dead Soldier

I owned a vineyard by the wooded Main, Until the Fatherland, begirt by foes, Lusting her downfall, called me, and I rose Swift to the call—and died in fair Lorraine I gave my life for freedom—this I thought, For those who bade me fight had told me so.

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I worked in a metal shop in Chicago, When democracy was threatened by the Hun, They called on me to see the war was won. Shipped to France, and soon became dead cargo, I gave my life for freedom—this I thought; For those who bade me fight had told me so.

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U. S. S. R. Pioneers Learning to Defend the Soviet Fatherland.

ON TO THE SOVIET UNION

Surely you've heard of the plan to send across to the U.S.S.R., children of miners, textile workers, negroes, auto workers, needle trades workers, poor farmers and child laborers.

In America, the richest country in the world, there are three and one half million children slaving to make the bosses rich. Million of children are underfed. In rich America, the government's first care is—the profit and wealth of the bosses!

In the Soviet Union, the best schools, free vacations every summer, no child labor—these are the conditions for workers' children. In the Soviet Union the children are the first care of the government—the government of the workers and farmers.

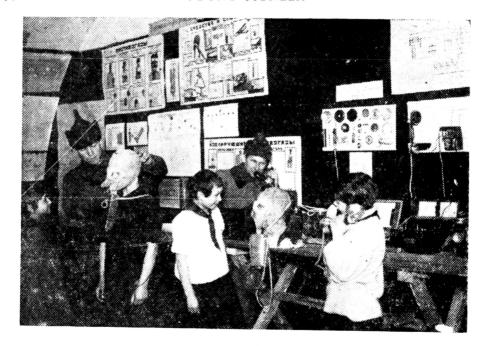
The bosses' governments thruout the world hate the U. S. S. R. because they cannot exploit the workers and poor farmers there. They hate it because the success of the U.S.S.R. is the symbol that capitalism will be overthrown.

So the bosses are planning to crush

the U.S.S.R.! The bosses governments, including the U.S. are arming the states bordering the U.S.S.R. and trying to provoke a war. They are openly plotting to attack the Soviet Union.

We workers' children must, together with the whole working class, fight against the danger of an attack against the Soviet Union. Here in America we must fight the lies the bosses are spreading about the only workers' government. We must so organize the workers' children that in case a war does break out against the U.S.S.R., they will add their strength to the organized might of the working class, to defeat the bosses' government in America and to defend our workers' fatherland.

Let us send a delegation of children to the U.S.S.R. to study conditions for themselves, to see how the children are cared for, and to bring back a report to the American workers' children that will be a help in the big job ahead of us.—the job of mobilizing the workers' children against the danger of an attack on the U.S.S.R.!



U. S. S. R. Pioneers Learning to Defend the Soviet Fatherland.

HE SET THE BIRDS FREE! HE SET THE TOILERS FREE!

THERE is a land far away from us, a land that our fathers called Russia. The real name now is—the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

As soon as the sun sends its warm rays, and the sparrows arrive, the ice in the rivers and the lakes begins to melt away, early birds seek a nesting place. The people according to an old tradition set their birds free to fly to green woods and clear skies.

But in that country lived also many selfish people who cared only for themselves, they thought to themselves—this nightingale costs money and I am going to keep it. I don't care for the freedom of the bird. I want to sell it and get richer than my neighbor. These people did not follow out the old traditions.

These people used to make the young Vladimir Ilyitch (Lenin) sad and angry. His parents had noticed that all the money they gave young Vladimir Ilyitch was never spent; sweet candies ,playthings, could not make him spend the money. They used to laugh and say, when he will grow up, he will become a banker.

But Vladimir Ilyitch used to laugh at this.

Always when this time of the year came around, he had the huge sum of three rubles. With his three rubles he used to go around to the people and buy out the birds from the cages and set them free. The birds left their old rusty cages and flew into green fields, under the blue skies. It seemed to everybody that their first song, was the song of appreciation to their young emancipator, Lenin. When little Vladimir became a grown up man, he organized the toilers of the big land and chased out all the selfish people, who live on the toil of others. No rich peasants oppress the poor. no bosses exploit the workers. The toiling masses are free!

Now all over the world, wherever people are oppressed, they study from Lenin how to win their freedom.

DAVID BERKINGOFF

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FOLLOW IN LENIN'S WAY

On January 21, 1924 Lenin died—a martyr for the cause of the exploited toilers of the world—the greatest leader of the working class!

But Lenin lives! "Organize the children" is the guiding light for the Pioneer movements thruout the world. Lenin lives in the Young Communist Leagues, in the Communist Parties thruout the world that are leading the masses of workers. Lenin lives in the struggle of the oppressed masse of China, of Nicaragua and of the workers and peasants thruout the world, wherever they fight for a better life.

Lenin lives and will never die! Lenin's way must be our way! Follow in Lenin's way. (Continued from Page 9

Fourth Dead Soldier

(Rises, interrupts the Pioneer and speaks So spoke they all, but I am the exception Fighter in the Russian Revolution. I point to the Bolshevik solution. Down with wars waged by Imperialism! Against the mastre class a civil war Till this accursed system is no more.

Pioneer

And so we say, this side of the border, To toilers with hammers, sickle, and picks Follow the example of the Bolsheviks, Smash capitalist war-for a new social order We Pioneers will fight proudly with you. Let's stand together and vict'ry will come. Pioneers stand ready! Always Ready!

* ON THE SPORT FIELD *

BY SI

THE big football season is over. Hundreds of thousands of people paid great sums of money to get into games where twenty-two men played. This was supposed to be "the game of the game's sake". The players were supposed to be playing for their "dear" colleges.

But this is not so. Behind all these huge spectacles was a network of business and dirt. Most of the players were receiving money. The coaches took fancy prices. There was much graft on the selling of tickets, etc. etc. And constantly the sport writers of the capitalist press tried to get the workers excited over this, in order to divert the attention of the workers away from their problems.

However, against this there is something better growing up. That is the Labor Sports Union, not an organization for fake college players receiving money for their playing, but an organiization which is trying to build up a vast sport movement of workers who will play at the various sports not for the money in it but for the real love of sports. But this is not all. The L.S.U. wants to build up workers-help to build the workers mentally. It fights against the bosses' sports movement, so that the workers may not be fooled by the bosses into believing that the boss s' fake sports club will take the place of a union.

The L.S.U. is proceeding to organize also a new Children's Section of the L.S.U. All children's sport clubs can join. Write to Walter Burke, care of Labor Sports Union, 15 West 126 St., New York, N. Y. and you will get all the information you need.

Don't forget! Every workers' child in a sport club should get his or her club to affiliate to the Children's Section of the L. S. U. Let us build a powerful sport movement of workers' children!

BASKETBALL TEAM OF NEW YORK

The Young Pioneers Basket-ball team of New York has played its first official game of the season. The team we played, the Colonials A. C. composed of Negro High School Students, is officially affiliated to the Junior Section of the Labor Sports Union.

After an hour of hard playing on the part of both teams the Colonials beat the Pioneers 48 to 26.

The splendid pass work and and basket shooting on the part of the Colonials piled up their immense score. Lack of team work and poor shootings on the part of the Pioneers were the major reasons of our low score.

The Pioneers took their defeat as young worker sportsmen and as Pioneers should.

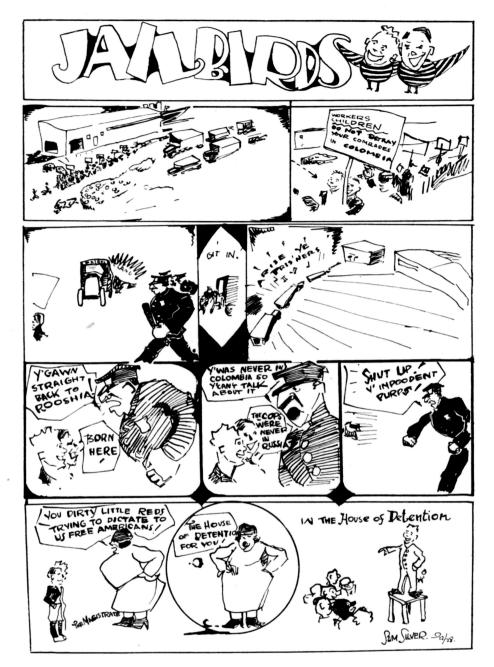
With more practice and better team work, we're sure to win in the future.



THE CHILDREN'S SWIMMING FESTIVAL

The Vienna Worker's swimming circle has organized a second swimming festival for children. Long before the beginning the place was filled with children. After the demonstration of different kinds of swimming, mass figure swimming was shown, also group swimming water-polo, water-fight, etc. The jumps from the tower called forth the greatest joy among the children.

SEND IN YOUR SPORTS NEWS to Sport Editor Young Pioneer—43 East 125th St., New York, N. Y.



PIONEERS DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH COLUMBIA STRIKERS

The workers of Philadelphia organized a demonstration against the United Fruit Co. offices. 30,000 workers in Columbia were out on strike against this company, fighting against the most inhuman conditions being forced upon them. One

thousand strikers were killed in cold blood by the Columbian government, which is only tool of the American bosses. Of course, there were Pioneers in the demonstration too! And a number of Pioneers were arrested and sent to the House of Detention. As you see, even in the House of Detention our comrade carried on their agitation against the capitalist class!

PIONEERS ARE WE!



One-two-three-Pioneers are we, We're fighting for the working class Against the bourgeoisie! One-two-three-Pioneers are we, We will fight with all our might, To make the workers free!

One-two-three-Pioneers are we— We're not afraid of anything, Of the workingclass are we!

The Duncan dancers of the Soviet Union, a troupe of workers' children from the Soviet Union, sang and danced this Russian Pioneer song. We made up our own words in the spirit of the song they sang in Russian. We'll print the best ones in the next issue of the YOUNG PIONEER. Send us your verses.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS ORGANIZE!

The National Pioneer Committee has decided that all districts must hold Pioneer Conventions during the Easter vaca-



tions in April. All districts must start work immediately.

The Philadelphia Pioneer dist. is going to hold its convention February 22and 23. District No. 8, Chicago, has already held its district convention during the Christmas vacations. A report will be included in the coming issue of the Young Pioneer.

Especially now when the danger of war is growing ever more serious, must we consolidate our organization. These con-

PATERSON PIONEERS BUILD THEIR UNIT

As a result of the activities of the Pioneers in the Paterson strike they have been able to double the size of the unit. The Paterson Pioneers are taking part in the strike. Every day they distribute leaflets for the new union. During the strike they have taken part in the picket lines and have helped to make the meetings lively.

PUZZLES

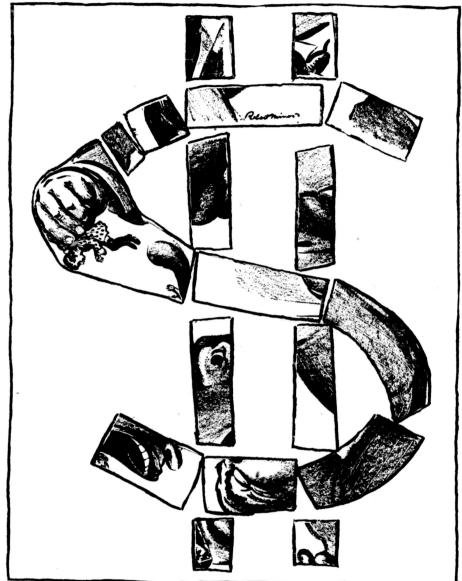
Over 250 comrades thruout the country solved the puzzle in the November issue of the Young Comrade correctly. And got their prizes—the fighting emblem of the Young Workers (Communist) League—the clenched fist. I bet you those who didn't solve the puzzle or didn't send it in, are mighty sorry!

ventions must mobilize the Pioneers for an effective fight for winning the masses of children to struggle against the danger of a new war. And as part of this task, these conventions must prepare for the children's delegation to the Soviet Union. Prepare for District Conventions! Build a Powerful Mass Pioneer Movement!



PIONEER PUZZLE PAGE





Paste up this puzzle on plain paper.

Begin the letter puzzle with the "L" in the upper left hand box and move one box at a time in any direction. The puz zle spells out a slogan you know.

Send them both to the Young Pioneer 43 East 125th Street, New York City and win a prize.

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