An Appeal
By A Group of Miners' Children

Our fathers are not working. They are on strike, fighting the Coal camp unions and the Coal and Iron Police. We have nothing to eat and we have no clothes.

The union gives out some money but mostly it gives us old clothes. The scabs have lots of money on pay day. But we have none.

We go to school hungry and cold. But the scab children are well fed and have better clothes. And they have Coal and Iron Police looking after them.

You, workers' children whose fathers are not on strike, must help us. If you help us you will help our fathers fight the Pittsburgh Coal Company and other coal companies and the Coal and Iron Police.

All workers' children are brothers and sisters. So you must help us. Only by all of us sticking together and helping each other can we beat the company. So help us!

All you workers' children! Organize relief!

ORGANIZE RELIEF FOR THE MINERS' CHILDREN! GET TO WORK!

WHEE!!! LOOK AT THIS!

The Young Pioneers are issuing Special Children's Lenin Buttons.

These are the handsomest buttons you've ever seen. They show a picture of Lenin and the inscription: Lenin Said: Organize the Children.

Every worker's and farmer's child should wear this wonderful button. Single buttons are sold at the price of 5c. Orders under 100 are 7c apiece.

Order from: YOUNG COMRADE, 43 East 125th Street, New York City.

Organize Relief for Miners' Children

COLORADO COAL STRIKERS MURDERED
STARVING MINERS CHILDREN BATTLE BRAVELY AGAINST BOSSES

HUNGRY AND COLD, a striking miner's child near Hastings, Pa., fell faint on the roadside and lay unconscious until some passers-by carried it to a tenement house.

This is happening everywhere. The coal miners in the Pennsylvania and Ohio soft-coal (bituminous) fields have been striking for months.

They have been fighting the big operators and the thugs hired by the companies against the union, the state, and the police, and the state militia, against the whole government which is helping the companies.

The coal companies own the houses in which the miners live and they have thrown the strikers and their families out. The striking workers and their wives and children may now have to live in cellars, in attics, in basements and in tents in these days of bitter cold.

The poor strikers may be hungered to the bone. Some may be hungry and cold.

The Big Explosion
By Allen Boggs, Pittsburgh, Pa.

We, the workers and working women, have had a good scare. On Monday, November 14, an explosion occurred. It started at 8:30 a.m. Most of the people lost their lives in Pittsburgh and many are homeless. The Pittsburgh newspapers are full of the story of the Pittsburgh explosion that there are 26 killed but there are so many killed that no one knows how many are killed. My father went to the morgue house and the cop did not let people in to see the people that were killed. Hundreds and hundreds of people were cut by flying glass and now the Equitable Gas Co. has raised the gas three cents per cu.

Monday, November 14, I was walking to school when I heard a bang and the earth started to quake and I looked around and in the sky I saw a big ball of flame and the glass was scattering like size and big pieces of steel flying in the air. Many children in the public schools were hurt by the glass. The Equitable Gas Co. says it will pay the damages for the people but I think it will not.

TEN YEARS OF FREEDOM

By Dally Finley, Vanguard Group, Chicago, Ill.

It is now ten years since the Russian Revolution. Ten years of progress and freedom for Russia. Yet, it is now ten years since the Russian people realized that the only way to freedom is to get rid of the bosses and landlords.

The Russian people have advanced very rapidly since the time they freed themselves. They have overcome the attempts of the capitalists to overthrow the Soviet Government. They have overcome all the difficulties of the bread and famine, the breaking up of the country; now they have grown stronger and are winning the war before the war. This is a wonderful thing.

If the Soviet Union has advanced so much in ten years how far will they advance in the next ten years, in the next fifty years?
ABOUT MEXICO

By Julius Heuser, Chiapas Pioneer

The Callers government has found out that the "revolution" in Mexico is merely an attempt of United States capitalists to change the present form of Mexican government to a government that will give them their share of the plunder.

Election time is near in Mexico. The Wall Street bankers know that they have no chance of getting a government elected by the people that will be favorable to their interests, so they decided to manufacture a "republican" government. Instead, Bermejo, Gomez, and other reactionary leaders are hirings of the Wall Street banking houses. Their task was to overthrow the Calles government and put up a government of their own, then they would pass laws which would allow United States Capitalists to take the oil out of Mexico. Of course the big bosses would pay them for their trouble and everybody would be pleased but the Mexican workers and farmers. The capitalists succeeded in getting the reactionary rebellion started but, seeing that they underestimated the strength of the Calles government, did not go through with it. Most of the reactionary leaders were killed, and the rebellion was put down to an end. New Wall street will have to lie low awhile till they can manufacture another "revolution."  

RUSH RELIEF

The Young Comrade is YOUR Paper! Write for it! Spread it!

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Are You a Worker's or Farmer's Child? Then You Belong in the Young Pioneers!

Get All Your Friends to Subscribe for the Young Comrade!

TRUTH ABOUT RUSSIA

By Rose Schelberg, Boston Pioneer

In the days of our youth we came to the Bolsheviks. Our teacher for Pioneer days they were very clever people and that they went from house to house in Russia and taught the children to read. Also that they set wild dogs on the tsar and his family.

Last year I went to Russia. Alas! I did not believe a single thing they told me. I found out that the teacher had told nothing but lies. The Russian plans were full of enthusiasm when speaking of the Bolsheviks who had made the land a much better place to live in than was ever before. The workers and farmers are free and happy and especially the children. Let's fight these lies of the teacher. We want to tell the truth about Russia and about the workers. Join the Young Pioneers, read the YOUNG COMRADE, and learn the truth!

Here's the REAL Pioneer Spirit!

READ THESE LETTERS:

Dear Comrades:

I myself, Joseph Jurevich, jr. did as the Young Comrade paper told us to do. It was made the whole thing that's what I did. So I went to some of my friends and collected $5.60. I only have a few friends who believe in the Young Unite and I ask them not to tell it all I am interested in the Young Comrade and wish to do all I can for it. Yours truly,

JOSEPH JUREVICH, JR.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Comrades:

I want very much to help the Young Comrade because I like it so much. I paid the money myself. So here are two new subscribers to the Young Comrade. I am sending you these subscribers. And also $1.70 from a collection. I collected money to help the Young Comrade. Altogether I have $1.70.

Your comrade,

ANNA JANICK.

These are SPLENDID examples!

Will you follow them?

Get subscriptions, collect money, everywhere, from everywhere, and rush to the YOUNG COMRADE.
Our Work in P. S. 61, New York City

By X. Y. Z., New York Pioneer

In Public School No. 61, the Bronx — New York, we Pioneers are very active in carrying on the school struggle. We have a fine school group in this school and we are doing a lot of work.

In this school we have a "Self-Government" where the pupils are supposed to rule the school thru a Mayor, a Board of Aldermen, a District Attorney, three Judges and a Sheriff. These officers are children and are elected by the pupils.

The Rapids Party.

Every year we have elections for the above mentioned officers for the "school city." During election times "parties" are formed. Before you form a "party" you must have a convention to put up your candidates. In the last elections the Pioneers started a new party called the Progressive Party. But a little later on we formed a united front with the Rapids Party. We held a convention and had more than 225 children at our convention. At this convention two Pioneers came up for nomination as candidates. We soon found out that the parties had no plank forms or programs and just wanted to get elected on a personal basis. We changed all that.

We got the Rapids Party to put up a real platform. This platform took up questions of interest and importance of the children in the school.

Demand Real Self-government!

Build a cafeteria!
Believe congestion in the school!
Boost the Fathers Association!
When the platform reached the school the whole school was aroused. Many teachers were approaching and speeches were made every day. We put posters up all over the building. We got out a leaflet giving our platform. We told all the pupils about it.

Then came elections. Five out of our seven candidates were elected. But this is not the most important thing. The most important thing is the propaganda we carried on for our platform which reached all the children in the school.

The election was only the beginning of the work of the Pioneers. We have done such hard work that now we have real control of some of the most important parts of the school self-government. We can't tell you what these parts are because we don't want the school and others to find out. That's why we can't give you our platform.

Our School Paper.

We Pioneers have carried on a lot of work besides the election campaign. We have a school paper, "The Young Spark." On the front page is a big cartoon about overcrowding. We have articles about our school, about the Soviet Union, about the Progressives and about the "Young Comrade." The bulletin board is covered with pictures and we distributed about a thousand in all.

Want us to say the pledge so that when we grow up we'll believe in our country and their government.

No worker's child should say that pledge, because what it says is not true to us. At the same time it says "liberty and justice for all." But that is not so.

What about Sacco and Vannetti?
What about Money?
Where are they now?
Sacco and Vannetti sit in jail! "That's the "hierarchy and justice for all." And that is why I say that workers' children need not say any pledge except the Pioneer pledge.

The Pledge to the Flag

Vanguard Pioneer Group, Chicago

The conditions in the school I go to, the Lowell School, are very bad. The place is overcrowded and each has no room to move to a different room. We are not allowed to enter the building until the bell rings; and when we do enter we are met with allegiance to the American flag. Why do the teachers of Lowell want us to say the pledge? They want us to say the pledge so that when we grow up we'll believe in the bosses and their government.

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What Do You Think of This Puzzle?

What are these Pioneers shouting and telling each other? Do you know? You can find out by putting together the different scraps on the map of the Soviet Union. First take the letter to the extreme right; then take the letter next to the left; then the letter after that to the left, and so on and you will get the answer.

In Lowell School

By Sarah Held,
Lowell School Group, Chicago, III.

In the Lowell School we have to say the pledge every morning. One day while we were saying the pledge I said the Pioneer pledge. A teacher was standing in front of us. She gave me a dirty look. She was going to take me out of line but the bell rang. So she thought she would not bother me

The conditions in our school are very bad. We have the Plateau System in our school. We get very tired of walking up and down the stairs. The School Board has been planning to make a new part of the school already for over a year and a half. But we haven't got it yet

Our Pioneer School Group has twenty-five votes to fight for and we are doing it.

SCHOOLS in the SOVIET UNION

By M. W., Cincinnati Pioneer

A SCHOOL in the Soviet Union has no "punishment" such as we know it. Who is going to punish the children if they want to make their own school and make their own rules? The children themselves. That is one of the great changes in the schools. The children have full control of the school.

In the Soviet Union the Pioneer clubs have a special job: they must become the leaders of the young people in their area, in their school and in their neighborhood. They must organize all kinds of new activities, demonstration and celebrations. But above all they must fight against the remnant of old school system and all those who are fighting for the old school system such as there is in the Soviet Union.

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Need We a Strong Pioneer Movement

By M. W., Cincinnati Pioneer

A manual training teacher came up to a pupil who was sawing wood and said, "You are not sawing the pupil he pulled by the hair. The pupil did not want to stand this punishment and told the teacher what he thought of him. The teacher immediately went to the principal saying that the pupil had disobeyed him and that he had corrected the pupil but that he would not listen to him. The principal punished the pupil.

What we need in Cincinnati is to strengthen our Pioneer movement so that it should carry on the fight in the schools against the teachers who treat us like slaves or animals.
A Page for Miners' Children!

FROM THE "HARD-COAL" REGION

By Nick Vostreiko, Lawrence, Pa.

The section where I live is in the striking area. Here is the hard- coal region where the coal operators are not strikin' now. But our life is a hard one anyway even when our parents make some money. In the summer time when there is no school we have to go to work on the farms. The poor children work 10 hours a day from詹 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are paid 75c, a day. Some children earn even less. We are hungry. The children who work are from 9 to 13 years of age.

The poor children have to go to work like this because their parents don't make enough money for the family. The company is always tryin' to cut down what it pays the workers and if the workers go on strike the company gets thugs and policemen and state militia to beat them up.

Recently the father of four small children got crazy and jumped into the river. He was sick over several months and there was nothing to eat, not even coal, no clothes, no money, and the poor man couldn't see his children. They were only 6, 8, 10, and 12 and lived his life but not the misery of it.

Right now we must all help the children of the workers. We must give them some relief. We have the bituminous fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio. We must show the children how hard it is for these children and ask all workers' children in the U. S. A. to help them. Send relief!

A Word to the Miners' Children!

Brothers and sisters: We know about the bravery fight you are putting up to help your comrades and the Coal and Iron police. Many of us are Pioneers and we are children of strikin' miners and we know how hard you are fighting to make the union win. We know about the terrible conditions of the miners' children. Our fathers don't get any pay. No food...no clothing...no place to live. We are close to our homes but the dirty decks are protected by the Coal and Iron police.

The Young Pioneers, are getting all the workers and farmers' children of this country to help you because we know that the fight you are fighting is the fight of all the working people. We all have one cause common. All workers' children are brothers and sisters and should help each other.

Miners' children: Don't you think it's strange that we are starving and freezing while Conldide and all the newspapers talk about the wonderful "prosperity" in this country? The government is spending millions on new battleships and poison gas and such stuff but we starve.

We must demand that the government authorities give us free hot meals and some good clothing.

Miners' children: These things we must fight for if we expect to get them. We have against us the coal companies and all the rich houses of banks, the courts, the Coal and Iron police, the army, the police, the army government which takes the side of the bosses. But we have on our side all the working people and the working class of every country and best of all — our courage and solidarity, our stickin'-together.

Miners' children: Don't let your fathers win! Fight also for your own demands, for the government to give money to help us to live and for the same thing in your country. But I said: "Here the bosses make us go to work and the Coal and Iron police are beating us up the people with clubs.

The Union Will Win!

By Doris Druggi, Gallatin, Pa.

The Pittsburgh Coal Company's houses for so many years have got to out and give the workers the bread out of the mouths of poor little children. The bosses' houses have and our houses.

The union is going to win and we are going to have a better life for the workers.

The Young Pioneers of America are going to help the children of the workers and will give a good Christmas because our fathers are not working and the need help with their jobs and broad and clothes.

Some Rebel Songs

(Made up by the children of the striking miners.)

I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be

(Chore: I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier.)

I didn't raise my boy to be a rebel.
Who dares to place a hand on his shoulder?
To take the jobs the fellow workers had.
We left our old home towns and houses.
And gone up them to the yellow dogs.
There would be no scabs today.
If mothers all would say.
I know how my boy is to be a rebel.

The Scabs Are Cowards

By Elizabeth M. Lenski, Gallatin, Pa.

There was a woman in Sunny Side.
She lived there three years and they sent her out of her house.
In school here things are quiet and she is not safe to walk upon the roads any more. The scabs carry around rocks and hatchets and such things. The union people are not afraid. The scabs are coward and they know they are wrong. They are afraid around their weapons. The school in the school there are the scabs children. If they try to smack we know them down once in a while. There is a fight between the scabs and the coal shie.
I'd rather eat dirt than be one of scabs.

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Some Questions

1. How can workers' children all over the country help the striking workers' children with their brave fight?
2. What is an "injunction"?
3. On whose side is the government in a fight between the bosses and the workers?
4. Should the strikers' children demand the government and the school authorities?
5. Why don't some Russian workers have to strike?
6. Who can answer these questions?

Write as You Fight!

Join the Young Pioneers!

About Injunctions


If you want to know on whose side the government is when the workers fight you can find out about the "injunction." Does the government do the things to win their fight? They don't picket, they can't tell how dirty they are, they can't look the other way, so if they do these things they're arrested and go to jail. I read about a little boy five years old who was arrested for picking up union songs and made faces at the signs. That's what an injunction is. On whose side is the government? I guess we know.

About Child Labor and War

By Anna Bogatyreva, Vinnov, Pa.

One day we had health study in our school. The teacher said that the parents make their children go to work. But I said the bosses make them go to work by giving the parents some little wages.

One day we had history study about the Great War. The teacher told us about the King who made the people go to war. The teacher said: "Some of the Americans don't want to go to war, and they lot such thing in our country. But I said: "Here the bosses make us go to war and the Coal and Iron police are beating us up the people with clubs."

Here, and in Russia!

Here, in America, the "land of the free" there are thousands of miners' children on strike fighting the bosses for better wages. The Young Pioneers of America have the help of the government, the courts, the police, the militia, in fighting the workers. The workers find that the "government of, by, and for the people" arranges them, puts them in prison, shoots them for daring to fight the bosses.

In Soviet Russia the workers don't have to strike. They own and run the factories and they don't have to answer to the government. But sometimes they can give themselves shorter hours, more wages, better conditions. The government always obeys the workers and helps them.

Why this difference?

Because: In America — the factories and mines and land are owned by the rich and the workers are slaves, and working for pennies or for nothing with the rich bosses.

In Soviet Russia — the factories and mines and land belong to the workers and farmers. The government is a workers' and farmers' government and works for the benefit of the workers and farmers.

ATTENTION — MINERS' CHILDREN!

* Write for the Young COM- RARADE. Tell us about your life and work and your reaction about the union's fight. We will print your articles and stories in the YOUNG COM- RARADE.

* Send this paper to a friend of yours or let him read it.

* If you are a child of a striking miner, send your address to the YOUNG COM- RARADE, send in your name and address and a story or picture or anything and we'll print it in the YOUNG COM- RARADE FREE for six months. We pay you for your stories and poems about about 500 rubles free so hurry up.