

Young Pioneer Groups

Formed in Sydney

Activity Begun

On Saturday, 16th May, the Young Pioneers Group of Sydney was at last set up, although instructions had been issued by the Young Communist International to form Young Communist Children's Groups in 1928. But "it's better late than never," and our organization is proceeding strongly now, the first meetings having an attendance of 12 members. As a result of canvassing in Glebe we have two new members, and perhaps many more to follow.

Each week we intend to canvass and attempt to enlarge our membership, even if only one new member per week, and, since we are to have a portion of the "Young Worker" for our activities and articles from the Young Pioneers, we intend to help in the sales of the "Young Worker."

The Young Pioneers are an organization which is practically the same as the Y.C.I., but the schools are substituted for factory nuclei as a basis for working. We will agitate against bad conditions in schools, against corporal punishment, and tyrannical teachers, and for free meals and milk for children in the schools.

Giving a Lead.

To-day, as never before, Australia is drawn into the world crisis of capitalism, perhaps more than most countries, due to her dependence on agricultural production, which can never recover its former prices. So the position is becoming more and more acute in Australia, and as the workers' conditions worsen, so must those of their children.

By demanding alleviation of bad conditions, and by demanding free meals in schools, we shall win the leadership of the school children, and help fight against their own and their parents' enemy—capitalism.

In Balmain Hospital alone, 127 babies in the Peace Six children and babies per week die of malnutrition. This is an example of the bad conditions experienced under the yoke.

Workers' children, don't starve—fight!

Join the Young Pioneers!
L. Aarons.
395 Sussex St.,
Sydney.

SOCIALIST POLICE TERROR IN GERMANY

The enthusiasm with which the workers' Y.C.I.ers have begun to distribute the "Young Guard" (after it had been prohibited for two months), in order to develop Mass Distribution and make the paper a daily, keeps the Zornitfel police anxious. Special police commands were sent all over Berlin during the last week against the sellers of the "Young Guard." The police were able to arrest over one hundred, and confiscate their papers. Besides this they tried to get information through their spies, as to when the Y.C.I. paper would be-

A letter from a Young Pioneer to all working-class children:

With the increasing attacks of capitalism upon the standards of the working class: the vicious wage cuts, lengthening of hours, cutting down of pensions, etc., the children of the working class experience a rapid worsening of conditions.

In Balmain Hospital each week, an average of six babies and children of our class die from malnutrition—i.e., starvation.

In the schools the working class child is fed on lying stories about "our wonderful Empire" and attempts are made to poison the mind against the Soviet Union. This is intended to destroy their class instinct and make them gun-fodder in future Imperialist wars.

Our Young Pioneers' organization counteracts these lies and leads the children against tyranny within and outside the schools.

Why is it that attempts are made to pollute our minds with lies about the "atrocious Bolsheviks" of Russia? Simply because the boss class, who are familiar with the wonderful condition of the children in Workers' Russia, own and control the schools. They are afraid that if we in Australia learn the truth about the Soviet, it will mean the grinding into the dust of their class, an act which the workers will accomplish in the very near future, despite all the bosses' poisonous propaganda.

Children of the working class, builders of the new society—join the Young Pioneers.

E.G.

The Young Pioneers Group in Hurstville is going strong. A class is held regularly every Sunday morning with "The Parable of the Wolf and Lamb" as a text book. The Group is organizing, with its own forces, a social to be held at an early date.

WE ARE PIONEERS

We fight for freedom!
We fight for bread!
And we honour
The Workers' Red Flag!

We are Pioneers,
And we are glad,
Now, you capitalists,
Don't get us mad!

Soviet Russia isn't doomed to die!
Soviet Russia stands up high.
Some day capitalists will sigh
When Soviet Australia stands
near by!

IMPORTANT INVENTION OF SOVIET WORKER

Pioneer Correspondents

NOT BLUFFED

Dear Comrade:

While at school to-day, I had occasion to go out to teacher's desk for a pen. I was wearing my August 1st badge. After reading, he said, "Are you a Russian?" I answered, "No." "Well, don't wear that badge again."

I may say that I intend to wear it every day, and tell all my mates what it stands for, and what good conditions the workers live under in the Soviet Union.

Greetings to all young pioneers.

MICHAEL TELFORD.

Aged 8.

Baxter, Sydney.

YOUNG WORKER AWAKE

Dear Comrade:

When going to school one morning I got into conversation with two school girls. One said, "My father's a Nationalist and so am I."

The other, "My father's Labour and so am I."

I told them my father was a Communist. Then I asked them what was the difference between Nationalist and Labour they did not know. I told them that when you went to school, whether you were Labour or Nationalist, you have to salute the Union Jack and while you were doing that they would be waging Children of the countries are doing the same job under a flag of another name which also meant war.

Under Communism we shall be saluting our own country's Red Flag, which means no more wars.

P.S.—Support the Young Worker.

WORKED TO DEATH

Fate of Young Immigrant

Dear Comrade:

I was pleased to see my sister and my own letter in the "Young Worker."

I will now cite a case in which another young worker was treated with terrible cruelty. It occurred on a farm quite close to ours.

An immigrant lad, about 17 years of age, was employed to milk and do general farm work at the usual low wage. Between the milking he had to grub for weed, which is very hard and tedious work. In spite of the early hour he had to rise and the late finishing at night, he was kept continuously at this work, under a scorching sun and through heavy downpours of rain.

A neighbour told us that the lad was not allowed to have his meal with the family, and when fed was given a scanty diet of the

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