

Plan Working Class Magazine for Working Class Children

By MAX SHACHTMAN.

For too long a time have the organized revolutionary workers of this country stood by and allowed their children to attend one of the most pernicious instruments for the molding of the mind, the public school, without taking any steps to counteract the vicious anti-labor and anti-radical propaganda with which the susceptible mind of the child is filled while he is being educated.

The child of radical parents will very often express himself on such matters as strikes, labor unions, Soviet Russia and so on, in a manner which is alarming, for it shows the deep influence which the schools, his teachers, and the papers he reads, have on him.

In the history class, the English class, and the civics class, the child is subjected to a continuous spray of capitalist propaganda in favor of every act of the boss and the government against the labor unions, their methods, principles and aims, radical political parties, Soviet Russia, and every other movement and achievement of the working class. Especially is this true when the classes discuss "current events." There is a sheet issued by the labor baiters of this country called "Current Events" which is one of the vilest sources of misinformation and insinuations against the working class and its institutions, that has ever been published. It is from this rag that the children of the workers are taught to hate the working class and its endeavors and aspirations. It is used as a text on events of the day and those responsible for its publication see to it that it accomplishes the work it was intended to perform. And we must admit that it does its work very well.

It has become a matter, then, of prime importance to the workers of this country to help in the organization of a means of propaganda which will not only neutralize the poisoned teachings of the public and high schools but which will serve also as an organ for teaching working class children that they are primarily members of the working class, and that as such they should learn what their position is in society and how they may free themselves from the chains of slavery, both physical and intellectual.

The Young Workers League of America, at its second national convention held some months ago, instructed its national executive committee, as the supreme body between conventions, to begin the organization of junior sections and the publication of a children's magazine. The organization of the children is already proceeding apace, under the name of the Junior Section of the Young Workers League of America. An organizational basis has been drawn up for the hundreds of children that are now organized in groups all over the country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The next step to be taken is the issuance of an organ for these children. Plans have already been made for the publication of the initial numbers. Sufficient material has been gathered to guarantee a magazine which is not only attractive, but also instructive. The only momentary drawback is the inability of the Young Workers League to finance the first few issues.

Because of the great importance of this particular phase of its work to working-class parents, the Young Workers League feels justified in asking for financial support for this venture, and it is confident that its expectations will be more than fulfilled. We ask that all Workers Party branches, sympathetic organizations, fraternal societies, Workmen's Circle and Workers' Sick and Death Benefit Society branches, and all other interested organizations and individuals send in a donation, large or small, to defray the initial expense of publishing this children's paper. We ask also that these organizations and individuals send to us the number of copies of the magazine they will dispose of as soon as the first number appears.

The magazine will be made up attractively, filled with well-drawn car-

toons and excellent articles and stories written so that children may understand them and digest their meaning. The retail price of the paper will be five cents and bundle orders three cents a copy for five or more.

We appeal to the working class parents of this country to support this movement to wean their children away from that which is making them enemies to their class, and to lead them in the path of sympathizers, friends and participants in the struggles of the workers.

Let all those who are interested, write to the Junior Section, Young Workers League of America, 1009 N. State St., Rm. 214, Chicago, Ill. We shall be glad to give any additional information that may be required.

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