

MARCHING BABIES MOST TOUCHING THING IN RUSSIA

Children Supposed to Grow
Into Young Communists
— Called Pioneers.

This is the first of a second series on Soviet Russia as it is today, written by William Philip Simms, European editor of the Indianapolis Times and other Scripps-Hearst newspapers.

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MOSCOW. (By Mail)—In many ways the most striking thing I have seen since my arrival in Russia is the spectacle of her marching babies. No public demonstration is complete without them. At State funerals or any place where the Soviet Government is desirous of making a show, these political babies are on parade.

Thousands of them marched in the Dzerzhinsky cortege. Down the street you would hear the tap, tap, tap of a kettle drum, beating time for some delegation or other bound for the Red Square where the funeral orations were to take place.

Some Only Five

Then would appear, not a line of soldiers, but a column of kiddies ranging downward all the way from 13 or 14 years old to about five—just big enough to toddle along with the procession.

At the head would be a boy or a girl, sometimes both, with a drum and maybe a shiny silver bugle. The older ones in front, the line would taper down until tiny legs had to stretch far and step fast to keep up. Many of the boys wore only red or blue tunics. Bodies from the middle up and down including feet, were bare. The girls wore one-piece dresses made of cotton and most of them were barefooted. Some were bareheaded. Others wore the traditional strip of turkey-red cloth tied about their heads.

These were the "Pioneers"—communist boys and girls scouts—Ochotniki fresh from the cradle—children of the October, or Bolshevik, revolution and hope of the present Soviet Republic.

I have already pointed out that communism's greatest danger arises from the fact that Russians are only human beings just like the rest of us—that they have a human hankering after money and the things that money will buy. I have also expressed the opinion that unless communism can find a way to gratify these human cravings there'll be trouble.

But communist Russia doesn't see it that way.

The Russian Belief

"You, in America, have no trouble finding men willing to serve the nation at very small salaries," as diplomats, army and navy officers and so on," a communist said to me. "Why then should not Russia extend the same principle a little further and have everybody consider it an honor to work at any task for our government?"

The communist belief is that by catching them young, children can be taught not to care for money and what money will buy, but to consider only the honor of serving the country—to fight for it, work for it, no matter what humble capacity, regardless of pay or rank or any other consideration.

The communists are frankly out to change human nature. From "Pioneers" these babies are supposed to grow into "Young Communists"—the next older organization ranging up to 20 years old or thereabouts—after which they are to be consecrated full-fledged communists.

Will It Take?

That is, if the training takes. But it's like expecting every boy and girl who attends the juvenile class at Sunday school to grow up into a preacher or a missionary.

It is always easy to find men and women for posts of great honor with out large inducements in the way of salary. But to find millions to do the drudgery, to be privates, to become mere, obscure cogs in a great machine for a bare pittance and a stall to go to after the day's work is done, is something else again.

To an observation of this kind the ready answer was: "It depends on the training."

Can Russia completely make over the babies now being born? It will be interesting to watch her try, anyway.

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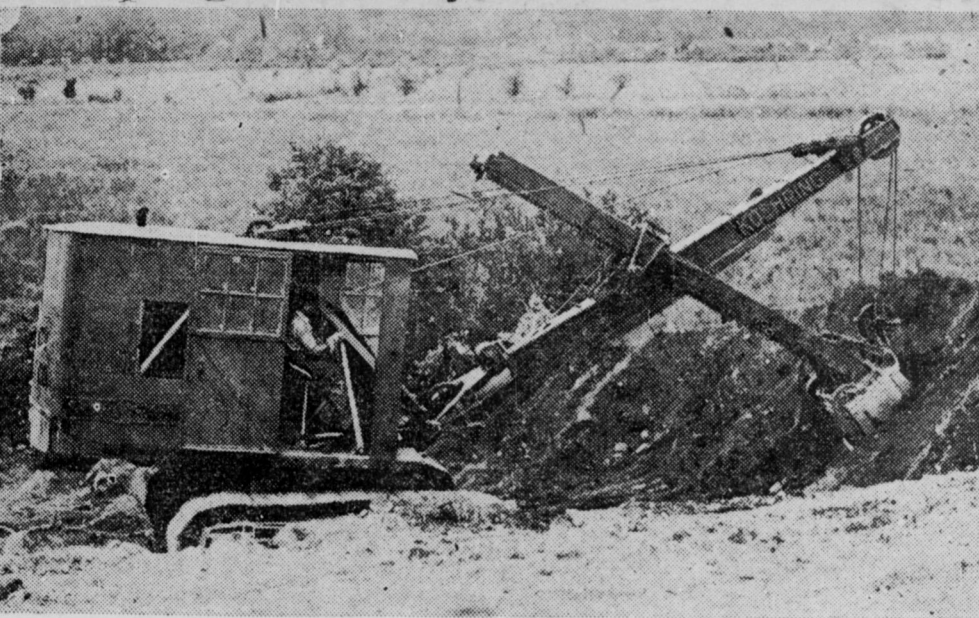
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\$75,000 Saving

Use of gravel from the college site will save the university about \$75,000, John H. Atherton, financial secretary, declared.

Richard Colborn, foreman estimated it will take several weeks to scalp the two acre hill at Fifty-Second St. and Boulevard Pl., adjoining the stadium site on the south. After the gravel has been removed the site will be landscaped. Water from the canal will be used to wash the gravel.

Work at Cost

William Smith, graduated in 1884, who has been a liberal donor to the school, has the contract for the basement and foundation of the buildings and is doing the

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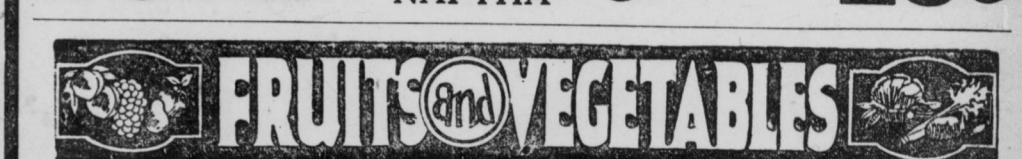
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