Comments On Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness

=By BILL REICH___

Agriculture... 1933, approximately 54.1 farms per 1,000 were sold for taxes or mortnounces a farm tractor with air- fense. cooled, sound-proof cab, equipped with radio and cigar lighter. . . . Because few American farmers have who has been here fifteen years and horses and mules is increasing. In were charged with being anarchists mack, Commissioner of Immigra- rejected the closed shop. Arkansas and Oklahoma human beings are forced to pull plows and harrows. . . . In Soviet Russia near- they sub-let office space to the edily 100,000 more tractors are avail- tor of the English-language Anarable this year than in 1934 and the chist newspaper, "Man". Their ar- notified the other organizations to a man When the Longview acreage per tractor has increased rest was part of a campaign of in- which cooperated in the protest local did vote on the sell-out it was 25 percent. Food prices are approx-

Patriotism...

creased accordingly. . . .

Adopting the slogan "Crime and Communism must perish!" the United States Flag Association adopted a new Declaration of Independence on July 4. It asserts that "United States people are normally the most prosperous and happiest on the planet. Wages of American workmen are highest in the world and the American standard of living far above any other. . . . Communists and radical forces are spending six million dollars a year in propaganda to undermine and destroy the republic. . . . The time has come when every man must declare himself and show his colors, be they red or pink, black or blue, brown or silver, or Red, White and Blue." Among the 56 signers were Al Smith, former Vice-President Curtis, Hamilton Fish, Jr., John J. Raskob, C. R. Walgreen, Copper magnate Solomon Guggenheim and WILLIAM E. GREEN. . . . The Catholic Daughters of America, assembled in convention in Seattle, big job. Plans are now being were urged by their national chaplain, Bishop William J. Hafey, to the enlistment of regular contribu- and bundle agents not less than combat Communism, Bolshevism, tors to its columns from the im- \$466.05. There was due the New Atheism and birth control. Members bitterly attacked Margaret Sanger, birth-control advocate. . . A recent study shows that during can revolutionary traditions and to the past 16 years the birthrate of carry pen portraits of American this means? For us, this represents dog trot with these armed thugs Catholics in Milwaukee fell 15 per- labor leaders and labor martyrs. an appalling situation of laxity and showering blows upon them with betrayal of the struggle by its paign as well as legal defense ex- the combined pressure of the govcent, of Protestants 5 percent. The It will carry regular analyses of negligence, and it also explains riot clubs and pick handles. Over "leaders," stands the splendid mili- penses, etc. would be covered by a ernment and the operators. report states, "Whether Catholic families are resorting to contra- facts for agitators and general edu- crushing deficit. Naturally, we can- town. ceptives or continence cannot be proved by the evidence." . . .

Capitol Hill...

The U. S. Senate passed an amendment appropriating mileage of 20 cents a mile to vice presidents. To John Nance Garner this means \$851.20 per trip from his home in also in the making for a regular Uvalde, Texas. Senators and Vice-Presidents now receive free postage, free clerk hire, free haircuts, shaves and massages, free snuff and free mineral water. . . . Everett Parker, citizen of Newport, Tenn., with his wife and four small chil-4ren hitch-hiked to Washington to get new shoes for the kiddles. They were put out of the Senate gallery when Mrs. Parker began nursing Senator Huey Long's recent filibus- our campaign for the necessary \$16.95 and \$11.00, respectively. The her eight-months old baby. . . .

speech filling 89 pages of the Congressional Record at \$50 a page. . . . The United States Weather Bureau reports that Washington is the first issue, receipts from affairs, \$11.65, the New Castle branch \$9.50,

less windy than any other large city. The average wind velocity in Chicago is 15 miles per hour, New York, 13 miles per hour, Washington only 7 miles per hour. . . . BOOK REVIEWS

"At the very outset Franklin was plump, pink and nice," says Sarah Delano Roosevelt in "My Boy Franklin," When editor of the Harvard Crimson he showed his militant spirit by crusading against change of attitude by the branches lack of sportsmanship, listless and bundle agents in regard to sethockey practice and the small vol- tlement of accounts is necessary. ume of cheering at football games. The truth is that too many branchbelieved that everybody had a settlements and the result is that house on Fifth Avenue, a villa in the NEW MILITANT has to carry Newport and a steam-driven, ocean- the burden caused by this negligoinng yacht," confesses Cornelius gence. Vanderbilt in his "Farewell to Fifth

Society Notes...

To prove that it is a pure Nordic Nation, Germany has undertaken to establish a family tree for each of its sixty-six million inhabitants. . . The Lukens Steel Co. of Coatesville, Pa., first makers of boiler plate, recently celebrated its 125th birthday. . . . Last March, Mike Naggis, unemployed puddler who had worked for the company 40 years died of starvation. . . . "There are no more sticks, no more hicks," announces the fashion editor of a national woman's magazine. . . . Clad only in nightshirt, John Hechter of Weldon, Ark., was found wandering the streets of Dallas, Texas, at 2 AM. It was his first visit to the city. "I went out in the back yard and there was no path leading to the place I wanted to go and I couldn't see my little house," he ex-

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Form United Front to Protest Revolt Against the longshoremen walked out solidly; refusing to work as long as Deportation of Anti-Fascists Strike Sell-Out the most elementary rights of the

For the year ending March 15, thern California Civil Liberties side Italy. This makes the deport- the Weyerhauser Lumber Co., that gages. . . . Forbes Magazine an and the Non-Partisan Labor De gentine and Uruguay were immediagreement and that the end of the

Ferrero, a resident of San Francisco for thirty years, and Sallitto, penal islands. subject, as aliens, to deportation, because as owners of a restaurant imately half of what they were a year ago and consumption has in- to the paper were visited by im- the I.L.D. expressed a willingness down tight. if they continued to aid it.

which will also decide Sallitto's C. P. or the I.L.D. appear on the bearings the men were ordered de- the mass protest, the C P. organ- began to rise in the union locals, ported on June 3, and the Board of ized a rival meeting on the same

The protests to Washington of ing on the NRA. tion so far, but they are still in campaign for the freedom of Salit-

testing the ordered deportation of the government plans, Sallitto and two Italian auti-Fascists, Viacent Ferrero are subject to a sentence Ferrero and Por : 1 ick Sallitto, a in Fascist dungeons of five to fifmass meeting was held here last teen years under a law specifically after the strike began Muir triumnight, by the Workers Party, so- passed to cover anti-Fascist citi- phantly announced that he had necialist Party, the I.W.W., the Nor- zens who have been residing out- gotiated a "model agreement" with Committee, Tom Mooney Molders ation equivalent to extradition. Re- negotiations would be begun with Defeuse Committee, the I.L.G.W.U. cently Italians arriving from Ar- all employees on the basis of this

tion, Washington, D. C. and to send

Partisan Labor Defense. Marcus Graham, editor of "Man", migration officials and threatened to cooperate but said that she would first have to take the matter up \$2,500 bail on Angel's Island here, a conference between the I.L.D. and awaiting a decision on a writ of the C. P. which took nearly two Lewis. Previously, after secret N.P.L.D. Then to further disrupt Review in Washington refused to evening at which the counter-at- Hutcheson demanding his removal, traction was Leo Gallagher speak-

many workers' organizations and The mass meeting adopted a res- file Northwest Strike Committee was the attention the case has received olution pledging all participating set up which announced its intenthere has prevented their deporta- organizations to conduct a mass ion of sidetracking Muir and fightto and Ferrero.

The Manager's Corner

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MILITANT to an 8-page issue is a required if we are to succeed. worked out for its confents and for portant fields in the country and from abroad. It is planned to carry regular feature articles on Amerieconomic trends. It will carry umn of concise comments on current international events. Plans are page, for material of a humorous character and, of course, for regu-

and for theoretical material. These are only some of the preliminary plans. Later we shall be ter cost taxpayers \$4,450, the funds. \$2,000 in cash contributions Detroit branch owed \$15.90 and to work with speed if we expect to \$8.50; and the Center branch, N.Y. have a successful campaign.

PAY UP BUNDLE ACCOUNTS

Before the 8-page weekly actually sees the light of day, a serious "Until I was twelve I sincerely es fail altogether to make prompt

To make this clear we want to give a few examples which should also serve as a serious reminder to the comrades in question. The reminder is to pay up accounts promptly. We are preparing to

ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC

make a great step forward but a The enlargement of the NEW much more responsible attitude is organs of class rule swung into

NEW MILITANT from branches International for bundle order accounts on the same day a total of Bridal Veil, Oregon, by state police it condemn the organized strike mediate organizing drive in the last moment after MacMahon had

why our organs had to carry a 230 workers accounts without delay?

tional a total of \$20.50. The Boston right to work." branch owed \$22.49 and \$9.00, redepend for their execution entirely \$21.00 for the NEW MILITANT. on the response that we receive to The Minneapolis branch owed is needed. We shall be glad to re- \$8.00, respectively. The Columbus ceive it in outright donations, ad- branch owed \$12.30 to the NEW vance subscriptions, greetings to MILITANT, the Charleston branch etc. We need also secure the fund and the St. Louis branch \$8.75. To to be made of monthly pledges, be- the New International the Spartasides the cash donations. But we cus Youth League, N.Y.C., owed have a long way to go before we \$13.50, the Youngstown branch, reach this goal, and it is necessary \$12.00; the Salt Lake City branch,

> C., \$7.50. Since July 1, the Minneapolis branch, the Center branch, N.Y.C., and the Spartacus Youth League, N.Y.C. have made some payments, but not yet enough to improve their

standing seriously. The publication of these delinquent accounts should serve as a present notice to the branches in question and we shall follow up henceforth making public any progress made by them in settling clared an unlawful assemblage by capitalist class and the need for their accounts in a responsible man-

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REFRESHMENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2 .-- Pro- If deported to Fascist Italy as Muir Lumber Central Labor Council turned down

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ately seized upon arrival and sen- strike was now in sight. This tenced to long terms on the dreaded brazen sellout agreement provided for 50c per hour, forty-hour week, Working class organizations are the recognition of the union as a money to buy tractors, the use of has a motherless child of three, urged to protest to W. C. MacCor- collective bargaining agency and

The fakers were given a rude notice of their action to the Non- shock when the Weyerhauser workers did not even wait to vote on this "model agreement" but walked out timidation against radical workers meeting that he had requested the rejected 8 to 1, and this large prolast year, during which subscribers I.L.D. to participate also. Roth of duction center was soon closed

Revolt Against Muir

fate. They are defended by Austin same platform with the W. P. or returned to work on Muir's terms.

Revolt against Muir's leadership by the state police. several of which wired Green and and when action was not forthcoming from these quarters a rank and ing to a finish for the original strike

When it became apparent that the fakers were losing control of the situation the bosses called upon their executive committee, the state governments of Oregon and Washington to take action. Ever obedient to their masters voice these action and unleashed a reign of On July 1 there was due to the terror upon the workers so vicious that even conservative A. F. of L. leaders branded it as Hitlerism.

Police Terror

Picket lines were broken up at and sheriffs deputes and the work-Is it clear to the comrades what ers driven down the highway at a

cational material. It is planned to not continue on this basis and we, The answer of the A. F. of L. solidarity with them, of the Inter- raise a two million dollar fund. carry about one page regularly of therefore, address ourselves in the leaders to this terrorism was a national Longshoremen's Associafeature articles, dealing with im- first instance to the following series of statements bristling with tion, who, in every instance have the Federation should be intensified under the McCormack military disportant international events and branches which are among the "radical" talk and --- a resort to refused to load scab lumber. The and more adequate publicity med- obedience bill favorably reported problems of the international move- worst delinquents: What are these the capitalist courts in an effort to will to struggle has been present lums should be developed. An im- July12 by the Housemilitary affairs ment, together with a regular col- branches going to do to settle their obtain an injunction to prevent the from the beginning. What has been perative necessity is a Labor Radio committee. It is a counterpart of The Chicago branches owed on full" picketing!!!

the NEW MILITANT account a On Tuesday, June 18th, Clarence the misleaders, to tear away the cultural page, for a trade union total of \$40.83, on the New Inter- D. Martin of Washington, acting on veil of illusion from the capitalist The hiladelphia branches owed a cent of the employes of the Tacoma and to point out and lead the worklar news from the class struggle total to the NEW MILITANT of mills, ordered the state police in ers along the road they must take \$23.40, and for the New Interna- Tacoma to "protect workers in their if they are not to be crushed be-

"Ample evidence showing that a able to return to this subject more spectively. The Pittsburgh branch majority of the employes were satspecifically; but all the plans, no owed \$21.00 and \$11.50, respective- isfied with agreements negotiated the self-confessed vanguard of the speed up accompanying the up- formed by the bosses to split the matter how good they may be, still ly. The Allentown branch owed with employers and want to return workers, the Stalinist C. P.? It swing, the long hours, etc., workers ranks of labor. to work were laid before the ex- once again glaringly betrays its sought to better their conditions. ecutive office", he said.

work must be respected."

Proof that the statement that 63 Action on June 28: percent of the millmen wished to

dered. Another has since died.

After the reopening of the Tacoterror on the workers. On Monday tions. We may well leave that task the dominant role in effecting "settag day was summarily revoked, and the Fourth International.

The longshoremen walked out solthe troops were in Tacoma,

workers the reactionary Tacoma strike and as substitute action wired Roosevelt asking him to send in Federal troops to replace the national guard and state police!

Meanwhile in Portland several mills were opened under police protection. However, no lumber was produced as less than 200 men were induced to scab.

bosses and the support of the leadership of the A. F. of L., Muir renewed his campaign to force the workers back on the job under his sell-out terms. In order to force through the sell-out he summarily revoked the charters of the Longview and Aberdeen locals, granting new charters to his stooges and ordered the men back to work on the threat of being cast outside the pale of the labor movement. On Sunday, June 30, the workers of the Inman-Poulsen mill in Portland voted to return to work under the terms negotiated by Muir, thus From then on the strike spread causing a serious break in the Sallitto is now detained under with the Communist Party. After rapidly and soon over 40,000 were strike ranks. The next day the out. Although Muir and his stooges Long-Bell and Weverhauser mills continued their maneuvers the in Longview opened with small habeas corpus which is to be ar- hours, Graham was informed that strike ranks remained solid, except crews composed of members of gued next week, and the outcome of under no circumstances would the for one important break, the work- "Muir's local." The militant group be adopted in a given section of brought to the attention of the Expicketed 500 strong but were routed the penetration of such fields as and the responsible leaders of the ers of the McComick Lumber Co., whose charter had been revoked

5,000 Protest in Aberdeen

tion of 5,000 workers was held as protest against their presence. Thus wherever the militant work-

ers reject Muirs sell-out he revokes their charter, grants a new one to one of his stooges, and calls upon the troops to enforce his strikebreaking at the point of the bayonet. And this is done in the name of the labor movement with the full sanction and support of the top leadership of the A. F. of L.! Every trade union and workers' organization in the country must flood the executive committee of the A. F. of L. with demands for Muir's removal and demand that the revoked charters be restored and that

In glaring contrast to the base

authority.

on the picket lines, and the splendid every member of the Federation to olice from interfering with "peace- sadly lacking is a Marxist-Leninist System equal in range to the hook- the Tydings bill which was slipped vanguard to lead the fight against up of Father Coughlin. neath the iron heel of the bosses, the road to the Workers' State.

And what has been the role of bankruptcy in the following state-"The state will go the limit in ment issued by the Northwest Dis- tions sixty major Ohio strikes, three protecting them. Their right to trict Committee, which was pub- characteristics of them come sharplished in its organ, the Voice of ly to the fore.

"This attack by the state authorreturn to work was false was evi- ities on the lumber strikers, who denced by the fact that only a with their dependents, constitute handful would pass the picket lines. the largest single group of the On Friday the state of California people (whom Martin is supposed followed the lead of Oregon and to represent) shows the prime need Washington when pickets at Eureka to prepare now for a militant antielections."

On the contrary, to every milima mills had proved a failure with tant revolutionary worker the lesonly the state police on hand it son to be drawn from this strike is means to "pacify" labor. was decided to loose a real reign of not to prepare for the next electhe 24th the national guard was to the Stalinists, the Townsendites, ordered into Tacoma. Picket lines the Socialists, and other reformwere broken up at the point of the ists. For us this strike has meanbayonet. Although martial law was ing politically only insofar as it not formally declared groups of unmasks the brutal, coercive char- gles. more than two persons were de- acter of the state apparatus of the the commander of the guard. A revolutionary action. Concretely: permit which the City Council had We must raise high the revolutiongranted to the S.T.W.U. to hold a ary banner of the Workers Party

Strike Pits Brother against Brother By GERRY ALLARD

PORTLAND, Oregon .- Two brothers bravely carry symbolic banners of their cause on the strike front. Two brothers man bayonetted rifles and menacing machine guns

in a company of national guards. The four brothers met the other night at their father's home in a conference asking the scion for advice.

"Dad, if they call out the troops to break the strike? What should we do?" was the question the boys asked their dad. "Stick with your gang!" the father exclaimed to his striking sons. "I believe in labor's right to organize." Thus the sagaclous

old father spoke, knowing full well that the strike meant a loss of family income they could not afford to lose. For days and days the two sons continue to carry their banners before the gate of a Portland lumber mill proclaiming the right of their cause in the long strike of lumber mill workers of Ameri-

ca's Pacific northwest. Many strikers have been injured while picketing. Two have been killed. The strike continues. Efforts to smash the picket lines with brute, criminal force have failed. Attempts to reopen the mills fizzled. The strikers are winning.

Thus another chapter-perhaps only a sidelight, but nevertheless significant-has been written of American labor's onward march

IN THE UNIONS

By KARL LORE

The American Federation of

Hosiery Workers has, for years, been known as one of the more wide-awake and aggressive units of the American Federation of Labor. For a long time it constituted practically the only organized force in the textile industry. Without the hosiery workers, the United Textile Workers—to which the A.F. Backed up by the terror of the H.W. is affiliated-would have been a paper organization. Its leadership, by and large, takes a right Socialist position. It is likely that the coming period will see a certain grouping of forces around the tendency which these leaders repre-

> In the June 28 issue of the Hosiery Worker, the official union organ, this group presents its concep- izations of the workers in the mass tion of the path which the labor production fields. movement should take if its organizations are to be modernized and strengthened. Summarized, their proposals are as follows:

Program...

1. The A. F. of L. should be empowered to order, within certain limits, the form of organization to trade or industry to make possible autos, rubber, armament industries, movement, local, sectional and nasteel and food. Such a program tirnal." can only be effected by a complete Muir pursued the same tactics at change in the status of the inter-Aberdeen but without the same de- national unions. Some of their abgree of success. National guards solute power and autonomy must be were rushed there last Sunday taken away in order to create a night, and yesterday a demonstra- more powerful central organiza-

> 2. In line with this conception, immediate steps should be taken to unify action in the printing industry. One craft must not work while another is on strike. All agreements made by printing trades unions should expire on the same date while organization of the unskilled elements in the industry is a vital

> 3. Central authority should be granted to the A. F. of L. to end the confusion and the division in the ranks of the building trades

6. Establishment of a Labor Red Cross with a million dollar

fund to feed strikers. 7. Greater financial and moral

support to workers' education. 8. Intensification of activities

among Negro workers. There can be no disagreement with the general line of these proposals. In essence they aim toward reorganization of the Federation on a more strongly centralized basis. These proposals, if adopted would certainly make the organization and strike campaigns of the Federation more effective and vigorous. They would encourage organization of the unskilled in the basic industries. It would be much more difficult, under such an organizational setup for the large and powerful craft unions, to strangle the organ-

How??

The editorial proposes that "the questions raised . . . be taken up on the floor of all local unions, central bodies and in every type of trade union gathering. As opinion crystalizes, resolutions should be drawn and adopted and eventually

Radicals and progressives in the unions will do well to keep their eyes open in this situation. The leaders of the Hosiery Workers together with such others as Gorman of the United Textile Workers, Harrison of the Railway Clerks, constitute what might be called the 'moderate progressive" tendency in the Federation. Far more aggressive, honest and intelligent than the run-of-the-mine labor leadership, they are still part of the A. F. of L. machine, they play the game according to the official rules and they undertake no real fight against corruption and reaction. The textile workers will not soon forget the deal, made at the last U.T.W. convention whereby Rieve, hosiery worker chief, first declared his intention of running against Thomas MacMahon for the presidency of 4. The situation calls for an im- the U.T.W. He withdrew at the breaking being carried on by its South, in other thinly populated agreed to let Gorman run the genareas and in steel and other basic eral textile strike, a fight which he industries. The cost of this cam- ended with a gross capitulation to

WASHINGTON. - Workers will not even be allowed to protest 5. The legislative activities of against being shot down in strikes, through the Senate

national account a total of \$45.90. petitions allegedly signed by 63 per government and all its agencies, The hiladelphia branches owed a cent of the employes of the Tacoma and to point out and lead the work. Value of Revolutionary Party

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Using as a basis for generaliza-

General Features of Strikes

1. Two thirds of the strikes, predominantly those in the basic industries, were met with flagrant violence by local, state and county police, the national guards, all under the domination of the capitalist were fired on and one worker mur- capitalist Labor Party in the next class. But in no instance did terrorism serve its purpose. The militancy of the working class hurled back this challenge. It took other

> 2. The federal government played tlements" in four-fifths of the strikes. In other words, the class character of the state exposed itself in the great majority of the strug-

3. The American Federation of Labor served as a brake in all

mentioned; the Chevrolet strike workini class movement. this spring, the huge gas operators | It is precisely in this that the and so on and on.

While every strike had union recognition as its prime motive, in strength and influence. this was won clearly in only two out of the sixty strikes. Pay in- Party is built up to play a greater creases were wrung from employers and stronger role in the numerous in ten of the strikes, being used as struggles (through participating in union recognition.

Concrete Results

Labor was organized in only four the NRA. Less than 5,000 out of trialized Ohio region. the 65,000 workers in these strikes | A clear understanding of the naperience speaks or itself.

and particularly in the basic in- quisites to our success.

dustry plants, company unions were Over 21,000 of the 60,000 workers

involved in major strikes in the Ohio region were auto workers who struck in six plants during this period. Of course, the Toledo Chevrolet and Auto-lite strikes were the most significant. The betrayed Berger Steel strike

and the Weirtown and Steubenville walkouts drew 15,000 workers into open class struggle. Textile strikes brought 4,000

workers on the picket line in three factories and three rubber strikes (in minor plants) had 2,500 work-What the paper results of the

great majority of the strikes were can be summarized in the familiar terms, "Go Back to Work and Negotiate," "Called Off," "Company Agrees to Meet with Any Group of Employes," etc., etc. Labor gained little there.

The Role of the W. P.

What the working class learned struggles, it openly betrayed the from its experiences is of decisive rubber workers in three strikes, it importance. One scarcely need add ruined the labor movement in rub- we are not "mechanical" Marxistsber temporarily through its policy the workers didn't learn autometand it served as an effective screen | ically. Only where revolutionary for the government in many cases, forces drew correct conclusions and Besides the rubber industry, there explained them to the masses was are many examples which should be conscious progress made in the

strike in Cleveland last year; the Workers Party played its major and Columbia Chemical strike in Bar- constructive role. Utilizing both an berton; the Berger Steel strike; Auto-lite victory and the rubber betraval to educate and lead the workers, the Workers Party gained

Only in so far as the Workers "bribe" in five cases to avoid them) will the revolutionary movement grow in America.

This must be one of our major tasks. Strengthen and build the of the sixty plants involved before Workers Party in the highly indus-

were union members before NRA, ture and scope of the problem and The weight of the factor of inex- of the prominent position strikes as a manifestation of the class strug-In sixty percent of the plants, gle will play are necessary pre-re-