Comments

On Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness

By BILL REICH Among the Patriots...

marked: "Smith has always been

Hearst announced: "I think Alfred tionally. characteristic of Mr. Hearst to put Mooney.

ism but Roosevelt stands for a poor untouched. To these hundreds of workers the need of a new social brand of Russian Communism." . . . thousands enrolled in the Epics and order. The program of the Labor The good Father is also interested Utopians, besides thousands of un- party cannot even be called reformin capturing the auto workers from affiliated workers, the present cap- ist; the best description that can the A. F. of L. with his Automotive italist crisis has driven one fact be given for it is Left-liberal. tion against the bosses because all a new social order. we have in Detroit, except Henry

pass the money on to labor' ". . .

Soak the Rich...

W. J. Cameron, Henry Ford's publicity agent, says, "Every form of attack has been made to gain control of the Ford Company. strikes there; men have come with goal, but somewhere far off from vinced of the necessity of replacing the boss' son. hundreds of millions of dollars to buy it. Now comes this tax-therich idea . We think it is simply a brenk-up-Ford idea." . . . Oscar De Priest, former Negro Congressman from Illinois, states: "This 'soak the rich' legislation is striking at the Negro's best friend—the wealthy employers of the big factories of America, such as Henry Ford, Standard Oil, General Motors and others. If they are soaked we will be drowned!" . . . Roosevelt's sharethe-wealth taxation program will paid by consumers while only 38.7 percent will be borne by persons best able to pay. In 1930 the con-

Science and Invention..

Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, has presented Mussolini fective functioning of the union. with the latest device for transmitting "death waves" which he claims will revolutionize warfare. Ethiopians will have the honor of being fashion . . . Julius Streicher, Nazi present teachers of all ages: the fundamental problems which the Jew baiter, advises the use of a grayhaired and dignified one near-organized teachers face. He stressed small pendulum as a divining rod the age of retirement, the mid five problems: the education of the minates the role which the Lefko- ers; it means the winning of the sociation has been treated as that was achieved, for detecting Jews. "Jewish blood," dle-nged and the younger genera teacher to a fuller knowledge of witz-Linville-Green combination is youth of America—the future gen-though it were merely a useful or 7. The Lefkowitz and Linville he says, "belongs to lead and zinc, Aryan blood belongs to gold and college. There was also present a activity, closer fraternalization tical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Arkansas, Georgia and Washington, The weakness of his report consist-Life Insurance Co. attributed the D.C., as well as a delegation of ed in the fact that he offered no 1934 increase in the birth rate as teachers from Cuba who told the tangible program or recommenda- prevent the organization of teach-"the direct result of an upward convention of the repression of the tions whereby these problems might ers in their efforts to smash the trend in the economic tide." . . . The current issue attributes the increase as being due to a lowering have a higher birth rate than nonrelief families." . . .

Prosperity...

the return of prosperity. . . .

Stalinists Launch New Phoney Philly Fruit Clerks Labor Party in San Francisco Facing Jail Terms

Opportunist Platform Is to Right of Epic; **Devised to Catch All Voters**

By CHARLES CURTISS

SAN FRANCISCO .- "Labor Un-The Liberty League has secured ites with Liberal Democratic and 56 prominent reactionary attorneys Radical Forces for the Municipal to pass privately on the constitu- Elections" is the heading of a leafdent. . . . In 1919 W. R. Hearst re- which was ratified on August 31.

The Labor party being formed. too close to Tammany and to cer- under Stalinist aegis in San Frantain public service corporations to cisco, key labor city in California, make him an ideal public official." is an indication of the nature of . . . Al Smith replied: "Hearst is the Labor parties the Communist elections to propagandize the revoa particularly low type of man. He party is going to form throughout hasn't a drop of good clean red the state. For this reason it deblood in his body." . . . Recently serves the attention of workers na. by the Communist party. The high-

E. Smith would make a powerful The program for the proposed candidate for President. He is the Labor party calls for everything to give the workers the idea that accredited leader of the Democrat- from 100 percent unionization of the ic Party. . . . The genuine Demo- city to abolition of one-man street cratic Party should not have its cars; from a demand for referenhonored name stolen by the auto- dum, to free school beoks; from a tics around election periods for the cratic Asiatic party of Karl Marx unified publicly owned transbay advocacy of the revolutionary soluand Franklin Delano Roosevelt." . . . transportation system, to a state- tion, and second, in giving the Father Coughlin slinks from the ment of opposition to vigilantism; Roosevelt bandwagon and crawls from the improvement and extenaboard the Hearst-Smith-Liberty sion of vocational training, to a League outfit: "It is an admirable demand for the freedom of Tom

done in suggesting Alfred E. Smith and slogans. The mass-class Labor addition to a series of immediate for the Presidency. Roosevelt's pol- party so loudly touted by the Stalicies are un-American. Norman inists, reveals itself to be a catch-Thomas is a piker compared to him, all to attract votes on any basis. which bases itself solely upon the After all, Thomas stands for a fair. But the burning question to literal- struggle for immediate demands, ly good brand of American Social- ly hundreds of thodsands it leaves and does not even place before the Workers' Industrial Association. He home: capitalism is an outworn says, "Labor shouldn't direct its ac- system that must be replaced with the working class, instead of lead-

Upton Sinclair, on the platform way of revolution, is dragging them Ford, is a bunch of straw bosses of "End Poverty in California" and to the abyss of the most craven type Swarthmore, attacked the McClure charter. carrying out the orders of bankers. "Production for Use," polled nearly of reformism. The masses have organization, declaring of all the . . My advice is not to say 'to a million votes in the gubernatorial seen the necessity of a new social corrupt political organizations, hell with the stockholder and capi- elections of last year. The over- order (confused though they are as there was never anything in the talist' but to say 'charge more for whelming majority of these votes to the means of attaining this social United States to equal this." your car and take less in profit and were protests against the present order), but the Labor party does system, and for socialism, although not even pay lip service to this aware County is not entirely re- to be hanged. The truck drivers Again, the failure of proper func- ping clerks could not be ignored. a confused type of socialism as po- ideal. pularized by Upton Sinclair in his profit" platform.

it, is very true, but right now we capitalism by socialism it points the question.

gram for the Stalinist-inspired La- the workers still imbued with faith try to organize a union or conduct the responsibility for this act. word about the necessity of the a new social order. abolition of the capitalist system, and the establishment of socialism. JOIN THE WORKERS PARTY.

The program of the Stalinist conceived and executed Labor party Philadelphia. limits itself to the struggle for immediate demands. The program does not base itself upon the idea tionality of New Deal legislation let stating the program of the San of the overthrow of capitalism, but and suggests Al Smith for Presi- Francisco Municipal Labor Party, merely to the patching up of this system. It is silent concerning the burning question of the era: capitalism or socialism. The elementary teachings of Marxism-Leninism concerning the use of parliamentary lutionary solution by the workers of their problems, is thrown overboard est aim of the parliamentary struggle seems to be for the Stalinists capitalism can be reformed. The mistake is two-fold: first, not to utilize the interest aroused in poliworkers the illusion that any gains of a substantial nature can be won through parliamentary struggle.

As a matter of tragic fact, the Epic movement, having as its cenaside personal animosity as he has The program lists 21 demands tral slogan, Production for Use (in demands), is far to the Left of the Stalinist-created Labor party,

> The self-proclaimed vanguard of ing the workers to the broad high-

AskAidfor Members

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - Readers of the NEW MILITANT are aware of the fact that five fruit clerks are facing long terms in prison if convicted as a result of strikes they conducted in Delaware County and

Certain wiseacres in the labor movement are spreading the rumor a big howl about nothing," etc.

to cite a few examples of "justice"

in Delaware County:

to mean "sedition." 2. In the spring of 1932 two young workers, John Adams and Harry Roth were arrested in Chester, Pa. (Delaware County) and charged with "sedition" because they advocated in case of war the workers should "turn their guns against their oppressors." did one year in jail apiece.

3. There were two other workers who were sentenced to 90 to 190 days in jail because of unemployed activities.

Speaking of Delaware County, we wish to quote from the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger, September

"Governor Earle yesterday at a

three months militant strike?

Shipping Clerk Strike in New York Ended

ILGW Heads Paralyze Militant Battle of Striking Workers

The shipping clerks' strike is that "there is nothing to these over. The strikers returned to work Harlem Branch, N.Y.C..... 6.70 branches stand to date as follows: cases," "you guys are just making Thursday without winning their wage and hour demands, and with-In reply to these people we want out union recognition. They have Flatbush Branch, N. Y. C.... 1.00 West Side branch 101.00 a promise from the bosses' associations to pay a \$15-\$16 minimum for 1. In March, 1930 Roy Peltz and a 44-hour week. At a meeting of Cleveland Branch 1.00 Bronx branch Tom Holmes were convicted of "se- the strikers held Wednesday afterdition" and received \$5,000 fine and noon the "settlement" was put for-1 to 20 years in County Jail, and ward by the leaders of the union two years, respectively. These two as a "victory" and accepted by the workers were trying to organize a clerks. Under the conditions the union in the Viscose Mill (world's clerks were given little choice in Rigby, Utica 1.50 Paterson branch largest manufacturers of rayon) in the matter. The stoppages called Marcus Hook, Pa. The "sedition" in various shops in support of the consisted in giving out a leaflet strike had all been called off. Numwhich advised workers to organize bers of clerks had returned to into a union and if necessary to work. It was either a case of ac-"protect yourselves against police cepting the terms offered or carrybrutality and interference." This ing on with badly weakened forces. was construed by the "just" court But to call such a settlement a victory is quite another matter. It winning the next battle.

President Dubinsky and the I.L.G. war? How can the militant work- (Revolutionary Defeatism vs. So-W.U. to give the shipping clerks a ers prepare themselves against So- cial Patriotism); October 6-The They charter as a local of the I.L.G.W.U. cial Democratic and Stalinist be- Struggle Against Fascism (Historplaced, from the start, a great trayal? What are the lessons of ical Lessons for America); October handicap on the local. As a part the struggle against Fascism in 13-The Road to the Fourth Interof the I.L.G.W.U., with the pres- Germany and France for the work- national (Forces and Prospects for tige of the I.L.G.W.U. behind it, ers of the United States? What a New World Party Under the and backed by it in their organiza- are the forces and prospects for the Banner of Mark and Lenin). tion campaign, the local could have Fourth International? been put on a real mass base before These and other questions will expected. Tickets for the four strike action was considered. The be answered in the series of four lectures will be sold in advance for responsibility for this failure lies Sunday-night lectures "On the Road 45 cents for the series. Individual not with the clerks but with the to the Fourth International" to be admissions will be 15 cents, that is, leadership of the I.L.G.W.U. who given by James P. Cannon, editor if there is sufficient room. Order Cornboil' on the Grace Farm, turned down the request for a of the NEW MILITANT, beginning tickets in advance from district of-

Secondly, as a Federal union the local was given the "support" of properly organize the strike. It Local 22. the officials of the Truckers Local was then the bounden duty of the By the overwhelming response to 102. This support was of the kind I.L.G.W.U. to loan capable and ex- the strike call and by their mili-Furthermore, "justice" a la Del- that a scaffold gives a man about perienced organizers to the clerks, tancy on the picket lines, the shipstricted to Delaware County -Al | went on strike simultaneously with | tioning of the strike machinery can- | Financial support was generously The Workers Party of California, Lichtman, one of the five fruit the shipping clerks, and settled not be placed on the young and in- given by the I.L.G.W.U., and Pres-"production for use and not for however, places before itself an al- clerks, was just sentenced to a their strike at the expense of the experienced militant leaders, but on ident Dubinsky was forced to intogether different task. It does not \$1,000 cash bond to keep the peace clerks. In other words, they ap- those who could and should have tervene. This belated intervention That the methods proposed by drag behind the masses; it does not in Philadelphia County in spite of plied the noose and then kicked furnished the experienced leader- could not save the strike. It did, Sinclair to attain socialism, would strengthen their illusions in parlia- the fact that the only "evidence" away the "support," leaving the ship. under it; unions have started and could not lead to the desired mentarism. To those workers con- against him was the testimony of clerks dangling in mid-aid. Metz, Again, though unofficial support by that may pave the way for a manager of Local 102, has a record was given to the strike by some future victory. Now Messrs. Wiseacres, do you that is known, and not favorably, locals and particularly Local 22 shall not deal with this aspect of out the only real way of attaining see what Earle says about Dela- throughout the I.L.G.W.U. This through the calling of stoppages, gressive forces in the I.L.G.W.U. this goal; through the scientific ware County, the stronghold of the action was in line with that record. this support was sabotaged by the should now press for the unity of Although nearly a million Cali- method of Marxism-Leninism, the McClure gang? Do you think that President Dubinsky, who sanctioned reactionary leaders of other locals, the local with the I.L.G.W.U. They fornia voters cast their mandates workers' dictatorship over the cap- "gentlemen" of the calibre of Mc | the settlement by Local 102, can- Instead of "benevolent neutrality" should carry on a vigorous organfor a new social order, the fact of italist class, as a temporary stage Clure and his henchmen, who send not by later financial support and with unofficial support, the reac izational campaign. They should the matter is that the proposed pro- to the free communist society. To workers to jail for years when they statements wipe out his share of tionaries were officially silent and force recognition of the minimum

The Manager's Corner

Contributions this week in the Youngstown Branch 3.00 campaign for the 8-page NEW MIL-ITANT again record a drop. The Brownsville Branch, N.Y.C... .80 total brought in for the week is only \$33.50. These contributions were received as follows:

Contribitions Anonymous, N. Y. C..... 1.00 Center Branch, N. Y. C..... 5.00 Harlem branch Astoria Branch, N. Y. C. 2.00 Center branch Charleston, W. Va. Branch.. 1.00 Flatbush branch

Total 26.20 Advance Subscriptions Cherloff, Youngstown Br.... 2.00 Club Cards

Greetings Previously recorded595.81 The Harlem branch has now tak-West Side Branch \$ 5.50 en the lead not only in the New F. Martin, St. Paul 1.00 York District but over all the H. Smith, Hutchinson, Kans. 1.00 branches in the country. The con-Robert Merrill, N. Y. C 1.00 tributions from the New York Quota Contributed \$ 96.00 \$68.40 53.40 46,50 27.50 150.00 22.80 21.50 54.00 Newark branch Boro Park branch East Side branch 99.00 11,75 Astoria branch 30.00 11.30

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Cannon to Lecture on 4th Int'l In Series Starting this Week

Brownsville branch

Why has the Communist Interna- Irving Place and 15th St. was anything but a victory. An tional degenerated from a revolu- The lecture titles are: Septemanalysis of the causes for such a tionary world party to a bureaucra- ber 22-From Lenin to Stalin (the setback is the first step towards tic organization of social patriot- Downfall of the Communist Interism? What is the program of the national); September 29-Working To begin with, the refusal of Workers Party for the impending Class Policy in the Impending War

September 15, at Irving Plaza Hall, fice of Workers Party, 55 East 11th

unofficially sabotaging the strike, wage in all shops-all as part of bor party does not even contain a in capitalism, it shows the need for unemployed or anti-war activities, Thirdly, when the shipping clerks This was clearly seen by the stop- the preparation for a united strugwill hesitate to send up union mem- responded to the strike call in thou- pages. Such stoppages being main gle with the dressmakers in the bes when they have conducted a sands, the inexperienced and youth- ly called in the dressmakers' shops general strike scheduled for next ful strike leaders were unable to and usually initiated by members of January.

however, gain the "settlement" and

Great interest in the series is

Committee to Save the Union

the-wealth taxation program will raise less than \$2.75 per capita annually. . . . In some states sales taxes cost as high as \$100 annually per capita. . . . Detailed Treasury figures show that in 1935, 61.3 percent of all Federal taxes will be controlled to a server models and the controlled taxes will be controlled to a server models and 20.7

(Continued from Page 1) ditions were reversed: consumers of concilliation, they were willing years. A number of union teachers paid 31.8 percent of the total tax to confer with the administration, have also been active in organizing licaneers branding the American such questions as retrenchment in local and state affiliates of the Na- a dignified and impressive manner bill, the well-to-do 68.2 percent. . . . under the supervision of the Counsisharecroppers, a phenomenon which cil, in order to arrive at a working gives additional significance to the basis which would result in the ef-

Impressions of the Delegates It is interesting to note that the labor movement by the present re- be dealt with. actionary regime. Politically, every backward and most difficult to or- better than anything else the im- slander. work, mostly from malnutrition, teachers and has secured recogni- but,

| been organized within less than two union movement.

Report of Officers of A.F.T. The report of President Lowry was highly academic in character, the Ohio membership has more it deserves from the progressive cation Association, and the Califor- they always received a fair and delegates to the convention repre-containing the usual progressive sented a good cross section of the platitudes. It did, however, conteachers of America. There were tain a summary dealing with the tion, representatives of all teaching current social problems, factional playing in branding hundreds of eration—for the labor movement. It at worst a harmless academic prolevels from elementary school to division, fear of dismissal or union members of Local 5 as communists means also the forging of powerful fessional society. The reports of sprinkling of Negro delegates from with organized labor, and finance.

and communistic and its officers as demic freedom and loyalty oaths, trolled by the superintendents. The nies heaped upon these teachers by Hanson,)

for various reasons. First it illu- not only the winning of the teach- better), the National Education As- no small measure to the victory which the open-shop, labor-hating fascist tendencies, fessional patrioteers are using to

ments and wide steps symbolizing of sharecroppers and closed schools year. It has been intensified this movement. In the teacher field, month. In some states, as in Ar. to secure their reinstatement. and payless teachers, 42 locals have year. In Toledo where attempts the company unions, which take the kansas, no salaries have been paid 6. The Delegation of the United cialists.

case. In Massillion, Ohio, the su- tion Association, have been in- from the Federal relief funds. perintendent endorsed by Local trenched for a number of years un- Again and again the question of sored by the United Committee to 330, the president and vice-president der the guise of neutral profession- tenure was raised in the convention Save the Union, a delegation conof the local were not reappointed at and academic organizations. Ac- and the term company unionism sisting of about sixty teachers from after a vigorous contest. Please tually they are the agents of the was frequetly used. Evidence was Local 5, who came to Cleveland at note that Massillion 330 shows a Boards of Education and the em- presented which showed that the their own expense to oppose the growth. Continuous press accounts ploying interests as has been at- efforts of the union movement to wrecking of their local by machput out by the Ohio Chamber of tested time and time again by the secure tenure for all teachers were Commerce and the Society of Amer- position which they have taken on defeated by the opposition of the delegation conducted itself in such communists have increased the dif- The struggle for the unionization of company unions specifically men- the Lefkowitz-Linville crowd. In ficulties of holding and building teachers, a struggle which until tioned were the Pennsylvania Edu- their private discussions with inlocals. In spite of this, however, now has not received the attention cation Association, the Ohio Edu- dividuals and groups of delegates than held its own." (From the an- labor forces, has now become one nia Teachers Association. In cer- courteous hearing in presenting the nual report of Secretary-Treasurer of the important problems of the tain academic quarters (see for ex- minority's side of the case. The We have quoted from this report ment, as seen in this light, means by Prof. Counts who ought to know intelligent conduct, contributed in

erous Role of Company Unions of National Education Assn.

locals already in existence by se- due largely to the activities of the out by the teacher union movement. of Teachers. They state that the The report of the Secretary- curing the dismissal of teachers Teachers Union, are fortunate in shade of opinion was represented. Treasurer Florence C. Hanson was who are active in union organizing. having secured the enactment of Because the convention was so rep- more interesting from a factual In New York Lefkowitz and Lin- permanent tenure laws for those birth rate is well known to vary the capitalist possessing permanent, licenses. A in evidence at the convention was achieved by an unprincipled cominversely with the income class of A.F.T., though still a small organthe family and highest birth rates | ization compared to the total num- | 003 in form of per capita dues and press, the New Leader and the For- such laws. However, in most states of academic freedom expressed in of office-seeking reactionaries. It are found among the economically ber of teachers, had become a vital that Local 5, N. Y. supplied \$6,852 ward, are preparing the ground for this important right has not yet the dismissals of teachers for opinis true that in the convention there least favored classes . . . it is almost certain that families on relief showed also that even the most total amount. This fact brings out campaign of union wrecking and ers are usually hired individually for activity in the labor movement, led by Maynard Krueger of Chicago on an annual contract basis, which and in the movement for loyalty and the other by Clyde Kiker of ganize of the white collar profes- portance of Local 5 in the national The second problem which Mrs. contracts contain clauses regulating oath legislation initiated by the Toledo. These caucuses negotiated sions, the teachers, are organizable organization. As to membership the Hanson's report raised are the their personal life and often violatinto trade unions; as an organic report shows that the national or- means to be employed to defeat the ing their most elementary right as ized teachers addressed the con- the principled basis of a program The Chicago Tribune reports the part and not merely as an ally of gauization consisted of 195 locals terroristic campaigns of the Boards citizens. In addition they can be vention, among them being Victor which called for: 1) rejection of number of "paupers" trebled by the labor movement. Reports pre- of which 86 were locals organized of Education, the Chambers of dismissed for any reason and for B. Jewett of California, who was the revocation demand; 2) public the dole. Of Illinois 300,000 relief sented to the convention showed this year. The A.F.T. has now a Commerce and the professional patcases, 66,500 are classified as "un- that progress toward mass organ- total membership of approximately riots. In the Wagner Bill, the Fed- system of annual contracts, mass ion upon aspects of life in the So- 3) Active opposition by President employable" . . . In New York City, ization has already been made in a 15,000, a gain of 451 percent in the eral government was compelled to dismissals have taken place under viet Union; and Dr. Winslow N. Lowry to the Lefkowitz-Green con-General Johnson reports 40,000 number of localities. In Cleveland number of locals and 12 percent in recognize at least on paper, the the policy of economy and retrench- Hallett, a teacher at Cedar Crest spiracy to intimidate the convenpeople or one sixth of the unem- the union movement has succeeded members. There was a loss of ten right of workers to organize in unployed on relief as being too ill to in organizing 2,500 of the 4,500 locals, which was unusually large, ions of their own choosing, and to education. Bids have been adverburgain collectively with the bosses. tized for the vacancies thus creat- to organize teachers and the unem- and members of the Executive . . . The U. S. Department of Com- tion by the Board of Education. In "in face of the attacks upon the This fundamental right, for teach- ed, which has resulted in pitting ployed in Allentown, Pa. In Tole- Council. This united front of all merce reports that the national in- Philadelphia, the local which was teacher union movement this is a ers, is not recognized by local and teacher against each other in an do, Columbus, and Massillon, Ohio progressive forces on a principled come increased 10 to 15 percent in organized about a year and a half remarkable record. Some of our state educational and governmental effort to secure these jobs. In a number of dismissals have taken basis is a symbol of the new spirit 1934. . . . Alexander Kotchevovsky, ago with a membership of seven, newest and smallest locals have authorities. This can only be ob- North Dakota, for example, as a place during the year because of of realism which has manifested Houston, Texaxs, dancing master, has grown to over a thousand due beld their position in the face of tained by teachers through their result of this racket, teachers' salhas introduced a new dauce char- to the activities of the progressive strong opposition. A barrage of own efforts and struggle and by the aries have been reduced to about voted, of course, to give active sup- overthrow the reactionary Green acterized by leaping, flying move- leadership. In Arkansas, the land hostility was opened in Ohio last closest association with the labor an average of thirty dollars a port to these teachers in the effort machine and their allies Linville,

have been made to dismiss the form of local and state associations for some time, and what salaries teacher leaders, with success in one affiliated with the National Educa- teachers have obtained have come

movement. The unionization move- ample The Social Frontier, edited members of the delegation, by their

5. The Struggle for Academic

A word must be said concerning the activities of the delegation sponinations of the Lefkowitz outfit. The

In conclusion we are compelled

-it is exactly the kind of language forces that will aid in the defeat of the delegates concerning the activito reply briefly to the statements ties of this organization left no which have recently appeared in Chamber of Commerce and the pro- 4. Teacher Tenure and the Treach- doubts as to its company union the New York press by Dr. Lincharacter. The problem of expos- ville and Dr. Lefkowitz, which are ing and defeating these company as false and unfounded as they are The teachers of New York State, union outfits has still to be worked disloyal to the American Federation defeat of their proposal to revoke the charter of Local 5 and the elec-Another problem which was much tion of a progressive slate was -A TEACHER.