

Comments On Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness

By BILL REICH Among the Patriots...

The Liberty League has secured 56 prominent reactionary attorneys to pass privately on the constitutionality of New Deal legislation...

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."

Science and Invention...

Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, has presented Mussolini with the latest device for transmitting "death waves" which he claims will revolutionize warfare.

Prosperity...

The Chicago Tribune reports the number of "paupers" troubled by the dole. Of Illinois 300,000 relief cases, 66,500 are classified as "unemployable"...

Stalinists Launch New Phoney Labor Party in San Francisco Opportunist Platform Is to Right of Epic; Devised to Catch All Voters

By CHARLES CURTISS

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Labor Unites with Liberal Democratic and Radical Forces for the Municipal Elections" is the heading of a leaflet stating the program of the San Francisco Municipal Labor Party...

The Labor party being formed under Stalinist aegis in San Francisco, key labor city in California, is an indication of the nature of the Labor parties the Communist party is going to form throughout the state...

The program for the proposed Labor party calls for everything from 100 percent unionization of the city to abolition of one-man street cars; from a demand for referendum, to free school books; from a unified publicly owned transbay transportation system...

The program lists 21 demands and slogans. The mass-class Labor party so loudly touted by the Stalinists, reveals itself to be a catch-all to attract votes on any basis.

Upon Sinclair, on the platform of "End Poverty in California" and "Production for Use," polled nearly a million votes in the gubernatorial elections of last year.

That the methods proposed by Sinclair to attain socialism, would and could not lead to the desired goal...

Although nearly a million California voters cast their mandates for a new social order, the fact of the matter is that the proposed program for the Stalinist-inspired Labor party does not even contain a word about the necessity of the abolition of the capitalist system...

The program of the Stalinist conceived and executed Labor party limits itself to the struggle for immediate demands. The program does not base itself upon the idea of the overthrow of capitalism, but merely to the patching up of this system. It is silent concerning the burning question of the era: capitalism or socialism.

As a matter of tragic fact, the Epic movement, having as its central slogan, Production for Use (in addition to a series of immediate demands), is far to the left of the Stalinist-created Labor party, which bases itself solely upon the struggle for immediate demands...

The self-proclaimed vanguard of the working class, instead of leading the workers to the broad highway of revolution, is dragging them to the abyss of the most craven type of reformism.

The Workers Party of California, however, places before itself an altogether different task. It does not drag behind the masses; it does not strengthen their illusions in parliamentarism. To those workers convinced of the necessity of replacing capitalism by socialism it points out the only real way of attaining this goal: through the scientific method of Marxism-Leninism...

JOIN THE WORKERS PARTY.

Philly Fruit Clerks Ask Aid for Members Facing Jail Terms

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 Philadelphia.

Certain wiseacres in the labor movement are spreading the rumor that "there is nothing to these cases," "you guys are just making a big howl about nothing," etc.

In reply to these people we want to cite a few examples of "justice" in Delaware County:

1. In March, 1930 Roy Peltz and Tom Holmes were convicted of "sedition" and received \$5,000 fine and 1 to 20 years in County Jail, and two years, respectively.

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."

3. There were two other workers who were sentenced to 90 to 180 days in jail because of unemployment activities.

Speaking of Delaware County, we wish to quote from the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger, September 9, 1935:

"Governor Earle yesterday at a 'Cornhill' on the Grace Farm, Swarthmore, attacked the McClure organization, declaring 'of all the corrupt political organizations, there was never anything in the United States to equal this.'"

Furthermore, "justice" is a Delaware County is not entirely restricted to Delaware County—Al Lichtman, one of the five fruit clerks, was just sentenced to a \$1,000 cash bond to keep the peace in Philadelphia County in spite of the fact that the only "evidence" against him was the testimony of the boss' son.

Now Messrs. Wiseacres, do you see what Earle says about Delaware County, the stronghold of the McClure gang? Do you think that "gentlemen" of the calibre of McClure and his henchmen, who send workers to jail for years when they try to organize a union or conduct unemployed or anti-war activities, will hesitate to send up union members when they have conducted 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 over. The strikers returned to work Thursday without winning their wage and hour demands, and without union recognition. They have a promise from the bosses' associations to pay a \$15-\$16 minimum for a 44-hour week.

To begin with, the refusal of President Dubinsky and the I.L.G.W.U. to give the shipping clerks a charter as a local of the I.L.G.W.U., placed, from the start, a great handicap on the local. As a part of the I.L.G.W.U., with the prestige of the I.L.G.W.U. behind it, and backed by it in their organization campaign, the local could have been put on a real mass base before strike action was considered.

Secondly, as a Federal union the local was given the "support" of the officials of the Truckers Local 102. This support was of the kind that a scaffold gives a man about to be hanged.

Again, though unofficial support was given to the strike by some locals and particularly Local 22, through the calling of stoppages, this support was sabotaged by the reactionary leaders of other locals.

Thirdly, when the shipping clerks responded to the strike call in thousands, the inexperienced and youthful strike leaders were unable to

The Manager's Corner

Contributions this week in the campaign for the 8-page NEW MILITANT again record a drop. The total brought in for the week is only \$33.50.

Table with columns for Contributions, Advance Subscriptions, and Club Cards. Lists various branches and their respective amounts.

Table showing contributions to Youngstown Branch, Brownsville Branch, N.Y.C., and Grand Total. Also lists 'Quota Contributed' for various branches.

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

Why has the Communist International degenerated from a revolutionary world party to a bureaucratic organization of social patriots? What is the program of the Workers Party for the impending war? How can the militant workers prepare themselves against Social Democratic and Stalinist betrayal?

These and other questions will be answered in the series of four Sunday-night lectures "On the Road to the Fourth International" to be given by James P. Cannon, editor of the NEW MILITANT, beginning September 15, at Irving Plaza Hall.

properly organize the strike. It was then the bounden duty of the I.L.G.W.U. to loan capable and experienced organizers to the clerks. Again, the failure of proper functioning of the strike machinery cannot be placed on the young and inexperienced militant leaders, but on those who could and should have furnished the experienced leadership.

Irving Plaza and 15th St. The lecture titles are: September 22—From Lenin to Stalin (The Downfall of the Communist International); September 29—Working Class Policy in the Impending War (Revolutionary Defeatism vs. Social Patriotism); October 6—The Struggle Against Fascism (Historical Lessons for America); October 13—The Road to the Fourth International (Forces and Prospects for a New World Party Under the Banner of Marx and Lenin).

Great interest in the series is expected. Tickets for the four lectures will be sold in advance for 45 cents for the series. Individual admissions will be 15 cents, that is, if there is sufficient room. Order tickets in advance from district office of Workers Party, 55 East 11th

By the overwhelming response to the strike call and by their militancy on the picket lines, the shipping clerks could not be ignored. Financial support was generously given by the I.L.G.W.U., and President Dubinsky was forced to intervene. This belated intervention could not save the strike. It did, however, gain the "settlement" and by that may pave the way for a future victory.

The shipping clerks and all progressive forces in the I.L.G.W.U. should now press for the unity of the local with the I.L.G.W.U. They should carry on a vigorous organizational campaign. They should force recognition of the minimum wage in all shops—all as part of the preparation for a united struggle with the dressmakers in the general strike scheduled for next January.

Conflict Continues In Teachers Union

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of conciliation, they were willing to confer with the administration, under the supervision of the Council, in order to arrive at a working basis which would result in the effective functioning of the union.

Impressions of the Delegates

It is interesting to note that the delegates to the convention represented a good cross section of the teachers of America. There were present teachers of all ages: the gray-haired and dignified one nearing the age of retirement, the mid die-aged and the younger generation, representatives of all teaching levels from elementary school to college. There was also present a sprinkling of Negro delegates from Arkansas, Georgia and Washington, D.C., as well as a delegation of teachers from Cuba who told the convention of the repression of the labor movement by the present reactionary regime.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer Florence C. Hanson was more interesting from a factual standpoint. It is interesting to note that the organization received \$28,000 in form of per capita dues and that Local 5, N. Y. supplied \$6,852 or approximately one fourth of the total amount.

have been made to dismiss the teacher leaders, with success in one case. In Massillon, Ohio, the superintendent endorsed by Local 330, the president and vice-president of the local were not reappointed after a vigorous contest.

3. Report of Officers of A.F.T.

The report of President Lowry was highly academic in character, containing the usual progressive platitudes. It did, however, contain a summary dealing with the fundamental problems which the organized teachers face.

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in face of the attacks upon the teacher union movement this is a remarkable record. Some of our newest and smallest locals have held their position in the face of strong opposition. A barrage of hostility was opened in Ohio last year. It has been intensified this year. In Toledo where attempts

form of local and state associations affiliated with the National Education Association, have been entrenched for a number of years under the guise of neutral professional and academic organizations. Actually they are the agents of the Boards of Education and the employing interests as has been attested time and time again by the position which they have taken on such questions as retrenchment in education, salary cuts, tenure, academic freedom and loyalty oaths.

4. Teacher Tenure and the Treacherous Role of Company Unions of National Education Assn.

The teachers of New York State, due largely to the activities of the Teachers Union, are fortunate in having secured the enactment of permanent tenure laws for those possessing permanent licenses.

The second problem which Mrs. Hanson's report raised are the means to be employed to defeat the terroristic campaigns of the Boards of Education, the Chambers of Commerce and the professional patriots. In the Wagner Bill, the Federal government was compelled to recognize at least on paper, the right of workers to organize in unions of their own choosing, and to bargain collectively with the bosses.

for some time, and what salaries teachers have obtained have come from the Federal relief funds. Again and again the question of tenure was raised in the convention and the term company unionism was frequently used.

5. The Struggle for Academic Freedom.

Another problem which was much in evidence at the convention was that of the fight against violations of academic freedom expressed in the dismissals of teachers for opinions expressed in the classroom, for activity in the labor movement, and in the movement for loyalty oath legislation.

6. The Delegation of the United

Committee to Save the Union

A word must be said concerning the activities of the delegation sponsored by the United Committee to Save the Union, a delegation consisting of about sixty teachers from Local 5, who came to Cleveland at their own expense to oppose the wrecking of their local by machinations of the Lefkowitz outfit.

7. The Lefkowitz and Linville Shandlers in the N. Y. Press.

In conclusion we are compelled to reply briefly to the statements which have recently appeared in the New York press by Dr. Linville and Dr. Lefkowitz, which are as false and unfounded as they are disloyal to the American Federation of Teachers. They state that the defeat of their proposal to revoke the charter of Local 5 and the election of a progressive slate was achieved by an unprincipled combination of left wing elements and of office-seeking reactionaries.

In their private discussions with individuals and groups of delegates they always received a fair and courteous hearing in presenting the minority's side of the case. The members of the delegation, by their intelligent conduct, contributed in no small measure to the victory that was achieved.

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