Comments

On Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness

By BILL REICH

Labor and Capital of the NIRA. It has been in effect ative. several weeks. However, workers the center of the city, is adjudged the Spartacus. outside the city limits and pays no taxes. City and state police and national guards (paid from tax money), defending the scab policy of the non-taxpaying company, battled taxpaying strikers and sympathizers. . . . Singing "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty"

a sixty year old San Francisco lumber striker was clubbed into unconsciousness by the police. . . Missouri tiff miners receive average Germany, 1923; China, 1925-27; earnings of \$2.50 a week. The National Lead Co. which controls the tiff industry showed a surplus of \$916,548 for 1934 and has made profits every year during the depression. The balance for the payment of dividends has not gone below \$3,300,000. W. H. Croft, president, received compensation of \$88,013 in 1934. . . .

Jurisprudence

In a contempt of court case arising from violation of a labor in- ganizer had was vilification and junction Judge W. B. McMahon of slander. He stated the usual Stal- American Labor Movement" will be a decent standard of living through Cleveland, Ohio, gave his written inist idiocles about Trotskyism be- given in two separate classes: Class years of militant struggle and that opinion to newspaper reporters be- ing counter-revolutionary and pet- 1 is to meet on Tuesdays in East this was an attempt on the part of fore hearing the case. . . . Of the ty bourgeois. Trotsky, he pointed Toledo between 7:30-8:20 P.M. and the authorities to lower the stand-31 municipal power plants backed out, underestimated the peasantry, Class 2 on Wednesdays in the To- ard to that of the coolies. Mr. by the PWA, 22 have been blocked refused to be disciplined by the ledo Workers Hall at the same by court injunctions. Judges' opin- Bolshevik party, was not the head time. A course on the History and talk. Pollock replied, that wanting ions in the cases were so similar of the Red Army nor the co-organ. Principles of Scientific Socialism: in wording that the general councizer with Lenin of the Russian Class 1 on Tuesdays between 8:30sel of the PWA has asserted that revolution. And finally he asserted 9:20 P.M. in East Toledo and Class been the amount received for the went on strike. The next morning the strike must be conducted with from the job. Park Commissioner they were "drafted on forms or in- that Trotsky, if not directly respon- 2 in the Toledo Workers School on month of August, whereas for the a picket line was thrown around this always in mind. He also em- Moses reported cases of starvation. structions emanating from some sible, was at least indirectly impli- Wednesdays at the same time. month of July ten thousand had the factory and the entire day phasized the necessity of the strik- When a park Commissiner takes central source." . . .

Political Science

tells farmers: "If you are receiving situation in France. more for farm products today than the planning policies of the AAA." the lie to these slanders and quoted the planning policies of the AAA." Lenin to prove the presence of employed workers and only a nom-clothing, WPA jobs at union wages absolutely unbearable. There were Dillon to Pack "Consumers would be paying somewhat more for pork if there had been no 'pig program' in 1933" and issues statistics to show that the price of pork has not gone as high of Kentucky sent troops to hostile Dunne Slugged Harlan County to insure an honest primary election. In unguarded Logan County Laffoon's candidate InClashinMpls. received 10.500 out of a possible 10,400 votes. . . .

Military Science

Wholesome summer activities of annual encampment: "On Wedness through the cops' line and sought standard bearer. As for the work at the sorry sight. The parade have been cut. Some of the men's so busy "somewhere in the middle day there will be a practical dem- to prevent the scabs from entering ing class of Minneapolis, it is rap- proceeded down Seventh Street to wages were cut to 30 cents an hour. West." That is why the American onstration with 400 officers and men the plant. Dunne was singled out idly coming to understand what Nicollet Avenue. Here it was the acting as a 'mob.' As portions of from the pickets near the door of this kind of a labor program means. intent of the police to escort the the riot detachments simulate a the factory and was whipped in Tom Latimer does everything Bain- scabs into their rat-hole—Rayton's old workers and to hire new ones ized "large" locals. frontal attack on the 'mob' another side the plant by the cops. There bridge did, and does it more subtly department store, chief labor-hating at 20 and 25 cents an hour. That section will make a flank attack he was slugged across the head, and therefore more dangerously. with tear gas bombs. The aviation thrown across a table in such a and observation squadrons will manner that several ribs were take part, dropping hand grenades. broken, and then thrown down on . . . Intelligence lessons will be the floor and choked. given during the week by Lieutenant William M. Spencer. . . . Pro- the scene to take Dunne to jail. testant and Catholic religious serv- However the crowd threatened to ices will be conducted each morn- upset the patrol car, so it was taken lined up six armored cars. Sud-

Good and Welfare

Scurvy, a disease of malnutrition taken to jail. The Local 574 leader which had almost disappeared in was later transferred to the General the U. S. by 1929, is returning. Hospital where his wounds were Says Dr. T. B. Cooley, president of treated. After vigorous protest by the American Society of Pediatrics, Local 574, Ray Dunne was released "As the depression deepened we late in the morning on bail furncame to realize that we were seeing ished by the General Drivers Union. in a few weeks more scurvy than At one time in the melee, a cop an ordinary physician would have was trying to escort a scissorbill expected to see in a lifetime." . . . into the plant. The crowd surged Dr. Adela J. Smith. Assistant Di- around him and the cop drew his rector of Health and Education in gun and fired a shot, but hit no New York City, reports, "Malnutri- one. One of the office workers of tion has rendered 135,000 students the Strutwear Company, who was of the elementary schools too week actively herding scabs, was beaned and undernourished to attend with a brick thrown by some one classes." . . . New York's newest dog in the crowd. The cops used their shop opens. "It was decorated at a saps liberally in trying to break up cost of \$20,000. Uniformed door- the picket line. They showed more men usher in prospective buyers. courage than usual, fortified, no The usual doggy aroma has been doubt, by the appearance of the march. The male scabs were replaced by a slight fragrance sug- armored car with its nest of magesting myrrh. Food is prepared chine guns. by trained dieticians and the vitamin .content carefully watched. Within the reach of all is a run- has occupied the office of Mayor, workers were accompanying the ning flow of drinking water. The Latimer, the Farmer-Laborite, has strike-breakers, booing them and pets are tethered around a spread established a record for himself and detting them know what self-re- Minneapolis has only contempt. of rubber carpeted dais, backed by his administration. This is the specting workers think of scabs who mirrors. Attendants in spotless second time in the past month that parade themselves before the popuwhite duck exercise the dogs every the local police have been used to lous in this disgusting fashion. To saying: "This strike will be won ations to start before Sept. 15. three hours and they are combed. escort finks into struck plants. A an honest picket, each scab in that in the Mayor's office." To say the Yesterday afternoon a meeting of powdered and given a teeth brush- few Fridays ago Latimer appeared line of march must have seemed to least, this is a fatal notion that the strikers was held. Notwithing daily." . . .

SUBSCRIBE TO NEW MILITANT scabs into the plant with the help! Every few feet a picket would the picket line!

Spartacan Trounces Stalinist In First Debate in Middle West

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 7.-In the Y. C. L. naively inquired of the presence of 40 youth from the Cal- speaker about the Y.C.L. and stated umet vicinity, the Mid-West Spar- his desire to join. With cries of tacus Youth League and the Young "Stooge number one" the audience Communist League of District 8 broke into laughter. staged a debate on Wednesday, Aug. 7. at Indiana Harbor, Indiana, on Regional Committee of the S.Y.L. the subject, "Resolved: The Trot- has been concentrating on Indiana Alfred P. Sloan announces to the skyists are not counter-revolution- Harbor. A class of approximately press the company union plan of ary." Al Garber, regional educathe General Motors Corporation: tional director of the S.Y.L., up It was at the August 1 meeting of "The plan was designed to meet beld the affirmative and the Y.C.L. all the requirements of section 7a Gary organizer spoke for the neg-

Goaded on by the continual were first informed of it today". . . taunts of Spartacus, as well as in- where the differences between the Federal conciliators headed by Ed- numerable challenges, and bolstered two organizations could be delineward McGrady, the nation's fore- by Olgin's recent spurious pam- ated, the Young Communist League most strikebreaker, have intervened phlet on Trotskylsm, the Young found itself in a corner out of in 1,140 strikes and lockouts and Communist League was finally which it could not squirm. After "successfully adjusted" 885. Sec- pushed to the wall and forced into apologizing for declining a debate, retary of Labor Fanny Perkins who a debate before a class in Indiana the Y.C.L. "condescended" to formopposed McGrady for the post of Harbor conducted by the Sparta- ally argue with the Spartacus beher assistant is forced to admit, "I cus Youth League. This was the was wrong about Mr. McGrady." first time in the history of the Mid-. . . The Columbian Enameling and West S.Y.L., and probably the first Stamping Co., instigator of Terre time nationally, that the Young Haute's general strike, though in Communist League debated with

> Starting with the theory of permament revolution and proletarian internationalism, comrade Garber pointed out how the Communist International since the death of Lenin had so deviated from its original principles that today it stood side by side with the social-patriotic Second International. He illustrated the effects of socialism in one country on the revolutions in England, 1926; Germany, 1933 and France, 1935, bringing the affirmation of history to the fact that the Stalintern is the organizer of defeats. As a result the organization of the Fourth International and a new Youth International, based on the principles of Marx and Lenin. now directly poses itself to the world working class.

Puny Stalinist Arguments

The only recourse the Y.C.L. or-

In the rebuttal the S.Y.L. called days; 8:30-9:20 P.M. a pre-revolutionary situation in inal fee is requested from those and supplementary relief to part no regular hours of work. There France. The humorous touch was employed. Registrations can be time workers. added to the debate when, after the made at 3221 Ontario St. the ad- If this is not granted they will had to be eaten while working. Y.C.L. rebutted, a member of the dress of the Toledo Workers School.

Hosiery Strike

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Later the police patrol arrived on

Farmer-Labor Mayor Sets Record

In the few short weeks that he

For over a month the Mid-West twelve youth has been functioning. the class that the Y.C.L. sent in its disrupters, but when the Spartacus members, as well as the outsiders, insisted upon a formal debate fore the Calumet district youth.

Toledo Workers School Begins Sessions Sept. 4

TOLEDO, Ohio. - The Toledo Workers School, established by the Lucas County Unemployed League later broadening its scope to an independent non-partisan institution, has just issued its prospectus for the 1935-1936 term with classes to begin on September 4.

"While the school," the prospectus explains, "is non-partisan in character insofar as it admits all working class students regardless of their opinions or affiliations, it nevertheless is dedicated to the task of the building of a Workers' Republic in place of the present outmoded and decadent capitalist sys-

Courses are to be "directed toward assisting working men and women in the solution of their economic and class positions in modern society. . . .

A course on the "History of the

Walter Sukut Dead

Word has come to us of the death of Comrade Walter Sukut of Waubun, N. Dak. He succumbed a few weeks ago to a heart attack. This is the reason given for his death, but in reality he succumbed to an illness contracted over a long period of time working in one of the Chicago captalist hell-holes a red lead factory. When employed there, he was given regular physical examination but at the time of his last examination in 1930, he was laid off. Undoubtedly, the cancer gnawing at his vitals had already progressed far at the time.

Comrade Sukut died a victim of capitalist exploitation. He was a sterling revolutionist, active for years in the general working class and revolutionary movement, and joined the Communist League of America shortly after its formation. He remained an active supporter of the Workers Party from the time of its formation.

OUL March in Bryan Ohio Wins Relief

BRYAN, Ohio, -- A hundred uneming the inadequacy of the relief and to be carried into actual life. the starvation that was impending if the relief was not increased. This was the largest delegation so far marshalled in this community under the leadership of the Ohio Unemployed League. A meeting took place with Mr. H. M. Brannan, the relief director, and Sam Pollock and George Cole of the Ohio Unemployed League participating.

Mr. Brannan suggested that due to prevailing conditions a man should work for what he could get. Mr. Brannan said that they should take it. Sam Pollock explained that the American worker had built up Brannan said this was communistic

direct relief, immediate provision men.

be back again next week.

At three o'clock Monday afternoon a crowd of a thousand or more, together with that many pickets, gathered in front of the Strutwear plant. The cops were all on hand. Down the street were away. Finally Dunne was whisked denly a yell went up from the cops the disturbance was a decoy. A moment later the scabs, formed in ranks of four like so many school children, began pouring out of the rear door. Interspersed among

The Scab Parade

Girls Used to Protect Men The employers and the police adopted a cowardly tactic in the bunched in groups of three to five.

and formed a core around which

fifty scab girls coiled. In a few minutes thousands of personally escorted some thirty Fellow-Workers."

of the police. And now today this fall in line with the scabs. Sudweak-kneed and vacillating policy denly he would swing on a male was only one licensed boiler engiagain allows the police to attempt scab, and the rat would go down. neer. When the night crew went popular with the membership. It to break another strike. All this The cops would rush the picket to work it was locked in until the corresponds to their interests. The is doubly disgraceful after Lati- who would double back in the next morning. In case of a fire petrified officialdom at Atlantic mer's repeated campaign pledges crowd where the police were afraid there would have been a catastro- City, however, have more important not to use the police force for to venture. This was repeated phe. And the workers were em- matters to worry about than the strike duty. The rank and file of block after block. Traffic was tied ployed at starvation wages. Under demands and needs of the automothe Farmer-Labor party is becom- up and the office workers in the the NRA the men had made 40 bile workers. These "labor leaders" ing more and more outraged at downtown buildings all quit work cents an hour, the girls 35 cents have their own vested interests to Once a crowd of pickets broke these actions on the part of its and rushed to the windows to laugh an hour. All of the girls' wages look after. That is why Dillon is retail establishment in the North- was the immediate cause of the United Automobile Workers are, as west, Hundreds of scabs fled into strike. The average wage in the the store, the girls, red-faced and shop at the time of the strike was attempt at organization has been sobbing, being used to protect the \$11 a week. rat-eyed and shivering men. Here The strike began to get on its office. It is becoming increasingly the pickets got in some of their feet almost at once. On Friday a clear why the convention was called ception. Many of the male rats The strikers are divided into pick- enough to place their heavy hands out the back door by the cops, at the side of the plant. The pick had been spotted and were challet squads with a captain for each around the throat of an automobile ets surged toward the yelling. But lenged in the store and shown what squad, all under the general super- International; if they waited, union men and women of Minnea- vision of Berny Londau, chairman things would perhaps get out of polis think of them.

employers to gain public sympathy strike was called just when the chine is working full steam ahead. them were the police with their by this scab parade. But in their bosses had received a large num. The credentials committee will saps. Hundreds of pickets gathered usual dull and blundering fashion. ber of orders, so the spirit of the probably be able to report quite a on either side of the street and active muffed it completely. They bosses is low. On Thursday they few "large" locals formed "somecompanied the scissor-bills as they never dreamt that thousands of were marched down the road by the Minneapolis workers would so little has been decided. cops. As the parade went on, more thoroughly harangue and ridicule and more workers joined in the the march that the tables would be picket cortege. A more fooligh completely turned. Instead of gainsight than this scab march hasn't ing sympathy for themselves and the ranks by threatening not to rebeen seen since the last Shriners their behavior, the employers and hire the night crew. But the atthe scissor-bills are the laughing tempt fizzled out completely. With stock of the town. Some hours virtually no exceptions, all the 250 after this Roman holiday, there workers in the plant have signed are thousands of pickets surround- up with Local 279 of the Bakery but they have been effectively ining the plant. The morale of the and Confectionery Worker Interna- noculated against the "virus" of young and inexperienced pickets is tional Union, affiliated with the A. now sky-high based on the support F. of L. so generously given them during the march. It was they, and not the scabs, who had the entire sympathy of thousands of working men and women. For the indecent scabs,

on the picket line at the Flour City have had around his neck a sign will have to be combatted and standing a terrific rainstorm, about plant, where an iron workers' strike reading: "I Want to Work for Low overcome immediately. The strike 200 workers attended. Brother BUILD THE WORKERS PARTY. was (and still is) in progress, and Wages-I Am a Betrayer of my of the Strutwear unionists will be Topp, of the Joint Board, who is

weekly is lagging seriously. We other and bigger New York branchare still below one fourth of the es. The Harlem branch has a quota total sum required to launch the of \$96.00 and good prospects of expanded issue. Very soon the first reaching it soon. The West Side issue must appear and it is danger- branch is still next in contribuous to delay the collection of the tions made with a total of \$40.00 to Not only is the campaign lagging, returns on this account, there has quota is \$135.00. But the Bronx

been a drop during the last few branch with a quota of \$150.00 has weeks. During the week ending so far collected only \$22.50 of this August 3 we received in contribusubscriptions and greetings a total uted \$23.00 and it should easily go ing August 10 the total dropped to other New York branches are still \$ 2.60, the week ending August 17 too far behind in their contriburecorded a further drop to a total tions to be considered very seriousof \$32.50 and this week the total is ly in the competition and insofar

address ourselves primarily to the last report. party branches. A good many of them have given us information of ceived the following amounts: pledges made but the returns have

funds necessary.

In the second place we address ourselves to our sympathizers and readers. We know that they are Eidenson, Branx branch..... 1.50 all vitally interested in the im- N. S. branch, Chicago 4.00 in most instances three weeks beprovements planned for our press, Rose Casano, Chicago 2.00 hind, the right to sick leave withbut we also count upon them to Semongton, Chicago 3.20 out loss of pay, recalled when the help make it possible by material

Contributions received from the party branches have brought the Harlem branch up to a point of close competition with the Boston branch. The latter still stands at Some farmers were willing to pay the amount of \$59.50 and the Harproblems as derived from their as high as fifty cents a day, and hem branch this week reaches a another month passes by.

Candy Makers closed, if necessary by throwing the Washington which would enable the WPA workers to get 13 dollars Strike Hard

By JACK WALTON

Only five thohsand dollars has crew of the Crystal Pure Candy Co. te bosses and the workers, and that having the carfare to ride to and cated in the murder of Kirov. The Course 3 is on "Public Speaking been granted. The eight hundred crew joined the strike. The strike ers depending upon their own fighthigh point of the Stalinist's speech and Parliamentary Procedure on dollars left over was given out for started as a spontaneous walkout ing power in order to conquer. All to make statements to the press, was reached when he denied the Tuesdays: 7:30-8:20 P. M. and grocery orders and medical atten- against the firing of four men; but the proposals of the strike commit- even the arrogant General Johnson Secretary of Agriculture Wallace existence of a pre-revolutionary Course 4 on Current Events at the tion. A resolution was adopted at it has since taken on greater aims tee were excepted unanimously. took notice and listened. Toledo Workers School on Tues- the end of the demonstration, for than the rehiring of these four

> was no time off for lunch. Lunch There were virtually no sanitary conditions in any part of the shop. There was a terrific speed-up. There

of the picket captains. The squads hand. It was doubtless the plan of the go out at regular intervals. The spirit of the strikers is high. The things to chance. The Dillon maasked for negotiations. As yet very where in the middle west" and re-

The ranks of the strikers are participate at the Detroit convensolid. The company tried to split tion,

The demands of the strike are: Recognition of the union. 2. Rehiring of all the old help. 3. Restoration of the entire

4. A ten percent increase for the skilled workers. This question will Roy Weir has been quoted as be negotiated, if necessary; negoti-

won where all strikes are won: On assisting the strike, delivered a long talk on unionism, and the nec-

The Manager's Corner This week we sound the alarm. | total of \$56.38. This brings the The campaign for the eight-page Harlem branch way ahead of the

date. Its quota is \$105.00. The Center branch reaches this week a total contribution of \$37.75 and its small Flatbush branch has contribfar beyond its quota of \$30.00. The try are concerned no appreciable In regard to this situation we change can be recorded since our

During the week we have re Contributions

Total Contributions \$19.30 thorities. Subscriptions (Club Plan) Greetings Rose Casano, Chicago 2.00 vacations with pay such as the ad-Previously reported \$457.96 ministration has been granted.

Grand Total.....\$489.96 son reported that he would see Let us have more speed in the them after their working hours, at campaign so that the eight-page five o'clock. The outcome of the weekly may actually appear before meeting was to the effect that he

entire union membership on the the WPA workers to get 13 dollars picket line. A report was given by to tide them over till the transfer the committee that had gone to the from local to WPA was made. But government labor office and the beware of Generals bearing gifts Chicago Federation of Labor. Brother Landau made the report for CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 18. - On the strike committee, emphasizing Parks Dept. had to be taken to Wednesday, August 14, the night that there were two warring camps, work in Department trucks, not

Convention of

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Most of the federal unions of the

is well known, in bad shape, Every deliberately sabotaged by the Dillon best work. A score or so had seen strike headquarters was opened. A at this time, and why a convention through the scab-herding plan and strike committee of 20 is directing of the rubber unions will be called were already at the entrance of the work. Plans are being laid to nert month. The executive council Dayton's, prepared to hold a re- establish a commissary by Tuesday. felt that today they are still strong

Obviously they are not leaving ceiving charters just in time to

The progressives are making preparations to fight any steamrolling tactics of a corrupt bureaucracy. Their forces are probably still too weak to dominate the convention, quitting mass unions, because their leaders betray them. They are planning to enlarge their numbers, and strengthen their ranks for the inevitable battles of the future.

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Following up the recent substantial acquisitions to party membership in western North Dakota and Eastern Montana, the comrades west of the Mississippi have recently recorded another noteworthy achievement in party building. Substantial branches of the W.P. were organized last week at Albert Les and Austin. Misn. Active unionists and agricultural workers are included in the membership. Writing about this development, one of the party organizers states of the new acquisitions: "They are all milltant men and women who accept our program, who are eager to learn and anxious to follow the examples they have seen of work in other parts of the labor movement."

White Collar WPA **Workers Protest**

A demonstration of eight hundred not come in. The building up of S. Schlesinger, Chicago 50 while collar workers, who called a the party press, however, cannot West Side branch, N.Y.C..... 1.00 stoppage from noon to 3 P.M., took be delayed. If we mean it seriously M. Spring, Toronto, Canada.. 1.00 place Thursday at the Port Authora complete change in regard to re- Flatbush branch, N.Y.C..... 50 ity Building. The stoppage was sponses is necessary. From the East Side branch, N.Y.C.... 3.00 called by the City Projects Council, ployed workers with their families New York district we expect the Center branch (XXZ) N.Y.C., 5.00 the central projects organization, marched on the relief office of Wil- lead. Comprehensive plans have Harlem branch, N.Y.C...... 6.00 against the wage cuts which have liams, Ohio, last Thursday protest- been worked out but they still have Astoria branch, N.Y.C. 2.30 gone through since the projects were taken over by the Federal ar-

The slogans at the demonstration called for the payment of back pay, projects came under the WPA, and

A ommittee to see General Johncould do nothing, it was all up to Washington. He said that a special essity of keeping the entire plant grant had been forwarded from from Washington.

Many of the WPA workers in the

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