



Comments On Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness

By BILL REICH
MEN OF GOD... President Roosevelt appeals to the clergy for advice in solving the nation's social and economic problems...

DOLLAR DIPLOMACY... "Dollar diplomacy is no longer recognized by the United States government," piously proclaims President Roosevelt...

PREVAILING WAGES... Bitter strikes of relief workers in New York, Pennsylvania, Alabama and elsewhere were necessary to establish prevailing wage rates...

JURISPRUDENCE... Fifty-six patriotic lawyers, handsomely paid by the Liberty League, have prepared a \$100,000 brief which has been sent to 4,500 corporations...

Brownsville Lecture "The Seventh Congress of the Communist International" Speaker: James P. Cannon Friday, Oct. 11th, 1935—at 8 P.M. 1776 Pitkin Avenue—near Stone

WAR AND THE "MILITANT" SOCIALISTS

Purposely Vague Program Sows Many Dangerous Illusions Among Workers Ranks

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cialist masses into the imperialist camp—this lays a special responsibility upon a group claiming to be revolutionary Socialists to break, in the fullest and most concrete terms, with the perfunctory war programs of the Socialist parties...

But it is precisely in order not to settle the question, that it is dealt with so summarily. Brevity is employed here only to obscure the fact that the "Militants" include anti-revolutionary elements—pacifists of all shades, not to mention a few social-patriots...

1. No mention of pacifism. No hint of the yeoman's work for imperialism contributed by the pacifists in the last war, and undoubtedly to be repeated again...

2. No mention of progressive wars. Revolutionists are not only not pacifists because pacifism is impotent before imperialist war; there is also the positive fact that a revolutionary war is just as much a means of proletarian policy as an uprising...

3. No clarification of the question of "national defense." The program declares its opposition to it, and this, taken in conjunction with the previous sentence, which finds no reason for supporting a capitalist government in war under any conditions...

WORKERS Protect Yourself Against the Hazards of Life, Join the WORKMEN'S SICK & DEATH BENEFIT FUND OF THE U.S. 1884-1935 Organized, managed by and for workers with only one purpose: to render protection to members and their families...

countries either actually participate in oppressing colonies (British Labor Party, German Socialism, French Socialists of the coalition cabinets, etc.), or make freedom of the colonies contingent on socialism in the home country...

3. No hint of the policy of "revolutionary defeatism." One of the greatest theoretical contributions of the October Revolution was the policy of preparing for it by working for the defeat of Czarist Russia...

4. No hint that the workers' revolution is the answer to imperialist war. We do not refer here to the general doctrine that only socialism will put an end to war; that doctrine is perfectly acceptable to the most pernicious pacifists who infest the working class...

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A. F. L. CONVENTION REPORT IN NEXT NEW MILITANT For a complete report of the A. F. of L. convention, shortly to begin in Atlantic City, N. J., get a copy of the next issue of the NEW MILITANT. We expect to have a reporter present at the sessions, who will give the NEW MILITANT readers a first-hand account of the convention.

use the term, "against national defense," without explicitly and by name differentiating oneself from the Bauers and Zyromskis on the one hand and the Stalinists on the other. The omission of this explicitness is not accidental; last year, the "Militants" (represented by Krueger) united with the Bauers and Zyromskis in a so-called international left wing; they still lean on these chauvinists internationally; they fear to break openly, fundamentally, with these treacherous pseudo-revolutionists...

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PARTY AT WORK

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Program of the "Militants"

(Extracts from the new program presented at the Socialist Call Institute at Bound Brook, N. J.)
"The World War was not an accidental occurrence, but was a logical, an inevitable outcome of imperialist rivalries. The imperialist world aligned itself into two camps, with Great Britain and Germany heading them. The war was not fought for "democracy", for the "rights of small nations," or for "civilization." It was fought for territory, for markets, for sources of raw materials, and for fields for investments—in short, to determine which group of imperialists was to dominate and exploit the world and its toilers...

"The Socialist Party is opposed to all imperialist wars, and will do all in its power to prevent them. It can find no reason why the workers of a capitalist nation should support their government in a war under any circumstances. It is opposed to social-chauvinism, common-chauvinism, or the theory of national defense. It will fight against militarism, armaments, military appropriations and military alliances and treaties. If a war breaks out it will continue to fight alliances and treaties. It will work for a general strike to paralyze the conduct of the war. It will urge solidarity with the workers in the 'enemy' country, war. It will take advantage of the mass opposition to war to work for Socialism and a workers and farmers government." (Page 8)

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LEFT JABS

CHAMPION OF TWO WORLDS

Joe Louis' jabbing left and powerful right not only left Max Baer kneeling on the canvas last Tuesday but incidentally knocked out "God." Yes Sir, Father Divine, "God" to thousands of his dupes and leading C. P. United Front, has been knocked clean out of his position as chief Stalinist hope for gaining a foothold in Harlem and replaced by Joe Louis himself. The Daily Worker is ready to make a "people's front" broad enough to include Mrs. Hearst's Milk Fund in support of the fight racket if only they can bask for a moment in the reflected glory of Louis' powerful mitts.

Just listen to this from the Daily Worker, Sept. 26: "To them (Harlem fight celebrants) Joe Louis' volley of powerful right hand drives and left jabs to Baer's jaw and body were as many blows against an oppressing nationality, against Jim Crow suppression and persecution of the Negro people in their struggle for unconditional equality, for national liberation. . . . The Jewish boxer, Baer, himself a member of an oppressed minority, had become, by virtue of the hopes placed in his fistful ability by white chauvinist elements, the symbol of Negro oppression."

Apparently behind the fight on that historic Tuesday evening at the Yankee Stadium lurked a diabolical plot. The Bosses put up "Jewish Oppressed Minority" Baer to battle against "Self Determination for the Negroes" Louis. It was heads I win and tails you lose with the Bosses. If Baer won—down went "self determination." If Baer bit the dust, as he did, bang went the "oppressed Jewish minority." Palestine, Biro-Bijan, to say nothing of the Freiheit and the Forwards.

PEOPLE'S FRONTS

Since the French Stalinists have formed the People's Front and enrolled as comrades in arms no less than two former French Premiers, Herriot and Daladier, there has been keen competition among the Stalinists in the U. S. to see who would be first to organize a similar "People's Front" in the U. S. Origin, not content with small game, sent up a trial balloon for a united people's front with Hoover. Considering the scarcity of ex-Presidents in the U.S. as compared with ex-premiers in France, that was a bold step by origin. Its failure should not be held against him. It was a good try but, as they say in baseball, the breaks were against him. Next came Browder in his famous interview to the World-Telegram where he issued a cautious bid to Roosevelt. Spurred to action by these attempts of the leaders, the lesser bureaucrats were on their toes and it was not long before a real "People's Front" was in the bag.

That Long Island would bring home the bacon might have been foretold. Was it not here that the Daily Worker proudly announced that a Red baiting Daughter of the Revolution—a lady prominent in the Catholic church—had agreed that the C. P. program was also hers and had joined the C. P.? Yes—Long Island took the lead and before me lies the fruit of their toil. It is a leaflet announcing a meeting: "In support of the 'People's Candidate for Alderman in the 58th Assembly District—Mrs. Geraldine Chaney.'" The lady is the candidate of the "Independent Citizens Party" and, according to the leaflet, stands committed to the highly original and profoundly revolutionary principle of "equal rights for all citizens." The speakers list represents a truly broad people's front freed from all remnants of sectarianism: J. Dalmus Steele, District Deputy I.B.P.O. of Elks (oi! oi!); Thomas A. Baker, Chairman Corona Progressive Republican Club; Paul Crosby, Communist candidate for County Judge in Queens; Mrs. Geraldine Chaney, Independent Candidate for Alderman; Dr. Wm. Lefkowitz, Secretary of Committee for Equal Opportunities; Austin A. Mills, Prs. Mills Citizens League; Chairman, Rev. Richard A. McCarthy (it couldn't go on without benefit of clergy).

That's the set-up. The leaflet adds: "Read it and judge for yourself."

To that we say, Amen! and judge the "Communist" Party that supports it.

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