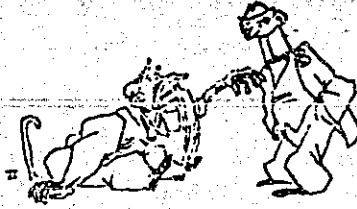




The boss was proud of me—I did all the work in the place!



And now, I've saved up enough money to—



—Rest up—

BOOKS

E. B. Reuter's "The American Race Problem"

(Thos. Y. Crowell Co., N. Y., \$3.00.) This book is on the whole impartial though at times it reduces its impartiality to the weakness of neutrality from which nothing except the volume's authoritativeness rescues it. The chief value of this book lies in the elimination of the belief of Negro inferiority. It is true that the Negro has not done so much in the fields of science, art, literature, as the whites, but that does not mean that he can't do it. He simply has not been given the opportunity the white man has; he hasn't those opportunities even now. As far as the Negro's belief—the prejudice—the white man's belief of the white man is concerned, well, as the author of "The American Race Problem" phrases it, "profound passionate belief may tell us much of the person who holds it, but it tells us nothing concerning the truth or falsity of the belief which is held."

In his estimation Professor Reuter owes a little the slave's recognition of his inferiority and the master's superiority during the slave era. It is true, however, that the Negro should accept that attitude to a certain degree but what else could he do in a strange soil without law protection?

The chapter devoted to Race Consciousness is very good indeed. "The foundation of a distinct Negro culture," says Professor Reuter, "in the midst of an advanced and highly complex civilization is manifestly impossible."

There is no reason why anyone should establish such a standard; for, in all, there is nothing distinctly American about the Negro. His culture, his customs are American; he is American. There is need of racial unity but the race must be allowed to segregate itself.

There will be no race or religious wars when the proletarian revolution takes place. This point can only be proved by the eradication of the problem of the Jew in Russia at the great revolution of 1917.

Rae Spiegel.

Too Late.

A husband had bought two apples and just brought them home. The correct writing on one of the apples follows: "Farmer's daughter, fifteen, like to meet back home for marriage. Communicate name followed name and address."

He rushed off and telegraphed to the girl for an interview. When he got his surprise on receiving the following reply: "Sorry, too late. We married six years ago. I have four children."

WHILE THE BOSS AINT LOOKIN'

To The Gaffly:
Care of The Young Worker.
I enjoy your column very much. I like your so-called jokes and stuff. It tickles me to read your stuff. Wherein you call some current bluff.

But listen, Ed.—take my advice. 'Cause if you want your column nice. Make all your stuff still lighter yet. That'll make your name a winning bet.

Sincerely,
"Jimmy."

The Labor Fakers' Banner

(Reprinted from the Australian Record)

The workers' flag is deepest red,
To show that color I just dread.
I clinch beneath the rich man's frown,
And so have hauled that color down.

I wave a pale pink banner now,
Beneath its folds I cringe and bow,
And humbly listen to the sneers
Of shirkers and of profiteers.

Above me as a sign it flies,
Of deep conceit and cunning lies;
I cringe before the master class,
And try to gull the toiling mass.

I call myself the workers' friend,
And just to prove it, some I send
On pleasure trip out to Long Bay,
To there enjoy a holiday.

With vanity my pulses throb,
I am above the common mob;
The boneheads by the Lord are sent
To hump me into Parliament.

Don't mention agitators hold—
The O. B. U. makes my feet cold.
When workers strike I never fail
To send their leaders into jail.

Red-raggers are a curse, I think;
I only like the palest pink.
If boneheads should wake up I fear
I'll lose eight hundred pounds a year.

I fly the pale pink banner sweet
To draw my salary year by year,
And boss the same hard at their toil
And let the others take the spoil.

With hat in hand, I humble crawl
Whenever the master class does call.
So damn the Reds! But I will cheer
The meek and human profiteer.

"Distance lends enchantment" said the poet. That may account for the fact that so many fat-bellied capitalists who never saw the inside of a factory go into ecstasy over the "glory of toil."

Structural iron worker tells a story about an Irishman who slipped from a girder on the tenth story of a building under construction. As he sped toward the ground far below, his partner leaned over the edge and shouted: "Don't worry, Pat. Remember God is with you."
"begorra, if he is!" Pat yelled back. "He's gotta come!" Minneapolis Labor Review.

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ANSWERS ON ANOTHER PAGE

1. What was responsible for the World War last and when did the U. S. enter?
2. What big group of workers are now organizing in China?
3. What is the name of the center of the Soviet Union?
4. What does "Acos" stand for? (The quarters of the Soviet commercial delegation by the police to provide an excuse for the poor relations with the Soviet Union.)
5. What were the names of the first two U. S. Presidents?
6. What is the name of the first international organization that operates in Latin America?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN

1. Karl Liebknecht was one of the few German socialists who understood how important it is for the revolutionary labor movement to have the working class youth organized in a fighting organization of their own. Liebknecht was especially in the struggle against capitalist militarism and war. The young workers must play a leading role. Liebknecht's agitation and work within the Socialists Party for the organization of the youth but met with the resistance of the reformist leaders who had no confidence in the youth and considerable distrust because of its militancy and revolutionary spirit. Finally, in 1907, Liebknecht's efforts met with success and a Socialist Youth International was organized. Liebknecht's success in the revolution was due to the fact that he had the best qualities of the youth was justified when at the outbreak of the war, the Socialist Youth International was the only international organization that remained true to the interests of the proletariat and refused to follow the official Socialists in support of the war. When the Spartakusbund (Communist League—the first German Communist organization) of which Liebknecht was a leader, called the flag of revolt against capitalism, the young workers were found in the front ranks. Finally, when Liebknecht was shot (January 1919) by the reactionaries with the help of the Socialists it was the youth that led the last great effort of the youth movement. Liebknecht had been its inspiration and leader.

2. The M. E. P. (New Economic Policy) is the name of the economic policy adopted in the Soviet Union in 1921 since the immediate dangers of intervention were over and the previous policy of "war Communism" no longer applied. The essential nature of the M. E. P. are certain restricted privileges of private enterprise, freedom for peasants to sell their grain over and above their agricultural tax, the artisans and handicraftsmen who are permitted to carry on their work under certain conditions, the freedom of foreign trade within certain limitations, and the foreign capitalist concerns who are given concessions to develop certain industries on condition that the Soviet government should have a share employed in these concerns and industries have the same rights and privileges as the workers in the national industries. The aim of the M. E. P. is to supply a transition system

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