

OUR ACTIVITIES

A Real Libertarian First of May Commemoration in San Francisco

More than fifty comrades with their respective families gathered on Sunday, May 2nd at the military grounds in Marion County. The location was a real "beauty spot" amid the California charming Nature's Treasures.

The air was invigorating. The festive and joyous mood was evident among the congregated comrades. The presence of a variety of races and nationalities with the sound of diverse languages and dialects added multi-colors to the gathering.

How greatly inspiring was the human panorama at the Libertarian Picnic! Just like a sublime vision of the great Walt Whitman. . . . Italian, Jewish, French and some German speaking comrades were there. Men, women and children—young and old; dark, brown and blonde; big black eyes—and blue, and gray.

Little groups here and there vividly discussing things Anarchistic; the glories of the past and the glorious future—when love, harmony and perfect understanding will become the mainspring of human life. . . .

The day nearly vanished and the hours "filled to the brim" with intensive and exhilarating life. Comrade Scarceriaux got up and pronounced a few hearty words, appealing to the comrades present in behalf of the English Anarchist Press: *The Road to Freedom* of Stelton, N. J., and *Freedom*, London.

The energetic Comrade Cohen followed with a brief exhortation, emphasizing the urgent need and importance of the *ROAD TO FREEDOM*, to propagate anarchist thought and ideals among the English-speaking workers in America. Without hesitation the comrades came forth with their generous offerings. A sum of \$96.25 was the splendid result. Those more intimately familiar with the needs of our only anarchist paper published in English here in the United States decided to send \$75.00 to the *ROAD TO FREEDOM*, and the balance of \$21.25 to *Freedom* of London, England.

Also ten new subscribers were made during the day.

The absence of real English-speaking American anarchists was rather conspicuous—not even one! Some of the newly arrived Italian comrades wondered and queried whether the *ROAD TO FREEDOM* ever reaches the American workers' home. . . . Let us work hard and wait patiently and see what answer the future might offer them. . . .

EL JUNIO EBRANTE.

A New Colony Near Los Angeles

I am reporting some encouraging news. Our Jewish comrades here in Los Angeles formed a new organization under the name of "New Society," and decided to take the initiative in an active and live propaganda. Permanent club rooms will be established. But the most important decision taken was, to build a new society within the old and intolerable one—to start a free colony near Los Angeles. A committee working on the proposition brought in a very encouraging report. We are negotiating with various real estate firms and also with individuals possessing big tracts of land for the acquisition of land. The colony will be located about 15 to 20 miles from the city. Quite a number of comrades responded to our first call. Many comrades who stood for various reasons outside our movement for a long time are again entering the active ranks and pledge themselves to aid us in establishing the colony. Comrades interested in the proposition please communicate with A. Rogat, 3185 Blanchard Street, Los Angeles, Cal., who will answer all correspondence pertaining to the colony and the general propaganda.

A. ROGAT.

Good News From Detroit

For this summer we have rented Charles' Farm, near Jantton Road, for picnics.

We will give three picnics: First May 30th; second July 4th; third August 18th.

To reach the picnic grounds take a Detroit Motor Bus in front of the Ford plant in Highland Park. The bus will take you to Jantton Road. There you will find trucks and cars to take you to the picnic.

If anyone would like to rent the farm for any other occasion, kindly correspond with Comrade Domenico Testa, 515 Watermans Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Looking Back and Forward

Looking back upon the past activities of the last season through the viewpoint of a secretary, I believe as a whole the result is most fair and encouraging. Summoning up the activities, we had about 25 lectures, half a dozen entertainments and group meetings and discussions weekly.

In the little headquarters of an ordinary apartment flat, we managed to collect a variety of comrades, sympathizers, antagonists and speakers of half a dozen different speaking languages and many shades and opinions. French, Spanish, Italian, Roumanian, Jewish, English and Russian comrades rubbed shoulders with each other. Our group is truly called *The International Anarchist Group*.

Our lectures were of a fine variety, but always the subjects were near to the rebel workers' heart—whether it was a talk by Joseph Cohen, editor of the *Freie Arbeiter Stimme*, on "Chicago Martyrs," or Bishop Paul Jones on "Spiritual Values," or a talk by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on "Woman and Her Relations to the Labor Movement," or Abe Winokour, a worker and active member of the group on "Living Anarchism," or a talk by Alexis Fera, who had been principal of the Modern School in Stelton for five years on "The Radical and His Child."

We also had a series of four lectures on Russia, given on Friday evenings by two comrades who had very recently arrived from Russia and who, through their personal experiences of many years in that country, and through their understanding and knowledge of it, were able to give us a scientific analysis of the present regime in Russia and the problems facing it.

Always the discussion following each lecture was real, sincere and though some there are who always come for the seemingly express purpose of speaking against the lecturer, no matter what the subject happens to be, yet in the main, there was a serious groping for the truth in all problems that daily confront our—the workers—lives.

Our entertainments were novel, beginning with the Oriental Night, our Costume Ball, our Italian Fruit Festival, the Russian Night and ending with the Spring Festival. All but the last were successes, socially, materially, and may I say, enjoyably? We were very sorry that Dame Nature was unkind to us for our Spring Festival and only a few brave ones ventured out in the teeming downpour of the first excellent spring rain, (excellent for the stirring plant life)—but unfortunate indeed for a spring festival.

However, our activities do not end here, perhaps they are only beginning. Lectures, entertainments are all very well and necessary, but more is needed. Continued activities to develop ourselves for the still greater tasks that may be open to us in the great struggle for universal freedom.

Our very next activity will be the *ROAD TO FREEDOM* Dinner. This will sort of put the finishing touch to the season's activities and at the same time be the opening of our summer season's activities for which we already have

plans and much enthusiasm. For this dinner we are expecting to have the representatives of all different speaking groups who will each contribute his share of what he thinks should be done toward spreading the *ROAD TO FREEDOM*, and developing a greater movement.

This very briefly, is my report. To this I can only add that if all those who participated in these past activities will continue to do so, doubling their efforts, and gaining new comrades, we shall within a short time, perhaps, create a real live working movement that will not only broadcast the seeds of our ideal of freedom, but in which each will be ready to take his place when the time comes.

LILLY SARNOFF, Secretary,
International Anarchist Group, New York.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

LETTERS TO JUDO. Upton Sinclair, Pasadena, California.
POOR RELIEF IN PENNSYLVANIA. Emil Frankel, Harrisburg, Pa.
AMOR Y SACRIFICIO. Solano Palacio, Revista. Blanca, Barcelona, Spain.
MATERIDAD. Federica Montseny, Revista Blanca.
QUI JUGE LE CRIMINEL? Clarence S. Darrow. L'en dehors, Orleans, France.
LA LIBERTÉ. . . . Nous allons. . . .
ULTIME BONTÉ. Albert Libertad. L'en dehors, Orleans, France.

MONIES RECEIVED

S. Tobin \$1.00; J. Dubois \$1.00; J. Buchie \$1.00; C. L. Swartz \$2.00; Gussie Mogilafsky \$1.00; C. Wakefield \$1.00; The L. Miles \$18.00; Mr. Romao \$1.00; N. Grossman \$1.00; A. Dem \$1.00; V. Murillo \$1.00; A. Rodgers \$1.00; M. Riesgo \$1.00; M. Berch \$4.00; Jos. Spivak, subscriptions \$7.50; single copies \$2.50; S. Katz \$1.00; J. Scarceriaux \$10.00 for 10 subscriptions and \$1.00 for single copies; Circulo Instructivo, \$19.00, per Rico; Dr. M. Cohen \$10.00; Stewart Kerr \$5.00; B. Yellin \$1.00; E. L. Staidubar \$1.00; A. De Russi \$1.00; Wayne Walden \$1.00; Christ \$1.00; Vegas 50c; Italian comrade, per Lilly Sarnoff \$2.00; Likertie \$2.00.

Pledges for Semi-Monthly at Steiton Dinner—May 16, 1926

John Aronoff \$7.00; Sarah Aronoff \$5.00; D. Blustein \$5.00; L. Keyser \$8.75; A. Schwartz \$10.00; Adolf Axelrod \$5.00; Sally Axelrod \$5.00; A. Blecher \$10.00; B. Forman \$5.00; A. Winokour \$10.00; M. Morris \$5.00; S. Freedman \$5.00; Mary Hanson \$5.00; Pasakson \$5.00; Total \$90.75.

Donations at Steiton Dinner—May 16, 1926

L. Keyser \$1.25; L. Goldblatt \$1.00; Clara Rothberg \$1.00; Lilly Sarnoff \$5.00; Martin Schwartz \$1.00; Collins \$1.00; L. Welsbrod \$5.00; J. Shoob \$5.00; Riva Hertzberg \$2.00; Total \$25.25.

Comrades in San Francisco \$75.00.
Comrades in Los Angeles monthly pledge \$17.00.

**Road to Freedom
DINNER
Saturday, June 5th
at 8:30 P.M.
at the
WORKERS' CENTRE
219 Second Avenue
New York City**

Editors of divers Anarchist publications will address the comrades.

PROCEEDS FOR THE SEMI-MONTHLY