

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## Protests Donation To Red Cross Fund

BRONX.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Defense Club, North East Section, Bronx County, Communist Party.

WHEREAS, it was reported in the Daily Worker of Sept. 6, by a letter from the Bronx County Board, that the Bronx County Board had unanimously voted to donate \$100 to Hungarian relief through the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, there are many refugees needing relief in the world today—refugees from the oppression of the imperialists in Algeria and Morocco, African refugees from British imperialist oppression, refugees from Egypt, refugees from the Sinai Peninsula, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Bronx County Board has never contributed any money to refugees from imperialist and capitalist oppression, but take this action to contribute to relief of refugees from socialism; and

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Defense Club of the North East Section of the Bronx, after thorough discussion, unanimously voted to protest the action of the Bronx County Board as being arbitrary and bureaucratic, particularly at this time in history when they know that the membership of the County is discussing this question and that there is controversy and differences of opinion in the ranks of the Party on this question; and, therefore, an attempt should have been made to consult the Party membership on such an important action now.

## Assails "New Dogmatism"

Editor, Daily Worker:

I am enclosing \$10 as part of more that I intend to do and to ask my friends to do, by way of financial assistance to the DW. This does not mean that I condone the present policies of the DW. Quite the contrary. I intend to do all in my power to change its present course.

A particularly shocking aspect of the present efforts of the editors of the DW to impose their views on DW readers is the way in which almost every columnist and editor on the paper springs to the attack when anyone offers a sane and dissenting article, such as recent ones by Eugene Dennis and James Allen.

For many months the DW, and the leadership of the Party in New York, along with Sid Stein, Mike Russo, Steve Nelson and Max Weiss have sought to give the impression that the Communist Party is divided between those who are for and those who are against change. John Gates makes his bid for leadership with the slogan, "It's time for a change." Those who differ with the change that has come about in John Gates and his supporters are stigmatized as dogmatic opponents of change.

To Alan Max, who has a well-known penchant for taking a "second look" at back issues of the DW and other papers, I suggest that he take a "second look" at his claim, on Dec. 5, that alleged "invective" by Dennis and others "have become the main instrument of those who evidently want to quash all discussion unless they themselves can define its limits and its outcome." Nothing could be further from the truth. In truth it is the Gates claim (that the division in the party is between those who want change and those who oppose change) which has become the "main instrument of those who evidently want to quash all discussion" and to con-

fuse the real issue in the Party.

Dennis went to the heart of the matter in his Nov. 29 article in the DW. He warned that in "breaking with the old dogmatism that declared virtually everything the USSR did was above criticism," we should not accept the "new dogmatism." This new dogmatism, advanced by the so-called champions of change assumes the slogan and the posture of "independence." This new kind of "independence" is called "fresh," "creative Marxism." But its only relationship to Marxism is in phraseology, not in ideology. It is as "new" and as "fresh" as the epoch of imperialism, since it is the sort of perversion of Marxist principles, applied to conditions and events of today, which is typical of anti-Marxist trends of accommodation to imperialism that began with the very first development of capitalism into imperialism more than half a century ago.

The editorial position of the DW, of most of its columnists and of George Blake Charney in the Dec. 3 issue of the DW reveals how the new dogmatism departs from an independent workingclass position and leads to policies of accommodation with the present day ideology and strategy of the rulingclass.

For example: The DW denies Pravda's charge that it equates Hungary with Egypt. But Charney's article is another proof of Pravda's charges. It implicitly and explicitly amounts to a demand for the unconditional withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary. No one can factually deny that the essence of Charney's position, and that of the new dogmatists on and off the staff of the DW, in general adds to the weight of the propaganda and pressure which merges into the strategy of the imperialists. This strategy seeks to divert the worldwide demand for the forthwith and unconditional withdrawal of British, French and Israeli troops from Egypt and to turn it into support for their demand for immediate, unconditional withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary.

No amount of journalistic semantics to the contrary on the part of Charney and those who think and write like him, can ever cover the fact that their "independent" position merges with and is equated with the position of those who demand that the Soviet Union should unconditionally submit to the unilateral breakup of the Warsaw Pact in the face of worldwide encirclement by NATO, SEATO, BAGHDAD, etc. By its resolute decision to avert such an alternative the Soviet Union has prevented catastrophic weakening of the struggle for peaceful coexistence, and of all the forces of socialism and national freedom and independence in Europe, Asia, Africa, throughout the world.

—HARRY MANN

## Youth's Opinion On Hungary

Editor, Daily Worker:

My feeling is that the main elements of the Hungarian revolt were youth—student youth, working-class youth and youth of the armed forces. Most of them grew up under the Rakosi regime and the demands that they made were almost wholly justified democratic and socialist demands.

The Soviet leaders and the Hungarian Party membership failed to respond to these demands. Instead, they met the demands with force and duplicity. The tragic and criminal actions of the killings of secret police members by sections of the rebels cannot be condoned. But these could have been prevented by the forces representing the workers councils and the armed

Hungarian army. Order could have been restored by the Hungarians themselves.

Many reports and interviews indicate that the workers councils were at the helm of the revolt although they lacked centralized organization. Many Communists were elected as delegates of the Revolutionary Workers councils. Many Communists took up arms against the Soviet troops. After the fighting ceased, the workers went on general strike.

Subsequently, Imre Nagy was abducted by the Soviet troops after the "promise" of the Kadar régime of safe conduct was given the Yugoslav embassy. Following this, the major demands of the Workers Council were rejected and new arrests reported.

The leadership of the CPUSA has failed miserably in not placing the responsibility for the revolt and deaths at the foot of the Soviet Union leadership.

The situation within the party ranks is a sharp division. Those that oppose the Soviet intervention of Nov. 4 are considered opportunists, even jeered at by some with "well, why don't you leave then." Some consider it a good thing that these "opportunists" leave because only the "cream" of the crop would then remain within the party. The "cream" may dwindle down to a few thousand members.

I have confidence in the working class and students of Hungary. They are not now, nor will they in the near future be fascist-minded. They oppose tyranny and dictatorship but not socialism. I feel that they will continue to struggle whether the youth have to lay down their lives or give up their wages in general strike.

A. S.—A Communist Youth

## Christmas Amnesty

Editor, Daily Worker:

Ben Davis' story in the Daily Worker of last Thursday on the grave danger that Smith Act Prisoners may be forgotten, was a timely warning of a state of affairs that has currency in progressive circles, and does not at all correspond with guarding the interests of democratic rights let alone the interests of true friends whose unjust persecution is a shame on America. Ben Davis wrote that Smith Act Prisoners, Negro and white, now languishing in Federal prisons in various parts of the country "are among the bravest and most self-sacrificing fighters for peace and democracy" and the best interests of their country.

Yet it is no exaggeration to say that they are neglected and forgotten by their own friends! But this indifference does not reflect the true interests of labor and the people. Nor does it reflect their concern and potentialities.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND NEGRO LEADERSHIP has launched a special campaign for Henry Winston, and also Pettis Perry, Miss Marie Richardson and Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram. The response to this campaign has been both sympathetic and lively, and has brought forth independent action among new circles in support of these Negro victims of injustice and special persecution. In recent weeks, William L. Patterson, James W. Ford and others connected with the fight for amnesty have carried the campaign into Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Cleveland, New York and other parts of the country, and into various Negro organizations and groups, as well, as among a large number of Negro community figures.

The "Christmas Petition of Amnesty for Henry Winston" has received endorsement from a

number of groups that are taking independent action. Individuals are signing Petitions on behalf of Winston and also Miss Marie Richardson and Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram, and will be presented to President Eisenhower.

The Petition for Henry Winston states: "We are making a compassionate appeal to you, Mr. President, to commute the eight-year sentence of Henry Winston, convicted under the Smith Act. . . We feel that his case has special significance for American democratic rights. . . This is the time when it is customary for the President to examine requests for amnesty, and we hereby, in the spirit of goodwill, Christian conscience, appeal to you to grant Christmas amnesty to Henry Winston."

Henry Winston's wife, Mrs. Edna Winston, has issued a personal appeal, asking friends to send letters to President Eisenhower, White House, Washington, D.C.

If there are friends of Henry Winston who wish to sign the Petition, they can do so by writing to the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND NEGRO LEADERSHIP: Room 21, 1660 Fulton Street, Brooklyn 13, N.Y. Funds to support the campaign would also be appreciated.

—James W. Ford, secretary.

## DW Should Be Easier to Read

Editor, Daily Worker:

While discussion of Hungary and the Soviet Union is important, my personal thoughts are that not enough time is being spent on analyzing the relations of the Communist Party to the American working class.

The tactic of condoning everything that happened in the Soviet Union has earned merited distrust and questioning of the American Communist Party. However, until there is another party that is a more consistent fighter for peace, democracy and socialism, the CP will have to do. I would like to add a few words on the Daily Worker. I first wish to say that the paper and its staff are doing a heroic job despite all harassments and financial difficulties. (I recently sent \$5). But the Daily Worker is almost exclusively a CP organ and is not for the average worker.

We must have a paper of the left; but as presently constituted and written, the DW is too difficult to follow; the language is not a workingman's language. If we want to have a weekly or daily party paper let us say so and not expect to build up a mass circulation with a paper not written for mass consumption.

Also, wherever possible it might be a good idea to start and finish an article on the same page.—S.

## Grateful for Hendley's Letter

WABASH, Ind.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is \$1 and will send again. We are very grateful for the letter of Charles Hendley. While we do not feel that Communist governments cannot make mistakes as they gather experience or even be entirely free from self promotion instincts, we do feel that their program is based on ideals of complete justice.

Knowing as we do that many in the capitalist world have as the great passion of their lives the desire to destroy all people's movements and that they have used money, lots of it, planning to do just that, we cannot but be thankful for the strength of the Soviet Union.

More information and not too hasty expressions of opinion will promote justice.—R.A.

## Fight Urged for Tax Reduction

Editor, Daily Worker:

We are sending \$30 to help maintain our Marxist-Leninist paper and hope that the Daily Worker will become a popular medium of working class expression.

We disagree with much of the editorials during the past two months, but say three cheers to Gene Dennis and Ed Strong. The result of the draft resolution and the policy of the Worker to date has been to immobilize the Communist Party. At present the House Ways and Means subcommittee is holding hearings on taxes. We think a campaign to reduce taxes of the American working people would receive wide support.

Therefore we propose a mass leaflet distribution at subway and shops on that question. Also letters to trade union locals asking for a fight to get a tax reduction. Further, we could visit Congressmen and write letters to the Ways and Means Committee.

Let's get out of the doldrums of party passivity and initiate a struggle on an American issue.

—A DOCK-SIDE CLUB.

## Welcome Strangers

Editor, Daily Worker:

To the gentlemen of The Worker, we would like to express our sincere thanks for the friendly greeting and warm hands that accorded two strangers last Sunday evening quite unannounced. We are regular readers of The Worker and subscribe to its contents whole heartedly. Keep up the good work.

—A Guy and a Gal From Providence.

## Is This Really Paradise?

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Editor, Daily Worker:

IS THIS PARADISE!

Many people argue that the American people are living so well and they point out all the gadgets, automobiles and etc., to stress their point.

The economic gains that have been made have been at the expense of the 94 percent of the world's population. First of all we had World War II. The Korean War and the huge arms project, which keeps an ailing system rolling along, temporarily at its best. Despite all this hubbub there is no economic security.

The number of mental cases is appalling, life is full of tension, the moral fibre of people is weakening, there are more divorces than ever and juvenile delinquency is increasing.

There are more sleeping pills sold than ever, millions of Americans take all sorts of tranquillizing drugs (happy pills) to calm their nerves. (See LOOK magazine for articles on Happy Pills, July 24, 1956). Is this Paradise!

I trust and hope in these days of irreversible change that our movement will study contemporary capitalism to help lead the American people toward a life of security without drugs. We hope it will be built on a solid foundation of Democratic & Marxian Socialism.—E.Y.

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