

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

Injustice Wrong At All Times

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The painful warrior famed for
fight,
After a thousand victories once
foiled
Is from the book of honor razed
quite,
And all the rest forgot for which
he toiled. . . .

— Shakespeare

Words of deep profundity and a verity, but not an eternal verity. For Shakespeare lived and wrote in a class society and every word he uttered against what Robert Burns called "man's inhumanity to man" is intended to inspire us to put an end to it.

I am appalled by the venom now being heaped by many of our self-righteous comrades upon Joe Clark, a warrior of many years. Our own National Committee, with great wisdom, "urges him to reconsider." Joe Clark, Joe Starobin, Howard Fast, however we may view their actions, did not leave us for silver or gold or "a ribbon to tie in their coat." It should not be our task to goad them into hostile actions—a method we so successfully used in the past.

I for one fail to understand those who so easily take the Stalin revelations in their stride and look down upon those who cannot so quickly find their bearings. Those of us who see these revelations (and the errors of our own Party) as an awful aberration upon a sound body politic; who see the very fact of these revelations as a great liberating influence upon all socialist thinkers; who greet the news of every rehabilitation (though posthumously) of the innocent dead must also have the sensitivity to comprehend those who temporarily see only the negative. I can see no attitude as correct, socialist or human, that does not want patiently and persistently to win these former comrades back.

We live in a world that fawns

upon people while they are in the limelight and frowns upon them when they have made a mistake. Let us not become the victims of the ideology we are seeking to alter. Let us not completely "erase from the book of honor" our formerly beloved comrades who readily made every sacrifice required by the courage of their convictions. Let us continue to "urge them to return," roll out the red carpet and welcome them back with open arms.

I shall continue to protest against injustice wherever I see it, and especially when it appears in our own midst. Call me "bourgeois," call me "liberal," call me anything you wish. I am a student of Shakespeare, a scientific socialist, and I remain the daughter of a worker and a farmer—a fact which nothing can change.

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Praises Youth Workers In Flynn Campaign

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

Read Joseph North's article about the Elizabeth Gurley Flynn (DW, Sept. 16). It was good, but there was an omission—he did not mention the youth.

There are a number of young folks who go out. They are energetic and bubbling with enthusiasm. They come back with scores of signatures. They participated in the street meeting last night.

Working with them and watching them work I have learned from them—from their fresh approach, enthusiasm, attitudes. If there were any doubts about our success it was not the youth who had them.

Let's give them a great big hand. They really are splendid campaign workers.

A STEADY CANVASSER
IN THE 'FORTIES'

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