

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

Pledges Support Despite Errors

BARRE, Vt.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Am enclosing \$10, of which \$3.50 is for a sub renewal and the balance of \$6.50 a donation for the current fund drive.

Some comments on the current situation within the C.P.U.S.A. and the Worker.

I am astounded at some of the talk I have listened to and some of the articles I have read, written by some of our leadership. Talk of liquidation (however it may have been phrased). Doing away with the Daily and Sunday Worker, etc. Pessimism, confusion, and I must say that the Worker has done its share in helping to create this state of affairs.

Our intellectual writers have only added to the general confusion and disruption, with all their talk of "morality," etc., etc. No down-to-earth evaluation of events in a Marxist-Leninist or even an historical sense. In fact, one begins to wonder if they had ever heard of Marx or Lenin.

In this respect, Comrade Foster's article "on the Party Situation," (Political Affairs, October, '56) is the voice of intelligence and sanity, as against a swamp of crassest, opportunist errors, and idealistic nonsense. It should help to clear the political atmosphere. Much more could be said: but enough:

In spite of weaknesses, the Daily and Sunday Workers have played and will continue to play a very important role, in my life and in the political life of our country. The great contributions it has made to the struggles for justice, and Socialism in the past generation can never be forgotten. Talk of doing away with the best instruments we have to combat the lies of the people's enemies is unthinkable.

As in the past, you can count on my whole-hearted support.

THOMAS CERASOLI

Unavoidable Tragedy

Editor, Daily Worker:

I think your editorial in Monday's paper ("A Summit Meeting Now") was way off base. Not that I'm against a summit meeting. But your off-hand, blanket condemnation of the Soviet Union's use of troops in Hungary does not seem to me to be based on any sober evaluation of facts.

Let me make clear, from the beginning, that I have been an enthusiastic supporter of the paper's policies over the past months and that I sharply disagree with those critics (like A. Unger) who have opposed your new, independent course.

The use of Soviet troops in Hungary is certainly a great tragedy. It may be, however, that closer examination of the facts will reveal that it was an unavoidable tragedy. There seems to be no question, even in your own editorial, that fascist and reactionary elements had gained control of the popular revolution in Hungary and were exploiting it for restoration of an anti-socialist, anti-peoples government. All newspapers, not only Pravda, reported on the "street justice" being summarily and wantonly dealt out to Communists and working class leaders of many

years standing by the so-called "freedom fighters."

Undoubtedly, the mistaken policies of the Soviet Union and the Hungarian Communist Party in the past were the underlying factors in the popular revolt and, in the long run, are the reason for the great tragedy. But it seems to me that if the Soviet Army can restore order to the country and thereby enable the new government to carry out its announced program of basic reforms, then the role of the Soviet Union in this situation should not be characterized as one which "retards the development of socialism."

The Daily Worker owes it to its readers and to its own newfound integrity to thoroughly re-examine its approach to that particular editorial. I, for one, do not believe that the position expressed there is a logical continuation of previous editorial policy. Not all of our mistakes were made in the past. We're bound to make many new ones with a fresh approach. But let's correct the new mistakes as quickly as possible.—I. S.

"Long May You Wave"

DETROIT

Editor, Daily Worker:

Please renew my sub to the Sunday Worker.

The balance of \$11.50 is my donation to your fighting fund.

As one who has travelled the long hard road with the Daily—LONG MAY YOU WAVE!

—ANN GANLEY.

Stalin's 1948 Policy Held Substantiated

Editor, Daily Worker:

Congratulations to A. Unger for a breath of reviving Marxist air.

Anyone on the Left now viewing the Polish and Hungarian situation must at least have grave doubts about Khrushchev and his "democratization" policy. We must also have grave doubts about the Stalin "revelations."

The correctness of Stalin's strong policy in 1948 against the latent counter-revolutionary forces in the Eastern Democracies is fully substantiated by the recent events in Hungary and Poland.

Khrushchev uses Lenin as his guide and inspiration for "democratization". However, Lenin warned over and over again against falling into the trap of "pure democracy". For instance, this passage from *The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky*.

"There can be no equality between the exploiters—who for many generations have stood out because of their education, conditions of wealthy life, and habits—and the exploited, the majority of whom even in the most advanced and most demo-

cratic bourgeois republics are down-trodden, backward, ignorant, intimidated and disunited.

"For a long time after the revolution the exploiters inevitably continue to enjoy a number of practical advantages: they still have money . . . they still have various connections, habits or organization and management knowledge of all the 'secrets' . . . of management, superior education, close connections with the higher technical personnel (who live and think like the bourgeoisie), incomparably greater experience in the art of war (this is very important) . . ."

The tragic losses in Hungary and Poland clearly show that Lenin is not being used as a guide, but as a smokescreen for the devious Mr. Khrushchev.

—L.F.

Referendum on Resolutions Asked

Editor, Daily Worker:

Attached please find a resolution which our club has sent to the National Committee of the CPUSA. We have also sent copies of this resolution to the New York State CP and the New York County C.P.

We would like to have this resolution printed in the discussion portion of the paper, so that it may be read and discussed in preparation for the National Convention of the Communist Party of the U.S.A.

—A Film Club—C.P.U.S.A.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS there are many members who should and would be delegates to the National, State and other party conventions but who, understandably, can not participate in person at these conventions due to their membership and participation in trade unions, mass organizations, etc.; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the same importance be attached to and the same treatment be accorded all posted or transmitted written resolutions to the conventions as to those resolutions offered by committees or delegates in attendance at the conventions.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions passed by the National Convention subsequently be submitted to a referendum vote of the entire party membership.

That only as a result of an affirmative vote by a majority of the membership in such a referendum vote will these resolutions be considered to be in effect and binding.

And that, in order to accomplish the above, the National Convention, before entertaining or voting on any substantive resolutions, adopt a procedure whereby such a referendum vote is constitutionally and otherwise possible.

Autotown Alley

DETROIT:

DURING the current 1957 fiscal year, which began July 1, 1956, the Bureau of the budget estimates that the Federal Government will spend \$69.1 billion. Of that figure, 50 percent will go for current military spending, 10 percent for interest on the national debt and 8.3 percent for veterans services and benefits. Thus again wars, hot and cold, account for over three fourths of the government expenditures.

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