

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## The Real Side Of Barry Gray

Editor, Daily Worker:

As to the letter extolling the virtues of Barry Gray, I have a few comments to make. Gray is not only no "friend of the Left," but a friend of no-one except Barry Gray. I presume that the letter is intended to increase the popular front drive, but if there is further compromise with the truth, what have we left?

Gray floats atop the tide of the "liberal" community's opinions, and hurries along with his 12 sponsors beside him. His viewpoint is flexible and changeable; it is completely phony. I think his columns in the Post, about cars, highways, the borscht circuit and his personal grudges, as well as the inept, insincere form of writing, sum up the real side of this personage who "carries the ball on many issues."

Gray is a normal product of our stifling radio-TV conditions; he might, as he used to, be spinning records if he didn't think up this gimmick. He is not to be particularly blamed. Neither is he to be praised.

-YOUNG PROGRESSIVE

## Suggestions for Party Democracy

Editor, Daily Worker:

Four of us came up with the following suggestions:

### I—On Party Democracy in the CPUSA.

A—Major policies, changes, or new analyses of situations, past and present, shall not be mandated by the Party leadership, but should be submitted to the membership for fullest democratic discussion and decision.

B—Formulations by the Party leadership should be the resultant of the viewpoints and ideas of the membership.

C—Relation of the Individual to the Party ("Civil Rights")

1. At every stage up to the final formulation of policy, members have the right to offer objections, call for reasons and explanations, and make recommendations.

2. Members who raise questions, or who do not agree with decisions, shall not be labeled or attacked. Individuals have the right to have an open mind until convinced. There is no need for unanimity even in the leadership, on all decisions.

3. The above, however, does not contradict the proposition that in respect to final decisions concerning actions, majority rule prevails.

4. The fullest implementation of these practices will minimize the tendency toward the formation of factions.

### II—On Our Attitude Toward the Soviet Union.

We must not categorically deny asserted facts unfavorable to the reputation of the Soviet Union

from ANY source. In the absence of evidence or source, the answer is, "I don't know," with the demand for evidence or source of the information.

N.B.: We don't have to be always on the defense in reference to the Soviet Union. She is today grown up and strong, well able to take good care of herself.

### III—On the Need for a Definite Statement on Our Attitude Toward the Soviet Union, Despite the Recently Reported Excesses and Crimes.

A fundamental is the fact that the Soviet Union still stands for what it has been and is, especially in its role in the anti-fascist war and the peace efforts in the post war period—and, of course, as the first socialist state in history, with its attitude toward national minorities (notwithstanding the recently reported serious violations).

—Four People.

## 'Game of Death' By A. E. Kahn

Editor, Daily Worker:

I just read "The Game of Death" by A. E. Kahn. I consider this one of the most strongly written and most powerfully worded anti-fascist, pro-peace books I ever read. I think this book has a real message to the American people. This man Albert Kahn speaks the language of common sense. Men like this are rare in times like ours.

—P.R.C.

## America's Hunger Area

Editor, Daily Worker:

Comparison with kindred groups in other lands indicates that among our shortcomings none is greater today than concentration of our major effort in areas other than those of greatest oppression.

There exists in this country a hunger area with a population of 30 million. Moreover with that area there exists a racial sector that unlike the dominant race in our country has been little influenced by official propaganda. It may be said that these, our Negro fellow citizens, are on first base and therefore have far greater likelihood than most others of getting around to the home plate.

Facing up to a sound national strategy will call for reallocation of both funds and forces. There are more important issues than winning our battle in the courts or keeping our daily paper on the newsstands. We can survive without legality and cherished symbols, but we cannot survive without a vigorous offensive.

As long as our major efforts remain in the New York area, and as long as major expenditures of funds and energy are devoted to lesser struggles, we shall fail to build the sort of movement than has gone forward to suc-

cess in other parts of the world.

In order to channelize more funds into the major struggle, particularly in the South, among Negro youth as well as among Negro field and factory workers, it is recommended that the format of the Daily Worker be changed so it can be sold with a minimum of financial subsidy for five cents, the Worker itself to remain unchanged.

—Jack Redway.

## Socialism in East and West

Editor, Daily Worker:

The claim that "eastern socialism and western socialism" are mutually exclusive (for that is what Joseph Clark actually says in his Problem of Unity in Italian Socialism article, Daily Worker, Aug. 29) is false and is distortion of Marxism.

Clark writes: "It would seem obvious that Marxists who follow a scientific method should address themselves specifically to problems of Western capitalism and Western socialism." This line of thought in his article restricts Marx' ideas to the East and not to the West at all. For Clark writes that the Communist Manifesto was based upon the struggle for socialism in Western Europe. But, he says, socialism was victorious in precisely that part of the globe with which Marx did not deal in his Manifesto, that is, in Russia and Asia.

It is therefore not difficult to see that Clark separates Russia and Asia from capitalism and imperialism or that "Western" capitalism had nothing to do with this area of the world. He refuses to recognize the universality of Marxism. But the very nature of capitalism and its development into imperialism testify to the organic relationship between the East and the West with respect to both capitalism and socialism. Moreover, it is a well known historic fact that the development of capitalism in Russia was a part of "Western" capitalism. And, as for Asia, imperialism completed the development. Lenin continued Marx here.

The rise of Marxism a 100 years ago not only gave scientific basis for achievement of socialism in the Soviet Union, but thereby enabled it to be fought for even more consistently by Marxists of the "West." And if Clark wants "Marxists throughout the West" to grapple with the problems of "the real world and not the world of imagination," they will have to grapple with the problems of Asia and the colonial world in seeking their path to socialism. The very first Manifesto of the party of Marxism proclaimed this mission, and Lenin continued it.

—JAME W. FORD

## Holds Socialism Is Science, Not Advocacy

CHICAGO.

Editor, Daily Worker:

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It seems that many letter-writers handle the subject of Socialism as if it were an advocacy, which it is not. Socialism is a science. What makes it a science are the "unseen" material forces of nature (natural laws) and dialectics, a form of logic heretofore abandoned by philosophers and later taken up by Karl Marx and coupled with materialism for a scientific outlook.

One such letter, printed in the issue of Aug. 30, from one who signs himself "G.P.," criticizes William Z. Foster's article of Aug. 26 with a long, windy harangue. He compares incidents that happened in this and other countries, which only had to do indirectly with the point he raises.

"A second major point," he

says, "is the current slogan of a rival political party: 'You never had it so good'." Think of that!—a rival! Referring to depressions; he goes on: "But if his thesis (Foster's) on this is valid then we must become advocates of economic catastrophe."

Depressions are not advocated by anybody—not even the Communists. They are cited as factual trends in the outcome of the present system of economy. "But," says he, "such a line places us in opposition to the masses who fight against a repeat of the '30s."

Not against the masses, but against the classes—all of them from five thousand years back, remains of which are contained amongst the bourgeoisie of today. But, and I say but, the next one may not be a mere depression but a major collapse, and be so sudden that you won't know what happened.

GEORGE ALLEN.

# Unions Join Fight on Milk Price Increase

DETROIT. — Gus Scholle, state president of the 650,000 member CIO of Michigan has asked Governor Williams to launch a full scale investigation of who is behind a 1c, per quart milk increase tacked onto consumers here, Sept. 1.

This 1c which brings milk prices up to 25c a quart, makes milk prices here among the highest, if not the highest in the nation. It occurs when over 250,000 workers are jobless here, with little chance that most of them will return to work in auto plants before mid-October.

Health authorities here said that the average family of four will drop their daily purchase about one quart a day because of the increase. Asked what about the jobless, a significant shrug of the shoulders was the reply.

Scholle charged that "the granting of a necessary price adjustment to the 14,000 Michigan Daily farmers is being used by the creameries as a false excuse for gouging the consumer."

He said that a one-cent-a-quart increase to consumers last spring was more than enough to offset the additional cost of raw milk at that time.

He added, "again, now the consumer is given a price increase, greater than the boost in the cost of raw milk."

CHARLES LOCKWOOD, well known liberal attorney and chairman of the Greater Detroit Consumers Council joined with Scholle in criticizing the price increase to consumers.

Lockwood said that any further increase in prices is resulting in

bottled milk being priced out of the reach of thousands of low income families and those unemployed. He said that government officials are completely disregarding and are totally indifferent as to what happens to prices for the consumer. He said he was preparing to ask State Attorney General Thomas Kava- Under the new prices the dairy farmer will get 9c a quart for drinking milk and the milk trust, Borden and National Dairies will get 25c a quart on price.

Before the price increase the farmer was getting 8c a quart and the big milk trusts planned with government help to cut him 1/2c a quart. This proposal for a cut was nagh of Michigan for a grand jury investigation of who hicked the price of milk.

made by the Federal Milk Marketing Board, a stooge outfit, completely under the direction of Borden and National Dairies.

When news of this proposed 1/2c cut was heard by farmers they arose in wrath and indignation, pressured the Michigan Milk Producers Association leaders to fight that and demand an increase. This resulted in the creameries announcing they were going to raise milk prices, so as they wouldn't have to stand the cost of a increase. Now the creameries have passed it to the people.

