

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

Anti-Semitism

In Poland

Editor, Daily Worker:

William Mandel speaks of the Polish road to socialism, and says this is the type we can sell to the American people.

However, in a N. Y. Times dispatch from Warsaw Dec. 21, we are informed that Poland's Jewish communities are again living through anxious days, and that whereas previously (pre-Gomulka) anti-Semitism was treated as a crime, today it is not possible for the Government to prevent the people from expressing their feelings.

We have all been shocked by the anti-Semitic acts carried on in the Soviet Union, but it is still treated as a crime there, and people have been punished for it. However, the "New Poland" evidently does not feel that this Soviet law, one of the finest laws produced under Socialism is applicable to Poland.

This you cannot sell to me, Mr. Mandel. I feel sure that if the late Bierut, Berman and Hilary Minc, all Jews and Poles, were still in office, there would be none of this. As an American, a Communist and a Jew, I stand against this aspect of the "New Poland."
—E. B.

Illinois-Indiana

CP Resolution

CHICAGO

Editor, Daily Worker:

An enlarged meeting of the Illinois-Indiana District Committee, held on Dec. 14, adopted the following motions:

1. That the Illinois-Indiana District Committee go on record as opposed to changing the name of the Communist Party at this convention. Twenty-one voted for the motion—two against—and one member abstained.

2. A motion was adopted opposing a change from our Party status to that of a political action association. The vote was the same as on the first motion.

3. By unanimous action the committee urged that paragraph

6 of the Preamble of the Draft Constitution read as follows:

"The Communist Party bases its theory generally on the cultural heritage of mankind and particularly on the teachings of the giants of scientific socialism, Karl Marx, Frederick Engels and V. I. Lenin.

"These principles the CPUSA interprets and applies and creatively develops in accordance with requirements of American class struggle and American traditions and customs."

Vote: Twenty-two FOR—NONE against—NO abstentions.

I was asked to transmit the adoption of these motions for publication in the Daily Worker.

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90 Dismissed By Phila. News

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—

Dismissal notices were sent to 90 employes of the Philadelphia Daily News today.

The dismissals followed agreement by the American Newspaper Guild to relax for 90 days the security clause in the Guild's contract with the paper. Publisher Matthew H. McCloskey had said the newspaper would cease publication Dec. 28 if the action was not permitted.

McCloskey, a Philadelphia contractor and treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, became associated with the News in 1954. Since he became publisher, the number of Guild employes rose from 84 to a total estimated at between 200 and 214. Circulation rose above 200,000, but McCloskey's losses were estimated at \$1.8 million.

When it was agreed by the Guild last Thursday to relax the security clause, it was announced that two weeks severance pay would be given for each year of service to persons dismissed, with a 31-week maximum.