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Like Ford's Letter

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Editor, Daily Worker:

It is time to renew my subscription to the DW. I had almost decided not to do so again but so long as it occasionally prints an article like that of James W. Ford of Dec. 28, I still can see some little use in the paper, although it has become a Titoist paper and as such has no right to call itself a Communist paper.

There has been a lot of talk about name-calling in the paper of late, as though name-calling were a great crime, especially if one calls a Titoist a Titoist, a renegade a renegade and a traitor a traitor.

Evidently the editors want us to soft-pedal on the name-calling while they lead us down the road to Titoism. This is precisely the time to call names. Stalin called Tito a fascist and in my book that is the exact handle for the man who seizes every opportunity to attack the USSR, always as a communist of course. If this best hope of Dulles and Co. were to appear openly in his true colors, his usefulness to the capitalists who finance him would be nil.

Let us remember that despite all the chatter about "peaceful transition to socialism," a transition to socialism is impossible anywhere in the world today, or

for that matter any time in the foreseeable future, without violence. The capitalists are simply not idiotic enough to permit it.

Every retreat from communism is greeted by the DW as a great advance toward socialism. Poland, for instance, is held up as a great step forward, when as a matter of fact she is returning to capitalism as fast as circumstances will allow. The land is being returned to private ownership. So is small business and the larger businesses are atomized to where they can only fail and, of course, more capitalism will be the remedy. And we are told by the DW writers that Poland is a glowing example of the new up-to-date Marxism.—O.I.

Alarmed by The "Doctrine"

Editor, Daily Worker:

Just finished hearing that speech on the radio—"Eisenhower Doctrine" for the Mid East. That'll be another Korea and, believe me, I don't like it. Looks like we have another Truman, only worse. It seems we just can't get a peaceable man there in the White House as President, but always some one who is not interested in the lives of our boys, only in power.

This "doctrine" smacks of a big-power grab. I just can't help wondering what mothers are thinking about, having their

boys go to foreign soil, maybe to die. I never did and I never will believe in sending our boys to fight abroad. My brothers were killed in World War II—took every brother I had. I feel very strongly indeed!

—A Reader.

Disagrees With Play Review

Editor, Daily Worker:

I am in disagreement with the review of the play, *The Night of the Auk*, reviewed by Harry Raymond, in the Daily Worker of Dec. 7, 1956.

Mr. Raymond liked the play, thought it great, and suggested that some off Broadway group produce it. The commercial press reviewers did not cause the play to fail as Raymond suggests. The play failed because it was wordy, dreary, actionless, and soporific.

The author had several excellent thoughts concerning the A-bomb, but these thoughts were not as brilliantly painted as that found in P.M.S. Blackett's *Fear, War and the Bomb*, or any number of warning statements from our more enlightened statesmen and scientists.

The play consisted of a series of soliloquies, almost Shakespearean in style, which were rather pointless, and which served, it seemed to me, to exalt the author rather than contribute very much to the play.

—BETSY.

Wants to Study Marxism

DETROIT, Mich.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a student, impoverished and unemployed, the enclosed dollar is all that I can afford at present for the DW fund drive. Perhaps it will be better than nothing at all. If it helps the paper to keep going even a little while longer I'll be satisfied.

I would like to comment on the important discussions which have been occurring within the American Left during the past few months from the point of view of a workingclass student. It seems to me that one very important consideration has been left untouched in this discussion. There is a major reevaluation of items of Marxist-Leninism theory underway at present, no matter how careful everyone is to avoid the term "revision."

The implications of the changed point of view which will emerge from this reevaluation will be lost. They will be lost because of the theoretical poverty of American Marxists.

In the past the American CP and Marxist youth have been urged into action situations. This is quite justifiable and, indeed, it is in action that Marxism is realized.

We must take cognizance, however, of what appears to be a particularly, if not peculiarly American condition: Identification with the workingclass and its goals in the contemporary United States is, and of necessity must be, an intellectual identification. The American social system functions in such a manner that very few Americans, even though they be workers, appreciate their class identification in the normal course of their social development. They come to it, rather, through intellectual conviction.

How can there be intellectual conviction where there is emphasis on action to the exclusion of theory? A Marxist youth cannot be a Marxist without reading Marx. Yet this has been literally the case, not only

among youth, but also among workers and the American people.

I do not advocate a retrenchment on the question of social action. One may not legitimately speak of himself as a Marxist unless he is in the thick of every fray where the interests of the people are concerned.

Perhaps I have betrayed my own personal interests as a student in presenting these proposals. I am of the earnest persuasion, however, that there is a great need for education in Marxism-Leninism today and this must not be overlooked in the final decision as to the future course of the American Left.—DETROIT STUDENT.

Disagrees About Crime Contrast

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was disturbed by George Morris' column entitled, "America is First in Number of Crimes, Too."

What disturbed me was his unscientific, misleading comparison of crime in our country and in the countries of socialism.

He states there is almost no crime in the lands of socialism because you can hardly find mention of it in their press. I would wish this were true; but anyone who studies politics knows that the Socialist press publishes crime stories only in rare instances.

On the other hand, the present press of Poland and Hungary forcefully state that the jails of their lands were until recently full; that many crimes of all types were committed in those countries; but that all one could read in the papers formerly were production statistics.

I believe it is absolutely necessary for any scientist—and that definitely includes anyone who wants the right to call himself a Marxist—to stick to the facts, to all the facts, and to strictly avoid biased and colored reporting.

A rosy dream, divorced from reality, is also bad for the workingclass.—DETROITER.

Fascists, Anti-Semites Among Hungarian Refugees in Canada

(The following article by Joshua Gershman is reprinted from the left-wing Canadian Jewish weekly "Vochenblatt" of which he is editor.)

TORONTO, Canada
By JOSHUA GERSHMAN

SOME unsavory news relating to elements involved in the tragic Hungarian events are coming to the fore the last few

break of the armed conflict in Hungary, the Satmarer Rabbi in New York received a dispatch from Vienna which said: "Jewish blood is being spilt by the rebels in Hungary and especially in Budapest."

A correspondent for the Paris journal, "France-Soir", Michel Gordei, wrote about "physical excesses against certain Commu-

many Jews were saved from certain death by the Soviet soldiers. Many of those spoken to say they plan to return to Hungary shortly.

We are relating these facts because besides questioning many things, besides being critical about those responsible for the general turn of events in Hungary, we should not fail to see