

Dear Editor

Letters from Readers

Bouquets for Recent Issues

Dear Editor:

I want to compliment you on your recent issue. In particular, the Dec. 30 issue has a page of deserving special notice.

You quote some material from a bourgeois survey, at sufficient length to give a real picture of opinion. You go on to analyze critically the material you have quoted.

This type of polemic is in my judgment a technique to be welcomed. I have not seen it done quite that way before. I hope I shall see it again.

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Peace Can Be Won

Editor, Daily Worker:

A group of electrical workers,

after an evening of discussion, arrived at this opinion on the peace issue: . . .

We are convinced that:

1) The cold and hot wars can be ended. World War III can be prevented. Peace can be won. But it's not a donation. Why should profit-makers voluntarily throw down their arms and say, Let us have peace? . . .

Let us not go star-gazing. But let us actively, persistently, skillfully, enthusiastically, and with great confidence born of the achievements already won and the experience embodied in the science of "Scientific Socialism," attend to our own business of peace, progress and socialism through the advance of the class struggle.

2) Coexistence must be fought for. The capitalist class, with world headquarters in Wall St., U. S. A., will fight against peaceful coexistence, against peaceful competition with the socialist world, as long as it has weapons and the power to fight.

We will do well to "keep our eye on the ball" watch the main enemy with both our eyes. Then we can deal with mistakes (which are inevitable if there is action, struggle and growth); we can deal with them in a constructive way. We do not have to let down our guard and open the door to the class enemy in correcting mistakes.

The Soviet Union is fighting for coexistence; as it has for many years, and most effectively. The Soviet Union defended coexistence in both Hungary and Egypt. A fascist Hungary would seriously undermine the coalition of peace forces that imposed Geneva on world imperialism. Spain went fascist and led to World War II. Soviet intervention prevented fascism in Hungary. In whatever way the actual situation demands, coexistence must be fought for.

3) Eruptions will occur again



and again. There will be capitalistic incitement in the most vulnerable spots, as in Hungary, after an initial justified and popular protest. There will be imperialist conspiracies (of which Wall Street will be the open or secret inspirer); conspiracies to subjugate or destroy weak and impoverished countries, as in Egypt. There will be false propaganda and planned incitement for small neighbor countries to fight each other, as in the Middle East at this moment.

The wolf will pull on a sheep skin, of course, and point to the Soviet Union or China as the cause of the trouble.

4) World capitalism has not given its aim of destroying socialism. Earl Browder some years ago said capitalism has written off its books all attempts to destroy socialism. The past 10 years has shown how terribly wrong he was. Sometimes, as Marx and Engels point out in the Communist Manifesto, the class struggle is comparatively invisible. At such times some persons, even though they may know Marx by heart, or even speak of themselves as creative Marxists, are carried away by illusions. They "see the world through rose-colored glasses."

And they disarm the working class.

As Miss Tabitha Petran of the National Guardian, just returned

from the Soviet Union, Poland and Egypt, said in Chicago: We will build a successful progressive movement in America only if we direct our attack on the main enemy, American Imperialism.

Let us go forward on a solid foundation of correct theory and facts. Peace and coexistence must be fought for—and can be won.

A Club of the Parson Division.

Wants More Like School Discussion

Editor, The Worker:

In the issue dated Dec. 23 you printed excerpts from two articles by school teachers, from a speech by Walter Reuther and from Part III of a Report of the National Academy of Science. It was a good choice that you made in selecting the excerpts for

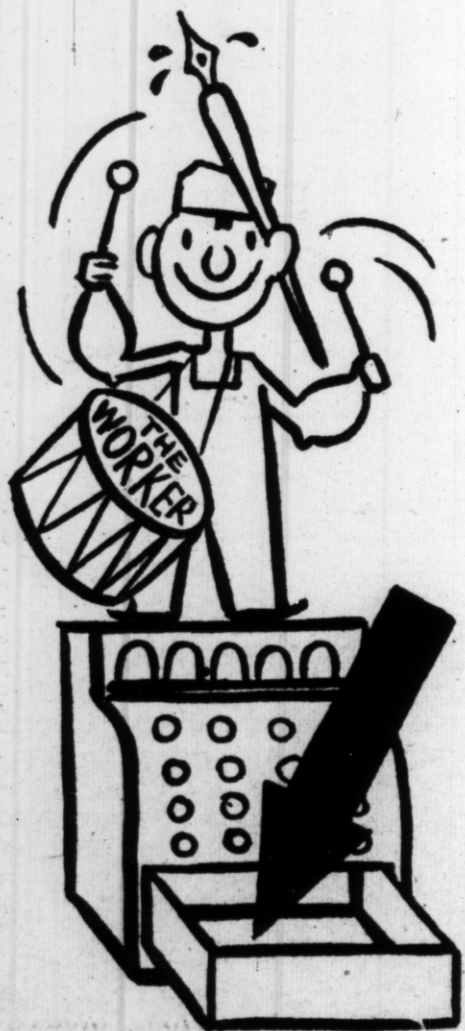
they are instructive.

The magazine, The Nation, Dec. 15, published the article The Robot Reaches for a Coke. Preview of the New Machines, and in the Dec. 22 issue You, Too, Can Drive a Juke Box.

In a biting satirical vein both articles can stimulate serious thinking about some of the consequences of Automation, the first, and about the craze of automobile manufacturers for peddling bigger and more ornate cars every year and calling them "new" models.

Many readers of The Worker would appreciate and enjoy reading the text of those articles. Hope you will arrange with the editors of The Nation permission to reprint them one at a time.

DEVOTED READER.



"Sh! Didn't I tell you Daddy's asleep!"