

Speak Your Piece

A Reply by Weinstone

Editor, Daily Worker:

My letter criticizing Comrade Gates' line of appealing for unilateral action regarding atomic tests made in his Boston speech apparently struck home as far as reader R. Baxter is concerned. He repected my criticism in an irritated manner as "sectarian and dogmatic." But he wrote not a word to prove it—not a single word. Instead he shifted ground and made an attack upon me in regard to a pamphlet I wrote in 1946 on the policies of David Dubinsky. But that pamphlet didn't discuss atomic tests. What did it have to do with the issue under consideration?

Such shoddiness in debate, to put it mildly, is an admission of incapacity to discuss issues fairly. It is the method of personal squabbles, not of clarification and education to which criticism should contribute. It is surprising that the D.W. published such a letter without commenting on the impermissibility of such methods.

When the party discusses labor policy and reviews the past, I shall contribute to such a discussion and point out what in my opinion were positive and negative in the party's work and what errors the party or individual leaders, including myself, may have made in regard to trade union tactics. Judging by his intemperate remarks Comrade Baxter thinks that there were only sectarian errors. There were undoubtedly errors of that character which seriously hurt our work. But there also right opportunist errors—one or the other type being more prominent at different times in the long period from 1945 to date.

As for today, however, while sectarianism still prevails in our work in the unions, especially in regard to developing united front actions and has to be fought, I

think that as a reaction to past sectarianism and under the influence of reformism a dangerous right opportunist current has arisen which is doing the greatest harm.

Briefly stated this is expressed in the tendency to abandon independent, militant class struggle policies in the unions; in the tendency in the name of the united front to capitulate to the labor bureaucrats; to give up all socialist education of the workers and to liquidate the party. In my opinion, therefore, while a two-front fight is necessary against sectarianism and revisionism, the main attack must today be made against revisionism and liquidationism which undermine the very foundations of the party and its principles, spreads defeatism and passivity and hinder the mobilization of the party and brass for their tasks in relation to the mass struggles of labor and the people.

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Looks for Comeback By Daily Worker

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have read in the Worker the decision of the N.E.C. to suspend the Daily Worker for lack of funds.

Although I am not in complete agreement with the present policy of the Daily and The Worker, or with the confusion of some of the contributors or disunity of purpose, I still think that with all its shortcomings we cannot still be the voice of the foremost fighter for peace and co-existence in our country.

Time will clarify the confusion, and the Daily Worker will again take its place as the voice of the vanguard of our country's progressive forces.

I am hereby sending you \$20 towards the fund to keep the paper alive.—S.L.

What to do?