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ALBANY, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

This is my first donation to you (\$10) after making my mind up many times to send you something.

As soon as I get my income tax rebate, you will share in it. I hope this amount will help you in the paper and after what the tax department did to the paper I'm sure they would appreciate it to know that they were helping to get our paper back in business.

Even if you raise the price of the paper to 25 cents, I'm positive all the readers would gladly pay the price to keep receiving our great paper. Many of us would be lost without it.

H. L.

Suggests A Bibliography

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the ten months since the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party, there has grown up a small body of literature of a better than ephemeral kind. For the benefit of students of socialism and social progress, please let me offer a suggestive bibliography on these current developments, as follows:

N. S. Krushchev, **Report to the 20th Congress, CPSU.**

N. S. Krushchev, "Special Report on Stalin" (So-Called Secret Report).

Anna Louise Strong, **The Stalin Era.**

Jessica Smith, "Hungary in Travail," pamphlet (**New World Review**, Dec. '56).

Draft Resolution for the 16th National Convention, CPUSA, pamphlet.

"Open Letter to Membership on Events in Hungary," National Committee, CPUSA (**Daily Worker**, Nov. 20, 1956, also **Political Affairs**, Dec. 1956).

Wm. Z. Foster, "On the Situation in the Communist Party" (**Political Affairs**, Oct. 1956).

John Gates, "Time for a Change" (**Political Affairs**, Nov. 1956).

Wladyslaw Gomulka, "The Needs of Poland" (**Political Affairs**, Dec. '56).

Marshal Tito, "Speech at Pula on Poland & Hungary," excerpts, **New York Times**, Nov. 17, '56).

Edward Kardelj, "Socialist Democracy: Our Path" (**Mainstream**, Dec. '56).

G. D. H. Cole, "Post-Stalin Shock" (**The Nation**, Aug. 4, '56).

Hershel D. Meyer, **Krushchev Report & The Crisis in the American Left.**

Anyone who wants to understand the current situation in the American Communist Party and who wants to make a contribution to the development of a socialist America, should read

these works, as a minimum, and more could be added (from **Discussion Bulletin**, **Party Voice**, **The Monthly Review**, **Jewish National Guardian**, **Liberation**, **American Socialist**, **The Nation**, etc.) We must try to arrive at a new intellectual stability, and then go further and think about American problems and how to solve them.

I wish particularly to commend the **Krushchev Report** and the **Crisis in the American Left.**

Oakley C. Johnson

Reading In the Bathtub

Editor, Daily Worker:

Jesus Colon really started something when he brought up the subject of reading in the bathtub. This is a luxury which I, too, used to enjoy immensely—but now, alas, what with living in the slums, and with a bathtub just big enough to hold my three-year-old daughter; and with a newly "steam-heated" apartment which rarely gets warm enough to strip, never mind taking a bath;—one has to plan carefully ahead for such an event.

First, the gas heater has to be lit. Next, the windows have to be secured with clothespins so the wind doesn't blow in. After that, the door to the "half-room" has to be fastened (time and old age have worked on it so that an inch remains open after pulling it shut hard); to get the other two rooms warm faster. These latter two are only separated by a frame door and a huge frame window, as in so many old houses, and I forgot to mention, the little bathtub is located in the kitchen.

Now you are ready to let the water run until it gets warm enough for the tub, at which time you stand and wait for the trickle to fill same enough so you are at least partially covered when stepping in. Before getting in, however, don't forget to reach for that rag to cover your knees which will stick out like an island and have to be kept warm. This is done by continually re-wetting the rag and placing it over the island. Once in the tub, it takes a great deal of thought and effort to keep your body submerged.

Thus you can readily see that even the keenest bathtub reader would have great difficulty in pursuing his or her hobby.

I must add here, though, that there are certain advantages in having the tub in the kitchen, such as being able to cook an egg or heat some milk for my offspring in times of emergency.

In all fairness, however, I have to admit that during these last few sub-freezing days I decided to forego my bath rather than fight the elements. And please

don't think I am taking the lack of heat lying down: I have used all the ways and means open to us to get more heat and/or a decrease in rent. But this is material for another letter which I plan to write soon.

Yours for bigger bathtubs and adequate steam heat!

EX-BATHTUB READER

Virginia CP On Draft Resolution

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following proposals on the Draft resolution were adopted by the State convention of the Virginia Communist Party:

We reject the statement (page 53) that the main reason for our isolation was our left sectarian errors. We believe it was due mainly to objective conditions, although our errors made it easier to isolate us more completely. We feel that the deep-seated bureaucracy that has afflicted our Party and which was intensified because of the security question is among the major reasons why these left sectarian errors developed to the extent that they did.

We propose that the CP remain a political party based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism. We oppose the change of name because we see nothing to be gained at this time.

We propose that the CP maintain its adherence to the principles of Marxism-Leninism, in fact as well as words, and that we undertake the ideological research to enrich and expand this body of theory in the light of the present era.

We reject the phrase in the resolution "as interpreted by the CP of our country" and propose that it be stricken from the resolution. We reject any and all attempts to weaken Marxism-Leninism by revising it, dropping parts of it, or deleting it from our preamble, constitution, and literature.

It is the opinion of our State convention that the science of Marxism-Leninism furnishes the guide to the liberation and fundamental well-being of the people of Virginia, our country, and the world, and that we must constantly strive to learn how better to apply it to our state and nation.

The Death Penalty

Editor, Daily Worker:

The editorial condemning capital punishment which you printed a number of weeks ago was a most welcome defense of morality. It was applauded at that time because it was shown that executions had destroyed a number of valuable human beings incorrectly. However, you stood on firm moral ground. You objected to the death penalty as

such and not to certain incorrect death penalties.

The Hungarian government of Janos Kadar is reportedly imposing the death penalty as a deterrent to strikes.

Do you continue to stand on the same moral ground? Continued silence on this issue can become an eloquent negative expression.

—GENE PERLSTEIN

A Warning And A Contribution

Editor, Daily Worker:

Even a kangaroo would never have leaped into the mess you gents landed in on Nov. 5. It has been a rugged problem for years to contact, canvass and wrangle dimes, quarters or dollars from our friends.

We are taking the brunt of the abuse for you. When we ask for dough, most of our amiable progressives want to know what cooks? Is history repeating, like that at the Forward or like some of those pseudo-socialists in certain trade unions?

Look fellows, don't hop into a fluid situation. Just clear up your muddy thinking and by all means for the love of Marx wait for the facts to get established. Lucky we had no more editorials lately like your analysis of Hungary.

Here is another \$50, it could have been lots more. A few friends are going to turn over all future contributions to the National Guardian and People's World if you're not alert.

—EAST SIDERS,
OLD FORBES SECTION.

Tool Worker Answers Ford

CLEVELAND

Editor, Daily Worker:

Due to circumstances I get the Daily by delivery twice a month. Belatedly I just read the letter by James Ford in the Dec. 8 issue. I was really shocked. Not being willing to face facts he adopts an "either take it or leave it" attitude. This is a bureaucratic attitude which has learned little from the great world changes.

I know of no militant Negro worker who would go along with this kind of slanderous stuff against the working class newspaper the DW.

I learned to fight for Negro rights jointly with my Negro brothers not from Marxist books nor in classrooms, but from years of reading the Daily Worker.

To say that those who are critical of the Soviet Union are also anti-Negro is ridiculous. Many Negro workers in my shop and in the leadership in the

union are anti-Communist and anti-Soviet Union. Does that make them anti-Negro?

I myself am still critical of some of the things they have not yet corrected in the Soviet Union. I still don't see the trade unions there playing the role they should. Does that make me an enemy of the Negro people?

Our movement is trying hard to look for new paths to live and fight for a better world. It seems to me Ford's letter chooses the path to nowhere.

What he and all the rest of the full-timers need is to go to the shop. There you'll find that we live in 1957 not in 1930.

TOOL WORKER

Discussion And Action

PITTSBURGH.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It seems to me that with the new relationship of world forces, with the emergence of American tradition and good sense as a brake upon reaction, with the growth of the trade unions, the progressive militancy of the Negro people, the accumulating complexity of the economic scene and the still pending threat of economic insecurity we have many tasks to fulfill. I do not see much of the discussion in preparation for the convention a recognition of our role in facing up to these problems.

Is it not possible that more concentration upon specific solutions to some of these problems may (a) bring into greater unity some of the theoretical divergencies of opinion now prevailing, (b) find the vitally necessary theoretical and practical answers in life for some of the proposed changes we may contemplate, (c) find ourselves again on a class struggle road to the solution of some of the problems confronting the American working class and the nation, (d) find in life that common denominator for creating a real united front for peace, coexistence, prosperity and socialist theoretical harmony among all pro-socialist elements in these states.

Nor do I mean that debate should cease. Nor do I imply that one or another group of opinions should capitulate. If, in thinking about a larger socialist unity and cooperation nationally, we suggest that instead of merger we have unity on a minimum program while debate and polemic continues regarding the points of difference, I think we can offer a similar proposal now within our ranks.

We can by combining both discussion and action on those things we all agree upon find many solutions to the differences now evident. At the same time we can draw into the discussion and learn from others.

A. M.