

## Letters from Readers

The views expressed in the letters printed below do not necessarily reflect our own. However we are glad to present their opinions and invite others to write to this column.



### Welcomes Morris' Article on Unions

Dear Editor:

I just read George Morris' column in the Sept. 23rd issue of the Sunday Worker, and I think the general content is excellent. I am not getting into his argument with "Arthur," nor do I know of some of the things he alludes to. (Such things did not filter down into the Petersburg Reformatory). But I do know how strongly I disagree with the past tendency on the part of too many Communists to make the union officials the main enemy, and not the boss. Let's hope it is a past tendency . . . way past.

Certainly, union officials are not beyond criticism. Only the most naive person would reject the idea that the corporations are constantly pressing to get their "friends" in to the trade union movement at every level from shop steward to union president.

Only a few years ago, the Textile Union discovered that the head of the union negotiating committee for the entire American Viscoise chain was a company agent . . . not stooge . . . agent.

And I'm for the sharpest kind of arguments with the honest officials (who are in the great majority) with whom we may part ways on various issues, including that all important issue of Socialism.

But speaking in general, I see only one correct way of criticizing or disagreeing, with union officials or union policy, and that is within the framework of fighting the boss . . . of fighting the monopolies. Keep it that way, and we'll never isolate ourselves from the workers, we'll never be put in the position of appearing anti-union, even temporarily.

This past period has been a very difficult one for all Com-

munist. Just the same, I welcome this sharp and painful upheaval. Not that I enjoy the punctured self-esteem and all that, but because I see this as heading us off from a rapid approach to oblivion, or even worse, the living death of a Socialist Labor Party.

I think we now have the chance to develop as a truly workingclass organization, into which the militant workers, Negro and white, and the honest intellectuals from all walks of life, will want to come and STAY.

Fraternally,

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### Berry Right On Rebellious Young

NEW YORK.

Dear Editor:

I liked Abner Berry's piece in the Sunday Worker, Aug. 28, on "The Young and Rebellious." Especially pertinent is his suggestion that juvenile delinquency has its origin in adult delinquency.

And I think he is right in regarding any adolescent, rich or poor, as a potential delinquent, if his drives and moods are not understood and compensated for by his elders. And, of course, the genuine love and devotion of parents for their young is a most powerful factor in solving youth's problems. Where this is lacking the tragedy is incalculable.

I am convinced, however, that the over-all aims of American education are the source of much capitalist America tends to blunt emphasis on individualism in of the exasperation and alarm that is expressed in the current discussions of the rebellious young. There is continuous over-emphasis on individual achievements in the struggles to get ahead in this modern world. Indeed, there is constant reiteration of the platitudes about social service, and of the necessity of attaining the good life by means of making one's self socially agreeable to his neighbors.

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THE incessant, high-powered We and the adolescents are constantly reminded that anti-social behavior leads to ruin.

But this good life which our educators, editors, preachers, and other law-abiding citizens talk so much about is a life-salvation that is held up before us as a possible PERSONAL achievement. Of course, the Christians urge us

to save the souls of all of wayward mankind; but they insist that we must first save our own souls. And the emphasis is always that each is responsible for his own salvation.

But we progressive people know that the adolescent, as well as the rest of us, must develop a social responsibility that will make of him an organic, useful part of society. And working-class youth can, and do, readily acquire this responsibility when given the opportunity, and readily gain new concepts of the limitless possibilities of a society whose primary objective is to achieve the good life for all its members. Its success is not the sum total of the personal achieve-



ments of individuals, but the cooperative living and working together of all of society on a basis of freedom and equality.

In short, the problem of living with adolescents in their impulsive drives for achievement is this chaotic world of capitalism where personal gain is the overall objective, can be, and often is, most exasperating to the best intentioned parents and teachers. The only way toward a solution of this problem is the way toward socialism.

CHARLES J. HENDLEY.

### Can't Overlook Repressive Years

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Dear Editor:

The letters by Gene and Philadelphian which appeared in The Worker are immature in my estimation.

They both say in the main that our policies reduced our membership to a low point.

There is a grain of logic to their letters. We were not as astute as Karl Marx and Frederick Engels were.

They studied facts in the 19th Century. We must study data in the 20th Century.

How can Gene and Philadelphian overlook the repressive activities against our movement.

All kinds of laws are at their disposal. The spirit of no few people has been broken.

We are in the last stronghold of capitalism, and if the political agents of Finance Capitalism did not believe the Communist Party had a potential in this country the terror would lessen.

I consider Eugene Dennis, William Z. Foster, Pettis Perry, honest and sincere leaders of our movement. They have made their share of errors. The only people that don't make them are people in wax museums.

Personally, I don't have the answer, the discussion that is now going on, will help in that direction.

I want to remind Gene and Philadelphian one thing. Forty years ago there was not a socialist government in the world. Today, over one billion people are living under that system.

In 1943 the C.P. of Italy had a few thousand members, today it is one of the largest parties in the capitalist world.

T. V. G.

### Leaders Should Interview Rank and Filers

NEW YORK.

Dear Editor:

It is apparent that most of our important leaders and writers are still attempting to use Marxist terminology as a magic formula and as a substitute for a true scientific approach? Isn't it logical that before writing high-sounding articles about what is wrong, a thorough research should be undertaken? Why not, if you are sincere about improving? Why not tirelessly interview party members below the level of the officers, who may be giving an inaccurate picture of what has been happening down below? Why not try to learn the opinions of rank and filers, inactive members, ex-members and unjustly expelled members? Shouldn't we seek out and consider significant the opinion of those who will not or cannot compose a letter. Isn't that the way we might begin to learn why it is that we have not been able to attract and hold people, especially members of the workingclass?

R. T.

## REPUBLICAN PARTY SPY STORY

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in 1941 he submitted to the Justice Department a list of about 2,000 Communists including Hiss, Harry White, Harold Glasser, all in government, and others.

The Senate Internal Security subcommittee has said the FBI investigated them all in 1941, preparing eight reports on Glasser—and thus presumably not neglecting Hiss either.

Although Chambers has by this time told six different stories as to just when he went to the FBI as informer, placing it at various dates from 1941 to 1945, the Internal Security Subcommittee has stated publicly that Hiss and White were under investigation as early as 1941.

Even Chambers in his book, "Witness," admits his story was

ment that he would soon hear testimony from the "head of the OGPU in America."

It never came off, possibly because Chambers, whose neurotic, axe-grinding manner had made Berle suspicious, was too much advertised in anti-New Deal Washington circles even for Dies. At any rate, Chambers, who Levine said was to have been the star, had to wait in the wings.

The 1940 Presidential campaign came and went. But in 1941, Levine, calling on Walter Winchell, the columnist, at the Roney Plaza hotel in Miami, according to Tolodano and Lasky, "laid before him much of the Chambers disclosures."

Levine has boasted: "I urged upon Dewey (during the 1944 Presidential campaign) the vital

In his first term in Congress Nixon was named to the Un-American Activities Committee, and became leading hatchet man. Then, when Chambers and then Hiss appeared before the committee in 1948, it was apparent he was well prepared.

At long last the political climate was such that the Chambers story, which Levine had been trying to get the Republicans to use since 1940, especially at times when relations with the Soviet Union were weak, could be used to lambast the New Deal-Fair Deal.

In 1950, 1952 and 1954 Nixon and Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis) were the two Republicans who made most use of the Hiss name and the fabricated "spy" stories.

William Henry Taylor in his loyalty hearings asked where was

