

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

Foster Assails Critic's Letter as 'Outlandish'

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the "Speak Your Piece" column of Oct. 2, "M. G.," with some heat, sails into me for having the temerity to suggest, a few days before, that it might be a good idea if the Left in this country would make some use of the excellent series of articles contained in the symposium that recently appeared in International Affairs upon the very important question of so-called people's capitalism in the United States. "M.G.'s" letter requires a reply because of the outlandish reasons that he gives for taking issue with my proposal.

"First, "M.G." puts forth the unique idea that by making my elementary proposal that we utilize these valuable articles, I am, in substance, violating the line of the 16th National Convention of the CPUSA. He even cites the incident as a special "case in point" of my trying to "reverse the convention's direction." Now, this is indeed news to me, that anyone who tries to fight against the people's capitalism demagoguery is therewith trying to reverse the line of the convention.

But when one has read "M.G.'s" earlier plea in his letter for more friendly relations of Communists with Fast, Starobin, and Clark—quitters who are now doing their utmost to destroy the Communist Party—it can be readily understood why "M.G." does not favor utilizing the strong attack against people's capitalism made in the symposium of International Affairs. For people's capitalism is the essential political line of the above deserters from Communism.

Second, "M.G." then proceeds to do the "impossible" by formulating an even more impermissible reason than the above why we should not utilize the valuable material in International Affairs. This is because, indicates "M.G.", the symposium writers are Russians. And how could the Russians, who according to "M.G." have led us astray before, say anything that could be helpful to American workers? He shouts in big black type: "I don't know which U.S. workers' minds would be 'clarified' by Soviet discussions."

Evidently, "M.G." thinks, and he implies this definitely, that only Americans can write effectively about the United States, shades of Lenin! The name for such narrow nonsense as that expressed by "M.G." is

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A BABY MOON IN A BOTTLE TO KEEP

LONDON, Oct. 7—(UP)—WHY does a satellite orbit along at 18,000 miles per hour?

Nothing.

That is the marvel of space travel. It is no rocket shoving the satellite along.

What keeps it going?

It's like a bullet. The cartridge

An intercontinental missile starts with the cartridge, is left behind.

Now the satellite is rolling on a path where gravity keeps it circling the world instead of crashing back into the earth.

Like the bullet, the satellite travels at a constant speed later.

In the case of the bullet, the speed is maintained by momentum in a brief period of time.

There is also resistance in space. But space has never had any other gases. But space has never had any other quality of space has never been.

Thus, no one—not even the Russians—can say it will before the satellite slows down. It travels in earth exactly like a bullet.

There is this difference: it will slow down. At lessened speed, the satellite's path will curve. It is like shooting a star when it enters the atmosphere. It will burn up in a tiny flash of fire.

bourgeois national chauvinism. Let me add the comment that if any bourgeois writer were to argue, as "M.G." does, that Americans can learn nothing from the Russians, he would be ridiculed as a crackpot.

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