

Speak Your Piece

Likes Virginia Gardner's Articles on "Look"

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Editor, Daily Worker:

All of us here are quite impressed with Virginia Gardner's excellent articles on the Morton Sobell case and the Look magazine article.

The Milwaukee Journal has run two articles on the subject. The Journal editorial on Look magazine article is a dandy. (Of course, there is always the little matter of professional jealousy—most likely a lot of newspapers and magazines have people on them who are irked by former Attorney General Herbert Brownell's favoring one magazine over all others.

Keep up the good work!
FRED BLAIR.

Sputnik And Taxes

Editor, Daily Worker:

Following is my reply to a letter by Louis L. Nash printed in the N. Y. Times of Nov. 8.

It took a sputnik to show Mr. Nash the "character of human nature." But it took two sputniks to expose the character of the U.S. Government to the American people.

Mr. Nash states that Americans are not willing to "sacrifice any of the luxuries . . . they enjoy in order to make it possible for our government to have created the first sputnik?"

Mr. Nash does not see that Americans are a commodity-conscious people with a commodity high standard of living.

This high standard is boasted of by our mass media not only to the American people but to the entire world. Our particular competitive economy has ingrained in us this sense of commodity luxury.

Instead of widespread public facilities such as housing, schools, hospitals, transportation, etc., Americans are compensated with an individual commodity. Most of our values are wrapped around the packages of commodities. But with this commodity high standard we also have a high cost of living—and a high federal and state tax.

Why doesn't Mr. Nash wonder where all this public money is going to? He does not see that Americans are bilked by high prices and high taxes. He does not see that our policy-makers are using these public funds to support dying plutocracies in Europe, Asia and the Middle-East. He does not see that billions of dollars are wasted to maintain these corrupt and oppressive governments while our trusts are gorging on unprecedented profits generated by a cold-war economy.

Clearly the American Government of High Finance does not want to build America for the benefit of Americans. Science is neglected. Public Welfare is neglected.

Now Mr. Nash is wondering why the American people are complaining when so much of

their money has already been wasted while practically nothing is accomplished for their own welfare.

Mr. Nash, the Patriot, is asking the American people to be content with higher taxes and lower wages. This is ridiculous and outrageous. A people usually sacrifice a way of life for a higher goal. The American people cannot be asked to sacrifice their way of life for the benefit of corporations rampant and rapacious in an orgy of profits.

Mr. Nash, a third sputnik may show you more, much more of the "character of human nature."

—JAKE WILSON.

Nov. 9, 1957

Hails Boston Decision, Criticizes One Defendant

NEWARK, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just finished reading your news story of Nov. 11 on the action of the prosecution in the Boston Smith Act case. Needless to say, I'm elated at the fact that the ruling class finds it most difficult to continue their frameups of decent Americans under the McCarthyite Smith Act.

The reasons they give for dropping any further litigation of the Smith Act frameup in Boston namely, that the government's evidence "is now deemed insufficient to prove the charges contained in the indictment" is only further proof of the frameup character of ALL trials, persecutions and prosecutions conducted under McCarthyite laws like the Smith, McCarran, Walter-McCarran and Taft-Hartley Acts.

However, after reading in the same news story the statements of the defendants I must conclude that the prosecution could have given one additional reason why they cannot continue such frameups, namely, that some of the defendants are not Communists.

After reading Mr. Sidney Lipshires' statement I feel, as a Smith Act defendant myself whose case is still pending in the courts, that I must publicly disassociate myself from Mr. Lipshire as a fellow-Communist and reject his statement as having nothing in common with the Communist Party of which I am a member.

Anyone who places a Gus Hall, a Gil Green, their suffering, their persecution and the rotten ruling class frameup to which they and many other sincere honest Communists have been subjected, on the same plane with the counter-revolutionary, anti-Socialist activities of deserters like Djilas, Harridge and Nagy is insulting the decency of all genuine fighters against capitalist reaction.

In taking that position Mr. Lipshires only proves that he is more concerned for the safety of his own skin than he is for the welfare of a Gus Hall, a Gil Green and other genuine fighters for socialism.

J. BRANDT

Nov. 12, 1957