

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

A Genuine Voice Of the People

Editor, Daily Worker:

Traditionally and correctly, the American Left of every generation has opposed censorship of the press because we have known censorship to be a weapon of destruction used against popular movements.

There is a censorship of commission embodied in official attacks on the press; a censorship of omission when we ourselves deny funds to our own organ because an editorial or an article may displease on or another of us. No working-class periodical could long function within such a framework; no editorial board would but find itself impotent if it had to worry about pleasing every individual reader.

Are we to take up where the U.S. Treasury Department left off? Are we so fanatical about our own individual viewpoint that we sabotage by inaction the only Left-wing daily newspaper in the country—the only organ which, from day to day, mirrors all that is progressive and humane in our country? And what

have we gained if the Daily Worker is silenced? But who else has gained?—only the very visible forces of American reaction and the incipient forces of American fascism.

The Daily Worker has afforded space to every point of view on the Hungarian crisis and on every debatable question within the American Left since the chain reaction set off by the Khrushchev report on the Stalin era. We have all had the chance to have our say freely and without any aftermath of personal intimidation. No other paper in New York or in America has devoted more space to the respective and conflicting opinions of its readers.

But quite properly—and within the American tradition of freedom of the press—the paper has maintained its own editorial viewpoint. It would be a flabby rag, rather than a fighting organ of socialism and progress, if it didn't.

Enclosed is a donation of \$5 in appreciation of the Daily Worker's scrupulous fairness—and in memory of my own days

on a paper which we can help to keep making history in America.

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HAL HARPER

Paper Needs Broader Base

Editor, Daily Worker:

Am enclosing a \$5 money order as a contribution to the Daily and The Worker. Have contributed similar amounts thru the Daily Worker office a number of times within the past few months. I have been a reader consistently since 1935. I intend to exert much greater effort among friends and acquaintances for contributions to maintaining the only newspaper thru which Marxist-Leninists and others can express and voice their differences or agreement in the open.

I realize, of course, that these shots in the arm for our paper are temporary expedients and the times call for a big boost in circulation in order to survive. Our paper needs a much broader base in the shops (thru bundle orders and subscriptions) on the farm, in the community and it must be a paper which

truly reflects their real needs and aspirations and thru which they can voice their opinions.

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-A. Z.

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Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is \$4 toward the fund drive. I hope to be able to send more during the next few weeks.

I'm in agreement with your editorial policies on Hungary and Egypt and hope you don't back down under pressure from Foster, Dennis and some others.

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-I. R.

Fascist Peril Held Underestimated

Editor, Daily Worker:

An enlarged meeting of our Section Committee unanimously expressed sharp disagreement with the National Committee statement on events in Hungary and Poland, and with the line taken by the Daily Worker on these events.

- You completely underestimate

the role played by fascist counter-revolutionary forces and the support they had from the anti-Soviet pro-war forces in the entire capitalist world. You also fail to see the grave danger to peace and to the Socialist countries that would have resulted had these forces succeeded.

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CP MILLINERS

Soviet Union Not Blameless

Editor, Daily Worker:

I feel that the Soviet Union has been wrong in the matter of Hungary and I believe that Eugene Dennis wrong in criticizing your viewpoint. Russia has done many good things but it is not completely blameless. So long as the paper stands for an independent way to attain our goal, so long does it earn the support of American workers.

Enclosed is my contribution (\$20) to keep the paper going. I have been giving \$10 per month for a long time, the extra \$10 is for the month of September which I had skipped.

A FRIEND