

Dear Editor

Letters from Readers

Attention Called to Problems Close to Home

Editor, The Worker:

Emilio Nunez Portuondo, the Cuban spokesman for the United States sugar monopolies in the United Nations, has raised higher than anybody else his voice to condemn the USSR for sending its troops into Hungary in accordance with the Warsaw treaty.

This sycophant, called in his own country "his master's voice", has also accused the Soviet government of committing acts of "genocide" and demanded punishment of the alleged "aggressors".

However, this same man has nothing to say of the recent massacre of youth leaders and students in Cuba, when a large number of police, in violation of the right of asylum, entered the premises of the Haitian embassy in Havana and coldbloodedly assassinated 10 Cuban students who sought refuge there.

Since then more than 500 Cuban students, workers, intellectuals have been brutally murdered and thousands of the best sons of Cuba are either in prison, in hiding or exiled.

All these facts are well known by the U. S. authorities, by the American press and by members of the United Nations. However, no protests have been made, no demonstrations held in Madison Square Garden, no claim for general elections to establish democracy in that unfortunate country.

But the Cuban case is not alone. The delegate of Colombia to the United Nations, Urrutia, spoke the other day, offering his country's support with troops to be sent as a police force to Egypt. This man also spoke about the Hungarian situation and shed crocodile tears for the Hungarian people.

However, it is known in the U. S. and at the United Nations that Colombia is "enjoying" since 1948 one of the most ruthless dictatorships in the history of the

may disagree on many points. But they agree on one. They all hate the Jew.—READER.

Stuck with Dick? Stick with Worker

Dear Editor:

Since we are now stuck with Tricky Dick, we need this paper more than ever. So here's my first \$10 toward that \$100. I've just gotten a job so am slow getting started.

As I almost never write letters to editors, I might as well have my say now. For the most part the discussions going on in the paper are a little confusing for me. But that is probably because I am not "up" in all the phrases of the dispute going on. Another thing that bothers me was the apathy not of this paper so much as progressives in this last election. I was bewildered. I do look to this paper to set me straight when my thinking gets fouled up.

I have so many favorite writers in the paper that if I name one I almost feel guilty leaving out the others. Joe North is tops—I like Ben Levine—the erudite columnist—ye gods—where did the man get time to read and absorb so much. Lester Rodney, the sports writer, I am not a real enthusiast but I like to read his very readable column that makes sense to a layman in sports.

I always enjoy the special articles too numerous to mention on Russia, on medicines, on the South. George Morris keeps me straight on what's happening in the labor unions. (I don't work in a field where unions are com-

Western hemisphere. Since dictator Rojas Pinilla seized power by force in 1953, more than 200,000 people have been massacred for the "crime" of demanding free elections and a stop to mass murders by Colombian troops and policemen.

Entire towns and villages have been wiped out in the Llanos Orientales, with the army using U.S. made bombers, heavy artillery and napalm bombs. Concerning these monstrous crimes nobody has raised a voice in the United Nations; no American newspaper has campaigned or denounced them.

THE gentleman from Peru, Victor Andres Belaunde, the "pavo real" (the turkey) as he is called in Peru for his demagoguery and lack of shame, has not told us that one of Peru's popular leader, Haya de la Torre, as well as hundreds of Peruvian workers and students have been persecuted for years, with many assassinated in jails and concentration camps, and thousands of exiles during the past administrations that he served.

The same situation exists in Venezuela, where dictator Perez Jimenez, who has murdered some 50 political opponents of the Accion Democratica Party, the trade Unions, and the Communists, has been decorated by the United States government for being an "example" of collaborator with American businessmen.

At present there are some 3,000 Venezuelan prisoners in jails and jungle concentration camps; many of them have been tortured, including the ailing leader of the Oil Workers Union, Jesus Faria, who, like many others is serving a long term without having received a trial.

Former President Romulo Gallegos of Venezuela recently denounced in Mexico City the U. S. policies which helped overthrow him and Washington's hypocrit-

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mon). The woman's page, I wish were stronger. Since I am a woman I look to the paper to help me see the special problems of women more clearly. When one is in the middle of something very often you can't see the woods for the trees.

Elizabeth Lawson's series were



excellent though I did not agree with her. I sometimes felt that the articles tended to make housework a necessity no matter who does it, as something degrading. I know I don't like it particularly and that it is not an end in itself.

But office work can be darn dull. I do agree that most women are weighted down with too much, without the compensating activity which is and can be full as well as make a contribution to one's community, etc. As I said, I'm not much for writing letters to the editors.

New York Constant Reader.

Finds Worker Invaluable on Issues

DETROIT, Mich.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find \$1.50 as an additional contribution to the fund drive to help give "The Worker" continued support.

During the past months I have been informed on the Suez Crisis and the integration issue in the South, especially in Clinton, Tenn. Frankly, I find it necessary to read The Worker in order to get the missing facts which capitalist publications print. Also, I have found The Worker to be current with all aspects of the American presidential campaign issues. Without The Worker I feel that I would receive only a distorted picture of what American life is really like, if such is to be gotten from the large capitalist dailies and weeklies.

I note on the front page of the Michigan Edition of The Worker that views of subscribers and readers are invited. I am a subscriber to The Worker and intend to be as long as The Worker is published. In the line of criticism I think The Worker is an excellent publication, especially in keeping up with the aspects of American life as forementioned.

When socialism has been achieved in America then faithful socialist and fellow workers can look to The Worker as one of the forces or publications that helped socialism along the road to becoming an American reality. This will be. Socialism is inevitable. As man began as a social being so must he return to his



Israel Was Right In Egypt Attack

Dear Editor:

I respect A. B. Magil as an expert on and friend of Israel. I have read his article "Israel's Future" in the Worker with great interest. While his arguments sound quite logical, at one point he leaves a significant gap. He fails to explain why Nasser has held Israel under a virtual siege for several years.

Was it under the pressure of the same Arabic feudal lords for whom a democratic Israel with its farm collectives was always a thorn in the eyes? The Mufti of Jerusalem, a notorious fascist, and Hitler's friend has been living in Cairo since his exile. Is he the spirit behind Nasser? How many German Nazis are helping Egypt in its campaign against Israel? Many copies of "Mein Kampf" were found among the Egyptian equipment in the Sinai desert.

Nasser is a shrewd politician. If he were a liberator and not a fascist dictator, he would have started his regime by concluding a peace treaty with Israel. Instead he has threatened loudly to throw Israel into the sea. It is obvious that he has all-Arabian imperialist ambitions for Egypt and himself. He is cleverly using the Asian-African progressive forces for his own sinister aims.

What Israel did was to force an eight-year-old Arabian guerrilla war into the open. Shrewdly, Nasser without looking like an open aggressor has practiced a strategy of gradual extermination by a hidden war of attrition. With one bold stroke, Israel has cut through this deadly plan. Sometimes an offensive is the only remaining defensive.

Why did not the Soviet Union and the UN Act as sharply and swiftly against the Arabs in 1948 as they did now against Israel? I will tell you why. Because of the ages old sickness called anti-Semitism. The Jew was and remains the eternal scapegoat all over the world. Khrushchev, Nasser and Dulles



socialistic way of life by natural urge. Capitalists have distorted the naturalistic nature of man . . . socialism recognizes this nature of man and thus proposes laws, rules, and regulations so that man may live according to his naturalistic make.

I think that Communists, fellow travelers, and socialists throughout America (and throughout the world) should take self-inventories and reaffirm the solid principles of Karl Marx and socialism. We can not be firm today and lax tomorrow. We must be ever constant striving for the achievement of socialism in America and in the universe . . . for foes of socialism are ever striving to prevent the accent of socialism.

In the line of suggestion perhaps every now and then or perhaps regularly (weekly) a section of the editorial page or another desirable section of the paper could be allotted to specific comments "About the Development of Socialism" (or a similar section heading) which would include facts and figures and excerpts from works of Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, Lenin, etc. (and deliberations on such) to show how socialism has developed. This would be something with a new appeal to increase circulation. Also, the section entitled "Books" should be a regular or weekly feature in the Daily Worker and The Worker concerning books that favorably



and adversely affect socialism, with major emphasis, of course, on the importance of accepting the doctrine of socialism and how such acceptance will enable the individual as a necessary part of a collective or socialistic society to bring about the actuality of a total Communist or socialist world society.

Rest assured that the commotion in Poland, Hungary which capitalist publication propagandizes had, perhaps, in many respects, capitalist instigation. For example, even here in Detroit there was talk of a parade by a Hungarian organization which was to be an overt expression of American Hungarian sentiment for a country separated from this country not only by the Atlantic but also by national ties. It is ironic that citizens of one country would parade to express sentiment for another national. But there is a purpose . . . and that purpose is to promote capitalism . . . a decadent form or system of government.

Western capitalists have said that the issue in the Middle East is a matter of Arab nationalism or racism. This is a great fallacy . . . it is a world lie; it is a lie that capitalists would have the world believe. The real issue is oil and the protection of vested interests by capitalists . . . a vested interest based on colonialism or the exploitation of man by man. It will be a great day when the world is socialized . . . for then there will need be no reason for exploitation for the problem of economics will be no problem. With the advent of world socialism, economics will have reached a state of perfection. Mankind will have been saved. There will need be no war for the hammer will beat for peaceful purposes, the sickle will reap for all mankind, and the beautiful white dove will have free air in which to spread her wings.

E. D. K., Jr.

in the struggle while agents of the West like Ference Nagy who flew from America to Austria, and other of his kind were parked in border hotels, rubbed their hands in delight over the blood-bath and schemed tirelessly to keep it going as long as possible. And in those very same days, British and French planes were pounding Egyptian cities, including men, women and children, into dust.

People in our labor movement who honestly want to see progress in the east European countries should make a distinction between those who want to achieve changes in a peaceful way through movements and those who'd retard progress by deliberate incitement of violence.

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cal claims of "freedom and democracy" for other countries, except those under the U. S. yoke, like the majority of Latin American nations.

In Chile, several workers were killed in an assault on striking workers in the nitrate mines; over 200 were wounded and many more arrested for demanding better wages and working conditions.

Of these crimes, the American government and the American press have said nothing, not to speak of calling a special session of the United Nations to stop the murder of workers in that country.

Only last month more than 50 people in Honduras were slain by police force. In Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic, crimes

against freedom of the press are rampant, assassinations are the order of the day. Yet—the American government and its newspapers condone those crimes, claiming most of the time that they are "friends" of the U. S. and part of the "free world" fighting Communism.

In the American colony of Puerto Rico, the so-called "Associated Free State of Puerto Rico", the leader of the Nationalist Party; Albizu Campos has declared a hunger strike for one month protesting his jailing. Yet the American "free press" has nothing to say about this crime against a man who fights for the national liberation of his country.

This is the situation in the backyard of American imperialism, while at the same time its spokesmen at the United Nations and their puppets like Nunez Portuondo and Belaunde talk like parrots about the rights of other peoples to become independent.

We appeal to the American people to rally against these crimes by Latin American dictators at the service of Wall Street and the State Department.

Julio Jimenez, Pedro Rosado, Juan Igaravidez, Felicita Gonzalez de Vega, Juana Velazquez de Sosa, Ana Maria Gutierrez, and many others.

