

Speak Your Piece

A-Bomb

Tests

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Editor, Daily Worker:

Today's issue of the D.W. reports that John Gates stated: "As an American, I would like to see my own country take the lead and say we will stop the tests first! As a Communist, I would like to see the Soviet Union, a socialist country do it first."

In making a separation between what he would do as an "American" and as a "Communist" Gates has taken another long step away from working-class principles of patriotism and internationalism.

When he says that "as a Communist I would like to see the Soviet Union, a socialist country, do it first?" Gates turns what should be the duty and role of American Communists into the exact opposite of what it should be in the context of the present situation.

It is our patriotic duty as Americans and as Communists to conduct an INDEPENDENT policy which clearly and unequivocally exposes the responsibility of our own ruling class and demands that it halt the

bomb tests and enter into mutual agreement with the Soviet Union to halt all atomic bomb tests and end the armament race.

Is anyone naive enough to think that the threat of atomic radiation and war would end if the Soviet Union would end its own defense measures BEFORE reaching a mutual agreement with the U.S.A. in effect and in fact this is what Gates calls upon the Soviet Union to do! He would take the heat off our own ruling class and shift the responsibility upon the S. U. Is there anything left of a working-class orientation in such an approach?

It is my opinion that an editor of the Daily Worker has a patriotic duty to expose the fact that it is our own ruling class that is fully responsible for the continuation of bomb tests in BOTH the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union.

I hope that the D.W. will yet regain the full potential of a correct Marxist-Leninist position. I am enclosing \$10 and will continue to increase by efforts and hopes for the Daily Worker in the cause of peace and socialism.

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