

Speak Your Piece

**Greet Alan Max as a Great Satirist,
Send \$100 for Daily Worker Survival**

MICHIGAN.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Season's greetings to the whole staff! We chortle regularly at Alan Max's columns and consider him one of the greatest satirists of all time. What a shame that such wisdom and wit is confined to small a readership!

Hope the enclosed (\$100 check) will make you merrier and make more likely survival of the paper.

B. and H.

**Terms American Forum
Session, 'Liberal, Academic'**

NEW YORK.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I want to express serious disagreement with the distorted and misleading picture presented in the Dec. 9 account of the American Forum's conference on automation.

It failed altogether to convey the liberal and academic character of the entire opening session, in which three papers were read without a single reference, not only to socialism, but even to capitalism — all traces of exploitation, crises, impoverishment, imperialism being genteelly concealed behind phrases like "modern industry" or "our economic system." No wonder that the big difference of opinion between the first two speakers was as to whether automation would intensify or curtail neuroses among workers, while the third boldly called for "an authority to force responsible behavior towards the consumer."

More important, the report in the Daily itself used the meaning less phrase "the sharpest debate" to conceal the fact that in the big afternoon panel on "Socialism and Democracy," where serious questions were finally dealt with, the dominant — and almost unrelieved — note from the panel speakers was one of rejection of the Soviet Union, and repudiation of the Communist Parties, as necessary conditions of an American socialism; while in the earlier youth panel, the major speakers heatedly turned their backs, not only on the Communists, but also on each other!

Liberalism, anti-Communism, sectarianism — these emerged, for one participant at least, as the outstanding characteristics of the Conference (and not only limits of space prevent my documenting

this from my own notes).

Yet of all this the Daily report carried not even a whisper. Large quantities of our crowded space were afforded the Conference for publicity until now; and now we are promised "subsequent articles." Will future accounts in the Daily give us enough of the whole picture so that we can judge correctly how well the American Forum is serving the cause of "socialist education" and whether it warrants the great attention we are being called on to give it in the midst of our own crucial problems

HAROLD COLLINS.

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**Urges Books
For Greek Prisoners**

CHICAGO.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Mrs. Betty Ambatiolos, the wife of the political prisoner in Greece, Tony Ambatiolos, needs gifts of books to be sent to the people of Greece: books on art, painting, as well as paints and brushes are needed, also medical books, Russian-language medical books, periodicals concerning furniture, books in French or English on the theatre, legal books in either language; trade union magazines and histories, biographies of trade union and political figures. These are the kind of books requested by the people in Greece.

Send them to L. D. G., 376 Gray's Inn Road, London W.C. E England UN. —E.

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**Merry
Xmas**

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

Here's wishing you all — A Merry, Merry Christmas. I sincerely hope that the Daily Worker and The Worker will outlive capitalism in the U.S.A. Enclosed is \$5 toward your drive. IDA.