

Speak Your Piece

Theatre Workers Salute 'A Gallant Paper,' Send \$50 and Promise More

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

People's theatre workers who are hanging on grimly these days salute a liked, gallant paper with \$50. More to come.

—People's Theatre Workers

Indispensable Newspapers

WABASH, Ind.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is a draft for \$10 for The Worker fund. We surely hope the required amount is raised soon. The Daily and The Worker are both indispensable to us each week and we feel they are most effective in their contribution to the cause of progress.

A. R.

12-7-57

Needed More Than Ever

WESTBROOK, Conn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is a check for \$5 to help keep The Worker and Daily Worker going. I've read these papers too long to be able to get along without them. If ever we needed them, it's now.

G. E.

12-12-57

There'll Always Be A Daily Worker

NEW YORK CITY

Editor, Daily Worker:

Here's \$10 for the fund drive, in the certain hope that though friends fall away, there'll always be a Daily Worker.

Sincerely and admirably,

E. T.

12-13-57

Challenges Collins' Estimate Of American Forum

NEW YORK.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Harold Collins in Speak Your Piece complains about the DW's coverage of the Dec. 9 conference on automation conducted by the American Forum—For American Socialism. Collins says

of the conference:

"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)."

The real charge here is "anti-Communism." It just happens that the American Forum is the only organization in the entire country which has as one of its principle tenets a policy of non-exclusion for political reasons. It is the only organization in the country which welcomes Communist leaders on its committee and as participants in all its activities. At the Dec. 9 conference Communists were among the invited speakers at every panel and the atmosphere at all times was one of friendly, if sharp exchange. But to Collins an "outstanding characteristic" of the conference was "anti-Communism."

Another objection by Collins to the conference is "liberalism." Liberals were present and quite naturally they presented liberal views.

Finally as to "sectarianism." Undoubtedly it existed in some of the views at the conference. But what could be more sectarian than to propose that Communists exclude themselves from a forum in which they are able to present their position? Isn't participation in such an organization an expression of the 16th Communist Party convention resolution on new approaches to socialists and social-democracy?

I trust the hundreds of participants in the Dec. 9 conference will not take Collins' views as representative of a considered Communist position.

ALAN MAX