

Speak Your Piece

WANTS MORE TIME ON PRESS, LESS ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is another \$10 for the drive. At a Garment club meeting where the recent press conference was discussed we pledged ourselves to do our utmost to help build the press. But from the report that we heard we gathered that too much time was taken up by the leadership at the conference to discuss the Communist Party's internal situation. As a result very little time was left for the rank and file to talk about the press. We hope that in the future this procedure will not be repeated.

NEW YORK.

A DRESS CLUB.

Says Reader Misstated Gates' Boston Speech

MALDEN, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Harry Mann's letter in the Nov. 28 Daily Worker attacking editor John Gates' speech in Boston the previous Sunday shockingly misrepresents the facts, as anyone who was present among the 1,000 at Ford Hall that night could tell you.

Far from having "taken another long step away from working-class principles of patriotism and internationalism," Gates defended exactly patriotism and the highest type of internationalism today—the fight for peaceful co-existence.

Mann is also wrong in lecturing Gates about the need and "patriotic duty to expose the fact that our own ruling class is fully responsible" for continued bomb tests.

Gates started right off by blasting the Dulles-Eisenhower "belligerent policy of negotiations from 'positions of strength,' the endless arms race, the support of dictators like Franco, Chiang Kai-shek and Syngman Rhee."

Further, Gates pointed out in his very opening remarks that it was the Soviet Union that was agreeable to the ending of A-bomb tests at the London disarmament conference and this "agreement was torpedoed by the hasty flight of Dulles to London."

All of this, incidentally, was reported in the Daily Worker of Nov. 25. Even if Mann wasn't in Boston he could have read it in the D.W.

But apparently Mann was more interested in taking a crack at Gates, or attracting attention, or both, than he was in the facts.

The simple fact was that Gates spoke to a critical crowd, over-

whelmingly anti-Communist, and defended the Communist Party and the idea of a Socialist America. That's O.K. in my book and I wish there were more opportunities for Communist leaders to do likewise.

Finally, let me express my objection not only to the snide and hostile tone of Mann but also to his crack about the Daily Worker regaining "the full potential of a correct Marxist-Leninist position." For my money the D.W. expresses true, in an abbreviated way, exactly that right now by fighting for peace, civil rights, decent working conditions, democratic liberties and the perspective of socialism.

Since I'm a low-paid worker (take-home pay less than \$75 for a family of four) I can't afford more than a dollar. But enclosed is my bill. Wish it were a thousand. Keep pitching, friends.

FRANK L.

\$90 From Friends Of Nelson and Weissman

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is \$90 raised for the Daily Worker at a gathering of friends of Steve Nelson and Irving Weissman in the Northwest Bronx on Nov. 16.

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\$200 To Keep The DW Alive

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the USSR, the sum of \$200 was collected and donated by a group of tenants in the Northeast Bronx to keep alive the Daily Worker.

NORTHEAST BRONX

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