

# Dear Editor

## Letters from Readers

### Denies Fascism Menaced Hungary

Dear Editor: ASTORIA.

What a pathetic rationale is built up in numbers of published letters to excuse the shocking action of the Soviet Union in Hungary: that this was a fascist uprising, that Project X is largely responsible, that the Soviet Union is protecting the existence of world socialism.

Does it seem like that the Hungarian people whose demands have been so consistently democratic throughout these tortured weeks would allow a fascist government to take over? Or that a people who have demonstrated such courage, unity, determination and who have born hardship to the breaking point while they were still convinced it might be best in the long run—could such people so easily be bought off by whatever paltry sum is allotted to Hungary out of Project X funds?

The alternatives for Hungary were not socialism or fascism. The choice was between authoritarian Soviet-dominated socialism and democratic Hungarian-style socialism. Even if actual fascists had seized posts in the new government, the democratic nature of the people's demands would keep them in line.

Or might a fascist group thus be put in a position to capture the government later? Well, this is a calculated risk and perhaps we would do better to put our trust in the Hungarian people and youth whose socialist-inspired education, ironically enough gave this struggle for greater democracy its backbone.

Now, at any rate, the calculated risk seems to have been

eliminated by Soviet troops and tanks and we are left with devastation, thousands of dead and a justified burning hatred toward Russia throughout Eastern Europe.

The only hope I can see to attempt to mend this tragic situation both in human terms and in terms of the shattered prestige of world socialism is for the Soviet Union to give Hungary a huge indemnity and get its troops out—come what may.

If troops removal is impossible at this late, sad date, then let us admit that world socialism has received a crippling blow.—D.P.

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### Wages Didn't Cause Car Price Hike

Dear Editor: NEW YORK.

The article from the UAW Local 1045 News reprinted in the D.W. Nov. 13, debunking the auto manufacturers excuse that high wages have made necessary higher prices, illustrates the traditional policy of big business to blame the workers above every one else. Corporations always raise the price of their products more than double the amount an increase in wage rates might have caused.

Auto manufacturers spend each year huge sums of money for advertising their new models. Such lavish expenditures they can not recuperate except by making the car buyers pay for them.

The advertising of all makes of the 1957 models is being done on a scale that far surpasses previous ones in volume and in extravagant use of superlatives with which to entice buyers to purchase what every year is supposed to be a "new wonder car."

NOVICE ECONOMIST.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Misses News of Southern Liberals

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have enjoyed the Worker very much for the past two years. Your coverage has been very accurate. However, there is something missing that I would like to see in your paper. I would like to see some news of interest to liberals in this part of the country. The liberals and progressives in this area actually seem to be afraid of each other.

Of course, there is some logic to this fear since we live in an extremely reactionary section of the nation. The reactionary and fascist-minded forces have gained control of this state. The Communist Party was outlawed and now the NAACP has been outlawed. About two years ago, Governor Shivers wanted to make it a capital crime to belong to the Communist Party; but even the reactionary congress of this state would not go along with that.

You can see that we are in dire need of some thought provoking literature down here. So please, give us some news of local interest. We want the TRUTH of what is going on around HERE. Surely you can get a correspondent in this vicinity.—JACK.

## Error of Judgment On Hungary Events

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

Abraham Lincoln declared: "Revolutions do not go backward." These words might be pondered by the Worker and other American Marxists in relation to the events in Hungary. The aim of the Hungarian Communists and the Hungarian people, in the process of de-Stalinization, to democratize their national life as a land already on the road to Socialism was a forward movement of the already decade-old revolution.

But the development of events under the pretense of democratization in Hungary—undermining of the program for Socialism, armed insurrection by Hungarian fascists and anti-Socialist, anti-Soviet Union nationalists serving Western imperialist instigators of counter-revolution—was headed backward toward the restoration of capitalism and imperialist domination. This was no revolution. The refusal of the insurrectionists to disarm with the withdrawal of Soviet troops, the repudiation of the Warsaw Pact by the Nagy government and the call of that government upon the UN to protect Hungary (sic) exposed clearly the counter-revolution in action.

Months before this counter-revolution began in Hungary it was foreshadowed here in the U. S. by Project X-ism, by the

open calls of the American Trotskyites in The Militant for "political revolution" in Poland and other "satellite" lands.

The denial by the Daily Worker of the Soviet charge that agents of the Western powers was a principal cause of the seizure of power by Hungarian reactionaries stands as a gross error of judgment. To attribute the counter-revolution in Hungary to the errors of Stalinist dictatorship represents an extreme expression of Right Opportunism. At most, these Stalinist errors and the de-Stalinization process provided the foreign and native subverters with a smokescreen to conceal the long-laid and deep conspiracy to destroy the Communist Party and Socialism in Hungary.

We have only to recall the counter-revolution instigated in Guatemala by the American imperialists to understand that this modus operandi of counter-revolution represents a pattern of crushing the democratic will of the people, under the Hitler slogan of anti-Communism and in the name of the people and the nation. — JEFFEF SONIAN

## Paper Should Give All the Facts

BROOKLYN.

Dear Editor:

With all the half truths and slanders being written in the capitalist press, I think it is about time for the Worker to state all the facts about the situation in Hungary.

First, that this counter revolution was well planned and organized with the help of our State Department and Fascist forces to overthrow the peoples' government of Hungary and as the picture becomes clearer, the last few months due to the so-called liberalization policy of the government, thousands of former Nazis and Horthy followers entered Hungary to use the discontent, of certain elements of the people to steer honest grievances into channels of murder and terror.

The mistakes of the Communist leadership and vacillation helped them no end.

Second the Soviet forces, and rightfully so after the experiences of the war against fascism, were called in when the Nagy government lost control. Clerical fascist forces helped in the counter revolution led by Cardinal Mindszenty. Time and history will show that this was not a true fight for freedom but an attempt to bring back capitalism and of course a fascist state.

Let us go back to Lenin and study it well. The forces of reaction are not asleep as proven by the events in Hungary.

Keep going.

ROBERT TRENT.