

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## Proposed for Future of D.W.

NEWARK, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Our Christmas gift of \$20 accompanies this letter—\$10 from each of two readers, as you requested. It represents a bonus received by one of us, and we can't think of a better use for this windfall. Sorry that we are so late in answering your clearly urgent call for help, but a lengthy stay in the hospital and extensive surgery has badly dented our finances this year.

It is our opinion that at least as important as any other political development that has occurred during the last several months of discussion was the plea by Foster, Gates and other leaders for unified support to our newspaper. It may well prove the healthiest and wisest action on behalf of the future of the movement made by anyone prior to the convention itself.

We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to make a proposal for the D.W.'s future—a suggestion as to its role and significance in the movement to be. May we ask that it be considered as a formal political and organizational proposal, to be considered by the coming Communist Party convention.

Briefly, we believe that the movement, for the foreseeable future, should build its mass approach, and socialist educational activity on one major base—a daily and weekend newspaper, possibly but not necessarily with a different name—certainly with an exhaustively reexamined and recast editorial and political practice.

Please do not confuse this proposal with a mere well-meaning suggestion (commonly made at the conclusion of every fund and circulation drive) or a reform in year-round habits where the press is concerned. We are urging a reorganization, structurally and politically, aimed at providing for two things:

1) Circulation and promotion—plus writing for—a single Marxist-Leninist newspaper in community and mass organization circles;

2) Building at the expense of all else, if necessary, a club level organizational form and network capable of assuring individual participation of every movement members in a mass organization and collective educational programs and activity based on American socialist and economic history.

Please note three things—that we emphasize the club level nature of these proposals, that we emphasize the critically important mass nature of a newspaper publishing activity, that our proposals are provisional in nature, intended for the coming few years we are going to need to find and formulate our goals, to reestablish and finally root ourselves in the American people and their tradition of which we are already a genuine although erring part.

For a happy new year and a socialist future.—S.J.F.

## Corrects Error In Booklet

Editor, Daily Worker:

Please permit me to call the attention of readers of The Khrushchev Report and the Crisis in the American Left to a grievous error on page 16 of the booklet and out of which there emerges an utterly distorted version of Milton Howard's views concerning historical necessity. (Presented by him in an article entitled "Letter to a Friend," MAINSTREAM, August, 1956).

In the first sentence of the third paragraph on that page I wrongly cite Milton Howard as asking "Were not the crimes inherent in the task?" In his article, Howard posed this question hypothetically as follows: "But you might ask and the haters of

Socialism eagerly assent it—... Were not the crimes inherent in the task itself?" Also, the meaning of the last sentence in that paragraph was distorted by a printer's omission of an entire line. It reads: "As a result Howard arrives at the incorrect conclusion that historical necessity is equivalent to 'moral passivity'" etc. It should have read: "As a result Howard arrives at the incorrect conclusion that the attempt to explain the Stalinist excesses in terms of historical necessity is equivalent to, etc."

The printer's omission and the above cited misinterpretation are particularly distressing since Howard, in his article, sharply distinguishes between the Marxist dialectical view of historical necessity and the mechanical determinist view which maintains that "we cannot make choices at all". Howard writes: "It is crucial, I think, to make this distinction between the necessities of history amid which and through which man exercises his will and makes moral decisions and the grisly Calvinism which sees history as fatalism."

An errata slip is being prepared by the publisher for insertion in the still remaining copies.

—HERSHEL D. MEYER

## Labor Merger Held Example to Others

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is gratifying to see all the ferment and discussion going on now in "Speak Your Piece." and in the Communist Party.

A great development is the merger of the AFL and CIO. There is a crying need for a new American Farmer-Labor party uniting all progressives. Only in such a way can American working people free themselves from the two Wall Street parties.

The deadening influence of Stalinism must be removed from the Communist movement all over the world. It will not be easy to eradicate with all the problems that beset the Communists. However, I am confi-



# Atomic Scientist Says War Unlikely

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The startling successes in the development of atomic energy have made war between the U. S. and the Soviet Union "unfeasible," declared Dr. John Turkevich, chemistry professor at Princeton University and consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission, in an address here at the annual dinner meeting of the Princeton Alumni Association of Central Pennsylvania at Van's Colonial Restaurant.

Dr. Turkevich pointed out that until about 20 years ago the world was using up its oil and coal resources so fast that it would face a fuel crisis "in the not too distant future as the population continued to increase."

"Now," he stressed in contrast, "we are suddenly living in an age when nuclear energy stored for four billion years has been released for mankind. The result has been the creation of such awesome weapons that atomic warfare between any two countries has become unfeasible."

The battle between the U. S.

and the Soviet Union will in the future, he concluded, be in the economic, political and spiritual areas. "The philosophy of destruction has become unthinkable."

Sectarianism isolates the party from the workers and prevents it from assuming its vanguard role. In leading struggles for a better life now the Party must teach the people that the final solution to their problems lies in their own strength and the will to exert that strength for the good of all, to establish democratically American socialism.

Today there is a miasma of cold war hysteria and red-baiting along with racial and religious prejudice. However, as shown in recent struggles in Clinton, Tenn., and Montgomery, Ala., the majority of the people are decent and honest and will act correctly.

May I congratulate the editors and publishers of the Worker and Daily Worker for the "Speak Your Piece" feature.

I have always admired Howard Fast's writings and hope he will make contributions again soon.

My wife finds fault with the paper in that many arguments are obscure and unintelligible to the average worker. The vocabulary is heavy and simpler language should be used.

I enclose my fourth \$5 contribution and hope to see the paper out of the red with a big circulation.

—H.A.S.

## Hungary A Setback

MEANVILLE, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Hungary has set us back a good many years. We cannot afford more Hungarys. Let's hope we can have a transition period along the lines of FDR and Wallace while being always on guard against the capitalists.

—C.K.

## Realistic Thinking

CHICAGO

Editor, Daily Worker:

Here's a belated plaudit for Lester Rodney's wonderful article on Hungary and also for Strong's article on the Mid East.

Let's have more of this trend of realistic thinking about the basic forces at play instead of shouts about plots and agents and radio broadcasts. That isn't what makes revolutions— or counter-revolutions.

Here's another \$10 for the DW. Hope your policies triumph.

—J.H.

## Stolen Drugs May Be Fatal, Police Warn

Police warned yesterday that fire-damaged drugs in a stolen truck may be "fatal" to anyone using them improperly.

Authorities said 2,790 cartons and 54 drums of medicinal drugs were in a truck stolen last night from a downtown loading platform at 325 Spring St. The drugs were being sent back to the Lederle Laboratories at Pearl River, N.Y., for analysis.

