

# Speak Your Piece

## **Finds Paper 'Invaluable,' Sends \$100; Calls for United Support of Daily Worker**

BROOKLYN.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I am forwarding \$100 for the Daily Worker's survival. I read the paper every day and find I can't do without it—that it gives me invaluable guidance.

I am shocked that there are people who would let the paper die because they may not agree with each and every article. I consider the most important job before the Left is unitedly to support the paper and not to withhold a single dime. Keep fighting. Better days are coming.

E. D. G.

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## **Liked Gerson Review On Fast Book**

NEW YORK.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A pat on the back and a hug for Si Gerson for his fine review, Dec. 19, 1957, of Howard Fast's wretched and sniveling book, "The Naked God." Such reviews strengthen the Daily Worker and are a contribution to the education of the workers who read it. Let us have more of the clear, incisive thinking and vigorous polemical writing displayed in Gerson's review.

JOE FIELD.

## **Bulganin's Proposal On Ending Tests**

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was not in Boston, but I read carefully all the reports and letters in connection with John Gates' Boston speech. It seems to me that Harry Mann in his letter of Dec. 16, is creating a tempest in a teacup.

He takes Gates to task, for having said, while discussing the atomic tests, that "as an American" he would like to see his own country take the lead and stop the tests first. As a Communist he would like to see the Soviet Union do it first." This may not be the best possible formulation, but to say, as Harry Mann does, that this portion of Gates talk "contradicts and nullifies other seemingly positive aspects of his speech," is quite another thing.

It is obvious that the termination of the atomic tests can come about as a result of a mutual agreement among the powers engaged in the conduct of such tests. Today the people of the world are asking for their immediate end.

Did Gates in his presentation in any way distort or violate the meaning of this demand? He certainly did not. Gates made these remarks after he exposed the role of American imperialism and after he placed the major responsibility for the conduct of the cold war on the American ruling class.

It is evident, that when Gates said that as a Communist he would like to see the Soviet Union stop the atomic tests first, he meant that as a land of socialism, by this example, it would demonstrate its superiority and give hope and an inspiration to all mankind. And this is exactly what happened. Bulganin's letter on behalf of the S.U. proposed

to discontinue such tests as of Jan. 1, 1958, provided Britain and U.S.A. do likewise. And the letter also proposed a top level negotiations. The Eisenhower administration rebuffed this.

As I write these lines, the reports are coming in from the NATO meeting in Paris, indicating a tremendous opposition to our administration proposals for establishing missile bases in various European countries. This opposition of the leaders of the European nations at NATO reflects enormous clamor of the European people for negotiations with the Soviet Union and for ending the atomic tests. The prestige of the Soviet Union soared high since it was the first to offer ending of the tests and repeated once again its proposals to negotiate all outstanding issues.

Is it not what John Gates liked the Soviet Union to do? Let us differentiate between the essence and the form, and let us abandon the old practice of applying microscopes in search of some hidden "deviations."

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## **Squads Right!**

"With a certain grim sternness, Secretary of State Dulles has instructed the assembled representatives of the American press to consider this [NATO] meeting as historic and successful just because so many heads of so many governments have been gathered together."—Joseph Alsop, N. Y. Herald Tribune, Dec. 18.

## **Correction**

Through error, Wesley Robert Wells' name was listed as Harry Wells in an item in Thursday's Daily Worker on political prisoners. New Year and holiday greetings can be mailed to him as follows: Wesley Robert Wells, San Quentin penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif.

## **Confidential Fined**

HOLLYWOOD.

Confidential and Whisper magazines were convicted of conspiracy to publish obscenity today and ordered fined \$5,000 each.

Judge H. Burton Noble returned the verdict.