

# Speak Your Piece

## Jobless Reader Says Suspending Daily Worker Would Be a Catastrophe, Sends \$3

Editor, Daily Worker:

NEW YORK.

I have been hearing intimations that there is talk again that the Daily Worker must be suspended because of the slowness in the fund campaign, leaving only the weekly Worker. As valuable as the latter is, it cannot replace the powerful function of a daily paper.

I'm sure the staff and close supporters of the Daily have been doing everything possible to avoid what would be truly a catastrophe to the left and progress as a whole. But outside of the range of what they can do there are desperate, last ditch measures, which the readers and supporters of the Daily can take or make use of, if they are fully aware of the final, extreme peril, the Daily is in.

One of these, it seems to me, would be a last ditch advertising appeal in liberal and left periodicals to those who may not agree with our way, but would help save a staunch peace fighter.

I have been out of work for five months and am rapidly exhausting my savings, but here is three dollars. SAUL GROSS.

## Internationalism And Disarmament

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Editor, Daily Worker:

In my opinion Comrade John Gates' proposal for unilateral action on the matter of atomic tests made in his Boston speech was profoundly wrong and conflicted with the expressed policy of the National Committee of the Communist Party. By severing himself into two parts and appealing as an AMERICAN to our government to be the first to stop the tests and as a COMMUNIST to the Soviet Union to be the first, he created the impression that American Communists are hyphenated persons and have divided loyalties. He thus played into the hands of reaction which slanderously attacks us as being "foreign agents and a "fifth column."

Surprising that this should come from Comrade Gates whose platform in the pre-convention discussion was "Americanism." But this good demand for being more American was narrowly conceived, along the lines of bourgeois nationalism, without a sufficient regard for internationalism and this is the logic of such narrowness. It turns out to be neither good patriotism nor good internationalism.

The harm of this approach is to be seen in the fact, as pointed out by other readers, that the formula of unilateral action obscures the main responsibility of the Administration for the failure to reach an agreement on atomic tests. Moreover since Comrade Gates thinks that unilateral action is possible and necessary he is making the implied criticism of the Soviet Union that by continuing the tests it too is guilty of menacing the life and health of the world. This is not only a gross injustice to the Soviet Union, which has 24 times since 1945 in international conferences called for an agreement to prohibit the production and use of nuclear weapons and repeatedly expressed its willingness by agreement to stop the tests immediately. This stand also misleads the American people. It would seem to me that an American Communist who faces an American audience has the duty to point out these truths, to lay the weight of criticism where it belongs—on our government and to direct the energies of our people to the demand for an agreement with the Soviet Union on this life and death question and not deflect from it in any way. You can no more stop the tests by unilateral action than you can stop a war by asking one side or the other to stop shooting so as to set a good example to the other side.

To ask the Soviet Union to stop the tests by themselves is just to close the eyes of the American people to the threatening dangers of war which come from the side of the imperialists, especially our own imperialists and not from the Soviet Union or the socialist world.

Naturally where Communists work in pacifist or other organizations where an unilateral position is adopted, they will not make it a breaking point but surely they will focus attention and work with all their strength for the only sensible and realistic demand—that of an international agreement.

This is the demand of the overwhelming mass of the peace-loving world—that of the World Peace Council with its hundreds of millions of supporters, of the socialist countries and of the former colonial and dependent countries, embracing a billion and a half people and of the Communist parties of the world as seen in their recent great manifesto on peace. It is the position of the CPUSA also approved at the July meeting of the National Committee in the report of Comrade Dennis and published in Political Affairs.

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Editor's Note—Following is the paragraph, published in the D.W. of Nov. 26, from Gates statement at Boston, which he made in answer to a question at the forum:

"As an American, I would like to see my own country take the lead and say we will stop the tests first! (Applause broke in at this point). As a Communist, I would like to see the Soviet Union, a socialist country, do it first. But as a human being interested in the future of the species, I'm most concerned with BOTH agreeing to stop the bombs!"

The Daily Worker's first report, Nov. 25, of Gates' speech included the following:

Gates emphasized that 'the great need of the times—persistently pointed out by the Communist Party—is not to bolster the Eisenhower-Dulles foreign policies but to break from them sharply.' He continued:

"The time has come to adopt as settled national policy the concept that was is unthinkable and the concept of peaceful negotiation and competition with the Socialist world."

"He demanded a beginning of this world settlement by 'simultaneous cessation of H-bomb tests.'"

"This is a proposal to which the Soviet Union was reportedly agreeable at the London disarmament talks and which agreement was torpedoed by the hasty flight of Dulles to London," he added."