

READERS' COLUMN

Worker Should Explain Socialist Theory

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 12 1954 by chance I got the book by H. Wells concerning Pragmatism and Imperialism. So great was my interest that I read the entire book through most of the night. From that time on I have tried to buy the Worker everyday at the newsstands and I can say I have missed very few editions.

I am a semi-skilled worker in a factory. Although I had bought the Worker before reading the book, my ability to actually understand it was limited. My impression of it prior to reading the book was that it seemed to strive to create hate for the capitalists. Although I do not belong to any leftist or progressive organization, I try to understand communism by reading the Worker and books written by scientific materialists. In my opinion, the average American actually does hate the capitalist class. That is an objective fact.

Reading Wells' book, I became for the first time in my life aware of external objective reality. In my opinion, every American is seeking that same awareness. . . The American communists should strive with all their means to spread the concept of reality revealed by scientific materialism.

The Worker may take a correct stand on every issue domestic and foreign, but if it does not make a special constant effort to explain the theory of scientific materialism, it will gain few readers. Socialism will come to America, then, only through the living examples of China, Russia, and other countries which will take a much longer time.

The average American is given a concept of reality through education in public schools and other propaganda means that is extremely difficult to expose as false. His outlook on life is so subjective that in practice he considers self - preservation as being the basic feeling of all people. He even denies that he himself has any other feeling. By self-preservation, I mean that outside of himself, his relatives and friends, he has no interest:

Perhaps this is a rambling letter. What I mean to say in a few words is this: The Worker and any communist publications must concentrate with the utmost patience on explaining the theory of scientific materialism in the daily events and life of the people.—Worker Reader.

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Fast's Statement's Show Contradictions

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Dear Editor:

In reading the interview of Howard Fast by A. B. Magil, I reminded myself of an article written by Mr. Fast. It was about the month of September or October 1956 when Mr. Fast in his article in the Worker, commended the editors of the paper for their democratic attitude towards him as a writer: they let him write as he pleases. And the only reason he stopped his columns in the Daily Worker, was because of a book he is busy writing and cannot devote time to articles.

Will Mr. Fast be so kind and "democratic" and answer this question: Where was he right: is the article of last year, or in the interview by Mr. Magil?—L.

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Suggests Expose Of Brownell Links

LOS ANGELES.

Dear Editor:

The issue on "Oil" and with Shields on the FBI were superb. I have been a reader and helper of your paper back to

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the days of Earl Browder's brother.

In recent weeks Drew Pearson related a trip of Brownell, Nixon, and Hoover of the Federal Board of Inquisition and the Department of Injustice to LaJolla, California, to set up Edgar as a candidate in 1960 if Dick doesn't make it. . . .

A Washington newsletter mentioned how the crime rate is increasing in official as well as unofficial circles, while Edgar and his confederates traipse all over the continent, blaming the terrible Russians and the youth; and appearing before and receiving awards from our most reactionary societies and Un-American organizations.

I have sent copies of the article to a lot of places where it will do some good. Brownell has just as bad a background. Art Shields ought to do an article on him. Kefauver and other Senators and Representatives worked him over last year and are doing more this year (anti-trusts, Dixon-Yates, Celler, etc.)

I.B.



Dear Editor:

I was very proud to have my article on the songs of the woman suffrage movement appear in the March 10 issue of *The Worker* in connection with the general commemoration of International Woman's Day.

Unfortunately, due to space limitations, the article did not appear in its entirety. For some reason, I was not consulted by the editors of *The Worker* about the problem and a number of deletions were made in my article without my approval.

As a result, the final article which was printed presented, in my opinion, an inadequate analysis and delineation of the subject. Through careless editing, a number of quotations were mishandled, making the final product look somewhat amateurish.

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