

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## Youth League's Dissolution

Editor, Daily Worker:

Reading in the DW of the dissolution of the Labor Youth League this past week by its leaders caused this writer many moments of discomfort and even anger. A tired, somewhat weak sort of anger, I suppose, because so many people are arguing among themselves nowadays and so few are rising above their emotions to meet and fight for the issues of the day.

Now that the LYL is gone, where is the youth group that will fight for peace and Socialism; against militarization, the draft; for free and progressive education, for freedom of thought, equality of wealth and mankind, and a true democracy in America? Where is the group that will help other young people to understand the crucial issues of our time and realize their destiny? There are other socialist youth groups which are tiny sects. The LYL at its recent low point must have been 20 times stronger than the others.

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## Freedom Fighter

Editor, Daily Worker:

I'm enclosing a "news" item which may easily have escaped your attention, inasmuch as the light-hearted caption would hardly invite a serious adult to read the text thereof.

The last three paragraphs are somewhat of a revelation. "Freedom Fighter" indeed! Fighting to bring back a system that would return his 1,200 wage slaves and the regular "employment" that would go with it! All he was fighting against, to judge from the news item, is his old "job," the dear boy being at present "unemployed." ...

French Communists are presently in the midst of an investigation into the background of "Freedom Fighter" refugees in France, and the enclosed specimen would prove an interesting addition to such an inquiry, don't you think?

S. B.

The item referred to in the above letter was taken from the Post, and is in part as follows:

"Mrs. Gabor told the Post that she and Count Edmond de Szigethy are going down to City Hall to get a license.

"She has known the Count for many years," she said, but she had not seen him in the 13 years since she left Hungary, where he owned a textile factory employing 1,200 people.

"But when the Communists tightened their hold on Hungary 10 years ago, she said, they took everything away from

him, and he has been unemployed ever since."

"The count was a Freedom Fighter during the November uprising, she said, and escaped after the Russians crushed the revolt. He came to the U. S. two months ago, and they fell in love again."

## Jewish Question And Khrushchev

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Editor, Daily Worker:

Recently I read in the National Guardian excerpts from a report by one of the leaders of the Labor Progressive Party in Canada who participated in discussions with Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders. Reading the opinions recently expressed by Khrushchev, I was very disappointed.

I am not Jewish but I am a progressive worker who believes that any and all mani-

festations of anti-Semitism are incompatible with Marxism.

I know very little about Jewish culture in the Soviet Union. But one thing I do know, that it was their culture that kept the Jewish people alive through all their long tragic history of struggle for survival. That a socialist country should now deprive two million Soviet Jews of expressing their national rights and of creating their own culture is not only a breach of the fundamentals of Leninism but of all humanist thought.

If after all that was said at the 20th Congress about the violations of the rights of national minorities we get such a report as the one brought back by the Canadians then I have serious doubts whether the present Soviet leaders have made the necessary changes from the era of the "cult of the individual."

P. Z.

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# School Integration Report Gets Wide OK

Thousands of New Yorkers are lining up behind the Board of Education move toward integrating the public schools. A thousand delegates to the United Parent Associa-

tion met this week, and after a lively evening-long discussion overwhelmingly endorsed the whole-hearted support of the integration program voiced by their president, Mrs. Gladys Harburger.

The Citizens Committee on Children, united on the need to end segregation, submitted a detailed 12-point program to the board president, Charles H. Silver, on how to speed it.

It urged the board to move quickly to clear up "misunderstandings and fears" about integration, and spell out what it actually intends to do.

"We cannot rest so long as children in New York City are subjected to inferior educational opportunity, regardless of the cause," the committee said.

As part of a "concentrated and whole-hearted effort" to red the city schools of segregation, it suggested that "strong teams" of principals and other supervisory personnel be sent into the 'ghetto' areas.

"By their leadership," the group said, these teams could "inspire teachers to accept difficult assignments as the challenge they are rather than as an imposition."

Another proposal was to concentrate the first efforts on certain "pivotal" schools, then apply methods learned in these pilot projects to schools elsewhere in the city. Make the so-called "difficult"

schools attractive to incoming teachers by "improving working conditions," the committee urged the school board.

Meanwhile the Citywide High School Parents Council protested passage of the integration reports as "most undemocratic" because, the council said, there hadn't been time to study it.

The fight for school integration was reflected on TV Tuesday night when former Judge Hubert T. Delany appeared on Mike Wallace's "Night Beat."

Judge Delany is chairman of the Intergroup Committee on N.Y. Public Schools, a group of 26 important city organizations banded for the single goal of fully integrated schools.

The judge credited a City College psychologist, Dr. Kenneth C. Clark, with sparking the city-wide fight to clean out segregation in the New York school system.

"Gerrymandered" school zoning has led to segregation even beyond that of housing, Judge Delany told the TV audience, so that 70 percent of the city's pupils are being taught in schools that are virtually all-white or all-Negro.

Wallace asked him point-blank if he thought superintendent William Jansen is really for integration.

"That's a hard question to an-

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