

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

One Error After Another

June 11, 1957

Referring to the "Cynical Reuben" editorial in the Daily Worker of 5-22-57, I sent a brief note to "Dear D.W." (not to "Speak Your Piece" column) pointing out that it was a "slip up" to plug for fool-proof aerial and ground inspection in connection with disarmament (the same as Dulles).

Instead of being taken to heart by the editorial writer, this little note was printed in the "Speak Your Piece" of 5-27-57, but with the wrong ending and an "X" signature, while the last sentence of it and my signature went under a "welcome" note to Alan Max.—A typographical error, of course, but a particularly bad one.

In my estimation, Alan Max's humor is unbalanced by a wrong political line, as evidenced, for example, by his polemics (in D.W. of 6-4-57) against T. Timofeyev's report on CPUSA Convention (in the March issue of "International Affairs").

There is no humor in Max's doubting the good faith of "International Affairs", and of "Pravda", and of "L'Humanite", and of others, just because their estimates on the Convention of the CPUSA differ from Max's estimate.

As to Max's final fling against placing confidence in the ability of "International Affairs" to give sound political estimates, it seems to me that it will boomerang back upon the Daily Worker, — especially so, because the D.W. has seen fit to print Max's polemics without giving its readers the benefit of printing also Timofeyev's article.

I hope that the Daily Worker will correct this error soon.

—Chas. Dirba

The Need For the DW

Editor, Daily Worker:

Most big city and national newspapers are organized and edited to attract a certain wide, but not all-inclusive, level of interest; certainly readers of the N.Y. Times do not find the same interest in the Daily Mirror or

vice versa. The Daily Worker, as the only Socialist daily newspaper, must attempt to interest all of these levels, if it is to perform its function properly. Hopefully, this will not remain permanent, but as in France and Italy, with the coming rise of Socialist thought here, more than one newspaper will be set up to answer the people's needs.

But at the present, the maintenance of the Daily Worker and the sustenance of Socialist thought impose certain obligations on the readers of the papers. The obligations of financial support and circulation promotion are well known, though not equally well organized or carried on. However, there is a third obligation, resulting especially from the necessity to reach all levels of interest, which, I believe, has not been sufficiently considered.

This is the writing and submission by readers from all parts of the country, with all levels of interest, of news articles, movie reviews, special event reportage, and all kinds of pieces properly the province of a newspaper.

The importance of maintaining a high level of journalistic merit to continue to attract new readers would make necessary a high percentage of sharp editing and of outright rejection of many such contributions. This should not discourage writers of these pieces from continuing to develop craft and ability in this field. The very nature of Marxist theory and practice have proven time and again, that many high skills and aptitudes can be developed by interest and persistence, no matter what the formal educational beginnings.

The present situation in this country, and the resulting tight financial condition of the Daily Worker make necessary its operation with a limited staff. As has been said by many before, the daily appearance of the Daily Worker is a sort of daily miracle in these times. Its readers can help make it also a widely appealing people's newspaper.

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So the democratically chosen government, coming face to face with economic monarchy, must confess a helplessness to act in the national welfare. The President may worship this let-it-alone policy, dictated by the economic giants, but to the millions of parents whose children have inadequate schools, it is another matter. They cannot see the benefits of avoiding government action for fear of the charge "socialism."

I submit, that in its own way, and on the basis of our own national conditions, the fundamental thesis of Marxism is being daily proven; that whether the motion is conscious or not, the struggle proceeding, as a result

of that contradiction inevitably points to a socialist solution. Of course, that is not Russian socialism, nor French socialism, nor Chinese socialism; but it proceeds by basic laws discovered by the pioneer socialist investigators. And the process is maturing.

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