

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

Once More On Hungary

Editor, Daily Worker:

The article by Rose and Louis Weinstock and the letter in the Speak Your Piece signed by Tony in the July 23 issue are the cause for this letter being written.

Let me start from the beginning. A month ago or so back Robert Friedman, as literary editor, reviewed Herbert Aptheker's book, "The Truth About Hungary." Friedman criticized Aptheker's reasons for the Hungarian revolt occurring and the justification for Soviet intervention. Then came a chorus of criticisms and denunciation directed at Friedman.

The Daily, in order to avoid any attacks on it as one-sided, decided to make a symposium out of this book review. And this, in my opinion, was a very foolish and purposeless thing. First we had Foster's article commending Aptheker's book. Then not long after, we had the Weinstocks' article lauding it also. It is time to pause now, comrades, and ask — "Is the end in sight?"

Friedman did what he gets paid for. He reviewed a book. Why couldn't all comments on the review, and no matter whom they were written by, have been printed in Speak Your Piece? Instead, an already small and compact cultural page is turned into a squabble page. What a ludicrous exhibition of journalism!

I hope in the future the editors will be more mindful in seeing that our paper is not turned into an eight-page debating sheet. We certainly won't last long that way.

Lastly, I want to quote and answer the last paragraph of the letter written by Tony. He said, "Sometimes I wonder why those in this country, such as Friedman, who have all the answers to the problems facing the Socialist lands, seem so barren in their efforts to help the American workers solve the real problems which they face."

Firstly, as I read Friedman's column, I got the impression he was reviewing a book, which is what his job is, and was not being the Answer-Man for the Marxist movement.

Secondly, merely because he disagreed with Aptheker's opin-

ion on Hungary, Friedman's efforts and capabilities are termed "barren." Such a statement does not even deserve a reply. In conclusion, if Tony and those who think as he does, would stop criticizing the Daily from the point of view of the international sphere alone and sit down with the editors and discuss how we can overcome our separation from American political life, which is our primary task, then maybe we will get some place.

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Says Clark Column 'Quite to the Point'

Editor, Daily Worker:

While on many occasions I disagreed with Joseph Clark, I must say his column on the recent ouster of Malenkov, Molotov and others was quite to the point.

To accuse them now of the Stalin frame-ups is both unfair and dishonest — not because the accusation may be true — of them — but because the accusation is also true of the present leadership.

If by chance the central committee would have supported the opposition of Molotov and his caucus would not the same accusation made against them hold true if made against Khrushchev?

I wish to remind the present leadership of the CP-USSR who will read this in the Daily Worker (if published) that Stalin and Beria are dead — we can't blame them for the present lack of a forthright action now dealing with the rectification of the harm done to the Jewish people in the Soviet Union and to their culture.

As a strong champion of socialism I have a right to demand of my fellow Communists the world over that they do not compromise with the noble aspiration of socialism.

As a Jew I have questions as to the policy of those who are helping develop the language and culture of nomadic tribes in the Soviet Union — but do nothing to rectify a great wrong done to a people who made great sacrifices in behalf of their country.

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