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Liked Speech of Bob Thompson

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Editor, Daily Worker:

How good it is to see Bob Thompson, just emerging from the tortuous experiences of prison life, exemplifying in his speech at Carnegie Hall and his letter to the Daily, all of the qualities that were emphasized at our party's convention.

In his speech he stressed the unity of the CP around the key issues of our time, based on the historical truth of Marxism. He spoke of all the reasons why there must be a party of scientific Socialism, and reminded us that if there are mistakes, they are the mistakes of human beings who are capable of correcting themselves, among them, Bob Thompson. And at the same time he insisted on the maintenance of complete democracy in the party, without which it is difficult to

arrived at any truth.

And again, in his letter, his praise of our wonderful new Daily, with its new approaches and strivings toward an honest and independent position that will win the confidence of the masses.

Bob Thompson, it seems, is seeking to resolve the differences among CP members and supporters in an honest and intelligent manner: We are Communists and we have a cause to fight for. We must not forget our role, but we must not destroy it through bureaucracy and lack of democracy. We must go forward united, forgetting personal differences and remembering both our great triumphs and mistakes.

We are very happy that Bob Thompson is back with us again. We welcome his words, his courage and his clarity.

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