

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

Terms Clark A 'Liberal,' Didn't Belong in CP

CHICAGO.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Without any hard feelings for his having left, I think that we should realize that a person with the point of view of Joe Clark did not belong in the Communist Party and on the Daily Worker. Outside them, like any other liberal, today, he will aid the cause of progress more than he will injure it.

But the party and the D.W. should consist of people who see the struggle for Socialism as a science, and understand the contributions of Lenin to the science.

It should not escape notice that in the very long letters of Clark and of John Gates on the departure of the former, neither the name of Lenin nor anything of his point of view were invoked as inspiration or useful to the American people. This stands out, when it is noticed that they did invoke Marx, and that Stalin, the unequalled extender of Leninism up until Dimitrov and Mao, was spotlighted exclusively for his later psychotic crimes.

Nor do either of these letters, although arguing at great length for the necessity of "new ideas" for the eventualization of Socialism, find it possible to come up with a single one of their own, even now, with any claim of scientific effectiveness. . . .

People who do understand the universal contributions of Lenin to scientific Socialism need have no fear for the future of the Communist Party of the United States. With its return to Marxism-Leninism as the basis for adaptations and extensions of theory to the current needs of the U.S. and the world, the Party, to no matter what size it may have shrunk, will initiate the process of its becoming with absolute inevitability a mass party of the American people. . . .

I am enclosing still another \$5 to help keep the paper going in the expectation that it will yet return to scientific Socialism.

—W. R.
9/14/57.

Cites Way Press Used Clark Resignation

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

Without dealing with the merits of the Joseph Clark letter and the answer I must say that the reaction by the New York newspapers was harmful to the cause of the Communist Party and the Daily Worker.

The newspapers seized upon Clark's resignation to howl at the

defeat of the Communist Party and called it a sign of collapse. Whatever ideas any one may have held about this before it was printed, I feel sure that all must see it as a bad thing for our cause.

Up until this period it was customary for those who still professed a belief in socialism but disagreed with the Communist Party to withdraw quietly from the party. This was understood in world socialist movements and was construed to mean that the person in question was not playing into the hands of reaction.

The resignation of Clark and Fast have been valuable weapons in the hands of reaction and both have been decidedly un-Marxist. Both tactically and strategically—as well as ethically—I feel all parties concerned are wrong and the Daily Worker should re-examine its position and go through a period of self-criticism.

JULIUS E.

P. S. People who after so many years turn and see themselves as political failures should in their re-evaluation be as humble and eager for knowledge as possible.

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Terms CP Statement on Clark 'Straightforward'

DETROIT.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The recent statement of the Communist Party National Committee which appeared in the Daily Worker of Thursday, Sept. 12 was a straightforward statement of the party's position as I understood it at its recent national convention.

Joe Clark apparently has got tired of fighting for the working class and for Socialism. He is receiving aid from all the reactionary press here in Detroit and, I expect, in many other cities.

Let the Joe Clarks and the Joe Starobins stew in their own juice with all their ilk. The Communist Party cleansed from them all will be the stronger without them.

The Soviet Union is the force all reactionaries would like to see destroyed and with it all Communist parties and especially the Communist Party of the U.S.A., weak as it may seem.

It was weak only because we had members in key positions in the party like the Clarks and other like him.

Let us consecrate ourselves to build the party stronger than ever for peace and socialism in our day. Let us get into the shops and all unions to build up the party among the working class.

BILL McKIE.