

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## Mike Gold's Record

BOSTON.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In your department of Sept. 16 Leah Axelbank writes: I know too the almost insuperable difficulty of holding on to one's principles under capitalism. Mike Gold has done it."

How true! I cannot resist the temptation to remark that I have followed the career of Mike ever since he published his paper, The Flame, here in Boston in 1913. During all these 45 years I have seen intellectual after intellectual flop but Mike's working class integrity always was too firm to be uprooted and his understanding too sound to be shattered. There was never a trace of apostasy in Mike's character.

Viva Miguel!

-P. D.

## Cites Lack of Women In N.Y. City Council

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

I read the articles on the Elizabeth Gurley Flynn campaign in the Daily Worker by Albert Blumberg, William Weinstone, William Z. Foster and others. In none of them was there mentioned the fact that there are no women in the City Council and that a woman representative is needed.

Maybe the reason is that the writers were all men. As a woman canvassing in this campaign I found that the point is important when talking to women voters. The women have their problems of a special nature and they tell you about them if you are willing to listen.

But more than listen—we need to do something on this question. I try to convince them that Elizabeth by her life's example and by what she is doing today and what she stands for is an outstanding representative for women and their needs.

A CANVASSER

Sept. 21, 1957

## Liked Morris Lecture; Sends \$5 to Paper

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

I listened to George Morris' talk on racketeering in the labor movement the other day. Unlike most lectures I listen to after a day's work, I didn't miss a single word of his analysis and admired his ability to carry on despite squeaking of chairs round him.

I am enclosing \$5 for the paper.—S. B. Sept. 18, 1957

## Suggests Raising Subscription Price

CHICAGO

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was very disappointed, not to say alarmed, at the prospect of your paper having to reduce its size to four pages.

It is an indication and proof of how the Left is gradually being crushed and subtly being forced to abrogate whatever influence it may have. In the meantime the Big Business press continues to expand and stultify the American public even further. The big business press is supported by rich people and so has few economic problems.

One suggestion: Why not increase the subscription price for the Daily Worker to a reasonably higher figure?

I sincerely hope you can and will overcome this latest difficulty and do not have to stop publication entirely.—W.E.W.

Sept. 19, 1957

## Cannot Evade Issue Of Anti-Semitism

CHICAGO

Editor, Daily Worker:

When I was 17 I joined the communist movement. There were great wrongs in the world and the Communist Party showed the clean way to solve

these wrongs.

I joined with thousands of others who felt the same way. We worked our lifetimes at many worthwhile projects and accomplished much for the world and our own country.

When the report from the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the USSR came out we learned that many things we had said and defended were wrong.

It is difficult to have continued confidence in an organization that accepted matters in the USSR uncritically as did the Communist Party. I don't absolve myself and others of the blame for not being critical. As individuals, each of us had the responsibility to think sharply. I am determined to stay clear of an organization that in the face of many ugly realities kept quiet. And most unfortunately even today it speaks in a soft voice about these wrongs.

One of these most important wrongs is the anti-Semitism in the USSR. Many questions have addressed to that country by Jewish people, both religious and communists. They have a right to a straight, clear answer. But no such answer has been forthcoming.

When no straight, clear answer is forthcoming people lose confidence in communist parties—especially when they all set to be too quiet on this—and other issues.

The result of this is only to feed Jewish people the feeling that "perhaps it is true after all that the salvation for the Jew lies only in himself. The socialist solution sounds good but just doesn't work in reality." After 6 million have been killed—and just a few years ago at that—many Jews feel like telling anyone or any one group or country that has anti-Semitism that: "Either you strike out against this boldly or you cannot be accepted as a friend of ours."

One has then a right to ask: "Is anti-Semitism a part of the Russian pro-Arab policy? Now the Russians are rightly trying to give aid to the Arab nations' efforts to gain independence. This is good. This is a fight against imperialism. But the anti-Semitism that is part of the Arab nations' propaganda is not good. Is Russia joining in with this? If she isn't then let her make it clear. Let her speak out against this anti-Jewish campaign and let her clean her own house.

I am fully aware of the role of Israel's leaders and their playing along with the imperialists. And as a Jew I will be ready to say that an Israel that works with imperialism, that is not ready to bargain in good faith with its neighbors, that will not consider the humane aspects of the Arab refugees, does not deserve to live. But the Israeli people do not want what their leaders want. They too have a responsibility to make their voices heard in favor of peace.

I'm not asking the Daily Worker to become anti-Soviet. I am not so myself, but it must point out these matters surely and sharply as it points out these matters at home.

Let us examine these problems. Let us examine them without calling people names. To call a name is not to answer a problem. Howard Fast and Joseph Clark and Joseph Starobin have a right to ask questions. They have indeed earned that right. We may or may not agree with them but they deserve a reasoned answer.

If the Communist Party and Daily Worker refuse to answer these questions then they too have no moral right to existence. And believe me this is difficult to write because I am one who went from door to door and risked my life to keep both alive. But this must be said and even



repeated: They will have no right to existence if they are silent on these important issues. Still a friend—tomorrow?

## Supports Cut-Down; Asks Bigger Week-End Paper

GENEVA, Ohio

Editor, Daily Worker:

Your decision on cutting down the Daily Worker is most practical—only instead of four days of the Daily Worker cut it to three and increase the contents of the weekend Worker.

It might also help to increase the weekend Worker price to 25 cents. Considering its contents it's really an economy, since one does not have to buy several other papers during the week.

By all means retain Alan Max, George Morris, Mike Gold and Congressman Dripp. They are outstanding.—J.J.

Sept. 19, 1957

## Ex-Robber Says Hoffa Hired Him

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 — A convicted robber testified today that Teamster vice-president James R. Hoffa hired him as a union business agent just after his release from jail on his promise to be "a scholar and a gentleman."

The witness, Herman Kierdorf, told the Senate rackets committee that Hoffa hired him a month after he left the Ohio penitentiary, where he served a six-year term for armed robbery.

Kierdorf, business agent of Teamsters' Joint Council 43 in Detroit, said he also served a year in Leavenworth in the 1930's for impersonating a Federal officer.

Hoffa is president of the Detroit Joint Council.

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