

SPEAK YOUR PIECE

Indignant at Cuts; Pledges to Build DW

BRONX, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

You asked for the reaction of your readers to your announcement of the drastic curtailment of our press.

At first I was indignant. After a day I calmed down. I knew too well how the fund drive and the subscription drive had been dragging. So I thought that the surgeons who had ordered such a drastic operation knew better than I did that such a course was necessary.

A day or two later I walked into the editorial office of the Daily Worker and found a group discussing the situation. I was asked what I thought about the curtailment. I answered: "I have been telling the supporters of the paper that now is the time to expand our press rather than to curtail it. And I still believe that." One person said he had been telling them that all along, but to no avail.

Then, I asked: "What about the staff of the paper? Will you be able to hold it together with such a drastic cut in the paper?" "No," I was told, "The staff will have to be reduced."

My temperature and blood-pressure went up again, and I am not over it yet. If we cut the staff much more than it has already been cut, we probably

never recruit it again.

However, I know as well as anyone else that sheer optimism and eloquent promotional talk cannot by themselves expand our circulation. It is going to take a lot of honest, hard work of canvassing to build up the circulation. And here is one who is going to apply himself to just that task.

We must get in the funds, of course. But it will take more than money to build our paper and make it into the kind of press we want. A hundred workers such as have been working in the Gurley Flynn campaign can pile up a circulation which will continue to grow indefinitely.

"We have struck bottom," indeed. Let us get to work! Now!

CHARLES J. HENDLEY

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Urges Printing Book Of George Morris' Columns

NEW YORK

Editor, Daily Worker:

I would like to see, published in book form, a collection of George Morris' World of Labor columns. It should prove a valuable and interesting reference work. It just might also receive wide circulation as books on labor problems are popular, at present, in both libraries and book stores.—M.S.

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