

# Letter from the editor—

Dear Readers:

I am happy to shake hands, figuratively speaking, through the pages of this paper with our thousands of readers and friends.

The Worker is really a cooperative enterprise. It doesn't belong to any individual or small group of individuals. It belongs to its readers and supporters all over the country. This paper is yours.

In next week's issue we will celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the Daily Worker. It will also mark the 21st birthday of the weekend Worker.

At age 21 we feel there's much to look back on with pride, but much more to look forward to with youthful eyes and spirit, with courage, vision and dedication to the welfare of the working people of our country.

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**WE OF THE WORKER** staff recognize that the times clamour for change—change in content, in financing, in circulation. First, as to content.

Despite our small staff and limited resources, we are determined to improve The Worker and make it a better, more interesting paper, a stronger fighter for higher living standards, peace, civil liberties and civil rights, for the new socialist society that must replace the insanity and barbarism of the big business profit system.

We've already made a start. Here are some of the new things you've been reading in recent issues:

- Virginia Gardner's series pointing up the dangers of strontium-90 from H-bomb fallout and what the government isn't doing about it.

- Lester Rodney's on-the-spot reports of the big anti-segregation battles in Clinton,

Tenn., and Montgomery, Ala.

- Pro and con discussion of such controversial public issues as the school crisis, foreign economic aid, the Soviet intervention in Hungary, "Baby Doll," the cause of car accidents.

- Milly Salwen's expose of an anti-Soviet forgery published by Life magazine.

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**THESE AND OTHER** recent features are only a beginning. In the near future we'll publish a series on socialism for the U. S. We are working on plans for health and science columns, a women's section, and the regular publication of fiction—possibly a serial.

But all this and much more can't be done by us alone. We need your ideas and suggestions. Please write us and let us know what you'd like to see in The Worker.

Don't hesitate to criticize (or praise) anything you read. Send us clippings from your local papers, write us about events in your community, your shop, your trade union, church or other organization that you think are of general interest.

**And don't forget: to keep our flag flying, to carry out the plans that you and we make, we must put our fund drive over the top and get thousands of additional subs.**

What's The Worker got that Collier's with its 4,000,000-plus circulation and big business financing didn't have? It has YOU—ordinary people whose devotion and work are the paper's life-blood.

In the name of our entire staff, many thanks and congratulations for all you have done the past 21 years. We know you'll keep doing it.

—A. B. MAGIL, Editor.