

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## Soften the Screaming

Editor, Daily Worker:

You ask for criticism.

—Explain why Howard Fast's column has not appeared for several months, ever since he wrote unfavorably of capital punishment and Soviet civil liberties.

—Do not print photographs which reproduce as hazy greys and globs of black. Save the space for news. Perhaps some day you will be able to afford better quality newsprint and engravings.

—When you by-line a story from foreign parts, identify the reporter. You have a "Crankshank" (I forgot the full name and correct spelling) reporting from Poznan. Who is he?

—Crisis! Crisis! Everything in general, and the D. W. exchequer in particular, is perpetually in a state of crisis. Maybe so. But the D. W. reader who is hit repeatedly on the head by your big accusing headlines, front page editorials and frantic fund appeals, becomes understandably numb. Reduce the size of headlines, keep editorials on page 3. Cease the tension. Then when something more terrible than usual happens, the reader will be able to feel the bump on his head.

—I object to book and drama reviews signed at the bottom with somebody's initials. Print the reviewer's name or nothing at all. Don't frustrate the reader. Who is "G. T." or "X.Y.Z." anyhow?

—The above is negative criticism. To show I have my positive side, too, I have put my money where my mouth is. Enclosed is \$10.

—FRANK BELLAMY

ED. NOTE—Like Frank Bellamy, we look forward to Howard Fast resuming his column as soon as he sees his way clear to do so.

## Emphasis on Understanding

Editor, Daily Worker:

The most important concept to arise in definite form, out of the present fundamental discussions, it seems to me, is the belief that Socialism can be achieved by peaceful means in the U. S.

Such an historic result must

be based on two conditions.

First, the growth and strength of socialist and peoples democratic countries must continue to be such as to irrevocably require the recognition of these countries as equal and sovereign by the dominant capitalist forces of the world.

Second, a recognition by the dominant monopoly capital forces in the U. S. that when the time comes, that the American people are ready for socialism, as it inevitably must, that these monopoly capital forces will be forced to accept the conclusion that an armed struggle against the will of the people, at such a juncture, can only result in the overwhelming defeat and obliteration of the forces opposing the people.

Such an important concept as the possibility of peaceful transition requires an important modification in the program and tactics of the Communist Party. The emphasis thus far has been on the obligation of party members to accept an assignment and carry it out as best they could.

What with deterioration in party education and some increase in bureaucratic control over local action, there has been a tendency to carry out mechanically and irresponsibly certain aspects of the party program for peace, Negro rights, civil liberties and support for trade union struggles.

I believe there should continue to be an obligation on the party members to accept assignments for such work, but that the main emphasis should now be the slow, step-by-step, but complete education of party members, never failing to use methods which are vibrant, live and always mentally arresting.—T. H.

## The Right Of Dissent

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed find \$25 from a friend of mine, a "charter reader." He is giving up the "Times," except Sunday, to read the Daily Worker only. I guess that expresses his class view of the press.

Personally, I believe that every American who believes in the right of dissent, regardless of his opinions of the Worker's viewpoint, owes a contribution to maintain its existence, in appreciation of its fight against McCarthyism during the early months of 1953 when it was almost alone in doing so.

—WILLIAM MANDEL.

## Proposes 32-Page Week-End Paper

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is my contribution (\$100) to keep the paper alive.

In sending this contribution and others, I will forward later, I wish to express my support for the position of the paper in the last six or eight months.

However, I believe Brother Gates has to consider the question whether it is better to have a very good weekend paper of, say 32 pages, as against a poor weekend and even poorer daily. It is clear to anyone that we do not have an adequate staff for a daily and weekend paper—nor will we in the immediate future. It is neither adequate in quantity or quality. The greatest weakness is in Foreign Affairs and Washington Comment.

A thorough reshuffling of the entire staff might produce a campaigning weekend paper, national in scope, which will be of better service than our present thinned out compromise. It seems to me that once and for all we should decide to break with the rigid dogma that we are publishing a competitive daily newspaper (the broadening of the sports news in a paper of eight pages is an absurdity.)

We need a newspaper of opinion. News we will get where we have always gotten it—from the commercial press. From you we want analysis—and proposals for action. For this we need first rate writers and thinkers. The fact that we do not even have a Washington columnist is proof we cannot cover even in minimum that which needs covering. Clark simply is not adequate to the enormous job of world news analysis.

Your job is to help hammer out a scientific Socialist position for this country in the coming period. Maybe this can be better accomplished by a good weekly than a poor daily.—B.M.L.

## Camera 3 Continues Its Study of William Faulkner

American short story writer and novelist Katherine Anne Porter will probe into writer William Faulkner's contribution to American literature when she guests on "Camera Three," Sunday, Oct. 14 (CBS TV Channel 2, 11:30 a.m.).

Miss Porter is the author of "Flowering Judas," "Pale Horse, Pale Rider," "The Leaning Tower" and "The Days Before."