

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## Don't Sit This Out

Editor, Daily Worker:

In reply to J. L. in Tuesday's Daily, I say that sitting out this election will cut us off further from organized labor and also permit the reactionaries to elect their candidates. We should work and vote for Stevenson.

Stevenson is clearly superior to Eisenhower on the H-bomb, civil liberties and his position towards labor. He is much better than Ike regarding desegregation and every other issue with the sole exception of the cold war.

Furthermore, we must keep in mind that this may be a contest not between Stevenson and Eisenhower, but between Stevenson and Nixon. If Stevenson is defeated, we may find Nixon in the White House as a result of

Eisenhower being unfortunately stricken by another heart attack.

—C. J.

## Pravda and the Polish Press

Editor, Daily Worker:

The one-paragraph brushoff, in your editorial of Oct. 22, of the serious criticism of the Polish press by Pravda is a rather dubious way to express an "independent" Marxist position. Pravda was quite specific in its criticism. According to the article in the Daily, they cite as examples of anti working class and anti-Marxist thinking the articles of Florcak and Putrament, plus a Belgian journalist

Lambilutte. The quotations as printed in the Daily Worker are convincing evidence of what Pravda says about them.

Florcak advances, instead of the slogan "Workers of the world unite" a new concept "the universal human being". No matter how you study this proposition it is a negation of the class struggle.

If you agree with the idea that all who walk on two feet are human, it equates Walters, Eastland, and McCarthy with the leaders of the working class. Why, we are all humans together, Ford and Bill McKie, Nixon and Bill Foster, even Hearst and Johnnie Gates. Such rot may appeal to those who, as Pravda put it, try to shake the pillars of the Socialist system, but certainly it cannot be described as Marxism or as a weapon in the class struggle.

Then there is the position of Putrament to the effect that Socialism in Poland is a failure. One would expect that in a press devoted to Socialism his first words would be a ringing call for making Socialism work. But no, it is true, as Pravda puts it, that the word Socialism got stuck in his throat.

Pravda says that there are many more examples that could be given. It seems to me that these two are enough to prove its point.

How then does it happen that the Daily Worker could brush aside so lightly the evidence cited by Pravda? It is a simple matter; more and more "freedom

of criticism" means freedom to criticize the comrades in the Soviet Union and freedom from criticism by the comrades in the Soviet Union. It seems that the slogan "there are many roads to socialism" is used to hide the proposition that "there are many roads away from Marxism Leninism".

GEORGE SANDY

[Ed Note: Krushchev has already apologized to Gomulka for the Pravda attack and has promised that Pravda will reprint Polish newspaper replies.]

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## Headline Criticized

Editor, Daily Worker:

We wish to tell you we feel enraged about the destructive headline in the DW of Oct. 22 about the situation in Poland.

We feel that this way of handling the news is additional disruptive work amongst the party and its sympathizers. Why must we emulate the anti-Soviet, anti-socialist press?

How far do you intend to go with such discouraging work?

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[Ed. Note: The headline in question said:

Eyewitness Report From Warsaw  
POLES CHEER MOVES  
TOWARD DEMOCRACY  
Demonstrate For Independence,  
Friendly Ties With USSR

It was based on a first-hand report from the London Daily Worker correspondent in Warsaw.]