

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## N. Y. Post's Definition

Editor, Daily Worker:

The New York Post says that when Communists start criticizing Russians they "cease to be Communists in the modern sense of the word."

Once, although I don't for a minute offer this as an exact analogy, it was said that when Christians began criticizing Rome, they were no longer Christians.

The fact is that the Post is being silly. The Chinese Communists, the Poles, the Yugoslavs, Americans . . . none of these movements, from the very greatest to the very smallest, are either going to disavow their principles or fade away because the New York Post has decreed that they are no longer Communist if and when they dissent from some Soviet policy.

I suggest an amendment to the Post's statement, which should read that Communists have ceased to be Communists "in the former sense of the words." The sooner the Post and others renovate their conceptions of what a Communist is, is not and can yet be, the less they will stub their toes on the threshold of the future.

— B. W.

Feb. 14, 1957

## Hershel Meyer's Analysis

Editor, Daily Worker:

Robert Friedman's review of Hershel Meyer's book, *The Krushchev Report and the Crisis in the American Left*, was a mean attack. Meyer's work upheld the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism.

It is not Meyer's book that is a "parody of Marxist analysis" but Friedman's reviews. I, together with a group of comrades, many of them schooled Marxists, read Meyer's book twice. We found none of the contradictions Friedman talks about. On the contrary, it clarified for us a great many issues and problems.

Nevertheless, congratulations on your fairmindedness for printing W. L. Patterson's excellent

evaluation of Meyer's profound analysis alongside Friedman's. And here is \$5 with the hope that you will continue presenting the other side, i.e., printing letters at variance with your position.

—A. B. L.

Feb. 6, 1957

## Happy About C.P. Convention

Feb. 14, 1957.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Let us all take note of the date: Feb. 12, 1957. It holds a special meaning for all of us. For it was the day when the Communist Party, U.S.A., issued its Declaration of Independence. It will go down in the history of our party as one of its finest moments.

For despite its small numbers, government persecution, and confusion, the CP is in its strongest position in years. Because we are moving ahead! We are no longer subordinating our consciences to the deeds and misdeeds of other nations, but are living in complete accord with them. We have once again taken our position in the shaping of American history, to devote ourselves solely to the shaping of our country toward the aims of social justice, racial and equality, and Jeffersonian freedom. We are casting off the shackles of opportunism and narrow thinking which inevitably thrive when thinking is subordinate to conformity, and, let us hope, are ready and willing for action.

The NAACP's Roy Wilkins and Dave Dubinsky of the ILGWU were quick to condemn us the other day when hearing of our new policies. In all truthfulness, they have good reason. It is up to every one of us to prove to those whose aims are basically humanitarian as our own that we mean what we say, in our speech and literature, and in our activity. The American

people are going to identify with us because we are finally willing to identify solely with them, and speak their language, as the DW is doing so eloquently now.

Every American wants to raise his family in security, abundance and peace, in an atmosphere of love and not hatred. He seeks dignity and acceptance as all human beings do. The CP will be marching with him, and encouraging him to march, and teaching him what he is marching for. Black and White, Christian and Jew, liberal, radical, pacifist and independent Socialist, going forward to carve out of a country whose achievements have been not insufficient, a land of peace, equality and plenty.

Every member of the Communist Party will be finding many new friends now, if he proves himself worthy of the words of the convention, that we will develop Socialism "in accordance with the requirements of the American class struggle and democratic traditions."

Let us start working, by building our truly fine DW, by working democratically and zealously in our party, by participating in the momentous struggle for Negro freedom in the North as well as the South, by strengthening labor unions, by reviving our tottering youth groups who are waiting to be reorganized (LYL or something new), and by living our daily lives in accord with the high principles and ideals we hold. We will double and triple our size with ease, the size of this, our own, Communist Party, U.S.A.

—Group of Young and Adult Progressives.

P.S. The daily box explaining some aspect of Socialism is a good idea so is more daily coverage by Lester Rodney, and a personal column by Johnny Gates.

## Atom-for-Peace Plan Said To Face Fight in Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 — Re- . . . member the U. S. would supply