

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## For A "New America"

Editor, Daily Worker:

The time for procrastination has run out. Events on the national scene are rapidly heading for a showdown come Nov. 6. Are we and our paper going to continue the endless campaign discussion of "what to do and when to do it?" It's time that our paper offered leadership and exhorted our supporters to get behind the election of Stevenson and Kefauver.

We all have our reservations regarding these men and the Democratic Party—yet reservations and complacency never altered the course of history. Only being part of their campaign, part of their organization and partisan supporters, can we make a change for the better in their programs.

Go and canvass your neighbors for Stevenson and Kefauver! Find out how and what they think on the issues. Let your district leader know that Stevenson supporters want permanent peace, full support to the Supreme Court's desegregation decision, a truly "New Deal" for the working man.

This is the "grass-root pressure" that will help remove the reservations we have toward the leading candidates.

Let's all get up from our seats and start pushing doorbells for a "New America."—P. R.

## Deeply Disturbed

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have been very much disturbed at the attitude of most progressives since the Stalin criticism. After returning from the summer vacation and finding many Left organizations, both political and otherwise, folding for lack of funds and interest, I started wondering what is the matter with the progressives in the U. S.

Now especially now it's time to support the Jefferson School and the Worker. No matter what criticism we have, we have no right to allow the only means of our expression to cease. Are we really progressives and interested in the welfare of our movement or just feigning interest? We should put our wholehearted effort behind these causes. Sometimes discussion can wait and action is necessary!

Are we going to allow the progressive movement to fail now when we need it most? Can

we let the criticism of one leader, no matter how important, alter our wonderful belief in human beings and in socialism. The answer is definitely no.

Something should be done immediately to insure the future of the progressive movement.

—W. L.

## 'Accept One Thing at a Time'

Editor, Daily Worker:

I wish to take exception to the resolution which was passed at the recent national conference relating to the invitation from the U. S. Government to the Soviet Government to observe the American political elections. This may be an unimportant question of tactics, but I think the resolution is symptomatic of what we would like to see and not "what is." If this is the "new look" that we can expect in the future, then apparently all the deliberations and months of discussions which the membership and leadership have conducted have been for the purpose of talking about "different approaches," etc., but in reality will continue to function in the same "old look" manner.

Here we have for the first time our government issuing an invitation to the Soviet government asking them to send observers during our elections. Whatever the national conference may have thought was the motive, we are making ourselves look ridiculous in the eyes of the

American people by asking for ridiculous things. We speak of the necessity of allying ourselves with the aspirations of the American people. By attaching three provisions for investigations into the Southern policies of voting, for meeting with Senate election investigating committees, and difficulties of minority parties, we completely nullify the entire invitation made by our government. I agree that the points raised by the national conference are good and valid points, but by attaching it to the resolution commending the government, it destroys the positive aspects of the commendation.

Why are we in such a hurry to assume for ourselves what is rightfully within the province of the Soviet government, if they should wish to do so. Why can't we accept one thing at a time? This is a good step in the right direction, whatever the motive—let us greet it as such.

I have always felt that we consider ourselves so principled that sometimes we lose the principle in our anxiety to guarantee purity for ourselves and to prevent any criticism in our ranks. This is a good example of starting off with the left foot forward.

I wish to also at this time commend Joe North for the beautiful written column in last week's Sunday Worker on his reactions to the school situation in the South.—G. L.

## October 'Jewish Life' Packed With Timely Articles

Vital material on developments in the American-Jewish community, as well as analyses of the Suez situation and its relationship to Israel, and facts on Soviet-Yiddish culture are all to be found in the October issue of Jewish Life.

"How Jews Voted in United States History" is discussed in an article-review of Dr. Lawrence H. Fuchs important recent book on The Political Behavior of American Jews. Morris U. Schappes, who reviews the book, reports that Dr. Fuchs deals with and answers many questions that have been discussed in the American-Jewish community such as: In what sense is there a Jewish vote? Why are Jews known as political independents, oriented more to issues than to parties? Why do minority parties attract Jewish voters?

In addition to this timely re-

view, Dr. Louis Harap discusses the current election outlook, the program of the two parties, and the role that the independent, liberal forces must play in this coming election.

Another article-review, "Judaism and Social Action," should prove interesting to individuals and organizations concerned with community action. The book, reviewed by Elihu Bernstein, was published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and written by Rabbi Eugene Lipman and Albert Vorspan. The approach of the authors is indicated by the following quote: "A synagogue which isolates itself from the fundamental issues of social justice confronting the community and the nation is false to the deepest traditions and values of the Jewish heritage. . . ."

The book and the review deal with the changing Jewish community and the application of the spiritual values of the Jewish people to this changing community.