

# Dear Editor

## Letters from Readers

### More on Mike Gold And Howard Fast

CLEVELAND, Ohio.

Dear Editor:

Mike Gold in his article "About Howard Fast" in the Sunday Worker abandons reason and principle. Attacking Howard Fast's interview with the N. Y. Times, Mike Gold says, "Defending the Jews against Stalin, as Fast says he is doing, he finds himself a fellow-traveller of Harry Schwartz and the N. Y. Times. They are among those who have built General Speidel, the Hitler general now in command of our allied anti-Soviet armies in Europe." Perhaps Howard Fast did err in granting his exclusive interview to the N. Y. Times. Does this make him a comrade of "the Hitler General" or a proponent of "anti-Soviet armies in Europe?"

I too feel with Gold that "Everything seems trivial today when it is placed under the shadow of the fiery mushroom cloud that threatens to wipe out the human race." But how can this mushroom cloud be dispersed? Can it be done by standing on a narrow pedestal and in blind fury throwing stones on all who decline to so perch themselves? Name calling and guilt by association are weapons of the desperate and ideologically bankrupt. Let's use the columns of The Worker to inspire confidence in people's ability to rise above their differences in the interest of Peace.

HUSKY MACHINIST

### Calls Prosperity Modern-Day Myth

NEW YORK.

Dear Editor:

Whenever I read about the current prosperity ending, I gag. Maybe middle-class prosperity, but for the workers just enough to get you through the week till next week's pay check. This current prosperity can't end for the workers it never started for.

Harvey Sevados in the "Nation" of Aug. 17, points this out. In an

article called "The Myth of the Happy Worker," he points out that an average automobile worker, one of the best paid factory workers, makes two bucks an hour. He asks "surely it would be more to the point to ask how a family man can get by in the 50s on that kind of income." He goes on to say "the men with whom I worked on the assembly line last year felt like trapped animals." Just try to imagine what living is like for a Negro worker, who makes less or for a Mexican-American, Puerto Rican or unskilled worker.

Let's have articles in the paper from worker-writers, guys who know the lash of the boss. The Worker has an obligation to the working class. Let it fulfill it by exploding the lies of "current prosperity" and printing articles like Sevados' or the recent one on Steel by Sam Kushner.

LEW B.

### Youth Delinquency Article Found Lacking Direction

CHICAGO, Ill.

Dear Editor:

About The Worker feature article on youth and delinquency by Styles (Aug. 18 issue): The method of reporting some of the specific problems and local reactions is good; but the article lacks the most important thing—a clear direction.

Yes, some "answers" are given—but they're incomplete. The last sentence ("change society") which should have been the prelude to a positive summation leaves the reader dangling.

Couldn't some of our Communist sociologists, youth, etc., have gotten their heads together and added this vital missing element?

To me this is another example of our prevalent failure to apply specific Marxist analyses to our capitalist social contradictions.

How about a follow-up article along this line?

SAM G.