

# SPEAK YOUR PIECE

## Aims of Ike's Doctrine

Editor Daily Worker:

Over a century ago the Monroe Doctrine made its debut upon the stage of world politics. It enabled the U. S. capitalists to establish themselves as privileged investors in all the countries to the South of the Rio Grande. The majority of native inhabitants of that vast area to this day, remain low-paid peons while the natural resources of their countries continue to be carried away to swell the treasuries of the U. S. investors. Most of those countries most of the time have been, some still are, ruled by dictatorial military governments well liked in Washington for keeping their own peoples illiterate and docile for exploitation.

Sometime between 1902-07 Theodore Roosevelt doctrine of the "Big Stick" was applied to the Republic of Colombia forcing it to cede part of its territory to Panama for the building of the canal and actually forbidding Colombia to transport troops to Panama. He sent warships and landed marines to en-

force his "Big Stick" command.

Nine years ago the Truman Doctrine was launched with four main objectives: 1) political domination of Europe for preventing the adoption of socialism by any country that came within its sphere of influence; 2) economic domination of Europe by insisting on "free access" to its markets by American "free enterprise"; 3) taking over of European colonies; 4) preparation of bases for war against the USSR. These objectives already have been nearly accomplished. Britain and France have steadily become helpless before the expansionist drives of U. S. imperialist interests. A process of transfer of imperialist rule from those two old world colonial powers is in full swing. Need to "fill a power vacuum" is the way this play of aggressive expansionism is being sold to the American people in order to keep them quiet and make them go on paying without limits.

Step by step the aims of this doctrine were expanded until now the U.S. is acting the role of sabre-rattling, massive retaliatory policeman of the world. Billions of dollars have been

poured out in frenzied efforts to permanently establish the U. S. as a kind of self-appointed law-giver to the entire world. At home the consequences of the doctrine have been extremely harmful to civil liberties; appropriations for military purposes keep on mounting; those for public works, education, housing, health projects and services are kept at low minimum levels.

Today the Eisenhower Doctrine has just been announced. It seems that its most immediate objective is to eliminate what remains of British and French holdings in North Africa and French holdings in North Africa and Arabian territories. The imperialism practiced in the 19th century by the capitalist powers of Europe did pay them high material rewards, but in the 20th century with millions of former colonial peoples awakening to be masters of their own destinies, American imperialism has no future, only unjustifiable driving of the people to pay, and pay dearly in blood and treasure. Is this what they want to pass on to their descendants?

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## Asks Stronger Leadership

DETROIT

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have just read the majority and minority reports of the New York State Committee of the C.P.

I believe the proposals for changing the form and name of the Communist Party are premature; major weaknesses of content have first to be corrected before proper forms can be judged.

For example, we first have to learn how to stand on our own two feet ideologically; we have to begin the solution of problems of American paths to Socialism and American economics; we have first to win the battle for a democratic organization that also has punch.

At the present stage of the discussion, perhaps the most important thing the national convention can do is to elect a stronger leadership, bringing forward new blood that has proved its worth and retiring those who have least learned the lessons of the past year.

Only the strongest and most popular possible leadership that we can muster will be able to lead us in the solution of these

deep problems and grave weaknesses.

It seems to me that this would greatly increase the ability, popularity and scientific level of the national leadership while greatly decreasing its sectarianism.

—A DEVOTED DAILY  
READER FROM MICH.

## More Roses For Colon

SAN FRANCISCO.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Just wrote to the People's World that Mr. Jesus Colon's 12-25 column should be reprinted and that many of his columns are suitable for West coast readership. I have to admit, when we get our weekly batch of DWs from the store the first thing is for me to look for the Tuesday edition and read Mr. Colon's column. Except for Virginia Gardner, we also do not hear enough by her, the other writers lack the humanist approach. High phrases with difficult words cannot build up subscriptions. Our aim is not to stay a mutual admiration society.

We of course contribute heavily to the PW fund drives and appeals, but one rose just got to go to Mr. Colon. —A FRIEND