

Speak Your Piece

Cleared Up Some Cobwebs

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I feel that John Gates made a very good impression in Boston, at the Ford Hall Forum a few weeks ago. It isn't easy to face an audience that has been conditioned for years with slanted news.

Gates made some important contributions to the thinking of many people. His emphasis on peace and peaceful coexistence helped to clear up a few cobwebs. His opponent, Granville Hicks, scored more applause at the beginning of the debate but the applause for Gates gained in momentum as he spoke for peace.

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P.S. Enclosed is \$5 toward the appeal of Steve Nelson. I'll try to get others to do likewise.

Message from Jewish Currents

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LOUIS HARAP

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Denies Gates Was Misquoted

NEW YORK.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Frank L. in his letter in the Daily Worker (Dec. 2) said that Harry Mann's letter (D.W., Nov. 28) "shockingly misrepresents the facts."

Harry Mann, like the rest of us who were not in Ford Hall the night John Gates spoke there, must rely on the Daily Worker for testimony as to what was said in that hall. Curiosity led me to check back on Mann's letter and the Daily's report. According to the D.W. (Nov. 28) editor Gates said: "As an American, I would like to see my country take the lead and say we will stop the tests first. As a Communist, I would like to see the Soviet Union, a socialist country, do it first." It is this bit of Gates' speech that Mann quotes. What then does Mann "shockingly misrepresent"?

Frank L. objects to what he calls "the snide and hostile tone" of Mann. Mann was honestly hostile to Gates' expressed position. Is Frank L. as honest when he accuses Mann of misrepresentation?

Since John Gates chose to divide himself into two parts—his American part and his Communist part—I wonder whether he will appreciate the efforts of Frank L. to rescue him. It seems to me that he has taken his position and will agree that Mann has not misrepresented it. For myself, I prefer an unhyphenated American Communist position which places the blame for continued nuclear bomb testing on our own imperialist government—a government which has refused to accept Soviet offers to begin the ban on the bombs by banning the tests—now!

ARTHUR.

P. S. Enclosed a lonely buck for the fund drive. More to come.