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Readers also write

Loaded Terms

I am not sure that the commentaries on current sociological terms (editorial, "Loaded Terms," September) really are a service to the cause you espouse.

If the author of the piece, "Capitalistic Society," had restricted his observations to the *economy,* thus ending with the words—"there is no other kind of economy"—he would have a couple of legs to stand on. As it is, however, the writer of the article is blowing the horn of the Marxists because he reveals a purely economic inner approach to social and historical problems.

Human society, I am sure you will agree, vastly extends beyond the realm of Economics and Business. It must be nourished inwardly and rejuvenated by fresh ideas, *not* stemming from business instincts at all, but from man's higher inner life; and this, in turn, needs for its healthier growth the existence of an independent, *second* domain of society, one in which human thought has a chance to create institutions of learning, art and religion, entirely free from either commercial or political subservience . . .

New York, N. Y. H. J. RITSCHER

A healthy phobia makes a man a strong fighter, but a blind phobia may lead him only to run upon his adversary's pike. I wonder sometimes whether the editor of the FREEMAN is not in danger of that fate. This reflection is emphasized in my mind by the paragraph on "collective bargaining" under "Loaded Terms" . . .

What is a corporation but a collection of investors to buy, *inter alia,* labor? And if these investors may associate together to buy labor, certainly those who have labor to sell may associate together to sell it. If collective bargaining is something other than "a meeting of minds among men actuated by reason and mutual respect," it is due to the fact that most men will corrupt any function if they have the opportunity to gain what they believe to be an advantage for themselves.

The evils presently associated with collective bargaining are not inherent in collective bargaining, but it seems to me, are due largely to resistance by collective buyers of labor to collective sellers of labor, in trying to deny to wage earners a privilege which they themselves were exercising.

If we should attack and destroy every method which men have sometime or another managed to corrupt, there would be no methods left to us.

New York, N. Y. MURRAY T. QUIGG

Passion for Suicide?

I have read the article in the FREEMAN for August entitled "The Fashion for Fear," and I should like to say that in my opinion the article is dangerous to the security of the United States . . . it would consign millions of people living in the American target cities to certain doom because it seems to the author like just too much trouble to figure out how they can be safely moved elsewhere.

Moreover, the article makes the fundamental error that somehow a dead American citizen who didn't try to run away from destruction and who accepts certain death is more patriotic than the person who takes thought to save himself and to be an asset . . . to the nation.

I cannot quite understand how those of you who are so anxious to have an atomic war with the Russian and Chinese Communists are also so violently opposed to civil defense measures that will be effective. I can only conclude that you are motivated by some strange passion for national suicide.

FRANK P. ZEIDLER, Mayor

Milwaukee, Wisc.

I want to thank you for publishing the article, "The Fashion for Fear," by Paul Jones. It is most timely.

I was living in Paris at the time of its occupation by the Germans in June 1940. The mass evacuation by the inhabitants was most deplorable. It was reported that fifty thousand of the fleeing populace were bombed from the air by the enemy as they moved south. Many more perished en route and were buried where they fell.

MRS. BELLE TRACY SMITH

Los Angeles, Calif.

Paul Jones . . . forfeited his opportunity to contribute to straight thinking when he dismissed, as a minor irritant, the thing which gave rise to the CD plan of which he disapproves.

Dr. Ralph E. Lapp has written a series of articles in which he pleads for more candor from the AEC and at the same time utilizes the meager data released by the AEC to outline the probable magnitude of the fall-out hazard. His calculations do not support Mr. Jones' views, even though later releases from the AEC make Dr. Lapp's picture seem a little conservative.

Regardless of the political overtones of the moment we *must* face reality—

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