*As we go to press, we note that Gar Aperovitz, an active participant in the decision to bomb Hiroshima, claims that President Truman and others "knew that the bomb was not needed to end the war or to save American lives." His newly-published work, "Atomic Diplomacy," was reviewed by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, (New Mexico) in the N.Y. Times Book Review, 7-18-65. As a member of Truman's cabinet he disagreed with Aperovitz' "evaluation." He pays a tribute to the author as a "responsible" and "knowledgeable" man. This book, published by Simon and Schuster, $7.50, should make interesting reading.

From Our Mail Bag

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July 1, 1965

Dear Friend Benson:

...The enclosed issues of the WS have articles dealing with the SLP and I believe they should clear up much of what puzzles you as to our differences with that Party. If not, feel free to ask further.

As to your second question. The first thing to bear in mind when considering the nature of a socialist society is this: there can be no socialism without democracy, any more than there can be genuine democracy without socialism. Obviously, facilities will exist to express all points of view. But, *and this is important,* conflicts of ideas which arise in our times because of the division of society on a class basis will obviously not exist. Not because legislation against it will be necessary, however, but because the very basis upon which such antagonisms are reared will not exist.

But suppose — you may wish to argue -- that there does exist a small group of people within socialism who wish to devote their lives to bringing about a return to class society. Fine! Such persons will find out soon enough that in order to have class divisions and — above all — a system of capitalism, the prime ingredient will be missing. Where are the dispossessed? The multitude who own nothing but their ability to toil with brain and brawn and who must find a buyer for such ability or starve? Without them, those who would advocate a return to capitalism would be but idle dreamers — "utopians" of a reverse order. What can such advocates possibly offer that is not readily obtainable?

For the first time in history mankind will be released from the need to struggle for a bare living and will have the time and opportunity to develop all of their faculties.

Hope this answers your question.

Cordially,

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