

ensued. The crazed youth out-  
ran the pursuers who eventually  
caught up with him as he dashed  
into his home at 38 Parallel St.  
Police were prohibited from enter-  
ing the house and arresting the  
fugitive until officials could ascer-  
tain how many votes might be  
lost this fall by such aggressive  
police tactics.

Manhattan.

### A Fair Chance Asked For the Acting Mayor.

By Rev. Frank Peer Beal.

Regardless of who becomes the  
next Mayor, it is encouraging for  
the large number of independent  
Democrats to know they can vote  
for a good man with experience  
without being forced to support a  
candidate, however capable, hand-  
picked by men we do not respect.

Why not try out the Acting  
Mayor for a full term? Perhaps  
instead of tarring all policemen  
with the same feather, we can  
protect the honest patrolman and  
rebuke the guilty officer, who may  
be higher up. Let's give Impel-  
litter a chance.

Brooklyn.

### We Bow With Thanks And Hope to Continue.

By Viola Dariak.

Just a note to congratulate you  
on your fine editorials. Also for  
printing the truth on the "Police  
Scandal."

Also special congratulations to  
Mr. Talburt, your cartoonist.

Keep up the swell work, make  
those editorials clear and concise.  
Leave out the dictionary words.  
John Q. Public is a plain guy.

Woodside, L. I.

## Korean War Russian Threat

which now is arming as fast as it  
can.

The United Nations was able to  
act swiftly because of the Russians'  
own stubbornness. They had walked  
out over the issue of seating the  
Chinese Communists - and there  
was no Russian present to throw  
in a veto on the fateful day when  
America asked the U.N. to join in  
armed intervention in Korea. By  
the time Jacob Malik got back into  
the Security Council all the  
necessary action had been taken,  
and he found himself confronted  
by a bloc of democratic nations  
which not only talked tough but  
already had approved some tough  
plans.

The next ten years are not going  
to be easy for Americans, Britons,  
French and citizens of all other  
nations who will pay high taxes  
and support large armies. The  
Western world has reconciled itself  
to staying in a state of mobiliza-  
tion.

But those years are not going to  
be easy for the Communists either.  
The worst thing that happens to  
leaders in the democracies is that  
they resign or are voted out of  
office. The Communists prefer a  
more drastic treatment.

World Telegram & Sun Monday Oct. 9 1950 p.22

## Sterling North

### Reviews the Books

#### THE PROUD AND THE FREE.

By Howard Fast. Little Brown.  
311 pp. \$3.

This is the story of a mutiny  
likely to incite future mutinies. It  
is a shameless appeal to prejudice  
if not to treason, and one of the  
most scandalous per-  
versions of  
American

#### A Fast Tale Is Also Furious

history ever caught skulking be-  
hind the jacket of a novel.

It glamorizes the mutiny of the  
Pennsylvania line at Morristown,  
N. J., in January, 1781, an occa-  
sion so nearly fatal to the Amer-  
ican cause that Sir Henry Clinton  
believed for a time that it meant  
the collapse of the Revolution.

To list the glaring historical  
errors in this novel would take a  
book of equal length. As I write  
this review without sound and  
sight of the soldiers' huts south  
of Morristown, where the mutiny  
occurred, I cannot believe that the  
author has more than the vaguest  
knowledge of the terrain, the per-  
sonalities or the issues involved.  
And what facts he has used have  
been twisted beyond recognition.

There is no doubt that the  
Pennsylvania line had real griev-  
ances. Their pay was in arrears.  
Many who thought they had en-  
listed for three years found that  
they had enlisted for the duration.  
The food was inadequate. And  
what particularly incensed the  
men was the fact that they hadn't  
been getting their rum ration. An  
accurate and objective picture of  
this fairly orderly uprising can be  
found in Carl Van Doren's *Mutiny*  
in January. Needless to say, it has  
little in common with Howard  
Fast's violent and prejudiced piece  
of propaganda.

No letter, memoir or scrap of  
written evidence has come down  
to us from any of the mutineers  
themselves. And yet Fast does not  
hesitate to give the impression  
that most of this material is from  
such sources.

To give you some idea of the  
Fast approach to "history," there  
is not a single instance in this  
book of a decent officer, nor of a  
less-than-noble soldier of the  
Pennsylvania line. Next to the  
"officer gentry" the author saves  
his most scurrilous epithets for the  
"Yankees" who, it seems, ran  
away at every encounter while the  
"Foreign Brigades" stood firm.

The Pennsylvania regiments  
were only in part foreign born.  
They were almost as American as  
the New England regiments, de-  
spite the German-speaking, Scotch-  
Irish and other recruits. But to  
paint the Pennsylvania line as  
principally made up of Jews, Cath-  
olics, Negroes, Poles and other  
minorities is sheer perversion of  
the truth as anyone who has ex-  
amined the muster-rolls can tes-  
tify.

No doubt there were brave men

of all these minorities who stood  
and died valiantly, as they certain-  
ly did in all of America's  
later wars. They should be  
remembered with pride. But to  
say "(the Yankees) ran away but  
we stood and died" is not only a  
prevarication, but the rankest  
kind of Anglo-Saxon baiting. Nor  
did the later mutinous Pennsylv-  
ania line outfight their New  
England brothers at "New York,  
White Plains, Trenton, Monmouth  
and Stony Point" as Fast implies.

Fast missed no possible oppor-  
tunity in this book to fan violent  
racial, religious and class prej-  
udice: Catholic against Protestant,  
Jew against Gentile, Negro against  
white, region against region, class  
against class and above all soldier  
against officer.

He makes it appear that the of-  
ficers were living in riotous luxury  
in the "fine and genteel houses"  
around the camp. With the ex-  
ception of the Peter Kemble house,  
there were few "fine and genteel  
houses" in the immediate area,  
and except for Anthony Wayne  
himself, the officers were for the  
most part living in huts almost  
identical with those of the soldiers  
as Fast could have discovered by  
examining the authentic repro-  
ductions now on the site.

#### Hates All "Gentry."

Of the "patroons" of New Jersey  
(Fast seems a little confused out  
here beyond the Hudson) the two  
most prominent gentlemen were  
Major Gen. Stirling, a very loyal  
American officer, and William Liv-  
ingston, the Revolutionary Gov-  
ernor of New Jersey. With the ex-  
ception of Peter Kemble himself,  
the "Tory gentry" around Morris-  
town were exceedingly unimpor-  
tant.

Perhaps the major injustice in  
the book is the slanderous por-  
trait of Gen. (Mad Anthony)  
Wayne, pictured as barbarously  
cruel, foolhardy (rather than  
brave), arrogant, dictatorial and  
stupid. Fast found it necessary  
in this case to splash his mud on one  
of America's outstanding heroes.

Gen. Wayne had to try to main-  
tain discipline. But the picture  
of the General personally order-  
ing the chief protagonist of this  
book to bayonet his best friend  
is calumny. Wayne's correspond-  
ence is simply loaded with pleas  
for redress of his men's grievances.  
Probably no officer of the Rev-  
olution was more concerned with  
the welfare of his men or acted  
with more bravery and good sense  
when they mutinied.

The truth seems to be that Fast  
has written about a "Marxian"  
revolution decades before Marx  
was born. He has made a simple  
demand for redress of grievances  
into a socialist uprising. Moscow  
should be happy to make this  
book required reading in all  
Soviet schools.

### Richard L. Gabay

A funeral service was held  
for Richard L. Gabay, 72, 1  
of the auction firm of Ka  
Gabay, at the Riverside C  
Amsterdam Ave. and 76th S  
Gabay, one of New York  
time auctioneers, died Satur  
Mount Sinai Hospital.

### Christian G. Scheurer

Christian G. Scheurer, 62,  
of the Scheurer cemetery,  
ment business in Astoria, di  
terday in Boulevard Hospit  
toria.

### Mrs. Sara G. Gordon

Mrs. Sara Glaser G  
mother-in-law of Assistant  
trict Attorney Aaron E. Ko  
Kings County, died yester  
Shore Road Hospital, Bklyn  
a long illness. Mrs. Gordon  
at 4288 Bedford Ave., B'klyn

## Why Not Be

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## Deaths

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Reposing Thomas M. Quinn &  
Funeral Home, 162-14 Sanford  
Flushing, L. I. until Tuesday, 9

FABRI-FRANCIS F. on Oct. 8,  
Wilmington, Vt., formerly of  
beloved husband of Jessie (nee  
and devoted father of Arthur  
Fabri.

Services at the E. C. Walde  
for Funerals, 7614 Fourth Ave.  
Tuesday, 8 p. m. Interment pri

LUDWIG-BERTHOLD A. of V  
N. J. on Oct. 8, 1950. Beloved  
of Martha Ludwig and father of  
H. Alfred O., and Richard E.  
Service at Presbyterian Church  
field, Tuesday, Oct. 10th, at 2

RIEGER-DORA  
Funeral from Walter B. Co  
Funeral Home, 117 West 72nd E  
Tuesday, 2 P. M.

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