Petition: In Defense of the French Victims of de Gaulle's Repression

It is with deep concern that Americans have learned that the de Gaulle government has continued and deepened its repression. In the past week students and workers have been killed by the brutal actions of the specially trained riot police. The government has banned demonstrations and warned that any would be "pitilessly" suppressed.

In addition, the de Gaulle government has banned and outlawed revolutionary student and labor organizations, and arrested some of their leaders. Up to sixty foreign journalists have been expelled from France.

The scope and gravity of these actions against the French people are further revealed with reports that de Gaulle is now preparing a coalition with right wing fascist generals.

In the light of this deteriorating situation, and the threat to the rights and well-being of the French people, we Americans who solidarize with the just struggle of the French workers and farmers and students and with the victims of the de Gaulle repression call upon the Government of France to:

1) Immediately lift the ban on the proscribed political organizations.
2) Release immediately all political prisoners.
3) Re-affirm the right of free access of foreign journalists to France.
4) Immediately end its brutal repression of demonstrations and its attacks on the civil liberties of the French people.

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