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By Charles Denby, Editor

### Workers Are Part of American People

As I was watching and listening to President Kennedy on his news program, where he was saying that we cannot afford another steel strike like the last one because this country is just emerging from a recession, I had to ask myself "emerging from what recession?" Unemployment is still high and workers are being laid off every day in the plant where I work. I am told time and time again about continuing lay-offs in other plants. Kennedy can not pretend to have the interest of workers at heart when he gives that as the reason for opposing a strike.

#### KENNEDY'S SECRETARY OF LABOR

Every intervention made by his Secretary of Labor, Arthur Goldberg, into strikes, was for the purpose of breaking the strike and getting the workers back on the job. I have not read or heard of one statement that he has made in support of the workers in any case.

They say that he intervened to protect the interest of the Government, and the American people. When I hear this kind of talk it makes me realize that the workers on strike and the working class as a whole are not part of the American people in their way of thinking. Goldberg has stated that workers have not felt the full affects of Automation yet. What this means is that more and more Automation will be introduced into factories, and more and more workers will be out of jobs.

Any worker in the mines, steelmills, auto shops or any place they have to keep pace with these machines can tell Goldberg or any government official, labor bureaucrat or management, about the effects of Automation. This is something workers know and feel every day of their lives.

The unemployed knows it in a different way but they feel the affects daily. Some say Goldberg came from the ranks of labor. He was a lawyer for the steel union. He is as hostile to the working force as any other capitalist.

#### WORKERS NEED STRIKE WEAPON

One daily paper carried a statement he made at an executive club in Chicago; "It is a universally shared and obvious truth that we cannot this year afford a repetition of the 1959 steel strike." He is not saying one word about what may be involved for the union if they go on strike. He and the Kennedy Administration know that without strike action, or the right to strike, the union is helpless. They want the workers to lose before management and labor leaders sit down at the bargaining table.

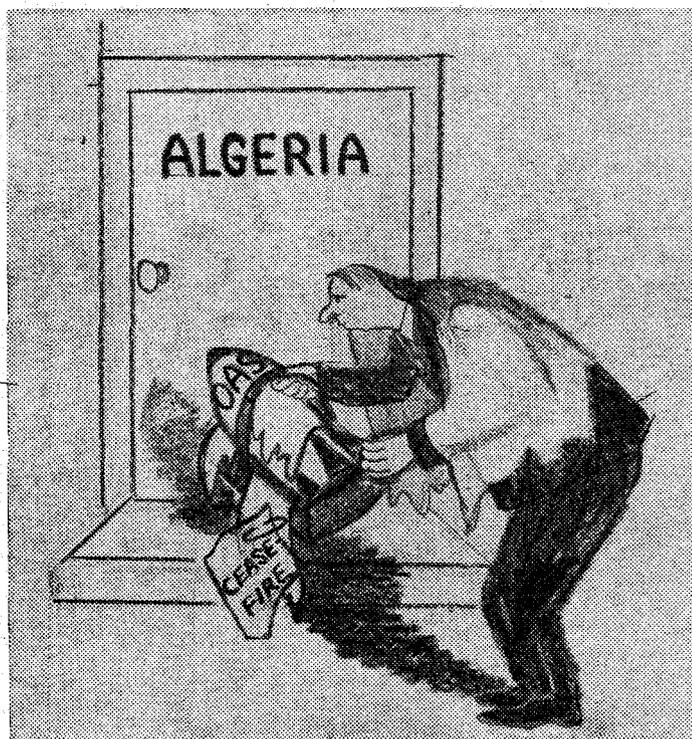
In practically every strike that I have known of or read about that took place this past year the main issues were speed-up, working conditions in general and wages. Goldberg will say these are problems for union and management to settle as long as it does not lead to strike action. Workers would be very pleased if it could be settled without strikes but management on the other hand sees speed-up as more profit so they will not give in easily, and they will completely disregard workers as human beings.

The workers have no other weapon but the strike. Maybe if Goldberg and Kennedy could spend some time in the mines, steelmills and auto shops instead of making national and world tours they could see first hand how Automation has affected the American working class to date, the conditions under which we work, that force us to take strike action in the hope of maintaining some of our hard won gains.

Maybe then, just maybe, they might recognize us, not only as some votes for the Democratic Party, but as part of the American people.

## The Cease-Fire in Algeria Is a Prelude to a Renewed Civil War

AFTER 7½ YEARS OF UNRELENTING CIVIL WAR — which has claimed between a half-million and a million victims — the Moslem struggle for Algerian independence from France has compelled de Gaulle to negotiate a cease-fire. This does not mean an end to bloodshed in Algeria. The urgent task of rooting out the French terrorists of the Secret Army Organization (OAS) has now been thrust upon the revolutionary Algerian masses themselves.



Peace, DeGaulle Style

Although this task has been made more difficult by every new snag in the secret cease-fire talks, the Algerian masses have natural allies against the OAS, in the French working class. Over the last weeks, the workers have repeatedly taken to the streets in France in massive strikes and demonstrations against the fascist threat that the OAS has aimed against them as well.

While the secret cease-fire talks between de Gaulle and the Algerian National Revolutionary Council stretched on from the beginning of February to the middle of March, the OAS intensified its savage slaughter of unarmed Algerians — most of them old people, women, and children—in a murderous attempt to nullify the cease-fire negotiations by terror. At the same time, the OAS has stepped up its extortion attempts and dynamitings in mainland France.

The identity and hideouts of many of the OAS assassins are widely known, even to foreign newspapermen, both in Algeria and in France. But far from curbing the terrorists, de Gaulle's police and Army officers have concentrated instead on raiding Algerian workers' quarters in the casbah, and arresting unarmed men, women, and children.

#### Revolutionary Firmness

If de Gaulle's high command refuse to deal with the OAS, the Moslem masses know how to deal with them, and so do the French workers. It is a tribute to the self-organization and discipline of the Moslems that despite the bloody OAS provocations they continue to maintain their solidarity and revolutionary calm in support of the National Liberation Front (FLN) which leads the Algerian independence movement.

IN FRANCE, in one of the latest protests, on March 12, against the fascist OAS threat, the workers carried through a massive work-stoppage. The current wave of demonstrations began in Paris, on Feb. 8, when workers and youth took to the streets in defiance of de Gaulle. They were met by a murderous onslaught from the Parisian police who killed eight of the demonstrators.

#### Workers Control Streets

The following Tuesday, Feb. 13, there was such an outpouring of disciplined protest in mourning for the fallen eight that the police went into hiding. Nearly a million workers and youth controlled the streets in the greatest demonstration France has seen since the liberation of Paris 17 years ago. They showed their great power by backing the mass demonstration with a near-complete general strike.

Attempting to distort and dis-

## Report On South Africa

When you consider what is going to happen in South Africa, you have to look at the non-white organizations. What is going to happen when the revolution does come. I don't think it is correct at this stage to say "We," that is to say, "the Africans want . . ." and assume that all Africans are of a single mind.

THERE ARE QUITE a number of organizations; the African National Congress, the All African Convention, the Pan Africanist Congress, and more. The African National Congress are nationalists who want a national revolution, but if you look at the different layers, you find in fact that they, themselves, are not all facing in the same direction.

There are those who are pulled by the liberals, who are talking about non-violence etc. Then there are those who came originally from the old Communist Party which is now banned. You have the Luthulists (followers of Chief Albert John Luthuli) with the liberals and you have the ex-CP chaps with the Congress of Democrats. And you have a clash between these two. Of course the CP chaps are far better organized than the others who have no workers but are all intellectuals.

Then you have the young intellectuals who felt there was something wrong with all the others. They think they are all from the outside. They eventually decided to get out of the African National Congress to

form their own organization. That's how the Pan Africanist Congress came into being.

#### YOUNG AFRICANS

They were young chaps who felt they were not getting just what they wanted. When they came to feel that the people who were controlling the African National Congress from the outside were white people, the first reaction on their part was purely racialistic. They were going to form a purely African organization that was not controlled by anybody else. They said that everyone who came into PAC must call himself an African.

Both in the PAC now, and in the African National Congress, you will find quite a number of younger fellows who are facing the socialist way, who for reasons of sentiment etc. still stay in these organizations because of the names. Since the leaders of the PAC were arrested, and some had to run away, I know in the western provinces, Capetown etc. there have come some young chaps who were not in the PAC before.

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# Retraining Interview Is Just A Runaround

San Francisco—Every time I've gone to the unemployment office I have tried to find out what their program was for retraining under Automation and just where the Full Employment Act of 1946 fits into the unemployment picture. But they have always told me that I couldn't get any appointments to see a counselor until my interview week. Well this time was interview week and I was determined to find out.

I was looking for training in a different field. The list I gave them of where I had looked reflected that—I've been trying to find a "trainee" job. But I'm 36 and it's virtually impossible to get into any new type of work.

## HURDLES RUN-AROUND

I told them I thought I was being discriminated against because of my age. Apparently qualifications had nothing to do with my being refused. I said I was a veteran and that I wanted an appointment with a counselor.

So they gave me a special pass to get at the head of the information line. I went there, and they got the regular coordinator. He gave me an appointment for two weeks later!

Well, I'd already waited for five weeks just to get this far, and I wasn't in the mood to wait two more. So I told him

# Outsider Gets First Choice

LONDON, England — Many Ford workers, like myself, travel to and from work by bus. These slow, lumbering monsters, traveling not much faster than walking speed, do give one a chance to acquaint oneself with others who work in departments far removed from one's normal location. I met and became acquainted with many other Ford workers this way. Their problems are very much the same—whatever part of the plant they work.

One such man was one of Ford's firemen. He was just as disgruntled as the rest of the Ford workers. After 12 years as a Ford fireman he found out, with a shock, that his was a dead-end job.

"No promotions now," he said. "However good a man is, 'Blue-eyed Outsiders' will get that top job."

## IT'S WHO YOU KNOW

He told of a competition Ford's fire service had with a neighboring firm. One of this firm's staff was recognized by Ford's fire department supervisor as an old colleague he knew in the Army.

"Come to Ford's," he said to his old comrade, "I have just the job for you." The other man started at Fords, then after a month as a fireman, he was promoted to deputy fire chief.

I regard this instance as typical of Ford's personnel selection methods. It's not what a man knows that counts, it's who he knows. That is more important.

that I was tired of sitting around and waiting, that I wanted a job, that I was a vet and that vets usually got appointments sooner than that. So right away he went back and called the Veteran Coordinator, and I saw him 10 minutes later.

## 'NOTHING AVAILABLE'

The Veteran Coordinator told me he could give me an aptitude test on Tuesday the earliest, and after the test, in three or four days, he'd call me back and discuss what kind of job I should have. He then got out my record and tried to get me a job right away, but there was "nothing available."

Finally I said, "Well, it's very nice to take an aptitude test, but isn't there a law in this state about discriminating because of age?" He said yes there is, and I said I had a concrete case.

He got right on the phone and called the District Attorney, and said he'd file a complaint and send me down. I said that was fine with me, especially since it would be against the State.

## 'I WANT A JOB'

He was already talking on the phone when I said that, and when he hung up he said he didn't think we could sue the State. I think that's what the District Attorney's office told him.

Then I asked him about the Full Employment Act of 1946. He wanted to know what funds I had coming from that bill. I said, "What do you mean funds? If it says full employment, it means full employment. I want a job, not funds."

He answered that he thought the only thing left for me under the Full Employment Act, was the burial fund. I said to him, "If you think I'm going to go commit suicide just to eliminate one more statistic for you, and solve your problem that way, you have another thought coming!"

## NO ANSWERS

Finally I settled for the appointment on Tuesday and asked if this appointment had anything to do with the retraining program due to Automation. He said yes. I asked, "What?" But all he could do was repeat that it had something to do with Automation.

That guy has a job just to sit at a desk and look dignified, but it's not to answer any questions, that's certain.

It seems that he was real anxious to get me out that door. It was like he was saying, "You just come in here and get your money, fella, that's all we want from you. Don't ask any questions."

# Automation Rises In Britain, Too

LONDON, England — The Automating of Fords is gradually progressing. In the Body Group (formerly Briggs), one department where they employed 50 welders now has only two men and one machine. The press stampings, formerly a department with 250 men, has now only 49 men and two machines.

One worker, commenting on the "property owning democracy" our Tory government tries to sell the workers, said:

"By buying shares in Automation machine manufacturing firms (going hungry for a few months will provide the cash), you buy a stake in the nation's future prosperity. Unfortunately, after the machines have slung you on the streets, you have to sell the shares to buy food for your family. You end up with neither a share in the future or any future at all."

The shop stewards are already concerned at the coming threat to our future and are taking steps to strengthen the men's solidarity.

It looks as if our annual strike will be more bitter this year. The defeat of the British Light Steel Pressing men (after a bitter 13-week strike), has heartened slave mongers in management of industry and unions.

# Steel Talks Avoid Crucial Issues Concerning Workers

Pittsburgh, Penna. — It looks like it's going to be the same old story in steel. Before negotiations start, Steelworker Union President David MacDonald can't say often enough that we've got to have a shorter work-week, that our jobs have to be safeguarded against Automation that's sweeping the mills, that we have to have a voice in determining the conditions we work under.

But when the actual negotiations start, you'd think that MacDonald was suddenly struck deaf and dumb, as well as being hit with a case of amnesia that makes him forget everything he's been saying.

## GOODBYE SHORT WORK-WEEK

We know from the reports that have come out of the bargaining sessions so far that we can kiss that shorter work-week goodbye so far as MacDonald is concerned. The talks have all been about wage raises and fringe benefits.

All the wage increases in the world aren't going to get the men laid off back into the plants. And if there are wage increases, the company is go-

ing to get something back in return. And the only thing MacDonald's got to give to the company is even more control over the men than it now has. And that's plenty.

In the mills now, grievances have piled up until it's almost impossible to estimate how many there are. But one thing is for sure. Very few of them ever are decided. So they just pile up, and the whole grievance procedure is just a joke.

## LIP SERVICE, NO ACTION

As it was at the time of our strike in 1959, there are a whole raft of local grievances piled up over working conditions that management is forcing on us. We protest, but all you can do is file a grievance—and keep on doing what management says until the grievance is processed. And that just doesn't happen very often. So when the present negotiations are finally ironed out, the thing left will be the local grievances that a lot of lip service will be given to, but no action.

The speed-up in the mill goes on. More guys get laid off. We're still working the four day week. And we're putting out more steel than we ever did before. When you stop to think about what they're negotiating and what they should be negotiating, it brings to mind trying to cure a cancer by cutting off a hang-nail.

We know that whatever comes out of the negotiations, there's going to be more Automation, and work that we're doing now is going to be given out to independent contractors. All of this just means thousands more of us thrown out of work.

## WORKERS AREN'T FIGURES

There just isn't a steelworker who would be negotiating the same things that MacDonald is. MacDonald thinks in terms of an industry-wide contract that means nickels and dimes. A worker thinks about conditions he has to face in that mill every day, what he sees happening to guys he works with who are laid off or speeded-up, the pressures put on him every minute for more and more production with less and less men. These are the things he would demand be changed.

To change these things means changing the whole set-up from top to bottom. This the steel worker would be more than willing to do. But not a MacDonald. And what the steelworker would do shows that he knows more about the real situation of the men than all the MacDonalds in the world.

If all you deal with is figures, pretty soon you start looking at people as figures. If you deal with human beings in the mill every day, you just can't think of them as figures.

was hurrying across country . . . by forced marches to attack them. . . . Firing volleys into the sleeping village, the soldiers charged down the hill in a long line, forded the shallow river, and swept into the camp, shooting and clubbing men, women, and children. Some of the Nez Perces were able to seize their weapons and ammunition belts and escape to the shelter of the willows. There they were rallied by the aged White Bird, who cried at them, "Why are we retreating? Since the world was made, brave men have fought for their women and children! Shoot them down! We can shoot as well as any of these soldiers!"

. . . Joseph's wife had been (Continued on Page 7)

# The Working Day

By Angela Terrano

## The American Indians

The conquering of the American Indian by the white settlers and the American Army is like most of the real history of the American people not just re-written for school children but is most conspicuous by its absence. The "historians" that write the text books fit the facts into a pre-made mold so that the young will not dare ask such questions as "what kind of barbarians were those white men that created America?"

The best "illustrated" part of American history in text books that deals with the Indians is the early colonial days when Manhattan Island one learns was bought from the Indians for \$24 and some trinkets, when certain tribes helped the English settlers, others worked for the French etc. and when the Indians gave corn and other seeds to the settlers or vice versa. This is at best what is taught to the very young.

The history of the many tribes that existed before they were either exterminated or their numbers dwindled by the Army and dragged off to "reservations", the many different cultures, their religions, their heroes and in general their way of life is never taught.

The history of the wars between the tribes and the conquering of these tribes by the Army is left up to the production of hundreds of "B" pictures by Hollywood.

Here it is that many of the prejudices are nurtured and developed. The Indian people are made out to be child like, dirty, lazy, oversexed, barbaric.

A person wanting to know more about the history of the American Indian does not have to read many books before gaining a very big clue of what the "conquerors" were like.

Recently published is a book called, *The Patriot Chiefs*, "A Chronicle of American Indian Leadership" by Alvin M. Josephy, Jr. The last chapter of which is entitled "The last stand of Chief Joseph." This

chapter deals with the Nez Perces who lived on the high lands of Washington, Oregon and Idaho on the "grassy hills and canyon-scarred plateaus." Chief Joseph at 31, was a leader of only one of the Nez Perce bands which numbered "60 males and perhaps twice that number of women and children."

This space is too limited to deal with more than just a few of the events that took place from 1871, when settlers moved in claiming the Indians' land. Chief Joseph at this juncture had just pledged to his dying father never to sell the land, their home. The Nez Perces never signed a treaty and this vexed the Army no end. After an investigation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in 1873, President Grant declared the Wallowa (The valley in which the Indians lived) as "a reservation for the roaming Nez Perce Indians." However, the settlers would have none of this and by 1875 forced a presidential edict which "reopened the Wallowa to white homesteaders."

The Nez Perces not wanting to shed blood, moved their camps and continued to appeal. The land was never sold by the Indians.

Another false picture given by Hollywood production not only in "B" pictures but in most "A" ones as well is that the Indians always had hundreds of "braves," to attack the small band of army troopers, in suicidal raids.

"The truth was that Nez Perce successes were resulting from a combination of overconfidence and mistakes on the part of the whites, the rugged terrain that made pursuit difficult, and, to a very great extent, the Indians' intense courage and patriotic determination to fight for their rights and protect their people. . . ."

" . . . unknown to the Nez Perces, a new force of 163 army regulars and 35 volunteers . . ."

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# Report on South Africa

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They began organizing and they went right down to the workers. So that by the time I left Capetown they had thousands and thousands of real workers, calling themselves the Pan African Congress.

### THE NEW REVOLUTIONARIES

The young leaders who have come up since the arrests were budding theoreticians, they were reading and they were no longer talking all this nonsense about a purely African organization. They were linking up with other workers' organizations amongst the colored and forming what definitely seems to be going a socialist way. But they still call themselves Pan Africanists.

I'm quite sure that by the time Sobukwe (National President of PAC) comes out of prison he will find that he doesn't understand the language of these young people. They have gone much further than he was ever able to go. But of course these are young chaps who have had Capetown training in politics. Although they have never identified themselves with any political organization, they have this background.

### MIGRANT LABOR

The African National Congress, and the All African Convention, have plenty of support

amongst the migrant workers and the intellectual class, especially in the Cape province. Quite definitely, the core of that organization means to go much further than what appears on the ordinary program, but with the suppression of the Communists and all that kind of thing, with people not able to say what they want to do. So that at present there are all sorts of people belonging to different organizations.

The alignment of forces has not become as natural as it should be. You have all these people belonging to these various organizations, people who are definitely going the socialist way, and in the same organizations just pure nationalist people who want oppression by the white man removed, just the removal of the color bar. What makes things difficult now, for any sort of natural alignment to come about is the banning of organizations so that people must work underground all the time.

### THE WHITES

Any kind of help coming directly from white sections of South Africa now, is becoming more and more impossible, unless some miracle happens. As the last elections showed, Verwoerd is emerging stronger and stronger. The industrialists who see the things going the way they are going, seem to be quite helpless to bring about any change.

THE OPPENHEIMERS belong to this group. It is not correct to say that the Oppenheimers, who are not in Verwoerd's party, are in any way making common cause with the oppressed. They are realistic industrialists and they see Verwoerd is doing things the crude way. That is all. Remember all these fellows are agreed that they must have their labor cheap, and a great reserve of it. Only the whites vote and any government that is going to take power in South Africa must ensure these big industrialists that they are going to get that cheap labor supply. The Verwoerds are really Oppenheimer agents, but they have become too crude.

The industrialists have come out in support of the Bantustan, the so-called "Bantu homelands." They are going to perpetuate the reserve system, whereby the Africans will not have any real proletariat developing. They'll be migrant laborers. They'll still go to the mines and work.

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The liberals in the Liberal Party are big capitalists, and anti-revolutionaries too. They pretend to come into the people's movements, but they are in fact there only to control them, to see that the movements don't go left. The main purpose of all these chaps—the Peter Browns, etc.—is to control.

THE INDUSTRIALISTS want to live in two worlds, they want to have it both ways but most important to them is their cheap labor but the Africans have had enough of that.

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## Way of the World

By Ethel Dunbar

### ... Going Out Of The World Backwards

There is a little bit of everything that can be said about how bad the conditions are getting in America. People everywhere are wondering what to do to make a living. We just can't find no where to go and nothing to do to release our worries.

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The rich man here in America doesn't seem to think that the times are so bad. That is because he is living so well. All they can think about is asking the poor people of the US to please help the needy overseas.

The rich man sees that money is sent to the countries where there are his kind of people. The money ends up in the pockets of the rich in those countries and doesn't even get to help the poor whites there. They never want to send help to Africa where people are starving, have nothing to wear, and where they still have to do that hard work for the rich white European and some get only 75 cents a week to support their families. You can see just what the rich man thinks of the poor whites and the Negro.

The way it looks from here is that the rich man is about to try to put us all in the same sack and throw us down the river. The way the "leaders" are setting out these poor workers by closing down

## Since Christmas

# French Miners Sit In, Fight Closing of Pits

The coal-miners of Decazeville, France, have been living down in the mines since the week before Christmas 1961 in an all-out sit-in strike against the French government, their boss. In the last few weeks, 20 of them have carried on a hunger strike as a last-ditch effort to make their cause heard. They are still down there.

Yet both press and government have turned a deaf ear, and the Union "internationals" have given only token sympathy. What is the issue? American miners know it well. The government-boss has decided to close down the mines in favor of more "profitable" operations in another region (nearer Germany).

Thousands of miners are thus deprived of jobs, seniority, and social security in an area where there are no other jobs. The State Coal Administration is thus abandoning them like old worn-out shoes, without any compensation.

### AREA SUPPORTS MINERS

The area has been hit so hard that all of local society has rallied to the miners in their struggle. 5,000 high-school students demonstrated in the streets while the miners held the mines; the mayors and prefects of all the districts involved have resigned in protest against the government; local shopkeepers have given reductions and unlimited credit; women have organized to aid the miners. Everyone is helping the miners in their fight because the whole life of the region depends on the mines.

### "HUMAN BEINGS; NOT RAW MATERIALS"

Here is what the miners, themselves, told a group of students from the socialist group, "Workers' Power," who travelled from Paris to interview them: "We are human beings; not raw materials. The Administration is throwing us away

like garbage; we are men. . . We'll hold on until we win."

The students were badly treated by the union officials when they arrived at Decazeville, but the strikers greeted them warmly and offered them wine. Here are some excerpts from that interview:

### Q. How did the strike begin?

A. Things have been getting worse for a long time. Finally the rank-and-file was able to force unity (between the different unions). We decided to strike at a general assembly called by the inter-union committee we created.

### Q. What are the demands?

A. We want a proportional retirement (the cops have it!) or else the continuation of our Miners' Social Security. We're not against reconversion; only we want our wages and working conditions maintained . . .

### Q. Is the mine profitable?

A. The local engineers have shown that if it were run the way they want, it would be. Anyway, if it isn't, it's not our fault; our productivity has never stopped increasing. At Buissonie, they have the highest returns in France: 7,000 pounds per miner per day; our average is 4,500. They created an artificial deficit: four layers of oil-paint on old shacks; they spend millions to find new profitable veins that they don't work. Meanwhile, the old owners make millions doing nothing while we're dying down below. If they're not profitable, let them give the mines to us!"

The men that have been down there since Christmas are still there today. The government won't even listen to their demands. It seems that the profits of a few are more "in the national interest" than the life of a whole region and its people.

American workers have been experiencing this since the W. Va. miners' strike of 1950, but this is the first such movement in France and the people of Decazeville have written a new page in the history of French labor.

### ONLY TOKEN SUPPORT

The use of a last resort, the hunger strike, shows the desperation of these workers, but their bitter fight is not likely to succeed, this time at least. The same union bureaucracy (Communist and Socialist) that kept the workers impotent until they organized their own strike committee has given them only token support.

Without the solidarity of the miners in the pits that are still "profitable", they can never win. But the union leadership would rather hold on to the dues of the men in the other mines than to risk a real national strike in defense of the working class.

—H. Bear, N. Y.

## Reuther Sells-Out Workers Battling Plant Move South

New Jersey—On Oct. 31, 1961, the engine plant of Mack Trucks closed. It was moved down South to Hagerstown, Md., where the "living is easy"—easier for the companies.

The cost of living is as high, if not higher, than in Plainfield, N.J. Yet the wages in the new plant were more than \$1 an hour less, while employing 1800 in place of the nearly 3000 employed in N.J. — and able to produce much more.

Mack took only a handful of apple polishers with them in the move. Most of the 3000 who hit the street, in spite of 15 years seniority, are still unemployed.

This all happened with the blessing of Walter Reuther and his representatives. Sure, there were crocodile tears from our union leaders to cover up their lousy sell-out.

### REUTHER SMASHES SLOW DOWN

With our average hourly wage of \$3.45 and our decent working conditions, we were an eye sore next to the scab standards of the Big Three. Instead of bringing the conditions of the workers in the Big Three up to, or near, our standards. Reuther gave us the treatment he meted out to Studebaker, American Motors and the MESA shops. This time he improved on his methods.

Reuther, with the aid of the stooges who get sold out with us, smashed our one month 100% effective slow down. He destroyed our fight for a transfer agreement protecting our wages, conditions and seniority.

### VOTE DOWN AGREEMENT

Instead, he signed a phony transfer agreement which gives the company the sole right to pick anyone they choose, whether they want to go or not, to transfer on any job in Hagerstown. And the company, and

the company alone, says what they are fit for.

We voted this phoney agreement down three times, but that doesn't mean anything to Brother Reuther, the great democrat.

We were a little hazy about Reuther at first. Nobody could dispute that we had good conditions in Local 343. We got them by fighting.

### NOTHING FROM INTERNATIONAL

Since the seven-month strike in 1947, we have had many wildcat strikes to enforce our demands. We didn't take anything from any foreman or superintendent. The company was always changing big wheels to tame us.

Time and again they tried retiring jobs, but they never got far. In any of our fights with the company, we never got even the price of a cup of coffee from our great International. Still, we were part of the UAW and our local leaders always sang the praises of Reuther and Co.

We had to learn the hard way. We saw our per capita used as a club over our heads. Every trick in the book was used against our fight to bring the union back into the shop where it belongs.

### SPLIT INTER-PLANT UNITY

They used the promise of double and one-half severance pay to lure us; they held their "surveys" to whittle down the number willing to make the transfer; they put the final nail in our coffin by splitting up our unity with the other Mack plants in Allentown, Cortland and Bridgewater when they broke a strike over the firing of a shop committeeman.

Most of us are still unemployed. The special rehabilitation program of the N.J. State Unemployment office was bunk.

After 12 years of service, all I have are my two service pins (unhockable), and memories of a bunch of guys who knew how to stick together in a fight.

**Workers Battle Automation 25c**  
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# Editorial

## K & K, THE GLOBAL ATOMIC TERRORISTS

On March 2nd President Kennedy announced that he has ordered that nuclear tests in the atmosphere be resumed in the latter part of April "if" Russia has not signed a controlled test ban before that deadline.

On March 16th Nikita Khrushchev announced that Russia has created a new global rocket which "can fly around the world in any direction and strike a blow at any target," and "is vulnerable to anti-missile weapons." Like Kennedy's atomic blackmail, this terroristic description of "the mass extermination of human beings in the inferno of nuclear war" was supposed to convince the 17 nations (France had refused to attend) that did convene at Geneva that "total and complete disarmament" was thereby assured.

Both sides must be stopped in their suicidal race. On both sides of the Iron Curtain the people demand real answers to the question of war and peace, instead of behind-the-back deals and summitry against them.

### Students, Women Voice Opposition

The decision of President Kennedy to resume atomic testing in the atmosphere was met with protest demonstrations not only in other countries, from Japan to England, but in his own backyard. It was not that the decision surprised anyone, but that the 8,000 students who picketed the White House prior to the announcement—and the thousands who gathered in Times Square to protest the decision the very day following its announcement—were impelled to make known their horror at the callousness of the leaders who are willing to destroy human lives with these inhuman bombs, whether those leaders be the Khrushchev variety or the Kennedy variety.

From New York to Los Angeles women for peace have begun demonstrating for peace. They have been hampered, however, by their own narrow slogans from gaining mass support.

### First Class Fakery

The two months' lag between announcement and actual bomb-blasts was also designed to wear down precisely such opposition as has already been demonstrated. The 800 students picketing his White House were not as much ignored as Kennedy's announcement at first might indicate. Since the "friendly" cup of coffee he sent out to them was obviously not sufficient to drown them out, his strategy seems to be based on the hope that all such demonstrators will wear out their energies by the end of April when the actual resumption of testing first begins.

It is certainly no coincidence, either, that resumption is timed for after Easter, when the world-wide peace parades take place, so that they will not have an actual explosion to oppose.

The excuse that Russia's resumption of testing put her too far ahead in destructive power, and that it is for the "safety" of the American people that the United States must now join them in poisoning the atmosphere of the world, would be a joke if this were not a life and death game they are playing—with civilization itself at stake. To pretend that we are so endangered that we "must" resume testing, and then take two months more to do it, is first class fakery. To claim, as Kennedy did, that he had unanimous urging from his scientists to go ahead, in spite of his own "reluctance" is an out-and-out lie. (See *Two Worlds* for more on this).

No less a faker is Nikita Khrushchev. His terroristic tactics of threatening the annihilation of the United States and those countries who would grant it missile bases cannot possibly help remove "the cloud" cast over the Geneva Conference by Kennedy's announced resumption of nuclear tests. The truth is that his attack on Kennedy's announcement was comparatively mild precisely because he wants to have the excuse to resume his own nuclear explosions. If these two madmen keep it up, the world's air may be so polluted that there would be no need for an actual nuclear war to assure the poisoning of the future generations.

### The Maneuver on Outer Space

At the same time it is quite clear that the lag of two months between announcement and actual testing was for the purpose of maneuvering with the Russians, who are past-masters at this game. Their counter-blast against Kennedy was therefore comparatively mild, for although they quickly cried, "Blackmail!", they did not call off the Geneva Conference. In fact, it is still not out of the question that both Kennedy and Khrushchev could arrive at some deal on outer space or disarmament or German or Laos, none of which is officially on the agenda, but all of which is talked about.

Khrushchev goes even further into outer space when he speaks of "liberation" of peoples "held in bondage," but directs it only to those under Western imperialism, and not those under Russian imperialism. The Hungarian Revolution showed in no uncertain terms that to the Hungarian people freedom meant freedom from Russian Communism. From Eastern Europe to Tibet, the native populations would indeed agree with Khrushchev that the reason the "imperialists do not agree to disarm is that then they would not be able to hold other peoples in bondage." The point is, when will Khrushchev and Mao disarm themselves and allow freedom in their empires? In this respect the Sino-Soviet axis does not differ in any fundamental respect from the Western imperialist axis. So long as the nuclear giants—Russia and the United States, contend for dominant position of power in the world, so long will the threat of annihilation hang over humanity.

### The Fate of Civilization

When the fate of civilization, not just rhetorically, but in the most literal sense of the word, is within focus of a global rocket, it is time to expose the smokescreen of "disarmament summitry" as any path to peace. To think that any slogans about "negotiating in place of testing" would stop those two global atomic terrorists who lead the United States and Russia is to be guilty of creating the greatest illusion of our time.

On a par with this type of smokescreen is the one put up by the radicals who line up with Mao Tse-tung on the basis of alleged "revolutionary" line as against Khrushchev's "peaceful co-existence." Thereby they assure one result only: peaceful non-existence.

The only war that can be won in a nuclear age is the battle for the minds of men. The way to lose that battle is to line up with either Khrushchev or Mao; with either Kennedy-Macmillan or deGaulle. Only the theory of liberation that is freed from Communism as well as Western imperialism can fire the imagination of the only force capable of stopping the hand of those who would press the button for a nuclear holocaust—the elemental activity of the working people of the world. That force can be released once it unites its opposition to both sides of the Iron and Bamboo Curtains with an affirmation of people's self-rule.

# Readers'

## WAR AND PEACE

Three weeks ago our youthful president sent free coffee out to the student peace marchers picketing the White House.

A week later he nonetheless announced the resumption of testing, showing exactly what he thought of those students and the American people in general. Next time he can drink the coffee with the Strontium 90 milk.

Student  
New York

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There is a nasty and open class issue in the whole shelter program. We don't need scandal-free shelters, or cooperative shelters for workers, or federally-appropriated school shelters, or underground cities, but a rejection of the whole blasted "dig-in-the-sand-and-bomb-the-hell-out-of-them-because-we're-saving-civilization" psychology of the thing. This kind of "civilization" isn't ours. We don't live there, we don't share it, we know who isn't invited in.

The only way to end the paranoia on which the ruling classes on both sides subsist is to disarm the paranoids—permanently. We must reject their formulation of survival (here) and co-existence (there) for the repressive and hysterical class instruments they are.

A Friend of N&L  
New York, N.Y.

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When I heard on TV that the United Nations had actually appointed a special committee of economists to investigate and determine whether disarmament would disrupt the economy and cause trouble for industry, I couldn't help feeling that capitalism constantly exposes its inhumanity, but seldom quite so openly as this. The committee is supposed to have reported back that disarmament wouldn't be too troublesome IF it were done carefully and slowly but everyone knows that neither side is really serious about disarming anyway.

Confirmed Socialist  
Detroit

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The American businessman shudders at the thought that with disarmament there would be \$40 billion less in orders for his factories and several million ex-soldiers looking for jobs. If Khrushchev and Co. were not a threat to world peace, American capitalism would have to invent another one. Without the \$40 billion being spent every year for war preparations, the American economy would collapse overnight.

Engineer  
Chicago

## LEADERS AND RANKS

That great labor man, Goldberg, says that the shorter workweek is not a road to more jobs, and on TV the other night even had the gall to state that workers should be taught that there is dignity in work, and that 40 hours is not too much work for one week. He seems to miss the point that many thousands of workers don't have one hour of "dignity" a week. He should try the feeling of dignity that comes with sweating on an automated production line with the foreman breathing down your neck.

Working Woman  
Detroit

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Newburgh is more than just a local issue. It's what Kennedy is going to try to do nationwide. As a matter of fact, with the machinery at his disposal, he can do more than little Newburgh ever dreamt of. He came out yesterday with a plan to "rehabilitate" the unemployed—make them work when they're on relief!

When I see things like that, I'm glad that the IBEW got the 25 hour week. Even if they are a very specialized few in this country, it shows that when the workers strike, they can get something.

Unemployed Auto Worker  
Los Angeles

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Mr. George Woodcock, C.B.E., General Secretary of the TUC, speaking at a conference on industrial relations held early in March, said:

"Trade unions have endeavoured to establish a centralized authority, a common policy and national standards of wages and conditions, but in some respects the situation is farcical. There is a growing disparity between what unions seek to establish and what in fact happens, as the result of local groups of union members dealing with matters that should be dealt with at the top."

One can understand the union bureaucrats getting worried over a group of men wildcatting. The men set up their own strike committee, thus making the official unions—and their desk-bound minions—redundant.

Auto Worker  
England

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## MORE ON THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

Just got your January News and Letters with the article on Mao Tse-tung which is a very good one. There would be quite a use here for a low-priced pam-

phlet based on it if it could be done, I will see what I can do about it.

The reason it would be a useful leaflet is that both lots of Trotskyists here tend to be pro-Mao, and the ex-Trotskyists in the CP (Communist Party) are of course very pro-Mao. So also are many of the youth that the CP picked up from the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and many in the Colonial Freedom Movement, particularly the African students. If, as I believe, the Russians are just about to have another suppression like Hungary, the Khrushchevists will probably be discredited, but not the Maoists, at least at first. A pamphlet-leaflet that gives the facts about China will be absolutely vital.

Now one word of criticism, and it is a criticism that I as a non-believer in economic determinism have curiously to make frequently of Marxists—that you fail to give the economic reasons why the ruling class in China must break with that of Russia, and the essential similarity between this and the debates in other emergent Capitalist societies between the proponents of Free Trade and Protection. Also the psychological reasons which stem from the same economic ones due to the fact that China needs the pretense of revolutionary thought while Russia needs to bury this.

Direct Actionist  
London, England

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Congratulations on your Mao Tse-tung Supplement. I really did appreciate seeing an analysis of the Sino-Soviet Rift that wasn't written either from the point of those wishful thinkers who are hoping that Russia and China will fight it out and forget all about American imperialism or from the point of view of those who play it down as if it were only an ideological question and not one of power politics.

Instructor  
Chicago

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The January issue of N & L is just great, and was worth waiting for!

Graduate Student  
New York

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Editor's Note: Extra copies of the January Special Supplement, "Mao Tse-tung, From the Beginning of Power to the Sino-Soviet Dispute," may be obtained from News and Letters for 10 cents, plus 5 cents for postage and handling.

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## SOME OBSERVATIONS

When I see President and Mrs. Kennedy inviting Stravinsky and others to the White House, with the "footman" opening car doors for them, and with the gowns and furs and jewels, it makes me think of the monarchies in Europe in the last century. They used to bring the artists of their day to court to entertain them, too. Seems that part of the New Frontier means acting like the old aristocracies.

Student  
Los Angeles

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# Views

There seems to be some criticism from U.S. Senators that U-2 spy pilot Powers should have committed suicide after his mistake of being caught. If their logic were to happily carry over into their own work, then the suicide rate among Senators should soon sharply increase, but, unfortunately, these rascals seldom follow their own advice.

Observer  
Boston

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Questions are being asked among workers as an aftermath of the crash of a jet airliner into Jamaica Bay. They want to know why W. Alton Jones, who was killed on his way to a fishing trip with Eisenhower, was carrying \$62,000 in cash with him. The pat answer that "he always carried a lot of money" draws a big laugh when the question comes up in the washroom.

Wondering  
Detroit

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## ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS THE PRINT

The keynote address at the counter-rally to the right wing shindig going on at Madison Square Garden, was given by that liberal democrat, Senator Hubert Humphrey, Kennedy's democratic whip. He brought forth the usual garbage about "extremes."

Thus the New York Times report began with the following: "Extremists, both Right and Left, 'are the same pigeons and eventually they join feathers,' Senator Hubert H. Humphrey told a cheering rally of young liberal Democrats here last night."

Only after this did the readers learn about the protest picket, the meeting, and what organizations other than the ADA sponsored the rally.

Disgusted Picket  
New York

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## SEGREGATION IS ALL OVER

There was a radio program recently about segregation in the New York schools. Why they were picking on just the New York schools was beyond me, because there is segregation all over the United States.

One white woman said that the Negro was segregated because of housing and not being able to get jobs, and that the white people were holding them back. She said that if the colored people were given a chance to make more money, they could afford to live in better neighborhoods and this form of segregation wouldn't exist.

Every Negro listening knew that this was true. Because of our second-class citizenship, we don't stand a chance. We have been free for 100 years and yet any white man can come to this country from a foreign land and be made boss over the colored man, no matter how much education the colored man has.

Another white woman said—and this really burned me up!—that all colored people have the same opportunity

to better themselves, to live in the good neighborhoods and thus better the educational opportunities for their children. (She said she knew a family in her own neighborhood.)

Every Negro listening knew that this was NOT true. When it comes to integration on a job, they will always pick one colored man to 100 white men, if not to a thousand. The Negro can't pull himself up from the slums with this kind of hiring practice, and the white people know all this. They segregate us through jobs because they know if we don't make top money we can't live in their neighborhoods.

They holler about education. Our education is as bad as our citizenship—second-class. We are inferior to them in education only because that's exactly the way the white man wants it to be.

You hear so much about college education. We figure that our oldest son, and our next oldest may make it—but by the time our youngest is old enough to go, there will be so many college-educated fools walking around with nothing to do, the youngest won't even need worry about it. There won't be any jobs for a colored man, whether he's a college man or not, by then.

Steelworker's Wife  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

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## FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Perhaps the real way to tell just how much reaction there has been to the Freedom Ride movement is to note the growing desperation of the segregationists. By now it's getting out of the hands of the officials, and into the hands of the industrialists who look for intellectuals to write books on the "inferiority" of Negroes.

In Mississippi they are trying to make one such book required reading in college sociology and anthropology classes. Apparently they don't want any white Mississippi students to recognize a fight for freedom when they see one.

Interested  
Los Angeles

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We sold 139 pamphlets in an hour at an Adam Clayton Powell meeting here, but we were disappointed because everybody didn't buy, and many wouldn't even stop to look. What was good, though, was that quite a few people who had passed us by (some even with the excuse that they didn't have a quarter) came back out again to ask for one—apparently after they had seen someone else's copy inside and realized what they would be missing.

Committee Member  
Detroit

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When they get around to naming tornados again next year, I'd suggest they call one "Freedom" because it's one tornado that has hit this country, and will not blow itself out.

High School Student  
Detroit

## NEW SUPPORTERS AND OLD

The way things are today for the working people and the Negroes in this country, I just can't see why everybody wouldn't be for changing it into something new. They have absolutely nothing to lose, and everything to gain.

Unemployed Steelworker  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

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I had a chance to read the last issue all the way through because I was sick. Usually I don't get the time to sit down and read it that way. It is really a wonderful paper. Everyone who has a hand in it should be thanked. So many things happen in the world, and it takes News & Letters to let the people know the real truth about them.

Housewife  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

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For some time I have been very interested in the Freedom Rides and have felt a great admiration for the participants in these rides. Therefore, when I saw a pamphlet announcing a showing of a film pertaining to Freedom Rides I was disappointed to note that I had missed it. So I decided instead to attend a social meeting to be held at CORE headquarters. There my enthusiasm and interest was whetted, and when I was shown a copy of News and Letters I decided to write you and request a subscription. Enclosed is a money order.

New Supporter  
Los Angeles

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Last Sunday, in spite of another heavy snowfall, we had six visitors at our house discussing the Weekly Political Letter on the Congo—four were students, and two were Negro workers, who made the discussion very exciting, ranging all over Africa and coming back home to the American Negro struggles and to the American factories. We decided to have another discussion on Africa next week, and those who know some African students said they would bring them along, too.

The issue on Mao Tse-tung is very impressive. We have not discussed that fully yet, but intend to do so next.

Professor  
Wisconsin

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## BURMA

The government of Premier U Nu has fallen and he has been jailed along with other members of his government by the military dictator, General Ne Win.

This is the second time in 3½ years that the government of Burma has been taken over by the military. After Ne Win turned the government back to U Nu he stated, "There is no real need to stay in power when I have the real power, the army."

It shows the danger to which these new democracies like Burma are subjected when the army is able to hold power over the people, to overthrow democracy at will.

Engineer  
New York

# TWO WORLDS

By Raya Dunayevskaya, Author of  
MARXISM AND FREEDOM

## Kennedy's Nuclear Spectacular: Testing, Blackmailing, Brainwashing

Tearing a page from Khrushchev's nuclear testing and blackmailing last October, President Kennedy, on March 2nd, announced that he has ordered the resumption of nuclear testing the latter part of April — "if" Russia has not signed a test ban control to suit him. In one respect only, Kennedy changed the Khrushchev formula of combining testing and blackmailing. Kennedy went in also for brainwashing the American people.

### Toying With People's Lives

As if he were reading a cigarette commercial about just how "cool, cool, cool" it is when you change to the sponsor's brand, President Kennedy said that radioactive fall-out was "less than 1/10 of 1% of the exposure guides set for adults who work with industrial radioactivity." The President also stated: "By conservative estimate the total effects from this test series will be roughly equal to only 1% of those due to this natural background. It has been estimated, in fact, that the exposure due to radioactivity from these tests will be less than 1/50 of the difference which can be experienced, due to variations in natural radioactivity, simply by living in different locations in this country."

Obviously, his audience was supposed to think all this was no more than shedding one's overcoat as one deplanes from a jet that left Washington, D.C. in a blizzard and arrived in Florida's sunshine just in time for a sunbath in the nude. After all, the President moves between these two "different locations" weekly! To achieve this cool conclusion he made no reference to the hysteria created in the country on every subject from strontium 90 in the milk to fall-out shelters when Russia was testing. Had he done so, he would not only have exposed his statements today as a lie, but have had to take responsibility for creating the soil which gave birth to the barbarism of the home-spun vigilantes armed to kill their neighbors who might try to take shelter "not their own."

### The Heavy Heart and the Last Mile

At the same time it was supposed to be "a grim Kennedy" who made this speech, a man with "heavy heart" because of his great concern that "even one additional individual's health may be risked in the foreseeable future." Promptly a bi-partisan Congressional chorus rose to lighten the "Presidential burden."

Senate Democratic Leader Mansfield spoke with eloquence on how "The President has walked the last mile and a little beyond" to try to achieve agreement with Russia on testing and disarmament. Not to be outdone by the Democratic Senator, Republican House Leader Halleck was fulsome in his praise of how the President discharged "his full responsibility . . . Civilization could require no more than this." How easily politicians mouth word about "civilization" as they prepare to annihilate it!

And as the politicians heartily approved the heartless decision to resume nuclear testing, the press went into a double-spin of playing up the presidential decision and playing down the reaction against it both by the American people and the people the world over who took to the streets in protest marches for peace.

### The Big Lie

TIME magazine chose fancifully to build up just how "Kennedy patiently waited out the argument," as "the doubters were turned into advocates as the chilling details of the Russian test series became apparent, largely through a detailed report submitted by a panel headed by Cornell's Dr. Hans Bethe, a theoretical physicist well known as an opponent of unnecessary nuclear testing." There was only one trouble with his build-up. The truth was out before the lie in the predicted March 9th issue reached the newsstands.

It seems that after President Kennedy, on March 2nd, made his announcement of the decision to resume testing, Dr. Hans Bethe delivered a lecture at Cornell opposing the resumption of testing. Allegedly, the President had made the decision only after the weight of evidence from a "unanimous" report on Soviet testing had "compelled" him to do so for the "nation's security."

The press did not see fit to publish Dr. Bethe's speech, but in the early hours of the morning when not many people listen, the NBC TODAY program, on March 6th, did interview Representative Hollifield of California who is chairman of the House Committee on Atomic Energy on the "discrepancy" between the official report of the scientists and the independent speech of their chairman, Dr. Hans Bethe. After much double talk on Rep. Hollifield's part, and no over abundance of lucidity on the part of the NBC interviewer, Martin Agronsky, one thing finally emerged. The "specific assignment" that the President gave the scientists was to report on the Soviet test series. The scientists attested to the fact that Russia achieved "progress" in the nuclear field. "But" the President "also" had at his command "classified material" and "of course" the President alone makes decisions, etc., etc., etc.

What is clear now is that the lie began with President Kennedy's contrived statement in which the "unanimous" recommendation for resumption of testing was made to appear as if it came from the scientists when, in fact, it came from Administration "department heads." TIME magazine, preoccupied with "popularizing" the speech, expanded the implied lie to appear as God's truth with the result (the unplanned result since obviously no one expected Dr. Bethe to speak in his own name) that we all now must live the Big Lie.

Martin Agronsky, flustered at the unbridgeable gulf between the official report from which Hollifield quoted and the speech by Bethe which Agronsky had in his possession (not released by the press) only underlined the fact of bourgeois reporting. What gets published is not the news fit to print, but the news fitted into the mold of the capitalistic "decision-makers", even where these decisions affect all of mankind adversely. Like a false composite photograph, TIME magazine's fanciful touch-up of the President's speech couldn't stand up to the light of truth.

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# YOUTH

## New Beginnings

By Eugene Walker

### On African Students

The National Students Association at the University of California at Los Angeles sponsored a conference called "Race Colonialism and Higher Education in Africa." The most important session was a panel discussion in which four Africans and the Consul General from Liberia, a white U. S. citizen, discussed the theme of the conference.

The Liberian Consul spoke at first as if he were sympathetic to the Africans, but soon started on a different tune. He claimed that some independent African countries still have slave labor and even had the audacity to claim that it was the Africans fault that many of them were taken from Africa as slaves because their chiefs sold them. He ended up by saying that Colonialism was dead in Africa except in a few places and that what was now needed was the good old Yankee dollar to develop Africa.

#### "MUST TRANSCEND THE OLD"

What struck me is the way the African students immediately answered that they have to build a different economic and political structure. Since under colonialism they did not receive any education they now had to send their students to become trained. Where they sent them became a problem. If they sent them to one country they were Western imperialists, if to another they were Reds. Under colonialism they were tied to one side. Now they can cooperate with all countries. They need technology and will take it where it is.

The Guinean student spoke against neo-economy, that is control by the Yankee or Russian dollar. He said that while the countries were underdeveloped what they needed was not only money; but they must transcend the old economic and sociological barriers. He spoke of India and the Arab states as free countries which were still tied to the old. What Africa was trying to establish was a Socialist type of society.

As I left the meeting I thought about these Africans for the most part in their young twenties but even at that age they seemed far superior and knowledgeable of all the world's events than we American students. For example I was particularly impressed by an African from Guinea who spoke on colonialism in Africa. Aside from the excellent factual knowledge he had on colonialism from its beginnings through the Berlin Conference, where the European nations divided up Africa, to the present, he also spoke from a very humanistic point of view.

He spoke of the alienation which Africans felt under colonialism. Using himself as an example he told of how under French rule he did not know if he was supposed to be French or African, as in order to be considered a cultivated person one was supposed to assimilate into French society and culture. In the school he went to he was not allowed to speak his own language. He became an actual stranger to the people in his own village.

#### ALIENATED MAN, U. S. A. — AFRICA

I was struck by his use of the term alienation because I think that it is this concept of alienated man which draws a strong bond between the African and the American worker,

especially the American Negro. For it is precisely this alienation of mind and body in the automated factory, where the American worker is reduced to a mere "cog in a machine" that the American worker fights against as the African struggles against alienation of himself from his past culture as well as his fight against his present status under colonialism.

Another student from the Congo spoke of education in Africa. In speaking of the French education he said that the term Equalite in the French slogan Liberte, Equalite et Fraternite meant to the African equality if one learned perfect French and behaved like a French man.

The Africans were not allowed to learn their own language or literature. He spoke of education in the Congo where until recently the Church ran the schools and if one did not want to be a Christian he might not be allowed to go to school.

I spoke before about the superiority of the African student to the American. I did not mean that all American students are interested purely in homecoming parades and the like. I am well aware of the Freedom Rides impact on the colleges and the 8,000 students who marched against war in Washington, D. C. What I am saying is by the time they reach college so many are looking only for careers and are isolated from the working class whereas the Africans have just had a direct experience of self-liberation that the contrast between the two is very great.

### 8,000 Students Demonstrate For Peace, Picket White House

Washington, D.C. — On Thursday, February 15, we left from the University of Chicago in four bus loads. Four more bus loads were to follow the next day. After a flat tire, running out of gas and engine trouble, we finally reached Washington at 4:30 Friday afternoon. But our bus, the hexed one, was abandoned 50 miles Northeast of Washington from where we had to hitch-hick.

We walked to the church where the center of activity was being directed. Some of us went down to the picket lines in front of the White House and picketed. Others, including myself, were anxious to picket the Russian Embassy but were unable to do so successfully because of an ordinance which states that picketing must not be within 500 feet of the Embassy.

Those who did picket the Russian Embassy were at a great disadvantage because it looked as if we were picketing the TWA building instead. By this time it was getting late and the majority of us ceased activity for the night except for one group from Philadelphia which continued picketing the White House all night. Hardy souls I must add for the weather was not at all pleasant, snow, slush, freezing rain, etc.

Most of us didn't sleep long that night. Everyone was anxious to get in the picket lines.

At 2:15 Saturday, began the most impressive sight I had ever

#### FROM CALIFORNIA

I thought your readers would be interested to know that after the proposed \$5000 loan to Freedom Riders was approved by 60% of 3532 students who voted, the Board of Control, which is the final authority on funds, voted against the loan.

Many students are quite disgusted since this is supposed to be student government. However, when the officials don't approve they just veto what the students want.

Just one of the many,  
UCLA Student

### Youth Picket Right-Wing, Hold Counter-Rally

NEW YORK — A three month press-agent national build-up by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) and plenty of fat adult checkbooks to pay for flying in planeloads of "spontaneous" conservative youth from Texas and the South enabled the Rightists to nearly fill Madison Square Garden (15,000 plus) on March 7th.

THE COUNTER-DEMONSTRATORS — local youth and workers — picketed the right-wing rally. Unpublicized and undecided until the last minute they were able to get together some 2,000 pickets in the street and about 3,000 at a counter rally.

The youth there were wonderful, mostly very young and many from New York's public high schools. Many wore

seen, when 5,700 of us filed silently past the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This walk in itself took three and a half hours, about six miles in length, and ended up at the base of the Washington Monument.

There we heard Jan Triggs, a student at Howard University speak on the interdependence of the Peace and Civil Rights Movements. The next speaker was Tom Barton who reemphasized the previous speaker's thesis of the link between peace and freedom. Signs such as, "Soviet Students—We Criticize Our Government — You Must Criticize Yours — Both Sides Share The Blame!" paraphrase the speech well.

There was a standing ovation as Norman Thomas rose to speak. Other speakers included Emil Mazey, secretary of the UAW, and Dr. William Higginbottom, an outstanding nuclear physicist. Most of us had nothing to sit on other than our coats which helped stop the dampness and cold, but it was well worth it.

This ended at 5:30 and from there we went back to the White House to see if the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) were still counter-picketing. They numbered about 40 when I saw them. I heard that following them the American Nazi groups also picketed. Some of the signs the YAF's carried read "Ban the Beatniks" and "I Like NIKE." At least our people were clean and dressed up, but I can't say the same for the YAF.

—Student Marcher  
Shimer College

## New Yorkers Protest JFK's Plan to Poison Atmosphere

NEW YORK—The afternoon of Saturday, March 3 saw what was probably the largest and undoubtedly the most militant peace demonstration ever seen in New York City. It took place at the northern edge of Times Square.

The night before, President Kennedy had proclaimed the government's intention to poison the air we breathe by conducting nuclear tests in the atmosphere.

The main slogan of the demonstration was "No tests, East or West." Under this slogan, about 4 or 5000 people marched around Times Square for about an hour and a half. They were of varied types, young people and adults. There were many women, some with children. Spirits were high; the crowd felt that the demonstration showed that they would not follow blindly in the march to death that the world's rulers seem determined to lead.

"Ban the Bomb" insignia, and their picket signs expressed anti-war, anti-segregationist and internationalist sentiments.

THE TONE WAS JUBILANT, and it was heartening to mingle among the high-school youth and overhear them discussing "who had been at the UN peace march" that day, and "whether so-and-so was a Freedom Rider."

As actress Shelly Winters pointed out later at the rally (she was the only non-political speaker, and the only one who made sense) there is a new generation and a new student movement that didn't exist before.

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For weeks now the "YAFnik" Rally, which was originally to have had Katanga's Tshombe as "co-star" with Goldwater, has been the topic of conversation here. Some radicals and City College students had already set up a committee to organize a protest, and in CORE, labor, and student circles it was generally felt that "everyone" would go down to picket. Negro Nationalist groups had agreed to participate also.

When we got to the street, we found that the demonstration was contained behind police lines and barriers and kept at least a block from the Garden.

In fact, the picketers were virtual prisoners—not only of the police—but of youth "organizers" wearing ADA-SDS armbands and signs who prevented you from picketing under any banner other than those of Young Democrats.

We were huddled in the dark some two to five blocks away and then quickly spirited away to "our" meeting hall ten blocks away, and this not on Broadway where we could be seen, but over in the dark on

The police were quite correct in their attitude to the marchers. They were intimidated by their number and impressed by their discipline and order.

At about 5:15 p.m. several of the demonstrators decided to sit down in the middle of Times Square. There are several versions about how this happened. It seems that it was not spontaneous. Earlier in the afternoon, one of the leaders of the New York Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy told me that SANE was planning sit downs.

#### RIOT SQUAD TAKES OVER; BRUTALITY BEGINS

The police were not particularly rough at the beginning of the sit down, when the precinct police were in charge. Later, the Tactical Patrol Force, the riot squad, took over and brutality began. The Tactical Patrol Force is a section of the New York police made up of six footers and used for tasks such as this. They have a well deserved bad reputation.

The TPF cops began slugging the demonstrators and dragging them to the police vans. After they had rounded up the sit downs, they, accompanied by a score of mounted police, charged the crowd of onlookers, hitting people at random and arresting them at random. A number of people were badly hurt, among them Julian Beck, the noted actor.

David McReynolds of the War Resisters League and the Socialist Party denounced the sit down demonstrators for causing a disorder and disrupting the good relations the organizers had with the police. He did this not at a closed meeting, but in the public press at a time when the demonstrators were in jail and some of them were in the hospital.

Police brutality can be expected, so can lack of elementary solidarity by social democrats. What is unexpected is the size and determination of the crowd of peace marchers, who did not scatter at the police charge as the police hoped they would.

Central Park West. A "picket-line" so hidden is not a picket line at all. Might we not at least have filed past the Garden in full view?

THE TRULY SPONTANEOUS demonstration of the New York youth who had with them their own picket signs is a concrete sign of the high consciousness and involvement of much of American youth. They will not forget.

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**In Connecticut**

**Fight for Desegregated Housing Continues**

NEW HAVEN—The civil rights battle continues here in New Haven, led by the CORE local. The main fight has been centered around a Fair Housing Practices Ordinance, which was defeated by a bi-partisan coalition in the Board of Aldermen. In spite of campaign promises, both parties agreed on bigotry and placed property rights above human rights, bowing to the interests of the banks and real estate brokers.

New Haven has a Negro ghetto equal to any. The rents are almost as large as the cockroaches and rats. If a fire alarm comes from this area, it is automatically answered by three fire engines—because the houses are tinder boxes. This is where New Haven's 24,000 Negroes live, because it is where they are told to live. The Board of Aldermen has no desire to change this, nor has Mayor Richard C. Lee, who did nothing to get the Ordinance passed.

To add to the already serious problem, New Haven has a "redevelopment" plan. Yes, they are tearing down the slums, and replacing them with high cost apartments with rent for one-room efficiency apartments starting at \$110. But the people who lived in the old slums are "resettled" in other, still more overcrowded Negro slums. The Redevelopment Agency follows a deliberate policy of segregation in resettling families here in a "leading city" of the "free North."

At present there are plans to tear down one of the worst parts of the slums. Twelve hundred families live in this area. But there are no provisions for resettlement, and when the "redevelopment" project is

completed, it will provide dwellings for only 600 families. Where are the other 600 families to go? Not out of the ghetto, for the political bosses voted to keep them in segregated slums by defeating the Ordinance.

**"WITH SILENT DIGNITY"**

The day after this defeat for human dignity, CORE staged its first protest demonstration, a sit-in at City Hall. It was a silent demonstration. The police came and picked up the 25 demonstrators bodily and removed them. They walked back to where they were sitting. The police began heaving them around the hallway like sacks of potatoes. With a silent dignity the demonstrators returned to their places. They would not be intimidated.

Mayor Lee was desperate, and sent "his Negro" down to "reason" with the demonstrators. "You people are inconveniencing others who want to use the building," said this Uncle Tom. "Twenty-four thousand Negroes in New Haven are inconvenienced by having to live in slums," replied Blyden Jackson, CORE President. "I know more about slums than these people," said Lee's ad-

visor, an obvious insult to the whites who were taking part in the sit-in.

There were no arrests made during this demonstration; New Haven would not want the publicity of having "freedom riders" in jail.

But there were arrests in the demonstration two days later. CORE sat-in at Republican and Democratic Town Chairmen's offices simultaneously, to show both parties were to blame. Four members were arrested—for breach of the peace—in a silent demonstration. It was the Democratic Chairman, Arthur Barbieri, who called the police and pressed charges, in case there is some illusion about the Democrats being the "liberal" party.

At the trial, the evidence presented against the four demonstrators was comical; the Republican Chairman testified he was not disturbed in any way by the demonstrators and did not want to see them arrested. The charge was changed from breach of the peace to disturbing the peace, since a conviction on the original charge would have been impossible. But the four were convicted on disturbing the peace—and fined 100 dollars each. This was the court's way of saying they did not want any further disturbance of the status-quo in New Haven. The lawyer for the four integrationists immediately requested appeal, and the four were released on 500 dollars appeal bond each.

**"WE SHALL OVERCOME"**

The case will be appealed until a just decision is given. The high expense involved will be cut down somewhat through the help of NAACP, which is supplying legal aid.

Three days after this conviction, on March 3, a large demonstration was held. About twenty freedom riders from other Northern cities converged on New Haven to lend their support. In 18 degree cold, a group of 30 began a march through the Negro ghetto. In spite of the cold, the ranks swelled to over 100 for a one mile march down to City Hall, where massive picketing took place.

The fight will continue until, as the words of the Freedom Fighters song say, "We shall overcome."

**American Indians**

(Continued from Page 3) among the seriously wounded, and Joseph had been seen fighting his way through the early part of the battle sheltering his new baby in his arms."

The Nez Perces surrendered in 1877, "for thirteen more years the government penned western nations on reservations and showed them with the grim use of arms that it meant to keep them there." Many rebellions followed. The last one ended at the massacre of Wounded Knee in December of 1890, where "some three hundred Indian men, women, and children were slaughtered by the raking fire of Hotchkiss guns."

It is impossible to give a complete picture of the fighting and some might consider this has been one-sided, but all must agree that for too long the one-sided rewritten history of the conquerors has been fed to the American public.

**A DOCTOR SPEAKS**

By M. D.

**Hospital Workers Get The Short End Of The Stick**

A friend of mine has written expressing surprise and indignation at the low wages being paid to some hospital workers he met. Along with agricultural laborers and hotel employees, the majority of men and women engaged in the basic activity of running a hospital (excluding doctors) are among the lowest paid workers in the nation. This is true of kitchen help, maids, orderlies, as well as nurses and laboratory technicians.

Among the poorer paid workers are those in the many hospitals connected with the Catholic Church and other religious groups. In such charity (as well as in many city and county tax-supported) institutions the reasons given for the poor wages is always the low operating budget. Implied in this is that second-class care is good enough for some of our citizens.

**BIG BUSINESS MOVES IN**

Up to recent years hospitals were largely non-profit organizations, depending on community chest funds, gifts and support from wealthy individuals or religious organizations. At the present time, however, there are, throughout the nation, a great many hospitals of 100 beds and less that are privately owned. Some are set up as non-profit in order to avoid taxes. In these the owners as officials receive high salaries.

Hospitals in the United States are now part of Big Business. The average patient brings into the hospital, payments approaching the price of an automobile. Hospitals are run for profit. Everything is extra when it comes to charges—a dressing tray, the use of a heat lamp, even an enema. The hospital laboratory, the x-ray machine and especially the hospital pharmacy are tremendous sources of profit. In many hospitals the charges for medicine are three to four times the price paid in the average out of hospital drug stores. Frequently the charges for antibiotics are out of this world.

As I have observed hospital workers over many years in a number of institutions, I have found them giving freely of their energy and time under difficult conditions; their own interest usually secondary to that of the sick patient. There is frequently a more human relationship in hospital work than is found in any other field or industry.

In the region where I live workers are supposed to be among the highest paid. I have talked to hospital workers, putting in 5 and 6 days weekly in the kitchen, laundry and house-keeping sections who receive, as take-home pay, \$40 a week or less. These are adult able men and women with families.

Many of these workers are Negroes, who have come up from the South in the past ten or fifteen years. Some are refugees from Hungary and other parts of Europe, and some came from Mexico or Central and South America. Many are well-trained and educated in special fields and have had some college work.

In addition to the poor wages, some hospitals deduct charges for one or two not so good meals. Workers in non-profit hospitals are further discriminated against by not being

eligible for social security.

**UNIONIZATION**

Nurses were the first to protest about the poor working conditions and low wages in hospitals. In recent years, recruitment of young girls for nursing careers fell precipitously. Most hospitals are short of graduate nurses but, instead of raising nurses salaries to good levels, they substitute partly trained women and attendants. In some hospitals with 30 or more sick patients to a floor there is only one graduate nurse. The others on the floor often have very little medical background. Hospital administrations have encouraged the establishment of vocational nursing schools that give less training in shorter time.

A prime reason for the poor pay of hospital workers is the failure of unions to take root in this field. The combined power of the hundreds of thousands of workers in hospitals cannot be felt. Only scattered individuals are heard in protest.

The old professional nursing organizations, involved with the ethics, dignity and maintaining the position of the professional, were instrumental in keeping the union out, and keeping the maintenance workers separated from the nurses, thus breaking up the unity of hospital workers. Hospital administrators and local political bodies always emphasize the "immorality" of striking against public, religious or charity institutions, thus maintaining an anti-union atmosphere.

**THE AMA**

Capitalist society being what it is, however, the harvesting of profits at the expense of patients held 'captive' in hospitals by misfortune is looked on as quite normal. Moreover, the law of extracting the maximum from the worker and returning to him the minimum is seen to function actively in hospitals. In a sane society, on the other hand, the field of the care of human illness would be one of the most rewarding not merely in pay but in human relations.

Unfortunately, though as individuals, many doctors speak out, the organized medical profession—the American Medical Association—has little to say about these hospital workers. As professionals in a class society, doctors support the division of workers into manual and mental. They likewise share responsibility for fleecing the patient. They help the AMA create a hospital atmosphere which accepts and perpetuates miserable working conditions for hospital workers.

News from New York hospital workers is only one of many instances in which the hospital workers show that they will no longer wait for help from the medical profession to organize on their own.

**British Tories Plan Another Sell-Out in North Rhodesia**

By V. L. J. Granger

After two years of breaking every promise leading to self-government by the vast African majority in Northern Rhodesia, the British Tory government has put forward still another sell-out "compromise" which may well have brought that territory closer to civil war than at any time since 1960.

In an area where Africans outnumber white settlers about 100 to 1, the latest constitutional proposal by British Colonial Secretary Maulding offers the Africans only the possibility of a scant parliamentary majority of one or two seats. Even if this hairbreadth majority were a certainty — which, under the Maulding proposal, it is a far way from being — it would still keep the 3,000,000 Africans masses under the brutal domination of the 30,000 whites.

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It is no wonder that the United National Independence Party of Northern Rhodesia (UNIP), led by Kenneth Kaunda, has rejected the Maulding constitution. The National Council of UNIP has just met to consider what they will do next. The results of their deliberations have not yet been received here, but it seems quite clear that the mass impact of the following will have to make itself felt if the European minority is to be prevented from unleashing bloodshed.

At the beginning of 1961, a London conference on the Central African Federation was faced with the certainty that majority rule for Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland must mean the dissolution of the Federation. It is detested by the millions of Africans it subjugates.

Whereupon the Federations, Prime Minister, Sir Roy Welensky, threatened armed revolt and white terror if Britain yielded to any of the African demands. The Tories, as could

have been predicted, sided with Welensky.

UNIP's President, Kenneth Kaunda has charged that Welensky's plans to resist change included the plot to arrest top British officials, oust Britain, and establish a South African-type white dictatorship. This charge, made more than a year ago, was substantiated by authoritative British sources, which also indicated that the British Cabinet knew all about Welensky's conspiracy. Welensky has not only gone unchallenged by the government, his demands have received their support.

When, on the contrary, the Africans showed their unrest in Northern Rhodesia, last fall, by scattered strikes and demonstrations, London called on Kaunda to curb his followers lest a racial blood-bath be unleashed.

Two things must be remembered:

(1) The Central African Federation was established in 1953 to strengthen white minority domination against the African revolt for independence which had erupted shortly before in neighboring Kenya.

(2) The same forces which established Verwoerd's bloody apartheid rule in South Africa, and which are represented by the Katanga lobby in the Congo, are behind Welensky in his determination to keep the rich Copperbelt of Northern Rhodesia under continued Colonial exploitation.

Now, when terror against African masses is the rule in South Africa; when Congolese independence has been destroyed by the blood-soaked chaos imposed on order of the Katanga lobby; when Kenya is threatened by renewed violence — bloodshed in Northern Rhodesia is about to be unleashed by the ruthless white minority. It can be stopped only by the success of the Independence Movement.

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## The Cease-Fire in Algeria Is a Prelude to a Renewed Civil War

(Continued From Page 1)  
rupt the French workers' movement, the OAS called for a general strike of European colons in Algiers. The French masses were not deceived by this divisive move, and made plain to the Algerian masses their fundamental unity of interest and solidarity against both the OAS and de Gaulle.

### American Press Slanders

Where the OAS failed in their sinister attempt, the capitalist American press came to their aid by slandering the tremendous outpouring of the French working class. It was reported in the U.S. as a Communist maneuver against the newspapers' darling, de Gaulle.

The truth is that the Communists—who know well how to try to confuse a mass movement for their own ruthless interests—did not call, let alone lead, the demonstration which exceeded all expectations.

On the contrary, Communists along with Socialists and Catholics had to rush into the streets in order not to be completely isolated from the mass movement. The French working class has no illusion either about the totalitarian Communists, or the sell-out labor leaders of other varieties, whose measure they have taken many times since the end of World War II.

### Mad Dreams of "Glory"

De Gaulle has no more intention of leaving the reconstruction of an independent Algeria to the Moslem masses than he has of leaving French reconstruction to the mass movement in France. The very terms of the cease-fire, as they have trickled back from the secret talks, shows clearly the double game he is playing. His key points are the retention of the huge French naval base at Mers-el-Kebir, and the continued development and use of French atomic testing grounds in the oil-rich Sahara. The cornerstone of de Gaulle's policy is his madman's dream of becoming a full-fledged member of the nuclear club.

As the head of his own nuclear-armed military establishment, de Gaulle seeks to lead the European bloc of common market countries. He thereby hopes to challenge American domination of NATO with its British junior partner, and thus to maneuver independently with Russia to recreate French "glory" in the shadow of the US-USSR cold war. The Algerian independence movement, however, has proved too powerful a deterrent to his plans. His only purpose in seeking a cease-fire is to gain time for his European adventure. But the class conflict curbs him at every step.

### 17 Years of Struggle

The armed phase of the Algerian movement broke out on Nov. 1, 1954. This followed almost a decade of incessant activity. During this time the Moslems developed and expanded their forms of organization for the present struggle in which one of the first blows was struck 17 years ago.

Immediately after V-E Day, when French demonstrators were celebrating their liberation from Nazi occupation, Algerians demonstrated simultaneously for their own liberation from French colonialism. The continued exploitation of Algeria by French capitalism deepened the Moslem mass movement and strengthened the FLN to the point where they could defend themselves against repression by French occupation forces in an organized military manner.

These last 7½ years of warfare have forced capitalist France to maintain a conscript Army in Algeria of 450,000 troops.

The use of draftees for colonial suppression deepened the discontent of the French masses with a costly war that imposed repression and deprivation upon them at home, and drained the life blood of their sons on foreign soil.

The first mutiny by draftees occurred on Sept. 11, 1957, at the railroad station in Paris from which they were being shipped out. It was followed by a second mutiny on Oct. 7, in Rouen. Both were supported by civilian demonstrations for peace in Algeria.

Authoritarian de Gaulle was brought to power in 1958 by the same elements, both in France and Algeria, which now make up the fascist OAS. His first act was to intensify the military suppression of Algerian masses, and to crack down against French workers. He banned strikes and demonstrations, and suspended the civil rights which French workers have repeatedly shed their blood to secure.

Despite this, the Socialist and radical politicians added their voices to de Gaulle's support by furthering the lie that only he was capable of ending the war in Algeria. They called him indispensable. Further to confuse the issue, the Communist leadership in France voted against Algerian independence, while at the same time trying to ride on the coat-tails of the Moslem movement.

### The Danger of Secrecy

One thing is certain: de Gaulle, who was brought to power by the same OAS elements he now finds too unstable for his plans, is not going to yield of his own free will to the mass movement in Algeria or in France. Whatever he hopes to gain from the cease-fire negotiations is based upon his determination to continue the suppression of the Algerian and French masses. He will try to do this by trick if he cannot do so by force.

In the double-cross world of de Gaulle politics, secrecy in negotiations for the cease-fire, and the transitional period which will follow, can only work against revolutionary clarification—delay the clearcut expression of the wishes of the Algerian masses.

According to reports received here, a Provisional Executive will be set up after the cease-fire to administer a 3-year transition from French to Algerian rule. The Executive reportedly will be composed of Moslems and Europeans whose responsibility it will be to set up and command a 90,000-man public force. It is to consist of Moslem militiamen and conscripts, together with French security police and gendarmes. The effectiveness of the public force will obviously depend upon the Moslems. The French security police and gendarmes have already shown their unwillingness to deal with the OAS.

### The Future Struggle

The only guarantee for an independent Algeria rests with the masses. Their unceasing activity, organization, heroism, indifference to personal danger, has characterized the Algerian movement for independence and has forced the arrogant de Gaulle to sue for peace. A reconstructed independent Algeria, worthy of the name can be built only if they build it, control it and determine its course on the basis of their needs for new human relations to replace the repressive relations of

## Our Life and Times

By PETER MALLORY

### The 'Democratic' Dictators

Once again the misnamed Alliance for Progress has shown how staunchly it defends "democracy"—even if that means pouring in \$42 billions a year to support Latin American dictatorships.

First it happened in Guatemala where Dictator Ydigoras calls himself "President" by means of fake elections. Even the American Breaux Bridge Oil Refining Co. has had to cry "corrupt." But in the books of the Alliance for Progress this corrupt, autocratic regime is called "democratic." Didn't it allow its territory to be used for the invasion of Cuba?

In the past few weeks the students have gone on demonstrations, supported by the overwhelming majority of Guatemalans, against the fake elections. That solid friend of the "Alliance for

Progress" — Ydigoras — thereupon fired into the unarmed demonstrators, killed 20, wounded 500, and called all and sundry "Castro-Communist." In the books of the U. S. State Department that makes him a "democrat."

Next this type of totalitarian rule moved into full power in Argentina the very minute the people, in a landslide election, democratically voted against both the Frondizi regime and the Alliance for Progress. No sooner were the results of the ballot box known than a hue and cry went up both from the State Department and the military brass in Argentina. The first let it be known that if "Peronistas" were in control of the country, it would not be entitled to the lush funds of the Alliance. Bolstered by the stand of the United States, the military brass of Argen-

tina demanded that President Frondizi nullify the elections.

The Voice of America, which is always lecturing the states where one-party rule dominates, about the value of the democracy of the ballot box open to all, was strangely silent. Indeed, if the military forces can cancel out democratic elections, then what is the use of lecturing unarmed people about the violence of other totalitarians? Does violence become a peaceful means of power when the bloated, but favorite Latin American military, threaten the unarmed millions? Do dictators become "democrats" by being "for" America? What can possibly change the "image" of America when the truth is that simple: American imperialism's best friends are the corrupt Latin American dictators.

### ELECTIONS IN INDIA

The recent elections in India have swept Nehru's Congress Party back into power for another term. Along with the victory came the victory of Krishna Menon, Indian Defense Minister and U.N. representative. His election was fought by a coalition of 3 other political parties united behind J. B. Kripalani, head of the Praja Socialist Party which has fought Nehru since 1951.

Krishna Menon is a highly controversial figure wherever he goes, be it the United Nations where he supports Russian-motivated resolutions or back in India where he is accused of wasting the money of a poor country, failing to defend India against the invasion of the Chinese Communists, and supporting totalitarian regimes against the will of the people.

Both Nehru and Menon claim to be "socialists" but the record of their rule in India leaves much to be desired. Things move at a very slow pace. Many of the evils of British imperialism continue to flourish under the Nehru regime. Sacred cattle and monkeys roam at will while thousands are hungry and live in the streets. De-

spite \$24 billion being invested in State owned enterprises over 10 years, 90% of the economy is still in private hands.

The Congress Party is by no means a party of workers seeking socialism, despite Nehru's claims. While it does contain those elements, it is also possibly the greatest hodge-podge of a political assembly known anywhere. Lacking any clear-cut set of political principles, its greatest financial contributions are the leading Indian capitalists who substitute it for the British Raj, and call it the "Permit Raj." Since it is the dispenser of political patronage, and this item looms large in the life of the average Indian under "Nehru Socialism," people of all political stripes flock to its banner. It might be called the party of political opportunism since it ranges from Menon's views (as second-in-command) to the man literally living in the streets, who seeks a better way of life. Its future is in doubt, its present is in the reality that is India.

### IRELAND

The Irish Republican Army has finally given up the ghost and dissolved itself for lack of support among

the Irish people. Their excuse for existence has been to re-unite the two sections of Ireland, separated when Ireland got its independence from England.

Their methods have been those of terrorism, bombings and general harassment of the British north of the border. As such, they have found decreasing support and lack of sympathy.

Today they are a sorry lot compared with the old I.R.A. who fought the British courageously and finally won their independence. The glory of men like James Connolly and the others who fought with him during Easter Week of 1916 will never dim, but has nothing in common with these people who retain nothing but the old name.

### UNEMPLOYMENT

In the state of Michigan, unemployment increased by 17,000 between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15 to bring the total to 268,000 of which 127,000 are in the Detroit area. This represents 9.2% of the work force. During the last 5 years there have never been less than 98,000 unemployed in Detroit and a high point was reached in 1958 when Detroit alone had 230,400 unemployed.

## Conscripts vs. the OAS

Who are the blood-stained madmen of the Secret Army Organization whose daily atrocities, in Algeria and in France, are directed against Europeans as well as Moslems? Their aims and methods are the inhuman aims and methods of fascism.

This is how the OAS is described by Peter McPherson, in the March 9th London TRIBUNE:

"Its titular head is ex-General Raoul Salan, a former French commander-in-chief in Algeria who was sentenced to death in absentia last year by a French military court for his part in the generals' revolt.

"But Salan remains in hiding, stupefied by the drugs he learned to take during his service in Indo-China. The real leadership of the OAS now rests in the hands of junior field officers like Colonel Goddard, the deserter Colonel who was France's most notorious torturer-in-chief while he held the post of head of the Department of Psychological Warfare in Algeria.

"Manning the murder units are a hodge-podge of petty criminals and tough professional killers from the 'premier REP'—the first Foreign Legion paratroop regiment, disbanded for its disloyalty during the generals' revolt.

"Many of them are Germans, the remnant of the Nazi SS or their younger successors. Some are Italians still steeped in the rubbishy propaganda of Mussolini. Ironically, only a handful of the real gunmen are 'pieds noirs'—Algerian-born French settlers. And most of the Frenchmen in the upper ranks of the OAS are from mainland France.

Among the forces ready for action against the OAS there is an organization within the Army itself. Made up mostly of conscripts it is called the Organisation clandestine du Contingent (Secret Organization of the Contingent). There isn't much public information about this draftee group, nor has its full impact yet been felt. It was active in defeating the generals' revolt last year, and is presumed ready to act against Army officers and non-coms sympathetic to the OAS.