# Masses Show Will to Fight De Gaulle

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# But the Generals Are Still Poised to Impose **Bloody Dictatorial Rule**

#### By George Lavan

MAY 28 — The noose of dictatorship has been lowered onto the shoulders of political democracy in France. Never since Louis Napoleon destroyed the Second Republic in 1851 and Hitler's flunkey, Marshal Petain, destroyed the Third Republic has the French working class stood in such deadly danger. Confronted with wouldbe dictator de Gaulle, capitalist politicians of France are surrendering with a speed that would put to shame the politicians of a Central American Republic faced with an army coup.

The only thing which prevented a complete sell-out today by parliament to the threats of de Gaulle and his sinister following of militarists, the racist colons of Algeria and assorted fascist and semi-fascist elements was the last-minute mobilization of the French working class. The transfer of the scene of battle from the floor and corridors of the National Assembly where the result was a foregone conclusion to the country itself was announced by the most tremendous demonstration seen in France since the end of World War II. Some 200,000 workers, marching twenty abreast through the streets of Paris to the site of that Bastille destroyed by their revolutionary ancestors, chanted "De Gaulle Shall Not Pass."

Thus the working class served notice of its will to fight to the end against the imposition of a dictatorship designed to smash its organizations — that is a fascist dictatorship.

The mighty demonstration achieved in action what the conflict between the top bureaucracies of the Social Democratic and Communist Parties had hitherto prevented - a united front. For all reports agree that the overwhelming bulk of the demonstrators were the rank-and-file members of these two largest organizations of the French workers.

This gives hope that the sound instinct of the masses for united action against the terrible danger confronting them will prevail over their leaders' previous inability or refusal to agree on joint actions.

### Workers' Ranks Unite

This was also foreshadowed by incidents in yesterday's pling ruling means that under general strike called by the largest union federation, the Com- the Taft-Hartley Act, there is munist-led CGT. Though only a partial success nationally, and no uniform federal policy in disappointing in Paris, the strike did show the workers' power in many areas. Particularly in the north where the miners came | courts have control. out 75% strong. Most significant were those places, where disregarding their national leaders' orders, workers belonging S. Russell who tried to drive to the Socialist-led Force Ouvriere, joined the CGT strikers. his car through a United Auto For example in Toulouse, Communist and Socialist workers Workers picket line at a copmarched arm-in-arm on an arsenal. However, it was today's per company in Decatur, Alatremendous demonstration in Paris which serves notice that bama during a strike in 1951. despite party and union divisions, the French workers want to The pickets stopped him and he stop de Gaulle by fighting together against him.

This is a momentous fact. It means that if the betrayal in claiming that the union had parliament goes through and de Gaulle becomes premier, his cost him five weeks pay by battle is far from won. He will have terrified parliament into keeping him off the job during acquiesence, but not the workers. Unless completely derailed by the strike. He also asked for their leaders, the workers will still be in a position and mood punitive damages. The Alato fight.

Though by bcoming premier de Gaulle would have won the first battle, inflicting a grave defeat on the French working (Continued on Page 2)

# NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1958 Price 10c Vol. XXII — No. 22 Drive Opens for United Socialist Ticket in N.Y.

THE MILITANT

WEEKLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

#### High Court Scabs Union Suing

The United States Supreme Court ruled, May 27, that a scab who has been kept out of a plant by strikers can sue the union for damages in the state courts. Prior to this ruling the practice was that only the Na-

tional Labor Relations Board ruled on claims for back pay and other damages made by such creatures. Technically, this union crip-

such cases and the various state

The test case involved Paul sued in the Alabama courts

bama jury awarded him \$10,000. VOTE IS 6-2 The UAW took the case to the Supreme Court. The vote against the union was six to two with Justice Hugo L. Black

An Editorial **Socialist Fund at 99%** with Justice Hugo L. Black taking no part in the case. Jus-tices Burton, Frankfurter, Clark, but a united independent-socialist ticket is that there is no profit in "coalition" put a united independent-socialist ticket is that there is no profit in "coalition" on the New York ballot this fall should be greeted with enthusiasm by all those who are working for a meaningful revival The dissenting opinion point- of the socialist movement in this country. to see. The issuance of the conference call marks a renewal in a key state of the BULLETIN - Los Angeles has gone over the top through successive actions by socialist tradition of challenging the two parties injured by members Big Business parties at the polls. By implementing the call, New York socialists companies concerted activities not only have the opportunity to spread the socialist message at a time when pop-"By reason," continued the ular interest in political issues is at its dissent, "of various liability for height, but also the means to remove socialism from the realm of abstract

1958 elections as the conference dogmatism. For decades the trade union Initiating sponsors of the officialdom, and even sections of the radi- projected socialist ticket incal movement, have followed the road of clude: Dr. Corliss Lamont, philosopher and lecturer at New "coalition." The results have been plain York University, who was the American Labor Party's 1952

# **Call Issued for Parley Draft Platform and** Candidates Nominate

NEW YORK, May 26 - Plans for an effective statewide socialist election campaign in New York were made public today with the announcement of a call for a conference to nominate a united independent-socialist slate of candidates for U.S. Senator, Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Comptroller.

Initiators of the movement are calling for a campaign of socialist opposition to the bipartisan policies of cold war, witch hunt and suppression of civil rights. They brand the Republican and Democratic parties as "seeking to crush labor, the family farmer and the small business man; and with impoverishing and corrupting the nation's educational system."

SET PARLEY JUNE 13-15 Declaring that "a united Independent-Socialist ticket in New York State can provide the long needed impetus for a revival and reinvigoration of independent political action," the sponsoring call was issued by a group of individuals including independents and leaders and members of various organized socialist groupings. The group scheduled the conference at the Great Northern Hotel in New York on June 13, 14 and 15, "for the purpose of adopting a platform and designating candidates for such offices in the

## No Sign of End To Recession

MAY 28 - President Eisenhower said today that he thinks the recession has "largely spent itself." But the specialists on the Wall Street Journal don't agree. Analyzing the Commerce Department's monthly business size-up, the Journal concludes "there is still no clear sign the recesion is at or near bottom." Key to the situation, it points out, is the fact that in the major producers' and consumers' durable goods field, "little, if any improvement was evident in April." It further notes that manufacturing orders appeared to drop only slightly, because government orders had increased. However, orders for non-defense goods took a further drop.



The Next Task

# With 3 Days to Go

#### By Murry Weiss National Fund Drive Director

with \$5,000 or 109% of its \$4,600 quota.

MAY 28 - With three days left to go, the \$20,000 Socialist Expansion Fund drive

20000

15,000

10,000

5,000

has reached 99% of completion and 100% victory is assured by the May 31 deadline.

At this date thirteen SWP groups have come in 100% and five of these - Denver, Pittsburgh, Detroit, South and Oakland - have gone over the top. (See Scoreboard page 4.)

The spring Socialist Expansion Fund Drive began March 1 as the first of two fund campaigns in 1958 aimed at stepping-up the activity and broadening the influence of the socialist movement in the United States.

The main feature of socialist expansion efforts for 1958 was the launching of a movement for placing socialist candidates on the ballot in the fall congressional and state elections and above all trying to achieve United Socialist Tickets wherever possible.

It is felt that if socialists could get together and hammer out agreement on a minimum platform of socialist struggle for peace and against the cold war, for a planned economy of abundance instead of capitalist depression, for an end to Jim Crow and to the witch hunt, for a new independent party of labor in alliance

with the working farmer and the Negro people, it would point the way to the 1960 elections and the development of a broader, more influential and resurgent socialist movement in America.

Already United Socialist Ticket movements have been launched in California and Illinois; and

United Independent-Socialist Ticket Conference is scheduled for June 13, 14 and 15 in New York City. (See Story this page.)

Harlan, Brennan and Whittaker constituted the majority and Warren and Douglas the minority.

ed out that "There is a very real prospect of staggering punitive damages accumulated

who have succumbed to the emotion that frequently ac-

during labor unrest . . ." its members' . . . conduct on the picket lines the union is to be subjected to a series of propaganda. judgments that may and prob-

ably will reduce it to bankruptcy . . as a result of the Decatur, Ala-

bama strike alone. The damages claimed total \$1,500,000.

# **Britain Admits Inciting Soviet Border Incident**

MAY 22 - The British government officially admitted yesforces have been deliberately engaging in provocative violations of Soviet frontiers.

The official admission came from a government prosecutor in the opening of the trial of recession. two Oxford students charged

with violation of the Official

of the British navy, the two students wrote an article for



H-bomb. GOVT. SECRETS

land against such practices and (Continued on Page 2)

Adoption at the conference of a clearcut, militant program on the principal Over twenty other suits have issues of the day, and launching of a been brought against the UAW united socialist ticket will help reactivate the many convinced but presently unafilliated socialists throughout the state. Equally important, such a ticket can provide an inspiring alternative for the growing thousands who, though not convinced socialists, are thoroughly fed up with both the Republicans and Democrats.

A united socialist ticket can rally the active support of those who oppose the bipartisan cold war and who are building the growing movement for a halt to nuclear tests; those who recognize the need terday that its air and naval to resist the anti-labor drive and the witch hunt; those who are demanding full equality for the Negro people and those who are seeking an effective program to combat the ravaging effects of the present

The united character of the projected azine describing how British campaign is particularly heartening. Those planes and boats deliberately who are initiating the movement have invaded Soviet territory. These differing views on a number of political dangerously agressive acts were issues. But they are demonstrating their capacity to act together on the most centhe basis of Soviet responses to tral of issues - opposition to the capitalthe provocations. The issue of ist system and its political parties. In the magazine in which the ar- short, they are agreed that the interests ticle appeared was devoted to of labor and the minority people and the cause of socialism can be advanced only

through independent political action and Publication of the article not through futile efforts to achieve a brought strong protest in Eng- "coalition" with capitalist politicians.

This growing recognition by social-

Despite its enormous potential politi- W. E. DuBois, world-famed hiscal strength, labor has suffered continuing torian; Mrs. Muriel McAvoy, setbacks as a result of reliance by the widow of the late ALP leader, union officialdom on capitalist political Clifford T. McAvoy; Dr. How-"friends." The threat of impending antilabor legislation and the failure to win gressional refusal to action anti-recession measures drives home the point.

### Show New Road

Those in the radical movement who have supported this course have argued that to remain on the path of independent political action would result in isolation. But "coalition" politics can only contribute discreditment to the socialist movement and to the demoralization of many of its supporters. The initiators of a united socialist campaign are offering ticket in the 1958 election. It is the road out of this blind alley.

The fact that they are recommending

to the coming conference that it nominate Dear Friend: a full slate of candidates for the major state offices demonstrates that they mean business about independent politics and are not interested in any token campaign various organized socialist ing elections. Further, if a limited to one or another single office. groups, have been meeting to minimum of 50,000 votes can Such a campaign would in reality mean tagging along in tacit support of one or more in the endless parade of capitalist "lesser evils." State.

The proposal for a united socialist ticket could not have come at a better time. The fact that America is not immune to the laws of capitalist crisis is being revealed today in dramatic fashion. The swiftly growing crisis of Wall Street's foreign and domestic policies will proactionary policies pursued by the Repub- in sponsoring the Conference. licans and Democrats.

For our part, we of the Militant can provide the long-needed nomic system. impetus for a revival and repledge our maximum resources to rallyinvigoration of independent poing support for the kind of a fighting. united socialist campaign that New York has needed for a long time. the country. We believe that

chairman of the Young Socialist Alliance; George Stryker, Long Island socialist: Henry H. Abrams, Dr. Annette T. Rubenstein and John T. McManus of the National Guardian, all three prominently identified with the candidate for U.S. Senator; Dr. American Labor Party until its dissolution in 1956.

HITS CAPITALIST ANARCHY

The conference call presents ard Selsam, author-philosopher a detailed indictment of the capitalist system. Pointing to and director until its closing last year of the Jefferson the industrial progress achieved even modification of the Taft-Hartley law School; Joyce Cowley, 1957 New under a planned economy, the are cases in point. And the current Con- York mayoralty candidate of call declares: "In a world in the Socialist Workers Party; which a billion people are en-Russ, Nixon, national legislative gaged in building a socialist representative of the United order as an alternative to cap-Electrical Workers Union (in- italist anarchy, American capi-(Continued on Page 3) dependent); Richard De Haan,

# Text of Call to United Socialist Conference

(The following is the text of a letter sent out to some 800 New Yorkers requesting their endorsement for a call to a conference to launch a united independent-socialist

followed by the text of the thousands of people in our state would rally to the support of conference call itself.)

such a campaign. We believe that this effort is necessary this

During the first few months year to introduce vital issues of this year, a group of indi- and prospects which will otherviduals including independents wise be absent from the politiand leaders and members of cal argument in the forthcomdiscuss the possibilities of ef- be won at the ballot-box, an fective united independent-so- independent political medium cialist electoral participation in of great, new significance can the 1958 elections in New York be given ballot status in our state for future elections.

The result has been the en- It is proposed that a platform closed draft of a Call to a be built on the principle of Conference this spring to un- minimum agreement among the dertake to put on the ballot in various groups and tendencies November independent Social- participating in the conference ist candidates for the four top and it is to be hoped that the State offices and U.S. Senator. candidates designated by such We are sending you the pro- a conference would represent posed Call in the hope that you clearly the main independentvide an expanded new audience ready to will endorse its main purpose socialist currents in our state consider socialist alternatives to the re- and join with the undersigned which are devoted to peace and consideration of socialist solu-A united Independent-Social- tions for the ills produced by ist ticket in New York State our country's social and eco-

> If you agree with the purpose of the proposed Conference we litical action not only in our urge, in addition to your own state but elsewhere throughout concurrence in sponsorship, that (Continued on Page 3)

Secrets Act. Former members Reject "Coalition"

# Whya Ceylonese The French Atrocities in Algeria

Gov't Workers' Strike Was Lost



Page Two

Shown above is a rally of the Lanka Sama Samaja (Ceylon Equality) Party, the largest working-class party in Ceylon. The LSSP, Ceylon's Trotskyist organization, is also the official opposition in parliament where it has 14 seats. The Communist Party has three.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, May 12 - Communist Party supporters who gained the leadership of the union of the white collar section of government workers have been completely discredited and face+ the loss of union control as a guard the right to strike. Under result of their sellout of the this pressure, the government strike of public workers two immediately withdrew the army from the streets and stopped weeks ago.

The strike of the CP-control- interfering with picketing, proled Public Service Workers cessions and other demonstra-Trade Union Federation was tions by the strikers.

called to gloss over the strike- But the government refused breaking activity which they to negotiate until the strike was carried on, and encouraged the called off. The union leadership government to carry on, during appeared to be sticking to its the recent successful strikes stand that it would not call off conducted by the Ceylon Feder- the strike until it had a settleation of Labor and by the Gov- ment. Meanwhile the LSSP-led ernment Workers Trade Union unions, along with the Ceylon Federation which is led by the Workers Congress and the Dem-Lanka Sama Samaja Party ocratic Workers Congress, were in the process of mapping out (Trotskyist.)

The Stalinists denounced the joint action to force the gov-LSSP-led strikes as reaction- ernment to settle while the ary attempts to overthrow the workers were still out. Peoples United Front (Bandara- STRIKE CALLED OFF

naike) government. Although In the very midst of these this government is dominated preparations the CP-led union by a wing of the capitalist class, suddenly called off. the strike the CP has declared it "pro- with none of its demands grantgressive" and has supported it. ed and without even negotiat-BADLY DISCREDITED ing further with the govern-

With the wide spread public ment. Though the strikers resupport extended the LSSP-led turned to work they did so strikes, which were fought for under protest feeling they were higher wages to combat run- betrayed by the .CP leaders. The LSSP-led unions also beaway inflation, and with the successful outcome of the lieve this was a betrayal of the strikes, the Stalinists were bad-strike. They believe that the the preliminary to the fascist ly discredited in the unions be- Stalinist line of support to the or totalitarian military dic- cold war and dirty wars in war against the Algerians. It gives promise that it recession, there was not only cause of their anti-strike activ- MEP government was behind tatorship which would logically ity. So they tried to boost their the decision. Other union bodstock by calling a strike them- ies, too, share this view. As of selves. Government clerks in a this writing all of the main union affiliated with the Public branches of the government Service Workers joined the clerks' union have adopted resolutions calling for dissaffil- ful counter-offensive. strike.

The LSSP-led unions did not jation from the CP-led Public join the strike action because Service Workers Trade Union By John Thayer

What kind of war is it that the French militarists and settlers in Algeria are determined to continue even if it entails overthrowing the French Republic and establishing a dictatorship?

It is one of the most brutal wars in modern history. The French army has been carrying on a reign of terror and reprisals against a whole people - combatant and non-combatant — men, women and children, that is surpassed in ferocity only by the Nazi campaigns in Poland and the ocupied parts of the Soviet Inion during the last war. MASTER RACE"

In this French colony there are about nine million Algerans and one million French colons or settlers: At most only half of these "French colons" are French. The other half being of Spanish, Italian, Maltese, and other Mediterranean extraction. What makes them "French," or members of the "master race" there, is their European ancestry, their skin, their religions - which though

varied are "superior" because they are non-Moslem.

Not all of these colons are oig farmers, plantation owners "Like the war itself, the Al-lack of arms. It has only what or capitalists. Most are merely gerian nationalists, or National can be smuggled in and what middle class, white-collar or Liberation Army, are every- is captured from the French tion with a truck which had skilled workers. But most have been corrupted by their "mas- where, because in any city a the U.S., have tremendous ter race" privileges, and others foreigner can meet Arabs, quantities of all weapons plus damage, no dead, no wounded. cowed into line by the ex- many of them working for the planes, helicopters, trucks,

tremely reactionary veterans, French administration, who can tanks, etc., etc. organizations, professional put him in touch with the naclubs, etc. (similar to the White tionalist forces. Probably no lation hides and helps the guer-Citizens Councils of the American South), which do the bidnationalist political officer, dun- have resorted to mass execuding of the big landowners and capitalists and banks, who ting women and children to the population as a whole, dereally own Algeria.

number of Uncle Toms and who may happen by, yet, rillas, and the systematic use that are gathered in the course quislings the Algerian people withal, unknown to the of torture to extract informaall want independence and sup- French."

port the underground national- U.S. EQUIPMENT

ist movement and the guerrilla The actual guerrilla army is counts of the unbelievable tary camp has next to it a bands of freedom fighters. A estimated at only 30,000. It savagery of the French militar- prison camp." N.Y. Times correspondent Jo- could be ten or more times ists in Algeria have been pubseph Kraft puts it (May 23): larger but is kept small by lished. A recent eye-witness case an isolated example or are Nixon demonstrations which

of the air force.

Show Will to Fight De Gaulle

tion. #

The three insurgent generals who are the principal

Since the whole Arab popu-

members of the junta holding power in Algeria, at a

ceremony in Algiers. They are (lower left to right): Raoul

Salan, Commander-in-Chief of French forces in Algeria;

Jacques Massu, of the paratroopers, and Edmond Jouhaud

(Continued from Page 1) workers could prevent the consolidation of his personal rule, editorial, page 3.) follow. In other words the most unfavorable outcome of the immediate political crisis would

capable of launching a success-The great proletarian demon-

class, he would not yet have Marshall Plan and NATO, in Algeria. But almost im- accepted. won the war. Struggle by the French capitalism was equipped mediately after taking office The 11th hour mobilization the United States. And it was with teeth and claws for coping "Socialist" Premier Mollet, with of the French working class aggravated by the onset of internally with its working support from the Communist shows that it has thrown off crisis in the United States itclass and use externally in the Party deputies, intensified the the torpor induced by past be- self. As a result of the U.S. Indo-China and Algeria. (See For two weeks the SP and will be able to rise above its a drop in the import of raw The equal opportunism and to the present danger by sup- fight against de Gaulle. For in metals field, but also a sharp

sell-outs of the Social-Democra- porting Premier Pflimlin as a backing de Gaulle's bid for decline in prices. still see the working class tic leaders and Communist dependable opponent of de dictatorship, the French capital-capable of launching a success- Party leaders, though they serve Gaulle. This sorry game came ist class has put to an end the For instance different masters, has greatly to its inevitable end this morn-discouraged the French work-ing. Pflimlin, after winning an-democratic rule marked by its per dropped from 50 cents a gainst democratic rule marked by its per dropped from 50 cents a gainst demon-further any and best organized labor 165) promptly resigned in de chairs in an andless succession and a sharp drop in the na-of the forces he represents.

**Against Dictatorship!** 

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account of conditions in rural there many of this type?") lion men killed since the be-Algeria appeared in the inde- Abbe Berenguer: "I personally ginning of the war was cited pendent socialist newspaper know of many. Each time it is to me by officers six or seven France-Observateur (April 24). a matter of making an example months ago."

It is an interview with Abbe to impress the civilian popula- In the N.Y. Times article re-Berenguer, the parish priest of tion. In each sector there is an ferred to above, Joseph Kraft, Montagnac, a village of 2,500 officer or under-officer 'in describing the Algerian scene, in western Algeria. This priest, charge of security' and the title writes: "Along the back-couna third-generation French colon given him good-naturedly by try roads broken men, and near in Algeria, went to France for his colleagues is, perhaps, 'the blind, stumble their way home medical reasons, and was re- killer' or, perhaps, "the execu- - Arabs released from the torfused readmission to Algeria by tioner." In the village of Re- ture chambers, each with a the military. The following ex-cerpts are from the lengthy in-executions each time there is a to indicate he is harmless." It terview.

DESTROYED VILLAGES

"In connection with the Christmas holidays I visited other example: a lieutenant of French army, who are the most was surprised to find that the met death in an ambush, the in Indo-China and now in Almajority of mechtas - or Arab colonel gave the order to shoot geria, these paratroops have hamlets - had been destroyed and their inhabitants evacuated ing douar."

. . It seems that besides permons I felt it my duty to pronounce from the pulpit about certain action which had taken place on the territory of my parish. The officers and soldiers who had participated in or hatched these actions were present at mass, and I did not feel I should remain silent before them. One of the last times I spoke in this way at the end of December 1957, in connecwhere and nowhere. Every- who, generously supplied by been blown up by a land mine. There had been only property the nearby camp had five pris-

oners executed and their bodies exposed at the scene of the exvillage in Algeria is without a rillas, the French militarists plosion for 48 hours. (Question: "You speak of

ning the locals for funds, set- tions of civilians to terrorize prisoners shot. Are these nationalist soldiers taken in comspy on the French, storing up struction of villages suspected bat?") Abbe Berenguer: "Not With the exception of a small food for nationalist soldiers of harboring and feeding guer- in the least. They are 'suspects' of a roundup for verification of identities or people who have been denounced. Every mili-Many verified, factual ac-

(Question: "Was the above

CP leaders lulled the workers misleaders to wage an effective materials, especially in the

hostile act. Thus after some is the brutalized professional months the figure stood at 101 soldiers of Gen. Massu's para-Moslems killed . . . Still an- troops, not the 90% draftee military posts in places where the SAS (to whom I was called bestial torturers. Professional hadn't been for a year. I to give the last rites) having killers for the past seven years, 80 inhabitants of the neighbor- been torturing for seven years also and are now as brutalized (Question: "All this must as were Hitler's SS elite

sonal letters I wrote to my cause terrible gaps in the Mos- troops. Woe to the people of friends, what annoyed the au- lem population?") Abbe Beren- France if they are the practorthorities about me was the ser- guer: "The figure of a half mil- ian guard of a military dictator.



There is long-standing resentment, distrust and dislike on the part of the Latin American people for the Wall Street crowd and its representatives in Washington.

This is caused by many years Yet the colonel commanding of merciless exploitation of the masses, by dollar diplomacy and 'big-stick" intervention in Latin American affairs. But apart from these considerations, the most important reason for the hostile reception Nixon received on his good-will tour last month is that most Latin American countries face deep economic crisis.

> The maladjustment affects not only the working masses but also some sections of the native capitalist and middleclass elements. Hence the popular support accorded the antiwere looked on with satisfaction by a considerable section of the native ruling elements. The economic crisis that the Latin American countries are



know that Nixon maintained a direct and indirect association with the dark, fascist forces of McCarthyism, which sought to prevent a truthful and free discussion of the problems facing the United States. An ace witch-hunter, Nixon engaged in systematic distortion and de-

NIXON

didn't come to speak the truth

in a free interchange of opin-

ions as he pretended. They

For instance the price of cop-

they felt some of the demands Federation. Their withdrawal new feit some of the demands in a paper organization. This double of the central of the program put forward were sectarian and will leave the union little more they felt further discussion of than a paper organization. other demands was necessary before they could strike. acted by unleashing the police, character of the government. army and organized hooligans Minister Philip Gunewardena against the strikers, the LSSP who the CP has declared is led unions declared to the Prime most worthy of all of labor and Minister that unless the gov- radical support was the most ernment stopped these strike- vehement advocate of unionbreaking attacks they would re- busting action by the govern- Nazi Occupation of resistance, sort to direct action to safe- ment.

# **British Provocations**

(Continued from Page 1) | provoked. A plane 'loses' its 90% draftee. Though the offiment on the charge of disclos- the irritated exchanges of Rus- and file are predominantly gerian war. ing "certain highly secret in- sian pilots; and, when the lat- young workers. Only the bruter sometimes forces the air- talized paratroops are solidly formations.'

Since the Soviet Union is plane to land, an international with the insurgent generals in very much aware of these acts incident is created, and report- Algeria. The more than 400,000 of provocation, it may be as- ed in the usual fashion . . . "After the war, a fleet of a by the rules of discipline. Oversumed that the government wants to penalize the students dozen exceedingly fast Mercefor disclosing the matter to the des-Benz torpedo-type boats out of the "dirty war" and the were built and manned by sail- army. Among them are thous-British people.

The following are excerpts ors from Hitler's Navy, were ands who participated in demfrom the student expose: "All along the frontier be-

tween East and West, from Russians. "They would head straight Iraq to the Baltic, perhaps farther, are monitoring stations for the Russian fleet at exermanned by national servicemen cise and circle around a battletrained in Morse code or Rus- ship, taking photographs. When sian, avidly recording each they had succeeded in concensqueak from Russian transmit- trating all the guns of the ters — ships, tanks, airplanes, fleet and recorded enough mestroops and control stations. sages they fled. When in Swed-

"And since the Russians do ish waters, contrary to all innot always provide the required ternational conventions, they messages, they are sometimes flew the Swedish flag."

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May 28 shows that the French masses movement in Europe, it has Gaulle's favor. This double- of cabinets. It has opened a

was imposed on Spain. But for this they need arms.

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Gaulle conspiracy.

of the generals?

tions.

French workers, who have ample experience from the formation of militias and guerrilla groups, are undoubtedly

[The following are excerpts from a Manipressing for adequate prepara- festo of the French Internationalist Communist Party (Trotskyist) on the Coup d'Etat in Similarly with anti-militarist Algeria and Its Consequences. It was issued work. The French army is in Paris, May 17. - Ed.]

The "ultras" and the clique of generals also brought indictment of the way, while behind the frontier cers may be predominantly de in Algeria have decided to inflict upon the two students by the govern- tape recorders excitedly read Gaullist and fascist, the rank French people an intensification of the Al-

Everybody knows:

The prosecution of the war against the Algerian people who are struggling for their independence -

means misery,

means blood.

means tortures,

means the abolition of liberties,

means the menace of military dictatorship! . .

sent out under British captains onstrations and protests (which The French people do not want to pay to provoke and listen to the the CP and SP turned their with sweat, privations and blood for the backs on) against being shipped war in Algeria, a war against liberty, a war to Algeria. Unless these conagainst the most elementary human rights of scripts are called upon by the a whole people.

The ultras and the clique of generals in French workers to refuse to be Algeria made their coup d'etat to force an used for an invasion of France, but rather to arrest their trai-

De Gaulle has given his support to the tor officers and disarm the Ges-

slavery against which they have taken up means of the conquest of France. Nor is the danger in arms, in order to preserve the investments of Algeria alone. In France there the French capitalists in Africa, the militarists are over 200,000 troops under want to impose their dictatorship on the command of generals in the de French people.

Are these troops being won to the side of the workers or are oppression reigns in Algeria.

they being left under the rule The working class of France, ple win theirs.

emerged from World War II In the fight to defend democratic liberties with overwhelming power and against the threat of military dictatorship, a revolutionary spirit. But in- the Trotskyists are against the exclusion of stead of establishing a workers' anyone, they do not set forth any conditions. government, the two main par- In the unions, neighborhoods, factories, unities of the working class help- versities, they are participating in every aced shaky French capitalism tion, however limited; in every rallying of survive by means of coalition forces, however limited; they call upon the governments (Popular Fronts) workers and the workers' organizations on with de Gaulle. When their all levels to rally together for action . . .

services could be dispensed with, the CP leaders were kick- port every forward step by the main worked out of their cabinet posts. ing-class organizations in the struggle against

ary and best organized labor 165), promptly resigned in de chairs in an endless succession

the threat of military dictatorship, they do

not accept the policy of delay and parliamen-

tary maneuvers which only aim at a compro-

mise with the militarist clique and de Gaulle.

In voting the special emergency powers

Only the working class, the toiling masses

THAT'S WHAT THE WORKERS WANT! erable living conditions.

THAT'S WHAT THE GENERAL STRIKE KNOW NIXON'S RECORD

contrary to their promises, voted for war,

bloodshed and misery. . . .

Enough of that! . .

reactionary threat and smash it.

de Gaulle menaces.

self-determination.

scale of wages.

WILL BRINGI

tional revenue in countries such The Latin American masses as Peru, Chile, Bolivia, etc. also know that basically Nixon which depend largely upon hasn't changed much. Neither copper exports. This situation for that matter have his men-

ed markets.

aspirations.

brought about not only an ex- tors in Wall Street and Washtremely unbalanced economy, ington. There is, for instance, but a high degree of inflation no better confirmation of the as well and the consequent low- fact that "big-stick" policies ering of the already low living didn't change basically than standards of the working mass- the dispatch of troops to a point 30 miles from Venezuela

The Peruvian sol suffered a because of some hostile demserious drop when the dollar onstrations against Nixon.

receipts fell from 40 to 4 The statements in the U.S. million in the last year. The press that the Latin Americans situation is even worse in Bo- were surprised by the sending livia and not much better in of troops does not correspond What has happened is truly unbelievable. Chile. Indeed, an important with the facts. The more po-The clique in Algeria wants to strangle the factor in the Caracas demon- litically advanced elements French people. De Gaulle openly supports stration was resentment against were not in the least surprised. the restriction of oil imports Not long ago, according to And the Pflimlin government, supported from Venezuela. To add to Drew Pearson, the Mexican by the votes of the Socialist party and the Latin American woes, the pro- ambassador to the U.S. made Communist party, forbids workers' meetings tectionist forces in the U.S. a statement at a meeting of the and workers' demonstrations, passes a law want to enforce higher tariffs Latin American ambassadors establishing a state of siege which actually and restrictions which would that Latin America must indeed increases the power of the very generals and inevitably worsen even the arm itself - against the United very police who are marching arm in arm present day chaotic situation. States! He reminded his fellow with the Algerian ultras and with de That is why, in protest, the ambassadors that the U.S. had President of Chile, Carlos Iban- annexed Texas and other lands In voting the state of siege, parliament ez, cancelled his visit to Washfrom Mexico. The Mexican amhas put into effect installment No. 1 of the ington. Other leading countries bassador later denied the stateof Latin America, such as the ment, but Pearson insists that Experience has shown that you cannot coffee-producing countries like not only did he make it, but it insure peace and defend liberty by applying Brazil, Colombia, are also faced was even more strongly wordthe program of the enemies of peace and with falling prices and restricted than Pearson had reported.

HOW TO UNITE

The hostile demonstrations As far as Nixon himself and for Algeria on March 12, 1956, the deputies against Nixon arose in the the leading elements of Wall of the Socialist party and Communist party, main out of bread and butter Street feel about basic aims issues and not, as some tried to and how they look in Latin see in them, out of protest over America, one has only to con-The leaders of the Socialist party and of Washington's support to the dif-sider the speech that he made the Communist party, the leaders of the ferent dictatorships. Actually, when he came to Puerto Rico, unions, instead of relying upon the strength in the case of Argentina, for the direct U.S. colony in Latin of the working class, are maneuvering in example, it is well-known that America. Arriving in San Juan parliament, participating in innumerable sec- the popular masses preferred from Caracas, Venezuela, Nixon ret meetings, debating and jabbering while the semi-dictatorship of Peron repeatedly cited Puerto Rico as to the so-called democratic an example of how the other representatives of the ruling Latin American countries can Only the working class, the United Front forces, because the Peron re- unite with the United States of workers mobilized in their neighborhoods gime offered them something in presumably by all becoming and factories, can block the march of the the field of social and national colonies of the U.S.

Neither Washington nor Wall The masses knew that Nixon Street nor the ruling classes themselves, are capable of applying a pro- didn't come to help them solve that base themselves on the gram truly corresponding to their desires . . . their difficult problems but, on system of private property are Peace in Algeria by opening negotiations the contrary, that the purpose capable of solving the economic without exclusion or preliminaries, by recog- of his visit was to further re- problems of Latin America. nizing the right of the Algerian people to actionary and imperialist aims The people of Latin America - namely, to strengthen the are learning this basic truth A decent standard of living guaranteed system and the forces that more and more every day. against the rise in prices by a real sliding keep the majority of Latin Therefore they are on the Americans in their present mis- march for their social and national emancipation. The anti-Nixon demonstrations were only They also knew that Nixon a token of what is coming.

Gaulle! . . . program of the men in Algiers.

liberty.

intensification of the war.

tapo - modelled paratroopers, coup d'etat.

they can be the unwilling In order to keep the Algerian people in

Thus things have become very clear. There can be no liberty in France while

The French people will only be able to save their own liberties if the Algerian peo-

But if the Trotskvists stand ready to sup-

Monday, June 2, 1958





We request that the under-

signed be authorized to prepare

for consideration by the Conference a draft platform, a list

of potential candidates and

plans to mobilize forces to

place designated candidates on

We further request that pro-

posals for candidates and plat-

form be submitted by those

Henry Abrams

Joyce Cowley

Richard DeHaan

W. E. B. Dubois

**Corliss Lamont** 

Muriel McAvoy

Otto Nathan

**Russ** Nixon

John T. McManus

concurring in this endeavor.

the ballot by petition.

Fraternally,

The State Dep't and De Gaulle

France today faces the menace of a fascist bid for power - this time, not of German origin, but of native French birth. Liberty stands on the scaffold. The traditional parliamentary rule of French capitalism, tottering in crisis for months, now stands in a state of collapse. Frustrated generals, busy for years at the bloody business of war, paratroopers clad in bright berets, hardened with the hate of those who inflict tortures, virulent fascist groups and their followers in France itself — all threaten civil war. They stand ready to take France on the long, dark road of open and violent tyranny.

This is the fruit of the policies of the U.S. State Department since the end of World War II. This is the fruit of the Marshall Plan and all the loans and agreements negotiated since then.

How could it be otherwise? U.S. policy in West Europe has had only one objective. Not the elimination for all time of the barbarism of fascist tyranny as promised to the millions who died or were maimed in World War II. U.S. Big Business sought primarily to stabilize the capitalist system. What does it matter to the American billionaires if this can be done in the long run only by means of a fascist dictatorship?

U.S. financial and military aid provided the French imperialists with the means for their reactionary wars against the colonial people. In addition, these bloody events help to train the cadres that tomorrow will be used against the French workers. It was first in Indo-China and then in Algeria that the methods of the Nazi Gestapo were translated into French.

As de Gaulle prepared to make his bid for power, the U.S. press made a pretense of concern, even of opposition. There were warnings that de Gaulle's position on the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance was "uncertain."

Yet this pretense of U.S. State Department opposition is abandoned even before de Gaulle succeeds in taking power. On May 26, Henry N. Taylor of the Scripps-Howard staff in Washington dropped the hint that "American officials . . . are reluctantly putting themselves in a frame of mind to do business with him [de Gaulle]."

For France has not been the "ideal" European leader of NATO - as far as U.S. capitalists are concerned. It has never been a strong bastion for the "free world." There has been too much freedom in France. A powerful labor movement exists that has the capacity to give trouble to U.S. cold-war plans on the continent.

Spain has come closer to the capitalist notion of a strong base for the "free world." There, strikes are not permitted. Political parties are illegal. Free speech doesn't exist. There is no freedom of the press. All that U.S. militarists have to do is persuade or buy off dictator Franco to citizens herewith issue a Call get bases for planes or missiles. There is to conscientious people of our no organized force to object.

Undoubtedly, such a condition in France would please U.S. Big Business. and Nation at the polls in the But this dream is not realized yet. The 1958 elections. French working class is still organized and can, within a matter of days, reverse the trend and send the fascists scurrying for cover.

France stands at the crossroads. Either the nightmare of fascism will grow and engulf the working people, or the workers will resolve the crisis with a socialist power. There can be no doubt on which side U.S. capitalism stands. But for the American people, the loss of France to fascism would be tragic.

# The Supreme Court Scab Ruling

Another anti-labor weapon has been taken out of the arsenal of the Taft-Hartley Act and polished up for immediate use. This time it is heavy artillery. The Supreme Court ruled last week

that a state court could force the United Auto Workers to pay a scab \$10,000 in "lost wages" and "punitive damages" simply because the scab had been turned away by "threats" when he tried to cross

Annette Rubenstein Howard Selsam George Stryker CALL FOR A UNITED INDEPENDENT - SOCIALIST ELECTION CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK STATE In deep concern for the wellbeing of all the people of our country and for the peace of

the world, the undersigned State to a Conference for the

purpose of challenging the political machines of our State Alike, the political machines

of our country are committed to brink-of-war policies which cannot fail to involve the world in catastrophic conflict unless

reversed; and they have persisted in the testing of weapons of mass annihilation which fallout.

Alike, they are committed They have sentenced present to an economic system which generations of our young manat least once before in most of hood to universal military serour memories has brought the vice, bringing uncertainty and nation to its knees in Depres- despair to our youth and frussion for the profit of a few; trating the normal, healthy dewhich in this year has once velopment of family life.

Congress had intended when it passed the Taft-Hartley law. That leaves it squarely up to Congress. But for over ten years the in the history of the world. labor movement has pleaded in vain for Alike, they have sought to and cynicism throughout the crush labor, the family farmer land which expresses itself Congress to repeal or change the Taft-Hartley Act. A Republican-controlled Congress sponsored it and enough Democrats They have driven the scientist linquency and widespread voted for T-H to override a veto and from the laboratory of peace. crime.



election as a "friend of labor" and supporter of civil liberties, signed a bill April 11 extending the state "Security Risk" law for another year. The law is designed to circumvent the Civil Service Law whose specific purpose is to prevent state and city employes from being fired for political beliefs. The "risk" law was first adopted as a "temporary" measure during the Korean war. It enables the firing of civil servants as "security risks" for a broad range of political beliefs, alleged or real. Hundreds of state and city employes have already been victimized under the measure. Harriman signed it over the protest of leading civil liberties groups.

birth and their families through They have sought to suppress repressive statutes which are a all political opposition and to restoration in our time of the render as seditious in the pubeven now are destroying lives iniquitous Alien and Sedition lic mind and indeed in the laws and sapping the health of pre- Laws which Thomas Jefferson of the nation, the search for sent and future generations and his followers fought to peace and a better way of life, through radioactive nuclear destroy in the founding years and for a world of brotherhood of our republic. and equality among men and nations.

In a world in which a billion people are engaged in building a socialist order as an alternative to capitalist anarchy, American capitalish is disclosing its inability to utilize the again brought our country to By their example in public gigantic productive capacity, the brink of a new economic life and in preparation for war, natural resources and skilled collapse, after boom years of by training for violence and by labor of our country to provide the most voracious profit-taking neglect of human endeavor, a future of economic security, they have bred hopelessness peace and freedom for the peo-

The people of our country and the small business man. most grievously in juvenile deare beginning to search for pathways to a better future. They have rallied in increasing

make it a law. Subsequently, with labor's They have impoverished and They have burdened the numbers against repression. votes, the Democrats recaptured Congress corrupted our educational sys- working people of our country They have begun to roll back

to a course of greed, brutali- State to attend a Conference in zation and repression. The undersigned are con-

by like-minded citizens of other Therefore, we call upon all New York City on the 13th, 14th and 15th days of June

of humanity and the cause of

peace above all other considera-

Much of a to-do has been

made in the local press about

"Smiling Mike" Menshikov's

visit. His schedule included an

address to an overflow crowd

of more than 2,200 at a lunch-

eon of the Executives Club. It

was reported that he dangled

the lure of hundreds of mil-

lions of dollars in profits, full

production and employment for

American industry through un-

restricted trade with Russia and

other Soviet-bloc countries. Ac-

cording to the press, "The Chi-

cago business executives in

their post-luncheon questions

which Menshikov answered, re-

vealed a profound distrust of

Soviet policies and practices."

E. Reed

Los Angeles

Page Three

vinced that these alternatives 1958, at the Hotel Great North-must be placed on the ballot ern, 118 W. 57th Street, for the this year represented by can- purpose of adopting a platform didates for governor, lieutenant and designating candidates for governor, attorney-general and such offices in the 1958 eleccomptroller in our State and tions as the Conference shall by a candidate for United States | set forth.

# **Letters from Readers**

tions.

Editor:

### **Applause For**

### **Dr. Pauling**

Editor: On NBC's "Meet the Press"

program, May 13, Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Linus Pauling pil- Menshikov loried the H-Bomb Dealers in Death and their defenders in In Chicago so convincing and courageous a manner that we socialists must applaud.

Only a week ago, in discussing the menace of H-Bomb fallout, one of my fellow workers argued: "You hear one thing from one group of scientists and a different thing from another. Which can we believe?" Pauling gave the answer to this question. He stated that the Atomic Energy physicists, like Dr. Libby and Dr. Teller, are responsible for issuing dishonest and misleading statements about the lack of danger of fallout. They issue statements in percentages which conceal the real number of deaths caused by artificial radioactivity.

I couldn't help wondering The four members of the what kind of a response the banel tried to trip Dr. Pauling Russian ambassador would have up, 'and to discredit his testigotten from a crowd of unemmony by tricks and smears. ployed American workers. They asked why we should bedoubt that laid-off steel worklieve his estimate rather than ers would ask about the stonthat given by other scientists. ing of Vice-President Nixon, or He replied: "Ninety-five perwhether there are more pocent of the scientists are with litical prisoners in Russia than me!' members of the Communist

"How are we going to come to an agreement with a country like Russia, that has broken so many agreements?" asked

combating unemployment has been ably argued in the Mili-Larry Spivak. tant. This ties in with the very Pauling coolly answered, "The real problems of American U.S. has broken many agreeworkers. The division of the ments, too. But the dangers world into two power blocs is that face the world today are a situation that stunts the ecosuch that an agreement must be arrived at."

nomic development of both halves of the world economy. "Do you mean to imply that The cutting off of trade to hinour country might conceivably strike the first blow in a nuclear war?" they asked with a development becomes a double-

party.

der the Soviet Union's economic edged sword that does nothing

ployment and the high cost of

World trade as a means of

a picket line at a struck plant in Decatur, Alabama.

This puts companies throughout the country in a position to cause a striking union to be hit with crippling lawsuits any time management chooses to provoke an incident on a picket line.

It puts state courts and juries in a position to levy damages which could bankrupt even the largest unions. It could create a deadly serious situation in any state. Imagine what that kind of power will mean in the hands of Southern state courts and juries.

From a legal point of view, the court's decision was an interpretation of what

and held the presidency at the same time. But the law still remained intact. major issue of vital concern to the labor

movement, the attempt to gain labor's ends through one of the capitalist parties has proved a complete failure. Labor's influence in Washington is lower now cision must be fought politically. Only when the labor movement launches its political potential behind its own candi- and Post gave news coverage Congress and from the courts.

# **Elmer Davis on Sobell Case**

The death of Elmer Davis, May 18, prominent writer and liberal, brought forth praise for his life and work in almost all the daily papers. The N.Y. Post said editorially, "To us Elmer Davis was the authentic voice of America's wisest and most decent instincts." But there was one stand that the Post and the other papers that praised Davis were silent

about. That was his defense of Morton Sobell, now serving a 30-year sentence in prison on framed-up charges of "conspiracy."

Davis signed an appeal to the President for Sobell and said, "I cannot believe the testimony of Elitcher and the Greenglasses, or much, if any, of that of Harry Gold."

### **Liars Can Figure**

About the only conclusive fact that emerges from current attempts of government sources to "analyze" economic statistics is that there is a concerted effort to appear optimistic no matter what.

One method is to string out one-sided statistics and parlay them into an upturned curve. For example, the fact that steel production is up to 54% of capacity from a low of 47% and that machine tool orders increased slightly last month brought cheerful statements. But the steel industry admits that it expects a new drop this summer and the machine tool industry sees no significant upturn in its volume until 1960 or 1961.

Another device is to ignore or play down seasonal factors. For example, much has been made of the fact that unemployment as estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau fell by 75,000 workers in April. But it normally would fall by 800,000 at this time of year. The "seasonally adjusted" figure actually rose from 7% to 7.5% of the nation's work force.

A prize pair of rose-colored glasses should go to the government spokesman provide a future of economic who explained why the June unemployment figures would be "bright." He explained, says the May 26 Wall Street Journal, that unemployment usually increases by 17% when schools let out. But this year the increase would be much less than that.

Why would the June increase be smaller than usual this year? Because, the "Government spokesman explained," so many students will be discouraged by the recession that they won't even look for work. Since the Census Bureau only classifies persons actively seeking work as unemployed, the "discouraged" students won't be counted and the figures won't be as bad as some economists expect."

tem, driving fine teachers from with an unprecedented and un- the evil known as McCarthyism the classroom and others into relieved tax burden; they have and have scored signal victories the refuge of conformity with plundered the hard-earned in the courts for civil liberty. On Taft-Hartley as on every other the drive for profit and war. savings of the people through The Negro people have em-They condone and foster race inflation; they have enabled barked on a great effort for

hatred, deny the American and encouraged enormous full equality. Citizens of all birthright of freedom and profit-feeding of big business walks of life have joined in threaten millions of foreign by government.



The May 26 edition of the and a number of former Ameri-| Governor Harriman and the own political party and puts its enormous New York Times, Daily News can Labor Party stalwarts. Democrats, who might other-"In its call to the conference, wise get some of the votes indates, will it be able to protect itself from to the announcement of the the sponsors rapped the 'anarvolved, than the Republicans. conference to launch a united chy' of American capitalism "The left-wingers hope to atindependent-socialist ticket in and said they hoped to present tract 50,000 votes — just about New York. 'alternatives to a course of what they drew in 1954, when The Daily News report said: greed, brutalization and repres-Governor Harriman slipped in

'A left wing political group sion.'" will meet at the Great Northern An extensive account in the Hotel for three days starting N.Y. Times said in part: "Left

June 13 to select independent- Wingers are moving ahead with ers 2,617 for David L. Weiss. socialist candidates for major plans for a state ticket in this offices in November's elections. year's election. This would pull

"Sponsors include Corliss La- together elements of the demont, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Dr. funct American Labor party Howard Selsam, director until and the continuing Socialist its closing of the Jefferson Workers party, a Trotskyite School of Social Science; Joyce group. Cowley, Socialist Workers Party "Politically such a move

candidate for Mayor in 1957, would appear more to hurt



talism is disclosing its inability to utilize the giant productive capacity, natural resources and skilled labor of our country to security, peace and freedom for

the people." Expressing their belief that "thousands of people in our state would rally to such a campaign," the statement points out that if 50,000 votes are secured in the election "an in- also requests financial contribudependent political medium of tions to help defray costs of great, new significance can be the project. Communications

given ballot-status in our state for future elections." To qualify for a place on the

1958 ballot such an independent ticket must secure a minimum of 12,000 signatures from registered voters on petitions throughout the state, with at united socialist political action least 50 signatures coming from in New York "can and will each of the state's 62 counties.

(Continued from Page 1) | people throughout the state. The sponsoring committee is reported to be readying a second mailing that will go to an additional ten thousand people.

> a ticket, but Dr. Lamont said the organization of the projected conference. It requests those who want to participate in the conference

"The conference announcement charged that 'the political should be addressed to the New machines of our state and na-York State Independent Polittion agreed on 'brink-of-war ical Conference at the Hotel policies' and 'continued nuclear Great Northern, 118 West 57th testing.' " Street, New York 19, N.Y.

The sponsors of the movement stress their belief that encourage similar action by mailed out to several thousand states in this year's elections." I Times.

"Yes, it might come about to solve the problem of unemby accident." replied Pauling. And then he observed that living in America. During this practically the entire population crisis in the economy, unemof this country might be wiped ployed workers are looking for out and "only a few people in answers .. to .. vastly .. different New Zealand and Australia questions than those asked by protest against the development survive."

neer.

tional rights.

executives with over \$10,000 a year in steady salaries. The panel members savagely pressed him on being a "front-The Militant indicated that a labor shortage actually exists man" for the "Communists." But Pauling staunchly defendin the Soviet Union and this ed his support of the appeal follows from all reports of the for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg tremendous growth and expanand for Morton Sobell on the sion of industry there. What a

ground of human and constitu- contrast to the picture of capitalist U.S.A. It appeared to me that Dr. Here is the opportunity for Pauling had placed the defend- a master stroke of diplomacy. ers of the present Nuclear Wouldn't it be ironical for the Bomb policies on the defensive, glorifiers of "people's capital-

so far as the facts are con- ism" and superiority of the cerned. They came determined American economic system if to chop him down, and yet he the Soviet leaders proposed to stood forth before the nation's give jobs to unemployed Amer-TV audience as a scientific ex- ican workers?

E. S.

Chicago

pert of top rank and obvious honesty. He placed the welfare

> A Tribute To Miles Dunne

He thought of the future-of that great day to come Of the role of the workers-of what must be done He rose from the ranks-he was one of their own A courageous leader of his fellow men.

He led in the struggles of the working class With talents that few could ever surpass Colorful, capable, uncorruptible and true Those were the traits that our Miles possessed.

'Twas in the great Minneapolis struggles of '34 That Mick's many talents came right to the fore He led in those battles till victory was won-And workers did honor the name of Miles Dunne!

He had a fine wit-with speech and with pen Truly he was among the most gifted of men He spoke up to the judges-the fakers-the bosses Ours was the gain-they suffered the losses.

He died as he lived-so true to the core For he thought of our future-for him nevermore Yes-he thought of our future-though he couldn't last He spoke of the victory of the working class!

And when that great day that he fought for has come When the biggest of battles the workers have won Then all those who knew him, and those yet to come Shall honor and cherish the name of Miles Dunne!

> - Fannie Curran Minneapolis

A covering letter urges recipients to endorse the main purposes of the call and to help in

the chances were '60 to 40' in favor of putting up candidates for the four top state offices to notify the sponsors and it and the United States Senate ...

The Post headlined its account, "Socialist Workers, ALP Eye Joint Slate." Its report was essentially the same as the one The conference call was like-minded citizens of other which appeared in the N.Y.

Manus and the Socialist Work-"There has been no A. L. P. ticket since, but the Socialist Workers moved up to 13,453

> votes for Mrs. Joyce Cowley for Mayor here last year . . . "The Socialist Workers head-

quarters aid yesterday that its national committee had proposed a joint ticket last February. It urged its members to

by 11,125. The A. L. P. then

polled 46,886 for John T. Mc-

attend. "Asked if any official Com-

munist Party representatives had been approached. Mr [Henry H.] Abrams said yesterday that some had been. 'They've indicated some inter-

est, but not entire agreement with the project,' he added.

"The conference will have final decision on whether to run

# A Wet, Cold Wait in Line For Some Surplus Food

By S. and L. Forrest NEW YORK, May 6 - The

cops, an armory, a day festering with the cold rain of spring, and a sullen crowd. We inquired as to what was happening and were told gov-

ernment surplus farm products were being distributed to those on relief. We had the opportunity to ask questions of the people who had been in the crowd. The answers were telling. Once a month surpluses were distributed to a family corn meal, or flour (choice of one) brick cheese and perhaps butter.

Some one said the crowds were so large because butter was being distributed and "you don't get that all the time." Another injected, "They closed the doors at 2:45 [the regular hours are 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.] because they had run out of food. Pity those poor people who haven't carfare home and have to go home empty handed." "The cops had to break up the crowd," said someone else. Ten million dollars a day to store the surplus and they ran out. It's a wonder there wasn't a riot."

#### EMPTY BAGS

35 came by, head hung low, must be used before application per-towel racks in the corporaevery line in his face and being speaking of dejection. Over his lief figures are for New York inches. "By this method the arm hung two empty bags. He was one of many.

The next man may have been 25 years old but the look of March 1958, 328,600. An average down the forearm, thereby creworried frustration made him of 900 applications are received ating an uncomfortable feeling, appear aged. Thinking back to per day, of which approximate- and it can be assumed that the this despairing picture makes ly 60% are accepted. one wonder about his family. Were there children? The ap- states that no decrease is ex- two."

| pearance of his face suggested | pected for at least six months. a how-do-I-face-them-e m p t y- If times get better, it was stated. it would take that long for handed dilemma.

The crowd was composed workers to be assimilated again largely of young and middle- on the labor market. aged people - from 25 to 45 As of April there were 99,771 years old. About two-thirds families receiving surplus foods were Puerto-Ricans and Neg- in New York State or, on a per

person basis, 364,797 persons inroes. One young person we talked cluding all categories of perto said he was picking up sur- sons on relief (home aid, aid to plus goods for a widowed sister the blind, dependent children, In that had four children and could all that had four children and could old-age benefits and veterans' benefits) are receiving benefits. not leave them to get the food The New York City figures particularly against Negroes, is herself. Another young person was picking up food for an show 69.995 families receiving aged, bed-ridden neighbor. We surplus food or 236,801 individlearned from these conversauals.

Figuring the government the NAACP and the American tions how much these aged grant in surplus food as retail- Civil Liberties Union are focuspeople depend on surplus proding at approximately \$1 million ing special attention on the ucts to stretch out their meager relief checks. per month, we find an average

EFFICIENCY

of the New York Herald Tri-

tion's washrooms be raised two

The following item was cited

How is surplus food, donated aid of a little under \$4 per by the government to the city month per person has been and distributed for relief, in- added to the inadequate subdicative of the over-all relief sistence of relief.

picture? To complete the picture a call was made to the Welfare Department of New York. The figures speak for by a business-page columnist themselves. Remember, the relief rolls are the last refuge of bune (March 16). It was one of destitution. Pauperism must be many in a report made by a proved. Unemployment benefits high-priced firm of managemust be exhausted or proved ment consultants hired by a

insufficient. All cash and lux- company which wanted to cut uries (car, TV, bank account) costs. The efficiency experts As we listened, a man about must be liquidated. All assets recommended that all the pais accepted. The following re-City (April figures are not person drying his hands must available): January 1958, 316,- raise them higher to pull out a hard, just to loosen him up, get 114; February 1958, 321,668;

towel. This causes water to run him in the right frame of mind." user will then hurriedly pull New York City Welfare Board out only one towel instead of they were beaten by police,



The Militant proposes the following as immediate measures to combat the depression:

(1) Organization of the unemployed by the labor movement. For union unemployed committees to fight their jobless members' grievances on rehiring, unemployment compensation, rent, mortgage and installment payments, relief, etc.

(2) Unemployment compensation to all jobless for the entire period of unemployment at trade-union wages.

(3) A 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay to be the number one demand of all unions in contract negotiations. Amend federal and state wage-and-hours laws to include 30-for-40.

(4) A giant public works program at trade-union wages to build all the schools, hospitals, low-cost housing, highways and other useful and peaceful construction needed in this country today.

(5) Union action and FEP laws to prevent discrimination in layoffs, rehiring, unemployment compensation, public-works hiring, relief, etc.

(6) A debt moratorium for the unemployed. No evictions or foreclosures on homes, autos or appliances.

(7) No taxes on yearly incomes of \$7,500 or less. End withholding and sales taxes to restore workers' purchasing power. Tax the rich and the corporations.

(8) A long-term trade agreement with the Soviet Union and People's Republic of China. Combat unemployment by filling large-scale orders from these countries for industrial and farm equipment in exchange for raw materials.

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Brutality

problem.

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Chicago

volved was presented in a May

21 column by Jack Mabley in

the Chicago Daily News. May-

bley wrote: "The police say

they don't lay a hand on pris-

oners, but the American Civil

Liberties Union talks to people

with welts and bruises and says

and little money and no con-

ception of his legal rights may

wander onto the scene of a

crime and be picked up as a

"A policeman may allow that

we just shove him against the

wall a few times, maybe a little

"I asked Don Moore, attorney

for the American Civil Liber-

ties Union who has talked with

dozens of people who contend

what the police say when ac-

"'They'll say you've been

reading too many detective

'They'll say this might have

gone on in the 20's and 30's,

but the police don't beat pris-

oners today. That's also what

they said in the 20's and 30's.

every day. A casual beating, a

slapping around in a back

room — they can make you

"'Anybody who says these

things do not happen just

don't know what he is talking

"'Any policeman who says

". . . Moore points out that

prisoners aren't beaten in Chi-

between last May and January

Chicago paid out \$156.000 to

settle cases in which the police

were charged with violating

civil liberties - illegal arrests

"Kenneth Douty, executive

director of the civil liberties

or detention or beatings.

"In my opinion it goes on

Moore answered.

**DOESN'T HAPPEN NOW?** 

cused of brutality.

confess anything.

cago is a liar."

"A Negro with few friends

# Victim of Greed. Hit Police



#### By Della Rossa

LOS ANGELES - This is the City Central Grocery Store. Its remaining customers in Chavez Ravine are the 12 Mexican-American families not yet evicted to make room for the Dodgers' stadium. Today I talked with some of these families.

Mrs. Avran Arechiga is 61 years old. She's thin but there's a spirited smile on her lined brown face. Speaking Spanish, she told how she and her family fought off the sheriffs last August when they tried to move them out bodily. Their furniture was on the street and Mrs. Arechiga, who was sick in bed, was about to be moved out.

Her daughter, Victoria, said, "My mother is very stubborn. They had about five squad cars here. I got into a fist fight with a cop, my sister and I, and they handcuffed me." Her ten year old sister was in bed for a week from a kick received in the scuffle. The eviction was held off after a call brought City Councilman Edward Roybal hurrying over from City Hall. Roybal was elected by the Mexican-American community.

Ruth Nava is a young widow with four children who is till clinging to the home she has lived in since 1924. She is a chicken-picker, a member of the Amalgamated Meat Cutter Union, but was out of work when I talked to her. She is demanding \$10,000 for her property. The city officials won't offer more than \$6,800 but are insisting she get out.

"They are trying to get the land dirt cheap, just because we are Mexican," this outspoken woman said. She told of the handsome Palo Verde School, now boarded up, and the church torn down. "The priest called the area slums, but he lived on our money."

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	DETROIT	825	917.00	111
8	LOS ANGELES	4600	5000.00	109
	SOUTH		215.00	108
		265	269.00	102
	ALLENTOWN	112	112.00	100
	BUFFALO	1500	1500.00	100
	CLEVELAND	750	750.00	100

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NEW YORK, May 26 - The United Packinghouse Workers of America will press for 'a "30-hour week at no reduction in pay," according to a resolution adopted by

pass resolutions for civil rights,

hold conferences on civil rights,

but nevertheless, stumble at

The question of organizing

membership is in the South,

"In the South we have been

local union leaders who worked

the bargaining table."

the 150,000 member union's bi-annual convention held here Advancement of Colored Peo-May 19 through 23. Present UPWA contracts provide for a "There are some unions that 40-hour week.

The shorter-work-week demand was approved without show movies on civil rights, special debate by the 550 delegates as part of an over-all bargaining program including SOUTHERN DRIVE higher wages and fringe benefits. Current UPWA contracts the South was given major atwith the major meat packers tention. About 10% of UPWA expire in the fall of 1959. A

special convention will be held where the union stoutly mainnext spring in Chicago to pretains a policy of integration in its locals. A Southern organizpare for negotiations. This timetable gave rise to ing campaign was launched by unofficial discussion among the UPWA after its last con-

some of the delegates. They re- vention. In dealing with this, called that Walter Reuther had the "officers' report" to the convention was frank and to dropped the shorter-work-week demand at such a special ses- the point: sion last February after the United Auto Workers conveninvolved in 28 elections, wintion in 1957 had put it on the ning 14 and organizing 620 new members. This is small rebargaining agenda for 1958. There was no indication, howturn, perhaps, for the strength ever, that a similar course and the full time required of would be taken by the UPWA. six staff people and several

SCORE REUTHER with us at various stages of our "Ten per cent of our memcampaign. But the results canbers are unemployed," one not be measured alone in new delegate told me, "and automamembers. Any firm ground in tion is cutting away at us con-

this swamp of backwardness stantly, recession or no recession. We are serious about the makes it a litle bit easier for the next guy. It is also true shorter work week and so are the top officers." "We may have that no one union can by itself bring the change. The change to settle for less than ten hours reduction," said another, "and that is necessary is so profound it would have been much easier and truly so revolutionary that if Reuther hadn't ducked out, it is possible only with a unitbut we are going to do what ducked out, but we are going to do what ducked but, the whole labor movement." we can." The convention was a quiet

from committees or the executive board were frequently altered, sometimes changed completely, as a result of discussion on the floor. The delegates were not assailed with flattering introductions, long-winded guest speakers or elaboratelyworded resolutions The delegates, mostly work-

The report further states that one with little disagreement on the "political responsibility" of the important issues. Proposals the trade union movement "must take the concrete and specific form of securing the right to vote for more than 2,930,000 disfranchised Negroes in the South." In a resolution supporting the AFL-CIO Committees on Political Education, the convention called for such committees to devote major attention to increasing Negro voters in the South.

ers from the shops, were representative of the high percent-U.S. AND SOVIET STEEL age of women and Negro mem-

