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# 3,000 Protest **Racist Bombing**

Nashville Negroes March on City Hall; Assail Mayor on Police Role in Violence By Harry Ring

More than 3,000 Negroes marched on the city hall in Nashville, Tenn., April 19 after the home of a Negro leader was bombed. The demonstrators demanded that Mayor

Ben West use the police to pre-+ vent racist violence instead of bomb at the movement fightconducting mass jailings of Negro sit-in demonstrators.

Since Feb. 27 when the Nashville sit-ins began, 158 Negroes have been jailed, while only a handful of the whites who have launched gang attacks on demonstrators have been arrested.

The dynamiting came shortly after Democratic party leader Harry Truman had hurled another racist stink

# **Top Racists** Split on Policy In South Africa which wrecked the nome of Alexander Looby, member of the City Council and an NAACP attorney who has headed the legal defense for ar-

APRIL 21 — Wholesale arrests South Africa.

But the crisis that grips the police intimidation and attacks York Times.

The speech was made by Paul Sauer, Minister of Lands, who last week when the riot squad has been presiding at cabinet was called out after racist gangs meetings while Prime Minister attacked demonstrators. Verwoerd lies in a hospital with

two bullet wounds in his head: Sauer had first popularized the Hitlerian "apartheid" con-cept in 1943. Yesterday he spoke of the need to curb "excesses" of the "pass" system and to raise wages of Negro workers.

ing for civil rights in the South. This time he declared that the Negro sit-ins, like the sitdown strikes of the 1930's that led to the birth of the CIO, were "engineered" by-"the Communists." Four weeks ago, Truman said that if Negroes were to sit down in any store of his, he would throw them out. "The Negro should behave himself," he said.

The turnout at the Nashville city hall was organized within hours after the dynamite blast rested sit-downers.

Nashville has been a center of of freedom fighters, and threats militancy in the current sit-in of brutal reprisals continue in movement, with the demonstrators standing up against fierce

fascist-like white rulers of the by white hoodlums. More than country came dramatically to 80 people, mostly from Fiske the fore yesterday when a prin- University, were arrested in the cipal architect of the "apart- first sit-ins and given sentences heid" system spoke of the need averaging 33 days. Three thoufor some concessions to the sand Negroes turned out for the Africans. His speech left Na- mass trials but were barred tional party ranks in Parliament from the courtroom. Another "in confusion and in disarray." 60 were arrested while protestreported this morning's New ing lunch-counter segregation

at the Greyhound bus station. Since then, virtually the en-

tire Negro community has boycotted the downtown stores. The community accounts for about 15 per cent of downtown retail sales. Similar boycotts were being carried out in other Southern cities.



Militant photo by J. H.

At a brand-new model school built by the Hermanos Sainz co-operative in Cuba. In the 15 months since the revolution, almost 10,000 schools have been organized. Many of them are held in makeshift quarters, but new buildings are going up at a feverish pace. Boys and girls of all colors share the great emancipating experience of getting an education under teachers of progressive outlook. Brightly illustrated new texts, written since the Batista dictatorship was toppled, are given each student free of charge. The present budget for primary education is above \$85,000,000; under Batista it was some \$35,000,000 and much of that was dissipated in graft. The one note of anxiety detectable among Cuba's schoolteachers is whether the U.S. government, influenced by companies like United Fruit, will foment a counter-revolution that would set the torch to Cuba's new schools.

### Koreans Seek End Of Rhee's Tyranny By Lillian Kiezel

Dictator Syngman Rhee, U.S. | the country under martial law puppet in South Korea, has The full toll of dead and injured turned his American-supplied has been concealed by a tight tanks and guns on huge demon- censorship. However, in the strations in the capital city of Seoul area alone, the United Seoul. But his hateful regime Press estimated on April 20 that of landlords and capitalists is 123 people were killed and more still caught up in the worst crisis than 400 were injured. of his existence since the Korean Rhee's massacre of demonstrawar, when Rhee's tyrannical rule tors, coming on top of flagrant was preserved at the cost of ballot manipulations have em-

160,000 American casualties. barrassed the State Department Rhee's cabinet and the Execu- and have caused Washington to tive Committee of his Liberal rebuke the dictator.

In a statement, April 19, the party have resigned in a body party have resigned in a body while demonstrations continue department described the U.S. cal of past U.S. policy. The image of the U.S. in Latin The statement of Farrell Socialist Fund Drive while demonstrations continue department described the U.S. "as the principal sponsor of the throughout the country and "as the principal sponsor of the guerrilla hands in the mountains." uerrilla bands in the mountains Republic of Korea" for UN membership. The U.S. has always northeast of Seoul battle gov-"been closely associated with rnment troops. Korea as a friend, supporter and Small demonstrations, led

# **Operation** Lie Against Cuba Hits New Low Weiss Flays Smears of New Government Pictured as "Patient" Policy

### Top Demos **On Sit-Ins**

PHILADELPHIA, April 17-National spokesmen for the the North that they favor civil rights," were challenged today by Myra Tanner Weiss to make a tour of Southern campuses

where Negro students are being jailed by local Democratic leading an insurrectionary moveadministrations for daring to opment. pose Jim Crow.

The Socialist Workers party the press to frighten American vice-presidential nominee issued the challenge on the eve of a visit to Southern Negro camppeaceful than those of New

She is making the trip along with James Lambrecht, national secretary of the Young Socialist Alliance.

Mrs. Weiss charged that while Democratic party leader Harry Truman smears the sitin movement as "Communistengineered," Democratic candidates for national office have either ducked the issue or "mouthed pious generalities intended to placate Northern civil-rights partisans without alienating the racist Demo-

cratic machine in the South." Mrs. Weiss will report on her tour of the South at a May Day lution became manifest at the rally in New York sponsored by opening session today of the the Committee for Dobbs and AFL-CIO conference on World Weiss on Sunday evening, May Affairs, announced as "the first of 1, at the Hotel Albert, 23 East

to the conference by Professor Latin Press Agency bia University, was mildly criti- Reports Dobbs Stand

The State Department's campaign against the Cuban, Revolution is becoming more and more ominous. Not a day passes without an attack on the new government as-"communist." Castro's statements are combed for phrases Democratic party "who claim in that can be presented as "anti-American ravings and rantings." The Cuban press, which is freer than the American, is pictured as "muzzled." A murderer who escaped from prison and fled to+ the hills is pictured as a former follower of Castro now bravely Dobbs on Tour

By Joseph Hansen

Scare stories are planted in **To Tell True** tourists from visiting Havana where the streets are more Story of Cuba

NEW YORK - Farrell Dobbs down on Cuba's credit. The right presidential nominee of the So-York. Big business has clamped cialist Workers party, who has to purchase certain products in the U.S. is denied and when the just returned from Cuba, will Cubans turn to countries of the tour the country to help rally Soviet bloc, this is used as "evi- public opinion against the Walldence" of a "communist trend." Street-inspired slander campaign directed at the Cuban And all this is called a "go slow"

policy and proof of Eisenhower's revolution. He will open his tour at a 'patience" under "provocation" May Day meeting in Los An-This week Castro's objective geles where he will speak on, "The Cuban Revolution as I bservation that Washington appeared to be following the policy Saw It." Sponsored by the Soof "fascism" in screaming about cialist Workers party, the rally 'communism" was torn out of will be held Saturday evening, context by Lincoln White, April 30, at Forum Hall, 1702 spokesman of the State Depart- East Fourth Street.

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ment, and made the pretext for "Both major parties," Dobbs a new lie about Cuba. (See text charged here, "have joined in a of Castro's interview on page 4.) bipartisan smear campaign The purpose of this frenzied aimed at repeating in Cuba what propaganda is plain. The State was done in Guatemala, where Department seeks to isolate a democratically chosen governthe Cuban Revolution, to bury ment was overthrown to again make that country 'safe' for and then at a propitious plunder by the United Fruit moment to move in with force Company. and violence as it did in Guat-

"The Cuban revolution," he said. "is supported by the great Here is a typical sample of the majority of the Cuban people. "Shvlock armed to president, calling for U.S. friend- |garbage: "President Eisenhower | It is creating jobs for the unem-

Stirs Debate at AFL-CIO Meet By C. Thomas NEW YORK, April 19 - An undercurrent of foreign policy

difference over the Cuban revoits kind ever called by Amer- 10th street. ican labor.'

The report on Latin America Frank Tannenbaum of Colum-

America, said Tannenbaum, is Dobbs, socialist candidate for

Batista Downfall



The Socialist Workers party is appealing to its members, friends and supporters, for a \$16,000 fund to carry the message of socialism to the American people.

It is no easy matter to breach+ the conspiracy of silence which porting movement in the North aims at stifling the voice of a to assist in winning full citizenminority party that teaches the ship rights for the Negro people. need for a fundamental transformation of our social system. It is understandable that the minions of capital seek to suppress the truth about the cvils of the profit system. Our appeal is not to them.

Nor is it addressed to those pious hypocrites who loudly proclaim the virtues of capitalist "democracy" while blinking at the most outrageous violation of the elementary democratic rights of the working people and minorities. To them we do not appeal - them we fight!

There can be no socialist truth without total commitment to the struggle for genuine democracy. That is why the program of the SWP in the 1960 1960?

election campaign lays such heavy stress on the struggle for democratic rights. Not only here, in this country, but everywhere in the world.

#### **Cuba's Revolution**

Can you learn the truth about Cuba by reading the capitalist press, listening to the radio or viewing the television broadcasts? You can not! That is why the SWP sent its presidenvisit Cuba to see the revolution in action, to listen to what the are virtually insurmountable. Cuban people had to say about their problems and then to come back and tell the American peo- uinely concerned with the pre- scientists, Members of Parliaple of the heroic struggle of the Cuban workers and peasants ocratic rights. To those who walked Professor Nicholas Kemfor a better life.

the capitalist-controlled mass rights. To those who feel that bomb in the U.S. media of communications about the right to present a socialist the fight for civil rights in the alternative to capitalist reac-Dixiecrat South? You know you tion is of the essence in the can't. The SWP candidate for struggle for genuine demovice-president, Myra Tanner cracy. Weiss, is now visiting the South not only to see and hear and tell, but to help organize a sup-

March 15. Rhee ran unopposed in the election because of the sudden death of the candidate of the moderate Democratic party. (In the previous election, Rhee's op-These are but a few of the ponent also died suddenly shortprojects that the SWP has undertaken, despite limited rey before balloting day.) Fraud at the polls, habitual in South sources, to dispel the fog of confusion, distortion and out-Korean elections, assured the victory of Rhee's vice-presidenright falsification with which the lackeys of Washington and tial candidate, Lee Ki Pong, his Wall Street have sought to enhand-picked successor.

**Ballot** Fight

velop these basic struggles.

A prominent labor leader spoke on television last week of 18-20, in Seoul and at least six tervention in the schools." the importance of safeguarding major cities. the right of all views to freely ideas." This is a lofty and noble blank into crowds of unarmed are

right worth in these United States of America in the year

to get its candidates on the ballot so that they may compete the "market place of ideas" dur- 40.000 Britons marched 54 miles

Our appeal for funds is directed to those who are gen- mile line of march, along with

servation and extension of dem- ment, clergymen and journalists,

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primarily by students, were ally. Stressing the "seriousness of touched off by governmentthe repercussions abroad," the sanctioned poll frauds and podepartment "suggested" that lice brutality — including sev-Rhee "restore public confidence. eral murders - on Korea's take . . . action aimed at protectpresidential election day. ing democratic rights . . ." and preserve the "secrecy of the ballot.'

> While the surface of the demonstrations are the elections, "the roots obviously lie deeper," Associated Press correspondent Nate Polowetsky reported, April 19. "There is the abysmal poverty of much of the population. Many Koreans are without hope."

The students say "they have been used as political tools by The mass protests began in the Liberal [Rhee] party," Polothe city of Masan. They spread wetsky continued. "Now many from there until many hundreds are calling for 'freedom of the of thousands turned out, April campus' and protesting police in-

Rhee's answer to these legiti-South Korean troops and pomate demands has been to compete "in the market place of lice then fired their guns point- charge that the demonstrators "communist-led" and to sentiment. But what is this demonstrators as Rhee placed threaten further reprisals.

### 120,000 at London Rally siderable time, effort and money, Demand 'Ban the Bomb

The cry, "Ban the Bomb" rang | as the North Atlantic Treaty Orwith the capitalist candidates in through England last week as ganization.

Rev. Lewis John Collins, ing the period of a presidential from the site of the British nu- Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral election campaign. In a few clear experimental station in Al- and a leader of the march, told states it has been possible, dermaston to London. The third the throng: "Let Prime Minister through expenditure of extra- and largest Easter weekend trek, Macmillan go to the meeting at ordinary effort, to surmount the organized by the Campaign for the summit and say that whatobstacles placed in the path of Nuclear Disarmament, culmin- ever any one else is going to do, a minority party seeking to ated April 18 when 120,000 peo- we in Britain are not going to tial candidate, Farrell Dobbs, to qualify candidates for the bal- ple jammed Trafalgar Square in have any more nuclear weapons lot. In most states the obstacles the most significant anti-war or any more nuclear bases and demonstration of recent times. no more allies with nuclear wea-In the front ranks of the fivepons and their bases.'

Pointing to the giant crowd, representing all shades of political opinion, Rev. Collins said; "If that doesn't tell Mr. Macmilmer of Edinburgh University Can you expect the truth from the insidious erosion of such who worked on the first atomic lan something, I do not know

> Larger numbers of youth, than ever before, participated in has known since the Chartist upon clearly understood. the march and rally. The crowd processions of 1848. Attesting to based on nuclear weapons, such countries.

mercy and without pity. in Mexico I rose in opposition

that of a

to the bitter attacks against Militant the United States and said that so far as I knew no Latin-American dictator had been born in Washington, I was immediately put into place

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exploit his neighbors without ship for the Cuban government and his State Dept. and Penta- ployed, building homes, and was reported April 15 by Revo- gon advisers are now convinced schools, providing land for the He recalled the time: lucion, newspaper of the July that the Castro regime is deter- landless. 'When at a public meeting 26 Movement in Cuba. The full mined to provoke a break in

text appeared in last week's official relations with the U.S. Cuba," he continued, "that

recently formed to report Latin nomic and propaganda, outpost it is to their own interest to American events accurately, PL of the Kremlin."

America, Africa and Europe.

Socialist Alliance oung Formed

### By David Stevens

A three-day conference was tion. concluded here today which cialist youth organization in the day's picket line in New York alternate and fraternal delegates plus a large number of visitors packed the hall with the conference. representatives from 16 college

schools and trade schools and young workers in industry. The average age of the delegates was 22 including a good per-

One of the main reporters at

the thirties, a revolutionary so- hall directly from last Satur- tradition." 

> Another delegate from Philadelphia was called to the rostrum to speak but the conference was informed that he was

The conference explicitly defined the Marxist program of the Young Socialist Alliance. While it retained and even strengthened all the features of an independent organization of youth with its own unique requirements and tasks in bringing socialist ideas to the new generation, it adopted a stand of "basic political solidarity, on the principles of revolutionary socialism, with the Socialist Workers party."

In his report on "Where We Stand," Tim Wohlforth, the ment on point after point it YSA's new National Chairman, was not until everyone had analyzed how the new move-One union leader described been heard, every difference ment emerged as the product trade unions and Labor parties, the rally as the greatest London aired and the issue to be voted of an intensive three-year period of regroupment. "A move-The excitement animating the ment that does not evaluate its against Woolworth and other struggles of the thirties and the party youth publication; from ment.

chain stores in their areas in historic revolutionary move- Luxemburg, Liebknecht, support of the Southern Negro ments throughout the world by believe that socialism can be PHILADELPHIA, April 17 - student sit-ins against segrega- the red thread of those who initiated only as a result of

have been the continuators of struggle, international in scope, Marxism since the thirties." He of the working class against founded, for the first time since the conference came into the added, "We are proud of that the capitalist class - the strug-

gle culminating in the creation The resolution on "Where We of a new type of state, a work-United States, the Young So- City at Woolworth's Herald Stand" states: "The YSA bases ers' state. Socialism means that cialist Alliance. The 75 regular, Square store. He had a police itself on the traditions of Marx- for the first time in history man

### Noted Radicals Address at that moment doing duty on Rally of Young Socialists

### By Ed Finer

PHILADELPHIA, April 16-1 the Autonomous Youth of Distinguished speakers from the socialist movement shared the platform here tonight at a public meeting of the Young Socialist Alliance held in conjunction with its founding convention.

On the platform were Dr. Otto Nathan, economist and independent socialist; Dr. Annette candidate for Lt.-Governor of basis.

New York; Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, presidential and vice-presidential nominees of the Socialist Workers newly organized national comparty.

roared approval of demands for the international character of conference was enhanced by the past has no future," he said. He from the noted civil rights at- Mrs. Weiss assailed both major

Co-chairing the rally were Tim Wohlforth, national chairman of the YSA, and Martha Curti, cditor of the monthly YSA paper, the Young Socialist. Dr. Nathan expressed his great happiness at seeing the national founding of "a serious and determined group" of young socialists. Dr. Rubinstein urged the building of a socialist T. Rubinstein, author, lecturer movement that would appeal to and 1958 Independent-Socialist youth on a broad humanitarian

France; and others.

Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss were introduced by Nora Roberts, chairman of the

mittee of Students for Dobbs Greetings to the new youth and Weiss. Dobbs described the movement were read from Vin- revolutionary dynamism of Cucent Hallinan, 1952 Progressive ban youth as he observed it party presidential candidate; during his recent visit there. nuclear disarmament by Britain the demonstration, delegations fact that delegates came here declared that the YSA "is con- torney, Conrad Lynn; from parties for the refusal to supand withdrawal from alliances, were present from more than 13 directly from picket lines nected to the militant mass "Keep Left," British Labor port the Southern sit-in move-

humor. There was sharp con-

nated by brilliant flashes of

dried; and when the conference

campuses, students in high

centage of teenagers. The delegations came from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Berkeley, Seattle, Denver, Twin Cities, Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, Boston, Baltimore, Connecticut, Newark, New York and Philadelphia.

The atmosphere of the conference was marked by youthful energy and optimism. The delegates tackled the task of

deciding their program and mapping a plan, of action in dead earnest, yet the deliberations were repeatedly illumi-

troversy; nothing was taken for granted; nothing was cut and

arrived at fundamental agree-

a picket line at Woolworth's on 13th and Chestnut Streets and would speak later. During the lunch intermission delegates

oined the same picket line.

### Revolucion credited the story to Prensa Latina, a news agency it a military, as well as an eco- see for themselves, as I did, why

rom Castro.

has many outlets in Latin That's the opening paragraph the Wall Street gang that is out (Continued on Page 2)

it under a mountain of lies,

emala in 1954.

"I will urge that people visit

and to bring Cuba wholly with- unions, Negro and student orin the Soviet orbit by making ganizations send delegations to defend this revolution against to destroy it."

### THE MILITANT

How Democratic Is the United States? vote is a somewhat illusory privi-1. So far I have been writing

been elected in this way."

One reason is that few states

## An Open Letter to a Cuban vote is a somewhat illusory privi-lege. No party has ever won an election in this manner, though so far I have been writing trative obstacles to a free choice. From a Socialist Candidate

April 20, 1960 there is none. Dear Friend: President Eisenhower, through cades have tried to detect such a a letter sent to Chilean students difference - in vain. Numerous on April 8, charges the leaders surveys among U.S. voters have of the Cuban revolution with be- disclosed that a majority do not

traying "the right freely to see any meaningful difference. choose a representative govern- Millions of dollars will be spent this year in gigantic camment." Eisenhower's letter was met paigns by government and priwith indignation in Cuba, as was vate organizations to "get out the only natural in view of your ex- vote." But it will be considered perience with the dictatorial gov- a huge success if 60% of the ernments kept in power against eligible voters actually go to the your will by powerful American interests for more than half a 40% — over 40 million people—

century. I know that you cite will not bother to spend 15 minthis experience when you try to utes at the ballot box because explain your revolution to Am- they fail to see how the outcome erican visitors; but it is possible of a contest between Republithat you could use some facts cans and Democrats can make about politics in the United States the slightest difference to them to help demonstrate the truth of or their families. And in this they are correct. the saying: "People who live in The differences between these

glass houses should not throw stones." third-rate. On basic questions

Eisenhower lives in a glass house, as can be seen when you examine how much political freedom of choice we citizens of the United States have; how representative our government is; and how democratic the U.S. is in general.

This year we are having a na-Cubans, of course, are being tional election to choose a presi- given quite a lesson in this bedent, all the members of the cause the Democrats and Relower house of our Congress publicans in Congress compete (House of Representatives) and with each other for the "honor" one-third of the members of the of expressing the greatest hosupper house (U.S. Senate). In tility to your revolution. They the great majority of cases, vot- are equally outraged by any ers will be able to choose only infringement in your country on between the candidates of two the "sacred" right of capital to parties, Democrats and Republi- exploit labor, and want all such infringements stamped out becans.

Limited as such a choice is, it fore "dangerous" ideas seep into would have some meaning - if the United States itself.

### **Do Voters Have a Real Choice?**

Now if the Republicans and preceding election in Missouri Democrats are essentially one (36,000 signatures), 3% in Massaparty, so far as program and chusetts (71.000), 5% in Califorpolicy go, then the voters do not nia (259,000) and 7% in Ohio free time. This of course does have a real choice in the elec- (259,000). tion — unless other parties can be placed on the ballot too. These and other burdens I have no room to list are truly al-

Can they? Instead of giving most impossible for new or small you my opinion, which is colored parties to meet. To merely by some bitter experiences, I qualify in California, the Sowill cite the conclusion of a cialist party estimated recently, scholarly study printed in the would cost \$400,000! If, after arduous and grueling Harvard Law Review of Oct. The authors, Ralph efforts, a minor party does com-9. 1958. Nader and Theodore Jacobs, ply with the onerous requirewrite:

practical monopoly of the bal- ballot. In 1956, in my state of election campaigns, but when and left their seats vacant. This campaigning, a mong other lot by the Democratic and Re- Michigan, the party to which I their readers get to the polls on has not happened recently things, for the abolition of the publican parties. The perpetua- belong, the Socialist Workers election day they sometimes (mainly because so few anti- Senate and the establishment of timid lot — bureaucrats whose tion of this monopoly is insured party, secured the necessary are astonished to discover that capitalist candidates get elected) unicameral legislative bodies in only aim is to "compromise" by laws which subject the entry number of signatures, and thou- a minor party has managed to but the precedent remains and both Congress and the states.) of new or minority party slates sands more besides. But then battle its way onto the ballot, may be used against future winto the ballot to almost impos

bother to count write-in votes. Detroit, Michigan | any significant difference exists In 1956, the secretary of state not only ruled the Socialist between these two parties. But

two parties are minor and

they are as alike as two peas in

a pod. Both pay homage to

the dog-eat-dog system of

capitalism; both view profit-

making, and the protection of

profit-making, as the supreme

goal in life.

Workers party off the Michigan ballot but instructed elec-Foreign visitors for many detion officials not to count

write-in votes for its presidential candidate, Farrell Dobbs. When we challenged this ruling in court, an expensive business, the court de-

It

great deal of money.

from buying time.

at all.

ed the law with "exceptions"

cided against us. arguments. What Counts Is the Bulging Purse is precisely at this point

ing at a meeting, say, of 50 people. On the same day a capthat lofty words about free choice become a hollow mockitalist party candidate may address a meeting of simery. In practice they are almost completely negated by the monilar size, or smaller. The next day the Detroit papers have opoly power of big capital. a long column guoting what he The U.S. is a large country; said, and a total blackout for Michigan's population alone is greater than all of Cuba. Under me.

modern conditions a free choice The only time a daily paper for voters is possible only when in Detroit gave a halfway adeall parties have equal access to quate report of my candidacy television, radio and the press. But under our present system day after the election! This was such access requires money - a the angle being my "queer" In my state it is estimated that no candidate for the U.S. Senate keep on campaigning for the socan expect to be elected without cialist program even though the campaign expenditures of at election was over.

story, a minor part at that.

least \$500,000. (As Socialist Once, when I was running for Workers party candidate for mayor of Detroit, I went to one U.S. Senator this year, I would of the newspaper editors to probe delighted if my party could raise 1% of that amount for the campaigns of all our candidates in Michigan.) A single national broadcast on TV runs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Freedom of choice is an government doing).

empty formality when big busi-Look, I said, I am campaignness monopolizes the means of communication and information. In 1934, Congress passed a law requiring radio stations, if they gave free time to any political candidate, to give "equal time" free to all other candidates for the same office. This was later extended to TV. As a result most stations give no or little Detroit River).

Then there is the final if - if. not stop big business candidates somehow, a socialist manages to Last year Congress amendget them counted, he is still not certain of getting the seat for which will result in minor which he ran. When I was a party candidates getting less child, a socialist from Wisconsin free time than before, if any socialists to the New York Legis-No iron curtain could be more impenetrable than the big newspapers, which do not even make to determine the qualifications representative. ments of the law, it still has no a pretense of impartiality. They of their members, simply voted



FRANK LOVELL, 46, Detroit auto worker, is Socialist Workers party candidate for U.S. Sen-

ator from Michigan. The SWP won ballot rights in Michigan this year by submitting 32,000 and platform was in 1954 - the petitions. One plank in its election platform reads: "Symconsidered "stunt" journalism, pathetic co-operation with Cuba and all other countries fighting statement that I intended to for independence and a better way of life."

> sibility of your government reducing the profits of United Fruit by a single peso. Amendment XV of the U.S.

test their discrimination. It was Constitution was ratified and during a depression, and one of presumably went into effect in they made very difficult to the things I advocated was gov- 1870 - 90 years ago. You can amend): While the lower house ernment seizure and operation of see what the rulers of my coun- of Congress (Representatives) is all idle factories (something I try mean when they instruct you elected on the basis of equal obtaining Iron Curtain techniam pleased to see your present that progress must be "gradual" and "orderly."

As you may have heard, Conng as vigorously as most of the gress has appropriated a large is elected on an unequal basis other candidates - what do I sum of money for the purpose have to do to get the honor of of expanding its propaganda some reportage in your paper? broadcasts to Latin America. before any bill can become a The editor replied, "If you want Undoubtedly a good part of this law, it must be passed by both some publicity in our paper, do broadcasting time will be de- houses. Thus the votes of states attitude." something newsworthy." Like voted to patting U.S. democracy with a minority of the national what? "Like jumping off the on the back for its passage this population can and often do bridge at Belle Isle" (into the month of a law ostensibly de- outweigh the votes of states consigned to guarantee Negro vot- taining a majority of the naing rights in the South. I think tional population.

### get a majority of the votes and to votes of Various Horsepower

The effect is to give a voter Review, proposed a number of in Nevada 40 times as much reforms to reduce the inequality was elected to Congress and five voting power for the Senate as in voting and representation. I have in Michigan. No matter (In my opinion, snow will coverlature. But Congress and the how words are twisted, this can Cuba every month of the year Legislature, asserting the right be called neither democratic nor before these devices will be arms - if they had been offered. (This is why, as a socialist can-"In state after state there is a assurance that it will be on the print millions of words during not to accept their credentials didate for the U.S. Senate, I am creators.)

The leaders of the AFL-CIO, as I am sure you know, are a with the financial sharks domin- propaganda, comments like the ating my country and who are following are inspired in Wash-

There is also gross inequality

Colored People, which is not at basis of my own experience.

all a radical organization. Roy Wilkins said it "makes it groes to vote . . . [It] is such that the Negro citizen has to pass more check points and more officials than he would if he were etc.)." trying to get the U.S. gold reserves in Fort Knox. It's a f. aud." Like many other aspects of life in a democracy where the exploiters of labor are in control.

I do not mean too minimize any democratic rights, even if end of the country, we have no formal and restricted, because legal right to interfere. What is they are better than nothing. produced, how much and at But I cannot restrain my anger when the letter of democracy. which we have more or less, is

equated with the spirit of demcracy, which we have not or have only in warped and distorted form. From the many examples I could cite, I shall give only one more.

In theory, the vote of each citizen is equal to the vote of every other citizen. That thought disturbed the authors of the U.S. Constitution. They were willing to accept the forms

of democracy but not the essence - which starts with the dea of the rule of the majority. So they wrote this provision into the Constitution (which representation (one member for certain portion of the population), the upper house (Senate) (two Senators for every state, regardless of population). And

it is only fair to tell you of the | The basic condition for poli- That is, profits come first, and comments of the two leading tical democracy is economic nothing must be allowed that officials of the National Associa- democracy. Of that we have might seriously curtail or tion for the Advancement of none, as I can assure you on the

I am an auto worker, an oc-Chief NAACP attorney Thur- cupation that consumes the best my country, as presently orgood Marshall said the new law part of the day and the best ganized, as a model for your de-'isn't worth the paper it's writ- years of my life. I belong to a velopment. If you want genuine ten on." And NAACP secretary union, the United Auto Work- democracy and representative ers, which affords me a certain harder and not easier for Ne- amount of protection (for ex- you seem to be doing) with the imple, seniority) and bargains with my employer about certain structure, the economy, you will conditions (wage rates, vacations, But, neither my union nor I

tion and you will create machinhave much say about basic quesery to encourage their participations. We have no vote in the tion and control. management of the industry, or At the same time you will no 'he economy as a whole. If my doubt experiment with political employer wants to shut down forms best suiting your tradimy shop, or move it to the other tions and aspirations for freedom, being sure of one thing:

That if you achieve economic democracy by ending the exwhat price - not even our opinploitation of labor you will have ions are asked on these matters. little trouble in achieving poliwhich are the sole prerogative tical democracy with it — a of the employer. level of democracy higher by far I do not find it surprising that

than any we have yet known in political democracy in my counmy country. try is so limited. It is limited Best wishes and good luck! for the same reason that there is no economic democracy for the great majority of the people.

Fraternally, Frank Lovell



Lness toward Dr. Castro from (Continued from Page 1) of a syndicated column by Rob- Moscow - and as yet they are ert S. Allen and Paul Scott unwilling to lay any odds on their estimate - think the (April 15). Kremlin has found Dr. Castro a "Castro has begun construcbit too hot to handle, at least at

tion of a submarine base," continue these unofficial voices of this phase of their Western Hemisphere plan." the State Department, "and is The conclusion is that "the Kremlin is not willing openly to cians to complete this secret project. Also . . . he has brought encourage too much trouble virtually on the doorstep of the a number of MIG jet fighters United States. . . from Czechoslovakia, which is Hence "the cautious feeling providing a mission to train here that the 'go slow' policy Cuban pilots and mechanics.

toward Dr. Castro's rabid rant-"That is the background for this country's markedly stiffened ings is beginning to pay off."

moving to convert Cuba into The real background for a "military outpost" of the such charges is worth recall-Soviet Union. And such "go ing. At the height of the civil slow" accusations are paying war in Cuba, dictator Trujillo off - in the form of a Kremlin sought, with the following chill toward Cuba! press release, to justify send-Both the idiocy and the brazing arms to his fellow dictator enness of this propaganda are Batista: "Fidel Castro has been fully in the big-lie tradition of supplied by Russian subma-Hitler.

rines that have landed arms and ammunition on the coast of Oriente for his rebels."

The Cuban rebels would have been justified in accepting such abandoned willingly by their But Truiillo's lie has now been Democratic and Republican stretched into a complete "submarine base" (for interplanetary \$2,048 to \$1,990.

> rockets?). Cancel that Lie! In direct contradiction to such

It Takes Vision The far-sighted ones

see that the world will

Lowered Incomes

Thirteen states reported a de-

crease in per capita yearly in-

comes from 1957 to 1958. Ohio's

per capita dropped from \$2,261

to \$2,184 and Indiana's from

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Thus Castro is accused of

Monday, April 25, 1960

Therefore, my opinion is this:

You Cubans are wise not to take

government, you will begin (as

foundation of your national

make the needs of your working

people your major considera-

abolish profits.

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he Michigan secretary of state, and probably wonder what it sible burdens, and by judicial a liberal Democrat, arbitrarily stands for and why they never interpretations of these laws ruled us off the ballot on the heard of it before.

which ignore their prejudicial alleged grounds that some of the No one expects capitalist pasignatures and addresses were pers to favor socialist candidates effect on small parties." Each of our states (which some- illegible or the signers were not editorially. But is it asking too what resemble your provinces) registered. Lawyers assured us much for them, once in a while, has different requirements. In we had no chance of reversing to include reports of our activiorder to obtain a place on the his ruling through the courts. ties and meetings in their supballot, minor parties must ob- The right to cast a write-in posedly non-partisan news tain petitions with signatures vote is recognized in most states. columns? Evidently it is. As a candidate I have often from registered voters equival- But, Nader and Jacobs point ent to 2% of the vote cast in the out, "In practice, the write-in had the experience of speak-

## ... Form Young Socialist Alliance

and pledged full support to this the sit-in movement of South-(Continued from Page 1) society - rather than be con- campaign. Jim Lambrecht, National Sec- red-baiting against the North-

trolled by it. The dynamic of personal life.'

in opposition to the Stalinist ported the beginning of a genpolicies of the Communist uine mass student movement party. The conference warmly taking shape in the last three greeted the decision of the So- months around the struggle to cialist Workers party to run build a supporting movement Farrell Dobbs for President and for the Negro student sit-in Myra Tanner Weiss for Vice- demonstrations in the South. President in the 1960 elections The red-baiting attack against

Socialist	Fund	Scoreb	oard	the various factors that h resulted in the present thaw temporary "peaceful coex ence" between the Soviet h
City	Quota	Paid	Percent	and Western imperialism a
New York	\$4,300	\$1,779	41	showed how these same for
Denver	60	24	40	inevitably lead to a showdo
Detroit	625	207	33	between socialism and capit
Los Angeles	4,500	1,473	. 33	ism.
Cleveland	650	- 184	28	The resolution on war ado
Bay Area	925	240	26	ed by the conference conclude
St. Louis	80	20	25	"The struggle for peace
Chicago	800	175	22	fundamentally identical to
Connecticut	100	22	22	struggle for socialism, for in
San Diego	245	36	15	long run capitalist society y
Milwaukee	300	35	12	inevitably face the bru
Allentown	110	10	12 9 9 8 5 0	choice: fascism, war, death
Newark	265	25	9	socialism, peace, life. In
Twin Cities	1,700	140	8	short run the chance for pe
Philadelphia	400	18	5	depends on the course of
Boston	350	0		class struggle on a world sca
Pittsburgh	10	- 0	0	on the relative strength of
Seattle	500	. 0	0	perialism as against the wo
General	80	20	25	ing class and colonial peop
Total through April 19	\$16,000	\$4,408		As socialists our struggle peace merges into our part pation in these struggles

ners of elections.

tions, freedom of the press, frag- 15th congressional district of dom of speech, democracy and all that. But mainly for sup- (1950 census) is 383,000. This is porters of the capitalist status twice the population of the 12th quo.

Another thing that disqualifies gan, whose population is 178,000. millions of U.S. citizens from Yet each district elects one enjoying the blessings of democracy and representative government is, of course, the color gress. of their skin. (Socialists in Detroit were happy to hear my wife, on her return from a recent visit to your country, report that she had not observed

any signs of racial segregation ern Negro students as well as or discrimination in Cuba. Be-

a Marxist program and theory ers of the trade unions and of- country.) The resolution gives a detail- for the the socialist youth as ficials of the NAACP and A majority of the 18 million poor whites as well as Negroes ed account of how the YSA the only means for a new gen- CORE who have echoed this Negroes in the U.S. live in our are disfranchised). The winning emerged as a result of inten- eration of socialists learning the red-baiting campaign. One Ne- South. Since you know they candidate in my district got 79, sive struggle against the "re- lessons of the past. Having gro delegate from Los Angeles are denied the right to sit in 000 votes, or ten times as much formist, pro-State Department, spent many months prior to told the conference: "My peo- classrooms together with white as the victorious candidate in the anti-class struggle" program of the conference touring North- ple have been red-baited, black- children in the public schools, Mississippi district. the Social Democrats, as well as ern campuses, Lambrecht re- baited, segregated and even or to be served at lunch count- Isn't this the same as giving murdered. We are not beaten. ers of department stores in the the Mississippi voter ten votes We are on the march. So don't South, it will not surprise you to while I get only one? learn that most of them cannot There's a reason for this, of worry about being red-baited." A high point of the confer- vote, and that there is not a course. The voters in my disence was the International re- single Southern Negro in the trict are chiefly factory workers, port by Shane Mage, based Congress of our oh so represen- strongly unionized, many of upon the Resolution on War tative government. In places them Negroes; to get elected, the introduced by the Young So- like Greene County, Alabama, congressman from this district cialist editorial board. He traced where Negroes are 83% of the must promise to support and inhe various factors that have population, there is not one Neesulted in the present thaw or gro voter.

emporary "peaceful coexistnce" between the Soviet bloc and Western imperialism and howed how these same forces nevitably lead to a showdown etween socialism and capital-The resolution on war adoptd by the conference concludes: citizens of the United States to trict may introduce and vote for The struggle for peace is undamentally identical to the abridged by the United States of it can pass without the agreetruggle for socialism, for in the or by any State on account of ment of congressmen from disong run capitalist society will nevitably face the brutal of servitude." hoice: fascism, war, death or

But let a Negro, brandishing this constitution, try to vote in Greene County, Alabama. He will be shot in cold blood, or beaten brutally, or jailed on false charges, or fired from his job and driven out of the state. And Eisenhower will not be able to find in his heart one-thousandth of the indigna-

in election of the House of abashed and embarrassed by the Oh yes, we have free elec- Representatives. I live in the

Wall Street. I mention this be-Michigan, whose population cause I think it adds significance to the conclusion which followed the listing of the proposed recongressional district of Michi-

> "Only if these changes are made can American democracy achieve truly representative government."

Doesn't this mean that the 12th district resident has the than these will be required to international communism, di-equivalent of two votes to my make the U.S. truly democratic. rected from Moscow, always is one?

Or compare my district with socialism is a continual expan- retary of the YSA, opened the ern supporting movement, was against "the American way of 100,000 people voted in the 1958 sentation in my country is rigged ed States. sion of human freedom in all conference with a report on the subject of considerable dis-life" is one of the grievances congressional election. In Mis- for economic reasons primarily. spheres: in politics, economics, "Tasks and Perspectives." He cussion. Delegates expressed that our Southern Democratic sissippi's 2nd district, only 7, culture and in every aspect of emphasized the importance of anger and disgust with the lead- congressmen have against your 900 voted (Mississippi is really a one-party state, where most

troduce pro-labor and pro-civil rights legislation. Voting in the

Here is another clear demon- Mississippi 2nd district, which is stration of the yawning gap be- rural and conservative, is retween formal guarantees and ac- stricted by hook and by crook tual violations of the most ele- to members of the ruling class, mentary democratic rights. The plantation owners, white su-U.S. Constitution, Amendment premacists and their associates, XV, is very explicit on the mat- all bitter opponents of unionism. ter. It says: "The right of the The congressman from my disvote shall not be denied or progressive legislation, but none race, color or previous condition tricts like the 2nd in Mississippi.

We all have one vote - that's the formal side of democracy. But the Mississippi plantation owner's vote is worth ten of mine -, that's the reality underying the democratic facade. And such inequality is woven throughout the entire fabric of U.S. politics.

Reviewing this situation in December, 1956, the AFL-CIO tion that he feels over the pos- publication, Labor's Economic

ington: boldness of your government in "In fact, informed observers standing up to Washington and

here, speaking in highly guarded phrases, hint there is some reason for belief that Moscow is cooling off in its attitude toward Dr. Castro, if indeed it ever was committed to the revolutionary regime." That's pundit James E. Warner, writing in the April 10 New York Herald Tribune. He con-

tinues with more inside dope: "There is no doubt but that They overlook the fact that poli- eager to fish in troubled waters,

tical democracy cannot endure and that it wants ultimately to the 2nd of Mississippi (popula- or prosper in the absence of eco- dominate Latin America as one lieve it or not, but this offense tion 262,000). In my district nomic democracy. Voting repre- step toward encircling the Unit-"But those who detect a cool-

eventually go socialist. If you agree that this is a good thing, you are probably willing to help the process along, for it means enduring peace. international cooperation and abundance for all. Have you thought of tak-

ing up the cause of socialism as a way of life right now? There's no goal more worthwhile.

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Actually, many more changes







May Day, 1960

May Day, the international holiday of the working class, is above all a day for affirming our unshakable confidence in the socialist future of mankind.

May Day is also the day of youth. For it is especially the young people who strive toward a better future. It is the youth, with their audacity, enthusiasm and courage, who fight the revolutionary battles through which mankind has scored its decisive advances.

The working-class socialist movement has always attracted the youth to its banner. Where the workers' organizations suffered failure of leadership and defeat, the political stirrings of the youth have often signaled a revival and new surge forward in the movement as a whole. And where the workers' organizations have shown revolutionary decision and scored victories, the youth have turned in overwhelming numbers to the working class, and filled the front lines of the struggle.

In our country's history it was the young journeymen mechanics and the apprentices of Boston who provided the most reliable cadres for carrying out Sam Adams' bold policies in the First American Revolution. Again, it was the youth who wore the "red badge of courage" in the Civil War - the Second American Revolution. Finally, it was the young assemblyline slaves of the auto-plants, who forged the historic fighting unity of Negro and white workers in the sitdown strikes of the 1930's. These momentous class struggles led to the creation of the CIO - an act that marked the first installment on the Third American Revolution.

Now look across the globe on May Day 1960 and observe again the rising of the youth!

Cuba is a nation of young people bursting with energy and new confidence. Boys and girls - many of them barely in their teens - build, train themselves, shoulder the heaviest responsibilities and offer every ounce of their energy and nerve to the revolutionary struggle against the American imperialist overlords.

No wonder the Cuban revolution has been embraced as their own by great masses of youth throughout Latin America and has won deep admiration and sympathy from young people in the United States.

During the last three years, the antiimperialist revolution has extended to the African continent below the Sahara. The struggle has now erupted in the continent's stronghold of capitalist exploitation and racist reaction, the Union of South Africa.

thousands of young men and women workers and students. The leadership of the Pan-Africanist and African National Congress movements is composed in large part of youths in their teens and early twenties - and this is all the more true of those leaders who are directly in charge of organizing the mass struggles.

In Japan, the student movement has risen to new heights of revolutionary vigor in the last year. Students, during one of their recent mass demonstrations against the Japanese-American military pact, beat back the cops who sought to disperse them.

In Korea, the American-supported dictatorship of Syngman Rhee is being shaken by a great mass upheaval touched off by the students.

In England, ever larger numbers of students have joined the movement to abolish nuclear weapons. Their determination to end the threat to human survival has helped to arouse sections of the British labor movement to the menace, too despite the policies of the right-wing leadership of the Labor party and the unions.

And here in the United States, we see By Charles Kenzie Steele, Jr. | at long last a new era opening up as a result, in good part, of the courageous initiative of the Negro students in the South. The other members were there In every Southern state - including Mis- as planned . . . We practiced sissippi - the movement against segregation is developing. In the North, a significant movement of students, Negro and white, has come to the support of the Southern students.

These struggles of the youth are helping to break up the moods of political conservatism that are still dominant throughout the country and that have aided the member sitting about two seats labor bureaucrats in keeping the unions away ordered a cup of coffee and chained to the capitalist-party machines.

The inspiration we take in the worldwide resurgence of youth — and especially in the new movement in America - is heightened by the news that young people "I'll wait." have just held a three-day convention in Philadelphia to found a national organization, the Young Socialist Alliance.

The YSA did not appear out of thin air; it was not the result of hasty improvisation. A small band of determined and Finally they left, and signs were tireless young revolutionists prepared the way. The convention in Philadelphia last ple seated at the counter left week, for example, was the seventh na- because of our being there. tional gathering of this movement during the last two-and-a-half preparatory years. The Young Socialist Alliance couldn't might borrow a pencil. She said: have been formed at a more auspicious time. It has a glorious future. We greet Which she let him use. . . our young comrades on this May Day and The waitresses seemed all very There was no violence or inthrough them we offer our greetings to the beroia fighters for mankind's future in heroic fighters for mankind's future in gave a man a cup of coffee with- the store say: "Look, there are us . . . They ushered us out the for a long time and won't

**Police-State Methods in Virginia** 



Richmond, Virginia, cops arrested thirty-five Negro students on Lincoln's Birthday as part of racist attempts to crush the struggle for civil rights. The students were charged with "trespassing" by owners of Thalhimer's department store for protesting against segregated lunch counters.

# **They Denied Us Service But We Continued to Sit**

Three sons of Rev. C. K. Steele - Charles Kenzie, Jr., About 1:35 p.m., I arrived at 17, Henry Marion, 16, and the Inter-Civic Council office. Clifford, 15 - have played a notable part in the Tallahassee, Florida, lunch-counter demonstrations and were given sit-ins Rev Steele is chairman instructions. The main point of the Tallahassee Inter-Civic stressed was not to fight Council, the organization that

We arrived in Woolworth's The two oldest sons were about 2 p.m. I purchased a few among the young people im-We went across to the lunch prisoned for conducting sitcounter. I took a seat between downs

two white men. Another CORE for six days and released pending appeal, is the first a sandwich. The waitress told high-school student to have been imprisoned during the him: "I'm sorry, we can't serve Southwide demonstrations. She moved on down and told

the Southern Patriot jour-

both had second cups of coffee after I was sitting there . . asked for both. She neglected

> sat there and finished their meals. They smoked afterward and smiled at us.

After all of the white people had left, we continued to sit we talked to a drunk who was

reciting a poem in French.... Finally we were told that a New York apartment dwellers,

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apartments on the 25th floor to

\* \*

"Imperial House" is about

a 15-minute walk away from

East Harlem, center of New

York's Puerto Rican com-

munity. Here is a description

of one building in that neigh-

borhood, typical of hundreds,

as provided by the New York

"In the furnished room of Mr.

and Mrs. Pablo Perilla, three

adults and five children share

"Mrs. Lydia Comba and two

"Mrs. Mildred Daniel and her

"The house is in such bad re-

The widely touted economic

While in 1958, according to

annual income of white families

was \$5,300, the average income

of non-white families was \$2,711

that of the whites.

growing

- almost fifty per cent less than

Furthermore the economic gap

caused by racial discrimination

pair, tenant David Phifer told

the Post, that the door to his

children are in a room so small

a 12 by 15 foot space.

door is opened

facilities.

gain a 54-foot living room."

### **City Living Can Be Pleasant**

Feeling glum about the housing situation? These excerpts from an April 18 Wall Street Journal should

Post:

brighten you up. "Luxury apartments, largely signed leaseholder: Actress Luneglected by builders since the cille Ball, who will join two gaudy days of the 1920's are enoying a nation-wide boom. "Here on the rocky island of

Manhattan . . . builders now are planning or erecting 140 apartment buildings - almost all of them in the luxury class (monthly rent of \$50 a room or more). "Along the windy Lake Michi gan shore in Chicago, work starts next month on a pair of 60-story circular 'living towers,' surrounded by a broad plaza and

equipped with a boat basin for 700 small craft, a restaurant, a skating rink and a theater. "Rising above the trees of a Fulsa residential section is a 17story apartment building whose

that only a bed and a wooden \$300 to \$1,500 a month rents chair will fit . . . and the chair will entitle its tenants to use must be hung on a nail when the of a putting green, swimming pool, greenhouse, club rooms and pool of domestic servants kept five children share a room that on call. has no running water or toilet

"And before the year is out, residents will be shelling out \$300 to \$675 a month for the 78 apartments in in another 17-About five minutes later a story structure in downtown well-dressed man, followed by Boston. . . .

room fell off and smashed his ankle. He hasn't been to work about four others and two uni-"For those who can afford formed policemen, walked down them, the fancy new living units since.' the counter and spoke to one of offer a number of amenities: **Prosperity Held** convenience, inexpensive maintenance, comforts such as air conditioning and in many cases, "Illusory" for counter to where I was sitting even more space than in most and yelled: "Do you all under- houses. A seven-room apart-Negro People ment in the new Imperial House nearing completion beside the East River here will feature a to stay. She said: "The mayor living room 28 feet long, separate dining room, library, two progress of American Negro bedrooms, maid's room, four families is "illusory," says the baths, six 'walk-in' closets and National Urban League. a 35-foot-long 'gallery' opening under arrest. They said: "You onto a terrace. Rent: \$1,200 a government figures, the average

month. For an extra \$65 a month a tenant can garage his car in the basement where it will be washed whenever it's dirty - 'every day if necessary,' of white people who had gath- says Zachary Fisher, partner in ered began clapping. Miss Mary the building firm, Fisher

Ola Gaines looked back and Brothers. "The kitchen, which will fea-When we reached headture a special entrance for dequarters . . . they ushered us liveries, will be linked by a all into one small cell - four private phone system to stores, girls, one woman, and six boys a bank, package delivery room . . . They still hadn't told us and a servant procurement servwhat we were charged ice on the ground floor. There will, however, be no 'social About an hour later an offirooms' such as those planned for er came and read us our many other luxury apartment charges . . . In the meantime, buildings around the country. "'Most of the tenants will thrown in with us. Then we have them in private clubs nearsang. One fellow amused us by by,' Mr.' Fisher explains. 'Any-

Citing previously unpublished Census Bureau statistics, Lester B. Granger, executive secretary of the Urban League, said April 7 that in the period from 1950 to 1958, the annual income of white families increased 54 per cent while the income of Negroes increased only 45 per cent.

"At the rate we are moving now," Granger said. "the faster we move the further we fall way, if they are like typical behind."

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led the 1957 bus boycott. has ordered us to leave." All of us agreed to stay.

During one sit-in, Charles

Kenzie, Jr., recorded what was said and done. His stenographic account is reprinted here from the April issue of

nal of the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

put up saying the counter was also to give him a napkin. .... closed. None of the white peo-The other white people just

with us, asked a white lady sit-

there . . . I noticed that the others seemed very calm ...

us. He was directed to the spokesman.... Then he walked down the stand? This counter is closed." Priscilla Stephens, the spokesman, asked us if we still wanted

said: "We'll be back

with....

Henry, who was kept in jail Then about 15 or 20 policemen marched in and told us we were

### niggers stand up now and get out of here.' Whites Applaud As we left the store, a group

Again, we see in the forefront of the magnificent struggle against apartheid, tens of every country of the world.

out cream or sugar and he had some cops outside."

Hunger in World Is "Man-made Plague"

bondsman had been secured for they won't meet their neighbors Why not pass this copy of the back door . . . And that was it. bother to, either.' One already- Militant on to a friend?

- Too Many Babies? -

### By Joseph Hansen (Twelfth in a series of articles.)

Marxist analysis has shown us that when we speak of "overpopulation" in capitalist society we must add a most important qualification. It is "relative." Not relative to the food supply, as the naive Rev. Malthus believed, but relative to the part of investment that goes by the attractive name of "payroll." The size of the payroll, as everyone knows, is only partially determined by common human needs. The capitalist, a devoutly religious man, leaves the final say on payroll matters to his god, Profits, the Moloch to whom he piously offers the flesh and bone of his workers.

That is why an "overpopulation" of millions can appear in a few short months in a country as wealthy as the United States, flooding the employment offices, and just as suddenly disappear when the economic cycle enters a period of boom.

The real meaning of "overpopulation" can be seen with exceptional clarity in colonial or semicolonial countries whose economies have been molded by imperialist interests. Cuba offers a good example.

When he was tried for leading an unsuccessful revolt against the Batista dictatorship in 1953, just before his twenty-seventh birthday, Dr. Fidel Castro gave the following eloquent description" of the Cubans whom he sought to arouse. It is worth studying for the picture it offers of the kind of people the Malthusians are talking about basic labor force, we see that out of 1,600,000 industrial when they advocate an intensive campaign to persuade and agricultural workers and sharecroppers, more than the world's "overpopulation" to get themselves sterilized. one-third were totally unemployed while almost another

"When we speak of people, we do not mean the well-to-do, conservative segments of the nation always ready to reap some advantages from any regime of oppression, from any dictatorship, and from despotism, kneeling down, if need be, before the master in turn. . . .

"When we speak of battle and refer to the people, we mean the 600,000 Cubans who are out of work and who want to earn an honest living here instead of having to emigrate in search of a better opportunity.

"We mean the 500,000 farm workers who live in miserable huts, working four months and going hungry with their children the rest of the year, with not an inch of land to farm, and whose existence would move to compassion were it not for so many stone-hearted.

"By people we mean the 400,000 industrial workers and laborers whose retirement funds have been robbed, and from whom all benefits are being taken away, whose housing consists of single rooms in tenement houses, whose salaries go from the hands of the employer to those of the money lender, whose future is a cut in wages and dismissal, whose life is one of never-ending work, and whose only hope for rest lies in the grave.

back. . .

articles. . .

me the same. We both replied:

Whites Stay

Both men sitting next to me

finished their meals slowly and

Merritt Spaulding, who was

ting two seats from him if he

"No, but I have a fountain pen."

you.

"By people we mean the 100,000 share croppers who live and die working a land that is not theirs, contemplating it as Moses did the Promised Land, only to die before managing to own it and, like feudal slaves, having to pay for the use of that land with a large part of the crop, and who can neither love that land nor improve it or beautify it by planting a cedar or an orange tree, because they know not when the bailiff will come around with the rural guard to tell them they must leave.

"By people we mean the 30,000 self-sacrificing teachers and professors, so indispensable for the better destiny of future generations, who are so badly treated and poorly paid.

"By people we mean the 20,000 debt-ridden small merchants, ruined by the economic crisis and to whom venal public officials are dealing the finishing blow.

"By people we mean the 10,000 young professionals: doctors, engineers, lawyers, veterinarians, dentists, teachers, pharmacists, journalists, painters, sculptors, etc., who leave the universities with their degrees willing to fight for a living and full of hopes only to find themselves in a dead-end alley, with all doors closed to their clamor and pleas.

"Those are the ones I call people, those are the ones I mean when I say people, the ones that suffer all the misfortunes and because of it are capable of fighting courageously!"

If we extract from that description the figures on the third were unemployed eight months of the year. Is it hard to understand why they finally undertook a revolution?

To round out the picture, we should of course take into consideration the fact that this large "overpopulation" in Cuba was a great convenience to the American sugar interests. They paid four months wages to a skilled and highly industrious labor force and then put those hundreds of thousands of workers into mothballs for the next eight could not even work at their own crops, for they were true story: denied access to the land although much of it was uncultivated. So they starved. And this on a fertile tropical island easily capable of feeding a population many times larger!

Cuba is not exceptional. Ours is a hungry planet.

Here are some suggestive figures from an editorial in the Dec. 14, 1959, Christian Science Monitor:

There are now about 2,850,000.000 persons on our planet. Only about 1,600,000,000 of them are adequately fed. That means that almost seven times as many people as there are in the entire United States go to bed hungry every night. Of the 90,000,000 children born this year, more than half are not being adequately fed.

"In parts of South Asia children eat only two meals a day, and sometimes skip days before the next food comes in. In India 25 per cent of the population is without housing. A street or the field is their only address."

Going to bed hungry is, naturally, a good thing from the Malthusian point of view. It reminds you of the need to practice continence so that the world's population won't outweigh the earth by the year 4460 A.D.

In his excellent book, "The Geography of Hunger," Josue de Castro lays the blame for the world's endemic nunger exactly where it belongs:

"Hunger has been chiefly created by the inhuman exploitation of colonial riches, by the latifundia and one-crop culture which lay waste the colony, so that the exploiting country can take too cheaply the raw materials its prosperous industrial economy requires. For economic reasons misery was hidden from the world's eyes; tragedies like that of China, where in the nineteenth century some hundred million individuals starved to death, or like that of India, where twenty million people died of hunger in the last thirty years of the century, were glossed over."

De Castro includes vitamin deficiences in his survey of hunger, saying about this:

"The feudal, slave regime of southern agriculture, based on the monoculture of cotton, implanted pellagra in this region of the United States just as the monoculture of sugar planted vitamin hunger along with the cane in certain of the Antilles, and as the mono-exploitation of rubber brought beriberi to the Amazon basin. In each of these cases, hunger has been cultivated by man himself; it has arisen as a man-made plague."

The Malthusians are fond of pointing to South America as a prime example of abysmal poverty and hunger due months. During those months, the "dead time," the Cubans to an "exploding" population. De Castro indicates the

> "The prevailing starvation in South America is a direct consequence of the continent's historical past. This history is one of colonial exploitation along mercantile lines. It developed through successive economic cycles the effect of which was to destroy, or at least upset, the economic integrity of

the continent. There were the cycle of gold, the cycle of sugar, the cycle of precious stones, the cycle of coffee, the cycle of rubber, the cycle of oil. And during the course of each of these cycles, one finds a whole region giving itself up entirely to the monoculture, or mono-exploitation, of a single product -at the same time forgetting everything else, and thus wasting natural wealth and neglecting the potentialities of regional food supply.

"The one-crop culture of cane sugar in the Brazilian northeast is a good example. This area once had one of the few really fertile tropical soils. It had a climate favorable to agriculture, and it was originally covered with a forest growth extremely rich in fruit trees. Today, the all-absorbing, selfdestructive sugar industry has stripped all the available land and covered it completely with sugar cane; as a result this is one of the starvation areas of the continent."

Imperialism has plundered our planet, annihilated entire populations, condemned hundreds of millions of human beings to death by starvation and doomed the majority of mankind today to chronic hunger. As De Castro shows in his book, not even the American people with the highest standard of living in the world have escaped the ravages of this ruthless economic system.

Robert J. Lampman, economics professor at the University of Wisconsin, recently made a study indicating how widespread poverty actually is in the United States today. In the Dec. 26, 1959, issue of Labor, weekly newspaper of the railroad unions, we find the following summary of his findings:

"Using official figures, Lampman found that in 1957 fully 19 per cent of all Americans had poverty incomes. He defined such income as \$2,500 a year or less (at 1957 prices) for a family of four - and correspondingly less or more for smaller or larger families. For a family of two, for example, the poverty income level would be \$1,638 or less a year.

"Thus, nearly a fifth of all Americans live in deep poverty. In addition, Lampman found, 30 million more live on the fringe of poverty - making less than enough to maintain modest but 'adequate' living standards.

"This minimum 'adequate' income is officially estimated at \$4,000 a year (at 1957 prices) for a family of four. In 1957, Lampman found, 36 per cent of all Americans - 62,000,000 people - had less than this minimum 'adequate' income."

If the Malthusian theory is correct, there's another 62,000,000 people who should be persuaded to get themselves sterilized for the sake of elbow room on our planet 2,000 years from now.

(Next week: What Can Be Done.)

## Notes in the News

# THE MILITANT

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1960

#### **UN-MISSISSIPPI ACTIVITIES** - Five Negro students were suspended from a segregated high school in Meridian, Miss., for wearing "subversive" buttons which praised the Supreme Court school desegregation decision. The father of two of the students, C. R. Darden, was then fined \$50 for attempting to snap pictures of the five. Darden is state president of the NAACP.

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JUST LIKE TRUJILLO DOES-Two exiles from the Dominican Republic were arrested in New York April 14 for selling El Dominicano Libre, an anti-Trujillo newspaper. They were charged with collecting money without a license and with begging on the streets. A passerby who protested the arrests was charged with interfering with a policeman.

FROM THE SAME BATHTUB - A disstilling company announced in New York that it will be offering partisan whiskey this election year. Customers will be offered bourbon in bottles shaped like donkeys or elephants. Needless to say, it will be the same booze in both bottles.

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** — Roman Catholic elementary and high schools now have a record enrollment of 5,090,012, according to church spokesmen. They said there are 10,728 Catholic grade schools in the country and 2,401 high schools.

\* \* \* **DRUG PROMOTION** — Price-gouging drug companies are bombarding doctors with an estimated 24,247 tons of "ballyhoo" advertising material annually, according to Dr. James E. Bowes of the University of Utah. He said the cost of postage alone could pay for three new hospitals. The drug industry spends more than \$210 million annually on promotion as compared to \$190 million on research.

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MAYBE THE PRICE WASN'T RIGHT-Gov. George Docking of Kansas, an opponent of capital punishment, recently commuted the death sentence of a prisoner and was bitterly assailed for doing so by Alf M. Landon, exgovernor and one-time presidential aspirant. Commented Gov. Docking: "If he likes capital punishment so well, we'll just offer him the job of executioner at \$100 a throw." Landon declined.

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KEEPING IN TRIM AS GENTLEMEN-Maj. Gen. Chester McCarty has ordered officers of the Fourteenth Air Force command to hold formal dinners periodically and has handed down precise instructions as to how they are to be conducted. Formal dress will be required. There will be a cocktail period for exactly fortyfive minutes. Then, "on the sounding of the chimes, members of the mess will proceed immediately to the dining room, take positions behind their respective chairs while the president [senior officer] calls the mess to order." The meal is to open with toasts to the president

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Castro and Richard Bates of the to a question of mine.

of the United States and to the Air Force chief of staff, with no smoking until after the toasts. Between the main course and desert, there will be a twenty-minute rest period.

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NEW YORK HOSPITAL CARE - Following a newspaper expose last year of conditions in city hospitals, New York's Mayor Wagner pledged a thorough clean-up. But on April 15, the Citizens Committee for Children disclosed that, because the hospitals continue to be starved for funds, there is a shortage of nurses, a lack of supplies and a deterioration of buildings. Many patients are hospitalized longer than tors." necessary while doctors wait for reports from understaffed laboratories.

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WILL THEIR EMBLEM BE THE GAG AND THE NOOSE? - Retired U.S. Army General Albert Wedemeyer has urged that the chief of the nation's political police, J. Edgar Hoover, run for president. He proposed that Senator Harry Byrd (D-Va.), leading spokesman for the racists, be Hoover's running mate. This kind of a ticket is needed, Wedemeyer said, because the country's major problems stem from "communism" at home and abroad. \* \* \*

HIROSHIMA TOLL STILL MOUNTING-A Hiroshima hospital reported the twelfth death this year ascribable to the A-bomb dropped by the U.S. on the Japanese city in 1945. The latest victim was Miss Mitsue Tsunoda, 47, who was about half of a mile from the center of the cial change. But social change importance to an understanding explosion. About 100,000 people died from the blast at the time. . . .

THE SIMPLE PLEASURES - William Capitman, president of the Center for Research in Advertising, recently advised the home furnishing industry that it is "contemptuous of the consumer" and "considers her to be ignorant" and "having bad taste." The reason for this wrong approach, he said, is that the industry is working with "outmoded status symbols." Today's "highest kind of status," he reported, is "living casually and informally, owning an outboard motor and sports car."

. . . THOSE ARMY MANUALS - The con- revolutionary movements in

tinuing stream of army manuals, which cost an Latin America. estimated \$72 million a year, includes one on Therefore, he continued: "We the problem of marriage. If leans heavily on are wedded to the status quo. have pursued in the best of the extent to which the Cuban the Ten Commandments, the Declaration of So in their majority are the faith have not improved our people had been oppressed un-Independence and the Constitution. It also governments of Latin America image and those who have been seems to put its finger on an essential difference -and yet the status quo if between getting hitched and doing a hitch taken literally would make any in the army, pointing out that marriage is not change impossible and provide "a ball and chain existence."

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THE RICH GET RICHER - Net after-tax United States and Latin Amerprofits of all manufacturing corporations except newspapers totalled 9.6 per cent of stockholders' way for the Latin American equity in the last quarter of 1959. But corporations in the \$100 million to \$250 million aspirations for a better life. The bracket averaged 11.4 per cent while those with task of the local leadership is equity of less than \$1 million netted only 3.3 to prepare the ground for the per cent.

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# **Batista Downfall Stirs Debate Los Angeles Pickets**

(Continued from Page 1) by being told that that was where they were baptized."

It is an accepted fact, he continued, "that the vast majority of Latin Americans believe that we favored the dicta-Then, in an obvious reference to a trip he had made to Cuba during the Batista regime, he said: "Certainly some of our ambassadors seemed to have made it a point to hobnob in public with the dictators when they and the rest of the world knew of the horrors and cruelties that were being committed by their governments." As an example, he said: "A professor in the University of Havana said to me, 'you know,

in the last two years they [the Batista officials] killed one hunoriented leadership is required at dred of my students and torboth ends - and," he contured half of them.' cluded, "that is most difficult The greatest need in Latin to find." It certainly is! America, Tannenbaum declared, Tannenbaum, in his report is to promote the process of sopointed up a lesson of decisive

under conditions of rule by a of the revolutionary developdictator or military caste can be ment in Latin America - the accomplished only through rev- role of the standing army. Fidel olutionary means. Castro learned this lesson well And once the revolutionary

masses are set in motion, as the the army the power of the experience of Cuba demonpeople in arms. The policy of strates, the resulting revolution the U.S., Tannenbaum asserts, is no respecter of private propis to arm the Latin American erty or the profit system. It is dictators in order to maintain this fact that impels the capitalthe status quo. ist government in Washington

"We were told many times." to bolster the dictators and Tannenbaum concluded, "that support the military advenstrengthening the armies in ways wait until a Mikoyan ap-Latin America was a political pears on the scene, he asked, beturers in their counter-revoluerror and that it would identify fore we become concerned tionary assaults upon popular us with the enemies of demo-

injured have long memories." Tannenbaum gives Washington credit for acting in "the best no remedy for the poverty and of faith" which it does not desocial deficiency preliminary to serve. That is the fundamental mutual confidence between the weakness of his whole presentation. The U.S. State Departica. Our problem is to find a ment acts in the interests of the dominant section of the people to identify us with their American capitalist class and can not do otherwise. But what

of the leaders of American labor? needed changes. A differently The AFL-CIO conference provided for discussion on reports but the time was so limited that only two speakers participated tro, Victor Reuther added: "Casin the discussion on the Tannenbaum report: Serafino Ro- but he is a bad administrator." mualdi, inter-American director of the AFL-CIO and Victor Reuther, director of interna-

> tomobile Workers. Romualdi Pops Off

Romualdi, speaking for the

Victor Reuther, was an over-Russian revolution and were to a large extent, "of our own making." The American labor movement, he asserted, had too long remained silent and permitted the United Fruit Company and others of that ilk, to speak for us. Now, he added, we will have to live it down and learn to speak for ourselves. about one sale every 15 minutes. Organized by the local NAACP While our own country was born in revolution, said Victor

as part of the national move-Reuther, we are now the most ment to boycott Woolworth, the terrified of revolutions in other picket line is being held every countries and seek to hold back Friday evening and all day on and prevent, revolutionary Saturdays. movements instead of giving The line has been bolstered in them encouragement, support

United Steel Workers.

The UAW support is official

and members carry signs read-

ing: "Local 216 Supports

NAACP Boycott in Support of

Though pickets distribute leaf-

DETROIT - The Socialist

For Governor: Robert Himmel,

For Lt. Governor: Evelyn Sell,

After the dinner Lovell, Do-

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committee were:

Lovell, auto worker.

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5:30 - social hour.

office worker.

and leadership. The hungry, the exploited, the oppressed peoples of the world, he added, were determined to share in the wealth created by their labor. What we are witnessing on a global scale, he said, was a "revolution of rising expectation."

Southern Students." The steel Our record, said Victor Reuworkers on the line expect to ther, referring to the American make, their support official at union movement, is not as pure the next local union meeting. as it might have been. Nor can and proceeded to substitute for we intervene effectively by delegating the American banklets explaining the purpose of ers and business men to speak for us, he added. aren't necessary. Compton is an

Addressing himself to the question of Cuba, Victor Reuinterracial working-class comther expressed sharp criticism mere sight of the picket line is of the policy of the American union leadership. Must we al-Socialist Ticket To Open Drive about the problems and aspiracracy and with the opponents tions of our neighbors? We had of freedom. Certain policies we all been aware, he insisted, of At Detroit Dinner der the Batista regime, but said Workers party election campaign little about it. "Or," he asked sarcastically, "are we concerned only when the threat of comdidates at a May Day Dinner munism is raised?'

We remained silent too long, Victor Reuther added, when Batista was jailing and murdering students, workers and peasants in Cuba. We found it too easy to associate with people in the Cuban labor movement who were staunch supporters of Batista, he added.

For Attorney General: Larry Then, in what was probably Dolinski, auto worker. intended as a criticism of Caslinski and Mrs. Sell will give tro may be a good revolutionary short talks presenting their program and plans to bring the It is hard to tell what is ideas of socialism to Michigan meant by the latter statement: voters. It is presumably intended to tional affairs for the United Au- apply to the Castro regime's attacks on U.S. government policies. But it is not Castro schedule: the allegedly "bad administrator" with whom the State De-

6:30 — full course dinner. students.)

# Victor Reuther, was an over-simplification. These social evils, he affirmed, predated the

### By Della Rossa

LOS ANGELES, April 15 - Negro and white pickets in front of Woolworth's store in Compton put a big dent in the store's Easter business tonight. Pickets at one entrance reported that the cash-+

ier there was ringing up only enough to induce them to buy at another dime store.

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About a dozen picket lines are now being held on a regular weekly basis in the Los Angeles area. College-age youth have been concentrating on the Woolworth and Kress stores in downtown Los Angeles. In Westwood, the local Woolworth is being both size and morale by strong picketed by the Southern Calicontingents from General Motors fornia Boycott Committee, a stu-Local 216 of the United Auto dent group from the University Workers and Local 2058 of the of California at Los Angeles.

Among the organizations giving support to the demonstrations are the Congress of Racial Equality, the Young Socialist Alliance and the Independent Students Union. NAACP picketlines have been

extended to Woolworth stores in the San Fernando Valley.

## the demonstration, these often aren't necessary. Compton is an **Myra Weiss** interracial working-class com-munity, and for many people the To Speak in **Philadelphia**

### By June Carey

PHILADELPHIA - Firsthand accounts of the Southern integration struggle will be featured here at a May Day dinner and rally, Saturday evening, April 30.

The principal speakers will be in Michigan will open Saturday, Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist April 30, with talks by SWP can- | Workers party vice-presidential nominee, and James Lambrecht, national secretary of the Young Nominated by the SWP state Spcialist Alliance. Both will be returning from a tour of South-For U.S. Senator: Frank ern campuses.

Also on the program, which will kick off the Socialist Workers party's campaign in the state, are Morris Chertov and Ethel Peterson, SWP candidates for State Treasurer and State Auditor General. The SWP will appear on the Pennsylvania ballot under the designation Workers Party."

The SWP dinner and rally will be held at 1303 W. Girard Ave., with the dinner at 7 p.m.

and the program at 8 p.m. The May Day celebration, to SWP campaigners here view be held at 3737 Woodward, Dethe coming contest with optimtroit, will have the following ism. They feel the "pro-labor" reputation of the Democratic party has been pretty well tarnished with the conduct in of-(\$1.25 for adults, 90 cents for fice of Mayor Dilworth and Goy. Dilworth, who \_awrence. stabbed Westinghouse strikers in the back in their fight for There will be no admission unemployment compensation, now intends to hike the city Proceeds of the dinner will help sales tax. Lawrence has already finance the SWP's election cam- pushed through a higher state sales tax.

context the statements of offi- this conversation. Correspondent: That's correct; misunderstanding. That's what and Hitler were accustomed to we are printing the full text of you didn't suggest such a talk, I want to say to the public say was that the enemy was the interview between Fidel but limited yourself to replying opinion of the United States. communism. And, talking about

distorting and tearing out of it were I who was suggesting They use every kind of strata- co, the friend of Eisenhower.

**CBS** Interview with Castro So that our readers can judge | It seems that someone in the | way in which they create diffi- | violate every kind of justice. for themselves how far the State cable agencies changed my culties. They don't wish in any Remember Hitler, remember Department goes in twisting, words and made it appear as if manner to be well informed. Mussolini, remember Mr. Fran-

fascism.

are going to speak?

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gem to produce confusion and The thing that Franco, Mussolini 



MEANY

**Columbia Broadcasting System** as published in the April 19 issue of Revolucion. (Our translation.)

cials of the Cuban government,

Text

ation was of course given frontpage headlines in America's 100 per cent capitalist press, while the context of Castro's statement facts and does not present to

was ignored. Correspondent: This interview and our words.

is taking place in the offices of the newspaper Revolucion. Dr. seems to me that something Fidel Castro wishes to make should be clarified. What do ations which he made to me at the United States? Do you mean the beginning of the week in the government or the people? relation to the possibilities of conversations between him and government of the United States. Castro, is there anyone in the the American people. Conse- that President Eisenhower had Cuba and the United States?' AP. Dr. Castro replied, as I recall the cabled report but I underit, that if there were anyone speak in the United States, it oughly cleared up is that what would be with President Eisenyou said in relation to the pos-

hower or Secretary of State Herter. Fidel: I replied that that question should be directed to Herdid not ask for a talk. ter or to Eisenhower, because Fidel: But what do you think they would know better. Then about their altering my words; you asked me if I would agree why did they alter the mean-

to such a conversation and I reing? Correspondent: I believe that plied that I was ready to talk with anyone. Do you recall they didn't understand well that

this? Correspondent: Yes, I recall

Fidel: Then you recall what I ended up saying?

fied in the report. Correspondent: Yes, I recall. Fidel: I believe that they al-You said that you would be ready to talk with anyone who could help improve relations between Cuba and the United some favor of the American States. That's the way I remem-

ber our conversation. discredit the Cuban government, Fidel: I remember the idea.

reply to this supposed suggestion and the United States will imof mine, and I wish to say to prove?

It was from this interview that the public opinion of the United Fidel: Well, I would like these Lincoln White, spokesman of States that I did not suggest a relations to improve, but I bethe State Department, lifted the talk of any kind and that Mr. lieve that the government of the in other times served to advance reference to the propaganda Lincoln White should not have United States is utilizing every policy of "fascism" in order to any illusions in this respect. I opportunity to create confusion. make the false claim that 95 did not suggest anything. I And if there is anyone in the per cent of the Cuban press is answered you sincerely on what government of the United States government-controlled and that you asked me, and I believe that who estimates that the Cuban Cuba's new government is there- this proves that understanding Revolution can be defeated in fore dictatorial. White's declar- between the government of the this way, he is making a mis-United States and the Cuban take, because the Cuban Revolugovernment is not easy, since tion will continue without any hesitation and without any everywhere someone alters the vacillation.

Correspondent: Dr. Castro the people of the United States the truth regarding our deeds may I ask you a new question?

Fidel: Don't you believe that Correspondent: Dr. Castro, it my words will be altered? Correspondent: I believe that your reply will be transmitted completely clear that the declar- you mean when you refer to exactly as you state it. Do you and it appears to me that it will see any way of bettering relations between Cuba and the Uni-Fidel: I refer, of course, to the ted States?

Fidel: Well, it's difficult to an-President Eisenhower or Secre- The people cannot be charged swer that question because the tary of State Christian Herter with the sins and mistakes of only way is to understand our you have said many times that were made in reply to a ques- their government. I know that right to respect, our right to there are dangers menacing tion of mine. My question was you want a better understanding sovereignty and respect for the the Revolution. Do you believe more or less the following: 'Dr. between the Cuban people and dignity of our nation. I believe that the Revolution is in danger now?

United, States with whom you quently I would like to ask you no right to speak in the way he would like to talk calmly in to explain why the previous in- did about the Cuban Revolution

> had betrayed the Revolution. As its difficulties, but the Revolu-Correspondent: I haven't read Prime Minister I have been tion in reality is not in danger faithful to the Revolution. Cuba because the entire people are

with whom he would like to stand that what you want thror- is going through a profound and ready to defend it. genuine revolution and this is Correspondent: Against whom

the prime reason for the miswill they have to defend it? sibility of a talk with President understanding, which is due to Fidel: Against the counter-Eisenhower was in reply to a many interests who will never revolutionaries and the foreign question of mine and that you be in agreement with a genuine interests who are against social

and just revolution. justice and the Agrarian Reform Correspondent: Dr. Castro. and all the revolutionary measwhen you speak of a genuine ures which are being undertaken

revolution, do you mean anyhere. You will have to excuse thing beside a political revolume because my English is very poor and I lack the words to extion? Do you refer to a social

press myself. Fidel: I mean a social revolu-Correspondent: As I told you

tion. Cuba is going through a a year ago, your English is much profound and genuine social better than my Spanish. Fidel: That can only mean that

Correspondent: Dr. Castro, reyour Spanish is very bad.

Fidel: The Revolution cannot

Correspondent: Thanks a lot cently it has been said in Cuba tered my words with the full that to be against Communism Dr. Castro. Fidel: I would like you to intention of presenting the is to be counter-revolutionary. have the opportunity of trans-

Cuban government as asking What do you think about this? Fidel: I believe that Hitler and mitting my words to the people government. They did this to Mussolini began to talk about of the United States and I hope against massive nuclear war." communism in order to perse- that this time my words will not

and this is a new proof of the cute all free men, in order to be altered.

revolution?

revolution.

you were answering a question

and not proposing conversations

between you and President

Eisenhower. This was not clari-

Fidel: I have read some decla- you believe that relations be- justify every kind of crime and ment assessment of the revolurations of Mr. Lincoln White in tween the governments of Cuba every type of aggression, and I tionary developments in Latin America. The greatest threat believe that some similarity to inter-American unity, he asexists in the policy of the Amerserted, came from the "internaican government, which appears tional communist conspiracy. to have adopted the policy which He charged that the "communists" were plotting to "divide

Uncle Sam from Latin Amer-Correspondent: Dr. Castro, you the shops and factories to go ica." He lauded the State Dehave to deliver an important partment-controlled Organizaspeech the First of May. Could tion of American States and you indicate on what theme you urged that American labor call upon the OAS to carry through Fidel: But I still have a lot of an immediate intervention in time to think over what I am Cuba to "stamp out commun-

ism" in that country. Romualdi sounded the alarm

Fidel: I have many themes to revolutionary infection to this revolutionary infection to this country. The great danger, he Meeting to Hear handle and I have time to ripen my ideas. You will have time warned, was that "people will to hear me. On that day the

pesinos will be present in mass they are doing in Cuba."

be a great occasion. You can come to find out whether the people of Cuba are united in defense of the Revolution.

Correspondent: Dr. Castro Sponsored by Monthly Re-American labor organization, independent of the AFL-CIO. view Associates, the meeting This was not at all to Mr. Ro- will also hear Leo Huberman mualdi's liking. and Paul M. Sweezy, editors of

Victor Reuther took strong ex- visited Cuba.

order to try to seek a solution terview and my words were and the Cuban government. He can face the necessity of fighting tribute all the "evils" in Latin 8:30 p.m. at New York Center, of the current problems between changed by the UPI and the said that the Cuban government and the necessity of resolving America to "communism," said 227 West 46th Street,



seek shelter against a mock at- committee spokesman said.

tack, many people will remain According to the committee, seated in New York's City Hall plans for the May 3 protest are Park as a protest against the as follows: Demonstrators will Civil Defense exercises.

Plans for the demonstration against the annual "Operation Alert" are being coordinated by

the Civil Defense Protest Committee, which predicts that this year's action will be much larger

> than those of previous years. A non-partisan organization, the committee is devoted to ex-

of individual judgment. posing "the futility of civilian defense preparations in an era Among the sponsors of the when there is NO defense protest this year are Dr. Alger-

non Black, Dr. Kenneth Clark, "Rather than defend the pub-Dr. Robert Gilmore, Norman lic, CD drills only create a false Mailer and Rev. A. J. Muste.

8:00 — after-dinner talks. expressed by Cerafino Ro-Then - music, dancing, etc. mualdi that finds favor with the AFL-CIO tops and not the attitude expressed by Victor charge to hear the talks at 8. Reuther. It would be a good thing for the rank-and-file members of the American trade paign. unions to elect delegations in



Correspondent: What are you over the danger of a spread of

begin to say: Let's try to do in workers, the soldiers, the camour country the same things

'His most venomous barbs were aimed at Cuba and Venezuela. It seems that the Cuban and Venezuelan Labor Federations had proposed a conference

at a public meeting here Wedin Caracas to form a Latin nesday, May 4.

Without naming Romualdi, Monthly Review, who recently

Cuban revolution.

**Cuban Official** 

be in danger. The Revolution ception to his remarks. To at-The meeting will be held at