

Bomb-Tests Defy World's Protest

By Fred Halstead

The Kennedy administration and the Pentagon are defying the opinion of the mass of people throughout the world by continuing "Operation Dominic," the series of 20 to 30 atmospheric nuclear bomb tests begun in the Pacific April 25 and scheduled to stretch over a three-month period.

Kennedy — with the disciplined co-operation of the major U.S. news media — has launched a

precise and massive propaganda campaign attempting to justify the tests and dampen the protests. That the administration is running scared in this operation, however, is indicated by the fact that the only stories it has allowed to be "leaked" to the press encourage the false hope that Washington can be trusted to stop any further testing after the present series.

These stories are designed to take the spirit out of current protests. But unless the protests mount and take on a mass character in the U.S. as well as abroad, further tests will be staged whenever the Pentagon brass feel their war preparations can be furthered by them.

The protests throughout the world on Easter weekend, in anticipation of the current series, were capped by a massive rally in London's Hyde Park. The crowd,

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Worthy Indicted For Cuba Trip



William Worthy

William Worthy, foreign correspondent for the Baltimore *Afro-American*, largest Negro newspaper in the United States, voluntarily surrendered to the U.S. marshal in New York on April 26.

A warrant had been issued on April 24 by the U.S. District Court in Miami, Fla. ordering the marshal in New York to arrest Worthy and remove him to Miami to stand trial. A federal grand jury, according to the warrant, indicted Worthy for entering the United States from Cuba on October 10, 1961 "without a valid United States passport." Worthy flew from Havana to Miami on a Pan American World Airways plane with just a copy of his birth certificate proving his U.S. citizenship.

If convicted, Worthy faces a sentence of five years imprisonment or \$5,000 fine. Because a certified copy of the indictment had not yet been sent from Miami to New York, U.S. Commissioner Earle N. Bishop adjourned the hearing until May 4, 1962 at 12 o'clock noon. Meanwhile, he held Worthy in \$5,000 bail.

The bail bond was guaranteed by the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU fought from

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Defiant Witnesses Backed by Pickets At HUAC Inquisition

By Della Rossa

LOS ANGELES, April 27 — Cheers and a lusty song from a 800-strong picket line greeted a dozen steel workers as they emerged from the Federal Building this afternoon at the conclusion of a four-day witch hunt by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The HUAC subcommittee thus was picketed from beginning to end of its four-day assault on civil liberties in this area.

Also summoned into HUAC's star-chamber hearings today were local leaders of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Upon leaving the hearings, Steve Roberts, West Coast representative of FPCC, declared that HUAC was trying to intimidate, harass and terrorize citizens. "They're just fishing," he said, "It's a matter of public knowledge that Fair Play has members of various political beliefs. We have never examined the minds or beliefs of our members. We are not intimidated and we

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Rail Moguls Fight Pay Raise With Kennedy Steel Formula

By William Bundy

The railroad corporations are using the Kennedy administration's action in last month's steel price-rise incident as a weapon against 450,000 railroad workers currently bargaining for new union contracts covering the non-operating crafts.

The rail employers and the eleven unions involved had submitted the issues in dispute to a Presidential Emergency Board for a non-binding recommendation to be announced May 3. A week prior to that date, J. E. Wolfe, chief spokesman for the rail corporations, called a press conference to declare that if the board should recommend substantial pay increases, "then in our view the president would have no choice but to inform the workers that such an increase was not justified."

Wolfe said, "There can be no justification for expansion of fringe benefits and there can be no justification for a wage increase." He explained that he would "expect the administration to follow the policy [set] when there was a threat in other areas" — a reference to Kennedy's action in steel.

The rail employers thus are attempting to influence the board's recommendation and at the same time are serving notice that if the recommendation should be for a wage increase, they will oppose it on the grounds that if Kennedy wouldn't let U.S. Steel have a price increase, he shouldn't let the rail

workers have a wage increase.

This tactic should come as no surprise. Immediately after Kennedy exerted the powers of his office against U.S. Steel's provocative price-rise announcement last month, corporation-dictated editorials in papers throughout the country began demanding that Kennedy exert the same powers against unions' wage demands.

Indeed, Kennedy's primary purpose in acting against the steel-price-rise was to forge a weapon for use by the corporations and his administration against union demands generally.

Both the steel and railroad corporations — as well as the rest of big business — want Kennedy's wage freeze because they want higher profits at the workers' expense, not because they themselves believe the myth that wage increases cause inflation. Kennedy's action against the steel-price announcement was taken to preserve that myth.

The action itself has become a precedent and propaganda weapon in the hands of the corporations against union wage demands. Now use of the weapon has begun in an actual collective bargaining situation. Its continued and increased use should be expected as long as the labor leaders persist in building up Kennedy and fail to expose his "wage-price-spiral" myth for what it is — a cheap trick to cheat the workers and to help the rich get richer.

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A Crime the Dailies Didn't Front-Page



Scene at the New York office of the Cuban news agency, *PRENSA LATINA*, after six armed Cuban counter-revolutionaries invaded office April 27. Four employees present at the time were bound and gagged and then pistol-whipped. Dark splattering on paper on floor is blood of victims. (See editorial on page 3.)

Monroe Defendants Winning New Support on Eve of Trial

Three defendants in the Monroe, North Carolina, "kidnap" frame-up are scheduled to go on trial May 7. Ranging in age from 17 to 20, they face 20-year to life sentences if convicted. Two are Negro youth — Richard Crowder and Harold Reape, the former the president of the Monroe Non-Violent Action Committee, the latter a leading member of the same organization. The third — John Lowry is a white Freedom Rider from New York.

Support for these young men, whose only "crime" is militant opposition to racial segregation, has mounted in the past months as the curtain of silence about the case, imposed by Washington and the State of North Carolina, has been increasingly pierced. This piercing, however, has been accomplished not by, but despite, this country's daily press.

Defendant John Lowry is just now completing a coast-to-coast tour on which he has acquainted thousands of people — at meetings, before civil-rights groups, in churches, on college campuses — with the actual facts of the Monroe frame-up. Defendants Richard Crowder and Harold Reape have similarly been acquainting audiences in the New York-New England area with the case.

A high point in the education of the public about the case was reached in New York last week with two highly successful affairs. The first was an April 30 benefit for the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants, starring the famous folk singer Pete Seeger, the great blues guitarist Lightnin' Hopkins, and Olatunji and his troupe of African drummers and dancers.

Some 800 people were enraptured by the entertainment and informed about Monroe through a stage interview of Crowder and Reape by James Higgins, editor of the *Gazette and Daily of York, Pa.*

Two nights later about 700 New Yorkers attended a symposium on "The Challenge of Racism," whose

proceeds were for the Monroe defendants' legal expenses. Speakers were Black Muslim leader Malcolm X, *Afro-American* correspondent William Worthy, and James Farmer, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality. *New York Post* columnist Murray Kempton served as moderator.

A fourth defendant, Mrs. Mae Mallory, is fighting extradition from Ohio. The fifth defendant, Monroe's Negro leader, Robert F. Williams, thorn in the side of North Carolina officials and the U.S. State Department, has been granted political asylum in Cuba.

Nine Negro Youths Facing Death in Ga.

By Hedda Grant

In the east Georgia city of Augusta, population 71,000, tension is steadily mounting since the April 19 death of a white teenager who participated in a raiding party on the Negro community. A ninth Negro youth, Alfred L. Carter, 19, was arrested on April 23 and charged with murder. Additional charges of assault with intent to murder have been leveled against six of the defendants for minor injuries to another white boy in the raiding party. Following the placing of additional charges, the state Solicitor General announced he would ask the death penalty for all nine defendants.

Two Negro ministers, Rev. Roosevelt Green and Rev. C. S. Hamilton, prominent in the Augusta NAACP chapter which organized the picketing and sit-ins leading up to last week's violence, have received death threats. Rev. Green, who heads the NAACP Youth Council, has been forced into night hiding.

Integration efforts in Augusta were postponed for two years while NAACP leaders waited for Mayor Millard Beckum to fulfill

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A Freedom Rider's Report

Won't Stop Till Every 'White Only' Sign Is Gone

By Melissa Singler

NEW YORK — "Join the Freedom Ride to Maryland," the leaflet said.

"We're on our way to the Freedom Land

We're on our way to the Freedom Land

We're on our way, great God, we're on our way!"

Sponsored by CORE in co-operation with other civil-rights groups throughout the North and Upper-South, the Easter weekend Freedom Ride was headed for Pomonkey, Maryland. The three buses were filled with students and one minister, Reverend Ashley Jones, an active civil-rights fighter.

The trip was uneventful until about ten miles outside of Pomonkey where a police car stopped our buses, questioned the drivers, and had us escorted into town. When we arrived at the Masonic Temple we were greeted by local integrationists and other civil-rights militants from Baltimore groups. Soon we were inside the building being led in singing Freedom Songs. Our spirit was evident in clapping hands and stamping feet.

We were quickly split into groups of about ten. Each group was assigned two cars driven by local residents. Our names were called, and one by one we walked outside, met our group leader, looked hard at the sky, the trees, the milling people, the face next to us, smiled and climbed into the

car that was to take us to our first test case.

Our group was assigned to the Wigwam — a restaurant that looked different from all the rest, except for one similarity — a White-Only sign hung in the window. We strolled toward the door, attempting to look as cool, as casual, as an integrated group can look approaching a White-Only sign and an angry owner.

The manager, however, walked faster. He slammed the door and held tight. As we came closer, he stuck his head out and told us that we couldn't come in. Like a frightened turtle, he quickly pulled his head back in and slammed the door. We stood. He watched, eyes angry and ablaze. We stood. The customers gathered

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SUN GLINTS on tanks made in USA. Scene was photographed last October in Quito, Ecuador, by Joseph Hansen, editor of *THE MILITANT*, during government effort to smash general strike. Hansen is now on national tour giving an eyewitness account of what he saw.

Our Editor on Tour

Find Socialist Doesn't Fit Stereotype

By Reba Aubrey
National Tour Director

The eager response on campus to Joseph Hansen's eyewitness report on Latin America points up the importance of getting these timely facts before serious students.

Here are some of the comments made at a April 12 meeting of about 60 students at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

One student, who said that he had watched the daily papers, including the *New York Times*, closely, voiced the opinion that Hansen was exaggerating when he spoke of the widespread poverty in South America and was perhaps "making up" a few of the stories about strikes and demonstrations.

Other students disagreed, saying Hansen's presentation had made them realize their "normal" sources of information — newspapers, radio, TV — cannot be trusted for full and accurate information about Latin America.

Still another, complimenting the speaker on his quiet, factual presentation and dry sense of humor, noted that Hansen didn't at all "fit the picture of a socialist" which had been presented to her as a stereotype.

The Northwestern meeting was sponsored by the newly-formed Student Association for Liberal Action. This group has picketed a series of anti-Communist lectures given at a university fraternity house, helped organize participation in Chicago's Easter day Peace March, and recently sponsored a meeting for Freedom Rider John Lowry, one of the Monroe defendants.

At a second campus meeting sponsored by the Young Socialist Alliance April 13 in International House, University of Chicago, about 100, mainly adults and graduate students, including a large number of foreign students heard Hansen.

There were so many requests for more detailed information about the revolutionary movements in Latin America that the question and discussion part of the meeting lasted a long time. And then at least 40 people, eager to hear still more, attended a social affair the next evening in Hyde Park where the editor of *The Militant* was on hand to answer questions and discuss Latin-American problems informally.

After Chicago, Hansen's itinerary is Detroit; Yellow Springs, Ohio; Bloomington, Ind.; Cleveland; Newark; Philadelphia. He will speak in Baltimore May 10-11.

Detroit Workers Hit By City Income Tax

DETROIT, April 26 — Detroit's first city income tax was enacted today. It was passed unanimously by the city council, on which liberals have a majority, and signed a few minutes later by liberal mayor Jerome Cavanagh.

The new tax rejects the principle of ability to pay. It will take one per cent of all incomes, minus an exemption of \$600 for each dependent annually. A worker earning \$4,000 a year will have to pay the same flat percentage as a big businessman earning ten or 20 times as much.

This will further aggravate the already big inequities in Michigan taxation. At present the average family with an income under \$2,000 a year pays 19.37 cents of every dollar of its income in state and local taxes directly or indirectly, while those with incomes of \$10,000 or more pay less than six cents per dollar in such taxes.

Robert Himmel, appearing for the Socialist Workers Party to testify against the new tax at a city council public hearing last Thursday, called the tax proposal "class discrimination" designed to "soak the poor for the immediate benefit of the rich."

Cause of "Crisis"

Himmel backed up this charge by showing that for several years the city administration and council had themselves produced the present so-called "fiscal crisis" by drastically lowering the property assessments, and therefore taxes, of the big corporations, banks and commercial interests. Previous windfalls to big business in the form of lower taxes were increased by an additional \$4,000,000 just last month.

Now the wage earners and small home owners are compelled to cut their living standards in order to make up the generous tax relief granted to big business.

The Socialist Workers Party spokesman called for defeat of the income tax and adoption of a policy to tax the rich and those who can afford to pay. He also challenged the council, if it insisted on the new tax, to submit it to the voters of Detroit to accept or reject in a referendum.

Al Barbour, president of the Wayne County AFL-CIO Council, appeared at the public hearing with a mild plea for a different kind of income tax that would not hit so heavily at people with low incomes. But he was careful not to offend the liberal councilmen or mayor by actually calling for outright defeat of their soak-the-poor tax.

8-Page Militant Fund

'Truth Is Just a Postage Stamp Away'

By Marvell Scholl
Fund Drive Director

This week I am going to let a very wonderful letter from a young white Southerner speak for the 8-Page Militant Fund. Because of actual physical danger to this man and his wife and child, we identify him here merely as from the Deep South. His work for the defense of Cuba has already attracted attention and threats from the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society. I wish we could print the whole letter for it is an inspiring example of the thinking of awakening youth today.

"I guess it sounds strange to hear that nowhere in this big city on any of the newspaper counters or book stores can you find anything on socialism. I've asked. No soap . . . It's really nice to be able to read something for a change that sticks to the truth. Your paper is what a free paper ought to be. It's such a shame that people here don't know that the truth is just a postage stamp away . . . As a white person living here, it's very difficult for a man to stand

Justice Catches Up With Carl Stellato

By George Breitman

DETROIT — Less than a year ago, Carl Stellato managed by a close margin to get re-elected president of UAW Ford Local 600. To defeat his progressive opponent, Harry Philo, Stellato carried on one of the foulest anti-Negro and redbaiting campaigns in many years.

Although Stellato was able to keep his post, *Militant* labor editor Tom Kerry noted at the time, "His filthy smear campaign coupled with the injection of racist poison has destroyed forever his moral standing in the union." (*Militant*, June 26, 1961)

This estimate was recently confirmed in the election of Local 600 delegates to the coming UAW convention in Atlantic City.

On previous occasions, Stellato was always elected convention delegate by the Local 600 General Council. This year he decided, instead, to run as a delegate from one of the units of the local — where the rank-and-file members get a chance to vote, rather than just the General Council members.

Stellato chose the Dearborn Engine Plant unit, where he figured he could get an impressive vote. After all, in last June's election he had received 1,276 votes in this unit, against 771 for Harry Philo.

The Engine Plant unit was entitled to four delegates to this year's UAW convention. Stellato picked the strongest possible slate of three to run with him, including the president of the unit.

Rank-and-File Slate

Running against them were four candidates endorsed by the News and Views Committee. This rank-and-file group raised two main demands — election of international officers by referendum, rather than by convention delegate; and reopening of the 1961 contracts to seek a shorter work week, curbs on speedup, etc.

The results were revealing. About 1,450 voted this time (compared to around 2,000 last year). The highest votes were received by two members of Stellato's slate — 652 and 636. Third with 577 votes, and therefore also elected, was a member of the rank-and-file slate, William Brown, Jr.

Running fourth, a poor fourth, and elected by the skin of his teeth was Stellato, with 556 votes. Six votes less and he would have been beaten, because the fifth highest, but losing, candidate received 551 votes!

Instead of making a show of strength, as he had intended, Stellato demonstrated, with the help of a rank-and-file committee not afraid to take him on, that

his "moral standing" is indeed destroyed in his own local, and that he cannot get a majority of votes even in a unit he carried decisively last year.

Rumor has it that Stellato will not run for president of Local 600 next year, and is busy right now arranging to get a job on the international payroll. For such a job all you need is Walter Reuther's OK — not the votes of auto workers.

Justice sometimes moves slowly, but it usually catches up in the long run. It is finally triumphing in the case of Carl Stellato, thanks to assists from militant workers in Local 600 who had the courage to oppose him with progressive programs last year and this.

Ohio State Students Fight Meeting Ban



Phillip Luce

Students at Ohio State University who tried to hold a meeting April 25 to protest the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing in Los Angeles (See page 1) were given a real object lesson on the correctness of their opposition to witch-hunting.

Organized by the Students for Liberal Action, a chartered campus group, the meeting had been officially approved and was to be held in the Law School auditorium. Invited speakers were Clarke Foreman, director of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, Phillip Luce, director of ECLC's campus activities, and Burton White, former president of the Bay Area, Calif., Student Committee to Abolish HUAC.

Meeting Cancelled

About an hour before the meeting University President Novice G. Fawcett announced that he had decided to cancel it on the ground that it would not "contribute to the intellectual growth of the students."

Those unaware of the cancellation found the Law School Building cordoned by campus police and the doors locked.

This seemed in accord with the stand of the *Columbus Dispatch* which had singled out Phillip Luce for attack, declaring his presence an "implied threat to the security and safety of people and property."

The student body and faculty felt otherwise. Five hundred students participated in a campus rally protesting the cancellation of the meeting. The president's action has been blasted by the Student Senate and faculty members have asked the American Association of University Professors to intervene.

Meanwhile, former U.S. Senator John Bricker, president of the university's board of trustees, declared that students and faculty members who don't like Fawcett's action "can go some place else."

Weekly Calendar

DETROIT

Automation and Cybernation. Speaker, Tony Kiburis, Fri., May 11, 8 p.m. Debs Hall, 3737 Woodward. Friday Night Socialist Forum.

NEWARK

CUBA TODAY. Speakers, Beth Woland, psychologist, and Harry Ring, staff writer, *THE MILITANT*, Sat., May 12, 8:30 p.m. Land G Bldg., 108 Clinton Ave. Contrib. \$1 (students 50c.). Aup. Newark Chapter, Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

NEW YORK

Cuba's Campaign Against Sectarianism. A report by Marc Schliefer, author and editor of *KULCHUR*, just returned from Cuba. Mon., May 7, 8:30 p.m. Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave. Contrib. \$1 (students 50c.). Aup. Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

The Moscow-Peking Dispute. Speaker, Bert Deck, managing editor, *INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW*, Fri., May 11, 8:30 p.m. 116 University Place. Contrib. 50c. Aup. Militant Labor Forum.

SEATTLE

CUBA FILM FESTIVAL — Cuban films with English sound track. Wed. and Thur., May 16 & 17, 7:30 p.m. Eagleson Hall, 1417 N.E. 42nd St. Contrib. \$1 (students, pensioners, unemployed, 50c.). Aup. University of Washington Student Council, Fair Play for Cuba Committee. (Box 743, 507 3rd Ave. Phone EA 3-6610.) (Not sponsored by Eagleson Hall.)

... Nine Negro Youths

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his promises of more rights for Negro citizens. Last month, after two years of fruitless waiting, the NAACP Youth Council began sit-ins at lunch counters. On April 7, one of the sit-in students was stabbed. No police action was taken.

A boycott against local supermarkets, to force the hiring of Negroes as cashiers and clerks, ended in victory. Vengeful white youths instituted a reign of terror — raiding the playgrounds of Negro housing projects and night-riding through Negro neighborhoods hurling bricks. A Negro child's legs were broken by bricks.

On April 19 a weapon-stocked car on such a night ride was met by armed Negro youth defending their homes. Leslie L. Luttles, a white boy riding in the raiding car, was shot in the encounter. Police announced a \$1,000 reward for his slayers.

Rev. Hamilton has pledged every effort by the Negro community to defend the nine Negro youths and an all-out continued fight for full integration.

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The Attack on Prensa Latina

The propaganda image of the Cuban counter-revolutionaries as "freedom-fighters" doesn't jibe with the April 27 gangster-assault by six of them on the New York office of the Cuban news agency, *Prensa Latina*.

In a carefully planned attack, they entered the office in late afternoon when but four employees were present. At gun point they forced a teletype operator to send a message to Havana. Addressed to Fidel Castro, it spoke of "freedom."

The four employees — two teletypists and two editorial workers — were bound and gagged and forced to kneel. They were then beaten with gun butts. One suffered a concussion, another nose injuries. Fortunately, all escaped serious injury.

Files were strewn on the floor, a teletype machine damaged, a TV set broken and the office and four victims smeared with red paint from spray guns. A notebook containing the home addresses of agency employees was stolen.

The New York dailies, which wax so indignant about the alleged "brutality" of the Castro regime, was quite unmoved by this ugly incident. The *New York Times* relegated it to a brief space on page eight. On the basis of reading the late edition of the *Herald-Tribune*, the incident didn't occur. Perhaps most sickening, though, was the "liberal" *New York Post* which carried a "humorous" feature-type article headlined, "Havana Gets a Flash from the New York Office." The story centered around the message the teletypist was forced to send and briefly noted the pistol-whippings. (The lead editorial that day was a lofty one on the need for safeguarding democracy.)

But apparently such safeguards only apply to the "right" people.

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1957 through 1959 in the U.S. courts in an unsuccessful effort to obtain a new passport for Worthy after he traveled to China on a trip "not authorized" by the U.S. State Department.

After *United Press International* broke the news of the indictment, Worthy arranged for the voluntary surrender through his attorney, William M. Kunstler, in order to avoid the customary harassment and humiliation of a midnight visit to his residence by the U.S. marshals who specialize in handcuffing their prisoners in front of relatives and neighbors.

Attorney Kunstler has under consideration a motion asking the court in Miami to transfer the trial to New York. Because of racial prejudice against Negroes in the South and especially because of the political hysteria and violence engendered by the counter-revolutionaries in Miami, it will be argued that Worthy cannot obtain a fair trial there and that his life would be in danger.

No other U.S. citizens have ever been indicated under the 1952 McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act for having returned "il-

legally" to their native country without a passport. Qualified attorneys in the field of passport and immigration law maintain that the indictment against Worthy is "utterly fantastic" and is obviously designed to punish him for his reporting of the Cuban revolution and to scare other Americans who might be tempted to defy the State Department's ban on travel to Cuba.

In recent articles and lectures Worthy has also attacked J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, for the massive FBI manhunt last August for Robert F. Williams and for the FBI indifference in protecting the constitutional rights of Negro citizens. Williams, former president of the Monroe, N.C., branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was forced to flee to Cuba for his life after rioting by white-supremacists in Monroe.

Since this is a racial and political case which will be tried in an atmosphere of extreme racial prejudice and anti-Cuba hysteria, Worthy's only hope of acquittal will lie in worldwide protests to United States embassies and to Attorney General Robert Kennedy in Washington.

... A Freedom' Rider's Report

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at the door and peered out, muttering in disbelief. We stood. And the Negro employees looked out at us knowingly, glanced at their employers hesitantly, and returned their gaze to us. We just stood.

Then the police came and the manager, swelling with bravado pushed open the door and strode out to greet us—and the police. He read us "the law," which said he didn't have to serve us, and then went back inside. Since this was a test-case only, we left and began to picket. With the arrival of the next group at the Wigwam to start the test process over again, we returned to our cars and took off for our next assignment.

At this one, we encountered a woman in apron and work dress, who told us that she didn't work there and was only tending the restaurant while the "boss" was out. "We'll wait," we said, and sat down. "May I have some change?" asked a student. No, replied the woman "who didn't work there." Finally the police arrived, handed the woman a slip of paper on which "the law" was written and listened while she haltingly read it. Again we left and began to picket. As we picketed, the next test group arrived, but were locked out and had to have a stand-in at the door.

At the Waldorf, one of the fancier restaurants, we actually made it into the dining area. When we were told that we couldn't sit down, our group leader, a militant high-school student from Baltimore, said, "Well, I think we'll just sit down anyway." And with that we promptly sat down and waited until the police came, despite attempts by the hostess to keep us from doing so. The police arrived and again we listened to the "reading."

Our last stop was a diner. The manager's reaction here was the strongest and most violent. Besides the curses and insults he hurled at us, and his shoving of our group leader, a Negro girl, he tried to frighten us by playing "Chicken" with automobiles as we picketed. This game consisted of his driving four cars, one by one, into our line, and stopping only inches from the pickets. After he

had all four parked, he began to drive them back and forth where the line was being held. The pickets took it for as long as they could and finally decided that the sport just wasn't for them and left.

By this time it was dark and the various groups were returning to the Masonic Temple. Freedom Songs were again sung and reports of what had happened were made. We learned that seven people had been arrested. Five had been released on bail. Rev. Jones and a woman arrested with him, feeling that they had been arrested illegally, had refused bail. It was decided to send a convoy of cars to the jail in nearby La Plata.

As we drove we discussed the report we had heard about a minor scuffle at one of the restaurants. One person, who had been taking pictures, was jumped by a restaurant employee. Mr. McDougal, the group leader, became involved and was pulled to the ground, hit and choked by the manager before the police arrived and separated them.

When our car arrived at the jail, already many others were

there. We joined in their singing. Rev. Jones, silhouetted in his jail-cell window, looked out at the crowd gathering in the night and sang too. Then he spoke, and warned the sheriff that he would be sorry for his and his companion's illegal arrests. Cheers greeted Jones as he declared that the civil-rights movement would win. The sheriff interjected that he would let them go if they would post bail. Rev. Jones answered that if he could "go down to that restaurant and eat," he'd leave. The sheriff made no reply. The students broke into "We Shall Overcome" and began slowly to return to the Temple.

Back at the Temple we began to board buses to leave. On the way home, we stopped at a restaurant for a rest-stop. The students, noticing White and Colored signs over the washrooms, pulled them down. This act reflected the militant feelings of the students toward racial segregation — they will not stand for it! This Freedom Ride will be followed by others, which will in turn be followed by others, until all of the White-Only signs are removed from the face of the South.

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according to the British socialist paper, *Newsletter*, of April 28 was over 100,000. The rally climaxed the largest of the annual four-day Aldermaston marches, in which even the *New York Times* admits 25,000 persons participated in a six-mile-long procession.

Protests continued after the first bomb explosion over Christmas Island. In Tokyo, 2,000 Japanese students, with a young American teacher, Ted Reynolds, at their head, besieged the U.S. embassy April 26 to protest the tests. Japanese student groups have vowed to demonstrate daily during the current series.

Two thousand persons also demonstrated outside the U.S. embassy in London after the first explosion. They included many U.S. youth studying abroad. One 21-year-old girl carried a sign proclaiming: "This American Is Disgusted."

In the U.S., protest demonstrations following the first explosion occurred in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York, where 3,000 persons joined a "Ban the Bomb" demonstration sponsored by the Women's Strike for Peace at United Nations Plaza.

The liberal Americans for Democratic Action, at its convention April 29, adopted a policy in conflict with the Kennedy administration when it called for an uninspected moratorium on atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons on the grounds that such explosions are easily detectable.

Tests Go On

But the tests go on. "Years of discussions and interminable conferences," wrote the independent Italian daily *Il Messaggero* April 26, "have been unable to make a single advance toward moderation and reflection, and the loud protests that continue to go up from the people — remain unlistened to."

The protests, particularly in the United States will have to get louder, bigger, and more direct.

Calif. Radio to Carry Hansen and Max-Neef

BERKELEY, Calif. — FM station KPFA will broadcast the discussion between *Militant* editor Joseph Hansen and University of California Professor Manfred A. Max-Neef on *What Makes Latin America Explosive*. It will be presented Tuesday, May 15, at 1 p.m.

The broadcast is a tape recording of a public meeting held here March 24. Prof. Max-Neef is a Chilean economist and expert on Latin American development.

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"Don't Call Us . . ."**A Scientist Gets the Brush-Off**

"If your theories prove correct," a Disarmament and Control Agency official asked the scientist, "does it mean that we'll need more or less inspection in the Soviet Union?"

"Less," replied the scientist, L. Donald Leet, Harvard University geologist and director of the university's seismograph station since 1931.

Then don't call us, we'll call you, was the substance of the official's reply.

The Defense Department gave Leet a similar brush-off.

Leet had discovered the lies the U.S. is using at Geneva, now he had discovered that the U.S. wants to use those lies . . . to do otherwise would mean that the government would have to agree to a test ban.

"The data which would prove that underground blasts are detectable is available," Leet has told the *Boston Globe*. He pointed out that movements of nuclear explosions on seismological recordings are very different from the movements of earthquakes.

"I was naive enough to believe that science was objective in anyone's hands," Leet explained in the *Harvard Crimson*, the undergraduate newspaper, "but that Vela data was as full of holes as Swiss cheese. Three months ago I wasn't aware that it would be carried over and used at Geneva. How the hell can a thing like this go on? When I found out, I was mad enough to do some digging."

Leet also criticizes the Berkner panel findings which were used by U.S. negotiators in 1959 as the basis for intensified inspection demands. These are the demands which blocked negotiations when agreement was near.

The Berkner panel report "had data so insufficient that they shouldn't have made any claims but they swore by their findings," Leet points out. "The Russians took one look at the stuff and laughed. And they were right. Any good seismologist would have laughed."

The panel, Leet discovered, excluded professional seismologists. Electronic engineers and representatives of instrument companies made up most of the panel. The panel ended up by awarding grants for "further research" to all but two of its members.

"The forces that I now realize are operating here are financially powerful," Leet has discovered. "Twenty-four million dollars worth of contracts were awarded to seismology in one year; but not

to seismologists . . . I think I know who is responsible for the composition of the Berkner panel. I know the background and the corporate entanglements. But my personal certainty isn't proof. I'm still digging."

And as long as scientists such as Leet keep digging there is less chance of the selfish political motives of leaders and other scientists driving the world to destruction.

—Jerry DeMuth

. . . Los Angeles HUAC Inquisition

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will carry on in our efforts to reverse American foreign policy on Cuba."

Dr. Al Lewis, former executive secretary of the Fair Play chapter, said, "I was before the committee for two hours and refused to answer their questions. They had so much garbled information it was like Alice in Wonderland."

Carl Kessler, speaking for the subpoenaed steel workers from Consolidated Western, the U.S. Steel subsidiary in nearby Maywood, charged that the real conspiracy was between the ultra-right Birchites and the U.S. Steel management.

"Our plant, a steel fabricating unit, has one of the best union contracts of any such plants in the nation," he continued. "The 12 men brought before this committee have played no small role in achieving these hard-won conditions."

"HUAC plays a punitive role," Kessler said, "and has forced us to take recourse in our constitutional rights and guarantees in the First and Fifth Amendments. This committee which has already leaked information that by their own rules is supposed to be confidential, is representing U.S. Steel here, not the American people."

On Tuesday, April 24, the first day of the hearings, nearly 1,200 pickets surrounded the entire block of the Federal Building. These were mobilized by the student HUAC Reception Committee led by Maitland Churton of the University of California at Los Angeles, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms with former congressman Hugh De Lacy as picket captain, and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Later the lines merged with pickets going from one line to the other.

Dorothy Marshall, chairman of the Citizens Committee, was one of eight subpoenaed but not questioned. Of the reported subpoenaing of eleven members of the California Democratic Club, she commented, "It's an evil pattern and getting broader and broader."

Ben Dobbs, described by the press as a spokesman of the Communist Party, was grilled for four hours by the inquisitors. He told *The Militant* that in his opinion HUAC's main targets were "the peace movement, the fight against disarmament and the peoples' organizations."

Hearing chairman, Rep. Clyde Doyle, a California Democrat, made headlines with a statement that this area "had a dangerous concentration of Communists." Asked what constituted a "dangerous concentration," he replied: "One dedicated Communist is dangerous. They live on bread and water for days at a time in order to dedicate their cost of living to the Communist Party treasury."

Doyle further said: "Communist Party members, in going underground, have technically severed their connections with the party and have changed registration to the Socialist Labor Party, a Trotskyite organization." [Among other errors in the preceding statement, the Socialist Labor Party has never claimed to be, nor been described by any informed person as, "a Trotskyite organization." The Congressman, who has helped spend millions of taxpayers' dollars in HUAC "investigations," could have learned more by spending ten cents for a *Militant*.]

The Bay Area Students' Ad Hoc Committee to Abolish HUAC held a rally April 25 to protest the Los Angeles hearings. Almost 1,000 attended. A picket line of 250 then demonstrated in front of San Francisco's City Hall, scene of the brutal police attack on students during HUAC's previous visit to California.

A number of student demonstrations and meetings to protest HUAC's Los Angeles hearings took place across the country as a result of the "Oberlin Call" issued by the Conference of Student Political Parties which met at the Ohio college April 14. Such a meeting, opposite New York's City Hall April 25, drew an audience of several hundred.

Letters From Our Readers**Queries Our Test Stand**

Los Angeles, Calif.
Noticing your editorial in the March 12, 1962 issue of your paper, "Let the People Decide on Tests," I wonder if you would state in your paper whether the Russian people had a voice in the tests which the USSR carried out last fall when they broke their treaty with us not to do any testing for a certain period.

It would be interesting to know.

L. Sutton

[The Soviet Union did not break any treaty with the U.S. or anyone else when it resumed testing last September. It had proposed such an agreement for a long period of time but Washington would not agree. On March 31, 1958, the Soviet Union announced a voluntary unilateral halt to nuclear tests. It was not until Nov. 1, 1958, that the U.S. yielded to international pressure and announced it would do likewise. But no agreement was ever signed.

Regarding the Soviet resumption of tests last year, an editorial in *The Militant* dated Sept. 4, 1961, declared:

"No vote was taken among the Soviet workers and peasants on the advisability of resuming tests. They were given no chance to discuss it, to voice an opinion or hear dissenting views. Khrushchev disregarded their interests, their wishes and their democratic rights as contemptuously as he did those of the masses of the rest of the world. This made it easy for Kennedy to follow a similar anti-democratic course." EDITOR.]

Kennedy and Steel

Richland, New York
If Kennedy was really in earnest about stopping any rise in the price of steel why not put an excise tax on all steel sold above the present price, with the full extra amount to be paid every week and the money applied to the reduction of the national debt.

Every unemployed person in this country is a reproach to the administration, as is every soldier in uniform. A western lawyer once said, "There should not be a soldier on the face of the globe." When asked what governments would do in case of revolts, he answered, "People who are never robbed, never revolt."

Wars are fought with one side trying to take what doesn't belong to them from the other side which is trying to hold on to what doesn't belong to them.

P. H.

Disarmament Plans

New York, N. Y.
The Soviet Union has proposed total disarmament to be accomplished in three one-year stages. The U.S. counter-proposal is to reduce arms by one-third in three years, by another third in the next three years. And the final third? They don't say! Quite a comparison.

D. L.

Venezuela Guerrillas

New York
Your readers may be interested to know that guerrilla warfare has begun in Venezuela. The exact nature and extent of the fighting is hard to determine but the major press in Venezuela has been giving a big play to the fighting. *Ultima Noticias*, which claims the largest circulation in the country, has reported the capture of 85 guerrillas and claims there are about 200 guerrillas still active around the San Felipe area. *El Universal*, the second largest daily in Caracas,

has run several stories including one claiming the guerrillas stole \$12,000 worth of radio equipment in downtown Caracas.

The first incident of fighting was reported in the earlier part of April. Since then the fighting appears to have spread to three states, Yaracuy, Lara, and Miranda. In one incident four guerrillas were captured while preparing a meal. As the soldiers returned with their prisoners a guerrilla surprised them, killing three soldiers. Although the prisoners' hands were tied behind their backs the soldiers killed them to prevent their escaping and retreated before this one guerrilla.

In the state of Miranda, government troops were sent April 17 to try to find a new group of guerrillas known to exist by the local peasantry. In another part of the country over 50 people have been shipped to Caracas for trial before a military court on charges of aiding the guerrillas. In the state of Lara the rebel forces have taken towns twice in the last month.

The leader of the guerrillas is still unknown.

P. C.

Cuban Socialism

Cleveland, Ohio
Socialism came sweeping down from the Sierra Maestra in Cuba like a raging forest fire.

In the year of 1958 U.S. monopolies owned and completely controlled 92% of the cattle ranches, 78% of the Cuban utilities, 90% of the mines, 45% of the sugar industry and 94% of the oil distribution and refining business.

Today all this enormous wealth is signed and sealed in the name of the heroic Cuban people, where it rightfully belongs.

Fidel Castro made a declaration to all of Latin America that he is a Marxist-Leninist. Thousands upon thousands of the youth of this vast land look up to him as a hero. These young people (especially the college students) that never dreamed of doing so in the past are now studying the work of Marx and Lenin.

The result of this, needless to say, will greatly swell the tidal wave of socialism on a grand and glorious scale.

The Castro brothers, Che Guevara and other revolutionary leaders of the new Cuba could be the prophets of doom for the greedy and corrupt Wall Street monopolies in the "Colossus of the North."

History never flows backward.

C. G.

Marxism No Dogma

Fond du Lac, Wisc.
Marxism is not a dogma as it is so often used. It is a compass pointing in the right direction. Russia used it as a compass to lead her people in the right direction. China didn't use the same tactics as Russia but used the same compass and was a success. Cuba didn't use the same tactics as China or Russia but Castro used the same compass. He that would use Marxism as a dogma is not a Marxist.

Religion comes from a great word which means to band together. Nothing about pie in the sky. But religion has been used by the wealthy to keep the poor divided, so they could live off them. How else could they rule? They are so few and we are so many.

Karl Marx set religion on its feet where it belongs when he said, Workers of the world, unite. You have a world to win and nothing but your chains to lose.

C. T.

Thought for the Week

"America is indeed a nation of businessmen and businesswomen. The boy who delivers your newspaper early in the morning is as much of a businessman as the president of United States Steel." — From an editorial in the April 26 *Indianapolis Star*.

It Was Reported in the Press

"Free World" Bastion — TAIPEI, Taiwan, April 26 — A school-teacher was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment by a military court yesterday because he did not report he had worked for the Communists in China before he came to Taiwan seven years ago. The Taiwan garrison commander said today that Su Young-nien had collaborated with the Communists in October, 1949. — *The New York Times*.

Note to U.S. Cattle Dealers — MELBOURNE, Australia, April 27 — A freighter will leave Sydney tomorrow carrying 400 head of cattle and 60 sheep for delivery in Havana. The animals, all breeding stock, will be used to build up dairy herds and sheep flocks in Cuba. — *The New York Times*.

Security Cleanup — "A Los Angeles garbage-disposal concern hosts newsmen for a tour of its rubbish plant, insists they carry proper identification due to 'security conditions.'" — *The April 26 Wall Street Journal*.

Step Forward — According to United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald, the new contract with the basic steel com-

panies contains, for the first time, a clause guaranteeing against in-plant discrimination because of race, creed or color. McDonald added: "It is our intention to negotiate similar clauses in the contracts of all companies with which we have negotiations scheduled."

Complaint Dep't — An April 25 *Wall Street Journal* editorial notes that "many people here at home consider capitalism a dirty word . . . Whether we call it capitalism, or the private-enterprise system, or the market economy, numerous Americans sound as though they are apologetic about it . . . But it is about time we realized that the expansion of free enterprise, at home and abroad, is a basic part of the struggle to keep communism at bay and to keep other nations free of it."

Complaint Dep't — Part II — "Profits have come to be associated in many people's minds as something undesirable and improper. A generation of sniping by 'reformers' in and out of government has erased, for untold numbers of Americans, the distinction between 'profits' and the old cliché of 'illegotten gains.'" — Augustus C.

Long in *Dun's Review and Modern Industry*.

No Technicolor? — FANNING ISLAND, April 27 (Reuters) — The second United States nuclear test explosion at Christmas Island 160 miles away, was seen and heard again on this British island at dawn today. The explosion was brilliant but not spectacular.

March of Science — A patent has been issued on a bottle for the safe christening of ships. It is said to fracture easily without scratching paint or injuring bystanders and frees a chemical foam instead of champagne.

Water Market Slumps — Once upon a time there was a barroom hanger-on who could identify any type of whiskey in a blindfold taste test. One day he was slipped a shot glass of water, sipped it, spit it out and declared, "I don't know what it is, but it won't sell." The incident was called to mind by news that the Navy, confronted with a surplus of 400,000 cans of emergency drinking water, managed to dispose of some in drought areas at 1c a can. But the Utah surplus sales office alone still has 92,000 cans standing on the shelf.