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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN FRENCH CRISIS

You have read or heard about what's going on in France. Millions of students and working people have been struggling against the de Gaulle regime and many thousands are consciously trying to build a movement capable of changing the system -- from capitalism to socialism.

High school students are playing a vital role in the revolutionary developments in France. The following is from an article from Paris by Pierre Frank, a leading French socialist. The article was dated May 22 and appeared in the June 7 Militant, an American socialist weekly.

"The role of the high school students cannot be overstressed. These 14-15 year-old youths have shown a remarkable courage and most of all a political maturity which has astonished older militants. Nothing has ever been seen like it. The origins of the high school movement date back to the end of 1967 and it offers the brightest promises of a vibrantly developing vanguard in the next years in which the decisive battles of the period beginning in Spring 1968 will be waged. It is the greatest hope the French revolutionary movement now has."

In France, the Revolutionary Communist Youth (Jeunesse Communiste Revolutionnaire -- JCR) is playing a central role in the barricades struggles of the French students and workers.

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