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NEWS BULLETIN

Workers Fired for Participation in the Strike

The following table which was published in the Sept. 18 issue of Rouge\* lists over 300 workers who have been fired because of their strike activities during May and June. Many of them are still unemployed and are facing severe financial difficulties. The Committee to Defend the French Students supports the demand that they be rehired.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Firm</u>		<u>Fired</u>
6/ 4/68	Missewart Quint	Metals	5 union militants
6/ 4/68	Le Creuset	Metals	the union delegate
6/ 4/68	Comoditex	Textiles	4 union militants
6/11/68	Bonneterie-Cevenole	Textiles	the union delegate
6/19/68	Ducretet-Thomson	Metals	the union delegate
6/19/68	Lapouyade	Metals	a union militant
6/24/68	Simca	Metals	a union militant
6/26/68	Cotariel	Textiles	187 employees
6/28/68	Leduc	Metals	38 employees
6/28/68	Mehut	Transportation	22 employees
7/ 4/68	Pomalgalski	Metals	the union delegate
7/10/68	Unix	Service	a union delegate
7/13/68	Bonnet	Shoes	a union delegate
7/16/68	Samaritaine	Service	one union militant & one union delegate
	Fournier Laboratory	Chemical	7 union members
	Sev Marchal		31 employees including leader of the strike committee

\*Rouge is a bi-weekly newspaper published by revolutionary students and workers many of whom belonged to the former JCR and other banned organizations. For information about obtaining a subscription write Rouge, B.P. 201, Paris 19e, France.

French Broadcasting Still Censored Despite Reforms Pledged by de Gaulle Government - New York Times, Sept. 13.

"Censorship of the radio and television monopoly goes on despite a recent reorganization and official announcements of reform.

"Television news programs continue to give only the Government's point of view, especially on domestic issues.

"Despite a 72-day strike that began in May, and despite an increased public awareness of the Government's influence, the major goals of the strikers - autonomy and, for the first time, freedom from political interference - remain unachieved...

"Despite a pledge by a high-ranking official that no one would be punished for taking part in the strike, a third of those on the broadcasting news staff were dismissed last month.

"These were 38 television news reporters and 30 free-lances. Nine others were transferred to the provinces, which is considered a punishment."

### 8,000 in Paris Demonstrate in Solidarity with Mexican Students

A demonstration - considered illegal by the authorities because all demonstrations have been officially banned since June - was held in Paris in the middle of Oct. to protest the brutal police attack on a peaceful student demonstration in Mexico City where hundreds of students and residents of the area were killed, and thousands more wounded and arrested. The French students risked severe reprisals from their own police to show their solidarity with the Mexican students and up to 400 of these students were arrested for participating in this demonstration.

### 4,000 Attend Defense Meeting at the Mutualite

The Oct. 13 issue of Le Monde reports that 4,000 attended a meeting in the Mutualite on Oct. 11 called by the Committee for Liberty and Against the Repression to protest the June 12 decree which dissolved 11 left-wing organizations.

The speakers unanimously reaffirmed their determination to fight against the "Gaullist repression" and called for a united front against the repression. Speakers included M. Laurent Schwartz, one of the founders of the committee; Professor Alfred Kastler; Daniel Guerin, a noted writer; as well as representatives of the banned groups.

The Committee to Defend the French Students sent a telegram to the meeting expressing our solidarity with the struggle for political freedom and the restoration of civil liberties in France.

### Antiwar Americans Curbed by France - New York Times, Oct. 17.

"With the talks on Vietnam reported to be in a sensitive phase, the French Government has quietly ordered the dissolution of an antiwar organization of Americans residing here...

"The order was received last Friday by the Paris American Committee to Stopwar. It came in the form of a notice from the prefecture of police denying an application for registration as an association...

"The group was given a month to wind up its affairs.

"Ira Morris, a novelist, is its president and Maria Jolas, who was one of James Joyce's publishers and has been a figure in literary circles here since the nineteen-twenties, is its secretary.

"Mrs. Jolas said the order would be appealed."

### Office of the Newspaper "Action" Sacked by Right-wing Group

The New York Times reported on Oct. 26 that members of the extreme right-wing group "Occident" broke into the office of the newspaper Action and destroyed copies of the paper as well as the printing and office equipment.

Action is the official paper of the action committees which were established during May and June in the high schools and universities, the districts of the cities and in the factories.

The government has done little to curb the numerous physical attacks the members of "Occident" have made on the students.