

Prague Accepts Trotsky's Killer

Natalia Trotsky Predicts His Reward Will Be Liquidation by Stalin's Heirs

On May 6 the Mexican authorities announced that they had released the assassin of Leon Trotsky from prison...

The news appeared only briefly in the headlines. It was drowned by the furor over the capture of an American military plane...

Whatever doubts may have remained in some minds over the political identity of the killer were completely removed by the circumstances of his release.

He was taken from the prison just before noon, driven in a prison van for about a mile and transferred to a government limousine.

warming its engines. There the prisoner was met by two Czechoslovak diplomats...

And on what kind of passport did the killer make his exit from Mexico? Not on the one with which he came into the country...

The Czechoslovak government provided "Jackson" with a diplomatic passport for his exit from Mexico.

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LEON TROTSKY, co-leader with Lenin of the Russian Revolution, assassinated by a Stalinist agent in 1940. His killer was released from a Mexican prison May 6.

Unions Launch Labor Party in Canada

By Tom Kerry

The convention decision of the Canadian Labor Congress to launch an independent political party has given some of our top labor statesmen a bad case of the jitters.

The CLC is the Canadian section of the AFL-CIO. At its recent national assembly in Montreal, 1,600 delegates representing 1,458,576 members...

The action of the Canadian AFL-CIO unions constitutes a challenge and repudiation of the ruinous coalition politics to which the American union leaders cling despite disastrous consequences in both countries.

The labor movement in Canada, as in this country, has been subjected to ferocious employer attack bolstered by savage union-busting legislation.

This critical evaluation of labor's political policy has occupied the attention of the Canadian union leaders for the past several years.

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Dobbs Flays State Dept. Cuba Policy

Urges Amity in TV Appeal

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—"I don't know what provocation Castro has given us. Everything he has done has taken place in Cuba. How can that provoke the United States?"

That was how Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers presidential nominee, replied to a television interviewer's query on Cuban "provocation" of the U.S. in a telecast here May 5.

Dobbs was interviewed by Pat Higgins on the local NBC program, "Up to the Minute," while on a campaign visit here.

On the "Up to the Minute" show, Higgins also asked Dobbs if it wasn't true that the Cuban government has made the U.S. a "whipping boy."

"From what I've seen in Cuba," replied Dobbs, "the Cubans have very good cause for complaining about the treatment they are getting from the United States."

In support of this view, Dobbs cited the "petty harassing action of the U.S. in withdrawing its agricultural inspectors from Cuban ports. These inspectors had checked shipments of tropical fruit before they were loaded. In case of complaint, a correction could be made before shipping.

Declaring the revolution "is bringing many important benefits to the Cuban people," Dobbs told his television audience that U.S. policy toward Cuba is making the American people look "mean, greedy and grasping."

Lovell Assails Washington on Plane Incident

DETROIT, May 10 — Frank Lovell, Socialist Workers party candidate for U.S. Senator, bitterly denounced the White House, State Department and Pentagon for "a sinister conspiracy to keep the cold war alive through provocation and espionage."

Lovell's indictment hit the Democrats as well as the Republicans: "Not a single Democratic presidential candidate, of the many yacking away for months, have so far had the nerve to denounce this latest outrage of the administration."

Lovell is campaigning for an end to atomic tests and production, withdrawal of all U.S. troops from abroad and an end to cold-war provocations of any kind.

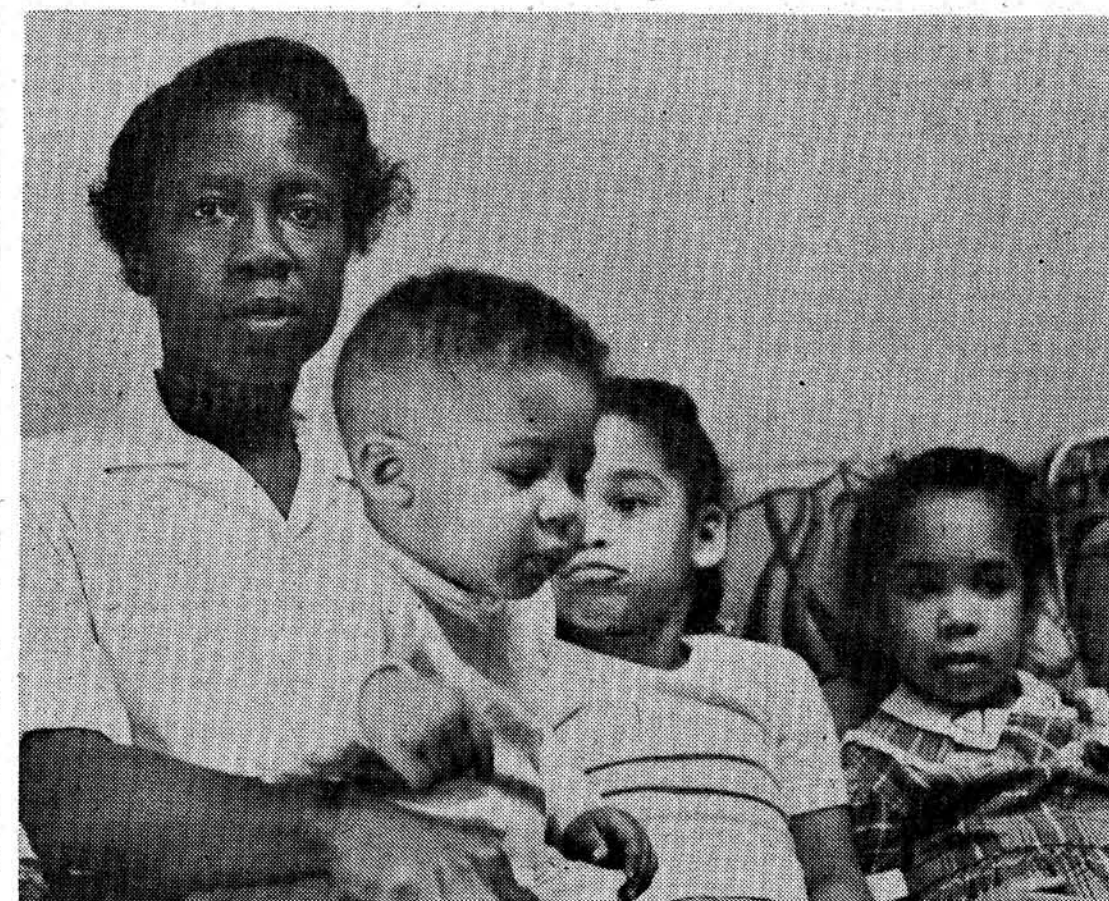
"Need to Put Union in Politics," Says Chicago Teamsters Rally

By Howard Mayhew

CHICAGO, May 7 — Thirteen thousand teamsters jammed the Stock Yard Amphitheatre last night in a giant rally to defend the unions against the current employer-government attacks.

Spy Plane Aggression Alarms Entire World

"We Need a Better World for Our Children"



Gladys Barker Grauer, Socialist Workers candidate for U.S. senator from New Jersey, at her home in Newark. She is an active member of the Avon Ave. Parent Teachers Association and the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council...

Dobbs Scores War Threats

By Murry Weiss

At a press conference in San Francisco May 9, which was widely reported in the Bay Area, Farrell Dobbs, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers party, denounced the flight of an American plane over Soviet territory as a provocative cold-war act that has shocked the entire world.

"The foreign policy of this country is one of deceit, lying, spying and general misleading of the public," he charged.

"Both the Democrats and Republicans," the socialist candidate continued, "rushed in to say how Russia brutally shot down an unarmed pilot who happened to stray on the Soviet borders. Then it turns out the pilot was clear in the heart of Russia. . . . The Pentagon gang and their hirelings in the bought press were caught red-handed, spying and lying. . . . The people feel Washington is trying to make fools out of them."

Dobbs was interviewed by the major San Francisco dailies at the office of Vincent Hallinan, prominent attorney and a nationally known independent socialist. Hallinan announced at the press conference his support of Dobbs' candidacy.

Brazen Course

The events since May 7, when Khrushchev announced the capture of an American pilot whose plane had been shot down May 1 while on an "espionage" mission deep in Soviet territory, fully bear out Dobbs' charges.

At first the State Department, the White House and the Pentagon replied to the Soviet report by tripping over each other in a series of bald-faced lies. When Washington saw that its lies would be exploded because the U.S. pilot declined to use his suicide kit, the State Department decided on a course so brazen as to defy historical comparison.

It blandly-announced that, yes, the U.S. pilot was on a spying mission; that spy planes would continue to fly over the Soviet Union; and that the imminent danger of a Soviet "massive surprise attack" on the "free world" was "ample warrant" for such invasions of Soviet territory.

These madmen are utterly contemptuous of the truth. They even ignore the memory of the American public about widely known facts. These assertions were made a few days after the U.S. Army itself had released a study proving "that the Soviet Union was not even attempting to build a force that would enable it to start a general war."

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N.Y. Meet Will Hear Dobbs Cuban Report

NEW YORK — Farrell Dobbs, presidential nominee of the Socialist Workers party, will speak on "The Cuban Revolution As I Saw It" at a public meeting here Friday at 8 p.m., May 20. The meeting will be held at the Militant Labor Forum, 116 University Place.



Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers candidate for Vice-President of the United States. She recently made a tour of six states in the South together with Jim Lambrecht, National Secretary of the Young Socialist Alliance. They talked with student leaders of the sit-in movement on seven campuses. Comrade Weiss will soon begin a national tour to help rally support for the Negro demonstrators in the South.

"They Can't Scare Us," Say Students in South

By Myra Tanner Weiss

NEW YORK CITY, May 7 — Today's New York Times reports that nearly 50 youth have been arrested in Durham, North Carolina — seven white students and about 40 Negro youth. They sat down at a lunch counter in a Kress store and refused to leave until they were served. For this "crime" the manager of the Kress store had them arrested and sent to jail on charges of "trespassing."

N.Y. Panel To Discuss Sobell Case

NEW YORK — Noted public figures will discuss the case of Morton Sobell at a public meeting Tuesday evening, May 24, at the Community Church, 40 East 35th Street. Sobell was railroaded to prison for "conspiracy to commit espionage."

The speakers are: Congressman Randal Harmon of Indiana, Norman Thomas, Rev. Thomas Kilgore, Dwight McDonald, Conrad Lynn and Mrs. Morton Sobell. Sponsors include: Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Rabbi Harry Halpern, Maxwell Geismar, Murray Kempton, Max Eastman, John Finerty and Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr.

rested and sent to jail on charges of "trespassing."

The New York Times didn't list the names of those who were taken to jail. It happened to so many hundreds of students throughout the South that even the police can't keep the records straight. In Orangeburg, South Carolina, Jim Lambrecht and I attended the trial of what was supposed to be 51 of 380 students arrested. When the roll of prisoners was called, it was discovered there were only 7. Four students had been listed twice.

I don't know for sure who is among the 50 new victims of Kress' "justice" in Durham, but I am almost certain three young men Jim and I talked to are included. One was Donovan Phillips, 19, business administration major at North Carolina State College. Another was John Edwards, a quiet, young worker-leader of Durham's high school and college youth. And the third was Robert Markham, sociology major at North Carolina State.

All three of these young men have given themselves completely to the struggle to end segregation in the South. Every day is a tense day of organization — organizing pickets, organizing protest demonstrations at trials, organizing legal aid and raising funds for the struggle. Studies at school will have to wait for the victory of the integration movement.

A racist with foul language on his tongue came up to Mr. Phillips on one of the picket lines and promised to cut his throat from ear to ear. "Okay," Donovan Phillips replied, "Cut my throat. I'll just be dead." Nothing could be worse for him than to submit without protest ever again to the injustice and humiliation of segregation. "They just can't scare us any more," young Phillips said with quiet pride.

With this spirit the sit-in movement in Durham has been built. From the beginning of their struggle last February they succeeded in closing the lunch counters of segregating stores — Walgreen's, Woolworth's and Kress'. The May 3 arrest of 50 more youth in Durham should tell the segregators that the movement will not stop until integration is won.

In Orangeburg, South Carolina, Jim and I met almost the entire Student Council at South Carolina State College. It was already dark when we arrived in town. We pulled up at a gas station and asked the white

proprietor for directions to the street we were looking for. He looked at us with confusion on his face: "You can't be looking for that street, lady," he said. "That's colored."

The street we wanted was (Continued on Page 3)

Hallinan Endorses Dobbs As Presidential Candidate

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9 — Vincent Hallinan announced his endorsement of Farrell Dobbs, presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers party, at a joint press conference with Dobbs here today.

The 1953 Progressive party presidential candidate said, "While I do not belong to Mr. Dobbs' party, I support his bid for the presidency. He is the only socialist candidate in the field. I cannot support any Republican or Democratic politician."

Commenting ironically on the low caliber of major party politicians, Hallinan quipped that this country is unsurpassed in the amount of "intellectual democracy" it permits. "Where else," he said, "could you find a country that allowed men of

such low intellectual stature as Harry Truman or a Richard Nixon to become President and Vice-President respectively?"

As the 1952 Progressive party banner bearer, Hallinan vigorously opposed the U.S. "police action" in Korea. As attorney for Harry Bridges when the government tried to deport the West Coast Longshore Union leader, Hallinan was twice railroaded to prison for his exposure of the government's red-baiting anti-labor attack.

He opposed the liquidation of the Progressive party, maintaining the need for continuing opposition to the two capitalist parties. He supported the Socialist Workers presidential ticket in 1956 and has actively promoted united independent socialist political action.

Do They Have a Case Against U.S. Role?

By Joseph Hansen

Second in a series of articles.

A favorite theme of the capitalist press is that the new Cuban government is doing everything it can to "provoke" the United States.

Here we are in the U.S., an easy-going people like the Swiss, inclined to mind our own business, anxious just to get by and live in peace, not bothering anybody; and then, for no good reason at all, this big, paranoid country of Cuba, a militaristic nation armed to the teeth, suddenly starts pushing us around, like it was trying to start something. Most ominous of all, according to this way of reporting recent developments, the Cubans began screaming subversive anti-American sentiments at us. That, of course, proves the existence of a sinister plot, the ultimate aim of which is to move in on our country and take us over.

If you visit Cuba, you get a different impression. It's a small narrow island that would reach from San Francisco to about Salt Lake City. In area it's no bigger than Pennsylvania. They guess that the census now being taken will show about six and a half million people.

Although the countryside is a lush tropical green, the people are poor. Here's how Robert Taber, in the Jan. 23 (Continued on Page 2)

Help Fight Bipartisan "Operation Suicide"!

By Tom Kerry

When in the past we've spoken of the struggle for a socialist America as a life and death matter for humanity there were always some skeptics who accused us of exaggeration. Can there any longer be any doubt? The lunatic self-touted leaders of the "free world" who rule this country have once again pushed mankind to the edge of the abyss. This is "brinkmanship" gone berserk!

When in the past we made a special appeal for funds to contest the election of capitalist candidates, there were always some who said: We sympathize with you, we feel it is good for socialists to speak out against the evils of capitalism, but as a practical matter we think it is better to spend our time, effort and money to help a "lesser evil" candidate who has a chance of being elected.

Can there be any lesser evil choice among any of the candidates of the rival capitalist parties who have, without exception, rallied to the support of "leader" Eisenhower in his game of "Russian roulette" with the lives of the people?

The whole world stands aghast at the brazen effrontery of the dollar patriots who, having been caught red-handed, now claim the sacred

privilege of conducting war-like operations over the territory of the Soviet Union. All, of course, in the name of "freedom, democracy and peace."

The "blunder," they say, was not in violating the sovereignty of another nation, but in getting caught. This is in line with the axiom of the ward-heeling hoodlums who dominate and control the two capitalist parties. Any Tammany hack will tell you: "It's no crime to steal — the real crime is in getting caught." This is the morality that pervades the ruling circles of the most hypocritically pious government on earth.

In a way, Eisenhower's "operation suicide" is symbolic of a putrefying social system, which has too long evaded the historical oblivion which is its ultimate fate. Speculation is rife about how the American spy-pilot remained alive after all of the elaborate precautions taken to preclude such a possibility.

The young man was given a revolver, a dagger and a poison needle, and specific instructions to use one or all three to avoid being captured alive in case of "accident." Die? For what? For the greater glory of Washington and Wall Street? To save face for the stockjobbers, money-grubbers and price gougers for whose benefit this

capitalist government is run? Better to live and let the lying scoundrels wriggle out of the tangled web of fraud and deception which is of their own weaving. The plane was equipped with an automatic device to blow itself apart presumably after the pilot had been safely ejected. Knowing the morality of his employers and their total disregard of life and limb — someone else's of course — in the service of the almighty dollar, he took no chances of getting himself blown up along with the plane.

The capitalist politicians and their pundits are outraged! Congressmen in House and Senate, Democrats and Republicans, assailed the hallowed halls of government with anguished howls of the "psychological defect" which led the misguided pilot to stay alive to the embarrassment of the saintly Eisenhower and his cronies. The journalistic toadies are already implying that the pilot was, in reality, a "communist" agent.

Under capitalism, operation suicide is the perspective offered mankind. The only alternative is socialism. There is no "lesser evil." If you believe that, you will help us carry forward the struggle for Socialism. Send your contribution to: Socialist Fund, 116 University Pl., New York 3, N. Y. (See Scoreboard, Page 2)





Socialism Debated At U. of Minnesota

Editor: For the first time in more than a decade, the issue of capitalism vs. socialism was formally debated at the University of Minnesota.

The professor seemed familiar enough with the arguments of reformist socialists and had ready answers for such arguments.

Here, for instance, is how he tried to refute Feingold's contention that racial discrimination was a product of capitalism.

Feingold answered this by demonstrating how both school and church are dominated by capitalist ideology and perform the function of implanting the race prejudice that is used by the employers to divide the workers.

After the meeting, many students came to the platform to

continue the discussion. The high interest in what a socialist speaker had to say indicates that after a long period of absence of such debate there are good prospects for more discussion, formal and informal, of socialism on the campus here.

J. B. Minneapolis Would Labor Party Be Anti-Socialist?

Editor: I would like to see the Militant print some material on the perspectives for a labor party in the U.S.

Some socialists believe that because of the speedup of the social process due to the qualitative change induced by the H-bomb, the idea of a transitional labor party has been outmoded; that is, as a historical step preceding a higher level of development rather than as an end in itself, the political instrument of socialism.

Both the Communist and Socialist Workers parties include a labor party in their respective blueprints for the future. May we have a series of articles on this?

D. P. South Gate, Calif.

He's Sticking To the Union

Editor: I have been out of work for almost three months after being discharged for cooked up reasons for being a militant union member. I have filed a grievance but it hasn't been settled yet.

You should be getting some inquiries about the Militant from the state of Louisiana where I have mailed copies to people to introduce them to the principles of the working class.

M. L. Chicago

America's Image

Editor: What an image this country has presented since World War II. Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Then the execution of the Rosenbergs... Now Chessman! And some people think this government of the rich will bring peace and justice to the world.

W. F. W. Los Angeles

Rights Fighter Summoned by House Probers

LOUISVILLE, May 5 — Vernon Brown, an integrationist and a central figure in the famous Kentucky "sedition" case of a few years ago, is among 40 persons summoned to appear before a House Un-American Activities subcommittee in San Francisco.

Brown and six other white persons were indicted on a sedition charge in 1954 after they helped a Negro, Andrew E. Wade, IV, to buy a house in a white neighborhood and defended the Wades' right to occupy the home.

In a statement in San Francisco on the slated House committee probe, Brown charged that the only thing the 40 persons summoned have in common is that they have helped to organize picket lines, boycotts and other actions in support of Southern sit-in demonstrators.

Meanwhile, as the House redhunters prepare their projected victimization of integration supporters, the White Citizens Council of Kentucky has openly called on its members to take up arms to protect "private rights and property" against sit-in demonstrators.

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Not an Air Raid Shelter



Militant photo by Jack Arnold Three young New Yorkers in police van on way to jail for refusing to take cover during May 3 air raid drill. They were among 500 protesters at City Hall Park who insisted that peace is the only defense against nuclear weapons. Along with 23 others, they spent five days in prison for their stand.

Plane Aggression

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eral nuclear war" and that the "Soviet leaders evidently consider it more essential . . . to fulfill their ambitious economic program." (New York Times, May 5.)

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abashed demand by Washington that it be permitted to invade the territory of the Soviet Union without any interference and indeed without any complaint, are staggering even to the minds of the average editorialist and commentator of the monopolist press.

New York World-Telegram columnist, Henry S. Taylor, referred to Secretary of State Herter's answer to Khrushchev as "the most controversial assertions since World War II."

He said that the State Department "asks the world to accept a United States watchdog role everywhere, not a self-proclaimed policeman."

James Reston mildly pointed out in his New York Times column, May 6: "It is the United States that has military and air bases close to the Soviet and Chinese borders and not the other way around."

This is the truth. The U.S. has close to 1,000 military bases surrounding the borders of the Soviet Union. Whole countries have been transformed into launching pads for invasion of the USSR.

Actually, Washington's "confession" about "spying" is a colossal evasion and subterfuge. What is at issue is not routine peacetime spying but deliberate acts of war.

The leaders of the Chinese Communist party have been proven dead right in their insistent warnings to Khrushchev that it is folly for him to rush around the world proclaiming that Eisenhower "genuinely wants peace."

And that is the key to the real reason for the savage step up in the cold war, on the very eve of the Summit Conference. The U.S. capitalist rulers are frantic over the sight of tens of millions of people all over the world awakening and driving out imperialism and capitalism.

The uprising in South Korea; the mass demonstrations of students in Turkey, Indonesia and Japan; the Cuban revolution; the South African uprising; and, yes, the historic sit-in actions of Negro students in the South; all this has terrified the whole bipartisan war pack.

But the very revolutionary forces that have driven the capitalist rulers to panic and adventurism, will pulverize the system that breeds war, force the war makers to again retreat, and finally overwhelm them.

Why not pass this copy of the Militant on to a friend?

1,000 Protest Air Raid Drill In New York

By Jack Arnold

NEW YORK, May 10 — Well over a thousand people here, the bulk of them young people, demonstrated their anti-war sentiment by joining in organized mass refusals to take shelter during last Tuesday's mock air raid.

At City College, 300 students joined in the anti-drill protest initiated by the Student Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and other campus groups. As the demonstrators gathered on the campus shortly before the scheduled "alert," a school official warned them that those who defied the take-cover order would face penalties including possible expulsion.

No more than 20 yielded to the threat and the remainder responded by singing, "We Shall Not Be Moved."

Similar protests were staged in previous years, but participation was generally limited to a small group of members of pacifist organizations. A significant feature of this year's demonstration was the number of young people who joined in, including many who have been giving militant support to the Woolworth store anti-segregation picket lines.

There were more than 1,000 people in the City Hall Park as the time for the drill approached. When the "alert" sounded more than 500, accompanied by almost 100 children, remained seated on park benches.

The authorities were apparently caught off guard by the size of the demonstration and had only three patrol wagons on hand to haul off those who defied the law.

He then asked: "Are you Americans?" There was more laughter and some shouted back, "That's why we're here."

Cops then began selecting prisoners at random. The first girl selected seemed to resent the way she was being handled and it took three cops to get her into the van.

Twenty-six persons, the total capacity of the vans, were arrested. A latecomer was arrested at a subway exit where he made a solitary stand as the "alert" sounded.

Three hundred demonstrators marched to the Criminal Court where those arrested were arraigned. In the courtroom they were told by presiding Judge Ciazzo that if they didn't think there was democracy here they "should go to Turkey or Korea or Cuba."

When he told the defendants that if they didn't like the civil defense law they should change it at the ballot box, a young woman informed him she had never been given the opportunity to vote on the law.

All but one of the defendants pleaded guilty and on Friday they were sentenced to five days in prison. Saturday, an estimated total of 600 people marched in front of the House of Delegation where they are jailed, with several hundred pickets on the line at the peak of the demonstration.

At Brooklyn College, where the anti-drill protest was supported by about 200 students, a campus furor has been evoked with the resignation of Lucille Feldman as editor of the campus paper, the Kingsman. Her resignation was published in a space on the front page that had been intended for a picture of the student action which Dean Stroup had forbidden her to publish.

Calendar Of Events

- CLEVELAND - "The African Revolution." A lecture by George Chomalou. Saturday, May 21, 8 p.m.
LOS ANGELES - "The World of C. Wright Mills." Two lectures by William F. Waide. Friday, May 20, 8:15 p.m.
PICNIC - Sunday, May 22, Elysian Park, Spot No. 1, Los Angeles. Dinner, 1 to 3 p.m.

Working Mothers

By Helen Baker

The Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare recently released its 1958 survey, "Child Care Arrangements of Full Time Working Mothers."

As the Bureau states, the trend is clearly for ever more mothers to enter the labor force. The survey does not concern itself with the various reasons for this change in the American family, which has been taking place the last ten years.

More than seven million mothers with children under 18 years of age are employed as full-time workers. One out of seven mothers in the country is in the labor force. One out of every two mothers in the labor force has children under 12 years of age.

Aside from the public schools, there is no general provision for the care of children of working mothers. Each mother must make her own arrangements. This prevents her as a rule from securing the best kind of care for her children.

Only one out of 40 children of working mothers was in a group care center, or a total of 121,000 children," the Children's Bureau found. "In most communities in the U.S., a mother will be fortunate if she can find group care for her child or children, more fortunate if she finds a good version of group care facilities, and most fortunate of all if she finds one of the best."

Again, "Rare indeed is the mother who can benefit from the extended school services that are being provided in an increasing number of communities."

How do the mothers and children fare who are not fortunate enough to have access to group-care centers? For one child out of every eight under 12 years of age, the Children's

Bureau found it impossible to state who cared for the child or what type of care was provided. Here is how enumerators in the survey described other types of arrangements:

"Mother works night shift, cares for child in the daytime."

"Mother lives in apartment over dry-cleaning establishment where she works, cares for child as she works."

"Mother works in the field, brings children along — baby takes nap in the car."

And here is an example of the highly touted American Family Togetherness: "Child works chopping cotton with mother."

The mother's occupation determines in part the type of child care she is able to arrange. Mothers in the professional and managerial positions — that is, the higher income brackets — generally have non-relatives come in to care for the child or children.

In middle-income-bracket occupations such as clerks, the children are generally cared for by relatives, by neighbors, or in the fortunate cases, by child care centers.

In agricultural work — the lowest paying category — separate child care is for all practical purposes non-existent. Most non-white working mothers — who have two out of every five of the children under 12 years of age falling under the scope of the survey — are in the last category.

The study conducted by the Children's Bureau states the needs of working mothers. The solution, which the Bureau does not present, lies in a vast multiplication of child-care centers.

These centers should operate 24 hours a day. They should be free of charge and be located in working-class neighborhoods, on factory grounds or in the fields. Mobile units should be established for the benefit of migratory workers. Finally, the centers should be staffed by professional child-care people, concerned with the children's physical as well as emotional well-being.

Canadian Unions Launch

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Canadian Labour, official CLC organ, recounts the genesis and evolution of the new political approach, in an article entitled: "Report on the New Party Resolution Adopted at the 1958 Convention."

The article begins: "At the 1958 Convention of the Canadian Labour Congress, an historic step was taken in the passing of the resolution which set out the need for a fundamental political realignment in this country. The Executive Council believes that the adoption of that resolution will prove to be a milestone in Canadian history."

"This Convention," said the resolution, "believes that the imperative need of the Canadian political scene today is the creation of an effective alternative political force based on the needs of the workers, farmers and similar groups, financed and controlled by the people and their organizations . . ."

"The time has come," the resolution affirmed, "for a fundamental realignment of political forces in Canada. There is need for a broadly-based peoples' political movement, which embraces the CCF, the Labour movement, farm organizations, professional people and other liberally-minded persons interested in basic social reform and reconstruction through our parliamentary system of government."

"Such a broadly based political instrument should provide that Labour and other peoples' organizations may, together with the CCF, participate directly in the establishment of such a movement, its organizational structure and basic philosophy and programme, as well as its financing and choice of candidates for public office."

To implement the call for a fundamental political realignment, the resolution submitted to the 1958 convention, provided that:

"This Convention, therefore, instructs the Executive Council to give urgent and immediate attention to this matter by initiating discussions with the CCF, interested farm organizations and other like-minded individuals and groups, to formulate a constitution and a programme for such a political instrument of the Canadian people; and to report on such a plan, draft constitution and programme to the next (1960) Convention of this Congress for action."

In the ensuing two years there took place in the Canadian labor movement an intensive discussion, on all levels, of the proposal to launch an independent political party based on labor and its allies. A Joint Committee composed of representatives of the CLC and CCF was set up to organize the discussion

Notes in the News

"DO AS I SAY, NOT AS I DO" — The general conference of the Methodist Church has called on its ten million members to set a goal of total abstinence from intoxicating liquor.

WON'T BITE HAND THAT FEEDS HIM — Earl Kintner, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, says he's against new legislation to clean up the advertising industry.

SACCO-VANZETTI STORY SLATED FOR TV — The National Broadcasting Company has scheduled a two-part television dramatization for June 3 and 10 of the case of Sacco and Vanzetti, the working-class martyrs legally murdered by the State of Massachusetts in 1927.

AUTOMATION JOB LOSSES — Eight hundred thousand unionists have lost their jobs in the past five years as a result of automation, according to AFL-CIO president George Meany.

OREGON WORK RELIEF — Eight Oregon counties have revived the depression practice of compelling people on public welfare to work for the county — at sub-standard welfare rates, of course.

SETBACK FOR CUSTOM-HOUSE CULTURE — The U.S. Customs Court has ruled that a mosaic by Pablo Picasso, the world-celebrated artist, is a "work of art" and subject to the reduced duty on art objects.

WELCOME TO DENVER — Badu Kofi, a Ghana journalist visiting here as a guest of the State Department, was arrested May 4 at the Union Station in Denver for taking pictures. Several cops who were making an arrest in the station noticed him taking pictures and he was promptly thrown into a patrol car.

YOUTH OPPOSITION TO DRAFT — Thirty per cent of 1,000 teen-age boys questioned "in depth" during a two-year survey were strongly opposed to being drafted into the armed forces.

GROWING NATIONAL HEADACHE — The consumption of aspirins in the U.S. is increasing twice as fast as the growth of the population. The average American now gulps an aspirin once every three days, as compared to one every eight days in 1935.

SOUTHERN 'WELCOME' — The American Veterans Committee has protested against a Ku Klux Klan sign erected near the entrance to the Air Force Base at Selma, Ala. In a letter to the secretary of the Air Force, A.V.C. national chairman Mickey Levine said: "Just a few yards from the entrance to that air base there is a Ku Klux Klan sign welcoming residents, and I infer air men, to membership in the Klan."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK — Education and vocational training for prison inmates without corresponding religious training only makes smarter criminals, says Rev. G. Brinkman, chaplain of the Illinois State Penitentiary.