

# Kennedy Still Plotting A War Against Cuba

By Harry Ring

APRIL 26 — Exposed before the world as an aggressor, the government in Washington is still looking for a way to crush the Cuban revolution.

Reeling under the impact of the invasion fiasco and the mounting revelations about the Gestapo-like role of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Democratic and Republican high commands have closed ranks in an effort to seal off the American people from the international wave of shock and

revulsion evoked by the naked imperialist attack on Cuba.

But it won't be easy. Rarely in history has a crime been so thoroughly exposed. Just a few days ago the president of the United States was piously declaring that the invasion was "a struggle of Cuban patriots against a Cuban dictator," with the U.S. giving the "patriots" nothing but "moral" support and perhaps a few arms.

Today the press spilled the fantastic story of how the Cuban "leaders" of the invasion were

taken prisoner by the CIA before the attack began. Even the official communiqué announcing the invasion that was officially attributed to the counterrevolutionary leader Miró Cardona was faked by CIA agents while Miró was held under armed guard in Florida.

With the mercenary force shattered and the mask of "non-intervention" ripped off, Kennedy's reaction was that of a man fighting with his back to the wall and determined to keep fighting even if it means a world holocaust. In

his April 20 speech (described by one observer as, "History Will Dissolve Me") he brazenly declared his ultimate aim of direct armed attack on Cuba.

Speaking openly as a representative of the American capitalist class, he declared: "I am determined on our system's survival and success, regardless of the cost and regardless of the peril."

Or, as Fidel Castro put it in an April 18 speech: "The Cuban Revolution is socialist. They can't forgive us for having made a so-

cialist revolution under the nose of the United States."

The public exposure of how the CIA masterminded the invasion also gives the lie to the claim that Washington aims to bring "democracy" to Cuba. The so-called "left wing" of the Cuban counter-revolutionary group was pushed out of the picture by the CIA and henchmen of ex-dictator Batista were given a decisive role in the "liberation" movement.

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## French Army Revolt Fails—This Time

By George Lavan

APRIL 26 — For four days a woefully unprepared French working class was confronted with the imminence of civil war. Each nightfall brought fears that Paris and other major cities would be invaded from Algeria by paratroops linking up with army units stationed in France and with the widespread network of domestic fascists.

The danger is now averted. The four insurgent generals in Algiers have surrendered. The "strong man" regime of de Gaulle, shown to be pitifully weak while the loyalty of army commanders in

France itself wavered, has narrowly squeaked through. The lesson for the future is clear: France is at the mercy of its generals.

Despite its huge Communist and Socialist parties, great trade unions and radical heritage, the French working class found itself trapped in a lesser-of-two-evils policy. The evils being bonapartist rule of de Gaulle and outright military-fascist dictatorship.

No one should doubt the danger will recur. A future mutiny of militarists, backed by the reactionaries and fascists might overthrow de Gaulle. His natural death or assassination might occasion an attempted *coup d'état*. How to prepare now for such eventualities is a life-and-death question for the French workers.

Last week's uprising in Algiers sprang from the same cause as those of May 1958 and Jan. 1960 — the Algerian War. Both the French army brass and the privileged minority of French settlers in Algeria prefer to continue that bloody war forever rather than grant independence or even major  
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## Roa Relays a Wire To Adlai Stevenson

The day after President Kennedy's saber-rattling speech against Cuba before the convention of newspaper publishers, Dr. Raul Roa, Cuba's Foreign Minister, read the following ironical telegram in the course of the UN debate on the invasion of his country. The sender was Robert F. Williams, militant Negro leader from North Carolina and a founder of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

"To Dr. Raul Roa, United Nations. Please convey to Mr. Adlai Stevenson this message: Now that the United States has proclaimed military support for people willing to rebel against oppression, oppressed Negroes in the South urgently request tanks, artillery, bombs, money, use of American air fields and white mercenaries to crush racist tyrants who have betrayed the American Revolution and Civil War. We also request prayers for this noble undertaking."

### NEXT WEEK

A report from the United Auto Workers convention in Detroit.



A British view of Cuba Invasion—Illingworth in London Daily Mail

## Fair Play Head Defies Attack by Eastland Probe

APRIL 25—Richard Gibson, acting executive secretary of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, today defied the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which for a year has been mounting an attack against the FPCC. Gibson appeared before the Eastland committee in answer to a subpoena handed him as he spoke at a "Hands Off Cuba" rally in New York April 21.

In a prepared statement to the committee Gibson said of the U.S. backed invasion of Cuba: "On behalf of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and speaking personally for myself and for many other American Negroes, I can only express delight at the utter and dismal defeat of this act of international banditry . . .

"It is a disgrace that there are members of this very subcommittee who have dared to defend segregation and all the misery that it implies for my people . . . I would suggest that you investigate the patently un-American activities of the White Citizens Coun-

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## CIA to Face Pickets And Hunger Strike

NEW YORK, April 25 — The Fair Play for Cuba Committee yesterday announced support of a two-week demonstration against the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington by the Non-Violent Committee for Cuban Independence. The Non-Violent Committee is organizing a two-week vigil and hunger strike (taking only water) that will begin Sunday, April 30, and will call for the abolition of the CIA and an end to U.S. intervention in the internal affairs of Cuba.

Members of eastern Fair Play chapters will meet in Washington, D.C., at 1 p.m. on April 30 for a rally at Judiciary Sq., 5th and E Sts., before proceeding across the Potomac River to picket the CIA.

The fast and vigil will take place on highway 123 at the entrance of the CIA headquarters in Langley, Va. Participants say they "will not cooperate with efforts to turn us away or render our action ineffective . . . In the event of arrest, the fasters will continue their hunger strike for the two-week period, wherever they are. Both fasters and vigilers, if released from jail, will return to the CIA to resume their demonstration."

In its "Appeal to the American Conscience," the NVCCI declares: "We protest the threat to world peace and human survival posed by America's armed interference in Cuba . . .

"We: Call for an end to American intervention in the internal affairs of the Cuban people. Call for economic and technological aid to the Cuban Revolution . . . Call for the abolition of the CIA. Ask Castro and the Cuban people to look with compassion and forgiveness upon the misguided invaders who have been captured."

## 5,000 in New York Demand Abolition of The 'Un-Americans'

By William A. Price

NEW YORK — Frank Wilkinson and Carl Braden, who surrender May 1 for one year's imprisonment for refusing to cooperate with the House Un-American Activities Committee, have called for increased activity to abolish HUAC while they are in jail.

Both men appeared at a rally to abolish HUAC in St. Nicholas Arena in New York City, April 21. Folk singer Pete Seeger, also recently sentenced to a year in jail, joined them at the rally attended by almost 5,000 New Yorkers.

Wilkinson told the rally, "I am serenely confident that for every voice which asks abolition of the Un-American Activities Committee and is silenced in jail — a thousand new voices will be raised; and, most significantly, many of these will be the new generation of American students." Braden added, "I hope everybody will raise Hell."

At a press conference in advance of the rally, Wilkinson reported that the campaign to abolish HUAC had grown so rapidly, especially on college campuses, that he didn't know how many local groups had been formed specifically for this purpose. He told of speaking to overflow meetings throughout the country and recalled one at the Berkeley campus of the University of California attended by more than 5,000 students, even though a motorcade of 300 cars loaded with supporters of HUAC had gone to Sacramento,  
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## Socialist Workers Enter New York Mayoralty Race

NEW YORK — Richard Garza has been nominated for mayor by the Socialist Workers party. His running mates will be Frances James, for president of the city council, and James Robertson for comptroller.

Garza, 32, is chairman of the New York City SWP. He has been active in union and Puerto Rican community affairs.

In accepting the nomination, he declared that in addition to pre-

senting a socialist program to meet the needs of labor and the city's minority groups, he would make opposition to intervention in Cuba a central point of his campaign.

The SWP nominating conference expressed gratification at current reports that the New York City Labor Council, AFL-CIO, is discussing the possibility of breaking with the Democrats and forming a labor party.

The conference adopted a motion presented by Garza to "withdraw our ticket if the labor movement should enter an independent slate in opposition to the Republicans and Democrats." The conference said it would campaign for independent labor nominees while continuing to present its socialist program.

## Civil Defense Protest Slated in New York

NEW YORK — The police department will have a busy time in City Hall Park during the nationwide civilian defense drill April 28. The Civil Defense Protest Committee will sponsor a mass refusal to take shelter during the drill. More than a thousand people participated in a similar demonstration under the committee's auspices last year. They took the position that civil defense is no defense against the Bomb and that the drills are intended to lull anti-war sentiment.



Richard Garza

# Thousands in U.S. Protest Attack on Cuba

By Fred Halstead

NEW YORK, April 20 — Some 5,000 people met in Union Square here tonight to protest the invasion of Cuba. The three-hour rally, called by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, was one of the largest and most spirited Union Square demonstrations in years.

Richard Gibson, acting executive secretary of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, made a blistering attack on the Kennedy administration. Its policies, he said, threaten not only the Cuban Revolution and the American people, but human life itself, since Kennedy is risking world war to save the profits of U.S. corporations in Latin America.

Speaking for the youth group Advance, Mike Stein appealed to everyone interested in peace to oppose U.S. intervention in Cuba. The task of the youth now, he declared, is to organize groups dedicated to that end "on every campus in the country."

"Not a single congressman nor, to my knowledge, a single elected official in this country spoke out against the invasion," said Pete Camejo of the Young Socialist Alliance. "Let's face it," he urged, "it was a mistake for any friend of Cuba or of peace to have voted for Democrats or Republicans and it's time we all united to do everything in our power to give the voters a real alternative."

"I have seen the schools, the new homes, the gardens that the people have built with Fidel," said Melita del Villar of the FPCC, "and now they want to destroy that beautiful revolution. We can't let them."

Julio Medina of the 26th of July Movement, in a rousing speech in Spanish, said, "The same monopolies which try to destroy the Cuban revolution exploit the poor and humble in this country."

The audience cheered a long list of speakers which included Bob Steed of the *Catholic Worker*, Deirdre Griswold of the Molina Defense Committee, Cuban student Carlos Moore, Ram John Akara of British Guiana and José Sanchez, coordinator of the 26th of July Movement. Chairman Bert Wainer adjourned the meeting to a resounding chant of "Hands Off Cuba."

APRIL 25 — From coast to coast Americans protested the invasion of Cuba. In New York City the Fair Play for Cuba Committee called for picket lines at the United Nations on the first day of the invasion. These lines continued for a week numbering at times several thousand. In the San Francisco area a Bay Students Committee to Oppose U.S. Intervention in Cuba, representing at least five college campuses, was formed immediately upon news of the invasion. With the support of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, it organized protest demonstrations on campuses April 18 and next day a rally of 2,000 in San Francisco and a march to the civic center.

A second rally at civic center despite inclement weather on April 22 concluded with mass picketing at the federal building, a march through downtown San Francisco and picketing at the Hearst *Examiner*. Longshoremen

and other unionists, as well as students, participated. A student group supporting Kennedy could muster only 60 hecklers at the first demonstration and 20 at the second.

In Los Angeles, Fair Play organized a three-day demonstration at the federal building beginning April 17. When news of Castro's victory was reported a group of pickets marched through the downtown section shouting, "Hands Off Cuba."

The federal building also was the target of Chicago pickets who numbered 300 on April 20 despite a heavy rain. On Saturday the 22nd, the much larger line was dotted with over 200 signs proclaiming such sentiments as: "We Don't Want to Die for United Fruit Co."

Detroit's federal building was picketed by 150 FPCC supporters on April 20. Typical bias of the local big business press resulted in front page coverage for an anti-Castro picket line of 22 "conservatives" which lasted but a few minutes and page 39 coverage for the FPCC demonstration.

Historic Boston Common, no stranger to revolution in 1776, was the scene of a demonstration by about 200 FPCC pickets, on April 22. One sign asked: "Is the CIA Our Peace Corps?"

## Brooklyn Rally

Rev. Milton Galamison was the principal speaker at a FPCC protest rally April 20 in Brooklyn. The indoor rally was attended by more than 500.

A FPCC picket line at Philadelphia's federal building met with violence from Kennedy supporters and plainclothes cops. Four pickets are under arrest. The American Civil Liberties Union is aiding FPCC-retained lawyers in their defense.

Philadelphia's leading Negro newspaper, the *Tribune*, reports that the city's half-million Negro population's sympathies "swung heavily pro-Castro" following the invasion.

Among many other places where there were demonstrations were New Haven, Cornell University, Oberlin and University of Wisconsin. Students from Antioch traveled to Columbus to picket the state capitol.

# Canadians Score Invasion

VANCOUVER, CANADA — April 18 — Less than 24 hours after the invasion of Cuba, labor, socialist, youth and other organizations in this area sprang to the defense of the embattled Cuban people.

First to respond was a conference of 40 delegates meeting to plan an organizing drive for the new Labor party in the Vancouver area. Last night, the first night of the counterrevolutionary invasion, this conference passed a resolution of support for the Castro government.

The resolution as first introduced called for United Nations intervention to re-establish peace in Cuba. After a brief discussion, however, it was agreed that UN

intervention would not resolve the problem and a substitute motion was passed declaring solidarity with the Cuban workers and farmers and condemning the Kennedy administration in the U.S. for its role in the invasion. As one prominent delegate put it, "the UN intervened in the Congo and is therefore responsible for the murder of Lumumba. In Cuba they are not likely to accomplish anything but the victory of the counterrevolution and the murder of Castro."

Today at noon, 300 workers, students and socialists staged a protest demonstration in front of the U.S. Consular office.

This evening the Vancouver Labor Council of 350 delegates passed, with only one contrary vote, a resolution of solidarity with the Cuban workers and condemnation of the actions of the U.S. administration. "It's no secret the U.S. State Department fostered and bred the invasion," said Orville Braaten, business agent of the Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union and local chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Canadian public opinion has been shaken by the invasion. It now appears that a majority — or close to it — of the Canadian population supports Cuba and condemns the U.S. government. One radio commentator, for example, who utilized his program's time for interviews found that six out of ten supported Castro.

Over 100 pickets demonstrated before the U.S. Consulate in Montreal April 22. Their signs proclaimed: "Yankee Intervention Must Stop," "Cuba aux Cubains," and "Hands Off Cuba."

Members of the socialist CCF in parliament in Ottawa unsuccessfully pressed Prime Minister Diefenbaker to protest the U.S. role in the invasion of Cuba "in the strongest terms possible."

## Jim Crow Justice

The New York State Committee to Abolish Capital Punishment reports that of eleven men executed in the state since May 1959, nine were Negroes.

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force — restoration of the old system of dictatorship and exploitation — was pointed up by the background of many of the captured invaders. Checking the list of prisoners, one Cuban army officer exclaimed that it was like reading the membership list of the Havana Yacht Club during Batista days.

The shattering defeat of the CIA task force also exploded Washington's propaganda myth that the "oppressed" Cuban people did not support the Castro government and were only awaiting the signal to rise against it.

The significance of the united Cuban opposition to the attack was summed up on a placard carried by one demonstrator in New York's Union Square. (See story page 2.) It read: "Fidel Re-Elected by Landslide Vote."

## Blockade Next?

But Kennedy, who has no concern for the sentiment of the Cuban people, continues to probe for new ways to throttle their revolution. Yesterday columnist Drew Pearson reported:

"The emergency conference which President Kennedy is having with President Eisenhower and Gov. Rockefeller and the cabinet all point to an arms blockade of Cuba.

"This would entail use of the U.S. Navy to surround Cuba and stop all vessels, including Soviet ships, from bringing in arms.

"A drastic move such as this would be counter to the traditional freedom-of-the-seas doctrine of the U.S. and would run the risk of war."

It's an obvious truth that such a provocative move could bring war, but Kennedy's determination to push ahead "regardless of the peril" cannot be discounted.

This does not mean, though, that he will have a free hand to do as he will with Cuba. Smashing of the invasion showed the world that a deep-going social revolution is a mighty power that cannot be snuffed out at the whim of even a military colossus. And U.S. aggression has served only to deepen the revolution, win waver-

ing elements to its side, and make it even stronger.

A Canadian businessman who was in Havana during the attack told newsmen in Miami that before the April 15 bombing he had found divided sentiment among the Cubans he had talked to.

But, he added, "After the bombing and invasion, all were for Castro."

Clearly the Cuban people mean business when they declare: "Country or death — We will win!"

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the state capital, to plead with California's governor to cancel the meeting.

Both Braden and Wilkinson have been "talking their way" to jail. They must surrender on the morning of May 1 in the small county seat town of Newnan, Ga., where the same Federal District Court which sentenced them will be temporarily sitting.

Braden said that he expected a motorcade of some of the top Negro leaders who had supported his stand to accompany the two men when they surrender.

Attorney Len Holt, who has defended many of the youth arrested during Southern sit-ins, told the rally:

"By silencing Carl, they expect to stop the movement, but the movement will not be stopped. We are fighting for our freedom and we shall not be moved.

"Those who think civil liberties and civil rights can be separated need a psychiatrist. If a Negro comes to you from the South, ask him if he's being investigated. If he says 'No,' then he's not in the movement."

Dr. Otto Nathan, a co-chairman of the New York Council to Abolish HUAC, called that committee "one of the most monstrous ever created by Congress" which has done "untold and immeasurable harm." He called on New Yorkers to help with the fight to abolish HUAC.

The rally was reported in most New York daily newspapers merely as one stop in the itinerary of several hundred anti-Castro and Hungarian "freedom fighter" pickets who ranged the city that day to heckle speakers at a Fair Play for Cuba rally in Union Square, to participate in "mass prayers" and to shout red-baiting slogans and anti-Semitic epithets at persons attending the abolition rally.

# ... French Military Revolt

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concessions to the Algerian people. French imperialism cannot win the war, as seven years and use of 500,000 French troops has shown. To end the terrible drain on its finances and strength it is ready to make a compromise with the Algerian FLN. It was to prevent such an outcome that the reactionary, racist *colons* (French settlers) and a section of the army brass seized Algiers in 1958.

It was this uprising which toppled the French Fourth Republic and brought de Gaulle to power. In this deal the bankers and industrialists of France got a regime which curbed the working class parties and stood ready to crush any proletarian upsurge with government by decree. The *colons* and army brass thought they had got assurance that Algeria would remain a French colony.

As de Gaulle cautiously but steadily moved toward negotiations with the Algerian independence fighters, the *colons* and paratroop generals rose again shouting "betrayal." This uprising of Jan. 1960 disclosed the rapidity with which the *colon* organizations had evolved into a fascist movement and forged links with renaissance fascist groups in France itself. Significant of the recent uprising was its leadership not by upstart officers seeking advancement but by top representatives of the solid, conservative officers' corps.

The readiness of the French workers to fight was amply dem-

onstrated in the recent crisis by the massive general strike. But the leaders merely put this power at de Gaulle's disposal. No attempt at an independent mobilization or formation of workers' militias appears to have taken place. Those few workers who were armed by the frantic government were placed under command of army officers and police — precisely the elements whose secret ties to the fascists and insurgent generals are most notorious.

For the inevitable showdown battle the French workers must organize their own defense corps under their own control, if they are to win.

## Los Angeles

### SIDNEY LENS

Author and union official recently returned from tour of Cuba speaks on

## Cuba: Democracy Or Dictatorship?

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Fair Play for Cuba Committee  
Box 26251, Los Angeles 26

## Weekly Calendar

### DETROIT

Paul Dennie speaks on "63 Years in the Labor and Radical Movement." May Day-Dinner Party Celebration. \$1.25 complete chicken dinner. Fri., May 5, 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. 3737 Woodward. Ausp. Friday Night Socialist Forum.

### NEW YORK

Cuba — What Next? Speaker, Harry Ring, staff writer, the *Militant*. Fri., May 5, 8:30 p.m. 116 University Pl. Contrib. 50 cents. Ausp. Militant Labor Forum.

### PHILADELPHIA

Eye-witness report on Latin-American conference in solidarity with Cuba. Speaker, Joseph Hansen, editor, the *Militant*. Sat., May 6, 8:30 p.m. 1303 W. Girard Ave. Ausp. Militant Labor Forum.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## Truth Will Out —

This newspaper was among the very first to charge that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was engaged in a vast conspiracy against revolutionary Cuba which encompassed the organization of sabotage, assassination attempts and guerrilla activity within Cuba and the arming and training of a Cuban invasion army of counterrevolutionaries and mercenaries in the U.S. and Central America. These charges can no longer be poo-pooed or denied, the truth about CIA activities are coming out. As an important part of that documentation we print the following excerpts from a *New York Times* article of April 22 written from Miami by correspondent Tad Szulc.

What follows is a summary of the history of the Cuban rebel operation from the beginning of training in Guatemala, as described by qualified sources:

The rebel troops began to be trained in Guatemala under CIA supervision about last May. The ranks of the revolutionary army swelled as the months went by, reaching strength in recent weeks as a mobilization order was issued by the Revolutionary Council.

The training took place in seven camps in the vicinity of the Pacific Coast of Guatemala. The camps were at La Suiza, Helvetia, Trax, Champerico, Retalhuleu, San José Buenavisea and Sayaxche.

A shrimp factory was established at Champerico to serve as a cover. Most of the other camps were made to look like ranches.

An air base with a 4,500-foot landing strip was established at Retalhuleu, and the rebel air force was equipped with C-54 and C-46 transports, B-26 bombers and P-51 fighters, the latter obsolescent types.

The Cuban pilots were trained by at least seven United States pilots belonging to a F-104 jet fighter group.

When a group of foreign newsmen went to Retalhuleu in January to see for themselves that reports of a Cuban military buildup there were untrue, the pilots were ordered to hide in a shack.

The aircraft were used late last year and early this year to drop supplies for the anti-Castro guerrillas in the Escambray Mountains.

To facilitate operations, Cuban airmen painted Guatemalan and Cuban Air Force insignia on their planes or left them unmarked, depending on the missions.

When two B-26 bombers attacked air bases in Cuba last Saturday and one of the pilots who landed in Miami described himself as a defector from the Cuban Air Force, his picture, published in

local newspapers, was promptly identified here as that of a Lieutenant Zuniga, a flyer from the Guatemalan camp. He has vanished.

The account given by qualified sources continued:

The bulk of the troops were trained to form a conventional army, using tanks, mortars and bazookas. A United States Army colonel commanded the training.

Special guerrilla forces were trained at one or two of the camps, and some of the Cuban officers were sent to the United States Army's Jungle Warfare School in Panama.

A Filipino guerrilla specialist was in charge of some of the training. He was assisted by five or six instructors who are believed to be Slavs, perhaps Ukrainians, and who were assisted by interpreters . . .

When the Revolutionary Council ordered a purge of men who were once supporters of the former dictator, Fulgencio Batista, CIA agents were reported to be reluctant to give up trained personnel to satisfy political requirements.

Charges were constantly heard in Miami that Batista supporters held high positions in the camps. Ten days before the landings a gun battle was reported to have occurred in one of them . . .

As troops from Guatemala and from smaller camps in Louisiana and Florida began to be moved to jump-off points in the Caribbean in the first week of April, the rebel leaders sounded urgent warnings against an invasion attempt . . .

"The invading force was reported to have jumped off, among other points, from the islands of Great Corn and Little Corn, off the coast of Nicaragua.

"The islands belong to Nicaragua, but they have been on a 99-year lease to the United States since 1916."

## Powell's Switch

Many crimes are committed in the name of patriotism. Three years ago Walter Reuther advised the United Auto Workers to give up the fight for a shorter week because the Russians had launched the first sputnik. Now Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Harlem Democrat, says he will not introduce an amendment this year to prohibit the use of federal funds for racially segregated schools. More than that, he pledges that he will lead the fight against anybody who does introduce such an amendment.

The reason Powell gives for his turnabout is the Russian launching of a man in space. In his words: "The Russian challenge to the United States in space is now so great that no one can afford to do anything that would slow up federal aid to education at all levels."

Southern Democrats, Dixiecrats and racists of all kinds will be delighted by Powell's defection from the civil rights fight in the educational field. They've always been against the Powell amendment, although for less fancy reasons.

We think that consistent supporters of civil rights will reject the phony argument that somehow it is in the interests of their country to give up the fight for school integration. We hope that they will absorb the political lesson of this incident — which is that Democrats, including Negro Democrats, are no more reliable allies of the civil rights struggle than Republicans. And we urge continuation and intensification of the movement to pass the Powell amendment, without Powell and if necessary against Powell.

# May Day: '8-Hour Day Uprising'

By Tom Kerry

APRIL 17 — If there is any one thing that my tour of the country has already established it is the fact that the movement for a shorter work week is gathering momentum in all sections of the labor movement.

There is a growing conviction that chronic unemployment due primarily to automation and mechanization of the labor process can be successfully combatted only through the struggle for a reduction in working hours with no reduction in pay.

The demand is concretized in the slogan: 30 for 40 NOW! Variations of this demand have been advanced by an increasing number of union organizations. The movement is as yet sporadic and dispersed and lacks centralized organization and direction. But it is growing!

I note that even George Meany, ultra-conservative head of the AFL-CIO, has publicly declared that "a 30-hour week is a vital necessity if the growing problem of unemployment is to be met." It seems that the leaders of labor recognize the need — the question is what do they propose to do about it?

### Lessons From History

Perhaps some lessons can be learned from the historic struggle of the American workers for the 8-hour day in the latter part of the last century. On my recent visit to Chicago I recalled some of the highlights of the historic struggle for the 8-hour day.

In the 1880s Chicago was the center of militant action for the shorter work day. It was a period of economic depression. In the cities there was hunger and despair. The enormous immigration from Europe crowded the slums, forced down wages and threatened to destroy the standard of living fought for by the workers.

Because of the number of "foreigners" among the workers the demand for the 8-hour day was stigmatized as "foreign" and — of course — "unAmerican." The con-

flict boiled to a climax in the month of May, 1886. The preceding period had been marked by huge mass meetings, parades, demonstrations and strikes.

To dramatize the demand for shorter hours the organized labor movement set aside the date, May 1, 1886, for labor to down tools in a general strike demonstration for the 8-hour day. In her autobiography, Mother Jones, renowned as a militant fighter in the cause of unionism, tells of the mounting tension in Chicago as the first of May approached.

### Mother Jones' Report

"The first of May, which was to usher in the 8-hour day uprising, came. The newspapers had done everything to alarm the people. All over the city there were strikes and walkouts. Employers quaked in their boots. They saw revolution. The workers in the McCormick Harvester Works gathered outside the factory. Those inside, who did not join the strikers, were called scabs. Bricks were thrown. The scabs threatened. Someone turned in a riot call.

"The police without warning charged down upon the workers, shooting into their midst, clubbing right and left. Many were trampled under the horses' feet. Numbers were shot dead. Skulls were broken. Young men and young girls were clubbed to death."

It was in protest against this police brutality that a demonstration was called for May 4, "in the shabby, dirty district known to later history as Haymarket Square." Someone exploded a bomb at the demonstration and a number of police were killed by the explosion. Mother Jones describes the scenes that followed:

"The city went insane and the newspapers did everything to keep it like a madhouse. The workers' cry for justice was drowned in the shriek for revenge. Bombs were 'found' every five minutes. Men went armed and gun stores kept open nights. Hundreds were arrested. Only those who had agi-

tated for an 8-hour day, however, were brought to trial and a few months later hanged. But the man, Schnaubelt, who actually threw the bomb was never brought into the case, nor was his part in the terrible drama ever officially made clear."

### The War Was Won

The 8-hour day movement was temporarily crushed. The organized labor movement was then relatively young and weak in numbers. (The American Federation of Labor held its founding convention in the year 1886.) But the inexorable pressure to shorten the working day continued. It was a matter of survival for the budding union movement. The battle at Haymarket was "lost" but victory in the war for the 8-hour day was won by labor.

In Chicago I learned that the massive McCormick Works of International Harvester was down to 200 employees. Automation and modernization had led to decentralization with older plants shutting down and newer plants erected to produce greater quantities of goods with fewer workers.

As in the 1880s, the struggle for the shorter work week in the 1960s, is a matter of union survival. The material conditions of their existence are again forcing the American workers into playing the vanguard role in the fight for the shorter work week. The historic 8-hour day movement of the past can provide many useful lessons for today's union militants who are called upon to spearhead the struggle for 30 for 40 NOW!

## ... Fair Play Head

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cils and the Ku Klux Klan . . . And why not investigate the Mississippi police who last month unleashed savage dogs on Negro students in Jackson, Mississippi? . . .

"No police dogs are used against Negroes in Cuba. As Joseph Newman reported in the *New York Herald-Tribune* on March 23rd: 'Castro and Guevara are literally adored by the large number of poor and humiliated Cubans, especially the Negroes. They see these two leaders as saintly and honorable men, dedicated to removing injustices and discrimination.' . . .

"Then there is the serious matter of the violation of U.S. neutrality laws . . . They state quite explicitly that no U.S. citizen or foreign resident may engage in recruitment for and the planning of an armed action against another country . . . it is completely intolerable that an agency of the U.S. Government — the Central Intelligence Agency — should have financed and directed this criminal enterprise. This is something that really cries out for investigation by responsible members of Congress."

## Socialist Fund Takes Spurt As Closing Date Approaches

By Marvell Scholl

Fund Drive Director

As we go into the final lap of the fund campaign, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Militant readers who continue to respond so generously. This has been especially true this week, since the attack on Cuba, M.K. of New York City sent in \$20 with this note: "Here's a contribution for the fine issue on Cuba. Lots of luck!" A friend from Philadelphia, J.B., sent in \$25. Another old friend from Plentywood, Mont., W.L., sent in \$10; M.L. of Lakeland, Ky., and A.W.D. of Columbus, Ohio, also made generous donations. We are also deeply grateful to many smaller contributors.

Their's is the spirit of the man in whose name this fund was originally conceived — Carl Skoglund. For new readers, a word of explanation. Last December, Carl Skoglund died suddenly. He was 76 years young.

Probably Carl's name on the fund has an especial significance for those of us who knew him all of our revolutionary lives. I am among the many who remember with honor that it was Carl who recruited me — recruited and then helped me to gain a Marxist education and understanding. Carl "specialized" in working with young people. His inexhaustible patience, his ability to make the most complex questions understandable, his humanness — and his courage in a fight — all these qualities made him a beloved comrade.

Carl understood completely the relationship between political and financial responsibility to his party. Almost his last act was to make a \$100 contribution to help pay an urgent organizational bill. When his possessions were examined after his death, it was discovered that this contribution had left him with only \$75 to his name.

Emulating Carl's example, seven branches have hit the top. And we have indications — and every confidence — that the rest of them will be in by May Day.

## Fund Scoreboard

BRANCH	QUOTA	PAID	PCT.
Allentown	120	125	104%
Boston	500	505	101
St. Louis	90	90	100
San Francisco	500	500	100
Seattle	500	500	100
Detroit	625	625	100
Connecticut	150	150	100
Chicago	800	750	94
Twin Cities	1,200	1,133	94
Cleveland	500	429	86
New York	4,400	3,590	82
Newark	150	117	73
Los Angeles	5,000	3,742	75
Pittsburgh	10	7	70
Milwaukee	300	194	65
San Diego	280	164	59
Philadelphia	300	171	57
Berkeley-Oakland	500	212	42
Baltimore	10	4	40
Denver	85	30	35
General		222	
Totals through April 24	\$16,020	\$13,260	83

## They Didn't Buy CIA 'Revolt'



Photo courtesy INRA

A Cuban Rebel Army officer drilling members of the revolutionary people's militia in the farming area of the Sierra Maestra mountains as all of Cuba prepared to smash the counterrevolutionary invasion that they knew was coming.

Sober observers in Cuba knew how far off base the CIA was in its estimate that the Cuban people would rise up against the Castro regime when the counterrevolutionary invasion force landed. Some of the reasons for this are indicated in the following extracts from an April 9 dispatch in the London *Sunday Times*, as reported in *I. F. Stone's Weekly*.

"This cleaning-up campaign by Castro's men in the mountains of Las Villas province has been an odd military operation. Every remote farm in that vast area became a kind of missionary settlement. The civilian army had orders not only to comb the hills for revolutionaries, but to teach illiterates to read and write, and to indoctrinate them with revolutionary principles.

"One thousand latrines were constructed by the militia for such of their hosts as had not even an outdoor privy. Some detachments built schools and set up classes; they tore down primitive huts and built new breeze-block houses in their places. They distributed 5,000 pairs of shoes to barefoot children . . .

### National Health Service

"In the town hall, color-washed in hyacinth blue, a young army doctor asked the mayor for supplies of electric wire wanted urgently for the surgery he had

started in the mountain village of Polevejo where he treated 60 civilian patients a day; Castro's troops were bringing a national health service with them . . .

"Throughout Cuba, from the part-time soldiers who dig, build

and stand guard after working hours to children dedicated to the revolution, Fidel is sustained by a spirit of fanatical devotion . . . Castro may be losing support, but he still has a powerful majority of the country behind him."

## Who's Neurotic?

Do you sometimes suspect that this country's leading political spokesmen are self-centered stuffed shirts devoid of any sense of humor?

If you do, here is some evidence to back up your suspicion. It's from the debate that took place last March 23 over CBS television on the issue, *Should Red China Be Admitted to the United Nations Now?* Lord Robert Boothby, a Conservative member of the British House of Lords, argued for the affirmative while Henry Cabot Lodge, former U.S. ambassador to the UN, upheld the negative.

The following is a section of the transcript of the debate:

**Lord Boothby:** I think you should get rid of your neurosis that somehow or other you were responsible for the Chinese Revolution. You weren't. It's not your fault. But you do have a sense of guilt about it. I'm absolutely certain of that, and I think it clouds, distorts your clear vision . . .

**Mr. Lodge:** Well, I'm not going to engage in personalities.

**Lord Boothby:** Not at all.

**Mr. Lodge:** I'm not going to do that.

**Lord Boothby:** No, I'm not indulging in personalities, but I do . . .

**Mr. Lodge:** You said I have a neurosis. That's what you said.

**Lord Boothby:** Oh, oh, I think the whole United States has a neurosis.

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If you feel that perhaps the above exchange indicates that Lord Boothby indulges in exaggerated or sensationalized statements, consider this point he made in the discussion:

Now I believe we got — humanity has got about 25 years at the outside to build some kind of world order which will maintain peace or that this planet is going to be blown up, completely, and that will be a sticky and rather — and rather poor and miserable end to the human race.

## Letters from Our Readers

### Kennedy and Cuba

New York, N. Y.

I tremble to think that my country's fate may depend on a president ignorant and stupid enough to think that the people of Cuba would rise up against the best government they ever have had merely because his Cuban mercenaries told them they should.

Reader

Paul Dennie

### Hands Off Cuba!

Detroit, Mich.

Workers everywhere should — and *must* — wake up to the fact that without the defense of Cuba on their agenda, there may be no agenda of activity for them. There may be no world in which to win the long sought after gains workers demand if World War III ensues from this present crisis. And Cuba has shown the way to achieve the gains workers seek.

The Cuban people will fight to the last drop of their blood to defend their homes, schools, land and freedom. If the military might of the USA had succeeded in destroying Cuba, the lies of the invaders that Cubans do not support Castro would have seemed true. But history has established that the Cubans now have the government they want. The lies of the counterrevolutionaries have been forever exposed. The Cuban people stood shoulder to shoulder in repelling the invaders.

The U.S. government has committed a blunder from which it will never recover. They have sullied the good name of the American people by their actions in our name. It behooves all Americans to come to the aid of the heroic Cubans fighting to defend their homeland and the gains they have made — gains that are in the interest of working people and downtrodden everywhere in the world. *Hands off Cuba!*

Robert Martin

### Willing and Anxious

Scottsdale, Ariz.

Wish to express my appreciation for your outstanding fight as set forth in our paper. It is a shame that you were compelled to reduce the sheet space in it. May we soon build it back, and far beyond where it was. It is a daring sheet, exposing with damming blows the evil forces at work within our land which are striving to overthrow the Constitution and freedom in the U.S. and to throttle all the world with the chains of despotism and eternal slavery.

Is there any way you can help me organize a group here? Am anxious and more than willing to do the best I can.

The reactionaries composing our state legislature have recently presented a bill which would outlaw both the Communist and Socialist parties. I may try to analyze this nefarious act and send it in to you.

C.B.

### Capitalist Brainwashing

Detroit, Mich.

Never in this nation's history has honesty and morality been at such a low ebb. Everything is being done to save this capitalist system of wage slavery. Callous politicians prate hypocritically about unemployment while taking their's and taking their sweet time about doling out miserable pittance to the poor devils involved.

Although a pensioned veteran of the Spanish-American war, I cannot stand by without registering my disgust at the foreign and domestic policies of the Democrats and Republicans alike.

Christian? A nation resorting to mass murder, as evidenced by the bombing of Hiroshima and Naga-

### Thought for the Week

"Kennedy and company have returned us to barbarism. Schlesinger and company have disgraced us intellectually and morally. I feel a desperate shame for my country. Sorry I cannot be with you. Were I physically able to do so, I would at this moment be fighting alongside Fidel Castro." — Telegram from C. Wright Mills to an April 22 San Francisco Fair Play for Cuba rally.

## It Was Reported in the Press

**First Try a Flop** — Just before the CIA-sponsored invasion of Cuba a plan was reported being circulated in the Pentagon for the global training of guerrilla fighters. It said in part: ". . . we must find a way to overthrow a Communist regime in power short of general warfare and even short of limited war. We could train and equip some hundreds of thousands of nationals who have escaped from Communist-domination. I include here not only the Soviet bloc, but Communist Cuba also. Place these forces under United States leadership, organized on the basis of special forces."

**Free to Unemployed** — A Harrisburg, Pa., business man is distributing king-size lapel buttons bearing the message: "Business is Good." According to *Women's Wear Daily*, the buttons are credited with sweeping away "clouds

of pessimism blown about by the winds of negative thinking."

**Think You Have Troubles?** — Expressing indignation at the lack of sympathy for U.S. businessmen in Latin America, the *St. Petersburg Times* pointed out that U.S. companies invest in Latin America "despite many risks including earthquakes and revolutions."

**Off the Map** — Acting on a complaint of the Michigan Council of Churches, Gov. John Swainson has ordered the Michigan State Police to discontinue its showings of *Operation Abolition*, the House Un-American Activities Committee's doctored version of the San Francisco student demonstration against it, and *Communism on the Map*, which purports to show that all governments except those of Switzerland, West Germany, Formosa and the U.S. are "Communist" or "Communist-dominated."

**Sound Advice** — Because of the danger of atomic destruction, "The time has come to speak out, even at the risk of being called subversive or unpatriotic," says Dr. Brock Chisholm, Canadian psychiatrist and former head of the World Health Organization. Reporting the speech he made at the MIT Centennial April 5, the *Boston Globe* said: "And putting preaching into practice, Dr. Chisholm said parents should begin to teach children that there is nothing wrong with mixed marriages; that state and national lines are artificial; that, in fact this is one world."

**Our Open Society** — News photographers are no longer barred from snapping President Kennedy on the golf links. A new White House decree permits them to snap him at the tee but not swinging a club.

saki, and to witch hunting by the infamous Un-American Activities Committees which jails Pete Seeger and Wilkinson and Braden for daring to tell the truth.

On this, my 86th birthday, I want to add my protest against the brain-washing carried on by every means of information to the American people.

### History Lesson

New Jersey

Since everyone is recalling the Civil War these days, let's recall a slogan of the farmers shortly before that time.

The working farmers newly settled in Oregon were harrassed by the British fur traders in Canada. The fur traders weren't using the land themselves, but they did not want anyone to interfere with their trade. Did the farmers take it sitting down? No! They demanded to get rid of those who stood in the way of progress by extending the boundaries of the U.S. to the 54th parallel. The slogan they shouted was: "54-40 or fight."

Today factories stand idle while men stand by aching for work. People do without the goods these factories can produce. Nothing prevents their being used except big business.

Are the workers going to stand for it? No! Let them hear a modern version of our forefathers' demand. "30-for-40 or fight." Sing it loud.

T.S.

### Standing Firm

Florida

I am a student attending junior college here and seriously interested in the Socialist Workers Party and the *Militant*.

Every week I read your issues although I do not subscribe. I plan to subscribe regularly upon graduation after returning to my home in the north.

Most probably, you can well imagine I am outnumbered almost completely here and severely criticized for my beliefs, which advocate your paper and socialism. Nevertheless, I feel capitalism will not last.

So, what I am requesting is any information you could forward on the Socialist Workers Party and especially any pamphlets on unemployment and/or the Cuban crisis.

This way, the more facts I have, the more I will have to back up what I say or discuss with others who are pro-capitalist.

E.B.

### Gift Subscriptions

Detroit, Mich.

Enclosed is \$15. Kindly renew my subscription for one year and send gift subscriptions to three of my relatives in New York. (Keep the balance.) Speaking to them recently about socialism I find they feel the same as I do. Therefore I am enthused to enlarge the scope of their understanding. The issue with the article, *Why Can't Everybody Have a Job?*, would be a good starter for the gift subscriptions.

My hope and desire is to bring my family to a complete realization that the Democrats are not the saviors of labor and humanity.

A.K.

### Commendation

San Diego, Calif.

I think the *Militant* is one of the finest printed. Certainly it is one of the few really honest newspapers. I commend you on printing a fine people's paper.

W.P.