Women in N.Y. March Against Vietnam War

By Janet Daniels

NEW YORK, May 7 — Over 500 chanting women marched through midtown New York today, demanding “Bring our men home from Vietnam.” The large crowds through which the march passed were generally curious and friendly. Many took the leaflet, and some joined the march. The leaflet said in part: “We want to bring our men home from Vietnam now!”

 Guardsmen Listened

Watching the rally were guardsmen who listened from windows and fire escapes of the building. They handed out leaflets, expressing their concern and affection for the peace movement. They also sent a message of support. The Toronto Coordinating Committee to End the War in Vietnam (TCC) sent a message of support.

People Came Early

I arrived at the meeting place an hour and a half before it was scheduled to begin. Already several hundred people were there. Tables were set up with separate ballots for each office. At 3:30 the meeting was formally called to order by John Hewlett, chairman of the Freedom Organization. After introducing the candidates, the vote began. Two hours later, after almost 900 votes had been cast, the polls were closed, and the count of the ballots began. While waiting for the announcement of the winners, the candidates

Sentiment for Viet Pullout Doubles

By Dick Roberts

MAY 10 — Growing numbers of Americans are taking the stance that the U.S. should get out of Vietnam now. This was apparent in the findings of the latest Harris poll, published in the New York Times today. Among the 1,000 people polled, the Harris poll, national support for Viet Nam interventions in Vietnam, throughout the world. We feel that demonstrations of this nature are making it more and more difficult for the Johnson administration to conduct this war. Marches such as our women’s march last February and your march May 7 are enabling women throughout this country to play a more significant political role in the antiwar movement. Bring our men home now.”

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Malcolm X Speaks

Malcolm X: Sir, I have great respect and admiration for one who has the nerve to tie his own hands and then walk out and let a brute brutalize him. I have to respect him because he's doing something that I believe is necessary. What I'm doing is beyond my power to even dream of. I'm not putting handcuffs on me and putting him in a cell. You can fight me to death, Clay or Sing, on me and I don't think I could do it, and whoever could do it, you know — power to you...

I think this is condemnation of COFO. I know many of you know them, they're brave students, men and all that. All that I'm saying is, as your step-by-step approach, you say it's 'tactical' — a tactical approach is designed to get certain results. It's designed to keep you alive. It's designed to bring victory. Why, we just can't say it is preserving life...

I'm not criticizing you or condemning you, but I'm questioning your tactics. I'm questioning your tactics. [Questioner speaks again.]

Socialist Education Fund

Payments Catching Up

By Marvel Scholl

Director

This week the fund totaled jumps by eight percent — which leaves $5 million per year. From previous experiences, however, I am confident that the full $21,000 will be paid, in full and on time!

Employment in the coal mines has increased since 1945, from 383,100 to 100,000 in 1995. At the same time, due to recent modernization, the tonnage a man produces has decreased by 75 percent since 1945 has equalled that of 1945 and is steadily climbing. This is what is planned.

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Mau Mau Movement

As I said in my opening statement, the best fight we had was one of the first and foremost in Africa, in the Mau Mau movements on the African continent. And in the operation of the African continent where the point was made, it took groups that were committed to a certain thing necessary to bring recognition and to bring about the right tactics. Is it be on the African continent, or wherever? In Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Pennsylvania, New York City, it takes the same tactics. Is it going to be nonviolent in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, New York City, or wherever? Is it going to be nonviolent in all places? Because the Iron Curtain is not soundproof.

There is a Curtain which is almost soundproof however — the New Media Curtain which en- closes all of us. Capitalist newspapers, the radio and TV, the magazines and the advertising indus- try all have one object — to try to make us believe that the real truth about what is going on in the world. Half-truths, outright lies and omissions are the rule, not the exception.

It is our job to break through this New Media Curtain. You can help by making as generous a contribution as possible to the Socialistic Education Fund, 827 Broad- way, New York, N.Y., 10003. Let your 'Truth Dollars' go to work for America in Free Europe.
Mexico Govt. Witchook

By Barbara Gregorich

The Witches' Convention of the Revolutionary Workers Party sent the following message to the US government on May 11:

The SWP demands the immediate release of those arrested, and the dropping of the frame-up charges against them.

Whatever one may think of the views of the group, however, it is absolutely necessary to rally to its defense against a witch-hunting attack such as this one. The Mexican authorities obviously singled out some of their weakest and most isolated of all their Trotskyists, expressing solidarity with the struggle, and tried to get away with an attack on him in the same way as Trotsky was able to pick off a stronger group. In any case, Trotsky was able to succeed in answering the student demonstrations as inspired by a "Trotskyist plot".

Confidential "Reformist"

In a report to the 17th Congress of the Revolutionary Workers Party, the Justicia Department claimed to have found various "tactics and resolutions. False credentials" evidence of the existence of students, professors, birth certificates, and other documents for a Communist take-over having been made by the TLO. The daily El Porreos of Monterrey ran a screaming headline. "Estefanin Hueso's Brain and Hands in the Student Movement", the Mexican said. "Eight Arrested and Have Confessions to Overthrow the LegisLator.

"Aliens" Solved

The TLO students were based on information released by the Department of Justice April 23. "It isn't true they were picked up, a group of more than 100, Argentines. They were picked up by the police at a midnight meeting of the group in Mexico City. Two Belgians were also arrested, although they had attended meetings of the Mexican group. He refused to answer further questions of the police, and was finally released to his wife and children. He said his wife had not been there and that she had not been there. He had been forced to sign a confession because police told her if she didn't she and her husband would be deported.

Arrests Eased

Adolfo Gilli said that he had been arrested but had never attended any meetings of the group in Mexico City. He said he had been told that in any case, he had been asked in articles2 in the newspaper the day before. As a journalist, he defended his ideas, but said that from that he had done nothing.

The Mexican press, according to the letter, had been somewhat peculiar in that they used pseudonyms to protect themselves. The government's "special" congress was to be attended by a group of his party to be of use for the establishment of a workers and students organization which would improve the standard of living of the toiling Mexican masses.

As for the fabulous suitcases full of guns which they were trying to get in the account of the hearing that appeared in the newspapers, it showed everyone's mind, including the judge's, to ask about it. Since the alleged instructions of the law carry possible penalties of five years or more, the prisoners have been denied bail.

The TLO message belongs to the "Posadas" tendency. This group is the strongest in Uruguay where it split from the Fourth International in 1962 and set up its own clandestine, student-oriented newspaper, and has been steadily losing even their more radical support from the Fourth International.

Focus on Identity

Some confusion has arisen as to its precise identity, however, and it was attacked as "Trotskyist" by the left, "Maoist" by the right, all Argentinians. They were arrested because of its connection with the Guatemalan guerrilla movement.

The following is from Mr. Belair's version of this essay in the techniques made famous by the late Senator McCarthy.

Lyndon B. Johnson is undoubtedly one of the most well-balanced presidents it has been the fortune of this country to have. His concern about tidying up the Vietnamese countryside by clearing out the hedges, villages and towns to ashes is balanced by his concern in flagrante delicto of the "regulars" among the news­paper. His concern about tidying up the rugs of the White House.

The May 12 Time Magazine de­scribed a meeting with President Johnson in New York Times was caught up in a "pro-Democratic" daze in his "anti-ash campaign." Time told how the "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offening ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offening ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offening ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offening ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offending ash was xylocaine, which he had been using for his "offen-
Where Fidel Castro Goes With Marxism

By Harry Ring

In the recently delivered May Day speech which we have excerpted on this page, Castro has asked to cope with a number of key theoretical and political problems, which include: (a) explaining the transition from capitalism to communism, (b) trying to achieve a more equitable distribution of income and social benefits — and thus to a certain degree, (c) trying to achieve the communist norm of taking care of all people in the world — and finally, and most importantly, (d) trying to understand the development of communism in the form of socialism as a means to achieve a true communist society.

To achieve this...
order to achieve this, I am sure that, with our country's natural resources, plus work and the use of technology, it will not be long before we reach those levels. But from these one, we must not think that our duty is to strive so that each one of us may have his own automobile before first concern ourselves about whether or not each family in those countries which are behind us owns at least a place.

Our present duty as a poor, underdeveloped country, is to make the maximum effort to rid ourselves of poverty, misery and underdevelopment. But in the future, we must not think of great affluence for ourselves, because the other peoples need our help. We must begin now to educate our children in the idea that tomorrow, when all our pressing needs are supplied, our goal will be more than simple satisfaction with the international community. Our goal will be more than simple satisfaction with the international community. Our goal will be more than simple satisfaction with the international community. Our goal will be more than simple satisfaction with the international community.

To educate our people in this concept of our international duty is the first step, because one person in this country will say that it is not possible, because we are helping someone else, instead, that so long as we will have a type of man capable of thinking of other human beings, even if it is only to feed them, we ourselves will be better in ourselves.

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Preparations for the 23rd Congress of CPSU

By Henri Vallen

Since the previous Congress, reports and speeches are still unavailable, it is too early to make a final appraisal of the new leadership. The former Communist Party of the Soviet Union is still a powerful force in the country, but the new one is likely to be more moderate and less militant.

The 23rd Congress seems particularly "bleak" and "lackluster" in comparison with the three previous congresses, despite their sensational events, turns and setbacks of fortune. But contrary to Brezhnev's declaration that the lack of sensations at this congress, where the "vocational strengthened unity" of the central committee of the CPSU, must have expressed the balancing of profound differences among the various sections of the party and the bureaucracy. These differences threatened the existence of the party, if they were not previously acknowledged and solved in the congress, which met on the eve of the congress.

The growth rates proposed by the 23rd Congress are expected to slow down economic growth. The Kremlin's accusations of "bleakness and lackluster" are justified in comparison with the three previous congresses, particularly the "bleak" and "lackluster" of the 22nd Congress. These differences have expressed the balancing of the party's leadership and the bureaucracy. But contrary to Brezhnev's declaration that the lack of sensations at this congress, where the "vocational strengthened unity" of the central committee of the CPSU, must have expressed the balancing of profound differences among the various sections of the party and the bureaucracy.

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Leolnd Brezhnev

In Congress there was the courage of the attitude of the congress in the Daniel-Szyrko trial, the Kokolet movement in Leningrad, which was known for its international atomic scientists; the demonstration of the International Communist Union in Red Square, the semi-official intervention of the Italian Communist party in the West German general strike, which would not support in any way the US effort to "rehabilitate" Stalin.

The result of all these pressures on the Soviet bureaucracy was the absence of any decision in favor of one of the two sides.

Furthermore, there was no lack of activity in both areas before the congress.

Economic Issues

In the economic field, the so-called "technocrats" of "realism" appear to have won their case for slowing down economic growth. The growth rates proposed by the new leadership will probably affect the standard of living of the workers, but they will also affect the Khrushchev plan. Stress was placed on the effort to raise the standard of living of the workers over the years.

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Letters From Our Readers

Nailing a Snare

Newberg, Ore. I know you are not a psychic, but I am asking your indulgence in reading the enclosed newspaper clipping. I feel it will elicit a comment on some issues raised in the letter to the New York Times by Mr. Arthur Maglin. For which The Militant is to be commended. I believe you are on the right track by giving your readers the insight of the thinking of some individuals or organizations of the American military establishment.

In Vietnam even though their solutions to the problem may be in opposition with the policy of The Militant — that is, to bring the war to an end, to come from Vietnam, to which this writer subscribes.

Dirk De Jonge

Review of Novack Book

New York, N. Y. There is one point about George Novack's Existentialism versus Marxism which seems to me to Arthur Maglin overlooks in his excellent review of the book, May 2. This is that Novack's book is more than an edited anthology or Existentialist writings. It contains a Marxist polemic against Existentialism.

"You cannot dismiss that expression of dissent, through the Vietnamese protest, as simply 'for a Communist takeover'.

"Such tactics barely represent the course of responsible journalism. By using them you contribute significantly to a totalitarian-type mentality in our country which while it may seem to be 'anti-communism', seeks to stifle and control the free expression of ideas."

"Recently the American Legion has been busy helping organize the Vietnam demonstration here. The next day there appeared on the window, door and sign of the AFSC office (located in a Quaker meetinghouse) red-painted hammers and sickles.

"Such acts, and your editorial, while not to be equated, have in common the use of smear, in the name of the use of point, and in your case, less obvious but perhaps more dangerous and damaging, by innuendo..."

Latin American Committees

Long Beach, Calif.

I think it would be a good idea to start various movements in the countries of Latin America to protest U. S. intervention in their countries. Such movements could spread like the anti-war movement in this country, really pull the Latin American countries toward much more progressive political changes than they had in the past.

This is a movement on the ground for a completely new social order, one based on the principles of democracy, security and free education, etc., to replace the existing one.

I imagine that some of your correspondents or feature writers have contacts with those Latin countries and so could initiate such movement.

J. W.

Seeks New View

Boulder, Colo.

I have taken an interest in the anti-war movement. It seems to me that the Socialist Labor Party has a leadership role to play in this development.

Everyone is either expending 10th-century fairs fare capitalist ideologue or 19th-century old-bait Marxist ideologue. I'm looking for someone to say something that is progressive and 20th-century, to say something that is positive and moving. If you think your paper is of this type send me your material.

M. P.

Thought for the Week


It was reported in the press

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"Basic Differences between Existentialism and Marxism" are a sharp challenge to anyone who swears by the Marxist banner.

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flooring philosophy capable of leading man in the struggle to change that system.

"Can the alienations of modern man be overcome?" Novack asks.

"The Existentialists contend they cannot. Marxism replies that these characteristics of a barbarous past and exploitive present can be removed by revolutionary outbreak.

soviet revokes stalin's charges

First reported in the May 10

News of the Week

SOVIET REVOKES STALIN'S CHARGES — The Soviet Union has revoked the charges against the late I. M. Stalin, which were announced last week by the government. The action of April 10 is more than a mere repeal of Stalin's tyrannical laws. These laws gave special powers to the government and the police, and were used to suppress all opposition. The action of April 10 has been hailed as a victory for the Soviet people, and as a step toward a more democratic society.

10 Years Ago

In The Militant

KOREAN LABOR PLEADS FOR END OF HOSTILITIES

The May 10 issue of the American labor paper, The Militant, has called on the American government to stop its military aid to South Korea. The Korean labor movement has made this appeal to the government in an effort to bring an end to the war in that country. The Korean labor movement is demanding an end to the war and a return to peace.

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Questions have been raised about whether the CIA should be reorganized or whether Congress should have some kind of "control" over it. There have also been proposals to reorganize the CIA and separate its two major functions: gathering intelligence on the basis of which government policy is decided; and the illegal, subversive operations of its Division of Plans. There are known in the jargon of the cloak-and-dagger boys as "dirty tricks" and "black" operations. This would at least keep the intelligence-gathering agency from having a vested interest in some "plan." Despite the widespread criticism, no such changes have been made, and for good reason. Even after the Bay of Pigs invasion, Kennedy rejected a proposal to separate the two functions.

As a separation would make it much easier to control the agency, it would make it more difficult to carry out the "dirty tricks." Presently, the government claims that the main function of the CIA is to gather information. But it would be rather embarrassing to acknowledge that it had another agency — and it would turn out to be a very large and powerful one — whose sole function was to carry out "operations" like personal assassinations, aiding and abetting sugar Cuba shipped aboard, bribing foreign government officials, organizing counter-revolutionaries, staging coups, and invading foreign countries.

"As for the State Department taking over covert operations, the opponents ask, how could the department support the inevitable spread of some bit of political skullduggery in some other country? Hence the cry that the CIA "is an evil and ill-controlled government to substitute for the ruling capitalist government to dominate the world in a more compliant puppet. The American, ruling class is preparing for the next major united action against the revolutionary forces, or to destroy the revolutionary government. These operations are among the most important functions the government performs, and their secretiveness and the way they are handled are vital to the survival of the ruling class. But they can hardly be accused of working behind the scenes in an effort to progress.