Two Worlds

Mao & Nixon move closer together

by Raya Dunayevskaya,
National Chairman, New America Committees

On March 15 Nixon announced that on May 1 a “liaison mission” would be opened in Peking and would be headed by David Bruce. If the euphemism of “liaison officer” could possibly have fooled anyone, Mr. Bruce’s super-ambassadorial rank put an end to such delusions.

Ever since Nixon made his trip to China, a year ago, every writer has been stressing the somersaults executed by the Nixon Administration. Thus, nothing either of a political or historical crisis — which brought about nothing short of the death (execution) of Mao’s “closest comrade-in-arms and successor,” Marshal Lin Piao — or the external condition that there is but one China, not the “two” Nixon sponsored in the UN and still recognizes as “China,” i.e., Taiwan, was permitted to slow the speed-up of closer relations with the U. S.

Thus, the joint communiqué had originally stated that the U. S. would “progressively reduce its forces and military-installation on Taiwan as the first step in the area (Vietnam) diminish.” Nothing of the sort was done. For that matter, hardly anyone believes that peace has come to Vietnam. China’s activity even closer to the U. S., however, is so great that no imperialist action by the U. S. against others can stop it. No wonder that Nixon has repeated the same news conference in which he made his announcement of new relations with China, under the preface to warn North Vietnam that the cease-fire “violations” continue, he would not hesitate to bludgeon it back to accept “Pea America.”

MAO AND KISSINGER

Splashed over the front pages of all three major publications in China — The People’s Daily, The Red Flag, and The Liberation Army Daily — were pictures of Henry Kissinger with Mao Tse-tung. Day in and day out, during the four-day Kissinger spent in Peking, the Chinese press followed up the picture display of Mao and Kissinger with commentary that stressed to the Chinese masses that Mao was talking to a very good friend: They had talked for over two hours, that was twice as much as with Nixon. He was telling his very good friend to be sure to greet another and greater friend, the President.

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No wonder that Kissinger’s smile upon his return looked like that of the cat who just swallowed the canary. This “enemy” was now by the side of the vast Chinese masses that Mao was talking to a very good friend: They had talked for over two hours, that was twice as much as with Nixon. He was telling his very good friend to be sure to greet another and greater friend. With the Western “specialists” having written, “this aside was almost as significant as the meeting itself.” It set the stage for further development of Chinese-American relations.”

India activist tells meaning of Wounded Knee

The following article is part of a speech given by a young Indian woman who is a member of the Associated Indians of Detroit (AID) to a meeting of the Michigan-Louisville Committee. We think it is a unique and important view of the Indian struggle—Editor.

The situation at Wounded Knee began when the American Indian Movement (AIM) was invited to the Pine Ridge Reservation by Wounded Knee by three members of the 12-man tribal council. The three came from the reservations tribal chairman. They had gone to the local Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) agent, but he had thrown them out and would not listen to their grievances. So they left their work to come and show support for their demands. AIM is not going to leave until they get the wheels in motion to have their demands aired and met.

TRIBAL COUNCIL CORRUPT

The tribal council is the U.S. government institution imposed on American Indians. They’re supposed to represent the reservation people. But the tribal chairman runs the whole show. If he does what the government wants, his family will have nice cars and big houses. The rest of the reservation remains hungry and undeveloped.

The newspapers don’t say that Wounded Knee is on the Ogala Sioux reservation, and that the presence of Federal Marshals there is a direct violation of Indian rights. One person, the tribal chairman, asked them to come. It was not the consensus of the tribal council. The take-over of the BIA in Washington last Novem-

her was only the beginning. The Trail of Broken Treaties Caravan was formed to go every place a treaty was broken—that means, every inch of the U.S.A. The newspapers also neglected to mention the number of elderly people, young parents and their small children that travel with the Caravan—it is by no means “a bunch of young male hoodlums.”

You know I work with Associated Indians of Detroit (AID) which operates a small Indian center in the inner city. We provide a gathering place for American Indians, cultural classes, and a G. E. D. program. AID is affiliated with AIM, a national organization with chapters in mainly urban areas of the U.S.A. and just lately in Canada. American Indian people do not identify with the border. AIM was the first national organization to define the reasons for our problem, to define who the enemies were—first, Christianity; second, the BIA.

We say Christianity because it was Christian missionaries that came to the Indian people and converted them by fire and sword. But we believe that Christian concepts are very beautiful and valid standards if Christian people would live up to them. We have seen Christianity turning into “Churchianity.” Until American Indians see Christians living what they preach, we cannot believe them.

MISSIONARIES AND THE BIA

We have seen priests and missionaries, by their very presence, divide families. We have seen structures built—churches that cost millions, and yet people are hungry and children die of malnutrition.
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BRANKA MAGAS

Branka Magas is openly a Marxist and understands the need for an independent women's movement; her view is that what the women's movement are presently under religious jurisdiction. The lawyers and lawyers who are now working on the case, are not aware of their legal being tied too closely to structuralism, which sees history as chron- ogical epochs and not the movement of people for free- dom. For example, she correctly criticizes the women who aren't saying "all women are my sisters"; rather, all women who do not see the women's movement bearing any re- implications of the fact that one doesn't accept the system as it is, will be able to join together in solidarity and work toward a different orientation and point of departure to the movement.

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L.A. rent strikers sold out

Two-shot families at the William Mead city housing project in Los Angeles have been on a rent strike for six months and have formed themselves into the William Mead Community Action Council. Below is their answer to a letter received from the Housing Authority and the Housing Authority. The letter, from the Housing Authority (HARAC), is an organization that is supposed to represent the tenants of the housing project—Ed.

William Mead received a letter from Housing Authority Chairman Labarita and Executive Director Mr. Sandalow, which states that their housing had a continuous forward jump every week, from the work reports and a promise to put an end to the petty harassment against us, especially the Black sister. We shall have to wait and see if the promises were serious or only appeasement. None of us will be satisfied as long as we are on our hands and knees, and afraid to speak up and fight for our rights.

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S.F. Pier 96 dockers say, 'job action only way'
San Francisco, Calif.—Bridges' attempts to merge the ILWU with the ILA and then with the Teamsters are often interpreted as attempts to solve the union's problems with the employers.

In my opinion this view is way off the beam—he is firmly in the employer camp where productivity is concerned. He has long accepted machinists and contain-nerization as progress, rather than seeing it as an employer assault on conditions and jobs of workers in this industry in order to increase profits.

While the news is of merger, working longshoremen have confused the process of getting control of their own job situation. Recently they were invited from the hiring hall to Pier 96, a huge new pier for container- and mainly-container vessels, for 6:00 p.m. on the night shift. The companies are allowed six o'clock gangs if there are three 00 a.m. gangs to follow us—otherwise our turn-to time is 6:30 p.m. on the night shift.

When we learned there were no 3:00 a.m. gangs, we decided not to go to work at six. A union business agent was sent up to the pier to inform the company representative to arbitrate the dispute by phone.

The business agent came back about seven and reported that the arbitrator had ruled that the gangs should have turned to. He had left the question of pay to six from seven open, something to be decided at another hearing. The arbitrator representative recommended nothing, leaving it up to the workers to decide what to do.

Some immediately headed for the bus out, while others stood around considering what to do. Some young Black brother said, speaking for himself: "I'm not turning to work. Management, the UAW and the courts seem to be siding with the employers. The employers are attempting to blame the above-mentioned business agent. They have demanded his deck-charger, excepting the boat crew. Since the longshoremen are giving him full support and will continue their walkout, the arbitrator has no choice. Bridges' merger talks indicate that he no longer controls the top structure of the ILWU. The working longshoremen-vehicles, for 6:00 p.m. on the night shift.

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Canadian farmers ask U.S. boycott of Kraft products
Kingston, Ontario—The Kraftco Corporation is extremely difficult to deal with since it produces such a large variety of products. This giant U.S. company has the Canadian farmer in a stranglehold. Kraft controls not only the milk industry in Canada (80 per cent) but is the dominant force in the food industry as well.

Here in S.E. Ontario, Kraft and its allies in Canadian government are directly responsible for the rapid decline in family farms. In 1967 there were over 22,000 individual farmers in Ontario, but by 1972 over 8,000 had disappeared. Now in 1973 they're going under at the rate of 36 a day due to crop failures. In Canada, as a whole, according to federal government statistics, for the last two years farmers have been going under at the rate of just over 1,000 per month.

Perhaps you begin to see our problem. The boycott is going well here in Canada. Our picketing actions have met with great success in a good response from the public. However, since Kraftco is a multi-national corporation and Canada makes up less than 10 per cent of its market, we'll have to seek to get support in other countries. It would be nice to have a loud, squawk from the giant in its own back yard.

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Cops and court abuse worker
Detroit, Mich.—We have been boycotting the cafeteria for a week now at Fleetwood. The protest is just about 100% effective. Only four or five workers have gotten into the cafeteria all this week.

It started when a group of workers up on the sixth floor put out a leaflet and called the boycott over high prices for poor food. The prices have been going up and up. The cheapest meal is $1.15—and it's nothing. A large variety of products. This giant U.S. company has the Canadian farmer in a stranglehold. Kraft controls not only the milk industry in Canada (80 per cent) but is the dominant force in the food industry as well.

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STATE CAPITALISM

Nixon’s bone-headed commitment to state capitalism sounds more and more like the Russian brand every day. I’m referring to the Nixon Doctrine—especially concerning another high food prices: “It’s patriotic to eat fish and Agnew with a claim to speak for the Third World, now prefers substitutes for pork just as the U. S. prefers to deal with puppets like Ky and Thieu in Vietnam. A Friend

I was disappointed in “Russia as State-Capitalist Society” in two respects:—
1) It discusses the Russia of 30 years ago. I’m much more interested in the Russia of today. 2) The booklet is too highly abstracted (in the economic sense). If we had to wait for the socialist revolution until the number of people required to support it were actually standing in line at your store, you would have stood your booklet without reservations, we’ll have to wait several millennia.

Grocer

I just finished reading Raya Dunayevskaya’s original historical analysis of “Russia as a State-Capitalist Society.” I was amazed it was written 30 years ago. The parallels to the situation today — with Nixon’s phases and phases allowing him to put his fingers into everything that happens in the economy. Nixon’s “game plan” is only a euphemism for a “five year plan.” His instant global realignment — abandoning his own “sacred” principles of anti-communism and “free enterprise and opening the door to Russian and Chinese trade while ongoing new alliances among the U.S. with all the allies in Europe and Japan — shows that the state-capitalism which Ms. Dunayevskaya caught in her early studies of Russia is the all-pervasive form in the world today.

Med Student

All I have to say about the bill that would force me to eat bread lines that used to say in the content of radio and T.V. broadcasting, it’s that this country is getting more like Russia every day.

WOUNDED KNEE

There is an alternative to Wounded Knee — to the original one, to the many that preceded and that followed it. You see, I’m a child — I have the right to take some recourse from the govern­ ment, by writing to the government, I mean, by sending task forces (BIA non-Indian work­ ers) to investigate. They write volumes about it, return to their bosses the data gathered dust and everything is kept quiet or forgotten. Nobody ever goes back. It seems every time someone wants to “help the poor Indian” I get calls that say “I have gathered nothing for you and the way not to help them.

Lloyd Leno Lilaue of the Delaware Nation

Nobody ever told the Indians would one day revolt. I sometimes think that the Indians and the Jews have been the only two oppressed people in this society. Nobody ever went to their rescue. But the Indians are saying they just not going to take it any more. They have seen what the Black people in this country have been doing, and they have a chance to learn from the mistakes others have made.

Black Mother

Wounded Knee isn’t over with, it is just beginning. Nixon doesn’t want to get involved with it right now. He is worried about the discontent over rising prices and the labor contracts coming up. Something like Wounded Knee could set the whole thing off before he is ready. The government is really getting ready to come down on the people of this coun­ try.

White Worker

The average American does not hear about the murders of Indians in his own country. The average American does not hear how their murderers escape or evade justice. Pima County Sheriffs offi­ cers have killed a 19 year old Indian youth in Ajo. In Tucson only recently, there have been several cases of police beating Indian youths.

We are asking everyone to immediately support the legal defense of Tucson and South Dakota. Both situa­ tions are critical. In South Dakota, 36 Indians are facing up to 30 years in prison for protesting the slaying of an Indian by a white man. In Tucson, funds are needed to defend juvenile juve­ nile court and youth centers, and funds are needed for test cases for police brutality.

Donations may be sent to: Papago Cultural and Research and Halftime House F. 0. Box 7872 Tucson, Arizona 85706

PEACE

It was very exciting to read Raya Dunayevskaya’s article on George Yablonski because it showed how much such lives live. The thought that Lula­ lala Key had an “underground life,” as she called it, for all this time, in a totalitarian country made me realize the importance of that little letter from “Reader, East Europe,” when she was reading NA4L. It suddenly conjured up a world of things to me, of people living, people meeting people, living ideas.

Angela Terrano

WOMEN’S LIBERATION

A March of women demonstrated at the Federal Building in New York re­ cently to protest the upcoming changes in the family laws. They called the demonstration “pre­ registration for welfare.” The effect of the new HEW regulations will be to force working women with children that under capitalism, the poor more than the rich, the poor more than the middle, live in this neck of the woods.

Disgruntled

MIDDLE-EAST TURMOIL

The latest in a long list of assassination attempts took place in Sudan does seem an accident. It was Sudan which has recently had an assassination attempt. Three Communists were then crushed. Recently the Sudan has been moving closer to the U. S.

Los Angeles

A march and rally was held in Detroit on March 9 in protest of the shooting down of a Libyan airliner by U. S.-built war planes over the Sinai desert. 106 of the 111 people on board were killed. The rally was also to protest the invasion of Palestinian refugee camps in northern Lebanon by Israeli commandos. 21 of the civilians were murdered in that attack.

Chicago

200 people participated in the march carrying signs that read “Israel is the one who caused the atrocities committed against the Arab peaceful people of the Middle East.” The rally ended with the reading of a prepared statement by a Palestinian refugee.

Arab Youth

APRIL, 1973

“The Movement”

I was attracted by the article of the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NWCO) announcing a course in Marxism here. The article was so convincing that thinking that workers and campuses are “innocent” is impossible. So who do they invite to their course? “Socialist revolutionsaries,” not workers themselves. I thought we were going to learn how to become the leaders of the revolution. The course will present the theoretical, intellectual needs of workers and students in order to develop some type of active Black student organization. We don’t need anyone to tell us when to celebrate our heritage and there’s no reason to limit ourselves to one week.

Black Student

Letters

In a letter to the National Editors, John Alan, a member of the National Caucus of Labor Committees, wrote: “We are very fortunate enough to attend recently Chavez was completely the opposite of all those ego-tripping organizers and that he has said of his feeling throughout his entire speech, he stressed the role and force of the movement in bringing about the success and gains of the union.

Supporter

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Peoples’ Voices

We have been charged with the taxing and feebly incident, though they have yet to come to trial. Apparently, theKKK runs more than the Jews and the little chauvinists in this neck of the woods.

Ypsilanti, Michigan

The UFW rally in N. Y. for Cesar Chavez was only the first to the meet­ ings of various Leftists. Chavez is the only one to attend recently Chavez was completely the opposite of all those ego-tripping organizers and that he has said of his feeling throughout his entire speech, he stressed the role and force of the movement in bringing about the success and gains of the union.

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Costa Rica
The somersaults of the mass media

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German youth revolt stuns Brandt

West Germany's Young Socialists (JUSOS) held their annual congress this week and came out strongly against the policies of Chancellor Willy Brandt, leader of the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD). These Young Socialists, representing 250,000 members of the SPD, openly reject the capitalism of their "parent" party and call for a "renaissance of Marxism" in Western Europe.

The JUSOS Congress adopted resolutions calling for fundamental changes in West Germany to stop the continued presence of the 200,000 U.S. troops in the country. The congresses shocked the SPD and the Brandt Government so greatly that Brandt has publically denounced the JUSOS "Yankee-go-home" policy and even threatened to resign as Chancellor if this policy is adopted by the SPD as a whole.

The philosophical differences between the Young Socialists and the SPD leaders were revealed at the youth congress when Wolfgang Roth, JUSOS Chairman, accused Mr. Brandt of being a capitalist and ignoring West Germany's workers. On the other hand, Holger Boerner, Brandt's representative at the congress, re­mittedly denounced the JUSOS for their "anti-government" policies.

The SPD program consists of a double strategy of working within the SPD and mobilizing workers and youth outside the party. This strategy is opposed by the other left groups who call it a sell-out to State Monopoly Capitalism.

Whether or not the strategy of the Young Socialists is a "sell-out" remains to be seen, but the JUSOS resolutions and the anti-U.S. demonstration have forced Chancellor Brandt to run to Nixon to apologize and, so to speak, "forgive the rebelliousness of youth." The willingness of Brandt's reaction to the youth revolt reveals not only that the battle over Europe is a battle between the big, state-capitalist powers; but also that any re­vival of the youth revolts that swept West Germany and the rest of the world in the 60's can shake govern­ments big and small to their foundations.

--- W. Thayer

Quebec student strike faced brutal attacks

Montreal, Quebec—On Sunday, March 4th, after six bitter weeks of striking, the students of the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) voted in general as­sessment meetings to return to their classes and continue their struggle there. The administration has been unusually brutal in trying to destroy the students' movement. On March 1st, the university finally announced that it would break the solid alliance of students, maintenance em­ployees, and professors by police attacks, expulsions, court orders, massive arrests, firings of non-union employees, and injunctions.

The students felt that if they did not return the university would be closed altogether and everyone would be thrown out on the street. They voted to devote class time to political discussion and to "exposing the ex­ploitative nature of the education system."

The issue at stake in the strike is the payment of tuition. McGill University, Quebec's other major university, also charges students for the tuition. It is in no way inter­connected with the student strike. The students of UQAM have learned much of the spirit and courage which evaporated from the student movement after the massacres at Jackson and Kent.

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At Boston U.

Students stop Marines

Boston, Mass.—On Thursday, March 1, several hun­dred Boston University students massed to protest the presence of a Marine detachment at BU. In spite of several anti-military referendums by both students and faculty, B.U. President John Silber had invited the Marines to occupy the college campus as "a good few men" (the fewerer than the corps).

The students were well-organized and calm, but de­termined to inhibit the Marines' presence. About 100 students signed up for all the interview spots for that day, filling the recruiter's schedule, and then did not go to these interviews. About 500 other students gathered at the entrance to the building from 8:30 in the morning until 5 in the evening. The students, led by women, to break through the police lines.

By the end of the day no one had gotten in to see the College President, because the Marine recruiter finally left him. He had to run a 50-foot gauntlet of jeering students and an arch of "Hiller" salutes.

This action is the latest in a series of efforts to return much of the spirit and courage which evaporated from the student movement after the massacre at Jackson and Kent.

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Guyanese fight for land

Georgetown, Republic of Guyana — The present squatt ing phase of the land movement has now ended. Following a government announcement on Jan. 23, squatters were given 48 hours to clear the land. Then police were moved in to wreck the temporary structures. The farmers and squatters of the region have slightly increased as a consequence of the Guiana Government. ASCRIA, an African group, initiated the call for the return of land "taken from us by force, without money, without price, and at no cost." Since then, it was announced that all unused sugar land is being taken over by the government for "redevelopment for agricultural and housing purposes." With the initiative of the government and the Peas­ant and its method of fighting that have forced both the government and Booker's, a British sugar firm, into "these changes. The Royal Labor Act, "a new law on land use" is now accepted as government policy, where before the government merely talked about "cheap­er" prices for sugar lands.

The movement continues. On Feb. 17, a massive gathering of people met at Bachelor's Village to demand the return of a 6-mile stretch of land "stolen" from the village by sugar interests, and that all land in case farming be given to cane farmers and not sugar com­panies.

--- Reader, Guyana, South America
New Bobby Seale: old mentality

by John Alan

Regardless of the results of the April 17 election in Oakland, Cal., I am going to express my observations and opinions beforehand, because of the fact that this campaign is not presented by the electoral plus the fact that Bobby Seale, co-leader and founder of the Black Panther Party and extralegal insurgent, has hit the campaign trail in earnest as a major contender in the race for the Mayor of Oakland. This can either leave you tongue-tied or set you running for an answer immediately.

In case you don't know, Seale is running for the Mayor of Oakland as a registered Democrat. He has excused his presence as a shift from the same old political business suit, lowered his voice to a polite discussion tone, and has won recognition by the media and political opponents as a "New Bobby Seale", eager to work within the system of bourgeois politics by abiding by the rule. This is not a mere tactical posture, because by all evidence the immersion is complete.

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Seale is now setting out to accomplish, via the machinery of bourgeois politics, what the rhetoric or urban-gang-bond language of the directing of Federal Revenue-Sharing Funds toward social programs that will aid the poor, youth, aged, and minorities. And, where these programs do not aid those classes to pass off several taxes on large corporate income.

During his prison days of revolutionary fervor, Seale would have none of the directorship of Federal or federal governments because this would have been a cunning attempt to put the colonizers to bridle and harness. By his Colonial Ghetto Report and now his whole political program is geared to the meager funds Nixon is allocating to the city. The question, however, is not Seale's obvious inconsistencies, because both his "revolutionary militancy" of the past, and his new brand of Populism, stem from the same philosophical roots: that a truly human society can be built by elitists, within the existing forms of capitalist society, by changing a law here and there, and placing the "right" people in office.

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There is nothing in Seale's 14 Pencil Program which could not be written by the "experts", the so-called "democracy" even George Meany. In fact, it is nothing more than an attempt to put the masses in an at least a symbolic way in control of the city. It is not even a political program geared to the meager funds Nixon is allocating to the city. The question, however, is not Seale's obvious inconsistencies, because both his "revolutionary militancy" of the past, and his new brand of Populism, stem from the same philosophical roots: that a truly human society can be built by elitists, within the existing forms of capitalist society, by changing a law here and there, and placing the "right" people in office.

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In the city of Oakland, which is 60 percent black, the "experts" are predicting that Seale will garner about 20 percent of the vote. When you roll off the top two, and eliminating all the other candidates, more than half of whom are black—and leave the white innumerable "experts" in the dust.

Only Black people in motion en masse can, in conjunction with the working class, become the opposition to "experts" and bureaucrats. The conservative group becomes the company managers to be their foremen, supervisors, etc., over the working class.

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NEW BOBBY SEALE: OLD MENTALITY

We are penalized for the most minor alleged infraction of contracts and agreements, despite the truth contained in them.

"John Miller was fired, and twelve others were disciplined after Dept, 7913 first walked out. When the complaints were heard by Wieber, our President Warren Wieber, he just walked out and shut the damn plant down."

"Management has already sent out notices firing eight more union members because people were necessary and performed their work. People who were necessary and performed their work. People who were necessary and performed their work. People who were necessary and performed their work. It is a necessity to get rid of people who don't want around.

"The union has supplied letters of recommendation to help the workers pass out leaflets, and handed some out to the bureaucrats before workers got there. The bureaucrats used this by saying that "People are telling you to stay out that do not and never did work here." Some of us knew the union and company would eventually apply enough pressure to force some workers back in, but those young radicals' mistake gave leverage to the union leaders."

"When there is a strike, the workers are called and told in yelling, although some of those going in were calling them some of the most vicious names you ever heard. The last workers came up and said, "It is not settled. It is the beginning of a bigger and longer strike. Nobody can take that in human spirit, and we sure are not. Something has to give until it breaks."
**France**

The government of Georges Pompidou will remain in power as a result of the recent French elections, but his party, the Union for the Defense of the Constitution, which won the largest number of votes in the legislative elections, will lose its majority in the National Assembly. The Pompidou regime depends on the shopkeepers and conservative middle class for its support, and has been able to maintain its leadership, economic problems and great discontent with its nationalistic policies.

As the result of the intensive campaign waged by the Communist-Socialist Alliance, reforms which might be expected are: a minimum $220-monthly salary, sex education in the schools, a more liberal abortion law, and votes for 10-year-olds.

The final run-off election which occurred on March 11 involved over 189 seats which were closely contested and which were bargained for by Pompidou himself with the Reformers, who withdrew their candidates.

The Communists won 73 seats against 34 in 1968 and the Reformers won 71 against 74 in 1968, with the leaders of both parties winning seats.

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