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SOCIALISTS OF
PARIS ARE COYWithhold Backing From
Reds for Presidency.

By PAUL GHALI
Times Foreign Correspondent
PARIS, Nov. 22.—Whether a Communist will be president of France's fourth republic depends upon the Communists' ability to get the Socialists to unite with them.

Currently the Socialists are taking a "We'll see later" attitude.

Despite the remarkable efforts of Communist Party Leader Maurice Thorez to inspire confidence in the moderation of his party's policies should it gain power, the Socialists are still holding out for agreement on a precise common program.

The leftist newspaper, *Combat*, laid the latest political bomb under the Mr. Thorez' feet. In an editorial, the newspaper suggested that the Communist leader should ask for the supply ministry instead of the presidency if he is really so keen on serving French interests.

Speaks Through Foreign Press
Meanwhile, the Communist campaigners are employing some most unique measures.

Outstanding is their use of British and American news agencies to channel their promises to the French people. In interviews granted to the foreign press Mr. Thorez is declaring his party's aim to be the maintenance of an equal balance of friendship between the Soviets in the east and the Anglo-Saxon allies in the west.

In the internal political field he is advocating the formation of a French labor party in conjunction with the Socialists and rejecting the application of Russian-brand communism to France.

Denies Being Moscow 'Stooge'
In other words, Mr. Thorez declares himself no "stooge" of Moscow and avers that he will prove the total independence of his party toward the Kremlin.

With relation to Germany he calls for a system of absolute control over the Ruhr and prolonged allied occupation—in the best traditions of French nationalism.

Notwithstanding all this "sincerity," the French man-in-the-street remains dubious toward Communist good intentions.

As of today, if a record number of six million voters are ready to touch for Thorez—as the Communists claim—there is a rough majority of ten million who are not. Copyright, 1946, by The Indianapolis Times and The Chicago Daily News, Inc.

NEW CONGRESS MAY
HAVE A COLD TIME

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The new congress, which is expected to rewrite the nation's labor laws, may have a pretty cold time of it.

The capitol, with other government buildings here, has a coal pile of about 40,000 tons. If it's used sparingly, it will last five to six weeks.

That would exhaust the stock by Jan. 1—and the new congress meets Jan. 3. Unless the congressional coal pile gets more fuel, the new congress could be just as cold as anyone else.

The capitol power plant is one of the coal industry's best customers. It provides heat, light and power for the capitol, its office buildings and several other government buildings.

Birth Increases
Ships' Stowaways

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (U. P.).—The number of stowaways aboard the Ile De France increased after the vessel left Cherbourg.

Lee Paneth, 20, one of three stowaways, gave birth to a daughter in ship's hospital last Friday. Mother and daughter were taken to Ellis island Wednesday after the ship docked. The girl told immigration authorities she had an uncle in Brooklyn.

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BY SUMMER DROUGHT

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