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spent money faster than it came in. When the public grew tired of his plays, he found himself swamped with debts. Then he took a long-planned step. He started writing historical novels. He would do for French history what Sir Walter Scott had done for the Scottish one.

"Shortly after this, he met Auguste Maquet, his life-long collaborator. Taking a short sketch of Maquet's, Dumas breathed into it the breath of life and produced "The Chavalier Harmen-thal," which proved an instantaneous success. This was followed by his most famous works, "The Three Musketeers," "The Count of Monte Cristo," "The Black Tulip," and others.

"These children of his brain became so popular that they were discussed in cafes and

salons as if they were living personages. Indeed, there were those who insisted that they were real. So great a sensation were his books, that he was not long in being the most talked of man in France. Crowned heads and princes sought his company. It was while touring Italy as the guest of Prince Napoleon that the idea of one of his most famous books, "Monte Cristo" occurred to him. When his yacht arrived off Algiers, he was given a royal salute of twenty-one guns."

NEW YORK--(NPI)--The Congress of Racial Equality last week was reportedly in "serious financial straits," after the civil rights organization was hit with a \$22,500 tax lien.

The lien, filed by the Internal Revenue service in Federal District Court was for income and social security taxes totalling \$25,000 collected from CORE employees but not transmitted to the IRS, it was reported.

Contacted shortly after the filing of the lien, Lincoln Lynch, CORE's associate director, said he had no immediate knowledge of it. "We really don't know if it exists." However, Lynch was reportedly admitted that CORE is in financial difficulty. Also, a recently resigned official is said to have placed CORE's current financial deficit at above \$350,000.

Several moves by CORE recently seems to support the reports of its financial difficulties. The organization has cut its staff about 30 per cent. The national staff has been trimmed down to 65 workers, most of whom operate across the national, and those let go included many long-standing employees.

Meanwhile, the organization has moved its headquarters from a \$1,000 monthly location in downtown Manhattan, to a \$500 a month address in Harlem. But Lynch explained that move as the decision of the organization to be in closer contact with Negroes and their needs.

CORE's income three years ago was reportedly \$1 million a year, but a series of develop-ments have said to have contributed to its drastic curtailment. They include passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Bill which allegedly led many whites to believe their contributions were no longer needed.

Moreover, CORE's outspoken advocacy of the "Black Power" philosophy has reportedly hurt its financial posture.

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