

CHICAGO

# SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

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Rich Hutton  
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Dear Rich,

We received the following letter last week: "Dear People: This is to formally withdraw my application for membership in the SWP. I have concluded that the Workers World Party represents the nucleus of a mass Leninist party in this country and have, accordingly, applied to join it. I trust that this step will not adversely affect the applications of other members (and former members) of the IT, many of whom genuinely desire to rejoin the SWP and some of whom richly deserve it. Sincerely, John Hutton."

We learned in June that Hutton had embarked on this treacherous course--a few weeks after he had evinced a "genuine desire" to rejoin the SWP. Hearing nothing on this matter from his close cothinkers such as yourself, and seeing very little evidence of party-building work on your part, the branch voted to cease giving active consideration to your application for membership.

Shortly after that decision, we received your note detailing the problems you have in scheduling any party-building activity. In reviewing the situation, the executive committee sees no reason to propose that the branch alter its earlier decision. If and when you are able to carry out party-building work, and account for your failure to inform us of Hutton's course, we will consider changing our decision.

Meanwhile, as always, we welcome whatever limited support you find possible. We would also welcome, even at this late date, any information you might have on Hutton's evolution and on Paula Westfall's orientation. Westfall recently wrote that she is "withdrawing my application for membership in the Socialist Workers Party." She says she has no plans, "at this time," to join any other organization. While her application was being considered, Westfall was seen on a number of occasions in the company of Marceyites.

Yours,



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Diana -

I had hoped to give you a check at the campaign rally but I was called out to work. Since this is vacation time, I have been working 6 and 7 days a week. In addition, I am trying to sublet my apartment and must be home for calls. This is not meant as an excuse, but an explanation. This situation should be a temporary, but until I have rented the apartment I am afraid my inactivity will continue. When I am able I shall begin to more actively participate in the campaigns of the Party. In the meantime, my original monetary pledge will have to suffice.

Comradely,  
Rich Mullen.