

February 7, 1968

To All Campaign Directors, Branch and Local Organizers

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is a statistical report to date on the 1968 Socialist Workers campaign.

It reflects the progress we have made nationally in some of the main areas of campaign work we outlined at the beginning of the campaign.

Several points should be noted about the endorsers statistics. The figure of 540 YSHB endorsers does not include any YSAers to our knowledge. We removed the endorsers cards of YSA members before reaching our totals.

Also, the YSHB and Afro-American totals are conservative figures. We included only YSHBers and Afro-Americans that signed YSHB and Afro-American endorsement cards. We do not know in the national campaign headquarters how many youth and Afro-Americans signed the regular endorsement cards.

There is quite a variation in the number of endorsers obtained in various areas. This usually reflects differing amounts of work in trailblazing, both within the cities and in the region, by the different locals.

The chart on page 3 shows that several major state campaigns have not been planned, some of those that have been planned have not yet been formally announced at press conferences, and not a single state campaign brochure has yet been printed. This is the weakest side of the campaign thus far.

Our state candidates will be, in their regions, the central representatives of and spokesmen for the Halstead-Boutelle national campaign. They will be able, in a presidential election year, to get the speaking engagements and speakers fees, and even some radio and TV time open to major candidates that it is impossible for Fred and Paul to fulfill.

Several state candidates, for instance, like Javits in New York and Dirksen in Illinois, will be major national spokesmen for their parties in the election, and their state opponents will be able to take advantage of the publicity they stir up to put across our program.

These responsibilities and opportunities exist on the state level regardless of whether or not we can be legally on the ballot or even if the Senatorial or Gubernatorial post is being contested. Our state campaigns will be carried out around the same national issues that the Halstead-Boutelle campaign is raising. In some states the lack of legal ballot

status may even offer further propaganda openings. For instance the Boston comrades discovered that the form a write-in campaign can take in Massachusetts is a sticker which is pasted on to the ballot at the time of the election. The comrades plan to use enlarged versions of the sticker for propaganda posters as part of the campaign. This might be possible in other states, for instance showing the way a write-in ballot for the SWP would look.

Something to remember in all states in which we are obtaining electors (whether we will be legally on the ballot or not) is that there is good propaganda value in obtaining a cross section of antiwar and Afro-American figures as well as SWP members as electors even if it is a state where party members could fill out the entire slate. For instance, unlike previous years the New York local plans to have a large percentage of its electors to be non-party activists in various sectors of the mass movement around New York state.

The chart on page 3 indicates that we are making greater progress in elector and ballot work in the states assigned to the various locals.

The only main area not covered in the statistical report is fund raising.

More of the locals are now systematically seeking out speakers fees and taking some form of collection at all of the candidates' meetings. This was our main weakness. Boston comrades have organized the first successful reception for a candidate. The reception was held at a non-comrade's home, and, with a minimum of effort, \$135 was raised from 25-30 new campaign supporters who attended.

Fred Halstead's "Open Letter to the GIs" brochure offers new opportunities for fund raising in antiwar circles. At the time of a new upsurge in the Vietnamese revolution when the American GIs should be told the truth about the war, the SWP campaigners and candidates are distributing this brochure nationally and internationally to the GIs. We want (1) the help of activists to distribute them and (2) financial contributions so we can print large numbers for distribution. (See campaign ad in Feb. 10 Guardian) A letter from the national campaign office under Fred Halstead's name will be sent to anyone who might be a major contributor for this purpose.

There will be a meeting of local campaign directors and organizers who are present at the YSA convention in Detroit Feb. 9, 10, 11 to discuss these and related points. A report on the results of that meeting will be sent out immediately following the convention.

We have enclosed several extra copies of the statistical report for each local to facilitate passing it around to all the comrades.

Fraternally,  
Jack Barnes  
National Campaign Director

## INFORMATION ON CAMPAIGN ENDORSERS

February 7, 1968

<u>Date</u>	<u>total endorsers</u>	<u>YSHB</u>	<u>Afro-Am.</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>campuses</u>	<u>H.S.</u>
12/19	432		66		128	101	23
1/11	560		94		150	123	31
1/24	640		120		166	136	32
2/6	835	540	145	150	188	160	34

- \* Halstead-Boutelle endorsers come from 37 SDS chapters.
- \* Eleven endorsers come from Detroit High School Student Mobilization, and five from New York HSSMC.
- \* Two endorsers are members of the DuBois Clubs.
  
- \* Five endorsers are members of Peace & Freedom formations.
- \* We have five GI endorsers (non-YSA) and more on the mailing list.
- \* We have endorsers who are members of 19 Afro-American organizations.
- \* We now have 3,300 people on the campaign mailing list.

### OTHER INTERESTING STATISTICS

- \* New York YSHB is in touch with supporters on 56 campuses in the New York area.
- \* A total of 2,242 free Militants have been sent out to people who have signed a campaign mailing list or sent in a coupon. A letter was enclosed asking for subscriptions. Over 100 subs have come in so far from this effort, which cost a total of \$100 in postage. In the future 5-6 Militants will be sent to each person at no extra cost, and then a letter asking them to subscribe.
- \* At the Student Mobilization Conference 80 people were added to the mailing list, over 51 endorsers were obtained, 14 Militant subs sold, one YS sub, 36 buttons, 6 posters, and \$4.75 was contributed to the campaign. The new GI brochure was handed out to everyone.

\* Aside from YSA and YSHB sponsorship, most meetings for the candidates on tour have been sponsored by SDS chapters, Afro-American organizations, and Student Governments or official subcommittees of them.

\* Endorsers have come from the following breadth of organizations:

Detroit: HSSMC, Detroit CEWV, SDS, Black Political Study Group, NBAAN, and a church group.  
Kalamazoo: Western Mich. Univ. SDS  
Ann Arbor: Resistance, Student Peace Union  
Iowa: Des Moines S.E. Side Project, Grinnell SDS, State U. of Iowa SDS, Iowa State Coll. SDS, Des Moines CORE.  
Chicago: CADRE, SDS, U. of C. SDS, Black Power Adm., U. of Ill. Young Socialist Forum, Vets for Peace, JOIN, Forestville Student Council  
other Ill: E. St. Louis Peace & Freedom, Latin Amer. Defense Org., N.I.U. SDS, Bradley Univ. SDS, N.I.U. Afro-American Cultural Organization, Calumet Afro Student Ass'n.,  
Virginia: Wilmington Coll. Peace & Freedom Committee, Black Revenge  
Indiana: Purdue Peace Union, Bloomington CEWV, Bloomington Afro-American Students Assoc., Indianapolis CEWV  
Washington: Pullman SDS, Pullman Black Student Alliance, Washington State U. SDS, Seattle Draft Resistance, U. of Wash. SDS, U. of Wash. Vietnam Comm.  
California: Peace & Freedom, L.A. SMC, L.A. Young Democrats, Occidental SDS, Southern Calif. Mobilization Comm., Watts CORE, L.A. Peace Action Council, Chico Peace Center, Pasadena SMC, Carpenter's Local 1497, Chalbot Coll. SDS, Berkeley DuBois  
Louisiana: New Orleans SCEF, Louisiana Southern Univ. Student Liberals, Students for a New South  
New York: Russell Foundation, Jamaica SDS, Vietnam Vets, Levittown Students for Peace and Equality, Long Island Univ. SDS and SMC, Workshop in Non-Violence, Lower East Side Mobil. for Peace Action, NCNP, SDS, Brearly H.S. Antiwar Comm., Medical CEWV, HSSMC, Adelphi Community for Social Action, West Bronx Action Group, University Committee, Nassau SDS, SNCC, Long Island campus Coordinating Comm., Black Independence Movement, Columbia SDS, SMC, Norfolk CEWV, Movement for Puerto Rican Independence, Social Service Employees Union, Hunter Coll. SDS, Brooklyn Coll. DuBois, Brooklyn Coll. SDS, State Univ. at Stonybrook SDS, Queens Coll. Black Peoples Union, Queens Coll. SDS, Manhattan Community Coll. SDS, Vets and Reservists CEWV, C.W. Post Coll. Social Action Comm., CCNY Young Haitian Assoc., New York Univ. End the Draft Comm., Erasmus Students for Educ, and Political Action, Bronx Community Coll. SIMBA organization, Nassau Community Coll. SDS.  
Wisconsin: Beloit College Peace Education Group  
Washington, D.C. Black Revenge  
Ohio: St. Ignatius SDS, Athens CEWV, Cleveland CORE  
Tucson Student Peace Assoc., Univ. of Maine SDS, Nashville CEWV, Nashville SDS, Fairleigh Dickinson CEWV, Univ. of Delaware SDS, Wilmington SDS, Houston SNCC, South Carolina State Black Awareness Coordinating Comm., St. Louis Univ. Action Comm., St. Louis CORE,

Rutgers SDS, Princeton SDS, S. Carolina State Coll. NAACP, Univ. of Bridgeport Student League for Human Rights, Yale SDS, Univ. of Pennsylvania Vietnam Week Comm., N.E. Phila. Vietnam Summer, Lexington CORE, Univ. of Kentucky SDS, Carleton SDS, St. Olaf SDS.

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS IN VARIOUS AREAS

<u>Local</u>	<u>news- letters</u>	<u>trail- blaze</u>	<u>endorsers</u>	<u>lit. orders</u>	<u>state slate</u>	<u>ballot work begun</u>
Boston		wk end	Mass: 37	\$210.	plans	Me., N.Hamp.
New York	X	X	N.Y.: 216	622	X	Conn., N.J.
Newark				16	X	N.J.
Philly	X	X	Pa.: 8	161	X	Pa.
Cleveland			Ohio: 25	169	X	Kentucky
Detroit	X	plans	Mich: 69	210	plan to	
Chicago		wk end	Ill: 109 Ind: 19	248		Ind.
Twin Cities	X	X	Minn: 25 Iowa: 18	198	X	Iowa Montana
Seattle	plans	wk end	Wash: 27	200		
San.Fran.	X	X		187	X	
Berkeley	X	X	Calif: 57	265	X	
L.A.	X			214	X	
Madison	X	wk end	Wis: 66	109		Wis.
Atlanta		X	Ga: 5 Ala: 4	42		Ala.
Houston	X	X				Tex.
Austin	X		Texas: 27	92		Tex.
Wash. D.C.			D.C.: 11	148		
Antioch		wk end	Ant.: 9 Ky.: 6	33	X	Ky.
Champaign			Cham.: 10	37		
St. Louis			Mo.: 18	16		
Carbondale				20		
Denver			Colo: 2	13		

## STATES WHERE WE DO NOT HAVE SPONSORS AS OF FEB. 7, 1968

Alaska	North Dakota
Arkansas	Rhode Island
Hawaii	Wyoming
Nebraska	West Virginia
New Mexico	
North Carolina	

## TOTAL LITERATURE RUNS - Feb. 7, 1968

254,000 stickers  
 251,000 brochures  
 37,000 mini posters  
 6,500 candidates posters  
 11,850 large posters  
 50,000 first endorsers leaflet  
 12,000 buttons  
 6,000 Black Uprisings pamphlets  
 5,000 new Black Party pamphlets