

banks under the control of democratically elected workers committees. Plan the economy democratically for the benefit of all instead of for the profit of the few.

A socialist America will be an America of peace and prosperity, without poverty or slums or unemployment, and without wars like that in Vietnam. It will put an end to racism and, for the first time after over 400 years of oppression, guarantee unconditionally, the right of self-determination for the black Americans. It will signal an unparalleled growth in culture, freedom and in the development of the individual.



## VOTE SOCIALIST WORKERS IN 68



The bipartisan policies of the Democrats and Republicans are leading the people of the United States toward disaster.

The war in Vietnam continues to escalate—more bombing, more troops, more death and destruction for the Vietnamese and more American casualties. And each escalation toward China increases the danger of a nuclear war, a war which would leave the world's cities—our own included—heaps of radioactive rubble.

While U.S. troops are in Vietnam attempting to crush a popular revolution, police, national guard and army units are used to viciously smash the uprisings of black people in our own cities.

In spite of big promises and small concessions, black people remain subject to discrimination and oppression in housing, in jobs, in education and every other area of economic, political and social life. Police brutality, slumlord rent-hogs and price-gouging merchants are daily facts of life for Afro-Americans. Unemployment and low wages hit black people the hardest.

Tens of millions of Americans, black and white, live in poverty. One third of the nation lives below the "poverty line," by admission of the government itself. These Americans have not shared in the "prosperity" based on war production and exploitation of the colonial world.

The workers as a whole are feeling the squeeze of the war economy. Rising taxes and inflated prices have cut into pay checks, actually lowering real wages since the escalation of the war in Vietnam. And while they wallow in super profits, the corporations do everything they can to keep wages down and encroach upon union control over working conditions.

The bosses turn more and more to the government for aid in their crusade against the workers, and the Democrats and Republicans have proven more than willing servants of their class. The move by Congress forcing compulsory slave-labor arbitration on the railroad workers is only the



SOCIALIST CANDIDATES. Fred Halstead, SWP candidate for President (left) and Paul Boutelle, SWP Vice Presidential candidate.

latest in a long list of anti-labor laws and actions by the government.

Democratic rights, too, are being eroded. The response of the government—federal, state and local—to the black revolt has been the harassment and hounding of the most authoritative spokesmen of the movement for black power. This is creating the atmosphere in which all dissenting views will be liable to witchhunt attack.

Moral and cultural values are twisted and mangled in this war-breeding, racist system. The big lie has become standard operating procedure in everything from advertising swindles to White House ballyhoo on Vietnam.

The basic policies pursued by the Democratic and Republican politicians are not the accidental results of arbitrary decisions.

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They flow from the needs of the capitalist system and the outlook of the ruling capitalist class.

The Vietnam war is a prime example. It is now crystal clear that the U. S. ruling class is not fighting in Vietnam for "freedom" or "democracy." Their war aim is to prevent the workers and peasants of Vietnam from taking control of their own country. The Democrats and Republicans are sending our young men to die in Vietnam as part of a reckless global strategy of preserving and extending the capitalist system and capitalist profits.

Racism is also part and parcel of American capitalist society. Racism serves to keep white workers from realizing that their interests lie with the black masses, and not with the white capitalist rulers. Racism is a source of profit for the ruling class, providing a ready-made pool of cheap and available labor. Racism is at the core

of the U. S. imperialist drive to subjugate and enslave the colored peoples around the world, as in Vietnam.

War, racism, poverty, the attack on labor, the erosion of the Bill of Rights—all these are bitter fruits of the capitalist system or of the measures taken by the capitalist rulers to uphold their system and increase their profits.

To fight against these evils, it is necessary to expose their roots in the system which produced them. We have to uproot this vicious system and fight for a new and better one.

That's why the Socialist Workers Party stands for a complete break with every form of capitalist politics. When black people, and workers as a whole, cease supporting the capitalist Democratic and Republican parties and organize parties of their own, a gigantic step forward will have been taken in the struggle against the system.

In 1968, a clear-cut opposition and radical alternative to the warmaking and racist Democrats and Republicans will be presented by the SWP candidates for President and Vice President, Fred Halstead and Paul Boutelle.

Halstead and Boutelle will be campaigning for the following program:

**Stop the war in Vietnam—bring our men home now!** Support the right of GIs to discuss the war and freely express their opposition to it. Abolish the draft—no draftees for Washington's imperialist war machine. Organize a national referendum to give the people the right to vote to withdraw all U. S. troops from Vietnam.

**Hands off Cuba and China.** Support the struggles of the Asian, Latin American, African and Arab peoples for national independence and social liberation.

**Support the black people's fight for freedom, justice, and equality through black power.** Black people have the unconditional right to control their own communities. The black communities should have control over their schools, and city, state and federal funds should be made available to them



in whatever amounts needed to overcome years of deprivation in education.

Appropriate whatever funds are necessary to provide jobs for every unemployed Afro-American, with preferential hiring and upgrading to equalize opportunities in apprenticeship programs, skilled trades, and higher paying technical and supervisory occupations.

In place of price-gouging merchants and landlords preying on the black community, black cooperative shops and housing projects should be set up with federal financial aid. Price committees elected by the community should police prices.

It is the right of Afro-Americans to keep arms and organize themselves for self-defense from attacks from any quarter.

Keep the troops and racist cops out of the black community, and replace them with deputized, elected representatives of the community. As an immediate step, organize genuine review boards, elected by

the black community, to control the cops.

For an independent black political party to organize and lead the struggle for black power on all fronts and by any means necessary.

**Support labor's fight against inflation and government control.** No freeze on wages. For union escalator clauses to offset rises in the cost of living. The trade unions should take the lead in setting up general committees of consumers to regulate prices.

Repeal all anti-labor laws. Defense of the unconditional right to strike, complete union independence from government control and interference, and rank and file control over all union affairs.

A reduced work week with no cut in pay, and unemployment compensation at the union wage scale for all jobless persons 18 and over, whether or not they have been previously employed.

Equal rights in the union and on the job for black workers and for members of other minorities, and full union support to the Afro-American struggle for equality.

For an independent labor party based on the trade unions, to defend the rights of all working people against the parties of the bosses, and to fight for a workers government.

**For a crash program of public housing and other public works.** Take the billions spent on war and use them to build decent, low-rent homes for the working millions who need them, and to build schools and hospitals instead of bombs.

**Support the demands of America's youth.** The right to vote at 18.

Free public education through the university level, with adequate pay for all students who need it. Student participation in all university decisions and functioning.

Support to young people's rejection of the sterile cultural values of our decaying capitalist order.

**For a planned, democratic socialist America.** Nationalize the major corporations and

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