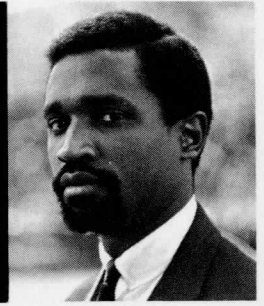


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While we have three elements in the overall objective of our electoral policy, our clear emphasis is the building of a mass third party."

(The Worker, July 14, 1968)

In a statement by Charlene Mitchell, CP candidate for President, she indicated that, "Wherever Peace and Freedom or Freedom and Peace Parties appear on the ballot and run a national ticket we Communists view this as a very important step and we will encourage people to vote this ticket." (The Worker, July 14, 1968)

Unlike the CP, the Socialist Workers Party candidates are using their campaign to promote a complete break from capitalist politics by the labor movement, the black masses, and the student movement. The SWP campaign advances and helps build towards the formation of a labor party based on and responsible to the trade unions and an independent black party based on and responsible to the black community.

Furthermore, the SWP presidential campaign helps to promote and build mass actions against the Vietnam war and against racist oppression. For the SWP candidates the elections are not a time to urge people to end mass street actions in order to do precinct and wardheeling work for capitalist politicians.

We see the CP campaign as an obstacle to the development of independent working class and independent black political action, and will take advantage of every opportunity to expose their program and the role of their campaign.

The enclosed article that appeared in the Daily World (July 24, 1968) describes the dates and places of national speaking tours for Charlene Mitchell and Mike Zagarell. Campaign Committees and YSHB groups in these areas are urged to find out the exact dates when Mitchell or Zagarell will be in your area and attempt to set up debates between them and local SWP candidates or spokesmen. Many local political affairs clubs, liberal organizations, student governments would be interested in sponsoring a direct confrontation between CP and SWP candidates.

Material for local leaflets, articles in campus and Afro-American newspapers, campaigners, etc. can be used from this report and Harry Ring's article in The Militant (July 19, 1968). Further reports will be sent out as we receive new information.

Fraternally,

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