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TO ALL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

Transitional Program for Black Liberation

Enclosed is a copy of the Political Committee draft resolution "A Transitional Program for Black Liberation" in bulletin form (SWP Discussion Bulletin, Vol. 27, No. 1). The bulletin contains the text which appeared in the June 20 Militant. We have published the draft resolution in this form to make it most convenient for comrades to get it to a number of militants in the black liberation and Third World movements outside of the party and YSA.

We want to get comments on our draft resolution from activists and leading figures in these movements for publication in the discussion which will be going on in the Militant. To accomplish this, the branches will have to organize to get the resolution into the hands of these people. Please let the national office know who among the black liberation and Third World leaders in your area may contribute to this discussion.

It is also important for the branch leadership to urge comrades, especially those who are active in this area of work, to contribute to this discussion. We assume most of the discussion on the draft resolution in the Militant will come from comrades, and we should encourage comrades to participate in it.

The bulletin form of the draft resolution may be ordered for public sale by the branch.

The bulletin sells to comrades at 15 cents (the cover price is 25 cents).

Comradely,

  
Jack Barnes  
Organization Secretary

# N.Y. Communists nominate Rasheed Storey for mayor

NEW YORK, June 16 — As the bitter city primary race drew to a close, New York Communists yesterday announced the nomination of Rasheed Storey, a 33-year-old black factory worker, as candidate for Mayor. Storey is the party state chairman.

In an accompanying statement, the Communists assailed the Democratic and Republican organizations, charging that "most old party candidates have campaigned in the primaries on racist platforms, scarcely disguised under slogans of 'crime in the streets,' and 'law and order.'"

The Communist statement pledged "to project socialism as the ultimate road to a good life for eight million New Yorkers; to pinpoint the real issues and to advance proposals for a people's solution; to combat the racism of the Republican and Democratic Parties, the ruling establishment, their police and bureaucratic servants; to establish the right of the Communist Party to a place on the ballot, to due access to television, radio and press, and to give the people a real choice."

Planks in Storey's platform, the party announced, include:

"Black and Puerto Rican representation at the highest levels.

"Power for labor in public affairs.

"Immediate and complete withdrawal of U. S. troops from Vietnam and a radical reduction in the military budget.

"Elimination of the city sales tax and the payroll withholding income tax.

"City-wide \$100 minimum weekly wage for all workers, public and private, without exception.

"An end to police terror."

## **Broadest coalition**

The statement stressed that the Communists, while participating independently in the election campaign, would seek wide unity in the fight against racism and war. The statement went on:

"We strive for the broadest coalition of people's forces to combat racism, war, and monopoly robbery in the remainder of this year's election campaign and thereafter. We will always subordinate our particular party in-

terests to such broad coalition struggles, which we foresee as the main road to progress in the coming period.

"We believe that a substantial part of our program can be won in election campaigns and other forms of struggle, even under capitalism.

"But the needs of the people

can only be met fully and permanently through the ending of capitalism, the achievement of working class power, and the building of a socialist society."

Long active in the struggles for community control, for black and Puerto Rican rights, Storey lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two children.



## Editorials

### Labor unity can stop them

The narrow victories for Mario Procaccino and John J. Marchi did not show a "swing to the right," as some nearsighted observers claim. Rather, they underscore that division within the ranks of those who usually make up the peoples' coalition for progress, particularly the labor movement, which opens the door to the reactionaries.

Procaccino and Marchi took the path of George Wallace, and its more "moderate" Nixon version, in the belief that there are a lot of votes in "law and order" and racism.

NEW YORK LABOR was divided in about as many groups as there were candidates. That was the situation in Minneapolis, where Farmer-Labor Party tradition is still strong. So they got a "law and order" policeman for mayor.

New Yorkers don't want a police government. Above all, the city's labor movement and the black and Puerto Rican communities don't want it. They don't want the Conservative-nominated, Nixon-blessed Marchi. They don't want the Rightist Procaccino, now making noises like a "middle-of-the-roader."

The problem now is how to beat this two-headed Rightist threat. It can be thrown back by an overwhelming majority at the polls next November, in the round that really counts.

Needed is something like the belated upsurge the trade unions mobilized nationally against George Wallace in the final weeks of the presidential campaign.

Such leadership by the trade unions can mobilize a coalition of labor, the black and Puerto Rican communities, the youth and many others under the slogans—Stop Marchi! Stop Procaccino! Such a coalition will advance the fight against racism and for peace, for democratic rights and the people's welfare.

The overwhelming majority of New York's people—the rank and file—has not yet spoken!