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TO ALL BRANCHES: (With special attention in Chicago, Twin Cities, Cleveland, Boston, New York, Philadelphia.)

Michigan Petition Campaign

The first petition campaign to put the party on the ballot in the 1970 elections will take place in Michigan. It is scheduled to begin at the end of June or in early July and run through this summer.

The party needs a minimum of 13,330 valid signatures to get our candidates on the ballot and the branch is shooting for a goal of 20,000 signatures to assure getting on.

As in the past, it will be necessary for the Michigan comrades to get help from other branches in the East and Midwest to make certain we are on the Michigan ballot.

The month of July is the most important for getting signatures. During that time, Detroit will need a large number of volunteers to cover outlying counties. People who can work for one or two weeks straight through are needed. The remainder of the campaign will be spent in the urban area, but help will still be needed, though on a reduced scale.

The campaign will be directed and organized by the Detroit branch. Branch organizers should consider this request promptly and write to Detroit as soon as possible, informing Detroit of their ability to send help.

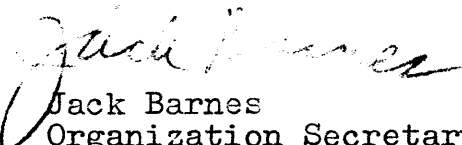
The Michigan campaign should be given priority during the month of July. Conflicting local activities should not be scheduled in branches near enough to supply significant support.

Comrades from more distant branches who expect to be in the Michigan area during the summer, or comrades who are inclined to take a summer vacation in Michigan, are encouraged to fit the petition campaign into their plans.

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Socialist Enters Race for Mayor

By W. EUGENE SMITH

Atlanta's mayoralty contest gained its fourth entrant Saturday at a Southwide conference of the Young Socialist Alliance at Emory University.

Auburn-haired Linda Jenness, 28, who described herself as "part of the leadership" of the leftist group's local affiliate, announced that she is the Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor in the Oct. 7 city election.

Aldermen Rodney Cook and Everett Millican and Negro educator Dr. Horace Tate previously had entered the race.

Miss Jenness, who recently traveled to Cuba, said she will campaign on a platform of immediate withdrawal of American forces from Vietnam, Negro control of black communities, an appeal for a break with "the twin parties of racism"—the Democratic and Republican parties—public control of utilities, transportation and retail services, and a "progressive tax structure."

THE SOCIALIST platform would remove the income tax from persons making less than \$7,500 per year and levy a 100 per cent tax on earnings of more than \$25,000 per year.

The new candidate has been active in several anti-war demonstrations, and pointed out that her movement has little in common with Russian communism. She said her organization, for instance, opposed the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

The occasion of Miss Jenness' announcement was the opening session of the first annual Southwide Young Socialist Conference.

Her appearance was preceded

by reports from several Young Socialist groups from throughout the South on the status of socialism. The conference was to end Sunday morning.

GEORGE NOVAC, Harvard-educated Marxist scholar and writer who talked Saturday afternoon on "Reform and Revolution in American History," said in an interview that socialism is not the same as communism.

He contended that the prime difference is the fact that communism, as embodied in Soviet Russia, has developed a tremendous bureaucracy and self-interest.

He also said that the present American system of capitalism is as outmoded as slavery and predicted it will be "discarded by the American people."

Socialist Will Offer For Mayor

Mrs. Linda Jenness, 28, a leader in the Atlanta Young Socialist Alliance and the Socialist Workers Party, will publicly announce for mayor of Atlanta Saturday.

The central issues of her campaign will be opposition to the Vietnam War and support of black control of black communities, she said Friday.

Mrs. Jenness will join Alderman Rodney Cook, Dr. Horace Tate and Alderman Everett Millican as formally announced candidates for the Oct. 7 election.

Mrs. Jenness, a native of Pembroke, Ga., who came to Atlanta last year, will publicly announce at noon Saturday at Emory University before speaking to the First Southside Young Socialist Conference there.

Active in socialist and anti-war movements since 1966, Mrs. Jenness was secretary of the Washington Mobilization Committee for the Oct. 21, 1967, activities. She has been active in the anti-war movement here, particularly in preparation for the April 6 events this year.

In January of this year, she spent a month in Cuba and spoke to students at 10 colleges in the South on her experiences. She has contributed to "The Great Speckled Bird," "The Militant" newspaper and the "Young Socialist" magazine.

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