

SWP '72 Campaign Committee
706 Broadway 8th floor
New York, New York
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TO ALL BRANCHES

Dear Comrades,

The legal effort involved in getting rid of reactionary election laws is a major part of our campaign effort.

The Committee for Democratic Election Laws (CoDEL) can play a very important and very successful role in helping us to build support for our right to be on the ballot. In Cleveland recently a great deal of publicity and support for John Hawkins' right to be on the ballot was generated. CoDEL's role in broadening the support and lending legitimacy to his case is evidenced by the enclosed text of an editorial which appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

During the ballot panel at Oberlin we outlined several immediate steps that should be taken in helping to build this Committee in every area. We would briefly like to list them for the benefit of areas that did not have representatives at the panel or have not yet made plans for supporting and building CoDEL.

1. An order form is enclosed so that areas that do not have enough CoDEL literature may order more. The bill for the initial CoDEL literature received at Oberlin is reflected in the bill you will be receiving shortly from the Campaign office for campaign material. In the future all orders for CoDEL material should go directly to CoDEL and payment made directly.
2. Every prominent individual in your area should be contacted personally and asked to endorse CoDEL and give money to this cause. At the recent NSA conference in Colorado the comrades there got the endorsement of Paul McCloskey. And this is just the beginning.... Send in the signed endorser cards and contributions promptly so that CoDEL can prepare a new brochure and letterhead listing the endorsers. The bulk of the endorsers should be obtained by the end of September.
3. Comb the lists of lawyers in your state or region and communicate the names of possible cooperating attorneys to CoDEL so that the CoDEL office can contact the lawyers with information on the cases to be filed.
4. Send news clippings on changes in election laws or editorials regarding them to CoDEL.
5. The enclosed statement of aims gives a broad picture of the Committee and should be given to the person in charge of CoDEL work. If you know of any foundations or organizations that might give grants to CoDEL, send the names and a description of the committee involved to the CoDEL office and they will send a budget and copy of the statement with samples of the CoDEL materials.

The mailing address of CoDEL is Box 649 Cooper Station, New York, New York 10003. The CoDEL secretary, with whom you will be working, is Judy Baumann.

Based on our experience in Cleveland, and our recognition that there is growing interest in independent political action, we feel that this area of work is going to prove highly successful and that every bit of effort put into it will be rewarded.

Comradely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Uhl".

Judy Uhl
Ballot Coordinator