

Socialist Workers Party
1972 Campaign Committee
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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed are the biographies of the members of the SWP 1972 Campaign Committee.

All areas should begin to secure speaking engagements with honoraria for the members of this committee. This will be an important way to help finance the national campaign, and by utilizing these leading comrades we can obtain additional publicity for the campaign.

In addition to campus speakers bureaus and student governments, student and faculty groups such as antiwar, women's liberation, Chicano, Palestinian and Black groups should be approached. Student groups often have large amounts of money allocated for national speakers, and academic departments will often sponsor and finance national speakers.

These speakers can also be of considerable help to the local campaign committees. Their names can be included in local speakers bureau brochures and fundraising activities can be scheduled around their appearances. Such activities could include a forum with a collection, a fundraising cocktail party, and informal meetings with campaign supporters to ask them for contributions. Forty per cent of collections taken during these engagements goes to the national campaign. These speakers can also appear as representatives of Jenness and/or Pulley at meetings and demonstrations at which the candidates cannot appear.

Travel expenses involved will be paid by the national campaign committee if they are not included in the honoraria. All honoraria go directly to the national campaign. The amounts listed in the biographies as fees are, of course, negotiable. All arrangements as to engagements and honoraria should be made in consultation with the national campaign office. The earlier this office is informed of an upcoming engagement, the better the chance of getting a speaker at a specific time.

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Janice Lynn

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Campaign Staff

BIOGRAPHY OF PETER CAMEJO

Peter Camejo is one of the most dynamic revolutionary socialist speakers in the United States today. Author of two best-selling pamphlets, he is a Venezuelan-American who, according to California Governor Ronald Reagan, "has been involved in every large scale demonstration for the last four years." Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy, who ran against Camejo in the 1970 election, described the Socialist Workers Party candidate as "a worthy opponent." Camejo confronted and debated Kennedy many times during that campaign.

Camejo was a founding member of the Young Socialist Alliance, which is today the largest and fastest growing socialist youth organization in the United States. After serving as National Secretary of the YSA in the mid-1960's, he enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley, where he was a student leader throughout most of his two years there.

Currently, Camejo is serving as National Chairman of the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee. He recently returned from an extended tour of Latin America. He has contributed articles to The Militant, the International Socialist Review, and Intercontinental Press, a socialist news service. He is 31 years old and lives in New York.

He is available to speak on: "The Coming American Revolution" and "The Revolutionary Struggle in Latin America Today." His fee is \$500.00

BIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE NOVACK

George Novack is one of the outstanding socialist scholars in the United States today. Over the past three decades he has contributed many articles to numerous periodicals and lectured at leading universities throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico on questions of Marxist theory, philosophy and politics.

He was born in 1905 and educated at Harvard. He has been a research associate for the Fund for the Republic, a collaborator of C. Wright Mills, and in 1964 edited with Isaac Deutscher a collection of Trotsky's writings, The Age of Permanent Revolution.

He was instrumental in the recent civil liberties victory when the U.S. District Court ruled that the U.S. Justice Department had unconstitutionally barred Ernest Mandel, widely known Marxist European scholar, from visiting the United States.

Novack is author of An Introduction to the Logic of Marxism (fifth edition, 1969), The Law of Uneven and Combined Development (1958), The Long View of History (1958), Who Will Change the World? (1969), Moscow versus Peking (1963), The Understanding of History (1967), How Can the Jews Survive? (1969), The Origins of Materialism (1965), and Empiricism and Its Evolution: A Marxist View (1969).

Novack's latest work is Democracy and Revolution. He is now preparing a critical survey of the philosophy of

pragmatism,

Novack is presently serving as Secretary of the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee. He is also serving as associate editor of the International Socialist Review, a monthly Marxist magazine and is one of the few American socialists listed in Who's Who.

He is available to speak on "The Meaning of Life: A Marxist View." His fee is \$500.00.

BIOGRAPHY OF EVELYN REED

Evelyn Reed is a nationally known spokeswoman in favor of women's liberation. Her book, Problems of Women's Liberation: a Marxist Approach, has sold over 40,000 copies in less than two years, and has already been adopted by more than thirty U.S. universities for classes on the subject.

In 1970, Evelyn Reed made a national tour with engagements at 53 universities. She was the keynote speaker at the Southern Female Rights Union Conference in Mississippi in May 1970 and in June participated in a Socialist Scholars Conference in New York.

Evelyn Reed is currently a member of the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee and has been active in the American socialist movement for thirty years. Her special fields of interest have been anthropology, civil liberties and women's rights, on which she has written extensively in the International Socialist Review and The Militant, the weekly socialist newspaper.

Evelyn Reed is available to speak on "Have Women Always Been the 'Second Sex'?" Her fee is \$500.00.

BIOGRAPHY OF PETER BUCH

Peter Buch is a well-known Marxist spokesman on the crisis in the Middle East. He recently completed a five-month speaking tour of the United States and Canada, where he spoke on more than 75 college campuses, addressing tens of thousands of people.

Buch is the author of Burning Issues in the Mid-East Crisis, an extended treatment of the roots of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and is co-author of Zionism and the Arab Revolution. He has edited Leon Trotsky on the Jewish Question, for which he also wrote an introduction. He has contributed many articles to The Militant, a socialist newspaper, and the Marxist monthly the International Socialist Review, his latest article entitled "The Palestinian Revolution and Zionism."

Buch recently attended a Palestine Week conference in Algeria. He has spoken extensively in defense of self-determination for the Palestinian refugees and calls for support to the efforts of the Palestinian fighters.

Buch is a member of the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee. He is available to speak on "Dynamics of the Revolution in the Middle East" and "Zionism and the Palestinian Struggle for Self-Determination." His fee is \$500.00

BIOGRAPHY OF PAUL BOUTELLE

Paul Boutelle, the only national Black candidate in the 1968 elections, ran for vice-president on the Socialist Workers Party ticket and was on the ballot in nineteen states.

He was active in the Freedom Now Party in New York in 1963. He participated in Malcolm X's Organization for Afro-American Unity in 1964, shortly before Malcolm's assassination. He has been involved in many organizations of the Black community, including the Black United Front of Harlem (1967), Committee of Black Americans for Truth About the Middle East (1970).

Boutelle has spoken in four foreign countries and over 40 states, and in August, 1970 he traveled to the Middle East, touring Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, speaking with different Palestinian resistance organizations.

Boutelle is available to speak on: "Black Americans and the 1972 Elections," "Vietnam and Black America," "Black America and the Middle East," and "Black Nationalism and Socialism." He is a member of the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee. His fee is \$500.00

BIOGRAPHY OF MIRTA VIDAL

Mirta Vidal, 23 years old, is National Secretary of the Young Socialist Alliance, the largest socialist youth organization in the United States today. Vidal is a national spokeswoman and author on the Chicano liberation movement. She has been an active participant in the last two National Chicano Youth Conferences held in Denver, Colorado in 1970 and 1971, and the recent conference of Raza women held in Houston in May, 1971. She also participated in the recent Raza Unida Party Conference held in Pueblo in November 1971.

She is the National Chicano Liberation Work director of the Young Socialist Alliance and has spoken in many cities across the country on the revolutionary dynamics of the Chicano liberation movement.

A member of the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee, she is available to speak on "The 1972 Elections and the Strategy for Chicano Liberation" and "Chicano Nationalism and Feminism." Her fee is \$500.00

BIOGRAPHY OF OLGA RODRIGUEZ

Olga Rodriguez is a leading activist in the Chicano liberation struggle. A graduate of the University of Houston, she was former secretary of the University of Houston MAYO (Mexican-American Youth Organization). She has also been a member of Fuerza Femina (a women's group in the Chicano movement).

Rodriguez was the coordinator of the Raza Contingent for the April 24, 1971 antiwar demonstration of over three-quarters of a million people. Recently, Rodriguez was a staff member of the Women's National Abortion Action Coalition in Los Angeles.

She is a member of the National Committee of the Young Socialist Alliance and just completed a speaking tour of the Southwest. She is also a member of the Socialist Workers

National Campaign Committee. She is available to speak on: "Chicano Nationalism: Its Revolutionary Character" and "Chicano Liberation and the Struggle of Women: The Fight is the Same." Her fee is \$500.00.

BIOGRAPHY OF DAN STYRON

Dan Styron is a longtime activist in the socialist and antiwar movements. As a graduate student at Berkeley, he participated in the Free Speech Movement in 1964 and the Berkeley Vietnam Day Committee, which organized some of the first massive antiwar demonstrations.

Styron has been the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of Texas and is currently a member of the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee.

Recently he served as the Coordinator of the Los Angeles Out Now Coalition (affiliated with the National Peace Action Coalition). He has been the organizer of the Socialist Workers Party in Chicago, Austin, Houston and Los Angeles.

He is available to speak on: "Why the United States Needs Socialism" and "Vietnam and the Crisis of U.S. Imperialism." His fee is \$500.00.

BIOGRAPHY OF CLIFTON DEBERRY

As Socialist Workers Party nominee for president in the 1964 elections, Clifton DeBerry was the first Black candidate for president of the United States ever to be nominated by a political party.

He has been a longtime activist in the Black liberation struggle. In 1950, he was a delegate to the founding convention of the Negro Labor Congress held in Cincinnati, Ohio. A leader of the 85-day McCormick works strike in 1953, he was also active in organizing the Montgomery Bus Boycotts. In 1960, DeBerry was a delegate to the founding convention of the Negro American Labor Council held in Detroit, Michigan.

DeBerry has also had experience as a union organizer in the South and Midwest with the Farm Equipment union.

In 1970, DeBerry was a candidate for Governor of New York State. Currently, he is a member of the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee and resides in the Northern California Bay Area. He was coordinator for the Black Task Force in the April 24, 1971 March on Washington and San Francisco.

He is available to speak on: "Marxism and the Struggle for Black Self-Determination" and "Black Americans and the 1972 Elections." His fee is \$500.00.