



SOCIALIST WORKERS CAMPAIGNER

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October 15, 1968

WE NEED ENDORSEMENTS!

Enclosed is a report which shows how many endorsers we have today and comparative figures for August 12, June 26 and April 12. This report shows that the number of new endorsers to the campaign is very small and that local campaign committees are not as conscious as they were last spring and winter in obtaining new endorsements. For instance, between April 12 and June 26 we signed up almost 1,000 new endorsers, whereas between August 12 and October 15 we have obtained only 178.

The gathering of new endorsements to the Socialist Workers campaign is a very important activity because:

- 1) It helps to build up a list of people who may not yet want to join the YSA or SWP but who are willing to take the step of supporting our election campaign. This list is the basic mailing list for regional campaign mailings and for regional campaigners.
- 2) This list can serve as a basic key list for regional mailings and trailblazing following the campaign.
- 3) Every YSHB and AAHB endorser of the campaign is receiving a letter inviting them to the Young Socialist Thanksgiving Convention.
- 4) It serves as a measure of the impressive support that exists for our campaign.

Gathering endorsements, of course, is not a substitute for winning new people to the YSA, but should be viewed as part of the process of drawing people closer who are not yet willing to join the YSA.

During the three weeks that are left in the election campaign, let's bend every effort toward signing up new endorsers.

**BRING THE GIs HOME FROM VIETNAM
BLACK CONTROL OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY**

Endorsement cards can be distributed at meetings where candidates speak and then collected afterwards, and endorsements can be obtained at literature tables, during Militant subscription mobilizations, at YSHB parties, etc.

Many areas may still have endorsement cards that have not been sent to the National Campaign Office. Please send them right away so that they will receive an invitation to the Young Socialist Convention. Also, do not send us lists of endorsers. We must have the **signed** cards.

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LITERATURE BONUS!

The National Campaign Committee is going to have a surplus of some campaign items. We are planning to divide the surplus items among the campaign committees and send them out as a literature bonus. The only conditions we are making are:

- 1) That campaign committees pay the postage for this literature
- 2) That you let us know your definite plans for paying current bills to the national campaign committee.

Of course, every area will want to make plans for distribution of all campaign material before the elections.

It's important that we mail this literature out right away so that it can be used during the last big push in the weeks of antiwar and campaign activities before the elections. This doesn't give us any time to consult with each local beforehand, so do not be surprised when the literature arrives.

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JOEY BISHOP SHOW!

Both Halstead and Boutelle are going to appear on the nationally broadcast Joey Bishop Show which is one of television's most popular shows. Humphrey and Muskie appeared on this show, so the SWP has been allotted equal time.

Halstead will appear on Wednesday October 30 for 45 minutes, and Boutelle will appear on Monday, November 4 for 18 minutes. Check with your local ABC station in order to determine the exact time these appearances will be made in your city.

The Militant (October 25) will carry an article on this and every area will want to do advance publicity in their area.

You may consider the following suggestions for publicity:

1. Articles in local daily, underground, and campus newspapers on Halstead and Boutelle's appearances.
2. Small ads, including classified, in the same papers.
3. Radio announcements on Pacifica FM and campus radio stations -- even on local ABC if the cost is low enough.
4. Final distributions of all campaign literature including announcement about the show.
5. Pasteups of leaflets giving date and time of appearances.
6. Campaign house parties featuring the candidates on TV, including the "Halstead in San Francisco" film.
7. Loudspeakers mounted on cars and trucks (with banners of course), calling for a vote for the SWP program and candidates and announcing time and date of TV appearances.

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Enclosed is a copy of the most recent Afro-Americans for Halstead and Boutelle Newsletter. If your committee hasn't ordered its bundle, it should do so right away.

Fraternally,

Douglas Jenness

Doug Jenness
Assistant Campaign Director

ENDORSERS OF HALSTEAD & BOUTELLE

October 15, 1968

<u>State</u>	<u>YSHB</u>	<u>AAHB</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	1	3	2	6
Arizona	13	-	-	13
California	203	44	64	311
Colorado	2	-	2	4
Connecticut	27	-	2	29
Washington D.C.	9	19	7	35
Delaware	20	8	-	28
Florida	4	-	3	7
Georgia	25	6	7	38
Idaho	-	-	1	1
Illinois	176	56	40	272
Indiana	53	9	28	90
Iowa	16	5	6	27
Kansas	1	-	-	1
Kentucky	10	4	-	14
Louisiana	3	4	3	10
Maine	3	-	1	4
Maryland	10	2	4	16
Massachusetts	56	16	10	82
Michigan	307	255	20	582
Minnesota	72	5	10	89 *
Mississippi	2	1	-	3
Missouri	10	6	11	27
Montana	1	-	-	1
Nebraska	5	-	-	5
N. Carolina	14	2	-	16
N. Dakota	2	-	-	2
N. Hampshire	3	-	1	4
N. Jersey	52	4	10	66
New York	373	94	73	540
Nevada	1	-	1	2
Ohio	63	14	20	97
Oklahoma	7	-	-	7
Oregon	67	2	14	83
Pennsylvania	70	10	9	89
Rhode Island	6	1	2	9
S. Carolina	3	3	1	7
S. Dakota	13	-	-	13
Tennessee	8	6	2	16
Texas	16	7	5	28
Vermont	5	-	2	7
Washington	52	11	15	78
Virginia	4	6	3	13
W. Va.	5	1	2	8
Wisconsin	110	21	15	150 *
Totals	1,903	625	396	2,930
Totals 8/12	1,772	633	347	2,752
Totals 6/26	1,701	613	334	2,648
Totals 4/12	1,112	303	260	1,675

High school endorsers: 220

States with no endorsers: Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii, Arkansas, New Mexico.

*Minnesota has 2 American Indians for Halstead & Boutelle, Wisconsin has 4 Indians for Halstead and Boutelle.

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USING THE SOCIALIST, ANTIWAR FILM

"FRED HALSTEAD IN SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 27, 1968"

Enclosed is a letter on the use of the Halstead film in the San Francisco Bay Area. It speaks for itself on the film's political impact and its potential use.

Both Chicago and Minneapolis have purchased copies of the film. Detroit used it for its campaign conference the week end of October 11th and Philadelphia has ordered it for a forum on October 18th. After Chicago used it during a campaign rally of local candidates, four people joined the Young Socialist Alliance.

The New York campaign committee used the film in a 15 minute TV equal time slot. At the end of the film a card was used to tell where to write for more information on the campaign.

However, this barely scratches the surface regarding the full potential of the film. Considering its low cost, useful running time, and conveniently small size and weight, all of the larger campaign committees should consider having at least one copy and possibly two or three. Its political value, of course, continues well beyond the end of the campaign in November. It should be a permanent part of your socialist library.

One or two copies can be on the road with campaign trailblazers (almost every campus has 16mm sound projectors available free or at a minimal rental fee). The other copy can be used to show to community groups, with local candidates speaking before community or campus groups, or whenever special opportunities develop. Above all, the opportunity of using it in conjunction with Fred or Paul's local appearance should not be lost.

Within a couple of days small bundles of a half-page (5½" x 8½") printed promotional leaflet on the film will be sent to you. The leaflet gives a summary of the film's contents and includes a picture of Fred addressing the San Francisco rally. It can be used in mailings to add to the general interest in events at which the film is being shown and is small enough to be used as part of a publicity poster. The promotional leaflet can be ordered at the cost of 300 for \$2.00.

The film costs \$25.50 plus shipping. It can be made in two days. Order from Jim Kendrick, c/o SWP, 2338 Market St., San Francisco, Calif. 94114.

The film can be rented from the national campaign office for \$5.00 plus postage for a 3-day period.

Fraternally,
Brian Shannon
Campaign Staff

September 30
San Francisco

To the SWP National Campaign Committee:

The San Francisco-Bay Area premier of the "Halstead in San Francisco at April 27th" film was held on the occasion of a visit to San Francisco by Paul Boutelle. An election campaign meeting was organized for Paul and after he spoke, Asher Harer, one of the co-producers of the film, gave a short history of the film's production.

After the film was shown, the audience gave a long applause, something which is neither frequent nor customary for films, especially for amateur productions. The effect of the film on both campaign supporters and people coming to their first election campaign rally was great. The film conveys a real feeling for the spectacular standing ovation given Fred by 20 to 30 thousand people on April 27th.

The impact of Fred's speech, its powerful appeal to radicalizing youth, combined with its stunning reception by the audience concentrated as it is in the film is almost more powerful and impressive than the actual live speech.

In light of the reception the film has had on audiences so far, our plans here in the Bay Area call for several things. We plan to set up meetings to see the film when we trailblaze to the many surrounding college campuses; we plan to send it with local and state candidates to be shown when they speak on the campuses. Also, when it is excluded getting trailblaze teams out on the trail, we plan to ship the film to supporters to show at meetings they organize.

The main advantage of the film is that it makes an impressive effect on campaign supporters who otherwise will not get to hear Fred or Paul speak.

Fraternally,

s/Jim Kendrick

SOCIALIST WORKERS NATIONAL CANDIDATES GO TO GIs

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1968

Candidate of Socialist Workers Discerns G.I. Antiwar Sentiment

By M. S. HANDLER

Fred Halstead, Presidential candidate of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers party, said yesterday that the moral climate among American troops in South Vietnam, Japan and at home was ripening for a major antiwar movement in the armed forces.

Mr. Halstead, returning from a round-the-world trip, said that in a week's visit to South Vietnam no obstacles were raised to his talking with servicemen. He said he had spoken to about 100 in the streets of Saigon, in clubs, post exchanges, USO's and at the big base at Longbinh.

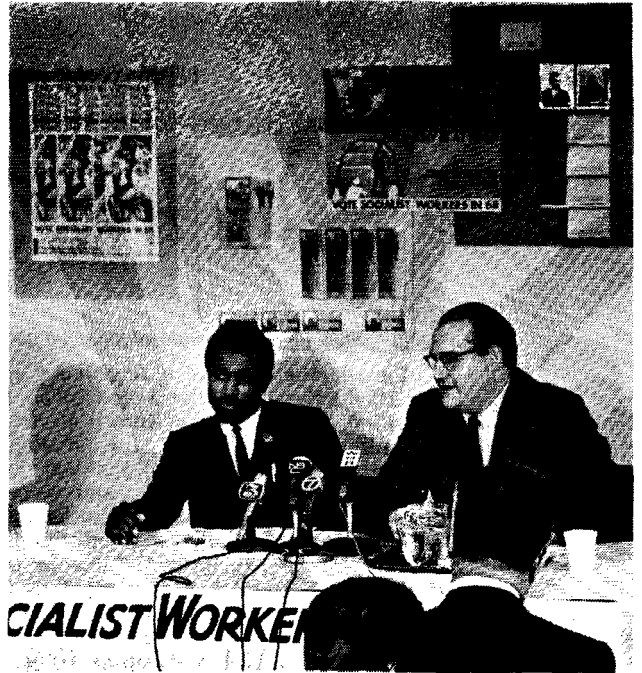
Mr. Halstead said that, in the interviews, he had found that more servicemen opposed the war or had doubts about it than favored it. A considerable number, he said, were confused and had no definite opinions because of a lack of information.

The Trotskyite leader said he had begun every conversation by identifying himself and his antiwar opinions but had never encountered any hostility from the soldiers.

The candidate said that the circulation of "underground" servicemen's newspapers was increasing in South Vietnam. Two newspapers he brought back, "Vietnam GI" and "Task Force," had as their main themes allegations of incompetence of the United States command, needless sacrifice of soldiers in battles and missions that had little or no military significance, and abuse of the soldiers.

In his meeting with reporters yesterday, Mr. Halstead contended that there was no law forbidding soldiers in uniform to demonstrate publicly their views on war, peace and other subjects. He recalled demonstrations in 1946 demanding an early return home.

Mr. Halstead said that his party would therefore urge servicemen in the United States and abroad to use this channel to make known their opinions. A demonstration in San Francisco is planned for sometime in October, he said.



Paul Boutelle and Fred Halstead, Socialist Workers Party candidates for Vice President and President.

Clip and mail

HELP GET OUT ANOTHER MILLION PIECES OF SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN LITERATURE!

\$10 will pay for 1,000 brochures or 2,000 stickers.

Enclosed is . . . \$100, . . . \$50, . . . \$25, . . . \$10, . . . \$5.

Although I do not necessarily agree with all the planks of the Socialist Workers Party platform, I endorse the SWP's 1968 presidential ticket, as a positive alternative to the Democratic and Republican parties.

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"FRED HALSTEAD (Rating, Very Good to Excellent)"

NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1968



The Other Candidates (1)

MURRAY KEMPTON

I made the mistake a few years ago of telling David Susskind that I had given up voting. Susskind, whom I have known to engage with undiminishing tolerance in dialogues with pederasts, talent agents, junkies, embezzlers, Kluxers, Jew-baiting blacks, and women of the street, reeled with enough shock at this confession to instruct me that not voting is the only social offense unforgiveable in the American canon. I have since done my best to reform.

But this happens, at the top of the line, to be a year putting insupportable stress on regenerate addicts of abstention from the polls. We must seek the off brand. What follows then is the first of of what I hope will be a series of reports on Presidential Candidates of Whom You May Never Have Heard, a category which starts with an immeasurable advantage over those of whom you have.

Fred Halstead (Rating, Very Good to Excellent) is the Presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party. His party is part of the political estate of the late Leon Trotsky, a highly flamboyant personality, whose heirs always surprise you by how sober and American they are. One or two Trotskyites of my acquaintance began, in fact, as Taft Republicans in Ohio.

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Halstead is just back from Saigon; he is the only Presidential candidate so far to go there for no other purpose than talking to his constituents. He told them, of course, that he was against the war and even passed out leaflets to that effect in Saigon. He visited the Army base at Long Binh, was admitted, and sat around the PX and exchanged ideas with the troops.

"When I got to Long Binh, I told the guard," Halstead says, "I'm a candidate from the states," and he let me right in. All they listen for is the accent."

Halstead is a comfortable-looking 40-year-old with glasses. He fits both my own special middle-class bias in favor of revolutionaries who wear neckties and the general ruling-class prejudice in favor of anyone who wears neckties. He found

the troops polite, interested and unhappy. "A minority were in favor of the war, a larger minority were outright against the war, and the rest were just confused. It's a little hard to get around to the war; there is just a general malaise; everyone is introspective, intense and nervous; the soldiers in Saigon are just a corner of the whole country."

Apparently, if you are serious and contained enough about it, you can say anything you want to about the war in Saigon, so long as you say it to Americans; the government of South Vietnam has a reputation for losing its temper if it catches you talking this way to its constituents. We have come in America to a point where Fred Halstead and our soldiers can exchange ideas which used to be thought of as close to treason and the Army no longer knows what to do about it.

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Fred Halstead came home to the teachers strike. He is a union garment cutter and a member of the PTA of PS 33 in Chelsea. His PTA had a rough meeting this week before voting 28 to 23 to reopen the school despite the strike. Halstead voted with the majority; his daughter Laura's teacher, the union chairman, led the argument to keep the school closed.

"Afterwards, my daughter cried," Fred Halstead says. "My father's on one side and my teacher's on the other. What am I going to do?" I told her I thought it would work out; I think it will."

Perhaps we are not as unlucky in our candidates as we think. Fred Halstead can go to Saigon and come back talking about divided, unhappy young men and not cardboard symbols painted to suit his political position; and he can come home to struggle quietly and soberly and in fairness to both sides with the same problem that is agonizing many other parents all over this town today.

Our politics is in a rather extraordinary condition when the first candidate you see who sounds like a real person and not some poor painted doll turns out to be the Trotskyite candidate.