

May 9, 1968

SOCIALIST WORKERS 1968 NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

To All Campaign Directors:

Since the last ballot summary dated March 16, 1968, Kentucky, New Jersey, and Alabama (pending confirmation) have been added to the DONE category. In Iowa a petitioning mobilization is planned for May 11, and it is expected that most, if not all, the necessary signatures will be obtained on that day. In Tennessee the petitions will be filed in early June. By the beginning of summer we will have finished the ballot work in seven states.

There has also been progress in lining up presidential electors. As shown on the chart, we now have the required number of electors in Rhode Island, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Montana, and North Dakota, in addition to the states where we have already filed. Both Boston and California have concrete plans for completing this task in the states they have responsibility for.

Texas and Oklahoma have been dropped from the list because of extremely difficult requirements for getting on the ballot.

Virginia and Louisiana may have to be dropped also because of the distribution requirement for the presidential electors. About two months ago the ACLU promised to investigate these requirements to determine if there is a basis for challenging them. But as of a few days ago they hadn't done anything on it.

Even if Virginia and Louisiana are excluded we still have a total of 23 states where it is quite realistic to qualify for ballot status. This is more than double the 11 states where the SWP candidates were on the ballot in 1964 and will represent a big victory for the 1968 socialist campaign.

The main ballot tasks facing campaign committees now are: 1) lining up the remaining presidential electors; and 2) scheduling the petitioning work and/or nominating conventions that will take place this summer.

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AREAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING BALLOT STATUS IN
STATES WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE

<u>AREA RESP.</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>PETITIONING OPENS</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>ELECTORS</u>	<u>SIGNATURES</u>
ATLANTA	Alabama	DONE*			
BOSTON	Maine	any time	Aug. 15	4(1)	3,250
	N.H.	any time	Sept. 25	4(1)	1,000
	R.I.	Aug. 1	Aug. 11	4(4)	500
	Vermont	any time	Sept. 18	3	1,350
CALIF.	Arizona	Sept. 10	Sept. 20	5(2)	3,800 ¹
	Colorado	any time	Sept. 20	6(2)	300
	New Mexico		Sept. 26	4	conv. ²
	Utah	any time	Sept. 10	4	1,000 ²
CHICAGO	Indiana	any time	Sept. 1	13(13)	8,320
CLEVELAND- ANTIOCH	Kentucky	DONE			
	Tennessee	any time	Sept. 5	11(3) ⁶	25
DETROIT	Louisiana	any time	Sept. 17 ³	10(3) ^d	1,000
	Michigan	DONE			
MADISON	Wisconsin	Aug. 1	Sept. 17	12(12) ^d	3,000 ⁴
TWIN CITIES	Iowa	any time	Sept. 1	9(9) ^d	1,000
	Minnesota	July 2	Sept. 10	10	2,000
	Montana		Sept. 6	4(4)	conv.
	N. Dakota	any time	Sept. 26	4(4)	300
NEW YORK	Conn.	any time	Sept. 3 ⁵	8(3)	6,166 ^d
	New York	Aug. 27	Oct. 8	43	12,000 ^d
NEWARK	New Jersey	DONE			
PHIL.	Pennsylvania	DONE			
	Virginia	any time	Sept. 16	12 ^d	1,000
SEATTLE	Washington		Sept. 17	9	conv.

NOTES:

- () Number of electors lined up as reported to National Office.
 "d" Indicates distribution requirements.
 * Awaiting confirmation of filing. Deadline was May 6.
 1. Rqmts for independent nominations. Can also get on ballot as a new political party, but procedure unclear; being investigated.
 2. 500 before and after a convention; two separate petitions.
 3. Filing deadline for new political party; Sept. 28 is the deadline for independent candidates.
 4. And not more than 5,000.
 5. Sept. 3 with town clerk first; then (after town clerk's validation) Sept. 24 with Secretary of State.
 6. Partial slate allowed. Will file petitions in June.

Financial Commitment to National Office by Branches

Branch	1968 Spring Fund Drive Quota	Current Monthly Sustaining Fund Pledge	Approximate Monthly Average per capita (first six months 1968)
Boston	1450	70	8.90
* Chicago	2200	200	18.28
* Cleveland	1500	150	14.51
Detroit	1800	155	14.68
Los Angeles	4700	100	14.72
Newark	200	--	3.71
New York	6400	440	14.62
* Oakland/Berkeley	1700	150	13.14
Philadelphia	800	50	12.74
* San Francisco	1700	60	10.09
San Diego	350	13	10.24
Seattle	300	--	5.56
Twin Cities	1800	80	10.00

* Branches which now combine Fund Drive Quotas and Sustaining Fund Pledge and pay both on regular monthly basis.

LATE ADDITIONS TO THE CHOICE 68 AND MIDWAY PROGRESS REPORT

	Bay Area	Arizona
Choice 68 meetings for Halstead & Boutelle	5	2
Attendance at these meetings	2,500	130
Other Choice 68 meetings	8	-
Attendance at these meetings	500	-
Choice 68 newspaper articles	14	2
Radio time	1 hr.	-
TV time	2 hr.15min.	-
People reached thru radio & TV time	millions	15,000
Campuses visited during Choice 68	36	-
New supporter groups	-	-
Local leaflets put out during Choice 68	71,500	2 leaflets
Campuses added to Choice 68 thru our efforts	5 or 6	-

MIDWAY REPORT

Meetings for Halstead or Boutelle	28	2
Attendance	50,000	130
Number sponsored by SDS	1	1
Number sponsored by Afro-American groups	4	-
Other speaking engagements	15	1
Attendance	1,000	35
Newspaper articles	25	3
Radio time	3 hrs	-
TV time	4½ hrs	-
People reached thru radio and TV time	millions	15,000
Campuses visited by trailblazers	40-45	-
Supporter groups	9	1
Local leaflets put out	98,000	2 leaflets

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These are now the only states where the Halstead-Boutelle campaign does not have endorsers:

- Alaska
- Hawaii
- Arkansas
- New Mexico
- Wyoming