

New York, N.Y.  
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TO ALL LOCALS AND BRANCHES:

Dear Comrades,

NEW YORK ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The rising mass opposition to the war in Vietnam promises to provide the party with its best opportunity in years for a successful electoral action. The campaign will be geared into the party's antiwar activity and in addition to its general propaganda and educational value will have added importance this year. It will serve to delineate the reformist electoral policy favored by our opponents in the radical movement -- from the Marxist concept of independent political action and opposition to the war. As matters now stand this will be the only statewide campaign conducted in the name of the SWP this year.

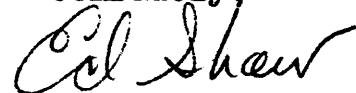
In view of the above, the New York campaign will have special nationwide importance for the party as a whole and cannot be by-passed despite the difficult financial and organizational burden that must be assumed. It will be necessary to rally general party support to the New York Local for this campaign.

The major problems will arise during the petition period -- August 10 through September 10.

All branches, and especially those in the East and Midwest, should be prepared to render whatever aid is required during this period.

Specific requests and further correspondence on this task will be forthcoming from the New York Local.

Comradely,



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