



# SOCIALIST WORKERS CAMPAIGNER



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**Fred Halstead for President**

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To All Campaign Directors and YSHB Organizers:

Good progress has been made since the last ballot status summary dated May 9. Teams from Boston and the Bay Area have signed up most of the required presidential electors in the New England states and in Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. In New York the campaign committee is asking prominent individuals in the anti-war and black liberation movements to serve as presidential electors to emphasize the broad support behind the Halstead-Boutelle ticket. We'd like to hear about similar efforts in other states.

We received word from the office of the Secretary of State that the Socialist Workers ticket is definitely on the ballot in Pennsylvania.

The necessary signatures have been gathered in Iowa. Petitioning has just begun in Arizona. Signature gathering will begin soon in Indiana, Vermont, Connecticut, Utah, and Minnesota. Eloise Chase, the New England Campaign Director, has informed us that eight YSHBers with no previous experience, including several members of Students for a Democratic Society, have participated in the New Hampshire petitioning.

Bad news from Alabama: the two people who agreed to serve as presidential electors changed their minds and failed to turn in their petitions by the May 6th filing deadline.

Note the new dates for New York petitioning. The legislature moved the schedule up one month.

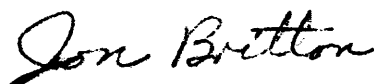
We hope to challenge in the courts certain election requirements in Louisiana and Virginia which stipulate that electors must be geographically distributed. The Virginia ACLU state board is supposed to decide this month whether to take the case.

The main ballot task now is to organize the petitioning and/or nominating conventions scheduled for the summer. Keep us informed of your plans.

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

It is important that articles about these activities appear in The Militant periodically. The ballot effort is of utmost importance this summer. Our perspective to get Halstead and Boutelle on the ballot in over 20 states is very impressive when compared to previous SWP campaigns, or when compared to the current ballot efforts of the various "peace and freedom" third party groups. Please send in reports, articles, clippings, and pictures relating to efforts to get on the ballot in your state.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Britton".

Jon Britton  
Ballot Coordinator

June 24, 1968

PROGRESS IN GETTING HALSTEAD-BOUTELLE ON THE BALLOT  
IN STATES WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE

<u>AREA RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>PETITIONING OPENS</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>ELECTORS</u>	<u>SIGNATURES</u>
BOSTON	Maine	any time	Aug. 15	4(4)	3,250
	N. Hampshire	any time	Sept. 25	4(4)	1,000
	Rh. Island	Aug. 1	Aug. 11	4(4)	500
	Vermont	any time	Sept. 18	3(3)	1,350
CALIF.	Arizona	Sept. 10	Sept. 20	5(5)	450
	Colorado	any time	Sept. 20	6(2)	300
	New Mexico		Sept. 26	4(3)	conv. <sup>f</sup>
	Utah	any time	Sept. 10	4(3)	1,000 <sup>f</sup>
CHICAGO	Indiana	any time	Sept. 1	13(13)	8,320
CLEVELAND- ANTIOCH	Kentucky	DONE			
	Tennessee	any time	Sept. 5	11(3) <sup>p</sup>	25
DETROIT	Louisiana	any time	Sept. 17 <sup>2</sup>	10(3) <sup>d</sup>	1,000
	Michigan	DONE			
MADISON	Wisconsin	Aug. 1	Sept. 17	12(12) <sup>d</sup>	3,000 <sup>3</sup>
NEW YORK	Conn.	any time	Sept. 3 <sup>4</sup>	8(8)	6,166
	New York	July 29	Sept. 9	43 <sup>p</sup>	12,000 <sup>d</sup>
NEWARK	New Jersey	DONE			
PHILA.	Pennsylvania	DONE			
SEATTLE	Washington		Sept. 17	9	conv.
TWIN CITIES	Iowa	DONE*			
	Minnesota	July 2	Sept. 10	10	1,000
	Montana		Sept. 6	4(4)	conv.
	N. Dakota	any time	Sept. 26	4(4)	300

NOTES:

- ( ) Number of electors lined up as reported to National Office.  
 "d" Indicates distribution requirements.  
 "p" Indicates partial slate of electors is allowed.  
 \* Signatures gathered but not yet filed.  
 1 500 signatures before and after a convention; two separate petitions.  
 2 Filing deadline for new political party; Sept. 28 is the deadline for independent candidates.  
 3 And not more than 5,000.  
 4 Sept. 3 with town clerk first; then (after town clerk's validation) Sept. 24 with Secretary of State.