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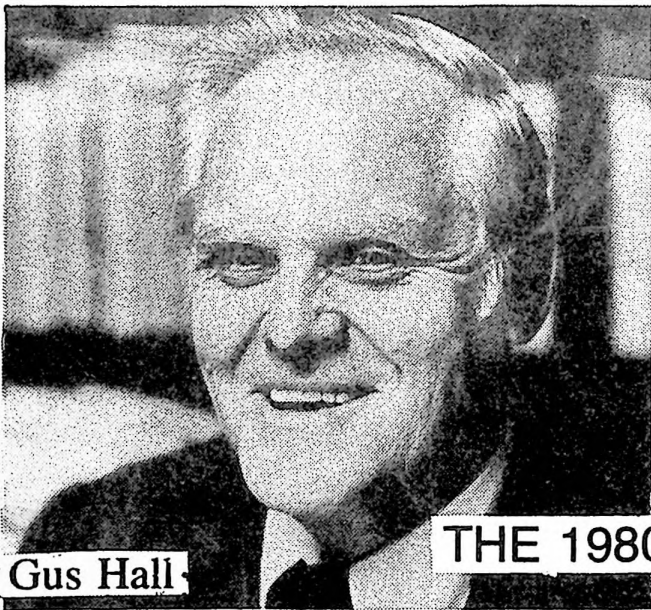


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# GETTING ORGANIZED FOR 1980

THE BASIC POINT OF REFERENCE OF THE 22ND CONVENTION WITH RESPECT TO THE 1980 ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS THE PROCESS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE MOVING IN A GROWING BREAKAWAY FROM THE GRIP OF MONOPOLY DOMINATED POLITICS, WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY A DEFINITE AND SPECIAL PART OF THAT MAJORITY--A SPECIAL ORGANIZING FORCE HELPING THE UNFOLDING OF THE PROCESS, SPEEDING ITS DEVELOPMENT AND THEREFORE ITS VICTORIES.

OUR OWN PRE-CONVENTION PROCESS REFLECTED OUR PARTY'S TIES WITH ALL THE WIDE RANGE OF MOVEMENTS WHICH TOGETHER CONSTITUTE THAT MAJORITY. NOW IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN WE TAKE THE RESULTS BACK TO THE MAJORITY, IN ALL OF ITS CONTINGENTS AND ESPECIALLY AT THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL, TO HELP THAT MAJORITY TO WIN ITS PROGRAM. THUS, THE ROLE OF ORGANIZATION TO IMPLEMENT THE CONVENTION IS CRITICAL.

THIS ISSUE OF THE PARTY ORGANIZER COMBINES REPORTS OF THE CONVENTION DISCUSSION OF THE ELECTIONS WITH CENTRAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE CONVENTION DECISIONS. IT INCLUDES A SPECIAL SECTION DETAILING THE SPECIFIC "HOW-TO" OF ORGANIZING A LOCAL COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN FROM THE OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF CONNECTICUT. WE WILL INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES IN FORTHCOMING ISSUES, INCLUDING FROM PHILADELPHIA AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THIS ISSUE IS JAMES JACKSON'S ADDRESS TO THE 22ND CONVENTION.

WE CALL ATTENTION TO THE MATERIALS FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN LISTED ON THE BACK COVER. AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY IS ESSENTIAL PREPARATION FOR GETTING INTO THE CAMPAIGN.     □                                     ■

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# THE COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN

By Gus Hall

1980 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, COMMUNIST PARTY

To help build the new politics of political independence that will lead to an anti-monopoly people's party that can effectively challenge the two old parties of monopoly capital will be a central element of our 1980 Presidential campaign.

Let us be absolutely clear on this point. Our campaign does not conflict with emerging independent political movements. On the contrary, it serves to stimulate such movements. Communists in the trade unions and communities will actively help build such independent formations, united front anti-monopoly tickets. Where possible, Communists may also be candidates on such united front, anti-monopoly tickets. The campaigns of Communist candidates open doors and prepare the soil for political independence, for Left-progressive candidates.

Our campaign will put forward the most advanced program of the 1980 race, a program based on the issues arising out of the class struggle and the fight against racism, for peace, democracy and basic structural change. It will indicate the path of a giant anti-monopoly coalition and the road to fundamental revolutionary change, to socialism.

Thus, our campaign must be seen as an indispensable element of the people's anti-monopoly struggle. Our struggles and our platform can make our ticket a real choice for tens of thousands who see no meaningful alternative in the candidates of the old parties.

We can roll up a powerful vote, larger than at any previous time in the 60-year history of our Party. By so doing we will not only advance our Party, but advance greatly the entire movement for a new political alignment in our country, and in addition speed the formation of a powerful anti-monopoly people's party that can successfully challenge the two old parties of monopoly capital.

To accomplish this we will have to begin early to organize to get on the ballot in at least thirty states, breaking through the maze of anti-democratic restrictions designed by Big Business to strangle independent independent political action. I am confident that our Party and its many supporters can accomplish this historic task.

--- from: LABOR UP FRONT, pp. 84-85.

Report To The 22nd Convention, CPUSA, Detroit, August 23, 1979.

By GUS HALL

International Publishers, New York.

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" . . . THE OTHER PARTIES . . . SIMPLY DEMAND YOUR VOTE . . . WE ARE ASKING PEOPLE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN AN ORGANIZED FASHION, TO FIGHT AROUND ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT WE PUT FORTH IN OUR PROGRAM."

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## *An Entirely Different Approach To Electoral Politics*

*By Angela Davis*

1980 VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, COMMUNIST PARTY

WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE A PROGRAM WHICH IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES. WE NEED TO MAKE IT CLEAR AS WE CONDUCT THE CAMPAIGN THAT WE ALSO HAVE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT APPROACH TO ELECTORAL POLITICS IN GENERAL. IN ORDER TO DO SO WE NEED TO DEVELOP A NEW STYLE.

FIRST OF ALL IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO FACE THE ISSUES IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT PERMITS PEOPLE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS THE PARTY OF THE WORKING CLASS, THAT IT IS OUR PARTY THAT BEST REFLECTS THE REAL INTERESTS OF THE MASSES OF THE PEOPLE.

TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE QUESTION OF PEACE.

IN PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE SPEECHES THAT I HAVE MADE RECENTLY, I HAVE ASKED PEOPLE TO STOP FOR A MOMENT AND REFLECT UPON WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THE EVENT OF A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST. I DISCOVERED THAT THESE DAYS PEOPLE USUALLY DO NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT WHAT THE CONCRETE REALITY OF A NUCLEAR WAR WOULD MEAN. THEY HAVE A TENDENCY TO THINK ABOUT THIS IN ABSTRACT TERMS. THEY DO NOT CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WOULD MEAN DEATH AND DEVASTATION, THAT IT WOULD MEAN AN END TO THEIR OWN LIVES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HELP PEOPLE TO SEE IT IN THAT WAY, TO THINK ABOUT THE REAL CONSEQUENCES OF NUCLEAR WAR, IN ORDER TO HELP OVERCOME THE TREMENDOUS BARRAGE OF PROPAGANDA THAT HAS MADE US SO INSENSITIVE.

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ONE OF THE THINGS I HAVE RELATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WAS THE WAY I USED TO FEEL AS A CHILD WHEN I FIRST HEARD ABOUT THE ATOM BOMB. THEY USED TO TAKE US TO THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY AND SHOW US FILMS OF MUSHROOM CLOUDS--AND THEN DURING SCHOOL WE WOULD HAVE THESE DRILLS IN WHICH WE WOULD HAVE TO GET UNDER THE DESK.

WE REMEMBER THAT, AND SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE PEOPLE THINK IN CONCRETE TERMS ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD REALLY MEAN, WHAT THE SPECIFIC CONSEQUENCES WILL BE IF WE DO NOT PUT A STOP TO THE ARMS RACE.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO FIND THE WAY TO PLACE ALL OF THE ISSUES IN THE WAY THAT WILL PERMIT PEOPLE TO SEE THE REALITIES BEHIND THOSE ISSUES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE TALK ABOUT THE NEED TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER QUESTION RELATING TO PEACE, THE NEED TO SUPPORT THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

We can relate that directly to the fight for peace in a way that people can see that is in their interest to support the independence struggle--the Island of Vieques, what has been done to that island as a naval base, the way it is being used as a launching point for the entire Caribbean, and the part that that plays in the whole military build-up.

The second point I want to make is that in our campaigning we must demonstrate that for us it is not just the campaign we are going to wage for several months, and then it is over.

We must make the point that to vote for the Communist Party is not enough because we are not talking about the kind of electoral-political situation that the other parties are into. They simply demand your vote. That is all they are asking for.

We are asking for much more. We are asking people to become involved in an organized fashion, to fight around all of the issues that we put forth in our program.

We use the campaign - not only to build the Party - but to get vast numbers of people to join the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression; to get vast numbers of young people to join the Young Workers Liberation League; to get vast numbers of women to join Women for Racial and Economic Equality; to get vast numbers of people

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"WHEN THE PROPER INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES COME FORWARD, NOT ONLY WILL THE BLACK VOTE EXPRESS ITSELF, BUT ALSO THE WORKING CLASS AS A WHOLE WILL COME OUT IN GREAT NUMBERS."

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## The Third Party— and the Struggle for Democracy

By JARVIS TYNER  
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I WANT TO DEAL WITH THE NOTION THAT THE BLACK VOTE AND THE WORKING CLASS VOTE IN GENERAL DOES NOT EXPRESS ITSELF BECAUSE IT IS APATHETIC.

THIS IS A WIDELY HELD OPINION; IT IS TOTALLY FALSE.

THE FACT IS THAT THE BLACK VOTE AND THE BULK OF THE WORKING CLASS VOTE DOES NOT EXPRESS ITSELF AND HAS NOT IN THE PAST PERIOD-- NOT BECAUSE OF APATHY OR BECAUSE THAT SOMEHOW THERE IS NO INTEREST IN VOTING-- BUT BECAUSE THERE HAS NOT BEEN A REAL ALTERNATIVE ELECTORAL CHOICE ABLE TO ATTRACT THAT VOTE.

WHEN THAT ALTERNATIVE HAS COME THAT VOTE HAS BEEN DECISIVE. IT HAS BEEN HARD AND ORGANIZED, CONSCIOUS, POWERFUL-- AS IN PHILADELPHIA.

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" . . . the way to the solution of the nationality question is not to abandon the struggle under one's own national flag for the solution of that problem, but to understand profoundly that it can be attained and realized only through linkage, like spokes into the hub of a wheel, to the working class. The working class is the big wheel of our time . . ."

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## The Working Class: Hub of the Nationalities Wheel

By JAMES JACKSON  
National Educational Director  
Member, Political Bureau of the CC

Report Back  
22<sup>nd</sup> CPUSA  
CONVENTION  
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*One of the great personalities in our Party, Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, said: "We are the many and they are the few." And indeed this could well be the motto of this memorable convention because the silken curtain of isolation has been ripped apart and we are joined with our brother and sister parties, the vanguards of the world working class and national liberation movements.*

*Welcome, dear Comrades from 31 countries!*

*Comrade Henry Winston, dear delegates and guests:*

WITH CHARACTERISTIC PREVISION AND UNFAILING REVOLUTIONARY OPTIMISM, COMRADE GUS HALL PREPARED THE REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AS A REALLY

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GREAT DOCUMENT WORTHY OF THIS HISTORIC CONVENTION. THIS CONVENTION WILL LONG BE A BENCHMARK AND WILL SIGNAL THE TURNING POINT IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARTY AND ITS EFFECT ON OUR NATION. ITS IMPACT ON WORLD PEACE, ON HUMAN LIBERATION AND PROGRESS, WILL BE NOTABLE INDEED.

HISTORY IN THE 20TH CENTURY HAS UNFOLDED IN CONSONANCE WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS OF MARXIST-LENINIST SCIENCE.

MARXISM-LENINISM WEARS NO NATION'S CAP BUT SERVES ALL NATIONS AND NATIONALITIES EQUALLY WELL. HISTORY IN THE 20TH CENTURY HAS PROVEN THAT MARXISM-LENINISM IS THE MOST PROFOUND SCIENTIFICALLY GENERALIZED CONCEPTION OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. ITS THEORIES ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO PRACTICE, VITALIZED BY PRACTICE, ADJUSTED BY PRACTICE AND TESTED BY PRACTICE. THEORY FOR US IS A GUIDE TO AFFECTING PRACTICE IN THE SERVICE OF THE LIBERATION AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF ALL PEOPLES.

*It was Lenin who said long ago, "every one knows that the position of Negroes in American in general is one unworthy of a civilized country. Capitalism cannot give either complete emancipation or complete equality." (Note; "Negro" was our name of choice then. -J.J.)*

*In this passage from Lenin's writings on "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," he noted that "whites are bound by the same rope that holds in captivity, Blacks" and he observed that "The proportion of illiterates among the whites is twice as high in the slave holding areas there where Blacks live." Consequently, he pointed out -"It is not only the Negroes that show traces of slavery." Said Lenin: "Shame on America for the plight of the Black people!" This was Lenin's foresight that is still a deserving indictment of prevailing conditions. Indeed yes, and shame on the ruling class of the United States for its treatment of all the oppressed nationalities under the heel of racism and double exploitation! Shame on the ruling class of the United States for the national chauvinism, its racial discrimination and oppression vented against the Mexican-Americans, and the Chicano peoples; against the Puerto Rican people; against the Native American Indian people; against the Asian Pacific-peoples!*

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W H O   W O U L D   B E   F R E E ,   W H O   S T A N D  
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THE STRUGGLE FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE NATIONALITY QUESTION IN THE UNITED STATES IS AN INTEGRAL ASPECT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THE TRIUMPH OF THE WORKING CLASS OVER IMPERIALISM AND THE REIGN OF THE MONOPOLIES. The strategic ally of the working class in the United States is, in the first instance, the extraordinarily oppressed, largely working class (in class composition) Black Americans. The place of the Afro-American people in the sphere of the nationality question can be likened to that of the trunk on a tree of racism. In addition to the trunk, the tree of racism has many branches. These branches represent the several other oppressed nationalities.

If we would fell the tree of racism then we must lay the ax to the trunk. therefore, it is not a diversion from the solution of the particular nationality question - The Chicano, the Puerto Rican, the Asian Pacific, or the Native American Indian question - to address, in fraternal solidarity, THE PRIME QUESTION of the national oppression of peoples in the United States which is that of the Black American question.

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In the struggle for equality of peoples, the struggle against the racist oppression of Black Americans has been historically [especially throughout the 19th century and on to the present day in the 20th century] central to the solution of all other aspects of oppression in the sphere of the nationality question. The struggle to free one's own nationality requires focusing in on, concentrating on the solution of the largest, the most decisive feature of the national question in the United States, that of Afro-American liberation.

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belongs in. All of the nationalities in the United States who suffer special national oppression are identified especially by their large working class specific gravity, by the big component of the total population that belongs to, and is a vital segment of the working class. Therefore, there is a *joint relationship to the working class of all who would be free, who stand under their respective national banners.*

It is necessary to understand that in the United States, the nationalities are oppressed and deprived components of a *common nation*. Cuba is such a nation, that is bi-racial, multi-racial, but one solitary unitary nation. And what is the molding force of that nation? Despite its being a nation of different races, different cultural stresses, different ethnic personalities, it is a *unitary nation* because, at the hub of its wheel is the molding, decisive, pivoting impact of the working class.

Therefore, to see a way out for the solution of the nationality question, no matter how complex it is, one must examine the class aspect and approach it from the standpoint of *the basic harmony of interests between the working class in its struggle for class emancipation and the oppressed nationalities in their struggle for equality and freedom.*

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Precisely because Afro-American equality, affirmative action, anti-racism is a major sentiment among the working class and the broad masses of U.S. people, we must raise the level of deep understanding of the revolutionary import of the struggle for equality and against concepts and practices of white racial supremacy and national chauvinist egoism. In our Party, we must continually strive for a *true Communist level* of sensitivity, attitude and action to secure true equality and distinguish ourselves in the daily struggle to end racist divisions in the ranks of the class and the nation.

Lenin wrote, in "*Critical Remarks on the National Question*:"  
"In one way or another, by one's attitude or by concessions it is neces-

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sary to compensate for the lack of trust, for the suspicion and the insults to which the government of the 'dominant' nation subjected them in the past...

"Nothing holds up the development in strengthening of proletarian class solidarity so much as national injustice. Offended nationals are not sensitive to anything so much as to the feeling of equality and violation of this equality, (if only through negligence or jest) by their proletarian comrades. That is why it is better even to overdo rather than underdo the concessions towards the national minorities."

That is why we must say self-critically, we should have had operating at our Convention a broader nationality forum to encompass the opportunity for the Latino comrades to address the special and deepening problem of Chicano and other Latino peoples.

Similarly, our convention properly will resolve that our Party will give attention to the other national minorities among whom the Asian-Pacific peoples who suffer oppression under the heel of U.S. monopoly's reign. This is elaborated and projected in the Main Political Report of Comrade Gus Hall.

We must analyze and be attentive to developments in respect to the diverse, distinctive nationalities in our country, their place and their relationship to the working class and its destiny. We must analyze them concretely and draw lessons. At the same time, as Lenin said, "*the demands of democracy, including self-determination, are not absolute but a part of the general democratic - (now we read: and general socialist - J.J.) world movement.*" In individual concrete cases a given community may put forward demands that contradict the whole. If so the working class (which is the wheel that moves the destiny of all nationalities) has precedence. The aspiration and the struggle for nationality freedom from all manner of discrimination, are not in conflict with the goals of the unfolding revolutionary energies of the working class.

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Historically, in our country, the masses of working people constitute the great bulk of the population of all oppressed nationalities. It is especially so now in respect to Afro-Americans. The masses of working people of diverse nationalities, as they liberate themselves from the bourgeois yoke will gravitate irresistibly towards greater and greater association, union, integration -- provided, as Lenin said, "yesterday's oppressors do not infringe on the long-oppressed nationalities highly developed democratic feelings of self-respect, and provided they are granted equality in everything, including state construction experience in organizing their own state affairs." Providing these things take place, the natural tendency of peoples is toward togetherness, towards oneness. Already the future will represent itself now in the attitudes of *class* brothers, across all divisive lines, all lines of difference and distinction. And nationality differences are not a negative; nationality difference is the harmony of diversity which adds to the beauty of the peoples of a nation, and it multiplies its genius because it taps many national, racial and ethnic streams.

What is decisive, comrades? What is decisive is the education and training of the working class in internationalism and inter-racial mutual respect, solidarity, fraternity. Who erected the wall separating brother from brother, on color lines, on sex lines, on language lines? The bourgeoisie, as part of its ancient line of *divisionism*, to divide and rule.

It is revolutionary obligation and historic necessity to tear down these walls of division. Obviously, it is not perceivable that every nationality community will put forth the same slogan, be identical in its demands in a concrete sense, as Lenin said - "in the great oppressor nations and in small oppressed nations, in annexing nations and in annexed nations, there are certain differences in the approach." Nevertheless, he pointed out, "The way to the common goal, is inviolate." That is to say the common goal of complete community, the common goal of complete equality, the closest association and eventual amalgamation of peoples and nations. This obviously runs along different routes in each concrete case. As Lenin noted, "The way to a point in the center of a page runs left from one edge and right from the opposite edge." But the focus has to be unclouded and clear for removing all artificial barriers and walls between peoples.

On this national question, most complex and complicated, Lenin has written with enduring profundity. We live at a time when there are approximately 2,000 different nations and nationalities in distinctive

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national communities. And, as you know, there are not more than 150 states. So the national question will not lose its significance in our time. It is intensified as more and more countries abandon the capitalist system, kick the imperialists off their backs and enter into the path of independent development.

The nationality question today is a special area of neo-colonialist policy of the imperialist bourgeoisie. In its efforts to survive and to hold on to its ill-gotten riches they will seek to maneuver and to manipulate. Those imperialists who crush the independence of all peoples now come out as the super-champions of "self-determination." Washington is now the great patron of all varieties of nationalism!

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The essence of our policy here is rooted in Lenin's teachings on this question. Lenin said: "*Policy on the national and colonial questions should rest primarily on a closer union of the proletarian and the working masses of all nations and countries for a joint revolutionary struggle to overthrow the landowners and the bourgeoisie.*".."*This union alone will guarantee victory over capitalism, without which the abolition of national oppression and inequality is impossible.*"

We, of course, look with attention and voice our instant concern and see things from the point of departure of our own community. We peep from under our own national tent, so to speak, at the rest of the world. But, what is required is the vision to see that a strategic solution can only come out of the revolutionary initiative of the working class, for the basic solution of all democratic problems in our time, including that of the solution of the national question. Without this as our base and the point of departure in our orientation, our awakened interest in the cause of national independence, democracy and freedom from oppression can generate a divisionism which will have its expression sometimes ludicrous-

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ly as a competition to see who is number one in being worse off under the heels of the monopoly bourgeoisie. And the ruling class would be happy at such a competition in absurdity, that Black are no longer the number one oppressed and the up and coming number one abused and oppressed are the Chicanos, and they are being challenged for the bottom rail on the fence by the Native American Indians - and, look out, there come the Asian-Pacific peoples, who are abused and humiliated no less.

Of course, when you are on the receiving end of abuse and humiliation, that colors and clouds every assessment. That is what you are concerned with. So we must be concerned and clear-minded, that the way to the solution of the nationality question is not to abandon the struggle under one's own national flag for the solution of that problem, but to understand profoundly that it can be attained and realized only through linkage, like spokes into the hub of a wheel, to the working class. The working class is the big wheel of our time, and those movements which do not relate to it become diversions against the social-historic force which alone can bring liberation for our class and for all oppressed and deprived nationalities.

Comrades, we are already in these days witnessing a certain fulfillment of prophecies contained in the report of our general secretary. He said, "some organizations which have been on the frontier of the struggle against discrimination in the sixties and lay fallow and unused will be quickening into life because we are in an active decade." The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, for example, is making front-page news, having broken with its isolation and inertia and displays an understanding of the linkage between the cause of liberation internationally, a linkage which is fitted into the general world revolutionary process.

Therefore, to ensure the fulfillment of the potential for democratic social progress of the revolutionary energy of struggle to solve the nationality question in its variety and in its central expression -- the condition of Black Americans -- an approach based on a profound appreciation of the meaning of the high specific gravity of the working class composition of the oppressed nationalities. For example, 90% of the Black Americans are of the working class. This could be said of the Chicanos; the Native American Indians are a people of urban workers and rural toilers. There is no bourgeoisie among them that is worthy of the name. They are more "state of mind" than "money in the bank" capitalists. And the significance of this is not to give praise to those who are not working class, but to recognize the potential of this class composition of the nationally oppressed people who make up an important part of the complex of the U.S. nation, that these people, each and every one of the oppressed

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nationalities, has the capacity for taking advanced democratic positions as the sturdy ally of the working class. There is no real contradiction between struggle for the solution of the nationality question and the advance of the working class. Indeed future progress in solution of the nationality question is dependent upon the development of the struggles of the working class.

Today in a considerable area of the world the national question in all its fundamentals has been solved. The fog of imperialist propaganda seeks to darken our vision and blur the truth about the great accomplishments of socialism in being real, existent socialism, as distinct from utopian fancies. In the *Soviet Union* the national question in its primary dimensions has been solved, and it stands as a model that friends and foe have to pay tribute to. Discrimination has been abolished and the liberation of peoples has brought new reserves and resources of power to the camp of advanced socialism. One of the by-products is that now the socialist community of states constitute a mighty reservoir of material aid, political enlightenment and inspiration to all the oppressed of the earth to "go thou and do likewise."

It is inevitable that in our time there will be no long time lag between the solution of the national question and the solution of the problem of imperialist-capitalist reign.

The national question can be solved only in conjunction with the struggle to realize what is dear to the vision of the workers of the whole world, that of putting an end once and forever to the class exploitative system of state monopoly capitalism, thereby opening the way to greater democracy, to socialism.

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to join the U.S. Peace Council as well as all of the other mass organizations with which we work.

Our main job in the campaign has to be to help organize the majority, and especially urgent is the job of organizing the peace majority and the majority against racism. We should begin now. We should make it very clear that we are really serious. We are telling the people of the country that that will of the majority must be organized now, because on that depends our future.

I do believe there is a majority against racism, and that is one of the reasons why the encouragement is given to the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi Party--to prevent us, we who are the majority, from organizing our will.

When we campaign in this way--when we make use of the campaign to organize and build the grassroots movements in the shops and neighborhoods to help win victories in the struggles for peace, for smashing racism, for jobs and health care and education--then we demonstrate in life that we are the very opposite of a narrow sect. It will be-

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come clear to many who work with us that joining the Party is not opposed to mass organizing, but rather is a way of increasing the effectiveness of mass organizing, and therefore increasing the scope and tempo of mass victories that can be won in this period.

One final point: When we make it very clear that we are serious about organizing the will of the majority we are able to counteract some of the detrimental effects of the Ultra-Left organizations. The Ultra Left does not build mass movements. One of the things that has characterized these so-called counter demonstrations against the Klan and the nazis is that there is no attempt by its organizers to reach out to masses of people. They are talking about arming themselves, about provoking confrontations, violent confrontations, with the Klan, daring the Klan. We are not talking about that. We are talking about organizing masses of people, and especially the working people of this country, so that the will of the majority can be heard.

And a last, final point:

It is going to be extremely important that we make it very clear that given the intensity of racism that can allow this anti-Iranian hysteria to be so easily provoked (and it was provoked--there was a conspiracy to create this anti-Iranian sentiment, with the Klan in some instances right out in front); given this intensity of hysteria, then when the Iranian situation subsides it is going to be the people of color in this country who will feel the effects of it. It is going to be Black people, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans.

We need to anticipate this danger and respond to this situation now. It is going to be important that we send out a message to white people, to white working people especially and to other progressive white people in this country, that they have a very significant historical mission to perform at this moment: If they do not consider themselves to be a part of the hysterical racist movement now being spear-headed by the Klan and the Nazi Party, then they had better begin--immediately and urgently--to vigorously assist in organizing the movement that will counter act it and has the potential strength to defeat it.

We are at the point where silence means complicity.



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## PANEL REPORT

# Political Independence

By MARK ALLEN, Panel Chair  
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IT IS BOTH MY CHARGE AND A DISTINCT HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE REPORT FROM THE PANEL ON POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE 1980 ELECTIONS AT THIS HISTORIC CONVENTION.

AND IT IS INDEED HISTORIC - THE PERIOD, THE ASSEMBLAGE OF OUR FRATERNAL PARTY COMRADES. THE EXTREMELY HIGH LEVEL OF DISCUSSION AND COMMITMENT HAVE MADE THIS CONVENTION FOR ME A CONVENTION OF A NEW TYPE. THE TRULY HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THIS CONVENTION, I BELIEVE, WILL ONLY BE TRULY RECOGNIZED WHEN WE AND OUR WHOLE PARTY BEGIN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE DIRECTION AS OUTLINED IN THIS CONVENTION, GUIDED BY THE TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP OF COMRADES GUS HALL AND HENRY WINSTON.

Comrade's Hall report to this Convention represents the finest utilization of the science of Marxism-Leninism and it will guide the work of our Party and our class towards the task history has set for us - Socialism in our time.

Let me say that due to the time restrictions, our panel was by no means able to adequately tap the tremendously valuable experiences of all who had come to participate in the panel. That we were unable to encompass in our discussion the many experiences of the comrades present, however, is also the reflection not only of the expanding anti-monopoly developments in this period, but also of the new level, the higher level of participation and leadership the Party is now playing in those strug-

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Our panel's discussion, despite the limited time, gave proof of the main mass struggles reflecting political independence and served as confirmation of the assessment of Comrade Gus Hall, that this is a period of anti-monopoly upsurge, an anti-monopoly upsurge that has placed independence from the two parties of big business as the only rational alternative.

The discussion also confirmed that of absolutely critical importance in the interests of our class and all non-monopoly sectors is the Communist Party. Our examination of developments nationwide within the movement of organized labor, within the organizations of the Black, Chicano, Native American and Asian peoples, within peace organizations and consumer groups, confirm Gus Hall's estimate that there is a mass revulsion and widespread dissatisfaction and even anger directed at the two parties of big business and their candidates, those announced and as yet unannounced.

But, as Comrade Hall's report pointed out, there is as yet no center, no single unifying force able to galvanize this anger and discontent into a national anti-monopoly independent party, based on labor and the nationally oppressed peoples.

But this discussion also demonstrated that there are tremendous developments and even anti-monopoly victories being won at the local levels throughout this country. The developments of course, in Philadelphia, are the most dramatic and probably the most important. There, with the Party actively involved, is unfolding a struggle of massive proportions, uniting the Black community with sections of the trade union movement, under the leadership of Black industrial workers.

We agree with the speakers who addressed the Convention yesterday, as well as those who spoke of the Philadelphia situation within our panel; that these local developments in Philadelphia are indeed of truly national importance.

How else can one estimate the fact that none other than International Longshoremen's Association President Teddy Gleason felt compelled by his own members, Black and other democratic-minded workers, to donate some \$75,000 to an independent mayoralty campaign of Lucien Blackwell, the Black leader of Philadelphia's longshoremen's local, and to oppose the candidate backed by Frank Rizzo, the epitome of big business-sponsored racist reaction, and his Republican counterpart.

But Philadelphia does not stand alone as an example of movements for political independence. The discussion reflected that in New Haven, in Cleveland, in Santa Monica, California, in Chicago, in St. Paul, Minnesota, Berkeley, California and many other cities throughout the this country, most of whom I just mentioned, Communists are playing an active role in these mass developments. All these experiences point to the correctness of the line of our Party and the direction as outlined in Comrade Gus Hall's report.

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What emerges from our examination and our practical activities is that it is the Communist Party that is the sole consistent and unifying force in the fight for political independence and breaking of the grip of monopoly over every aspect of the people's lives. The Communist Party not only has an active role but a critical responsibility in this development.

Comrade Hall's report not only represents a guide for our work between conventions but a central element in the tremendous activities and development that will unfold in the 1980 elections. Who, comrades, can deny that Comrade Hall's magnificent report is the foundation of a political platform and program addressing the critical issues confronting our class and all of the people in the 1980s? Who dares to ask what the Communist Party offers? They will now know that they heard what the Communist Party offers in the report that was presented to our Convention yesterday.

Comrades, there is massive discontent, confusion, timidity and disillusionment. A cynical and disillusioned population is the playground of reaction and demagogy. A clear, sound and militant voice is needed in these times, and only the Communist Party can speak with that voice. And we must speak in the 1980 elections.

For this reason, comrades, our Panel unanimously and enthusiastically calls upon this Convention to confirm and mandate the immediate preparation by our Party for the 1980 elections, preparation to place before the people our Party's candidates for President and Vice President. The panel will offer a resolution to this effect before the body at the completion of this report.

Comrades, if there is one criticism of our Party's work that was raised consistently in our panel - and it was raised more than once from the various areas of our country - it is our lack of ongoing and consistent electoral activity. We must elevate the role of the electoral and legislative struggles in the work of our Party, creatively linking it to the struggles in the work of our Party, creatively linking it to the struggles taking place in the shops and the communities. Electoral work can no longer be an afterthought. We are confident that our 1980 election campaign will help move our Party in that direction, and we are also confident that where our Party has been active, consistent and ongoing, with trade union, electoral and community work, our candidates, and the positions we advocate will be enthusiastically received.

Comrades, we are a Party of issues and program and not of individuals. Unlike the two old parties of big business, our Party Convention deliberations emphasized discussion on program, a program to liberate from exploitation and oppression the overwhelming majority of our people, and not backroom deals for delegates' votes.

It is now our task to take our program to the masses of the people in 1980, and not merely to take it to the people but to wage a passionate battle for the minds of the masses. That is the task before us, one that will not be easy, but one that will result in tremendous victories, the impact of which will be felt in every single shop, every single community and every single movement long after the elections of 1980.

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Thank you, comrades, and now I read the resolution advanced by the panel:

From the Panel on the 1980 Elections and Political Independence:

"The 22nd National Convention of the Communist Party USA enthusiastically endorses the perspective for the 1980 elections outlined by General Secretary Gus Hall in his memorable report. We strongly endorse his view that the Party can 'roll up a powerful vote, larger than at any time in the history of the Party' and pledge to make every effort to carry out the proposal to get on the ballot in at least 30 states in the United States.

"The Convention authorizes the incoming Central Committee to take all necessary steps to make the nominations for President and Vice President and take all other appropriate measures to initiate the organization of the 1980 Communist election campaign."

I so move the adoption of the report and of the resolution.

Chair: All of those who have amendments to offer. (None were offered. The resolution was adopted unanimously.)

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" . . . 30 STATES IN 1980 IS ... A REALISTIC GOAL, BUT  
IT IS GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF SCRATCHING . . . "

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## *The Mathematics Of The 1980 Campaign*

By JOHN ABT  
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I WANT TO TALK, NOT ABOUT THE POLITICS, BUT RATHER ABOUT THE MATHEMATICS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S 1980 CAMPAIGN.

GUS HALL'S MAIN REPORT TO THE 22ND CONVENTION PROJECTED THE GOAL OF GETTING ON THE BALLOT IN AT LEAST 30 STATES. IN 1976 WE WERE ON THE

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BALLOT IN 19 STATES. TO GET ON THE BALLOT IN 30 STATES IN 1980 IS IN MY OPINION A REALISTIC GOAL. IT IS REALISTIC, BUT IT IS GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF SCRATCHING TO MAKE IT. THOSE ADDITIONAL 11 STATES ARE NOT GOING TO BE EASY. WE MUST LOOK CLOSELY AT WHAT IT WILL TAKE.

ON YOUR DESKS YOU WILL FIND SOMETHING WHICH I PREPARED CALLED "FACT SHEET ON NOMINATING PETITIONS." THIS SHEET LISTS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER THE 51 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ACCORDING TO THE DEADLINE FOR FILING NOMINATING PETITIONS, WITH THREE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS INDICATED: 1) THE DATE WHEN YOU CAN START CIRCULATING THE NOMINATING PETITION, IF THERE IS SUCH A DATE. WHEN THERE IS A BLANK IN THAT COLUMN IT MEANS THAT WE CAN START CIRCULATING ANY TIME; 2) THE FILING DATE; AND 3) THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED.

NEXT LET US LOOK AT WHERE WE ARE GOING TO FIND THE ADDITIONAL 11 STATES.

WE CAN FIND 5 OF THEM IN NEW ENGLAND: MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS AND CONNECTICUT.

IN 1976 WE WERE ON THE BALLOT IN RHODE ISLAND. IN BOTH MAINE AND CONNECTICUT WE HAD AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES, AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE BALLOT, BUT A JOB WAS DONE ON US BY THE POWERS THAT BE AND WE WERE KEPT OFF. THAT RESULTED IN LITIGATION ON OUR PART, LITIGATION WHICH WE LOST. BUT STILL, AS A RESULT OF THE LITIGATION THE LAWS IN BOTH STATE WERE AMENDED, AND IT WILL BE EASIER FOR US TO MAKE IT IN 1980.

WE DID NOT EVEN TRY IN VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE IN 1976, BUT IN EACH OF THESE STATES WE CAN GET ON THE BALLOT WITH A THOUSAND SIGNATURES, SO THAT PUTS THEM IN THE VERY POSSIBLE CATEGORY. I THINK WE ALL AGREE TODAY THAT IF WE HAD STARTED EARLIER AND WORKED HARDER IN MASSACHUSETTS WE COULD HAVE MADE IT. THEREFORE WE INCLUDE MASSACHUSETTS AS POSSIBLE IN 1980, TO GIVE US 5 OF THE NEEDED 11 STATES IN NEW ENGLAND.

NEXT THERE IS DELAWARE, WHICH WE HAVE NEVER TACKLED, BUT WHERE WE CAN GET ON THE BALLOT WITH THREE THOUSAND SIGNATURES. WE SURELY CAN DO THAT ONE.

NEXT, LOOK AT THE SOUTH. SCOTT DOUGLASS TALKED ABOUT THE FOUR SOUTHERN STATES WHERE WE MADE THE BALLOT IN 1976 -- ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST ADDING TWO STATES TO

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THAT SOUTHERN LIST -- NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA. IN BOTH OF THOSE STATES WE CAN GET ON THE BALLOT WITH TEN THOUSAND SIGNATURES.

NORTH CAROLINA IS A MUST, IT SEEMS TO ME, GIVEN THE LARGE MASS SCOPE AND LONG HISTORY OF STRUGGLE THERE. MY OWN MEMORY GOES BACK TO 1948 TO THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY DAYS, WHEN ONE OF OUR PROUDEST AND GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS WAS TO GET THE TEN THOUSAND SIGNATURES NECESSARY TO GET ON THE NORTH CAROLINA BALLOT.

NEXT, THERE ARE THREE STATES IN THE MIDWEST WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT -- INDIANA, MISSOURI AND MICHIGAN. INDIANA SHOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY WITH A SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT OF 8,500. LAST TIME WE DID NOT EVEN MAKE A PROPER TRY. IN MISSOURI WE TRIED, BUT WE DID NOT TRY QUITE HARD ENOUGH. IT CAN BE DONE, AND WE MUST DO IT.

THAT GIVES US TWENTY NINE STATES.

THE THIRTIETH STATE IS THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. DO I NEED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY AND THE NECESSITY OF GETTING ON THE BALLOT THERE??

SO WE HAVE THIRTY STATES IN WHICH WE CAN BE ON THE BALLOT. NOW I MUST QUALIFY. MY LIST OF THIRTY ASSUMES WE WILL BE ON THE BALLOT AGAIN IN ALL OF THE NINETEEN IN WHICH WE MADE IT IN 1976. THIS NEEDS CAREFUL EXAMINATION. THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS.

IN KENTUCKY WE MADE IT IN 1976 WITH ONE THOUSAND SIGNATURES. SINCE THEN THEY HAVE RAISED THE REQUIREMENT TO FIVE THOUSAND. IN LOUISIANA WE GOT ON THE BALLOT WITH ONE THOUSAND SIGNATURES. OUR RELATIVELY LARGE VOTE THERE WAS DUE TO AN ACCIDENT OF POLITICS--OUR FIRST ELECTOR LISTED ON THE BALLOT WAS NAMED KENNEDY. BUT LOUISIANA, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THAT EXPERIENCE, MADE SOME CHANGES IN THE ELECTION LAW. FIRST IT RAISED THE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FROM ONE TO FIVE THOUSAND. SECOND, IT INCLUDED A PROVISION THAT YOU CAN PAY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND GET ON THE BALLOT WITHOUT ANY SIGNATURES AT ALL. THIRD, THEY NOW REQUIRE A RESIDENT ELECTOR IN EACH ONE OF THE PARISHES OF LOUISIANA. SOME OF THOSE BACKWATER PARISHES BEING WHAT THEY ARE, THOSE ELECTORS WILL NOT COME EASILY. HERE IS ANOTHER CASE WHERE WE WILL HAVE TO DO SOME SCRATCHING.

FROM WHAT I HAVE SAID HERE, IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS IN THE 1980 FIGHT FOR THE BALLOT. THAT OF COURSE DOES NOT SURPRISE US. IT IS PAR FOR THE COURSE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE WITH A SUGGESTION THAT I THINK WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR US TO COPE WITH THE BRUSH FIRE LEGAL SKIRMISHES THAT MAY BE UNLOOSED ON US. WE HAVE A WHOLE NEW CROP OF YOUNG LAWYERS IN THE COUNTRY. WHY NOT, IN EACH OF THE STATES, HAVE ONE OF THESE YOUNG LAWYERS AGREE TO BECOME AN EXPERT ON THE ELECTION LAWS OF THE STATE? SHE OR HE MIGHT ALSO AGREE TO KEEP TABS ON THE LEGISLATURE, TO HELP AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY LEGAL SURPRISES FROM ANY QUARTER, AND IN GENERAL TO ASSIST US IN OVERCOMING WHATEVER DIFFICULTIES MIGHT STAND IN THE WAY OF OUR PARTY'S BALLOT RIGHTS. THAT WILL MAKE OUR SCRATCHING FOR THOSE THIRTY STATES MORE CERTAIN TO SUCCEED.

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" . . . WE INTEND TO GUARANTEE THE ELECTION OF  
A COMMUNIST TO A CITY COUNCIL. "

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# Three Things

## We Have Got To Do

By KENDRA ALEXANDER  
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I AM EXTREMELY EXCITED BY THE IDEA OF THIS CAMPAIGN. WE HAVE TO THINK THROUGH WHAT IT MEANS. WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD THE PARTY IN A SYSTEMATIC, ORGANIZED AND CONCENTRATED WAY--AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PARTY TO GROW BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THERE ARE THREE THINGS WE HAVE GOT TO DO. FIRST, OUR PARTY HAS TO BE GROUNDED IN COALITION POLITICS, WITH OUR ELECTION CAMPAIGN GROWING OUT OF OUR DAY-TO-DAY ORGANIZED INVOLVEMENT IN COALITION POLITICS ON EVERY LEVEL AND IN EVERY WAY. SECONDLY, WE HAVE GOT TO RUN A VERY SERIOUS, PROFESSIONALLY ORGANIZED CAMPAIGN. THIRD, IN THE COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN WE HAVE GOT TO BUILD THE PARTY. WE HAVE TO DO ALL THREE. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY CHOICE.

THE TIME FOR AGITATION IS PAST. THE TIME NOW IS FOR WORK, AND FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE ORGANIZATION OF OUR WORK. IN EVERY DISTRICT WE HAVE GOT TO START THINKING NOW ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE THREE THINGS.

COMRADE SI GERSON'S REPORT ON THE 1980 ELECTIONS WAS REALLY EXCELLENT. IT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR US OF HOW WE HAVE TO BEGIN TO BECOME VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION MOVEMENT, ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE DEVELOPING IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE ENORMOUS IMPACT THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE ON THE FORM AND CONTENT OF POLITICAL STRUGGLES. THIS KNOWLEDGE IS GOING TO BE VERY CRITICAL IN THE COMING PERIOD.

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IF WE ARE GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING ON THE BALLOT IN 30 STATES, THE DISTRICTS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SERIOUSLY STUDY THEIR CADRE. WHO CAN TAKE VACATIONS? WHO CAN TAKE A WEEK OFF TO GO AND HELP COLLECT SIGNATURES TO PUT OUR PARTY ON THE BALLOT? GIVE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO THINK IT THROUGH SO THAT THEY CAN PLAN AND ORGANIZE THEIR TIME TO COMMIT ONE, TWO OR MORE WEEKS WHEREVER THEY ARE MOST NEEDED.

A key question of the campaign is putting the Party on the ballot in Michigan. We cannot NOT have the Party on the Michigan ballot after the Cobo Hall Convention. We simply cannot. That becomes a national responsibility, not just Michigan's responsibility. Districts should begin right now thinking about how they can help guarantee victory in Michigan.

We have to continuously see the interconnection of many struggles and issues, and the resulting important and practical responsibilities that our Party has.

I felt guilty this morning in the discussion on Salt II. I did not speak. The reason I did not is that I have been one of those comrades who thought: "Oh--it will pass. It's not such a big thing. I don't have to put my time and energy into that because I have too many other things to do."

I never articulated that; but obviously that is the way it was. So I felt guilty during the discussion on Salt II, and recognized that I was wrong. I now realize that this is really a very critically important question.

So now we have this emergency campaign on Salt II. When we organize our efforts around it we have got to do some thinking about how this is going to lay the basis for involvement in other struggles, other areas of work. It will be a part of what emerges in terms of our 1980 candidates, and the issues that they are going to be speaking about.

One thing that few people have spoken about that is a matter of real concern to me--and we have to develop a real movement on this issue--that is the question of the Klan and the nazi party. They are moving. We have a situation in California where there was a nazi rally in Walnut creek. We had a situation in the valley areas of California where the nazis were scheduled to march through five towns in an attack against the farm workers.



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On this question we are constantly put in the position of organizing counter demonstrations. We have got to develop a plan, a strategy, a big movement to outlaw the Klan and the nazi party in this country. We have got to do it because otherwise it just becomes a circle: the nazis decide to demonstrate, we counter demonstrate; the Klan decides to demonstrate, we counter demonstrate.

With the murders in North Carolina you have a sentiment in this country: the Klan and the nazi party represent murder; they represent the fascist idea that their existence gives them the right to commit murder. We have got to develop a movement to respond to this, a movement strong enough so that no city council or board of supervisors will grant them a permit to march. That is the first stage on the way to outlawing them altogether. In building this movement we need to work closely with the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression.

Now my final thing on the election campaign:

In the report that was made to our state convention, we had a long section on the question of political action in California. One of the projections that we made that I would like to share with you is that in California in the 80's we intend to guarantee the election of a Communist to a city council. But we also want to share with you our confidence that in fact we can elect Mark Allen to city council membership in 1981.

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ANOTHER EXAMPLE: SI GERSON MENTIONED THE BOROUGH-WIDE RACE OF BRUCE WRIGHT FOR CIVIL COURT JUDGE IN MANHATTAN. BRUCE WRIGHT WAS SINGLED OUT BY THE N.Y. POLICE AS THE MAIN PERSONAGE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIME IN THE STREETS. THEY SAID HE WAS A LENIENT JUDGE. THE FACT IS THAT HE IS A SOLID CONSTITUTIONAL JUDGE, AND HE IS A DEMOCRATIC JUDGE. BUT THEY SAID HE WAS LENIENT, AND THEY GAVE HIM THE NICKNAME OF "TURN 'EM LOOSE, BRUCE." THE PBA (POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION) SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY TO DEFEAT HIM. HE RAN AGAINST A CANDIDATE NAMED DUBINSKY, IRONICALLY ENOUGH. WELL, BRUCE WRIGHT BEAT THE PANTS OFF THIS DUBINSKY GUY. AND THE GUY SAID, "THERE IS SOMETHING STRANGE; THERE AREN'T THAT MANY VOTES IN HARLEM."

The fact is, the votes also came from whites as well as Blacks. Dubinsky was saying that he does not believe that Black people will come out and vote solidly. If that is what he thinks, well then--'he

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ain't seen nothin' yet'! When the proper independent candidates come forward, not only will the Black vote express itself, but also the working class as a whole will come out in great numbers. This will be the salvation of our nation in terms of the struggle for democracy. It is going to take qualitative candidates to do that. Democrat and Republican Party regulars are not able at this stage in history to produce such candidates.

I think the report was excellent, but I think we must go further. It is not enough to say, with respect to a third party, that it is not possible this year. The fact of the matter is, first of all, that sentiments for a third party are there--sentiments--but it takes more than sentiments to produce a third party.

So is it not the responsibility of the Communist Party to go beyond saying that it is not possible, and to answer the question: "How can the Communist Party contribute to the development of organized forces for a third party in this period? I think we can make a hell of a contribution in that respect. Organize! Organize the sentiments that are there.

How to organize is the question. If we are going to wait for the masses to spontaneously find their way to a third party we will be waiting forever. A third party will come about by conscious program and planning, and the development of the organized base for that third party.

The decisive ingredient that we need is the link between the third party and those in today's mass movements, and that includes the trade union movement, who are fighting for progressive working class and anti-monopoly goals. We need to convince them of the necessity to develop an independent political action, electoral aspect of their struggle. We need to convince them that you cannot win without that independent political action aspect. Once we convince people of that necessity those struggles will move to a wholly new level. To move from that point to seeing a third political party is a natural step.

But further: it is not possible to get a third party--or a people's party, an anti-monopoly party--on the ballot in every state all at once. If we think that is what we are looking for, we will never find it.

But is it possible to do it in one state? Is it possible to do it in one congressional district? Is it possible to do it in a combination of wards to win a majority of votes for someone running as an independent? Not in a legal sense maybe--but what about in a political organizational sense? I believe that it most certainly is possible, and that we can then hold that organization together. We have already done that

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to a limited degree. We can expand it. On a widespread basis, all can help organize, organize especially down below in the communities, and so provide the network of independent forces ready to lay the basis, the foundation for a third political movement and party in this country. Yes! Today that is possible.

The fact of the matter is that in terms of votes in the last election, the second party in the very important area of the Bronx is now the New Alliance Party. Can this be done in other places in the country? Absolutely! If this were done in three other places in the country it would not be long before it would be done in three hundred! It would happen because when the working class and the oppressed minorities find that it is possible to develop such a form--and it is very important that we win with such a form--then they will move rapidly to establish such forms on a mass scale.

We can play that role in this period. The Communist Party can contribute enormously to this.

You know that we are reorganizing the New York State District. Wherever we can we are reorganizing with a view toward electoral district lines. I am saying that our Party is going to have a strong electoral posture. We are going to build in those electoral districts. That is how we are going to put Communist and other independents in the Congress of the United States. We are going to do it by building the CP down below in the grass roots. It will not be possible otherwise. Therefore, in my opinion, that is where our starting point must be today. So--there is much to do, and we can do it!

This year we must develop an independent movement of some sort, especially in the local areas. Maybe it cannot be national, but certainly it can be local. We had a Committee For Independent Action developed here in New York in 1976. It helped to lay the base for advancing independent candidates all over the place. Some of them won; some received very good votes. This helped to lay the basis for a program of political independence in this period.

We want to do that again. Candidates can be inside and outside of the dominant parties. Such a movement can include Communist candidates as well. We have a program. If you support the program you are rightfully a part of the coalition effort. On that basis, Communists and non-Communists are both a part of it.

Finally, I want to make a point to the comrades around the country. It is not enough for them to say that they can make ballot status if the national will give them a lot of help. Frankly speaking, in practice this means a lot of help from New York--and from the League comrades, too. We are going to get a hundred calls saying that we have to send this comrade here, that comrade there, and others all over the country. We are willing to do that. New York is good at that; our comrades respond beautifully...BUT! But I want to add this much more:

IN STATES WHERE YOU CAN START PETITIONING, START NOW! IF WE WANT TO MAKE BALLOT STATUS, START NOW! DON'T COME BACK HERE IN THREE MONTHS AND SAY YOU NEED A HUNDRED PEOPLE! START NOW--AND WE WILL MAKE IT! START NOW! -- THAT IS WHAT WE NEED.

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" . . . 3,000 WORKERS MARCHED THROUGH THE STREETS . . .  
IN DEFENSE OF THE JOBS OF WORKERS . . . ON STRIKE . . . "

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## CONNECTICUT: BIG BUSINESS ATTACK AND GROWING FIGHT BACK

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I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY ENTHUSIASM FOR THE MAGNIFICENT REPORT OF COMRADE HALL. THE SITUATION IN CONNECTICUT IS REFLECTED QUITE ACCURATELY BY THE ASSESSMENTS.

THE BIG BUSINESS ATTACK ON THE WORKING CLASS IS AT NEW HIGH LEVELS. AT THIS MOMENT IN CONNECTICUT THERE ARE 5,000 MEMBERS OF UAW WHO HAVE BEEN OUT ON STRIKE FOR 19 WEEKS, 1,400 MACHINISTS OUT ON STRIKE FOR SIX WEEKS IN A BLOODY BATTLE TO SAVE THEIR UNION AND THEIR JOBS, AND 600 UE MEMBERS BATTLING THE WESTINGHOUSE CORPORATION. THERE IS THE USE OF UNION-BUSTING FIRMS TO DEFEAT UNION ORGANIZING DRIVES THROUGH HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION, MOST RECENTLY USED IN AN 1199 DRIVE IN WATERBURY.

THE KEY ISSUE THAT CONNECTICUT WORKERS ARE FACING IS JOB SECURITY, WHETHER THROUGH SPEEDUP, LAYOFFS, RUNAWAY SHOPS OR SHUT DOWNS. THE THREAT OF JOB LOSS IS HELD LIKE A CLUB OVER THE HEADS OF WORKERS ON THE PLANT FLOOR TO DISCOURAGE GRIEVANCES OR ANY KIND OF FIGHTBACK MOVEMENT. AND IT IS HELD OVER THE HEADS OF NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES TO ATTEMPT TO FORCE ACCEPTANCE OF WAGE CUTS AND DETERIORATING WORKING CONDITIONS.

In fact, the role of the federal, state and city governments in the corner of monopoly has been vicious. Many companies are trying to hide behind the 7% solution to carry out their ripoffs. The Connecticut Business and Industry Association and United Technologies Corporation, the largest employer in the state, have ganged up on the legislature

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and pushed through such bills as limiting unemployment compensation for those who quit or are fired, while at the same time stopping such bills as one aimed at curbing runaway shops, and another for conversion of the dominant military industry to peacetime production. The city governments have unleashed their police forces, collaborating in strikebreaking tactics around the state.

But these assaults have not gone unanswered. Powerful labor and community coalitions have come together in city after city, demonstrating, protesting, and helping workers to win important contract victories. Yesterday, 3,000 workers marched through the streets of New Haven in defense of the jobs of workers at Olin-Winchester, on strike for nearly six weeks. This great demonstration included representation from dozens of unions around the state and into Massachusetts, and well as many community groups, a powerful unity of Black and white workers standing up to an all-out attempt to break the largest industrial union in the New Haven city limits. Another delegate will speak more on this most crucial struggle later in the discussion.

Workers in Connecticut see clearly that the government is implicated in the assault against their livelihood. The role of the state in aiding monopoly profit gouging and union busting puts electoral activity on a new level. A challenge to the government with candidates of working people, anti-monopoly candidates, takes on greater importance.

It is true in Connecticut as Comrade Gus Hall said in his report, that while the masses have lost confidence in the old ruling structure, they "have not yet

placed their trust in new political formations."

The struggle for working class political representation in Connecticut has advanced, not yet to independent party politics, but to the level of increased legislative action and the election of some pro-labor state legislators. The leading anti-labor senator was defeated by a Machinists union-environmentalist coalition last year, and several months later a candidate coming out of an anti-racist grass roots coalition formed in Hartford was elected to the House. However, these candidacies were both within the confines of the Democratic Party.

The leadership of our Party is critical in showing the way to the formation of organized independence. I would like to speak briefly about the role that Communist Party election campaigns can play in helping to provide this leadership

Our candidates are essential to laying the groundwork for and strengthening the "new politics" spoken of in the Draft Resolution. Our campaigns are a vital part of creating a political alternative that can give voice to the needs and desires of the hundreds of thousands who have removed themselves from the electoral process altogether out of frustration and anger.

This is true for several reasons. Because we understand the need for an anti-monopoly people's party, it is an integral part of our program. Our candidates are developing the arguments for such a party and for such candidates whenever they speak. They are linking agitation for such a party with a powerful people's program that gains wide acceptance. Their

very presence on the electoral scene opens the door for many discussions in the trade union and other movements.

In addition, our campaigns can be run in such a way as to make clear the linkage between electoral politics and day to day struggles in the shop or neighborhood. By addressing the issues and putting the major party candidates on the spot, we are a direct aid to those movements. By participating in grass roots movements, we are showing the inter-relationship.

The major contributions of our campaigns over the last five years in New Haven have been: bringing a concrete program based on the people before profits concept personally to hundreds of people through conversations and door knocking, and to additional thousands on television, radio and newspaper articles; establishing the legitimacy of the Communist Party on the electoral scene and gaining ballot status at a time when no other party - mostly right wing - was able to retain ballot status; winning active support and participation on the leadership level of independent-minded friends of the Party; consistently raising the need for building grass roots movements and creating an anti-monopoly political party.

The effect of the campaigns has been felt most strongly in the New Haven area, but has extended throughout the entire state. An example of the growth of the independent thrust was seen, for example, in the reaction of the executive board of a Machinists Local who in 1974 dismissed the program to stop runaway shops as nice but idealistic, and in 1978 was eager to enter into discussions about how this same program might be brought to life. This reception was also the result of concerted work based on carrying out our

industrial concentration policy at that shop on a year-round basis.

Raising the runaway shops issue to the level of public awareness and a subsequent campaign for a state bill and an ongoing committee on the problem was a major contribution of the campaigns. In direct conflict with the CBIA and United Technologies, a number of state senators, the UAW, IAM and the state AFL-CIO are now committed to legislation to stop runaway shops.

An election campaign affords an opportunity to give industrial concentration work a tremendous boost. Special home visits can be made to shop workers. Community clubs can easily get involved. Whole numbers of campaign workers can be prepped on shop conditions so they can more easily speak to workers who they might meet.

RUNNING SERIOUS CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGNS AROUND THE COUNTRY IN 1980 CAN ADD A VALUABLE DIMENSION TO THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, AND MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN THE STRUGGLES FOR PEACE, SALT II, AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE, OFFERING A REAL CHOICE TO THOUSANDS.

Such campaigns can take the program of the presidential ticket, and apply it to the local situation; can put forth a prominent local person to campaign with the national candidates; can add further impetus to building the clubs and carrying out our industrial concentration work.

In closing, I would like to say that we in Connecticut, like the rest of the country, have our eyes on the situation in Philadelphia, as described by Comrade Dickerson and other comrades. The courage and successes against racism and reaction will provide an impetus for the independent political movement nationally.

# CP candidate will enter Conn. congressional race

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 5  
 Fishman announced she  
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oters here this week, Joelle  
 Communist Party candidate in

## Peacetime Economy Sought By Fishman

Congressional candidate Joelle Fishman Monday said that a reduction in arms and an end to the threat of

Ms. Fishman made a call for a national strategy from military production. She suggested a national economic mission to encourage people directly involved and to trade experier

Ms. Fishman District congressi  
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 She said th  
 state workers

industry, "thousands of families are in constant fear of getting cut out of a job with no notice."

Ms. Fishman said funds should be taken out of military budgets and used to build housing, mass transit and other

Fishman Would Cut Hours

## Job Plan Proposed

Congressional candidate Joelle Fishman supports a shorter work week with no paycuts as one way of creating jobs for unemployed persons.

Ms. Fishman is seeking the 3rd District congressional seat on the Communist Party ticket. She is opposing incumbent Democrat Robert Giaino and Republican nominee John Pucciano.

Ms. Fishman made her proposal part of a series of proposals for jobs for the unemployed in the

"Serious action is required immediately to end the human and economic decay due to mass unemployment," she said.

Ms. Fishman said unemployment statistics which show a downward trend are misleading because they only count those receiving unemployment bene

According to Ms. Fishman, so many million jobs are needed in the country today and "without a serious effort to create jobs "young people will be shut out from any meaningful future, and mental and physical illness, alcoholism and drug addiction will become overwhelming

Ms. Fishman said with today's technological advancements "it is time to shorten the work week to 30 hours at 40 hours pay. This would create 15 million new jobs."

She cited figures showing that 13.6 million production workers today are

gaps due to racism, the use by the right wing of demagogic tax cuts, and continuing high unemployment. Increasing at-

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## Employment Urged Spending

creating 225 percent more than 13.3 million workers produced in 1955.

She called on state residents to support a bill introduced into Congress which would establish a 35-hour work week over a four-year period with 40 hours pay, double time for overtime and the elimination of compulsory overtime. This would create 7.8 million jobs. Fishman said

## Full Employment Seen Top Need Of Workers

Congressional candidate Joelle Fishman Monday paid tribute to the working people of Connecticut, while calling for an aggressive campaign in Congress to protect the rights of all working and unemployed people.

It was her first statement on her program for full employment, which she said is the No. 1 need of the working people today.

"As a first step to protecting the

of the Greater New Haven area. Let us take the occasion of Labor Day to determine that we will not allow any more jobs to be lost from our area," Ms. Fishman said.

She said the time has come to call on the Olin Corp. "to make a long overdue commitment to keep the production jobs in New Haven, to end the worry and concern." She called the situation with Olin "part of the national offensive of big business to take away what unions fought so

# "LA GENTE ANTES DE LA GANANCIA"



people before profits



## PROGRAMA

### INFLACION

El problema más serio que influye en la inflación es \$132 billones de dólares en el presupuesto del militar para reducir los controles y precios en los países.

Un impuesto de \$25,000. sobre la ganancia de los impuestos de los países extranjeros. Los países paguen impuestos más.

Se quiere un acuerdo de armas con la Unión Soviética se firme acuerdos para disminuir con las bases militares en los países. Establecer comercios comerciales y que nos traiga aquí. Que no se continúen los dictados facistas por el mundo.

### TRABAJOS

Se pase un pedimento de empleo para garantizar trabajos con sueldos dignos y pagado por las uniones. Reconstruir las ciudades; las escuelas; los métodos de transporte; las casas. Establecer grandes centros de educación para jóvenes, y conseguir el empleo de largo plazo. Convertir las industrias militares a producciones que no sean destructivas. Reducir la semana de trabajo a 30 horas con el fin de crear 18 millones de empleos.

### JOBOS

Pass a full employment bill with funds guaranteeing jobs at union wages for everyone who wants to work. Rebuild cities; housing, schools, mass transit. Develop large-scale training centers for young people, placing them in long term jobs. Convert military industries to non-destructive peacetime production. Reduce the work week to 30 hours at 40 hours pay, to create 18 million jobs. Pass anti-runaway shop legislation.

### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Complete, specific affirmative action programs to end discrimination against minorities and women. End all racist hiring, promotion, education, housing practices.

### HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

Pass a comprehensive act for full, free health system. Increased federal funding to provide quality, integrated education for all, including childcare. Rescind all cuts in public services.

## PROGRAM

### INFLATION

The main inflationary culprit is the \$132 billion military budget. It is enough to kill power to destroy the economy. Cut it sharply. Institute strict price controls on large corporations.

### TAXES

No income tax up to \$25,000. Excess profit tax on large corporations. Tax foreign earnings of multi-nationals. Plug up the tax holes used by the rich.

### PEACE

73% of the people want to control the arms race. Sign a control agreement with the Soviet Union. Sign mutual disarmament agreements with the military overseas to bring about peaceful trade with the world which creates jobs. Stop supporting fascist dictatorships around the world.



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. . . . Toward A Mini-Manual On Local Elections

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21 STEPS

TO ORGANIZE A WINNING FIGHT

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THE CHRONOLOGY OF

A LOCAL

COMMUNIST ELECTION

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From The Connecticut Experience

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JOELLE FISHMAN CAMPAIGN

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## STARTING POINT: The Presidential Ticket

In a Presidential election year, the starting point for all Party election activity is to guarantee the preparatory steps necessary to get on the ballot with the national ticket. These steps include: 1) Know the election law requirements; 2) Prepare the petitioning process (for example, obtain the required number of Presidential electors, get out a flyer to explain the petition campaign and the democratic process); 3) Retain our own attorney; 4) Establish a campaign committee involving the widest number in circulating petitions, developing campaign plans and organizing fund raising activities; and 5) Relate our national campaign to the local situation, retaining the "People Before Profits" theme.

These steps will lay the ground for a much more effective campaign for a local candidate. In turn the development of an effective local campaign will give increased local attention to national platform and programs, and will increase the receptivity for the national candidates.

The Connecticut experience underscores the correctness of approaching a local campaign as a separate campaign from the national, but at the same time as a very important complementary campaign.

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- \* *This chronology is based on Comrade Joelle Fishman's congressional campaign experience in Connecticut's Third District.*
- \* *The Fishman campaign was successful in winning minor party ballot status--an important achievement--but it also scored additional advances. It made a significant contribution toward building Connecticut's independent political action movement. It strengthened the fight against runaway shops. It gave increased local attention to our Party's national platform, program and candidates.*
- \* *The Fishman campaign emphasizes not only the importance of running local candidates, but perhaps even more the importance of the way in which the local campaign is organized, and of how it complements the national.*
- \* *The form in which our chronology is presented directly reflects the experience of Connecticut, but it projects this experience in terms of valid guiding steps that can help every district and every club improve its practical organizing of the 1980 electoral effort.*

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"4. ORGANIZE A WIDE PUBLIC DISCUSSION...."

1424 Boulevard  
New Haven, Ct. 06511  
June 26, 1978

Dear Friend,

Once again, that time of year has arrived when decisions about electoral campaigns must be made.

As you know, I have twice been a candidate for Congress in the 3rd District, opposing incumbent Robert Giaimo and running on the Communist Party ticket. As a result of the number of votes received, the Communist Party automatically has a spot on the ballot for that seat this year.

During the past weeks, I have been consulting with a wide variety of people in the 3rd District, seeking out opinions.

Against the background of an alarming increase in cold war rhetoric and a threat to peace, with continued dependence in Connecticut on military contracts for jobs, further erosion of affirmative action programs and widening gaps due to racism, the use by the right of demagogic tax proposals, continuing high unemployment and increasing attacks on workers' conditions, the importance of a progressive voice in this year's election campaign is imperative.

At present, I am unaware of any other candidacy coming forward that will speak to the needs and desires of the majority--calling for people to move together to achieve a transfer of funds from the military budget to social needs, and a transfer of the tax burden from the people to the corporations and the rich; a call to stop multi-nationals from running to low wage areas and to legislate a shorter work week.

In the absence of another alternative, and as a further step in the direction of building an independent political movement by uniting the more independent minded people around the issues of meeting peoples' needs, I am planning to announce soon that I will come forward as a candidate in response to those who have encouraged me to run.

I would be most appreciative of knowing your views on such a campaign, including program points you feel are important, as well as any other ideas, suggestions or aid you or your friends and co-workers might be able to provide.

As in the past, the campaign will be conducted by an independent citizens committee on the basis of focusing on the major issues. The building of a strong united offensive in the interests of working people, Black, white and Hispanic, as well as small business and professional people requires all of our participation together.

Looking forward to hearing from you shortly,

Sincerely,

*Joelle*

Joelle Fishman

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# 21 STEPS

1. TAKE THE PROJECTED LOCAL CAMPAIGN--BEGINNING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE--TO EVERY PARTY CLUB IN THE AREA ON THE BASIS OF A CAREFULLY PREPARED EDUCATIONAL. GUARANTEE FULL DISCUSSION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE FULL CLARITY AND UNITY ON WHAT THE CAMPAIGN IS GOING TO BE ABOUT, AND TO WIN A SPIRITED COMMITMENT TO ITS SUCCESS.
2. ESTABLISH SPECIFIC GOALS AND CONCRETE PLANS FOR EACH CLUB ON THE BASIS OF RELATING CAMPAIGN GOALS AND PLANS TO THE PURPOSE OF THE CLUB AND TO THE CLUB'S GENERAL PLAN OF WORK.
3. CHOOSE THE OFFICE TO BE CAMPAIGNED FOR THAT IS MOST APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY--INCLUDE IN THE ASSESSMENT THE POSSIBILITIES OF WINNING. CHOOSE A CANDIDATE.
4. ORGANIZE A WIDE PUBLIC DISCUSSION WITH THE ELECTORATE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO HELP CONFIRM THE CORRECTNESS OF BOTH THE PROPOSED OFFICE AND THE PROPOSED CANDIDATE.

" 5. ESTABLISH A BROAD UNITED FRONT  
INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION  
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE . . . . "

Dear Friend,

We need a candidate who speaks the truth!

An independent citizens committee is forming to raise Joelle Fishman's campaign program loud and clear all over the Third Congressional District.

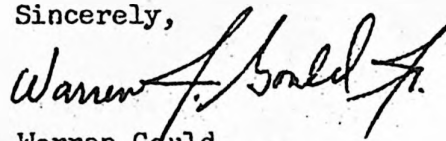
While we are of various persuasions, we all fully support Joelle's demands to change this nation's priorities to put people before profits:

- \* life-giving housing, schools and health care which create jobs  
not death-giving neutron bombs.
- \* end racism with affirmative action programs with teeth.
- \* transfer the tax burden from working people to the rich.

Most basically, we welcome her campaign as a further effort to advance independent political action in the Third Congressional District, and in Connecticut as a whole.

Numbers are necessary if we are to be effective. Please come to a meeting on Saturday, August 5 with your thoughts, ideas or other contributions to help form an independent citizens committee for Joelle Fishman for Congress.

Sincerely,



Warren Gould  
Campaign Manager

DATE: Saturday, August 5

TIME: 3 p.m.

PLACE: YMCA, 52 Howe St., New Haven

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I cannot attend the meeting or play an active role in the campaign, but would  
listed as a sponsor of the independent citizens committee for Joelle Fishman

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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5. ESTABLISH A BROAD UNITED FRONT INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE THAT REFLECTS THE WIDE RANGE OF THE PEOPLE'S ISSUES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN.
  
  6. INTENSIVELY ORGANIZE MEETINGS WITH MANY INDIVIDUALS AND MANY GROUPS. THROUGH THESE MEETINGS TEST THE CORRECTNESS OF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR. IN THIS PROCESS WIN SUPPORTERS AND ACTIVE CAMPAIGN WORKERS; BUILD THE INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE; KEEP BROADENING AND STRENGTHENING THE UNITED FRONT THAT IS DEVELOPING AROUND THE CAMPAIGN.
  
  7. CRYSTALLIZE THE OVERALL GENERAL CAMPAIGN PLAN. INCLUDE AN EARLY BEGINNING OF THE ACTIVE CAMPAIGN POSTURE OF OUR CANDIDATE AND THE INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE. INCLUDE THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN SO THAT IT WILL COME OUT VERY STRONG IN SEPTEMBER.
  
  8. ORGANIZE THE SPECIAL SPEAKING AND WRITING EFFORTS--SUCH AS POSITION PAPERS, ETC.--NECESSARY TO GET THE CAMPAIGN MOVING.

Press Releases:

July and August	
September--2/wk	0
October--3/wk	12
November--daily	5
	<u>28</u>

" 7. CRYSTALLIZE THE OVERALL  
GENERAL CAMPAIGN PLAN."

Issues to include: (no special order in this list)

shorter work week; runaway shops; converting to peacetime jobs; anti-Soviet scare and peace; youth jobs; register to vote; affirmative action; Firebirds; Olin; school lunches; UI rate hike; taxes; ERA and affirmative action; independent political action; labor law reform; overtime; rise of racism; health; senior citizens; public education; N-bomb; United Technologies; OSF

Speaking engagements: Establish contact person with all radio, tv and papers in area to be included in all media debates and presentations.

Seek to speak in 10 towns: (at debates, house meetings or before organizations  
New Haven (10 organizations, i.e. PAC, Senior Center, Black Womens Caucus  
West Haven, Hamden, North Haven, Milford, Stratford, Branford, Guilford,  
East Haven, Wallingford. (also Orange and Madison??)

Write all unions and community organizations and State AFL-CIO asking to speak

Trailer with loud speaker: once a week. To all major shopping centers--find out regulations.

Shopping Centers: Milford, Hamden, Amity, Big Buy-Kings, Flea Market  
(N. Branford? Orange?)

Work places: Write to all shops of 250+ workers to request handshake tour or air leafletting. Visit all shops with 500+ workers. (once a day)

250+ workers: N.H. 10, Milford 2, Wallingford 5, Orange 2, Hamden 2, Branford  
No. H. 5, West Haven 2 (plus Stratford)

500+ workers: N.H. 14, Milford 5, Wallingford 4, Hamden 2, Clinton 1, North  
Branford 2, West Haven 1, No. Haven 2 (plus Stratford)

Schools: Tables, speaking engagements, leafletting dorms.

SCSC (twice) -- seek possible student committee.

SCCC, UNH, Quannipiac, Albertus

Yale (5 times)-- seek possible student committee.

High schools: Notre Dame, New Haven schools.

Leafletting and canvassing: Daily (at least two people for two hours)

Blanket New Haven. ring door bells in 10 wards.

Bridgeport: cover Stratford and Milford

Hartford: cover Wallingford



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9. DEVELOP A GENERAL PLAN ON PRESS RELEASES FOR THE ENTIRE CAMPAIGN. AT THE SAME TIME HAVE A VERY SPECIFIC APPROACH IN EACH PRESS RELEASE--TO EACH OF THE ISSUES, AND TO EACH SECTION OF THE PEOPLE THE CAMPAIGN IS SEEKING TO REACH.
  10. DEVELOP A SPECIAL PROGRAM TO RELATE THE CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN TO ORGANIZED LABOR. GIVE CONCRETE ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF APPEARING AT ALL KINDS OF TRADE UNION MEETINGS--UNION LOCALS, CENTRAL LABOR COUNCILS, TRADE UNION CONVENTIONS, COPE COMMITTEES, ORGANIZED RANK AND FILE FORMS, HOUSE MEETINGS OF TRADE UNIONISTS. ALSO DEVELOP A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE LABOR PRESS.
  11. ORGANIZE THE REGULAR MAILING OF LETTERS FROM THE BROAD CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE TO A WIDE LIST OF SUPPORTERS. KEEP BUILDING THE LIST. KEEP PEOPLE ON THE LIST INFORMED AND UP-TO-DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS--USE A LABEL SYSTEM.
  12. GIVE DETAILED AND CONSISTENT ATTENTION TO ORGANIZING THE SPEAKING PROGRAM OF THE CANDIDATE. WRITE TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. ARRANGE PLANT TOURS OF CANDIDATE BY CONTACTING COMPANY PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENTS. CONTACT THE MEDIA--MAKE A FIGHT TO GET ON TALK SHOWS AS WELL AS OTHER PROGRAMS. MONITOR MEDIA AND DEMAND EQUAL TIME. GET OUT A FLYER INDICATING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE CANDIDATE FOR VARIOUS KINDS OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS. URGE SUPPORTERS TO INVITE THEIR NEIGHBORS AND THEIR CO-WORKERS TO THEIR HOMES TO MEET THE CANDIDATE. ORGANIZE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CANDIDATE AS WELL AS FOR THE CANDIDATE.

15. " . . . SPECIAL ACTION  
ON URGENT ISSUES . . . "

# A People's Program to Stop Runaway Shops

LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION to require licensing of all companies of more than 50 workers to guarantee:

1. A minimum of five years notice before closing or reducing the workforce.
2. A five year program to begin before shutdown, of reducing hardships through retraining, job placement, adequate severance pay, extension of health insurance, and guarantee of pension benefits.
3. The company's plant, equipment and other assets to be posted as collateral for compliance with these requirements in case of default.

## STATE LEGISLATION TO:

1. Prevent communities within 50 miles from competing for each other's industries.
2. Provide special tax relief offerings to encourage investment in the state with revenues to be distributed to towns populations.
3. . . .

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public takeover of the facilities in

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13. ISSUE A PIECE OF CAMPAIGN MATERIAL FOR CIRCULATION IMMEDIATELY. GET OUT THE CANDIDATE'S MAIN BROCHURE IN BOTH SPANISH AND ENGLISH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GET OUT A SHORT PROGRAM (ON PALM-SIZED PAPER) IN BOTH SPANISH AND ENGLISH. USE SPECIAL ONE-ISSUE FLYERS AS INSERTS IN THE BROCHURE. REPRODUCE DAILY WORLD STORIES FOR THIS.
  
14. BEGIN COLLECTING FUNDS FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY OF THE DECISION TO ORGANIZE A CAMPAIGN. WITH EVERY STEP OF THE CAMPAIGN KEEP EXPANDING THE COLLECTION OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS. PREPARE LISTS, OFFER SPEAKERS, PROVIDE RECEIPTS AND RECORDS. INCREASE THE TEMPO OF FUND RAISING AS THE TEMPO OF THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES INCREASE. PREPARE FOR SPECIAL EXPENDITURES DURING THE FINAL STAGE .
  
15. ORGANIZE FORMS OF SPECIAL ACTION ON URGENT ISSUES TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR WHAT THE CANDIDATE STANDS FOR. ACT IN SUPPORT OF STRIKES AND OTHER TRADE UNION STRUGGLES! MAKE WELL-PLANNED APPEARANCES AT PUBLIC HEARINGS! DEVELOP OTHER FORMS OF DRAMATIC SUPPORT OF ONGOING WORKING CLASS AND PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES IN THE COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN.
  
16. AS THE TEMPO OF THE CAMPAIGN INCREASES, GET OUT MORE FLYERS ON A WIDE SCALE--FOR ANNOUNCING EACH EVENT OF THE CAMPAIGN, FOR REPRODUCING SELECTED DAILY WORLD ARTICLES, FOR STATEMENTS BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY. EMPHASIS: GET THE FLYERS OUT--DON'T HUG THEM!

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19. "GET OUT THE VOTE!!!"

October 25, 1978



**INDEPENDENT  
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Dear Voter,

There is an important opportunity this November 7 to send a powerful vote signal to Washington that human needs be the number one priority of Congress. Your demands for full employment, lower taxes on working people, an end to inflation, for taking funds from the military budget for housing construction, mass transit and education, for an end to racism and full equality for women--all these will be voiced with a vote for Joelle Fishman for Congress in the Third District, Communist Party Line 3.

A vote for Joelle Fishman is a way of saying, "We must begin putting working people into Congress to start dealing with the midnight ripoffs that happen so frequently."

A vote for Joelle Fishman is a way of saying, "Let's continue planning in a stronger way for a coalition ticket to put forth candidates from among working people."

A vote for Joelle Fishman on November 7 is a commitment to progressive action every day of the year in the Third District. Congress will have to listen!

Your vote, and the vote of every one you talk to will bring us closer to the reality of a powerful independent political action movement.

Sincerely,

Warren J. Gould, Jr.  
Campaign Manager

== Speak to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers to vote for Joelle, to vote for their interests

== Help on election day: hand out palm cards, make phone calls, give rides to the polls, PARTY AT THE CAMPAIGN OFFICE, 8 p.m. (Call 776-6201)



VOTE LINE 3=====VOTE LINE 3=====VOTE LINE 3=====VOTE LINE 3=====VOTE LINE 3

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17. URGENT NOW IS A PROGRAM OF ADS IN THE GENERAL PAPERS, AND SPECIALLY PREPARED ADS FOR THE TRADE UNION PUBLICATIONS.
  18. DEVELOP A SPECIAL PROGRAM AROUND A WELL-PREPARED-FOR VISIT BY ONE OF THE NATIONAL CANDIDATES. INCLUDE: LOCAL MEDIA BUILDUP, ORGANIZATION OF MEDIA INTERVIEWS, GUARANTEEING A WELL ORGANIZED RALLY WHICH SHOULD SET THE TONE FOR THE FINAL STAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN. USE THE RALLY TO HELP RAISE THE EXTRA MONEY NEEDED FOR AN EFFECTIVE FINAL PUSH.
  19. ORGANIZE A FINAL ALL-OUT "GET OUT THE VOTE" DRIVE, MAKING USE OF A SPECIAL LETTER VERY WIDELY MAILED AND A FLYER VERY WIDELY DISTRIBUTED. IN THESE LAST DAYS, USE THE THEME--OVER AND OVER--THAT THE PEOPLE'S VOTES OF PROTEST ARE THE STRONGEST VOTES THAT CAN BE CAST IN THE SPECIFIC CONTEST IN WHICH OUR CANDIDATE IS RUNNING. EXPLAIN WHY THIS IS SO.
  20. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK THAT IS DONE ON ELECTION DAY ITSELF. APPROACH ELECTION DAY AS A MAJOR PROJECT WHICH REQUIRES A COMMITTEE TO PLAN. ORGANIZE TO BE AT AS MANY POLLING PLACES AS POSSIBLE DURING THE DAY--WITH PALM CARDS. BE AT ALL POLLING PLACES AT CLOSING TIME TO GET THE OFFICIAL MACHINE READING. ORGANIZE EXTENSIVE PHONE CALLING TO CONTACTS AND FRIENDS TO VOTE; GIVE RIDES WHERE NEEDED.
  21. FINISH WITH AN ELECTION NIGHT AFFAIR--TO CELEBRATE THE CAMPAIGN VICTORIES, TO HONOR THE CAMPAIGNERS, TO FOLLOW THE RETURNS AND TO CHECK UP ON THE VOTE. . . AND THEN TO BEGIN TO PROJECT THE NEXT STEPS AHEAD IN THE FIGHT TO BUILD NEW AND BIGGER VICTORIES FOR THE INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION MOVEMENT.

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K I E V -- F I R S T A I D M E D I C A L S T A T I O N

WITH YOUR BLOOD YOU GAVE LIFE  
TO THE RED STAR OF HUMANISM.

A MURDERER OF YOUR CHILDREN FELL  
AND YOU SAVED HIS LIFE. WITHOUT MALICE.

BECAUSE LIFE AND THE FREE FLOWING  
RED RIVER OF THE BRAINS AND VEINS

YOU PLEDGED TO CHERISH AND HONOR  
ON LENIN'S GRAVE.

A CHILD IS BORN IN THE CENTER OF PROSPERITY,  
A MOTHER CAN SLEEP ASSURED

DISEASE WILL NOT ROB THE CRIB THIS MORNING  
CRUSHING THE NEW FLOWER OF BREATH BLOOMING

BECAUSE YOUR SIREN CRACKS THE DAWN  
BEFORE DEATH DEALS ITS CARDS, LOOKS OVER THE ROOFTOPS.

A COUNTRY IS WOUNDED BY MADMEN  
IN ONE COUNTRY OF THE WORLD AND ANOTHER

IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IN CHILE  
IN VIET NAM AND KAMPUCHEA

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YOUR AMBULANCE RACES TO DRESS THE WOUNDS  
WITH ANTISEPTICS OF SOLIDARITY AND SACRIFICE  
SAVING LIVES WITH YOUR BLOOD  
WITH YOUR BLOOD YOU REFLOWERED AND REFLOWER THE WORLD.  
WHEN WAR TRAMPLED THE PLANET  
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