

# NEW YORK PARTY MOBILIZER



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## JULY 12 -- OPENNING DATE FOR PETITIONNING FOR CHARLENE MITCHELL & MIKE ZAGARELL ON THE INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE LINE

The preparations for the Mitchell-Zagarell campaign are moving forward. The State Committee enthusiastically endorsed the candidacies and the Independent Progressive Line as the name of the ticket. A letter has gone out signed by a broad list of campaign supporters asking people to become part of the campaign advisory and campaign committees. An office is being rented at 11 John Street. The membership meetings that have occurred to date have been uniformly positive about the campaign. The main task before us is the petition drive and this is what this article will concentrate on.

As in many other states, the New York State Legislature has made petitioning more difficult. The first day to petition is July 12 and the first day to file is August 16 (last day -- August 23). Our goal is to file on August 16. This is a five-week drive instead of the usual seven to eight week drive. The quantities remain the same. The legal minimum is 20,000-- goal 40,000 -- with one hundred (goal two hundred) signatures required in one-half the congressional districts in the state. The difference between the 5 weeks and 8 weeks is qualitative. With a five-week drive, there is no room for error or slow starts because there is no time to recoup. Therefore, we are projecting the following schedule:

July 12 -- First Day - Everyone is asked to take the day off from work.

Goal - 200 people minimum - 50 signatures each -- total for first day -- 10,000 signatures

July 12 -- July 18 - First Week - intensive petitioning all week long through the weekend.

Goal - 20,000 signatures -- all clubs to have met at least 50% of their goals.

Clubs need to petition in their neighborhoods or where they've been assigned to the Zagarell campaign -- at the busiest possible street corners, subways stops, etc. Early completion of your

signature goal will allow you to do door-to-door work in your concentration ED's -- but the early priorities have to be quantity of signatures.

Any registered voter may sign the petition -- plus all petitionners should have voter registration forms to register new voters.  
ONLY REGISTERED INDEPENDENTS MAY WITNESS THE PETITIONS.

Processing of the petitions will take place on the 6th floor of 23rd Street. You should turn in your petitions as soon as you have filled sheets. Don't hold on to them. We will give you receipts to keep track of your goals.

Everybody must help in the drive. If for physical reasons you can't petition, then you can process. If you have security problems, then you can be assigned to petition out of neighborhood, out of county, out of city or you can help process.

#### PREPARING FOR THE DRIVE

Materials will be ready (literature, petitions, etc.) just before the petitionning starts. Clubs should make sure that arrangements are made to pick up the materials or, if necessary, to have them delivered right before July 12 (July 8-11) NO EARLY STARTS. If anyone associated with the campaign starts petitionning before July 11, it jeopardizes the entire campaign.

#### PREPARING THE MEMBERSHIP

The section membership meetings were well attended. Party leaders are also prepared to come to club meetings to discuss the campaign. All comrades and friends should sign the pledge sheet and turn it in to the District Office. This is a way to guarantee the first day and the entire drive.

#### 1988 CALENDER

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| July 8 .....        | Last day to register to vote in Sept. Primary         |
| July 12 .....       | First day of petitionning for independent candidates  |
| August 16 .....     | First day of filing for independents                  |
| August 23 .....     | Last day to file                                      |
| September 5 .....   | Labor Day - Caribbean Day                             |
| September 11 .....  | Afro-American Day Parade (tentative)                  |
| September 13 .....  | Primary & filing of independent petitions             |
| October 8 .....     | Last day to register to vote in the November election |
| to be decided ..... | Campaign Kick-off Rally<br>Fall Campaign Rally        |
| November 8 .....    | Election Day  |

Resolution on Completion  
of the People's Daily World Fund Drive

(Passed Unanimously by the State Committee on June 18, 1988)

The New York State Committee, CPUSA, understands that maintaining and building the People's Daily World is an absolute necessity for our Party to fulfill its responsibilities and to grow. We recognize the critical importance of raising our paper's funds and expanding its circulation. We know that because our New York State goals for funds and circulation have not been achieved, cutbacks in quality and quantity threaten the future of our People's Daily World.

Comrades, we can complete our goals and we will complete them!

The New York State Committee therefore resolves to insure achievement of our People's Daily World fund drive goal by the next State Committee meeting and to take steps to achieve our circulation drive.

1. We call on every Comrade in the State to participate in the fund drive by contributing, by getting contributions from others, and by participating in fund-raising activities.
2. We call on every club in the State to complete their fund drive goal by July 11.

We call on every club in the state to plan and carry out fundraising activities. The leadership of every club should report and turn in funds to the State Office on a weekly basis.

3. The Board is instructed: (a) to initiate and lead additional fundraising activities with broad Party participation (b) to follow up with every club in the State (c) to prepare a full report on the fund drive for the next State Committee meeting, and (d) to prepare a plan, for discussion and adoption at the next State Committee meeting for completion of our circulation drive by election day.

4. The State Committee pledges to lead the fight to complete our drive. Each State Committee member will set a personal goal for the funds they will raise or cause to be raised and will lead the struggle in their own club and in another club to be assigned by the Board. The next State Committee meeting will include a critical review of the work of the State Committee and all other state Party bodies in the drive and will adopt concrete plans to complete the circulation drive.

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(Fiscal Responsibility - cont.)

There are two separate goals: One for the Party Fund Drive and one for the paper. The goals are established by the District on the basis of club membership and past achievement. When the goals are sent to each club, the exec should discuss whether and how the goals can be met. If a club cannot accept the goal, it should discuss this problem with the District and suggest a more realizable goal before the drive starts.

The fund drives can be an important part of the political work in the shop and neighborhoods. People who contribute financially to the work of the Party will feel more closely involved: it is a higher level of committment.

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#### REGISTRATION

There are still some clubs who have not handed in their registrations and summaries for 1987. If your club has not yet registered, we urge you to do so immediately and hand them in to the District Office as soon as possible.

Also, attached is a Club Executive Form. These forms are needed in order to be able to communicate directly with each club functionary. These are also needed as soon as possible.

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#### "CRY FREEDOM" TO BE SHOWN AT WINSTON UNITY CENTER

Here's another chance for your club to raise money for the PDW fun drive.

On Friday, July 15 at 5:30, a delicious and varied dinner, featuring Short Ribs a la Fern Winston, Curried Chicken and Potatoes a la Krish, and vegetarian lasagna will be served at 235 W. 23rd St. for \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door. After dinner, the anti-apartheid film "Cry Freedom" will be shown on the big screen upstairs.

Every ticket that is sold by your club will be dcredited to your club's PDW fund drive goal. And it is a great way to introduce contacts to the paper and the Party!

"Cry Freedom" is the award-winning, commercially successful drama based on the anti-apartheid struggle reflected in the life of Steven Biko, martyred leader of the Soweto uprising and the Black Consciousness movement. Biko's life is seen through the eyes of Donald Woods, a liberal white South African newspaper owner who starts out unaware of the brutality of apartheid, but who is eventually forced to flee South Africa for his life after uncovering the police complicity in Biko's murder. "Cry Freedom" is a riveting portrayal of the struggle unfolding in South Africa.

The movie is especially timely because of the grave danger facing the Sharpeville 6 who are scheduled to be executed by facist South Africa on July 19. Telegrams, phone calls and post cards to the White House demanding that the executions be stayed are urgently needed now.

CLUB EXECUTIVE

Please fill out and return to the District along with all registration materials. We would like to be able to communicate directly with each club functionary, therefore fill out completely. If, however, any of the comrades do not want to receive mail, list only their name and the letters will be sent to the chairperson.

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ORG. SECY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ED DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCE SECY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

LIT. DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

PRESS DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

If chairperson is not to receive mail, please list only their name and the letter will be sent to the comrade listed below.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

### CLUB FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: SOME GUIDELINES

The program of our Party cannot be carried out without finances. A club's financial responsibility and its fulfillment should be considered in all plans for action. Each comrade is urged to give the total equivalent of one week's gross pay per year to the various fund drives.

#### DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

According to our Constitution:

"A Party member shall ... pay dues."  
(Art. 3, Sec. 3)

"Party members three months in arrears in payment of dues cease to be members in good standing and shall be so informed by their club leadership."  
(Art. 3, Sec. 4)

The club should make every effort to bring dues up to date, not only at meetings but also by personal contact or mail to individuals who have not been able to attend meetings. Club dues should be turned in promptly to the District.

An Industrial Concentration assessment of \$5 per individual is due once a year in the month of May. This is the ONLY Party assessment in effect at this time.

Clubs will be receiving statements from the District of the number of May dues and Industrial Concentration assessments turned in by May 31, 1988.

SUSTAINERS: This is a monthly amount pledged by comrades OVER AND ABOVE their dues and individual pledges to the fulfillment of their club's Party Fund Drive quota. Sustaining funds raised from non-Party friends should also be included. Sustainers are very important in financing the District Office, since it keeps only 30 percent of total dues payments.

FUND DRIVES: There are two fund drives yearly, with two separate goals. The Party Fund Drive starts in October of each year and should be completed by the start of the PDW drive in February. However, if the goal is not met by the start of the PDW drive, the club is still committed to raise the money even though the fund drive for the paper is in effect.

If individuals find it difficult to pay their fund-drive pledge in a lump sum, their club should make arrangements for periodic (monthly or other) payment, like a union's dues check-off.

# CHARLENE MITCHELL FOR SENATE



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Contact me to help petition

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Address.....Apt.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

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MITCHELL  
FOR SENATE

Allowed for U.S. Senate Campaign  
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