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Dear Comrades,

The enclosed report was adopted by the Los Angeles branch as the general line of our orientation toward the 1970 elections in California. Most of the branches and youth locals have now had reports and discussions along the same lines.

Leading SWP and YSA comrades from Los Angeles, Berkeley and San Francisco met this week and agreed to propose the following to the California branches:

(1) Joel Britton will be relieved of all Los Angeles responsibilities and begin immediately to function as Acting State Campaign Director. Lew Jones will be relieved of all Berkeley and Bay Area responsibilities as soon after the November 15 action as possible so that he can become State Campaign Director. A statewide campaign committee will be set up composed of the party and youth organizers.

(2) We will kick off the campaign on or about October 15, so that we will have about four weeks of the pre-November 15 period to take our campaign to the antiwar movement. A major literature distribution and sponsorship effort will be organized for the San Francisco action on November 15.

(3) The slate of candidates being proposed to the branches will be:

- U.S. Senator -- Diane Feeley
- Governor -- Herman Fagg
- Lt. Governor -- Dave Frankel
- Supt. of Public Instruction -- Tony Camejo (this office is "non-partisan")
- Secretary of State -- Patti Iiyama
- Controller -- Terry Hardy
- Treasurer -- Phil Conner
- Attorney General -- Froben Lozada

This slate was chosen in line with the qualifications discussed in the enclosed report and by taking into consideration personal situations, political development, etc. Included on the slate are antiwar leaders, campus activists and leaders, Third World comrades (5), women (3), and comrades in unions.

Diane Feeley was a leader of the San Francisco State College Strike Support Committee, was arrested during the strike, and is now on probation. She coordinated the legal defense of the hundreds of arrested students. She is currently a graduate student at San Francisco State.

Herman Fagg is a teacher in Marin County (AFT) and has been a student activist at San Francisco State and UC Berkeley. Herman is an Afro-American and speaks Spanish.

Dave Frankel was a leader of a struggle last spring at Cal. State LA over the firing of several radical professors. He is a student there this fall and is Los Angeles YSA organizer. He was the SMC coordinator for the demonstration at the Apollo 11 dinner.

Tony Camejo teaches at Merritt College in Oakland (AFT) and is a graduate student at UC Berkeley. He was arrested during the Third World struggle for a studies department at UC Berkeley last spring. He is well known among Chicano activists, having played a prominent role at the Denver Chicano Youth Conference.

Patti Iiyama is a student at UC Berkeley where she has played a leading role in many campus struggles, including the Movement Against Political Suspensions and the June-July 1968 French solidarity campaign. Patti is Japanese-American and speaks Spanish.

Phil Conner is in the student government at Cal. State Hayward where he was part of the team that won the student body presidents to a perspective of support to the fall antiwar offensive. Phil is an Afro-American.

Terry Hardy is Los Angeles coordinator of the SMC and was on the staff of the Peace Action Council during the work on the August 17 action in San Clemente. She will be one of the main organizers of the Los Angeles contingent for the November 15 action.

Froben Lozada is head of the Latin American Studies Department at Merritt College. He is well known as a Chicano activist and has been an SWP candidate in Berkeley.

The above information is not meant as a complete biographical background on the candidates, but simply to provide information to show what an attractive slate we will have. This

is primarily for the branches and youth locals where some of the above might not be known.

IMPORTANT: All proposed candidates must write a thorough biography which should include: date and place of birth, how long resident in California, how radicalized, when joined SWP and YSA, what struggles involved in and in what role (include antiwar actions, civil liberties fights, campus and community struggles you helped build even if you didn't have an official post). Also, send pictures showing you in action: speaking, demonstrating, organizing (black and white glossy if possible).

Candidates should indicate what their personal situations will be this fall (job, school, etc.), when they can be full-time for the campaign, and what their financial situations are.

Photographs should be taken of candidates in action and if they are doing something really impressive (like speaking at large rallies) 16mm movie footage should be taken.

A meeting of candidates will be held the weekend of September 28 in the Bay Area. The biographies and photos should be brought to this meeting.

(4) Initial campaign material is being prepared for release when the campaign is announced in October. A poster will be silk-screened in Berkeley which will tie in with the fall antiwar offensive; a button will be produced in Los Angeles; two brochures will be prepared, one a candidates brochure, and the other on the war in Vietnam and the antiwar movement; a draft program and sponsor cards will be prepared.

(5) The legal fight will be launched as soon as we can assemble additional lawyers, finish the necessary research, prepare a brief, and initiate the suit. We will help build a broad committee to publicize this fight for a democratic ballot law, raise money and gather sponsors who will support our right to be on the ballot.

NOTE: Each branch and local should start compiling lists of potential sponsors and financial supporters for this civil liberties committee. Heads of law schools, professors, lawyers, preachers, student government people, "movement" leaders, etc. We will want to finance this effort from sources other than those that will come directly to our election campaign.

(6) Money in large sums is going to be necessary to ensure statewide coordination, attractive literature and posters, extensive trailblazing, fulltime candidates, etc. A minimum financial base can be maintained if each party branch and youth local sends \$1.00 per member per month to the state campaign office (now located in Los Angeles, to be located in Berkeley

after November 15). This concept should be discussed immediately and, if possible, payments should begin in September.

It should be stressed that the above measures will be only the bare minimum, just enough to pay a fulltime state campaign director. Other steps must be taken in each area to raise large sums of money. Los Angeles has raised \$600 for the state campaign fund from one sympathizer and others are being approached. It is important to explain fully the scope and goals of our campaign when talking to potential financial contributors, and to go after large contributions. Ours will be the only meaningful election campaign in 1970, and we can expect that our friends will be grateful and will pay accordingly.

A separate state campaign fund and checking account are being set up.

(7) Statewide mailing lists will be needed. We are getting the Militant, YS, ISR, and IP tapes from New York for the whole state and will send each area the subscribers it will have responsibility for. Send to Los Angeles any names and addresses you have from recent local campaigns, the Halstead-Boutelle campaign, etc.

(8) Research projects are going to be necessary so that we have the facts and figures and realistic solutions to the problems of this state. Much of this material is available in newspaper and magazine articles or other sources. We will want this material for our speeches, campaign material, articles, and debates. This will help make it possible for us to concretize the transitional demands we will raise during the campaign.

Some of the areas we will want to research are: the relationships between the ruling class and the universities, agriculture and defense spending; the tax and inflation problems; the special oppression of Afro-Americans, Chicanos, Orientals and Indians; the welfare system; the destruction of natural resources; pollution; the real estate racket; and others, especially those around which struggles are developing.

Comrades and friends of our movement who have special knowledge in any of these areas should be urged to write short position papers and send them to Los Angeles, or to simply send articles that have appeared.

(9) As soon as our campaign begins, we will want to demand equal time and fair time from the media. Paul Montauk has agreed to head up this work on a state level, but each area will have to allocate forces and energies to this work.

(10) Some of the branches and locals have begun to assign campaign directors who will begin to lay the basis for starting the campaign in October. Leading party and youth comrades should be assigned to work on the campaign, and their names should be sent to Los Angeles now.

Venceremos!

s/Joel Britton

Acting State Campaign Director