

1968 SOCIALIST WORKERS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

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Attention: City Editors

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY NATIONAL COMMITTEE NOMINATES
NEW YORK ANTIWAR LEADER AND HARLEM BLACK POWER
SPOKESMAN AS 1968 PRESIDENTIAL TICKET

CAMPAIGN PLANS AND PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, AT 11:00 A.M.

Fred Halstead, one of the principal organizers of the massive April 15th antiwar march in New York, will run for President of the United States on the Socialist Workers party ticket. Halstead is a leading staff member of the New York-based Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee and a member of the steering body of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

Paul Boutelle, a prominent black power spokesman from Harlem, will be running on the Socialist Workers party ticket for Vice President. Boutelle who was born in Harlem, is an active leader in the Afro-American struggle and has previously been a candidate for public office on both the Freedom

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Now party ticket in Harlem and for the Socialist Workers party in New York State.

The Halstead-Boutelle campaign will be formally announced at a press conference at the Socialist Workers party campaign headquarters in New York.

The press conference will be held at 873 Broadway, 2nd floor south, at the corner of 18th Street (telephone: 982-5932). It will begin at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday morning, August 30 (12:00 noon for television interviews).

Plans for the forthcoming campaign will be outlined and the candidates will present their views on the major issues of the day.

The SWP has already filed twenty-thousand signatures of registered voters for a place on the ballot in Michigan and is launching a major effort for official ballot status in twenty-two states, twice the number the party was on in 1964.

At the conference Paul Boutelle will disclose plans for a fall public speaking tour of Negro college campuses in the deep South.

The candidates will discuss their firm stand against the use of troops and National Guardsmen in the recent uprisings in the black community and their support of the right of Negroes to bear arms for self-defense.

Halstead and Boutelle will present their opposition to continued escalation of the Vietnam war and explain their views on how the war can be ended.

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Also present in addition to the candidates, will be Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary of the SWP; Jack Barnes, Socialist Workers National Campaign Manager; George Novack, Treasurer of the Socialist Workers National Campaign Committee; and Melissa Singler, an initiator of the national Young Socialists for Halstead and Boutelle.

Press kits will include biographical information, photographs, the SWP's program, and assorted campaign materials.

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