

It is only through a socialist revolution that complete political and economic independence has been possible. This is seen in the example of Cuba where it was necessary to nationalize the economy in order to win full independence from American imperialism, and to carry out much needed land reform.

Likewise the black liberation movement in this country will not win freedom for the black nation until the capitalist rulers are replaced and a socialist government is established.

White capitalists introduced the system of racial oppression into this country, first in the form of slavery; they continued it under other forms after slavery was abolished and they maintain it today.

Racism is used by the capitalists to divide black and white workers, to keep workers in this country from uniting in revolutionary actions as we recently saw in France.

Racism is used by the capitalists as an excuse for the existence of unemployment, unemployment which is necessary to the functioning of capitalism. "Last hired and first fired" means that the capitalists have a ready-made pool of cheap labor which can be exploited for super-profits.

In addition, racism is used to rationalize the worldwide imperialist exploitation of non-white peoples.

The white ruling class in this country will not give up the benefits it gains from racism without a struggle.

To throw out the strongest and most brutal ruling class the world has ever seen will not be an easy job. It will require the support of the worldwide revolutionary movement. And it will take the coordinated efforts of black, white, Puerto Rican, Indian, and Mexican-American revolutionaries in this country.

SWP candidates Fred Halstead and Paul Boutelle are promoting this revolutionary outlook and perspective in the 1968 campaign. Afro-Americans for Halstead and Boutelle urge all black people who agree with this general perspective to join us in supporting them.

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**Afro-Americans
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**The
Revolutionary
Alternative
in '68**

In 1964 Malcolm X stated, "The system in this country cannot produce freedom for an Afro-American. It is impossible for this system, this economic system, this political system, this social system, this system, period."

Now, four years later, increasing numbers of black people are becoming aware of the truth of what Malcolm was saying.

Despite the intensification of the fight for black liberation, despite four succeeding summers of mass uprisings, despite the struggles being waged in schools and colleges, and in all the various institutions where black people are victimized by this racist system—the conditions of black people have not improved.

It is a sign of a bankrupt social and economic system when mass revolts against oppression are met only with more oppression, when a country sends in armies of troops to occupy its major cities.

American capitalism is facing a mounting crisis not only at home, but on a world scale. While black people struggle for self-determination, the Vietnamese are fighting against U.S. domination of their country.

Not only are troops sent in to occupy the cities within the U.S., but American military forces are sent to maintain the American empire in Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, Korea, Bolivia or wherever they are required.

The reaction of U.S. imperialism to the worldwide struggle of oppressed peoples in Asia, Africa and Latin America is exposing the fact that the ultimate weapon it uses to maintain its system of exploitation of colonial peoples is the weapon of force—just as cops, troops, and jails stand ready in this country to be used against black rebels.

But force is not the only means by which the capitalists maintain their power. There is another weapon, just as useful and important to them as their cops and troops. This is the weapon of political trickery.

Because 1968 is an election year, we are already seeing plenty of this trickery and deceit. Already the Republican and Democratic party politicians are coming into our communities, making all kinds of promises they never intended to keep.

There are "lesser evil" candidates, who, like foxes, will use cunning to hide their racist policies. As Malcolm X explained it in 1964, "If Johnson had been running all by himself, he would not have been acceptable to anyone. The only thing that made him acceptable to the world was that the shrewd capitalists, the shrewd imperialists, knew that the only way people would run toward the fox would be if you showed them a wolf."

In 1964 over ninety percent of the black voters in this country pulled the lever for LBJ. In 1968, the Democrats will once again be depending on the votes of millions of black people to put them in power.

Afro-Americans will thus once again be asked to vote for a party which throughout its existence has been responsible for the oppression of black people.

Afro-Americans for Halstead and Boutelle believe that it is time to stop supporting our oppressors. This means first and foremost we must stop voting for the parties which are run and controlled by them.



Fred Halstead, Socialist Workers Candidate for President (right); Paul Boutelle, Vice Presidential Candidate (left).

We must revolutionize this society by waging a struggle against white capitalist rule. The most important question facing us is how to organize and unite the black community in a way that black people can exercise the greatest amount of black power in this country.

In the Socialist Workers Party election campaign, Fred Halstead and Paul Boutelle are outlining a perspective to accomplish this with the following demands: BRING OUR BLACK GIs HOME NOW

The black man's battle is here at home. **BLACK CONTROL OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY!**

—Support the community control of the schools and the struggles to end control of our children's education by white administrators who do not understand or care about their needs.

—Replacement of police occupation of the ghetto with a community controlled police force made up of deputized members of the community.

—The construction of black controlled cooperatives.

—Black control of all government funds which are allocated to the black community.

—Control by black people over all plans and funds to renovate and reconstruct housing and other facilities in our community. **SELF-DEFENSE!**

The assassination of Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Bobbie James Hutton, and countless others, have made the need for organized self-defense clearer than ever.

Black people have the constitutional right to own guns for protection. We must fight against the various gun laws being pushed by the government which would leave black people disarmed while cops and racists continue to arm themselves and attack our community.

FOR AN INDEPENDENT BLACK PARTY!

A black political party is needed to effectively fight for control of our communities. Such a party can fight by any means necessary for the liberation of black people—the ballot box, on the job, in the streets. The only real way to fight the Democrats and Republicans is to provide an alternative to them.

UNITY WITH THE LIBERATION STRUGGLES OF OPPRESSED NATIONS!

The people of Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Arab countries are fighting for full independence from imperialism so that they can develop their countries for the benefit of the masses of people who live there. But history has repeatedly demonstrated that this cannot be achieved under capitalism.

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