



SOCIALIST WORKERS CAMPAIGNER



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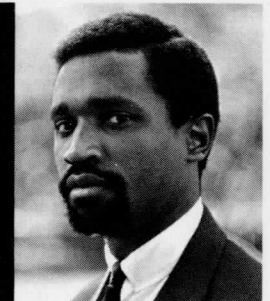
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22,254 (2.19%); Martin Luther King, 3,534 (.35%); and Harold Stassen, 1,032 (.1%).

The results on the two referendum questions on the Vietnam war were as follows: 17.6% for immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces; 45% for phased reduction of American military activity; and 20.72% for "All out" American military effort.

On the question "What course of action should the United States pursue in regard to the bombing of North Vietnam:" 30% for permanent cessation of bombing; 29% for temporary suspension of bombing; 12% for maintaining current level of bombing; 26% for intensifying the bombing; and 4% for use of nuclear weapons.

It is significant that 62% favor a cutback of the U.S. military effort and that 59% favor an end to the bombing.

We still do not have a break-down of results in each school, but we do know results in three schools where active campaigning for Halstead and Boutelle took place. In Berkeley Halstead came in fourth with 640 votes (6%). At Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, he came in second with 20% of the vote. McCarthy received 59% of the Antioch votes and Kennedy was a distant third with only 8%. At the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Halstead received 618 votes, which was 6.4%.

On the question of the "urban crisis" there are indications that many students wrote in "Black Control of Black Communities." However, Choice 68 would not count these write-ins, so there is no official record of the vote. An unofficial count was made by the Choice 68 coordinators at Antioch College, the University of California in Berkeley and the University of Washington in Seattle and a total of 144, 448, and 179 students, respectively, had written in "Black Control."

For full coverage of the results of Choice 68, read the May 24 issue of The Militant.

The results of the Choice 68 referendum for the Socialist Workers Party candidates are not apparent from the vote, however. The real results can be seen in the tens of thousands of people reached with socialist ideas for the first time during Choice 68. A total of more than 120 meetings were held for Halstead, Boutelle or spokesmen for their campaign in the period before Choice 68, with attendance of over 8,000 at these meetings. A total of 225 campuses were visited by young socialist trailblazers, and 28 new supporter groups for the Halstead-Boutelle campaign were established.

Socialist Workers campaign literature was sent to over 200 Choice 68 coordinators who requested it for distribution on their campuses.

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Now that Choice 68 and the April week of antiwar activities are over, many YSHB groups are planning a summer of socialist campaign activities. Two activities will be especially important. First of all, we want to reach all the students who are being drawn into supporting McCarthy or Kennedy and let them know the actual positions and records of these candidates and why they should support Halstead and Boutelle. The "Truth About the McCarthy Campaign" has been revised with more material on McCarthy's positions on the black struggle, and "The Truth About the Kennedy Campaign" will be ready soon for the same price (25¢ each, 15¢ each for more than 5).

The second important activity is that of reaching antiwar GIs with literature on the SWP campaign, especially Fred Halstead's "Letter to GIs on the 1968 Elections." In San Francisco a contingent of 30 GIs, carrying a banner "GIs for Peace" led the march against the war of 30,000 people. This fact points to the growing antiwar sentiment against the war among GIs. Please send us reports on your experiences leafletting GIs at army bases, USO's or transportation terminals.

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The SWP will need as much help as possible in petitioning to get Halstead and Boutelle on the ballot in a number of states this summer. On all local campaign leaflets remember to include a coupon for supporters to send in if they can help petition, leaving a space for their summer address.

Also, through leaflets or local newsletters, all supporters should be notified of any summer socialist educational activities.

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Some of the earlier editions of the campaign literature has the wrong telephone number for the Socialist Workers National Campaign office. The correct number is (212) 673-0790.

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The Student Mobilization Committee, which coordinated the International Student Strike on April 26, has called a conference for the end of June to discuss summer and fall activities. The SMC would like at least one representative from each local antiwar group in the country to attend. We urge all supporters of Halstead and Boutelle to make sure that a representative from antiwar committees in your area attend this conference. The exact date and place of the conference has not yet been settled, but you can write to the Student Mobilization Committee, 17 E. 17th St., New York, N.Y. 10003, to find out these details.

Fraternally,
National Campaign Staff