

What the Socialist Workers Party stands and fights for

In addition to what's outlined in the Socialist Workers campaign platform below, the SWP candidates have been recently highlighting the demands to socialize medicine—making health care a free, lifetime right for all; and nationalize the energy monopolies—taking power companies and electricity distributors out of private hands and running them as public utilities for the benefit of the majority (for more details see “SWP candidates in California: Nationalize energy, health care!” in last week's issue).

- **Support workers' struggles to organize trade unions and to use and extend union power to defend themselves and other working people from the bosses' assaults. Defend the labor movement from the continuing offensive by the employers and their twin parties of capitalism—the Democrats and Republicans. Build a labor party, based on the unions, that fights in the interests of working people.**

- For the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of U.S., UN, and other imperialist armed forces from Iraq, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, Korea, Haiti, Colombia, and Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

- For a massive federally funded public works program to put millions to work at union scale.

- No cuts in present or future Social Security benefits, Medicaid programs, or workers compensation. Extend Social Security to cover universal, government-guaranteed, lifetime health care for everyone in this country.

- Fight cop brutality. Abolish the death penalty.

- Defend and extend affirmative action in employment, education, and housing.

- No national ID card. End all federal and state

- **Support the efforts of semicolonial countries to acquire and develop the energy sources necessary to expand electrification—a prerequisite for economic and social advances. Expose the drive by Washington and its allies to prevent the nations oppressed by imperialism from developing nuclear power and other sources of energy needed to bring much of humanity out of darkness.**

regulations aimed at turning a driver's license into such a document.

- Repeal federal and state laws mandating immigration-document checks by employers.

- Defend a woman's right to choose! Oppose restrictions on access to abortion.

- End Washington's economic war against Cuba! U.S. hands off Venezuela!

- Defend the constitutional right of GIs as citizen-soldiers to engage in political discussion, debate, and activity.

- Stop farm foreclosures! Government-funded cheap credit for working farmers and price supports to cover production costs.

Working people face an unrelenting offensive by the employers, who—driven by the need to reverse the decline in their profit rates—are intensifying speedup, lengthening work hours, eroding job safety, cutting pensions and health-care coverage, and seeking to undermine Social Security and break down class solidarity. The imperialist wars abroad by Washington and its allies, from Iraq and Afghanistan to others they are preparing, including threats against Iran, Syria, and north Korea, are an extension of the war on workers and farmers at home.

The resistance today by working people to these assaults points to the road forward: to rely on our collective power and solidarity and organize independently of the capitalists and their parties to advance the common interests of workers and farmers worldwide. We need to build a revolutionary movement that will lead a fight by working people and their allies to take power out of the hands of the ruling billionaire class, establish a workers and farmers government, and join the worldwide struggle for socialism.

Vote Socialist Workers Party this coming Tuesday and continue campaigning for this revolutionary working-class program beyond November 8!