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GRAPE BOYCOTT PROGRESS

Grass roots pressure, in the form of pledge cards, letters and picket signs, has convinced two major New England grocery chains to join the boycott of California grapes.

On May 9th, A&P agreed not to stock or order any grapes this year. On May 20th, Star Market made a similar commitment. This rapid progress is most encouraging, but the work is not finished.

This week, the First National Stores refused to negotiate with the representatives of the United Farm Workers. Letters and telegrams protesting this failure to cooperate should be sent immediately to:

Mr. Hilliard Coan, President
First National Stores, Inc.
5 Middlesex Avenue
Somerville, Mass. 02145

As Mr. Marcos Munoz pointed out at the CPP Convention, the California grape season begins this week (May 23) and will continue for the next six months. You can help by watching for these grapes on the counters of your local markets, and by informing the United Farm Workers if you find grapes on sale. This is especially important in outlying communities, since in past years chains have shipped grapes to areas where they are less "controversial". Meanwhile, your pledge cards will continue to be used in meetings with local merchants.

CPP CONVENTION

Over two hundred delegates attended the CPP Convention on May 11th, representing all 12 Congressional Districts of Massachusetts. Nine standing committees were set up to investigate further the original workshop areas, as well as to begin acting upon the approved platform. Complete copies of this platform will be sent soon.

A number of important and controversial items were not voted upon due to the crowded agenda. Ballots containing these items and the reasons for their exception (where available)*** will be mailed to all delegates and to all local groups through their chairman or coordinator. Towns which were unable to send delegates to the Convention may use this as an opportunity to express preferences for these issues; towns which did send delegates to the Convention may vote on these issues so that their delegates will have specific instructions from the local group as to how the group wishes them to vote. Coordinators should use these ballots to express a group, not a personal, preference.

***Any individual who took exception to a platform proposal during the Plenary Session may submit his reasons to the State Office. They will be included with the ballot if we can receive them by June 1st.

Remaining Charter items were approved with only minor revisions, and John Elder was elected to serve as State Chairman until the next annual convention.

MEETINGS

The newly formed "Electoral Affairs and Governmental Structure Committee" will meet on Saturday, May 31st at noon to discuss implementation of legislation and plans for testimony before the McGovern Commission, which will be holding hearings in Boston on June 3rd. If you have ideas, please stop by on Saturday at 11 South Street.

The "Education" Committee will hold its first meeting Saturday June 7th at the State Headquarters.

VIETNAM MEMORIAL SERVICE IN BROCKTON

On May 25 and 26 Memorial Day services at the Westgate Church (off route #24, near Westgate Mall in Brockton) will feature a reading of the names of all the servicemen killed in the Vietnam War. Anyone wishing to participate in the reading, or in utilizing this idea in other communities should contact George Papas at (617)-586-8677.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

are due to CPP member Paul Ellison of Boston, who was just elected to the Brighton-Allston Area Planning Council board of Directors. APAC groups in Boston function as disbursement centers for Federal anti-poverty funds and are a grass-roots influence on the municipal government.

are also due to another Boston member, Dr. James Warram, who "participated" for the entire 26 miles of the Boston marathon.

Enclosed are two items of interest:

- 1) A description of the activities of the Union of Concerned Scientists, who are anxious to work with community programs and have several interesting research projects already under way.
- 2) The first Newsletter of the "18 X 72" group, which is working hard for passage of legislation to lower the voting age.

The CPP "Coordinator Bulletin" is sent at no charge every two weeks to over 400 local group chairmen and other community activists in more than 200 cities and towns of Massachusetts. We hope you find it useful. Suggestions and comments are most welcome.

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McGOVERN COMMISSION HEARINGS - JULY 10

CPP plans a major role in the forthcoming New England area meeting of the McGovern Commission, the body established by the 1968 Democratic National Convention to make recommendations for reform of delegate selection and related matters to be acted upon before 1972.

The CPP Electoral Affairs and Governmental Structure Committee devoted its June 30th meeting, which also was attended by invited concerned individuals from other organizations and several state legislators; to plan the testimony for this event. The Commission hearings are scheduled for July 10th, beginning at 9 AM (and continuing up to eight hours), at the Dorothy Quincy Suite of John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley Street, Boston.

Mr. Kenneth Bode, a staff member for the Commission, explained at the June 30th meeting that while the mandate of the Commission applied mainly to delegate selection, presidential primaries, abolition of the unit rule, etc., testimony on related areas, including purely state matters, was in order, and will be included in a more general section of the Commission report. He emphasized that a large turnout and articulate presentations by the "insurgents" will result in a more forceful series of demands to the national Party officials.

Massachusetts has been allocated five "scheduled" speakers, each of whom will be granted five minutes speaking time. In addition to John Elder, CPP State Chairman, these include Maurice Donahue (Mass. Senate President); Robert Quinn (Attorney General); Paul Counihan (Democratic Council of Massachusetts); and one other to be determined. After the other fifteen scheduled speakers representing New England states, as many "unscheduled" speakers as possible will be permitted to testify. The Electoral Affairs Committee decided that in his five-minute allotted time John Elder would address himself to the portions of the CPP Platform related to the Commission's mandate, and that other CPP groups should send representatives to appear as unscheduled speakers, emphasizing specific examples in local communities, and some of the broader points of "participation."

Because of the potential importance of the McGovern hearings all CPP groups are urgently requested to send as many persons as possible, both as speakers and as interested spectators. (Previous Commission sessions have been rather poorly attended; as a result there is a danger that the lack of interest in the Commission will be construed as a lack of support for reform). It should be noted that written testimony may be submitted, but should be prepared in twenty-five copies to assure inclusion in the Commission record. If necessary such material may be mailed to the Commission's Washington office, at 2600 Virginia Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20037. In any case, please try to come to the hearings on the 10th, and make our voice heard.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CONGRESS IN THE 6th C.D.

The sudden death of Congressman William Bates last week has created interest in the possibilities of a CPP backed candidate to run in the special election which will be held this fall. It has become clear that the Nixon Administration will try hard to retain this seat for another "loyalist" Repub-

lican. CPP coordinators throughout the district met on July 1st to discuss the alternatives for action and the comparative qualities of the announced candidates. So far there are at least eleven possible candidates from the two major parties. It was decided that delegations of CPP members would visit each of these candidates to determine their positions on the issues. Results will be compared to help determine which candidate (if any) merits our support.

Whether the Sixth District groups decide to back a specific candidate or to apply pressure on selected campaign issues, they will be seeking the aid of interested individuals from throughout the state. We will keep you informed of future developments in this interesting race.

GRAPE BOYCOTT CONTINUES

As you may have seen in the papers, the first break in the solid opposition of the California grape growers to the farm workers' organizing efforts occurred recently when a small number of growers agreed to negotiate with UFWOC. These growers own smaller businesses that, unlike the large farms owned by conglomerates, produce only table grapes and thus have been most affected by the boycott. All told, however, they represent only 10% of the table grape supply and the other growers have in retaliation denounced those who have agreed to negotiate and vowed to continue to oppose the union. So, despite this hopeful sign, the boycott continues.

In Massachusetts, UFWOC has, by showing up with pickets after persuasion failed, secured the cooperation of two new chains, Fernandes and Almac's. In view of the experience of previous years, when supposedly cooperating chains simply moved grapes to outlying areas, we feel that some checking is in order. Moreover, with most of the chains complying, attention must also be directed to local stores. This is the purpose of the enclosed Grape Report Form, which are mainly self-explanatory. We hope that CPP coordinators and members throughout the state will use this device to keep us and UFWOC informed of the situation in their communities. Under comments, we are most interested in brand of grapes carried, store manager's attitude, etc. Additional cards are of course available from CPP headquarters.

THE UNITY BANK

The Unity Bank of Roxbury is a unique financial organization. The first and only interracial bank in the state, it seeks to invest funds in the black community. The Boston group has already transferred its account to this bank and has requested other groups to consider similar action. Primarily, however, the Bank is seeking savings accounts. Further details are given in the enclosed leaflet; read it and show it to a rich friend!

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings scheduled for the next two weeks, all at CPP headquarters, 11 South Street, Boston, are as follows:

Consumer Protection - Saturday, July 12 - 10, 30 a. m.

Militarization and Foreign
Policy - Wednesday, July 16 - 8.00 p. m.

Health and Social Welfare - Thursday, July 17 - 7.30 p. m.

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CPP ENDORSES MICHAEL HARRINGTON

CPP has become deeply involved in this fall's special election to fill the vacancy in the 6th Congressional District caused by the death of Rep. William Bates. All announced and potential candidates were interviewed by small groups of CPP members. On Wednesday, July 16, representatives of the twenty-three CPP groups in the District met in Ipswich and overwhelmingly endorsed Democratic State Representative Michael J. Harrington of Salem.

Harrington has been a "maverick" liberal Democrat with an excellent voting record for the four years he has been in the Legislature. He was one of the earliest Massachusetts supporters of Senator Eugene McCarthy. In November of 1967 he was one of those who went to Chicago to urge Sen. McCarthy to enter the Massachusetts primary. His only major opponents in the August 26 primary will be two conservative Democrats, and he intends to campaign hard on the issues of the war, the military and national priorities. If Harrington wins the primary, he will most likely be faced with an ultraconservative Republican hawk, State Senator William Saltonstall, in the September 30 election. Already there is evidence that this race will be a test for the Nixon administration.

CPP will be a major factor in determining the outcome of this election. Volunteers from outside the District will be needed; the first step is to collect the necessary 2000-plus nomination petition signatures. Those interested in taking part in this exciting contest should contact state headquarters.

OCTOBER 15th MORATORIUM/STRIKE

The Militarization and Foreign Policy Committee has decided to focus on planning for the October 15 Strike (Moratorium) against the War. The Committee feels that CPP's role in this event lies in making sure that as much antiwar action takes place in as many communities as possible that day. If such activity takes place in every city and town, not just the "liberal" ones, the strike can have a major impact on the media, public attitudes and the government.

Exactly what events should be planned in each community is a matter to be decided by local groups themselves. Each CPP group knows the political and social situation in its municipality and which other groups should also be involved. For example in some places use of the name Citizens for Participation Politics would be advantageous in attracting support; in other communities it might be better to form an ad hoc committee (as was done in many cases in the ABM campaign).

Suggested activities for the day include the following: High school convocations on militarization (or the draft, etc.) could be arranged in towns where the school administration is relatively broad-minded. Schools and other public areas can be leafletted; residential sections can be canvassed. A rally or teach-in can be planned. In communities where a big antiwar turnout is unlikely a demonstration especially designed for maxi-

imum attention-getting is perhaps advisable. The main idea is for everyone who can to take the day (or at least an hour or two) off from work and help create as much visible activity as possible.

The Committee also decided to investigate the possibility of a send-off October 14 evening rally, with major speakers, to generate enthusiasm for the following day's events. This would of course involve a joint effort of numerous Massachusetts organizations.

In view of the importance of the Moratorium/Strike (and especially the fact that a poor showing would discredit the peace movement) the Committee hopes that all CPP groups will take part in planning for this event. To that end each group is urged to send a representative to its next meeting, which will take place Wednesday, July 30, 8PM at CPP headquarters.

DRUG REFUNDS

Brookline CPP has set up a Consumers Council which is currently working on a project of statewide interest. This involves the recent anti-trust settlement between the Justice Department and the major drug companies. One of the terms is that any consumer of the eleven antibiotic drugs involved is entitled to a refund for the overcharge caused by the firms' price-fixing. This is the first time that such a scheme has been introduced. Details are given in the enclosed leaflet, which might be adapted for other local group use. The refund form also enclosed can be used by anyone; additional copies can be obtained from the state office.

SEPTEMBER POLITICAL CONFERENCE

The July 10 State Committee meeting formulated a general schedule for the September 6-7 CPP Political Conference at Craigville. Registration will begin at 10AM but the morning will be allocated to recreation. After lunch there will be a keynote speech, followed by workshops on Finances and Fund-raising and on Press and Public Relations. In the evening there will be a panel discussion of "Does Issue Politics Work?". Sunday morning there will be workshops on Campaign Organizing and on Group Organizing. Sunday afternoon will be devoted to political strategy meetings by Congressional District.

A registration card is enclosed and more can of course be obtained from the state office. The registration fee of three dollars per person should accompany the card; other fees will be collected at the Conference. Cost of the complete two-day stay, involving overnight lodging and four meals, will be \$12. For teenagers there is a one-dollar discount; for children under twelve, a two-dollar one. You can save one dollar per person by bringing you own linen. Suitable deductions will be worked out for those wishing to spend the night elsewhere or not take all meals. Since facilities may be limited, we advise all those who wish to attend to apply now.

NEW REPRESSIVE WELFARE BILL MUST BE DEFEATED

A recently conceived legislative report on Welfare "reforms", House # 5453B contains several major repressive and reactionary proposals which could undermine all of the minor gains made in this area. The bill would require public disclosure of client case records; mandatory jobs for adult males and some females; jail terms for fathers who desert their families if they are to receive welfare; day care for children only if mothers get jobs etc. A public hearing is scheduled at the State House for Tuesday at 11:00 AM in room 245. Since the proposed bill violates and contradicts several points in the CPP platform, we urge you to pressure your legislators to oppose this measure, and to testify at the hearing on Tuesday.

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OCTOBER 15 PEACE ACTION

The July 30 meeting of the CPP Militarization and Foreign Policy Committee was devoted to discussion of and planning for the nationwide October 15 Peace Action (formerly Moratorium or Strike). Ray Dougan of Mass PAX and Ronald Rubel of the new ad hoc Massachusetts Peace Action Committee (44 Brattle St., Cambridge, 02138, 868-9133) explained what statewide plans are now under way. Sponsors are currently being sought for an advertisement (see enclosed copy) to appear in the Boston Globe and, subsequently, in other papers throughout the state. From the responses to this ad it is hoped that individuals willing to coordinate anti-war activity on October 15 in their community will be found. The goal of the new committee is simply to make sure that some action will occur in as many cities and towns as possible and to provide information flow, rather than to issue any centralized directions.

As was discussed at the July 16 meeting, the prospects for getting good publicity and, therefore, having a significant impact on the Nixon Administration will be maximized by having antiwar action as visible and as widespread as possible, particularly in those areas where peace activity has hitherto been uncommon or nonexistent. In specific terms, a small rally in Deerfield would be more impressive than a large one on the Boston Common. Parallel to this idea is the concept of involving types of people (Chamber of Commerce types, e.g.) who have not previously been noted for opposition to the War but whose frustrations at the continued costs of the War in lives and taxes have brought them to the point where they might now be willing to act. To this end, it is felt that rather than tie the Peace Action to any organizational name that might restrict local community support ad hoc local committees should be formed to plan and undertake what local activity is most suitable.

The next meeting of the Militarization Committee will be announced, but August 27 has tentatively been set as the date for a broad statewide coordinating meeting. Meanwhile we urge all local CPP groups to begin planning their role in this event now and those individuals who wish to coordinate October 15 in their communities inform us and the Peace Action Committee of their willingness to do so and their plans.

CPP MOBILIZES FOR HARRINGTON

With less than a month before the August 26 primary in the special congressional election in the Sixth District (Essex County), the campaign of Michael Harrington has gathered momentum and he now appears to have a good chance of winning the Democratic nomination. The 23 CPP groups in the District are now actively working for Harrington. In some communities the local CPP group is the official Harrington organization; in others CPP and Harrington coordinators are working together. In addition Marge Schiller and David Williams from the CPP state staff are working at the Salem District headquarters.

Harrington, a Harvard College and Harvard Law School graduate, has at 32 represented Salem and Swampscott in the Massachusetts House for four years. He has actively supported such CPP-backed measures as

the 18-year-old vote, absentee balloting in primaries, extended migrant worker rights, adequate welfare funds, legalization of birth control devices for unmarried women, the graduated income tax, and the establishment of police review boards. He has been a firm opponent of the Vietnam War and the ABM system and, as mentioned last week, he was an early supporter of Senator Eugene McCarthy. A Harrington win in the general election would be a loud and clear signal to the Nixon Administration to take a new hard look at its priorities and programs.

If you would like to meet Harrington (and the other candidates), you are invited to the Candidates' Night, sponsored by the Cape Ann Concerned Citizens at Gloucester High School Auditorium on Tuesday, August 12th at 8 p. m. All five candidates have promised to attend and will be questioned on the issues.

The need for volunteers continues. The 1968 New Hampshire primary showed how "outsiders" can be a key factor in a close election. If you or other CPP members in your group would like to help, call headquarters (426-3040) and we can advise you as to where help is needed, transportation, etc. There will also be work on the Harrington campaign that can be done at the Boston headquarters.

STATE HOUSE REPORT

Little real progress has been made on Beacon Hill although hundreds of bills are still pending. The repressive welfare bill (H. 5453B) described in our last Bulletin passed the House by a disturbingly large majority, and only the Governor's threat of a veto has prevented final legislative action. The large and vocal crowd at the hearing, which included CPP spokesmen, apparently had little effect on the elected representatives. The bill now goes to the Senate where there is still a chance to kill this measure.

CPP testimony was also presented at the July 30th public hearing on H. 5484, a measure providing for students to serve on the boards of trustees of State Colleges. The bill has extensive bi-partisan support and seems to have an excellent chance of passing.

In a surprise move, the House gave approval to a rather radical reform of the presidential primary system in Massachusetts, passing legislation to require the placing of the names of all serious contenders for the presidential nomination on the ballot. (Individuals could, by specific request, have their names withdrawn.) This so-called "modified Oregon system" has, according to tentative vote count, become part of the CPP platform by virtue of its approval in the post-convention balloting. Despite bi-partisan support, including the state chairmen of both parties, it passed the House by a rather slim margin and the outlook for final passage is still somewhat uncertain.

MIDDLETON CPP SEEKS DRUG PROGRAM

The Middleton Chapter of CPP is campaigning for a more liberal drug code at the local Tri-town High School, including the areas of Middleton, Boxford, and Topsfield. The group believes that drugs are a community problem and seeks the formation of a community drug commission where youths and others with drug problems could obtain counsel and perhaps medical advice. It could provide hope for those who would otherwise face only arrest and humiliation for themselves and their families.

Other CPP groups or individuals interested in this issue may contact the Health and Social Welfare Committee, which will be studying this problem this Fall. Those interested in helping the Middleton group specifically may contact Mr. James Stewart, 39 Lake Street, Middleton, Mass. 01949, telephone number (617) 774-9554.

***ENCLOSED IS A DESCRIPTIVE BROCHURE ABOUT CRAIGVILLE, where CPP will hold its Fall Political Conference, Sept. 6-7. Please remember to return the pink card and registration fee.

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SIXTH DISTRICT PRIMARY NEARS

Tuesday, August 26, is the date of the primary for the special congressional election in the Sixth District. CPP's organizational abilities and political strength have had a significant effect on the campaign of CPP-endorsed Michael Harrington. But the biggest test of CPP's political importance will be the number of volunteers we can mobilize before and on primary day.

Coordinators throughout the state should contact potential volunteers and urge them to join in this effort. Car pools from local communities can be arranged, especially on evenings and weekends. Specific instructions on where people are needed and what must be done will be supplied by state headquarters.

As John Kenneth Galbraith pointed out recently, the only way to curb the military-industrial complex is to elect Congressmen who will act to control it. Mike Harrington is clearly this sort of man (see enclosed leaflet). He can win, and if CPP's efforts on his behalf are a material factor in his success, not only Harrington, but other Massachusetts Congressmen will be encouraged to take stands and act on the issues---peace, national priorities, racism, etc.---that we are talking about.

CPP MERCHANDISE

Enclosed is a form designed to simplify mail requests for items available from the state office. We hope it will be regarded, not as another manifestation of bureaucracy but rather as a convenience! (Please feel free to bend, fold, spindle or mutilate this card.)

Two new items deserve special comment. CPP buttons, originally made for the McGovern Commission hearings, are 1-3/4 inches in diameter and show a modified version of the CPP logo. We are contemplating a smaller-sized version; your comments on this would be helpful. UN flag decals are one answer to the ubiquitous Readers' Digest and Gulf Oil American flags, whose right-wing implications have recently been much discussed in the media. These decals are on order and will be available by September. Additional suggestions from you in this area are invited.

In addition to the new items, of course, we continue to provide assistance in purchase of envelopes, letterhead paper, bumper stickers, etc., and to obtain copies of public documents, bills, etc., which are not available from the State House by mail.

CAPITOL HILL REPORT

Probably the most notable feature of the 91st Congress is the assault it has begun against "defense" spending. The ABM controversy (see enclosed rollcall) was the most significant but by no means the only aspect of this. The plans made this session by liberal Congressmen to curb unneeded weapons systems and to strengthen the regulation of defense contracts are now coming to fruition. Just this week, for example, the Senate unanimously voted to restrict transportation, storage and use of CBW weapons. While both Senators

Kennedy and Brooke have made notable contributions in this area; the role of Massachusetts Representatives in these efforts has, predictably, been undistinguished.

An exception must be made in the case of Rep. F. Bradford Morse (R-5th Dist.), who is the only Massachusetts member of the newly formed bipartisan "Members of Congress for Peace Through Law". Morse has introduced or cosponsored several resolutions relating to arms control. H. Res. 465, H. Res. 466, H. Res. 467, H. Res. 468 and H. Res. 469 are variant resolutions calling for suspension of MIRV testing by the U.S. pending the upcoming SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks) negotiations with the Soviet Union. All Massachusetts Congressmen except: Reps. Burke, Donohue and Philbin have sponsored one or more of these resolutions. Rep. Boland has introduced a version of his own, H. Con. Res. 295, cosponsored by Rep. Heckler and six other congressmen. These bills parallel S. Res. 211, introduced in the Senate by Edward Brooke, which now has over 40 cosponsors. Stronger versions, H. Con. Res. 259 and H. Con. Res. 260, have been introduced by Reps. Jonathan Bingham (D-NY) and Morse respectively; the former has 31 cosponsors.

Meanwhile several resolutions have been submitted in Congress urging the President to resubmit the Geneva Protocol of 1925 banning first-use of CBW weapons to the Senate. This perennial item is part of the approved CPP platform. Three of these resolutions have been introduced by Rep. Richard McCarthy (D-NY), who has gained national recognition for his efforts against CBW; these are H. Res. 439, H. Res. 457 and H. Res. 490. Torbert Macdonald is a cosponsor of the second; Margaret Heckler of the third.

Massachusetts congressmen have by contrast been uninvolved in the movement for stronger controls on defense contracts. Bills in this area (all these numbers may seem confusing, but their use in letters to congressmen is expeditious) include the following: H. R. 12205 and H. R. 12276, to require the General Accounting Office and Comptroller General to audit military contracts late in delivery or costing more than 10 per cent over the original cost estimate, were introduced by Rep. Bertram Podell (D-NY) and have almost enough cosponsors (about 200) to ensure passage. The Senate parallel (sponsored by Sen. Schweiker, R-Penn.) was passed, as an amendment to the defense bill by a one-vote margin last week. (Interestingly enough the margin was provided by Sen. Williams of Delaware, whose pro-ABM vote had been decisive the day before. Williams is a devoted advocate of economy in government.) H. R. 12107 is a stronger bill, introduced by Rep. William Harsha (R-Ohio), that would establish a Military Procurement Review Board. S. 2277 (introduced by Sen. George McGovern) and H. R. 11991 (introduced by Rep. Manuel Lujan, D-NMEX) would apply an excess war profits tax to defense contractors, in the manner of the Korean War; each has numerous cosponsors, none of them from Massachusetts.

In other fields:

- Donohue and Morse were the only Massachusetts congressmen to sign the letter of Rep. Leonard Farbstein (D-NY) to Rep. Daniel Flood (chairman of the House Health, Education and Welfare - Labor Appropriations subcommittee) calling for the restoration of the Nixon administration's cuts of two-thirds in federal aid to libraries and one-third in the Office of Education budget.

- H. R. 9553, amending the District of Columbia Minimum Wage Act to authorize computation of overtime for hospital employees on the basis of a 14-day work period, passed recently 220-141. This "outrageous" bill, to quote Rep. Phil Burton (D-Cal.), "robs working people - receiving less money than most groups of workers - of a pittance if they manage to work more than a 40-hour week." Only one Massachusetts congressman vote for it; need we say who? (For hint see Bulletin #7).

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The next two Tuesdays should be marked down for action on all CPP members' calendars. September 30 is the Harrington-vs. -Saltonstall election in the Sixth Congressional District. We will not repeat our previous exhortations concerning this important contest and the effect it will have on national decision-making and on 1970 politics (see editorial in this week's New Republic). A close vote is expected and the key will be how successful the Harrington/CPP forces are in bringing out the vote in the Democratic cities, especially Lynn. If you need or can provide a ride to Lynn on Tuesday, call CPP state headquarters at 426-3040.

Tuesday, October 7, is primary day in many Massachusetts cities. In Quincy, CPP coordinator John Gillis needs volunteers in his bid for the councilor nomination in Ward 5. The enclosed leaflet, an excellent sample of local group initiative in the field of campaign literature and of "new politics" style and content, gives further details. In Fall River, Rev. James Hornsby needs aid in a school committee race. Mr. Hornsby has been active in local peace activities and is now relating such broader national concerns to local educational and urban issues. For additional information, contact People for Hornsby, at 50 N. Main St., Fall River (673-9830). Also, in Brockton, CPP members are supporting attorney Melvin Lewison, Planning Board Chairman, for Mayor. Contact George Papas (586-8677).

Three CPP-endorsed candidates have already won primary victories and are now preparing for final elections on November 4. In Boston, freshman Councillor Thomas Atkins placed thirteenth in a field of eighteen successful nominees from whom nine councillors will be selected in the final election. He will face a very tough fight for re-election against such well-known conservative candidates as Mrs. Louise Day Hicks and Joseph Timilty, a law and order candidate, in the race. Mr. Atkins, the only black elected official in Boston, achieved national recognition for his dramatic electoral victory in 1967 (when Mrs. Hicks ran for Mayor), a come-from-behind victory which he will need to duplicate this year. He has been an outstanding advocate of citizen participation and neighborhood involvement in governmental processes and has been an active leader in the fight for rent control, against uncontrolled urban highways such as the Southwest Expressway, for hot lunch programs for all school children and for the elderly, and against a publicly financed stadium. In addition, he has been a vigorous critic of the Vietnam War and the proposed anti-ballistic missile system.

In Worcester, Rev. Richard Campbell won nomination for a seat on that city's 9-man council. Mr. Campbell is Chairman of Worcester's Subcommittee on Minority Housing and an advisor on minority housing problems for the Worcester Redevelopment Authority. His program calls for better communication between the city government and the poor, the black and other minorities, as well as more efficient use of city and federal funds to solve the problems of housing, education, youth activities and employment opportunities. With eight incumbent councillors topping the primary field, he faces a difficult fight, but has a real shot at a council seat.

In Lowell, attorney Paul E. Tsongas was also nominated for city council. A former Peace Corps volunteer and field training coordinator, Mr. Tsongas is a staff attorney on the Governor's Council on Law Enforcement. He is a firm

supporter of city charter revision, an issue Lowell CPP has been working on for some time.

These and other CPP candidates (cf. column by S. J. Micciche in the evening Boston Globe Sept. 23) need support between now and November. We will continue to report on the progress of these campaigns; individuals and groups who wish to aid them can obtain further information from the state office.

INITIATIVE PETITION CAMPAIGNS

CPP will be participating in two major statewide petition drives on behalf of initiative amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution. One is the campaign to lower the voting age to 18, endorsed by CPP at the May 11th Convention. Despite the General Court's approval of the 18-yr. -old vote in the May Constitutional Convention, the margin of victory was too slender to assure passage by the required 140 votes next legislative session. Hence the 18:72 organization is sponsoring a legislative amendment which would need only 70 votes in the next Legislature to put the question on the 1972 ballot.

The other campaign involves the civil service reform amendment on which we reported in the Aug. 29th Bulletin. The local group ballot on this proposal resulted in a near-unanimous endorsement of this drive, which is sponsored by the Coalition for Civil Service Reform, an umbrella organization that includes the Massachusetts Jaycees, the Churchmen's League for Civil Welfare, the Bureau of Public Affairs of Boston College, the Lincoln-Filene Center for Citizenship and Public Affairs of Tufts University and, now, CPP.

Petitions for both amendments are en route to all coordinators with covering information; additional copies may be obtained from the state office. Both campaigns offer local groups a chance to start fall activities afresh and to attract new members and contacts in their community. Individual members may prefer to carry the petitions separately but it can also be done simultaneously; groups should decide what is best for their community. We will be in touch with each of you personally to find out how things are going. Without the strong support of CPP, it is unlikely that either petition drive can reach the 100,000 signatures needed by the middle of November.

PEACE ACTION DAY PLANS AND PROGRESS

In the past two weeks there has been a large groundswell of support for the Vietnam Peace Action Day on Oct. 15. Several Boston area universities have cancelled classes, with plans for involvement in door-to-door canvassing in local cities and towns, as well as participation in rallies and vigils scheduled for that day. Sen. McGovern is scheduled to speak to a rally in Lexington at 3 pm and to a student gathering in Boston at 4 pm. Communities which feel student workers would be useful should call the Peace Action office in Cambridge at 868-9133 or CPP. "WORK FOR PEACE" buttons and bumper stickers are available immediately at 10¢ apiece or 5¢ in quantity. Those local chairmen who wish to coordinate their own community activities for Oct. 15th with the Lexington rally should contact Mrs. Emily Frankovich at 862-8424, by Wed.

SYMPOSIUM ON CONTROL OF BOSTON SCHOOLS

Americans for Democratic Action is planning a most interesting open discussion on the subject "THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: WHO SHOULD CONTROL THEM?" to be held Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Sperry Room of Andover Hall in the Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Ave., Cambridge. Scheduled speakers are: Robert Bendiner of the New York Times Editorial Board; Paul Parks, Boston Model Cities Administrator; Ben Scott, head of the Freedom School in Roxbury. The problems of metropolitan districts versus pressure for more direct community control, as well as the question of standards, funding and teachers' rights will be considered. CPP members and friends will be most welcome.

N. B. : McGovern and Bond in Ford Hall Forum Series - see enclosed program



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CPP CONVENTION ADOPTS STATE PLATFORM AND ESTABLISHES NINE ACTION COMMITTEES

Over 200 persons from throughout the state attended the second CPP Convention in Worcester on May 11. The Convention continued the work of its November predecessor in adopting a Charter, defining CPP's structure and focus. As the Charter states, CPP is "an issue and action oriented political force composed of local community groups which will be engaged in legislative, electoral, and community program activities. It will seek political influence in Massachusetts and, in concert with similar groups, nationally."

Decision-making power is centered at the local level, with overall coordination provided by a State Committee of 36 members. Each State Committee member is elected annually by all the CPP members in his district. (each congressional district is divided into three CPP districts). Membership in CPP is open to all who subscribe to its goals, with no age limitations. All CPP members are members of one of the more than 120 local groups. Each local group is free to manage its own

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CPP AIDS MIKE HARRINGTON IN CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN

CPP has become deeply involved in the special congressional election in the 6th District (Essex County) caused by the death of Rep. Bates. All candidates were interviewed by CPP teams and, at a meeting of representatives of the 23 community groups in the the districts, CPP overwhelmingly endorsed State Representative Michael Harrington of Salem.

Harrington has been a "maverick" liberal Democrat with an excellent re-

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OCTOBER 15 PEACE ACTION

CPP will be taking a major part in this fall's Peace Action. This nationwide effort against the Vietnam War is being coordinated in this state by an ad hoc Vietnam Peace Action Committee.

The object of the Peace Action is to convince President Nixon that he cannot stall in withdrawing U.S. troops Oct. 15 will be the date for events all over the nation; if this does not result in a satisfactory response, continued protests are planned for November, and succeeding months.

In Massachusetts the emphasis will be on generating as much anti-war activity in as many communities as possible, rather than concentrating on the usual liberal suburbs. Only in this

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CPP TO HOLD A POLITICAL CONFERENCE ON SEPT. 6 - 7

How can local groups attract new members? How can groups get better press coverage? How should a local or regional campaign be run?

These are some of the questions we hope to explore at the CPP political Conference, Saturday and Sunday, September 6th and 7th. The conference will be held in an informal setting at the Craigville in on Cape Cod. All CPP members are invited to attend this event and to share ideas on the nitty-gritty aspects of political action, to prepare for the elections this fall, and 1970.

The schedule for the conference is as follows: Registration will begin Sat. at 10 AM, but the morning will be allocated for recreation. (Extensive facilities for swimming, etc. are available) After lunch there will be a keynote

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CONVENTION ESTABLISHES ACTION COMMITTEES

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affairs and to support candidates and support positions on issues within its own community.

In addition to approving a Charter, the Convention heard reports from nine workshops, each on a specific issue area. The approved parts of these reports, passed either by the Convention or in a subsequent mail ballot of all local groups, constitute the CPP platform.

Copies of this Charter and Platform are available from the State Office. Some highlights from the latter include:

- * The U.S. should begin an immediate phased withdrawal of our troops from Vietnam, to be completed by January 1970;

- * CPP endorses and supports the farm workers' grape boycott;

- * The voting age should be lowered to eighteen years;

- * CPP opposes further construction of highways until new plans based on public transit are adopted;

- * No anti-ballistic missile system should be constructed by the U.S.

To implement these and the other numerous platform items, the Convention voted to make each workshop into a standing committee, open to all members. If you wish to join in the work in any of these action areas, simply use the coupon on page seven. The Committees are as follows:

(1) HEALTH & SOCIAL WELFARE (acting chairman: June Fletcher, 5 Melrose St., Boston; 423-7291). This committee has been working against the new repressive welfare bill. Other areas of concern include increasing social security benefits, the problems of the elderly, child day care centers, and the establishment of a national health insurance program.

(2) ELECTORAL AFFAIRS & GOVT. STRUCTURE. (Chairman: Marge Schiller, 49 Rockwood Road, Hingham; 749-4373). CPP's role in the Mc-

Govern Commission hearings was planned by this committee (see page 3) Currently it is involved in the plans for an official Legislative Commission to study Mass. election reform.

(3) MILITARIZATION & FOREIGN POLICY (Chairman: Edgar Bottome, c/o 11 South St, Boston) This committee is concentrating on the plans for CPP's role in the fall Peace Action.

(4) TAX REFORM & FISCAL AFFAIRS (acting chairman: Peter Williamson, 1 Howard St, Ipswich; 356-5563) CPP's platform in this area calls for reform of the federal tax structure, a negative income tax, and a graduated income tax for Mass.

(5) URBAN AFFAIRS (Chairman: Nick Zaitzvesky, 27 Lakeville Avenue, Boston; 524-2313). This committee is working with other concerned groups against uncontrolled urban highways, and for mass transit. A subcommittee is also working in the area of housing.

(6) ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (Chairman: Catherine Meyer, 9 Luther Road, Burlington; 272-5170). The committee is attempting to coordinate citizen lobbying at public hearings on air pollution, and to set up a state-wide reporting system of pollution incidents.

(7) EDUCATION (chairman: Mickey Williamson, 1 Howard St., Ipswich; 356-5563). Involved in a wide variety of action, from an alliance of neighborhood groups in Boston to school committee candidates in several smaller cities.

(8) HUMAN RIGHTS & CIVIL LIBERTIES (Chairman: Jeff Newcombe, 100 Pleasant St, Arlington; 646-1855) Assisting the grape boycott, and planning for Massachusetts legislation for next year.

(9) CONSUMER PROTECTION. (Chairman: Ronald Rosenblith, 108 Winthrop Street, Brookline; 731-3451) Has provided statewide publicity for the drug refund program (also see local group art.) * * * * *

CPP IN CITY ELECTIONS

Community groups in more than a dozen cities are running or supporting "new politics" candidates in this fall's municipal elections. We hope to enlist volunteers from nearby towns to aid in these contests.

Some of the races already in progress are as follows: in CAMBRIDGE Councillor Barbara Ackermann is running for re-election. A member of the CPP State Committee and a former issues coordinator for the McCarthy campaign, Mrs. Ackermann is a leading advocate of rent control and opponent of urban highways. . . . In QUINCY CPP coordinator John Gillis is running for city council, emphasizing peace & the grape boycott. . . . In FALL RIVER Rev. James Hornsby is running for school committee utilizing an anti-war platform. . . . In NEWTON Rep. Irving Fishman is running for Mayor. Rep. Fishman has one of the most liberal and innovative records in the legislature, and was one of the first supporters of Eugene McCarthy.

In addition, CPP groups in other cities, including BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, LOWELL, LYNN, NEW BEDFORD, SOMERVILLE, and WORCESTER are currently evaluating possible candidates.

THE McGOVERN HEARINGS

CPP played a major role at the July 10th hearings of the McGovern Commission, the body established by the 1968 Democratic National Convention to make recommendations for reform of delegate selection and related matters to be acted upon by 1972/

CPP Chairman John Elder was one of five scheduled Massachusetts witnesses. Other CPP coordinators and individuals from around the state presented additional testimony based on local experiences. This testimony was based on our platform demands for election of two-thirds of national convention delegates by congressional district; proportional division of all statewide delegates; placing all presidential candidates on the ballot; bi-annual election of town and ward committee members; eighteen-year-old vote; simplified procedures for voter registration; liberalization of residency and literacy requirements.

Although the hearings were well attended, it is uncertain how much impact such a Commission can or will have on the leaders in Washington. So we will continue plans for reforming party structure through legislation and court challenges here in Massachusetts and on the national level.

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cord in the legislature. He was one of the earliest of the elected officials who endorsed Senator Eugene McCarthy for President. He is campaigning on a program aimed at stopping the war, ending militarism, and re-ordering national priorities. His opposition in the August 26th primary is two conservative Democrats, and his most likely opponent in the September 30th general election is a pro-ABM, ultra-conservative Republican hawk.

The election will be a major test for the Nixon Administration. A Harrington victory would be a clear signal to the administration that it must re-examine its programs and priorities.

CPP has been a major influence in the primary campaign, especially in the several communities where our members are organizing the campaign. But an important test of CPP's political strength will be the number of volunteers we can mobilize from outside the district.

The New Hampshire primary of last year showed that "outsiders" can be effective in a close election where national issues are significantly at stake. Help is urgently needed: volunteers should contact the state CPP office for information concerning when and where they can be of assistance.

This unusual and exciting race will have significant impact on 1970 in this state. Other Massachusetts congressmen will be watching to see how candidates taking a liberal and anti-war stand fare with the voters and to see what CPP support can mean.

ACTIVITIES ON BEACON HILL

During the past few weeks, several important legislative measures have been debated and voted upon at the State House. Citizen pressure coordinated by CPP and other groups has resulted in initial approval of the "anti-snob zoning" bill which would encourage low-cost housing in the suburbs. State funding of busing to achieve racial balance also received similar approval. On August 14, Gov. Sargent signed the bill originally submitted by a CPP member, which would protect the rights of a tenant who files a complaint against a landlord for any code violation against retaliatory eviction or rent increases. This measure is now hailed by the Governor as "the strongest law of its kind in the nation". In the area of education, CPP testimony and direct pressure on legislators has resulted in initial acceptance of a bill to place student representatives on the boards of trustees of all Massachusetts state colleges.

In the area of electoral reform, the measure to lower the voting age to 18-years passed, but by such a slim margin that consideration is currently being given to an initiative petition drive on this subject, to increase public interest and to assure passage in 1971. In a surprise move, the Massachusetts House also accepted a radical reform of the presidential primary which would require the names of all candidates to be placed on the ballot, similar to the "Oregon system". Finally, in a move with far-reaching implications, CPP has provided supportive research for a court suit challenging the Massachusetts one-year residency requirement for voting.

Despite this apparent progress, several dangerously regressive measures have also gained approval. The anti-welfare bill (H. 5453B) which establishes elaborate penalties for failure to abide by regulations forcing mothers to take jobs, and husbands to abandon their families in order to qualify for continued benefits, has passed both the House and Senate, with final action hanging in the balance. The effort to obtain long-range transportation planning and increased use of rapid transit has been set back by the passage of H. 5270 which authorizes land acquisition for the Southwest Expressway, a link in the "Inner Belt".

CPP's efforts to coordinate all of these legislative issues have resulted in significant steps toward closer cooperation among the many liberal special

interest groups in Massachusetts. By 1970 the voice of citizen protest should be considerably stronger.

ABM REPORT

The drive to curb deployment of the "Safeguard" anti-ballistic missile system may have failed initially, but the movement against "defense" spending and for re-ordering of national priorities continues. Already the Senate has taken steps to restrict CBW, to regulate defense contracts more strictly, and to cut back Pentagon-sponsored research.

CPP was in the forefront of the anti-ABM campaign. With other organizations, it helped collect the 20,000 signatures on the telegram to Sen. Brooke. Local groups sponsored grassroots debates, meetings, etc. This local pressure on Washington must be continued if the fight against the military-industrial complex is to go on.

If you would like to join in these efforts, use the coupon on p. 7 to be informed of the meetings of the Militarization Committee.

CPP SUPPORTS GRAPE BOYCOTT

Support of the United Farm Workers' boycott of California grapes was overwhelmingly voted at the May 11th Convention. Although a few growers have now started negotiations with the farm workers, the major growers, representing 90% of the table grape supply, have been adamant in their opposition to unionization. So the boycott continues.

In Massachusetts, most of the chain stores are, formally at least, complying with the boycott. Emphasis has thus shifted to local stores. Many local CPP groups have been active in picketing non-cooperative stores.

CPP has also been aiding the Massachusetts branch of the farm workers by circulating grape pledge cards which are used to back up their claim that shoppers will avoid stores carrying grapes. We have also initiated a statewide reporting system to report on which stores are cooperating and which are not. Forms are available at 11 South St.

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way can the events attract widespread press coverage and thus maximize impact. Similarly it is felt that people can become involved whose opposition to the War is recent, and who would be unlikely to support more radical action. For this reason it is hoped that local ad hoc Peace Action committees will be established, rather than have the event tied to any organizational name.

The CPP Militarization & Foreign Policy Committee is undertaking the task of aiding and coordinating CPP local groups in their planning for these events. Liaison on a statewide level will be maintained through the Vietnam Peace Action Committee among organizations such as CPP, PAX, WILPF, newly formed groups, and others.

Exactly what activity is most appropriate for each community should of course be decided among the local residents themselves. Suggested actions include the following: High school convocations; leafletting and canvassing; rallies or teach-ins; pressure on local officials to take public stands against the War. The central idea is for everyone to depart from normal routine and institute as much and as visible anti-war activity as possible.

This Newsletter is sent to all CPP members and other concerned activists in over 230 cities and towns of Massachusetts. Comments and suggestions for future issues are most welcome.

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David Williams, volunteer coord

LOCAL GROUPS IN ACTION

Despite the political "off-season", CPP has not gone into estivation* for the summer. In addition to the activities described elsewhere, local groups throughout the state are involved in a wide range of community problems. Following is a sampling of these projects:

LOWELL CPP has been engaged in forcing charter revision to establish a better system of city government. So far, the first step of gathering 6000 certified signatures to get this issue on the ballot has been a success.... BROOKLINE CPP has fought for and achieved the first comprehensive rent-control program of its kind in the nation. It is now initiating an education campaign to inform the public of their rights under the new laws; modeled after its recent Consumer Council information on drug refunds available to individuals.... LEXINGTON CPP has organized a town coalition of several liberal groups. They got their town meeting to adopt stricter standards on equal employment opportunity for town contracts; and fought a hard but losing campaign when the issue was placed on a referendum..... BOSTON CPP, in addition to supporting efforts to prevent urban highway construction with out planning, has been active in a newly formed Alliance of community groups and other organizations working for educational reform.... FRAMINGHAM ACTION, a CPP affiliate has been active in local school problems and draft counselling; also plans an editorial style advertisement in their local newspaper.... MIDDLETON CPP has initiated a program for a drug center which will serve a three town area.

In the area of kudos we should also cite Boston, Hingham, and District 11B (Quincy, Braintree, Holbrook, Randolph) for instituting local newsletters; Hingham, Framingham and the 6th C.D. for developing telephone trees; Somerville for its newspaper columns.

*Estivate; to spend the summer in a lethargic state; cf. hibernate
-Webster's

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speech, followed by workshops on Finances and Fund-raising and on Press and Public Relations. In the evening there will be a panel discussion of "Does Issues Politics Work?" Sunday morning there will be workshops on Campaign Organizing and Group Organizing. In the afternoon there will be political strategy meetings by congressional district.

Resource people will include CPP candidates, successful and unsuccessful from last year, as well as other Massachusetts and out of state figures.

You can register for the conference by using the coupon on the next page. The registration fee of three dollars should accompany the coupon. Other fees will be collected when you arrive at Craigville. Overnight accommodations including four meals, will be \$12.00 per person. For teenagers there is a \$1. discount; for children under 12, a \$2. discount. There is also a one-dollar deduction for persons bringing their own linen. Suitable reductions will be arranged for those not staying overnight or not taking all meals. Since facilities may be limited we advise you to apply as soon as possible. However, if necessary, you may stop in for workshops even if you have not registered in advance.

LATE NEWS: ATKINS CAMPAIGN

At its latest meeting August 26 Boston CPP voted unanimously to endorse the candidacy of Thomas Atkins for re-election to the City Council. Mr. Atkins has been a leader among public officials in voicing criticism of the Vietnam War and the ABM systems and an articulate spokesman for citizen participation and drastically reordered urban priorities.

As the only citywide representative of the black community, he faces a difficult fight against Mrs. Louise Day Hicks and several other conservatives contenders. Additional potential candidates for Council and School Committee will be evaluated after interviews are conducted.

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT

Three recent Congressional votes involving the right to demonstrate have been instructive in rating the members of the Massachusetts House delegation. The first was House bill 1035, passed 327 to 51 this summer which attempts to stop demonstrations on federal property in the District of Columbia by prohibiting overnight stays on such land. (The belated target of this bill was Resurrection City of the Poor People's March). Only three Mass. Congressmen voted with the minority in favor of the constitutional protections of the First Amendment. They were: Rep. Morse, Heckler, and O'Neill.

The second was an amendment to the defense bill passed this month by 323 to 87, outlawing demonstrations. This time only four Mass. congressmen -- Burke, Donohue, Keith, and Philbin -- were on the anti-demonstrator side.

Finally only three Mass. representatives opposed the amendment to the Education bill (approved 316 to 95) to deprive of federal funds students convicted of offenses relating to demonstrations. These were Reps. Macdonald, Morse, and O'Neill.

The campaign against the defense establishment (see ABM report, p. 4) has been less noticeable in the House than in the Senate. Nevertheless, even congressmen as unimaginative as most of our Mass. delegation have begun to sense the changed national mood. For example, only three Bay State congressmen have failed to sponsor one of the numerous resolutions calling for suspension of MIRV testing pending negotiations with the USSR -- namely Reps. Burke, Donohue, and Philbin.

Of course anti-militarism has its limits and it was not surprising that no Massachusetts congressman was in the small but growing band of about thirty "radicals" who had the courage to vote against the entire defense bill.

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PLANS AND ACTION FOR 1970.....

Next year will once again be the focal point for major political action, in every area from election of planning boards to Governor. Every CPP group should begin planning now which areas are of greatest importance. Much of this thinking has already begun. Some projects suggested so far include: town referenda to be held next spring on substantive issues such as the War; additional CPP candidates for selectmen, state representatives, etc; Congressional challenges in several key districts; involvement in the selection of State Convention delegates; a "new politics" bloc at the Republican and Democratic State Convention next June.

Also planned is a coordinated and comprehensive legislative program

to be submitted by the organization before the December 3, '69 deadline, which will begin to enact the new issues of the CPP Platform, from election law reform to rent control and draft amnesty.

A statewide telephone tree will enable every member to be informed of, and to participate in legislative hearings, meetings with officials, demonstrations, etc. The idea of a "citizens lobby" will be combined with closer cooperation with other community and statewide organizations to present a strong and unified stand to the state and federal administration.

Still, none of this can be achieved without your assistance and participation. Please tell us YOUR ideas!

..... MONEY?... MONEY..... MONEY!

As usual the CPP financial position is precarious. The State Convention voted not to have a state dues system but rather assess each local group two dollars per member. How many members each group has, and how the money is to be raised are to be decided by the local groups themselves. But even if every group were conscientious about paying their assessment (and many are not) this would still not be enough to meet all of the state office expenses. These consist of salaries of our two paid staff members (who have not been paid in a long while), rent and phone, printing and reproduction costs, and so on.

Fund-raising events such as the July 4th Cambridge Common rally which featured Noam Chomsky, Thomas Atkins, and Marcos Munoz have brought good publicity but little cash. Accordingly we must still appeal for your contributions. Without them we cannot continue effectively.

For those who like something tangible for their money we have two attractive new items. CPP buttons, which show a modified version of our logo, are available for a 25¢ donation plus postage. As of September we shall have U.N. flag decals, our answer to Reader's Digest American flags, also at 25¢ plus postage.

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_____ I wish to attend the CPP Political Conference at Craigville. I do (or) do not wish overnight accommodations; and Sat lunch, Sat supper, Sunday breakfast, Sunday lunch. There will be _____ in my family attending. ---(Please enclose registration fee of \$3.00 per person)

_____ Please add my name to the mailing list for the following CPP committee(s): (list on p. 2) _____

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CPP IN THE NEWS:

TOKYO, JAPAN "Mainichi Shinbun" -- article describing CPP's role in the anti-ABM campaign, including a photo of Dick Cauchi and Jim Murphy at work in our South Street headquarters.

BOSTON, "Globe" -- July 20 Sunday feature showing Paul O'Dwyer and John Elder at Worcester Convention

BRAINTREE "Observer" -- Front page story of July 27 showing CPP coordinator David Tedesco picketing a local market which still sold grapes.



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大きい知識

地元住民が効果的な反対運動の道を探しあぐねて、運動が下火になりかかったとき、ボストンに本部を置く二つの市民団体が動き出した。一つは「平和のための政治行動委員会(PAC)」で、もう一つは昨年の大統領選をきっかけに結成され、マッカーシー上院議員支持母体となった「共和政治のための市民委員会(CPP)」。

二つの団体は精力を結集して運動を開始した。

ABMの効果に対する疑問や反対理由を言いたくハインレットを声別に配布、マサチューセッツ工科大(MIT)からウィズナー教授(故ケネディ大統領の科学顧問)、ランス・ユース教授を招き、地元



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