

One of the best and perhaps the most lasting aspects of the McCarthy campaign has been the invigorating effect that it has had on grass roots Democratic politics. Encouraged and propelled by Senator McCarthy's success nationally, his supporters across the country have taken it upon themselves to reform and liberalize grass roots politics in line with the issues that McCarthy has brought to the national campaign. In Massachusetts, there has always been a strong possibility that the McCarthy movement would continue after the primary and after the fall elections to bring a fresh new element into the stale bag of Massachusetts politics. In fact, this movement has begun in strength with at least fifteen and possibly more McCarthy candidates already declaring their candidacies. They are:

JOHN ELDER of ARLINGTON, running for Congress from the 7th Congressional District which includes Arlington, Belmont, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Winchester, Winthrop.

MAYOR JOSEPH CASDIN of WORCESTER, running for Congress from the 4th Congressional District which includes Ashland, Bellingham, Blackstone, Boyleston, Douglas, Framingham, Franklin, Grafton, Holden, Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Medway, Mendon, Millbury, Milford, Millville, Northborough, Northbridge, Paxton, Princeton, Shrewsbury, Southborough, Sudbury, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Wayland, Westborough, West Boylston, Worcester.

EDWARD DONLON of WELLESLEY, running for Congress in the 10th Congressional District which includes Attleboro, Berkley, Dighton, Dover, Easton, Fall River, Foxborough, Freetown, Lakeville, Mansfield, Middleborough, Medfield, Millis, Natick, Needham, Norfolk, North Attleboro, Norton, Plainville, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Sharon, Somerset, Swansea, Sherborn, Taunton, Walpole, Wellesley, Westport, Westwood, Wrentham.

REP. JOSEPH BRADLEY of NEWTON, running for Congress from the 3rd Congressional district which includes Acton, Ashburnham, Ashby, Ayer, Berlin, Bolton, Boxborough, Clinton, Concord, Fitchburg, Gardner, Harvard, Hudson, Lancaster, Leominster, Lincoln, Littleton, Lunenburg, Marlborough, Maynard, Newton, Shirley, Stirling, Stow, Townsend, Waltham, Watertown, Westford, Westminster, Weston, Winchendon.

WILLIAM CLARKE of MANCHESTER, running for Congress in the 6th Congressional District which includes Amesbury, Beverly, Boxford, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester, Marblehead, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, Newburyport, North Andover, Peabody, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Salisbury, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham, West Newbury.

SELECTMAN SEYMOUR ARCHIBALD of CONCORD, running for State Senate from the 5th Middlesex District which includes Ayer, Bedford, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Lincoln, Littleton, Shirley, Waltham, Watertown, Westford.

JOHN J. McGUIRE of LEXINGTON, running for State Senate from the 7th Middlesex district which includes Billerica, Burlington, Lexington, Stoneham, Tewksbury, Wakefield, Wilmington, Woburn.

DWIGHT SCANDRETT of AMHERST, running for State Senate from the Franklin and Hampshire District which includes all of Franklin and Hampshire counties -- except for: Middlefield, Belchertown, Ware, Worthington.

RONALD ROSENBLITH of BOSTON, running for State Senate from the 3rd Suffolk District which includes Back Bay, Beacon Hill, the South End, Allston, Brighton, and Ward 2 in East Cambridge.

MARY MURPHY of FRAMINGHAM is running for State Representative from Framingham.

MARVIN GLASER of ARLINGTON, running for State Representative from the 7th Middlesex District which includes all of Arlington and one ward in Lexington.

RUSSEL GREEN of WHITMAN, running for State Representative from the 8th Plymouth District which includes all of Whitman and West Bridgewater.

ROGER MARTIN of ROCKPORT, running for State Representative from the 1st Essex District which includes all of Rockport and the eastern wards of Gloucester.

ROBERT CAVIN of BOSTON, running for State Representative in the 14th Suffolk District which includes all of Hyde Park.

DAVID McGAVERN of LEXINGTON, running for State Representative from the 24th Middlesex District which includes most of Lexington.

These men all need your help in getting signatures to get on the ballot, and they need your help in order to defeat deeply entrenched old-line Democrats in the September primary. You can help by getting in touch with your local coordinator for the McCarthy campaign or by calling this office. There is lots of work to be done and all of these candidates need your support actively and financially.



CITIZENS FOR PARTICIPATION POLITICS

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Dear

(sent to town co-ordinators)

Telephone 617-426-3040

Thank you for the prompt return of our questionnaire. We look forward to cooperating with your local group in every way possible in the coming months.

Enclosed are some proposals for a legislative program for 1969, based on bills submitted by members of CPP before this year's deadline. We hope to assist in coordinating a "Citizens' Lobby", whereby individual members will testify before legislative committees and discuss our issues with their local legislators. The state office has sent a questionnaire to every town clerk in the Commonwealth, requesting details concerning municipal elections this Spring. Similar questions will be asked of all city clerks for the Fall elections. The results so far indicate a wide variety of dates and offices to be filled. We hope local groups will begin now to search for "CPP style" candidates for the more significant posts such as selectmen and school committee. It is vital that we know who the best candidates are on a statewide basis so that some attempt can be made to coordinate volunteers and funds. Our office facilities and mailing lists will, presumably, be available to State "CPP-endorsed candidates", so we suggest being a bit cautious about how you use this label. Naturally, we will follow your group's recommendations on the status of all your local candidates. When considering the feasibility of running municipal candidates, keep in mind that any political campaign, even one for town meeting member, can be a vehicle for discussion of larger state and national issues.

During the political "lull" of the next few weeks, we will be working on up-dating and adding to our mailing and volunteer lists, which include volunteers from the McCarthy campaign; names sent in by local coordinators; recent corrections based on responses to the October newsletter, rally publicity, and other CPP exposure. Once these names are put onto IBM cards (by volunteer labor) we can provide printed lists in any order for any needed area, such as by town, by Zip Code, by wards, etc., and by levels of activity, party registration, occupation, etc. Within a short while we will send you a list of all the names from your town that are on the state office list so far. In a few weeks also, or as soon as we establish a satisfactory computer arrangement, we should be able to provide local groups with pre-printed labels for members in their town. This should be of great help in calling a meeting or starting a campaign. (NOTE: If you know of skilled programmers or other computer engineers in your area who might be willing to help us, please let us know.)

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In order for this system to work we need two things: up-to-date information and money. Please be sure that we have all the relevant names from your community, especially new active people, with their phone numbers, party registration, occupations, and (if applicable) wards and precincts. Enclosed is a sample membership card, which we hope you will use in your group. It will provide us with the specific information we need. Individuals who have become inactive will be noted as such, but not removed from the master list, since we hope such people can be re-involved in some future campaign.

Finally, money. Enclosed is a special fund appeal sent to individuals who have expressed interest in CPP. We do not expect coordinators personally to fund the state office; but you might bring up this problem at a local meeting, or include such a statement in a local mailing.

Let us know if we can be of particular help to you in any way. The State headquarters is open every weekday, from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Sincerely yours,

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A PROPOSED 1969 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

FOR

CITIZENS FOR PARTICIPATION POLITICS

PART I: ELECTION LAW REFORM

The political campaigns of the past year graphically illustrated some of the ambiguities and shortcomings of Massachusetts electoral laws. In an attempt to change this situation, some individual members of CPP have submitted a series of bills to the 1969 General Court. It is hoped that local groups and members will actively work to support this legislation, including testifying at legislative committee hearings and educating and pressuring their local legislators. These bills include:

#1 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND REGULATING THEIR CONDUCT.

Section 1 - Requires popular election of all delegates, including national committeeman and national committeewoman, thus preventing possible recurrence of this year's incident at Chicago where these two members of the Democratic delegation refused to obey the results of the Massachusetts primary.

Sections 2 and 3 - Provide for district election of at least 2/3rds of the national convention delegates, thus reducing the chance of a boss-controlled delegation, and giving a fairer chance to challenging slates. Also eliminates fractional votes and the possibility that such reduced votes would be given to dissident members.

Sections 4 and 5 - Define that vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the members of the delegation, thus preventing arbitrary or unfair substitutions such as the last-minute addition of non-elected delegates by the Democrats in Chicago.

Sections 6 and 7 - Define court jurisdiction to include out-of-state violations of the Massachusetts binding primary law, and clarifies the fact that there are penalties for refusal to abide by the decision of the voters in a primary.

#2 - AN ACT DEFINING THE HOURS POLLING PLACES SHALL BE OPEN DURING PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

This bill requires all polling places to be open at least 12 hours for primaries, and is a change in the original law which only says "at least 2 hours".

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#3 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BIENNIAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF STATE, WARD, AND TOWN COMMITTEES.

This bill would require election of State Committee and Ward and Town Committee members every two years, during September primaries. Also would require these committees to meet at least twice a year. This is intended to make such committees more responsive to their constituents, and more publicly visible in their activities.

The foregoing three bills have been submitted by - Richard Cauchi, Boston
Ann Danley, Winchester
Alvin Levin, Lincoln
Carolyn Stouffer, Hingham
R. Young, Scituate

OTHER PENDING LEGISLATION:

#4 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS DURING PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

#5 - AN ACT REDUCING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR VOTING FROM SIX MONTHS WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY TO ONE MONTH.

This would prevent disfranchisement of people who move from one town to another within the State of Massachusetts.

#6 - A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE VOTING AGE TO 19.

This issue passed one joint session of the legislature last year after much debate and opposition; it must pass again this session before it can be put on the ballot for final popular approval.