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HONOR MLK JR. & BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Martin Luther King Jr. recognized that war, racism, and poverty all have roots in the economic system of capitalism. This system — where the few who have the most wealth make the economic decisions — would have to be replaced by a more democratic political framework.

The Socialist Party honors MLK Jr. this winter as we continue to struggle to fight racism, war and

poverty. The Socialist Party wants to democratically transform our society into the kind of world Dr. King envisioned. Check out the SPUSA MLK literature at:

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

On March 8th, the Socialist Party joins with organizations across the globe in celebrating International Women's Day.



From the Socialist Party's Women's Commission:

"International Women's Day is about power: theirs and ours. Their power puts courts and legislatures in charge of whether or not a woman can have an abortion. Our power leaves this decision where it belongs: with the woman herself.... Their power rests in greedy corporations owned by ultra-wealthy few that deplete the world's resources and exploit its people. Our

Power depends on building a mass movement for a new society rooted in cooperation, equality, and workers' control...

For a listing of International Women's Day events and links to Socialist Party IWD literature, check out the Party's home page at www.socialistparty-usa.org.

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SOCIALIST STUDY GROUPS

Did you ever pick up a random glass and being drinking? Ever start speaking without thinking? If so, chances are things may not have turned out so well. Socialists face the same dilemma – how can we act before we think things out. One way to deal with this problem is to organize a study group. This may sound a bit like a boring academic exercise but study groups can be organized around any topic – from current events to the classics of Socialism. There are currently study groups in New York City and Michigan. Both locals report that the meetings are a great way to introduce the principles of Socialism to new folks and build a sense of community. Open discussion among members and nonmembers in these locations have created a fun and educational environment for all involved. If you are interested in getting a study group up and running in your local please contact us for some tips and suggestions. Doing so can help promote a positive connection between ideas and actions.

E-mail us at: natsec@socialistparty-usa.org

Become a Founding Member of the SPUSA Sustainers Club

The Socialist Party USA depends first and foremost on the grassroots activity of its membership. As we grow, however, our ability to coordinate activity and meet the needs of a more active membership is becoming strained.



Without voluntary contributions beyond membership dues, our operating budget will remain strapped to the bare essentials. To help us maintain a database

or regular contributors, the Party has created the "Sustainers Club"

The Sustainers club is open to anyone who can donate at least \$30 a year above dues and is willing to have their name added to our regular contributors database. It is also open to non-members who contribute at least \$30 a year and ask to be added to the Sustainers Club list. You will receive a unique membership card, a subscription to The Socialist, and a "Founding Member" lapel pin to show your solidarity. You can join on-line at the following website:

www.socialistparty-usa.org/joinus/supporterform.html or by sending your check and info. to SPUSA Sustainers Club c/o 339 Lafayette St. #303 NY. NY 10012

SUPPORT MOORE/ALEXANDER 2008!



www.votebrianmoore.com

Campaign update

California- Brian Moore & Stewart Alexander took part in media and public events before the February Peace & Freedom primary. The primary is non-binding but a good showing will influence the nominating convention in the summer.

Vermont- Brattleboro Socialist Party members have successfully petitioned to get Brian & Stewart on the Liberty Union primary ballot. The LU primary is binding and Brian & Stewart are the only candidates contesting the nomination.

New Jersey- Socialist Party members starting collecting under the "Socialist Party USA" slogan. Petitioning should be done well before the June deadline.

For more updates check out: www.vote-socialist.org

SOCIALIST PARTY SUPPORTS STRIKING SCREENWRITERS

On Monday November 5th, 12,000 members of the Writers Guild of America (WGA) took a bold strike action to sew up some of the loopholes which have allowed the entertainment industry to make exorbitant profits from their labor.

The Socialist Party USA (SP-USA) stands with the WGA and calls upon the Association of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) to concede to the WGA's demands for a just contract.

The SP-USA calls on its members to provide solidarity to all WGA picket lines. We also call on television viewers to boycott the so-called "reality-based" television shows which studios have used as a way to avoid the unionized writers of the WGA. Finally, we hope that workers engaged in all sectors of the "new economy" – particularly the service and white-collar professions – draw strength from the example of the WGA workers and make similar efforts to collectively reclaim the fruits of their labor.

The full SPUSA Labor Commission Statement on the WGA strike can be found at:
www.socialistparty-usa.org/statements/wga1107.html

The Labor Commission is one of the focal points of the Socialist Party's efforts to become rooted in grassroots struggles. Please support its work.

To get involved, write to the Labor Commission Chair on dan.jakopovich@yahoo.com.

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- Rebel Lives: Albert Einstein (soft/89 pgs) \$6.00
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