

MR. FEIN: My name is Dan Fein. I am the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Comptroller of New York City. I am a meat cutter at the Hunts Point Meat Market in the Bronx and a member of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 342.

The Socialist Workers Party campaign in New York and around the country offers a working class alternative to the Democrats and Republicans and other capitalist candidates.

There are, in fact, two New Yorks. One is the New York of working people. The other is that of the wealthy ruling bosses who run this city. The working class has no common interests with the boss class. The Democrats and Republicans defend the rule of the capitalist class and their private profit system. The Socialist Workers Party campaign puts forward a program to defend the interests of working people in New York and the entire world.

Every day working people are being attacked by the employers. Their system requires this in order to reverse their declining profit rates. They make us work faster, longer hours, and erode job safety. They are cutting pensions and healthcare coverage, and pushing to

undermine Social Security.

The extension of the war on workers at home is the imperialist assaults abroad by Washington and its allies, from the occupation of Iraq to the threats against Iran and North Korea.

Our campaign supports Cuba's socialist revolution. We call for an end to Washington's economic war against Cuba. And we call for U.S. hands off Venezuela.

We need more unions to defend ourselves from the bosses. We need stronger unions. The trade unions are our basic working class organizations that can unite working people and use our solidarity to fight for our class interests.

Northwest Airlines mechanics and cleaners are on strike. Hotel workers in New York are fighting for a contract. The teachers need a raise and seniority rights. The transit workers contract expires later this year and the MTA will undoubtedly seek more concessions from the workers. The Socialist Workers Party campaign is supporting all workers fighting to defend their rights and living standards in all these struggles.

In addition to unions, working people need their

own political party a labor party based on the unions that fights for the working class and challenges the capitalist two-party system.

Our campaign supports the efforts of Third World nations to get the energy sources necessary to expand access to electricity, a precondition for economic and social advances. We oppose the efforts by Washington and its allies to prevent Iran, North Korea, and other oppressed nations from developing nuclear power and other energy sources needed to bring much of humanity out of darkness.

In order to meet the needs of working people such as affordable housing, we call for a massive, federally-funded public works program at union scale wages, to put millions to work.

The capitalist government is putting more and more cops on the streets, building more and more prisons and continues to use the death penalty to terrorize working people. The Socialist Workers Party campaign backs those fighting police brutality and calls for abolishing the death penalty.

Our campaign also opposes the random bag checks in the city subways and other efforts to legitimize

increased police spying and harassment and domestic deployment of the U.S. military. The ultimate target of these moves is the working-class resistance that the wealthy rulers know is coming.

I urge everyone watching to write our campaign office for more information. 306 West 37th St., 10th Floor, New York, New York 10018, Or, call us at 212 736-2540.