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# Socialists Launch Campaign to Get Candidates on Ballot

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**MONTPELLIER** — The Socialist Worker's Party this weekend will begin a campaign to put its presidential and vice-presidential candidates on the Vermont ballot.

Campaign officials announced Thursday they will try to gather 1,000 signatures to put presidential hopeful Andrew Pulley and vice-presidential candidate Matilde Zimmermann on the November general election ballot.

Meanwhile, Bernard Sanders, former chairman of Vermont's Liberty Union Party, said he has agreed to serve as one of three Vermont electors for the SWP ticket.

"Although I am not in agreement with the SWP on all issues, I strongly suspect that party's attempt to become a nucleus for a national labor party which will fight for the interests of low income and working people," said Sanders, a Burlington resident, who

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several times has campaigned for statewide office in Vermont.

"There is no question that the Democratic, Republican and Anderson parties are dominated by millionaire business interests," he said. "The standard of living of working people will continue to decline until workers begin to stand together, and fight for worker control of the economy."

The SWP has been on the state ballot in the last two presidential elections. In 1976, the party polled about 430 votes out of approximately 180,000 cast statewide.

Pulley, 28, is a steelworker in Gary, Ind., and lives in Chicago. He made an unsuccessful bid for mayor of Chicago in 1979.

Zimmermann, 36, is a staff writer for the party's newspaper, the "Militant."

A veteran of the anti-war movement and the Young Socialist Alliance, she is a member of the National Organization for Women.

Valerie Eckert of Montpelier, a campaigner for the SWP, said petitioners will look for signatures in Burlington on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Zimmerman will speak at Carpenter's Hall in Burlington on Sunday at 7:30 p.m., she said.

The party expects to confront legal difficulties by running a 28-year-old candidate for president when the minimum age is 35. She called the restriction "undemocratic."

The SWP will get around the problem, she said, by substituting an older man.

Clifton DeBerry of California, for Pulley for purposes of getting listed on the ballot.

The major planks in the SWP platform call for a reduction in the work week to 30 hours with no reduction in pay to create new jobs, nationalization of the energy industry and passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Other planks oppose draft registration, favor a shut-down of nuclear power plants and support liberation struggles in Latin America and the Middle East.

A major goal of the SWP organizers said, is to get labor unions to form a labor party to defend their interests as the capitalist system faces greater unemployment.

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