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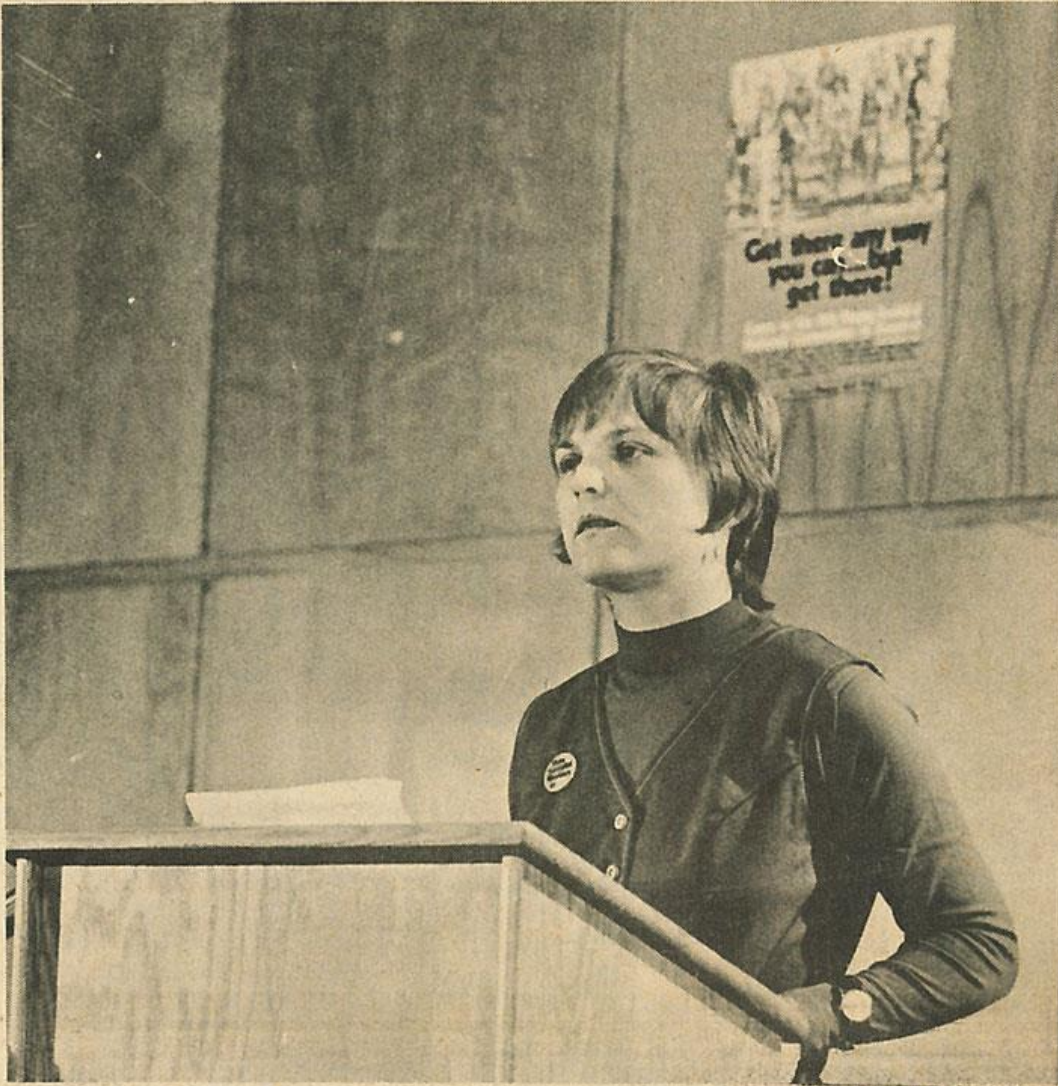


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Socialist Workers' Party Presidential candidate, Linda Jenness addresses students in the Memorial Union, Wednesday

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by Jackie Huard

Socialist Workers Party Candidate for President Linda Jenness spoke on campus Wednesday afternoon and repeatedly charged "that the United States government lies to the American people and does not allow itself to be challenged."

Ms. Jenness, who spoke in the Stratford room of the Memorial Union, evolved her speech around the Attica Prison incident which occurred in September of 1971. "The incident at Attica reflects the same struggles and oppressions in our society," she said.

She denounced Nixon's sanction of the action taken in the prison by Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York. The candidate then added, "The justifications for the invasion of Attica were based on lies, lies which hit the oldest and most backward fears of the American people."

These lies, according to Ms. Jenness, were racial myths and intended to play upon the fears of the public about the physical prowess of the black man. "One myth is the fear of the white man's castration by the black man, yet the white man has been castrating blacks for years."

The 30-year-old presidential hopeful

cited prisoner discrimination on racial lines in the cases of George Jackson and Angela Davis. "George Jackson spent 10 years in prison and died there for stealing \$70. And while Angela Davis, who hasn't been convicted of anything, is in jail, Lieutenant Calley, a convicted murderer, is on house arrest at his apartment."

According to Ms. Jenness, "The lies of the government are coming out in the published Pentagon Papers and the myths of Nixon's economic plan which is not working."

Ms. Jenness charged that these lies are what keeps present government officials in power. "The laws in this country are made and enforced to protect the wealthy," she said, "and these wealthy few maintain themselves in government by repressing society and then lying about that repression."

"Armed might, as in the case of Attica, is a common tool employed to keep the masses in oppression," she added.

Ms. Jenness, commenting on Nixon's planned trip to Peking, asserted, "Nixon knows he can't win militarily in Vietnam so he wants to make a deal with Peking to have a Korean-type settlement

by leaving troops in Vietnam and running their government," she said.

The purpose of the Socialist Workers' campaign is to offer an alternative to the Democratic and Republican parties, and to unite minority groups and grievances.

"The Women's Political Caucus and the Black Caucus told people to trust in the Democratic party a while longer, and we think that is wrong," she said.

One of the minority movements the Party supports is the feminist movement. Commenting on women prisoners Ms. Jenness said, "Of all women prisoners 65 percent to 75 percent are drug addicts who were arrested for crimes committed to procure drugs. One of these crimes is prostitution."

She asked, "Why should a woman be

arrested for letting her body be used and the man who used it go scott-free?"

Ms. Jenness repeatedly maintained that the government does not allow itself to be challenged. "You are a revolutionary when you challenge the government and say that you don't believe their lies," she said, "and those authorities cannot tolerate being challenged."

"You must choose, because you can't demonstrate against the policies of the Democrats and Republicans one day and vote for them the next. Voting for them is not only selling out your movement but everybody else's," concluded Ms. Jenness.

Ms. Jenness, who has lived in Georgia most of her life, ran against Governor George Wallace in 1970 gubernatorial elections in Georgia.

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