

aign for the Presidency

State Splinter Party Will Run Dick Gregory If It Gets on Ballot

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The Freedom and Peace party announced yesterday that it would run Dick Gregory, the black comedian, for president in New York State this November.

The party, a radical group growing out of the antiwar and civil rights movements, said it would also run Mark Lane, the New York lawyer and critic of the Warren Commission, as its Vice-Presidential candidate.

The Freedom and Peace party has not yet collected the 12,000 signatures needed to place it on the ballot here. But it hopes to have enough by the deadline next Monday, according to John Gallo, the party's state administrator.

Mr. Gallo said the party hoped to attract many former backers of Senator Eugene J. McCarthy who felt they could not support either Vice President Humphrey, Democrat, or Richard M. Nixon, Republican.

The party had originally nominated Dr. Benjamin Spock for president, but he withdrew his name for "personal reasons," Mr. Gallo said.

Unlike California Party

The Freedom and Peace party is distinct from the Peace and Freedom party, a California-based organization that has nominated Eldridge Cleaver, a black writer, for President.

Mr. Gallo said the main differences between the two groups was that the Peace and Freedom party "represents a more narrow approach to politics."

"Few people outside of California have heard of Cleaver," Mr. Gallo said, "and only very radical people are interested in his candidacy. All the Mc-

Carthy people and others like them are not interested in Cleaver."

The Peace and Freedom party is gathering signatures to put Mr. Cleaver on the ballot in New York.

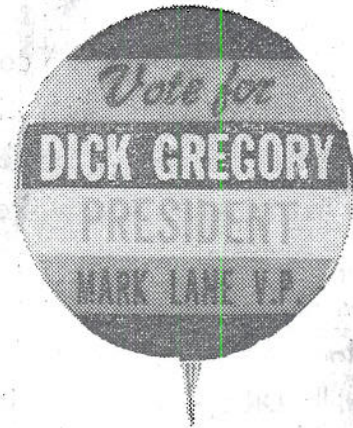
However, Mr. Gallo said, Peace and Freedom groups in several other states, including Utah, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Virginia, would probably run Mr. Gregory. At the party's national convention last month Mr. Cleaver defeated Mr. Gregory for the nomination, but the vote was not binding on local parties.

Gregory More Moderate

Mr. Gregory, who was arrested in Chicago last week while leading a protest march against the Democratic National Convention there, has been active in numerous radical causes in recent years. But he is considered somewhat more moderate than Mr. Cleaver, who is minister of information for the Black Panthers, a paramilitary black organization in the San Francisco area.

Mr. Gallo was also critical of another insurgent group, the New party, which hopes to run a candidate in 25 states this fall. He said the New party was "unrealistic" in trying to recruit Senator McCarthy or some other prominent political figure to run for President. However, Mr. Gallo held out the possibility of an alliance between the two parties, if the New party did obtain an acceptable candidate.

A wing of the New party in New York, called the Coalition for an Independent Candidacy, says it has enough signatures to place a candidate on the ballot. However, it has no candidate now.



Dick Gregory and Mark Lane announce their candidacy for President and Vice President on an independent national write-in ticket. The announcement was made in Chicago. Hours later Gregory and Lane led a march of several thousand demonstrators and 95,000

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