

Negro Planning to Run As Socialist for Council

Bill Epton, a 31-year-old Negro electrical worker, announced yesterday that he would run for councilman at large from Manhattan this fall as the candidate of the Progressive Labor party.

The party describes itself as "a new political formation based on the Progressive Labor Movement, a socialist organization with groups in all parts of the United States."

Mr. Epton said he would campaign for a \$2 hourly minimum wage, a six-hour working day with eight hours' pay, abolition of the sales tax, and "a vast public works program." The party is seeking the 5,000 signatures needed to nominate him as an independent.

The candidate is a former shop chairman in Local 431 of the International Union of Electrical Workers and has been active in the Negro American Labor Council. He lives at 1420 Amsterdam Avenue.

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