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STATEMENT OF ALDERMAN WILLIAM M. SINGER

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AT LASALLE HOTEL, MONDAY, OCT. 15, 1973

TODAY, I AM ANNOUNCING MY CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR OF  
CHICAGO.

I'M GOING TO RUN IN A PRIMARY CONTEST. I'M GOING  
TO RUN HARD; I'M GOING TO RUN TOUGH, AND I'M GOING TO RUN  
STRAIGHT AT THOSE WHO HAVE PUT CHICAGO UP FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST  
BIDDER.

I LOVE CHICAGO. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN ITS  
NEIGHBORHOODS. I ATTENDED ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. I HAVE WORKED  
IN ITS STORES. I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING IN ITS CITY  
COUNCIL. BUT I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT ITS FUTURE.

BECAUSE OF THAT CONCERN, I WILL SPEND EIGHTEEN MONTHS  
WORKING AND SEEKING THE SUPPORT OF THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THIS CITY.  
PEOPLE WHO KNOW THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG. PEOPLE WHO SEE IT  
EVERY DAY AND DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.

I MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT BECAUSE IT IS TIME THAT WE  
FACE THE TRUTH. IT IS TIME TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS GREAT CITY  
IS DECAYING. OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS ARE FALLING APART.  
OUR STREETS ARE DANGEROUS AND RIDDEN WITH CRIME. OUR TAX BASE  
IS CRUMBLING.

EVERYWHERE I GO PEOPLE TALK TO ME ABOUT CRIME.  
IN THE FIRST 7 1/2 MONTHS OF 1973, MURDERS ARE UP 32% IN CHICAGO;  
RAPE 8%; ROBBERY 12%; and BURGLARIES 24%. RIGHT NOW, TODAY,  
THERE IS A SERIOUS CRIME COMMITTED IN CHICAGO EVERY 2 1/2 MINUTES.  
NO AREA, NO NEIGHBORHOOD IS IMMUNE.

THE FIGURES SHOW WHAT ALL OF US FEEL. WE KNOW WHEN  
OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AREN'T SAFE. WE KNOW WHEN WE ARE AFRAID TO  
GO OUT TO THE CORNER STORE AT NIGHT. I REMEMBER HOW I COULD  
WALK HOME AT NIGHT FROM A FRIEND'S HOUSE WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER.  
HOW MANY PARENTS TODAY FEEL SAFE ENOUGH IN CHICAGO TO LET THEIR  
CHILDREN WALK HOME AFTER DARK?

PEOPLE TALK TO ME ABOUT SCHOOLS. WE ALL KNOW FAMILIES WHO HAVE MOVED TO THE SUBURBS BECAUSE THE SCHOOLS IN CHICAGO AREN'T GOOD, AND THEY'RE GETTING WORSE.

THE LATEST READING TESTS SHOW THAT 41 PERCENT OF OUR SIXTH GRADERS ARE TWO OR MORE YEARS BEHIND THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE EIGHTH GRADER TODAY ISN'T DOING AS WELL AS HE DID FIVE YEARS AGO. THE FACT IS THAT THE LONGER STUDENTS ATTEND CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS THE FARTHER THEY FALL BEHIND STUDENTS IN THE REST OF AMERICA.

NOT ONLY DO BAD SCHOOLS AND CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS FORCE PEOPLE TO LEAVE CHICAGO, BUT FACTORIES AND OFFICES AND SHOPS ARE LEAVING, TOO. THE CENSUS SHOWS THAT WE LOST 300,000 JOBS BETWEEN 1960 AND 1970. MOTOROLA MOVED 5,000 JOBS, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER 4,000 JOBS. IN 1972 ALONE, 28 FACTORIES MOVED OUT OF CHICAGO TO THE SUBURBS. WORKERS AND FAMILIES HAVE MOVED TO FOLLOW THESE DISAPPEARING JOBS.

WE CAN'T BE A GREAT CITY IF BUSINESS IS  
LEAVING TOWN. WE WON'T BE A GREAT CITY IF CORRUPTION CONTINUES  
TO UNDERMINE OUR MANAGING OF THE CITY. FOR EVERY DEAL THAT'S  
MADE, FOR EVERY INSPECTOR WHO IS BRIBED, FOR EVERY CONTRACT  
THAT'S RIGGED, IT IS THE TAXPAYER WHO ULTIMATELY PAYS AND WHO  
LOSES.

I CANNOT BE SILENT. A BAND-AID HERE AND A PATCH  
THERE WON'T WORK. THE PROBLEMS ARE DIFFERENT NOW. IT IS TIME  
FOR NEW LEADERSHIP. THAT LEADERSHIP MUST BE VIGOROUS, EXPERT  
AND HONEST. THE PLACE TO START IS AT CITY HALL. WHAT IS NOW  
A CLOSED COUNTING HOUSE FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS CAN BECOME AN  
OPEN FORUM FOR ALL CHICAGOANS.

AND SO, I WILL ENTER THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR MAYOR.  
I DON'T KID MYSELF. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. I NEED HELP.  
I WILL SEEK THE SUPPORT OF YOU, THE PEOPLE OF CHICAGO, NOT THE  
POLITICAL BOSSES. AND TO YOU I MAKE CERTAIN PLEDGES.

I WILL FIGHT TO END THE CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS  
AND CORRUPTION IN CITY HALL.

I WILL FIGHT UNSCRUPULOUS POLITICS. PATRONAGE AND  
THE WASTE OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS..

I PLEDGE BOLD STEPS TO REVIVE THE NEIGHBORHOODS.

I PLEDGE TO USE EVERY POWER AND RESOURCE TO BRING  
TO CHICAGO A SCHOOL SYSTEM WHICH WILL EDUCATE ALL OF OUR  
CHILDREN. I PLEDGE A MASSIVE RE-EVALUATION OF THE BUREAUCRACY  
AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND A COMMITMENT TO INCENTIVES AND  
POWERS FOR PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS SO THEY CAN BE PROUD OF  
THE JOB THEY DO.

I PLEDGE A POLICE DEPARTMENT WHERE THE MEN CAN BE  
PROUD TO SERVE ON THE FORCE, WHERE ITS LEADERS AND THE  
PUBLIC RESPECT THE MEN ON THE BEAT, WHERE THEY CAN WORK WITH  
DIGNITY. I PLEDGE A POLICE FORCE FREE OF POLITICAL DOMINATION.

I PLEDGE A NEW GENERATION OF CAPABLE MEN AND WOMEN  
TO RUN THIS CITY.

OUR FUTURE CAN BE ONE OF PROMISE. OUR CITY IS ALIVE  
WITH ENERGY, SPIRIT AND INTELLIGENCE WAITING TO BE TAPPED.

I SEEK YOUR HELP TO MAKE OUR PROMISE A REALITY.

COOLER  
Mostly cloudy Fri-  
day. High in the 70s.  
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## jets, tanks . . . Israelis go north

by Joseph Treen

Special from Newsday

ON THE SYRIAN FRONT — Everything is  
hot here, and loud. Two Israeli jets roar in  
Syrian positions. They go in one at a time,  
dropping out of sight behind the ridge  
and then coming up again — almost straight  
— before cutting to one side or the other.

A row of tanks watches the planes. Behind  
the tanks there is the continual thudding of  
cannon, aimed at Syria and hitting a  
mountain to the north. To the south, Syrian  
cannon have left parts of a deserted city, Ku-  
neitra, smoldering and there are grass fires  
and the city set by other Syrian cannon

stop is significant. It means that Israel has  
caught up.

On Wednesday, for the first time since the  
war started on Saturday, Israel returned the  
Syrian front to its original position — a line  
zigzagging north from Jordan to Kuneitra to  
Mt. Hermon near the Lebanese border. It is  
not a line Israel plans to hold for long. Israeli  
Prime Minister Golda Meir said Wednesday  
that Israel would continue to push north and  
east.

The troops at the front are ready. "We hope  
to go all the way in," says an infantry man, a  
Jew from the Bronx who has been in Israel  
since 1959. (The censors do not allow the  
men's names to be used.)

He stands a few hundred meters behind the  
tanks. His job is to help reopen the kibbutz  
there, evacuated when the fighting started.

Two of the kibbutz members have just ar-  
rived, carrying machineguns. They run from

building to building to see what the damage  
is.

"In a day or two everyone will be back,"  
the Bronx infantryman says. Will they come  
if there is still fighting? "There won't be  
fighting here to worry about," he says.

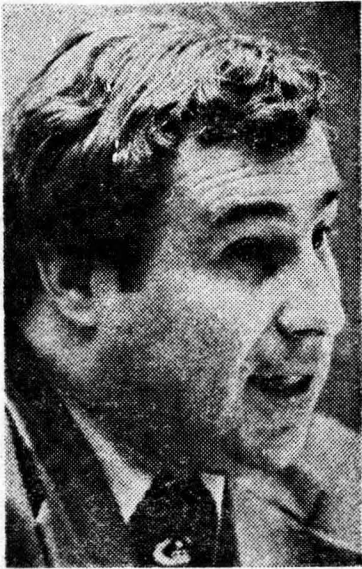
Just behind the tanks is a road, and along  
that road men wait. They sit in ditches or try  
to sleep in their trucks. Some even try to read

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## Singer set for mayoral race

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# Singer to enter mayor race soon



ALD. WILLIAM S. SINGER  
Campaign fund building

By Jerome Watson  
and Joel Weisman

Ald. William S. Singer (43d), a leading Democratic critic of the Daley administration and close friend of Gov. Walker, is expected to announce his candidacy for mayor within a matter of days, The Sun-Times learned Thursday.

Singer, 32, will base his campaign on the issues of rising fear of crime, deteriorating schools, corruption and the decline of the city's pool of jobs and its economic base, sources close to the alderman said.

Singer will run in the Democratic primary in February, 1975, two months before the April mayoral election, and expects his opponent to be Daley himself, who is widely expected to seek a sixth term if his health permits. Daley will be 73 at the time of the election.

The young attorney had planned to an-

nounce his candidacy on Wednesday but postponed it because of the headline-dominating Mideast war.

Singer, it was learned, has quietly accumulated more than \$50,000 toward his campaign. His political war chest potential was also enhanced this week when he attended a fund-raising strategy session conducted by Stewart Mott, the liberal New York philanthropist given to supporting maverick politicians.

The Mott connection raised the possibility that Singer may seek to obtain a substantial proportion of his campaign funds from out-of-state anti-Daley forces.

Although Singer, whose all-but-final decision to run for mayor was reported exclusively in The Sun-Times last March, declined comment on his candidacy, sources close to him confirmed that his announcement is imminent — probably within the next week.

Singer was portrayed by the sources as convinced that the winner of the primary is a

sure victor in the general election in this heavily Democratic city, which has not elected a Republican mayor since William Hale Thompson in 1927, in the years before Franklin Delano Roosevelt put together his enduring, city-oriented Democratic coalition.

With the general election coming only two months after the primary, Singer, if he bested Daley or other organization candidates, might well ride the momentum of his triumph to easy election as one of the nation's youngest mayors. U.S. Atty. James R. Thompson, widely mentioned as the strongest candidate the Republicans could field, is 37.

Although Singer is close to both Walker and Walker's deputy, Victor DeGrazia, it is unclear what role the governor will play in the Singer campaign. Very likely, he may avoid any direct involvement until much later in the campaign, when Singer's chances may more easily be gauged.

Singer, who raised \$15,000 for a poll to test

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## Off-track Tom Sawyers

# Boys aim for river but can't find it

By Michael Miner

Two 13-year-old Chicago boys inspired by the adventures of Tom Sawyer returned to their parents Thursday after their attempted Mississippi River voyage went awry.

Anthony Scholtes, of 6807 N. Wayne, and Timothy Kascher, of 6453 N. Glenwood, had struck out Wednesday morning for the Mississippi and New Orleans.

Their parents had the impression they were in school Wednesday, before spending a ter-

Their adventure cut short, Timothy Kascher sleeps it off while his partner, Anthony Scholtes, burns his





# mayoral candidacy soon

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Issues and public attitudes toward the city and himself, has estimated privately that the primary campaign could cost up to \$1 million, and will require establishment of a city-wide network of precinct workers to rival the Daley machine apparatus.

A relative newcomer to politics, Singer captured headlines in 1969 with a narrow, upset victory over the Daley organization in the race for alderman in the old 44th Ward. He was re-elected easily in the 43d Ward in 1971 as the independents consolidated their foothold on the lakefront and began broadening their base.

Though he has recently charted a middle-ground political course, Singer first gained prominence as a champion of the generally liberal anti-Daley independents who have cracked the Daley machine's power grip in both ward and state legislative races. Singer gained the national limelight when he and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson won the ouster of Daley and 58 other Chicago organization delegates from the 1972 Democratic National Convention.

That convention found that the Daley organization had violated party rules by using a closed, discriminatory process to choose its delegates to the convention, and it seated a rival group of delegates led by Singer-Jackson.

Singer, whose relationship with Mr. Jackson has sometimes been testy and cool, faces along with his fellow insurgent delegates a possible contempt of court trial for taking the Daley group's seats in violation of a Cook County Circuit Court injunction.

The Singer-Jackson camp has contended that the effort to try them locally is political harassment, and that their right to take seats in the Miami Beach convention was made clear in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling which they said designated the convention as the proper body to adjudicate the Singer-Daley dispute.

Singer's 1972 victory over Daley hurt him in some sectors of the city where his image came across as unacceptably liberal.

However, Singer has worked steadily since the convention to broaden his base. He has supported police demands for a contract and two-man squad cars, criticized high taxes and city budgeting processes, contended city services are inadequate and charged that short-

sighted Daley policies have allowed neighborhoods to decay.

But crime, the schools and corruption have been targeted as the central Singer campaign themes, the sources close to the alderman say.

The Singer poll, a survey of 1,000 Chicagoans done by a well-known East Coast public opinion firm, showed that Singer has a high degree of public recognition. (Forty-eight per cent said they knew his name "very well" and 80 per cent were aware of his identity

The poll, it was learned, found that a sizable 52 per cent of those sampled feel it is "time for a change in City Hall," that people feel the city has deteriorated and that the desire to escape from the city has grown.

The public's chief concerns, as measured by the poll: crime, schools, corruption, job waste and taxes.

The sources in Singer's camp said Singer will campaign for reform of the police hierarchy, which he believes to be unresponsive to the concerns of the rank and file policemen. Singer is pictured as thinking that tough, honest, fair police department can be developed if the proper moral and professional leadership is provided in the top ranks.

Singer, a steady critic of waste and inefficiency in city government, also will pound hard at the theme that corruption and wasteful spending directly affect the average citizen by forcing up his taxes and undermining the services he receives.

Just as Singer plans to campaign for a shake-up in the upper ranks of the police department, the sources close to him said he will call for action to "break up" the city school bureaucracy. "The bureaucracy is paralyzed and inefficient. It saps the system of resources and imposes rigidity on it. Teachers and principals must be given more decision-making power and tools to work with," one source said in characterizing Singer's thinking on the subject.

Singer also is expected to condemn the Daley administration, in power now for more than 18 years, for the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs in the decade of the 1960s, and to call for a program of incentives to keep and lure into the city more business and industry.

"If the jobs are going and the schools are bad and getting worse and the neighborhoods are unsafe, what's to keep people in the city?" one Singer confidant asked.

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campaign can be mounted that will appeal to  
both black and white segments of the city.  
"The issues aren't so different," one source  
said. "Gangs, crime, schools, safety, jobs."

The Singer camp contends the relatively  
conservative, all-white sections of the city  
can be won over in an independent campaign.  
As evidence, they cite the targeting of nine  
Northwest Side wards by the Walker cam-  
paign and the fact that Walker carried all  
nine wards in the election. "Bill plans to put  
skilled organizers in (such) areas and spend  
a lot of time there himself," a source said.

Singer has contended that his youth, his lib-  
eral background and his Jewish ethnicity are  
not insuperable obstacles to a successful  
mayoral campaign in Chicago. But the  
serious nature of Singer's planning — he has  
had his staff spend months preparing issue  
and fact books on every ward—suggests that  
Daley, if he does run again, could be in for  
one of his tougher races. Singer thinks it will  
be Daley's toughest.