

Parley to name Negroes as City Council candidates

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Negro candidates for two City Council positions in Newark will be picked during the June 21 to 23 United Brothers political convention at West Kinney Junior High School, it was announced yesterday.

Candidates will be chosen to run for the seats held by Councilman Louis Turco of the East Ward, and Leon Ewing, appointed Councilman-at-Large. Both were recently appointed to fill unexpired terms.

The election to choose councilmen to fill the positions will be held in November.

Appointment of East Ward Councilman Philip Gordon as corporation counsel and Anthony Guiliano as a judge in the Municipal Court caused the vacancies which the Council filled with Turco and Ewing.

Announcement of the convention plans was made during a press conference yesterday in Newark.

Kenneth Gibson who ran for mayor in 1966 and was the spokesman at yesterday's conference, said the convention will be geared to the entire black community, with sessions open to the public.

Gibson said most of the sessions will be open to the press.

Former Freeholder Earl Harris said, "The public will determine who will be their candidates, and the United Brothers will just pick up the tab for the convention."

Gibson said that 200 to 500 delegates representing more than 100 organizations in the city are expected at the convention. Only delegates will be allowed to vote.

Others present yesterday included LeRoi Jones, Russell Bringham, Robert King and Yusef Iman.

Ron Karenga, head of the Black Nationalist group, "US," in Los Angeles, will be the principal speaker during the opening day June 21.

The June 22 schedule will include workshops in city financing, city housing, urban education, health and welfare, law enforcement, political fund-raising, voter registration and education, as well as employment and political organization.

Gibson said that each workshop will have a chairman from the United Brothers organization with participation by resource personnel both from Newark and out of town.

Gibson also said 12 potential candidates have responded to questionnaires from the United Brothers, and among those under consideration is Ewing.

The United Brothers' earlier plans called for the convention to focus its attention on choosing a slate for Newark's 1970 election, but Gibson said the convention will be limited to this year's election.



Photo by John Gibson

Kenneth A. Gibson, left, and Russell Bingham speak with the press

Injustices breed unrest: Black

"The agitators of social unrest are working overtime in most urban centers," Albert Black, chairman of Newark's Human Rights Commission said yesterday at the Concord Hotel in Lake Kiamasha, N.Y.

Black was a speaker at the District 3 Council convention of the International Union of Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America, AFL-CIO.

Black said that the agitators are joblessness, rat-infested houses, and inferior education which allows the Negro child to be criminally dehumanized in the public schools.

"The tragic events in the past few years which have snuffed out the lives of Medgar Evers, President

John F. Kennedy, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Sen. Robert Francis Kennedy disclosed the fact that our society has failed in making these United States one nation, indivisible, under God or the land of the free and the home of the brave."

"These great men dedicated their lives in striking out against injustice," he said.

Black further stated, "Our country has built a hydrogen bomb and is in the process of putting a man on the moon yet we have been proven woefully ignorant in such human endeavors as opening up job opportunities and giving guidance and hope not only to black youngsters but white as well."

Doctors seek abuse signs

NEW YORK (UPI)—Under a new ruling, the city health department has begun checking every child brought into its health centers for signs of parental neglect or abuse.

Dr. Nina Bleiberg, head of the department's child health bureau, said yesterday four cases of neglect have turned up in the past four weeks under the ruling, which allows doctors to undress and inspect small children for

bruises or other indications of abuse.

A recent case involved a critically undernourished baby girl who, nearly seven weeks after birth, had gained less than three ounces. She weighed five pounds, 10 ounces at birth.

After treatment at Lincoln Hospital, the child has reached near normal weight of more than seven pounds. She was returned to her mother last week.

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