

The Nowort Communlty Unioe Prolect ion May 10; provided the margin which enchled Eorl Horris, ov insurpent Negrecondidate for couhcilmon from Nawart's South Werd to defeat a machine-aponsored Nogro and eorn the inght to foce the consorvotive incumbent Lee Bernstela, in the June 14 non-portisin rün-off elaction.

The victor will represant the city's mostpopulous ward, componed in obout equal numbprs of peor Negroes, midtioclase Negroen and well-io-do whites.

Councitmon Bernswin is o conservetive Republicon with obvious appeol to property-owning whites whe foor the impoct of a Hartis vidory on their pochew book.
Bernstein le lasown to hove recitied substonthal money apport from tumiords who own buildings in the ghetio. He has been a rightwing critic of Newort's Wer en Poverty. His chropic redbaiting oftoider to NCUP included o charge thot NCUP people who picketed a slumbord were a Edigroce:.
Harris has oligned himsery with a Negro insurgent movemant, which recently roched the city by winning an impressive 16,000 votes aftor a shoestring compaign. The theurgents ore united by a contempt for the establishment Negroes who have mode comniton cousel with the cily odministrofion. The Moyor, former IIberal Democrathe Congressman Hugh J. Addonizio; has been sensilive to Negro doanands for a alice of the potronage but unoble to reverse the daterioration in educallion, hous ing and other services. His math oreas of Hrength, curlouity, are in the Negro cemmunthy and in the omorb whilos thost bedurtul of the "blact tide."
The primary election bo May 10 permithed Horris to didingutsh himself from the Moyor's Negro candidicta, who emphasined his persondi aftinments and the need for solitheip progrons; Harris, on the other hond, asserted his independence from city hall grind campoignied tior nent control, enforcement of housing codies against stumiords and relisef from overcrowided schook.
Horris' noiponaivenessto NCUP participation .and NCUP thtinding hos been a pleasont sug: prise. NCUP is dfrecting his compoign in fhe elght poovest distificts of the Soent Word, The NCUP diffricte twined out has hatelat margin for Harris in the priandry

If elected. Herrts, who to she of the fare urban Negro polliscions to oppoce the Vlet nom. Wor, wifl faght for OEO funding os a noighboirhood community service center, a major NCUP profoct tor the pasi yeor. He hes foined NCUP in advocuiting dacentraltued Poverty Progrom governed by realdank who know abovt poverty from persosial experiance.

NCUP will spenace a South Wiand Coegrets, in which commenlly peopla will moet with Harris the night before City Coencl meetinge to diteves leases and grievancea. A victory would propact Horrts as the laodiny crific of Newert's mofla ltbercitim. Hei vill have his hands fulf oe a loner filting with two entablishment Negroes end is hoet of uncomprehending mhites on City Councl.

The ergentoction and insurgent Negreforces wowld commond cbout equal strengith if Horrle whe I The doam't, 4 will be very dinicult to counter the forpoecible baildupi of an ergrait sention Negro for the 1970 Mayer election

In this dity which olrẹody is predominesaly. Nepre and Puerto Rican.
NCUP shersion feels there is censtderobly "more of state in this election then Bermiden's defeot, yot the decision to become lnvolved In ward politics was not reached easily.

Most of the student orgonizers come io Nework writh a fundamental dialike for polities This predisposition was retinforced by the polltidians themselyes who regurdinse of roce, creed or color are mainiy ovoriclous fools.
Morcioyer, history unferingly reminds us us that radicals 12 yeors ago helped to tied Irvine Iurner, now an eviscercted appendoge to the eity mochins.
While NCUP has dearly goined asympotheHe occeptance in the community as an organi. zation which is for direct action ogainst iandlards, weltare supervisors, politicians, atc., \# hos not yat developed an octive, brood. based constituency - the lind that we hove put forth as the model for rodtcal politics in the ghatio.
NCUP might have left polities alose and: concentroted on lorging an audocioui constttwency whese demands would be to the leff of what Earl/ Harris or any councilman would or could satiafy beecause so many ghatto problems are not resoivable at/the munidpal levell:
By allowing thself to be swept along in the fide of insurgent politics, NCUP people moy. find it hard to maintain on outidier's viowpoint 11 Harris and a fow oufiorn win office. Cerifinty, mony Nework liberals lock at NCUP as a brat which is now being socialized.
Many NCUR stulf people, however, feel that encecesaful orgopizing, can be done around pot. .itces. His extremity distastotul for white radicals, whose reason for belng in a black ghetto is atways ombiguous, to show up at somebody's door during on election compaign and say some version of, I'd the to sell you a polificion who it really different."
So, organizers will vitit people several times to discuss neighborhood istues as wall as the more general question of how to ketip politicions, Including Mr. Harris, honest.
Out of ctecion organizing, II is hoped, will emerge more commünity people ecger tocorfront the syetem afier the alaction is over. Horris may very well loee this slection. Alihough rogistariad Negro volers outnumber bhltor two to one, whites wth property at tola, will undoubtedy preduce a highor voting percentoge: Furthermora, Bernateln hos dont levers for some Negreses fothet siss is a counclinion good form and of fow Negroes no doubt think it's a lifile uppity for a block men to seek elective affics.
5a. Ill clowe with a plicini If you hove of least a woek free before June 14 and want to wort on the campaign, lot us know, you can probcoly holp. Addrass: NCUP, 44 Clinton Ave, Nowark. Tel. 242-9329. We nued monay 100.

A friend who has been in the movemant severol years wos folling me recantly that hit ostimation of what ${ }^{\text {? }}$ Importont has dimished conisderobly. Newigrt certatnily won't change very much if Earl Harris is mociod.
But it in o ithle dheoring to noto that the New Left, which houn't hod on owful lot of sucsens whith wora and presldents and, ever, deoras, may on June 14 in Nemerk, N. I, give blith. to If first ethy cosurelimon.

