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24 October 1972

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SWP - NO \*  
14 Charles Lane  
New York, N. Y. 10014

Dear Comrades:

*on Davis desk* { Enclosed, please, find a copy of the Militant Bookstore Forum  
tape, " A Move for Independent Black Politics" and copies of  
the literature of the Committee for Independent Black Politics  
Being the following:

1. CIBP Statement to Voter
- 2, Simplified Platform
3. Campaign leaflet for Eddie Webster
4. Campaign leaflet for Arlon Kennedy
5. Leaflet with news article on campaign

Also, enclosed is a report to the Political Committee from  
Com. Keith Jones of the Black Work Fraction in Atlanta and  
a Motion from the Atlanta Branch.

Comradely,

*Keith Jones*  
Keith Jones

## REPORT TO THE PC

### THE COMMITTEE FOR INDEPENDENT BLACK POLITICS

#### I. Roots of the Committee for Independent Black Politics

The basic cader of the Committee for Independent Black Politics is to be found in the All African Youth Party (AAYP). This group is an outgrowth of the Congress of African Peoples in Atlanta and other Black organizations including some ex-Black Panthers, various nationalist groups and Black youth from the campuses of the Atlanta University complex.

The CAP no longer exist in the Atlanta area nor is there any group supporting the ideas of Baraka in the city. Because of this lack of leadership from organizations like the CAP and the more left ideas of Black youth than can be found in liberal organizations like SCLC and the lack of action by groups like the BPP, these Black youth have sought out new ideas to answer their questions about social change.

At this time the AAYP is tied ideologically to James Boggs and are trying to build an all Black revolutionary socialist party. It has been the influence of Boggs and to some extent Mao that these youth have looked at the ideas of the SWP, and other "white left" organizations (PLP and the October, for example).

One point that should be made here is that even though Boggs is the ideological mentor of ~~M~~ the AAYP, they as individuals read and study a much wider range of literature. And individual members of the AAYP hold various political possitions from hard line Stalinist and Maoist to some who consider themselves to be Trotskyist. All, however, are Black nationalist.

The AAYP has not because of the political variation of the members developed a clear outlook on many of the international issues and because of the lack of understanding of the nature of a revolutionary party have no program of or perspective for reaching out to other sectors of American society.

#### II. What is the Committee for Independent Black Politics?

The program of the CIBP is very clear on two points: 1. They see that the Black liberation movement must have a political arm that is free from domination by the capitalist parties and 2. that a plan of action is needed in the Black community which would lead to the community controlling all of the basic structures in it.

The CIBP was set up by the AAYP as a broader group which would work to build a political organization in the Black community that could educate Black people to the above to points.

In May of this year, work began on the campaigns which the CIBP would run in the fall. At that time the CIBP went to work to qualify its candidates for the elections by petitioning to get the names of the candidates on the ballot as independents.

In June a small article was printed in the Atlanta Journal. This was used as the basis for a leaflet on the campaigns which was used to get out the word that they were running for the 29th and the 34 state senate districts.

Since that time both of the candidates have put out new literature of a more professional type and a leaflet which goes over their (the CIBP) program for Black control in Atlanta. On a day to day basis the candidates campaign in their districts with

sound trucks, literature and meetings in various places (churches, PTS meetings, etc.).

At the same time the CIBP is trying to reach people in the community to vote for its candidates, it is trying to reach out and build support for the committee on the Atlanta University campuses.

### III. Problems with the CIBP

There are two problems which we can see with the CIBP and the campaigns that it is running.

1. The Statement of Aims of the CIBP is not clear on what the CIBP should be. That is ~~nowhere~~ is it ~~stated~~ stated that the CIBP should become a mass organization and it is implied that it should be a small cadre organization which tries to educate by its actions.

2. The problem of over confidence in being able to win a victory in the up coming election. While it is possible that one of the candidates could win by a very small margin they may be placing too much on this ~~chance~~ chance of winning and become somewhat demoralized by a loss.

There are, of course, other problems which the CIBP faces just from their general lack of experience in running campaigns, particularly in using the press and media to the fullest extent they can

### IV. Recommendation from the Atlanta SWP

Discussions in the Black Work fraction and the E.C. have covered all of the points in this report. On Tuesday, October 24, 1972 a report to the SWP branch member was given with a recommendation from the E. C. that the branch recommend to the Political Committee that critical support be given to the campaigns of the Committee for Independent Black Politics, based on the following points:

1. It would show that our program is taken seriously by ourselves in that around the issue of Black Control and the need for independent political action we see this as being part of the type of thing that we are calling for and support.

2. It would bring more support to our campaigns on both a national and local level because of the respect we would win from members of the CIBP and AAYP and others in the community.


3. It would establish good contacts among Black youth in these organizations and on the Atlanta University campuses and other areas of the Black community. And give us another source of information in the Black community.

4. The contact made by the party would lead to more contact with other sections of the movement in Atlanta and draw these youth into other types of action. For example, APAC has asked that the CIBP and the AAYP become part of the anti war movement in the city and work on the up coming anti war demonstrations.

5. Lastly, we can with better contact bring some of the youth in both the CIBP and the AAYP around the YSA and the SWP and in the future work toward recruitment of them.

The Atlanta branch request that the P. C. act on this question as soon as it can do to the lateness of the date.

Comradely



Keith J  
Head of BWF

# COMMITTEE FOR INDEPENDENT BLACK POLITICS

P. O. BOX 11334  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30310



Dear Voter,

This election year has without a doubt exposed the corruptness and under-handedness in the existing American political parties. Democrats as well as Republicans are trying to buy our votes and are attempting to inspire our confidence in them by belittling the other. The results of all this inter-party conflict is that little is done to benefit you the voter and likewise little attention is paid to genuine needs that your community might have. Up to now there was little you could do but vote for the lesser of the two evils.

This election year in Georgia, however, two state house districts will have a chance to elect representatives who are not a part of this great argument, who are not lesser evils, representatives who have the genuine interests of the people in mind. Having qualified as independent candidates Arlon Kennedy district 34 and Eddie "Omar" Webster district 29 for state representative are not committed to support a national party platform that most likely does not have any thing to do with your community's needs.

As a resident of district 29 or 34 you have a unique opportunity to help your community by supporting Arlon Kennedy or Eddie Webster. You will find attached information on how you can help to elect a representative who will be responsive to our community's needs.

For your community,  
*George M. Greenlee*  
George M. Greenlee  
Chairman, CIBP

## SIMPLIFIED PLATFORM

RESTATEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PEACEFULLY ASSEMBLE TO PROTEST: EVEN AGAINST THE STATE ITSELF.

GUARANTEED ADEQUATE PUBLIC HOUSING--FOR THOSE IN NEED. CONTROL OF HOUSING BOARD BY TENANTS AND TECHNICAL ADVISERS. RIGHT OF TENANTS IN PRIVATELY OWNED LEASED OR ~~RENTED~~ RENTED HOUSING TO LEGALLY FORCE DELIQUENT LANDLORDS TO MAINTAIN CITY HEALTH AND BUILDING CODES.

COMPLETE REORGANIZATION OF PRISONS.

END TO PROPERTY TAX.

END TO TAX ON FOOD AND MEDICINE.

END TO TAXATION OF THE ELDERLY.

EQUALLY TAXING INDUSTRY AND BIG BUSINESS.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TAX BASES AND REVENUE SOURCES.

RESTRUCTURING OF WELFARE PROGRAM TO GIVE MORE CONTROL TO WELFARE RECIPIENTS AND TO DIRECT THE WELFARE PROGRAMS TOWARD HELPING PEOPLE TO GET OFF OF WELFARE.

SETTING UP OF DISTRICT OR COMMUNITY HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY CLINICS TO BETTER SERVE AREAS NOT NOW IMMEDIATELY ACCESSABLE TO EMERGENCY SERVICE.

INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$3.00AN HOUR TO INCLUDE ALL WORKERS.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY OR DISTRICT CONTROL OF SCHOOLS, POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND ALL TAX SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS. SETTING UP OF A COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO ADVISE AND APPROVE OF ALL MATTERS CONCERNING SCHOOLS, POLICE ETC.

REORGANIZATION OF MODEL CITIES PROGRAM TO:

GIVE AT LEAST 75% OF ALL MODEL CITIES JOBS TO MODEL CITIES RESIDENTS

ESTABLISH TIME-TABLES FOR ALL MODEL CITIES CONSTRUCTION

START IMMEDIATELY WITH RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

# ONLY 2 CANDIDATES OF 650 IN GEORGIA NOT COMMITTED TO "PARTY" POLITICS...

Atl. Jour. June 23, 1972  
**650 Are Certified  
For Georgia Races**

More than 650 candidates, probably a record high, have been certified by the office of secretary of state to run in the Aug. 8 primaries.

"I think it's a record... it must be," said Secretary of State Ben Fortson Thursday. Deadline to certify candidates was noon Wednesday.

The official list of candidates shows 567 Democrats and 106 Republicans qualified to run. The 673 total, however, is inflated because at least 19 names are listed twice.

Double listings happened often in the U.S. Senate race where 16 candidates are seeking both an unexpired term and a full term.

In addition, three persons have qualified to run both as a Republican and as a Democrat in other races, resulting in double listings.

Thus the total of "individual" candidates stands at 654.

AT LEAST two candidates have passed up the primaries

and their names will be on the Nov. 7 general election ballot as independents.

Arlon J. Kennedy is seeking the state House District 34 seat now held by Rep. Ben Brown and Eddie "Omar" Webster is a candidate for District 29.

Both districts are located in Fulton County.

Two incumbents, thrown together by reapportionment, are also seeking the District 29 post. They are Reps. John Hood and Clarence Ezzard.

A total of 353 candidates, 290 Democrats and 63 Republicans, filed for the 180 State House seats in the primaries. The State Senate drew 94 Democrats and 22 Republicans, a total of 116 candidates for the 56 posts available.

Candidates were also certified for all 10 congressional seats, the Public Service Commission, the Supreme Court, Georgia Court of Appeals, superior courts and district attorneys.

"INTERESTED IN WORKING PEOPLE OF GEORGIA"

WE CAN ALL SEE THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, AS WELL AS THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS, OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES. WE SEE NO CONSISTENT COMMITMENT BY EITHER PARTY TO THE BLACK MAN IN AMERICA, ONLY OPPORTUNISM AND CORRUPTION. WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO WORK TO SURVIVE. NOT THOSE WHO RUN GAMES TO WIN.

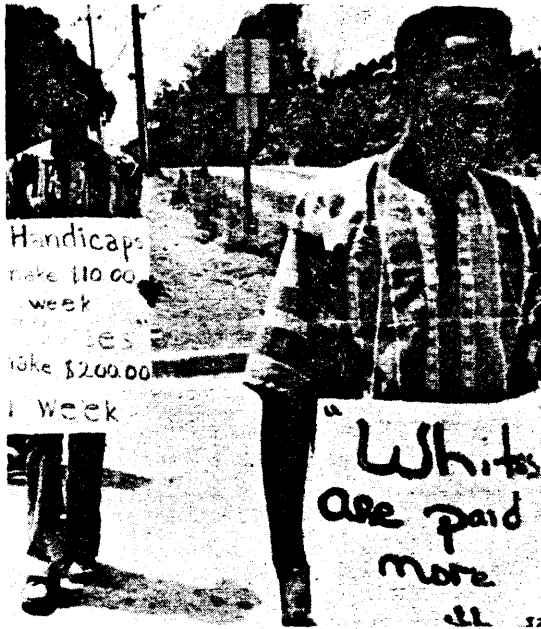
EDDIE "OMAR" WEBSTER

ARLON JAMES KENNEDY

**SUPPORT COMMUNITY CONTROL . SUPPORT  
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES  
EDDIE "OMAR" WEBSTER AND ARLON J. KENNEDY  
DISTRICT 29 STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 34**

## REAL DEMOCRACY

The basis of the political program of Eddie Webster is black control of the black community. This means that (a) if this is a Democratic nation then there is nothing unjust about black people asking to have Democratic control of their lives: and (b) black people have lost faith in rich white employers, the housing authority, the welfare agency et. in supplying our basic needs so it has become necessary that we control the basic resources that affect our lives. All that black people have gotten from representatives thus far is unemployment, poorhousing and a few handouts. Bro. Webster feels that now is the time for the people to start making a few crucial decisions. Webster is not out just to represent the poor he is out to give power to the poor.



INDEPENDENT POLITICS

Very few Black people voted for Nixon last election. None voted for J.B. Stoner. Webster is an independent candidate because he feels that he cannot be in any party that harbors racists like Stoners who has openly called for mass killing of black people. Webster has gone independent because he puts the interests of the black community before the few gains he could pick up appeasing white people in the Democratic and Republican party.

## COMMITTEE FOR INDEPENDENT BLACK POLITICS

The committee for independent black politics is an ongoing political organization that promotes candidates who represent the black community first and not a particular party. It also supports candidates who work directly with black working class people in their struggles. Eddie Webster fits the bill and has our whole hearted support.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP

- \* Join the CIBP
- \* CALL YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE PLATFORM
- \* ASK YOUR CHURCH OR CIVIC GROUP TO LET BROTHER WEBSTER SPEAK BEFORE THE PEOPLE
- \* HELP DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE ON YOUR BLOCK FOR THE CAMPAIGN
- \* OFFER WHATEVER TRANSPORTATION YOU HAVE TO HELP GET PEOPLE TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY
- \* MAKE WHATEVER DONATION YOU HAVE TO THE CAMPAIGN

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WRITE:

COMMITTEE TO ELECT  
**E.O. WEBSTER**  
127 THAYER AVE.  
ATL., GA. 30315

CALL:

**523-5544**

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY

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EDDIE "OMAR" WEBSTER

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AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE  
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
HOUSE DISTRICT 29

SEND THE MAN A MESSAGE  
SEND WEBSTER  
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
NOVEMBER 7



# MY PLATFORM

## HIS BACKGROUND

Eddie Webster is 27 years old and a resident of the summerhill community he is a former student of Clark College with a major in Political Science and History. His real qualifications come, however, from his long term involvement in the political affairs of the black community.



Brother Webster is presently an assistant teacher at E P Johnson elementary school and has close contact with the problems of black children. His real employment is that of a community activist. Eddie Webster does not merely give speeches and lip service to the problems of black people. He does not mediate the problems of the black community from an office downtown. Brother Webster has worked shoulder-to-shoulder with poor black people in strikes at Zales-Butler, Holy Family Hospital, Goodwill, Krogers and others. He stepped to help three young brothers in Macon who had been falsely accused of the same old crime of raping a white woman. Ane he worked with the Emily Butler case before it became popular.

Eddie "Omar" Webster comes from a rural family in the Alabama black belt and his experience has helped him work with black workers, tenants welfare mothers and all of the black dispossessed.

Because our needs and conditions on the community level change so rapidly, the representative form of government tends to lag behind in solving our problems. In those numerous cases where it does, it is obvious that those of us affected should be given the power to make their decision ourselves because we are closer to the problem and can act quicker. If elected I will introduce a package of bills which will be designed to amend the proposed Atlanta City Charter bill, which comes before the General Assembly this January. These amendments will, if accepted, give us a say so over schools, fire, health and police matters, or other related matters within our own community. My platform is, thus, designed to reflect the call for stronger and more direct involvement of the people in government.

A redistribution and reorganization of the Model Cities program to provide that at least 75% of all jobs in the program be held by Model Cities residents and 25% by technical and advisory personnel selected by the resident staff. Setting up of a time table and schedule for all construction to be done with in and under the direction of Model Cities.

Make provisions in the state tax system to redistribute the burden of financing the state. Empahsis to be placed on ending property tax, tax on medicine and food, and taxation of elderly. Properly taxing industry and big business, along with other developable tax sources, could easily finance the state.

Complete restructuring of state welfare program. Removal of this vital program from the hands of the bureaucratic welfare department, and placing it in the hands and under the control of those affected.

Guarantee every worker and citizen the right to peacefully protest the actions (or inactions) of any person, group, or political body, including the state itself. Restatement and emphasis of the principle and right of workers to collectively bargain.

Guarantee adequate public housing for citizens in need of such. Control of the housing board by a group composed of technical advisers and tenants. Also effective legislation to give tenants in privately owned, rented, or leased housing the power to force delinquent and slum landlords to make adequate repairs or show probable cause before raising rent.

Reorganization of the state prison system to provide humane treatment of inmates. Provision of adequate educational and rehabilitational facilities to help inmates become positive forces in the community.

A complete restructuring of the state-supported county health and medical program. Replace central units like Grady Hospital with community preventive health care and emergency treatment centers, staffed with experienced doctors and a very limited number of med students or other unexperienced personnel.

Enlarge the minimum wage to \$3.00 an hour to include ALL workers.

Provide for community control of tax supported public institutions, including police and schools. Setting up of both community school districts and police precincts with at least 50% community representation in all high level decision making bodies.



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TO VOLUNTEER COME BY

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NOVEMBER 7, YOU MAY CALL ALSO

## A MAN

## AND A PROGRAM THAT STANDS FOR PROGRESS



# KENNEDY

for        district  
state representative **34**

## OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS HIM . . .

...our community needs him now, for in another three years our community won't be our community unless we act now to elect a progressive and forceful representative. A representative not afraid to stand up for your rights, a representative who does not come to you promising a lot of big political lies, but comes committed to work with you.

ARLON KENNEDY is a young man known around Atlanta for his forceful stand on issues of community development and involvement. He comes to you as an Independent candidate, not committed to either the Democratic or Republican Party. He feels that he can best serve you as an Independent because he can listen to and act on your problems without having to fall in line with a national party platform. Thus, he represented you, and only your, interest — first and last.



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# A PLATFORM EQUIPPED for CHANGE

by Arlon Kennedy

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