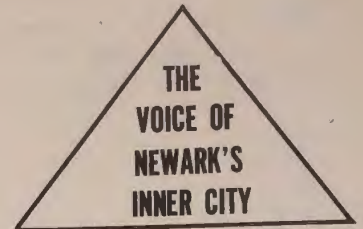


# BLACK NEWARK



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## Black Congressman On The Way?

The raging battle now in the New Jersey legislature is around the issue of redrawing the states unconstitutional 15 congressional district lines as mandated by April 3rd or face court action and the determination of possible at-large elections. The Committee For Unified NewArk has been working to educate Black people around this issue. Basically Black people need to know just what is a congressional district - what is a congressman and what is his specific function and responsibility - what is gerrymandering and how has it been done in our area. Also CFUN has been working for over a year on a plan for congressional redistricting that meets all the legal and political requirements and benefits Black people in that it places the heavy Black towns of NewArk, East Orange, Orange together into one district that would strengthen Black people's

chances of electing a Black representative to the U.S. Congress. Various plans for the redistricting of the congressional lines have been submitted including one by Assemblyman George Richardson, which like our own; places NewArk, East Orange, and Orange into a single congressional district.

What is happening in the State Legislature is racist attempts to gerrymander Black people (in Essex County and in other heavily Black populated areas such as Passaic and Camden) out of congressional representation. This past week Assemblyman George Richardson, after having introduced and strongly advocated, a redistricting plan that would benefit Black people in Essex County in our necessary move towards securing a congressional seat for a Black representative, saw fit for

known/unknown reasons/ excuses to make a complete reversal from his position and plan to compromise on a Senate - passed "Beadleston Plan" which gerrymanders Newark back to its present conditions.

The CFUN plan calls for Essex County to be redistricted with the 10th district having NewArk, East Orange and Orange, together and the rest of Essex County being placed in the 11th district.

Assemblyman George Richardson has betrayed the residents of Essex County by agreeing to vote for a compromise redistricting plan introduced by Assemblyman Beadleston. This was done during a legislative session in Trenton in the full view of a bus load of residents, most of whom were from his assembly district. Strong opposition was voiced against this unprincipled;

low life political sell out of Black people.

The Assembly Democrats have planned a "unity" compromise bill that preserves the incumbent democrats. Under this latest trick the 11th district would include the Central, West, a portion of the South, wards, of NewArk, East Orange, Orange, West Orange, South Orange, Irvington. The remainder of NewArk and Essex County would remain in the 10th district. Regardless of any proposed compromise plan we remain firmly committed to our position of having NewArk, East Orange and Orange together into a single congressional district—no gerrymandering and slice compromise deals which would allow our enemies to continue to control us will be tolerated. It will be much Blacker in '72.

## BLACK CONVENTION SCORES!



Members of the New Jersey Delegation, preparing for one of many caucus sessions which were held.

In Gary, Indiana on March 10-12; the time which Imamu Baraka long told Blacks to prepare for—became reality! The first national black political convention presented itself as a documentation in the pages of Black America.

An attendance of 8,000 or more people from every economic, social, and political status were in Gary. They came with various ideas initially, but upon leaving Gary, were carrying back to their hometowns and cities, a Black agenda relevant to all of their needs. The first day of the three-day historic event appeared very typical of many other Black conventions. The registration line was slowly shaping into long and restless crowds of Blacks not knowing what would be the outcome of the convention.

Blacks traveled from very far

distances to make the convention. State placards were standing amidst each state delegation. States as south as Mississippi and Alabama, as west as California and Oregon, as north as Buffalo, as east as New Jersey and Washington, D.C. and as far as Hawaii were present.

Group representatives included every diversity—the intellectuals, the militants, the moderates, the segregationists, the Black Muslims, the Black Panthers, the Republic of New Africans, the leftist-socialists, the elite bureaucrats, the integrationists, the nationalists, the opportunists—all came together compiling necessary resolutions which went into the final agenda, and affected the destination of Black people's survival in America and around the world in conjunction with

recommendations for self-determining Third World People.

The conveners of the historic convention were Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Gary (Ind.), Mayor Richard G. Hatcher, and Newark (N. J.) poet - playwright-nationalist Imamu Amiri Baraka. Every major Black organization, group, profession, and elected official endorsed them. Every person present in Gary sat and witnessed these three function behind the scenes; and in the public working hard in carrying out the work that had to be done in order to build a Black political agenda which would remedy the needs, demands, and desires of a Black majority which, in essence presently represents a minority in the decisions of their lives.

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Thousands of politically inspired Blacks jammed the gym at Gary, Indiana West Side High and enthusiastically participated in the floor proceedings.

### SPECIAL NEWS

#### A BLACK CONGRESS MAN ??

At this printing the Federal Court still had not decided to choose the most equitable plan for Congressional Redistricting. Although at least 6 PLANS created with scientific computer precision have been submitted to the court out of a total of 15 or so, creating an Urban Congressional District (New Ark, East Orange, Orange). The slovenly racist legislature in Trenton would like to keep Congressional representation in New Jersey LILY WHITE, as it is now! THE COURTS MUST BRING DEMOCRACY TO NEW JERSEY!!! On April 12, the courts should decide!

EXTRA: Text of final National Black Political Convention Resolutions on ISRAEL & BUSING.



## The New Well In Need Of Support

The New Well Narcotic Rehabilitation and Preventive Education Center was established in 1967 by George Hicks, an ex-addict native of Newark, who acted in response to a crying community need for an out-patient addict rehabilitation facility geared specifically to the treatment of Black, urban residents.

The New Well's Newark offices, located at 91-95 South Orange Avenue, now house an extensive out-patient treatment center which also offers programs benefiting the families of addict patients as well as addicts themselves.

Other services offered addict patients are welfare referral, court liaison, employment counseling, job placement, and sundry medical treatment not directly related to addiction.

Each addict patient who applies while he is addicted is detoxified under medical supervision. The drug methadone is used for detox, but is administered over a period of no longer than four days.

The most recent addition to the New Well's varied services is a unique training program designed to deliver preventive education and general drug abuse education to non-addicts. Those who will benefit most from the program are those who find themselves living or working in situations where they must somehow deal with the problem of drug abuse.

### THE YOUTH PROGRAM

The single most important objective of the training program for young people is to discourage them from either experimenting with harmful drugs or involving themselves with peers who use the pills and other drugs of the day.

By emphasizing the urgency of completing their educations to whatever degree possible, it is hoped that young people may give serious thought to the consequences of using drugs. The New Well has been successful in the past—through the use of credible, non-scare tactics—just factual information delivered by plain-talking ex-addicts—in getting the attention of young people, holding their interest, and directing their thought processes to a reality examination of the whole drug scene.

Included in the program for young people are the following sections: pharmacology (again delivered by staff physicians but in a manner which is designed to be absorbed by youngsters); seminars on Black culture; leadership training; guest speakers, and field trips to other treatment centers in the Newark area.

The New Well is the only Black anti-drug center in Newark, and faces a financial crisis in the short future.

Funds, donations, etc. are needed to see that it does not happen. **Support The New-Well!**

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## CONVENTION

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The first two days of the convention went slow and at times randomly because of several factors—the Saturday morning session started three hours late; many viewed the convention at one point, very typical of many other Black conventions . . . reciting "revolutionary-rhetoric speeches," while follow-up to complement their speeches never resulted in successful actions; finally few could conceive of having a Black political victory.

On the eve of the final session, conditions became bitter. After having been in Gary for two days, witnessing scattered opinions and endeavors of making the convention a fully organized gathering, the crowd begun to become disenchanting.



Sister Betty Shabazz addressing floor delegation at NPBC in Gary.

Then, on the last day at approximately 11 am; from amongst 3,500 delegates, a man emerged before the microphone. Wearing a black nationalist suit (adopted from the same design as Tanzania's President—Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere); Imamu Baraka proved that he is the nondiminshable, self-determining, politically-conscious nationalist which many know him as being. Imamu Baraka, using the language of an authoritative parliamentarian to everyday ghetto slang expressions, immediately led the audience through a dynamic afternoon session by successfully carrying out the business of the convention agenda.

Since this politically historic gathering of diverse members of our National Black community. The enthusiastic, and serious black unity motivated Steering Committee of the National Black Political Convention recently in executive session on the campus of Howard University met and agreed to the following, as it relates to busing and Israel, which prove to be the most controversial of resolutions to come out of the convention. It was agreed:

### Busing Resolution

Busing is not the real issue in American education today, and we condemn the dishonesty of the Nixon Administration and other forced in making busing an issue when, in fact, busing has officially been used to maintain segregation for many years in many sections of the country.

The real educational issue for the Black community is how do we get supreme quality education for all our youngsters.

We condemn as false the notion



Mayor Richard Hatcher

that Black children are unable to learn unless they are in the same setting with white children; and further we disassociate ourselves from the positions put forth by Nixon or Wallace.

We cannot have Blacks disintegrated and out of political power achieved recently by (1) Nixon's plan to take us back to Plessy versus Ferguson; or (2) the courts disintegration of our children into white dominated school boards, budgets, curricula.

Our politics is that we must have control of our own education with busing, and any other tool which guarantees quality, as an option and also protects all rights guaranteed under the 14th Amendment.

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### Israeli Resolution

1. Whereas, as an African people we fully support the struggle of oppressed peoples against their oppressors, and

2. Whereas, we recognize that a crisis exists in the Middle East involving the oppressed people of North Africa, and

3. Whereas, we support the OAU as the representative body which speaks for our brothers on the continent and that the position of the OAU and the UN Commission on Human Rights is valid and fair, therefore, be it resolved that the convention go on record as being in agreement with the OAU positions that call for:



N. J. delegation come together in the hotel corridor for the night briefing on strategy.

1. The Israeli government to be condemned for her expansionists policy and forceful occupation of the sovereign territory of another state

2. Measures to be taken to alleviate the suffering and improve the position of the Palestinian people in Israel

3. The NBPC should also resolve to support the struggle of Palestine for self determination

4. The NBPC concurs also with the UN position that Israel rescind and desist from all practice affecting the demographic structure of physical character of occupied Arab territories and the rights of their inhabitants.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS SEEK HEAD START FUNDS FROM UCC FOR NEW PROGRAM

Several community based education groups have applied to the United Community Corporation, NewArk's anti-poverty agency, for funds to run their various head start programs. The groups are NewArk Preschool Council, Fuld Neighborhood House, Hilary School, Leaguers and the nationally known African Free School.

Key to determining which groups will be funded is the formation of a Head Start Policy Council, which in accordance with Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) guidelines, will be directly responsible for the overseeing of all Head Start-funded programs in NewArk.

However, because it is the agency that receives the HEW funds directly (The Grantee Agency), UCC is ultimately responsible for all Head Start programs. In fact, all policy decisions of the Policy Council must be approved by the UCC Board of Trustees before they are implemented. This includes the determination of the distribution of some half-million dollars in Head Start program.

UCC president, David H. Barrett has appointed a four-man team headed by Rev. Ralph Grant to negotiate with representatives of the Head Start Policy Council over.

1. Expansion of the Council to include greater community representation.

2. Determination of who will be funded.

A deadlock occurred when Preschool Council representatives on the Policy Council pressed to have \$392,000 of the \$527,986 channeled to Preschool leaving only \$135,986 for the other groups combined to have. This, while the total amount of money being requested by the other group is close to \$400,000.

At present NewArk Preschool Council receives \$2,169,431 in Head Start funds; Hilary School receives \$41,676; Fuld Neighborhood House \$61,100 and African Free School, OYE and Leaguers nothing. In short Preschool Council receives some 95% of the Head Start grant to UCC, Hilary 1.8% and Fuld 2.8%.

The sad part of it all is that if an agreement cannot be worked out soon, none of the groups named will get anything and all will lose out. Whether this happens or not depends upon the disposition of the Preschool Council representatives on the Policy Council. C. Theodore Pinckney, Director of the Preschool Council is reported to have said he would rather see the money go back to HEW if Preschool could not get what it wants (\$392,000). This is the kind of attitude that has created so many enemies for Mr. Pinckney and if not changed will lead to the demise of his organization.





Brothers and sisters demonstrate in support of African liberation struggles on the continent.

## WE MUST MOBILIZE

On Saturday, May 27, thousands of Black People from all over the country will converge on Washington, D.C. to demonstrate our support for African Liberation Day. Ordinarily,

African Liberation Day is recognized and celebrated each May 25, throughout the African World, but this year because of the increasing severity of the confrontations encountered by

### PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH SUPPORTS OPERATIONAL UNITY

The Pilgrim Baptist Church is located at 34 Hudson Street, Newark; and is rooted deeply into the heart of the Black Community of Newark, strengthening its spiritual aspect with programs of direct support to the needs of the of the community. The Pilgrim Baptist Church looks at the environmental conditions of the Black Population of Newark with an ever-growing sense of urgency. The Church, a life member of the NAACP, supporting the programs of the Urban League and contributing to the efforts of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference shares the great sense of destiny and impatience which lies at the heart of Black American aspirations for a better way of life. The Pilgrim Baptist Church supports wholeheartedly any and all groups that are working toward a constructive solution to the problems of the poverty areas.

During the Poor People's Campaign, the Pilgrim Baptist Church offered shelter and food to those passing through Newark toward Resurrection City. Through the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, the Church has adopted two teen-age African girls and supports their needs. Locally, the Church has distributed clothing and food to needy families; contributed to the truckloads of food sent to Scudder Homes to ease the hardships during the period of racial strife; sponsored the Pilgrim Friendship Mission at 621 Orange Street as a referral agency for those addicts, alcoholics and prostitutes motivated to seek help; provided volunteers for the Martland Medical Center and the East Orange General Hospital (several members received awards for over 1000 hours of participation);



**Rev. Arthur Jones, Pastor** supplied volunteers to the Cancer Society; sponsored Boy Scout Troop #152 and the Red Circle Girls group, and through its membership touched with constructive support every facet of community life in Newark.

This impressive program has nevertheless brought little peace of mind to the people of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, for through this experience they have become impatient with the inequities and environmental decay that their children are born into.

So, the Church in its effort to promote unity within the black community and assist in bringing about meaningful change supported the Black and Puerto Rican Convention in 1970, the State Wide Black Political Convention, the Essex County Black Political Caucus and the National Black Political Convention, Gary, Indiana, March 10-12, 1972.

Our pastor the Rev. Arthur W. Jones is a member of the Board of Directors, T.E.A.M. and chairman of the Contract of Compliance Committee, Member Board of Directors, Urban Communications Institute, Member, Board of Directors, MEDIC and affiliated with many other community groups.

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Africans all over the world in our efforts to survive and develop, it was decided that this year's African Liberation Day program ought to include some dramatic manifestation not only of the African in America's consciousness of PanAfricanism, but also specifically there ought to be some graphic demonstration of support for the struggles of our brothers and sisters on the continent, in their thrust for self determination. Particularly in support of the liberation struggles in southern Africa and Guinea Bissau, where armed struggle rages this very moment, to rid the African continent of the most blatant examples of European Colonialism.

African Liberation Day Committees have been formed in most of the 50 states, the West Indies and Canada, who will coordinate the movement of black people into Washington to march in support of African Liberation, and also to reveal to the world that black people are beginning to understand internationally who the enemies of black people are. We will demonstrate in front of the Portuguese Embassy because of the Portuguese continuing nazi repression campaigns and colonialism in Angola, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau; in front of the Rhodesian information offices because of the continued illegality of the Rhodesian white settler minority regime, which has in defiance of all the forces of reason, disregarded the needs of the African majority in Zimbabwe; in front of the South African Embassy because the white settler minority government which rules Africans in Azania is in clear violation of all human rights, and the clearest example of nazi-ism in the world today. We should also take this opportunity today to register our absolute shock and anger at the pathology and traitor mentality shown by Roy Wilkins, puppet head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. His statement recently made in Azania, gave real solace to the enemies of black people all over the world. His open support for the financiers of African slavery and oppression in South Africa marks him in open conflict with the majority of the black world.

We beg his own so called constituency within the national association, to condemn and disassociate themselves from

Wilkin's criminally irresponsible statements of support for colonialism. It is time the responsible black people within the NAACP show that Wilkins no longer represents the thinking of the majority of black people. The United States through the machinations of Harry Byrd (W. Va.) and the lobbying of Foote Mineral Company and Union Carbide, have begun to import chrome ore, to the United States, though we are asking black people all over this country to challenge this racist move, just as black students in Louisiana did recently.



Demonstrators march in front of United Nations Building demanding racist forces to leave Africa.

In order for the black majority on the continent of Africa to move swiftly toward complete liberation and self determination, self respect, self reliance and self defense, it is absolutely necessary for Africans wherever we are, to unify through the political consciousness called PanAfricanism. America, is one of the chief oppressors of Africans in the world. The foreign policy of America will change toward Africa, when Africans in and around America force that change through the rise of our own political consciousness that we are also an African people, by race, culture, history, politics and emotion. The strengthening of Africa is the strengthening of ourselves.

We are urging all black people, all Africans in the western hemisphere to come together near the government of our worst enemies, but paradoxically in a stronghold of black life, Washington, D.C., to move the struggle to yet higher levels. May 27, the march will move from State Department, via demonstrations at the various Embassies, Missions, and information centers, toward Malcolm X Park.

For further information, call National Office, African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee (202) 462-4311; or in New York the EAST in Brooklyn (212) 636-9400; or in New Jersey the Committee for Unified Newark (201) 621-2300.

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# RAISE!

**PAMOJA TUTASHINDA!**

Perfection is unmanifest, that is why it is perfection. But in striving for progressive perfection as kawaida teaches, we are involved with error, struggle and imperfection. The fact of existence, is itself a contradiction, containing all the elements of negativity as well as positivity. However, everything together for always eternally is perfect.

Black People sometimes have the peaceful sense of becoming the "universal revelation light." In a way we are merely at one level striving to become more efficient scientists. Nowadays we need social science perfected eg, Dude invent teevee and put petticoat junction on it. In swift sparkling airliners psychological dirty drawers crowd out sense and understanding heads swivel jaws lift and lower, burning alcohol, burning swine, slide down. Death is popular and familiar or profound and aspired to abstractly. The white tribes rule!

Everyday we must face the need to transform our spirit, the world spirit, and physical reality. To paraphrase Toure, slogans and theories, are just that, only the actual transformation of the world is worth anything. We said that we must be not so much concerned with doctrines as we are the "requirements of our evolution." Evolution is movement toward perfection. Progressive Perfection, Maulana Karenga, the theorist of the new nationalism called it. Because "nothing is ever finished. . . nothing is all there is". So we in this generation work to raise the level of our world's consciousness. This, today, is called Nationalism and Pan Africanism because all people cannot have self determination together, unless they first have enough of it to determine for themselves that that is what they want. The colored people of the world must liberate ourselves. To do this we must first unify. Come together as a family, despite our theoretical and talked about differences. We are the same people in reality. First Unity, then comes Self Determination. And once we have achieved Self Determination, through Collective

Work and Collective Responsibility we will have Cooperative Economics ie equitable distribution of wealth. With equitable distribution of wealth, we begin to realize our true Purpose the restoring of our people, and finally all humanistic turned spiritual people to the maximum level of our consciousness (whats called by africans," our traditional greatness"). Then we will become truly Creative, and rebuild the world in the image of divinity which is man inspired by nature revealed. This is the Faith of the nationalist. This is the work of all black men and women, and all people of sensitivity and spiritual concern. To recreate the world at the level of continuous truth and beauty revelation. So work at it!  
 Imamu Amiri Baraka  
 March 31, 1972

## BLACK WOMEN NATIONALIST

This is an attempt to try to express the internal feeling of the women in the Committee for a Unified New ark. We want to say we are no different in our hopes than any other black women, but our consciousness makes us appear and move differently.

Black Women/Nationalist  
 Who are we? wives, mothers, who need to work hard, to support our



Bibi Amina Baraka (wife of playwright Imamu Baraka).

men, because they are correct in their will to change our communities and world

Our husbands want to need, a more beautiful world, a more promising life for our people, their children it is our children that will inherent the earth, we leave their fathers, our husbands understand that we are women who believe our children must have a place in the world.

As all children must have a place we believe that idea will not take away from the world but add to the development of the universe.

We will teach our children to live in peace, as black people Africans always lived. To make peace with those who make peace and struggle with those who struggle against them. We are women that feel we must learn all there is to know and be all their is to be. To pass that form and information on to our children.

We want the world for our children we are mothers, we love like all African women but we realize we must work with a fever and commitment that will add another feeling to the world. We believe we must study that is the

only way to learn we want to learn because we must teach or our children will not know we are women, finally mothers, and wives with an animated feeling called Nationalism that has stimulated us to try, to influence the world.

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