

# 67th District

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out and say so.  
 "Not a soul that knows me won't vote for me," he added, saying the major challenge in his campaign is to "get everybody to know me."  
 "I think the electorate should examine each candidate and then choose the best-qualified. That's what Dr. Hauser said," Clark said in reference to a February interview in the *Chronicle* with Hauser, in which Hauser, who is black, said his successor should not be chosen because of his race.

"I think the person should win who can do the most for the constituents of the district," Clark said. "If the voters think Burke can do the most down in Raleigh to help them, then they should vote for him. If not, they should vote for me."

"Martin Luther King said to judge a man by the character of his heart, not the color of his skin," Clark said. "How long will it take us to accept this?"

NAACP President Walter Marshall helped Little gain support for the redrawing of the district in 1984. He said Monday that Clark has as much right to the seat as anyone.

"We redrew the district to give

blacks an opportunity to win representation," Marshall said, "but blacks, and anyone else, shouldn't have a premium on the office."

"Just because there is a higher percentage of blacks in the district doesn't mean that blacks should be the sole contenders for the seat. If he feels he can represent the district better than Logan Burke, then that's his prerogative," Marshall said of Clark.

But Marshall also said that Burke is a good candidate who should be supported.

"I think it would be kind of bad if we go back and not support a good black candidate, given all we had to go through to redraw this district," he said.

He said state Attorney General Lacy Thornburg is pursuing action in the Supreme Court to eliminate the decision to redraw the districts. Political pressuring, court work, and a lot of lobbying in the Legislature were necessary to create the districts, he said.

"Blacks have been under-represented for centuries, so we should not give the seat away just when we have an opportunity to win it," Marshall said. "It would

behoove us as a group to support the black candidate."

Little, who actually drew up the district and did the most for its creation, agrees.

"I have the utmost respect for Victor Johnson and his abilities, but in a race between Clark and Burke, I have to go with Burke," Little said.

"We have an appalling lack of representation in most branches of government," he said. "If a black person is qualified, we need to elect him. We must have effective black representation."

Meanwhile, Clark points to his record on employment at Sears to show that he is fair-minded.

"When I came here in 1966, black employees were about 6 percent of our workers, and almost all of them were custodians," he said. "Right now we have 32 percent black employment in all areas of our store, including two supervisory persons."

Clark said he would favor affirmative action programs as they relate to businesses bidding on work with the state. "I think the bids should go to companies who have affirmative action programs in place," he said. "We've had



Burke



Clark



Marshall



Little

such a program at Sears since the 60s, and I've handled it. It works for us and I don't see why it shouldn't work for the state."

He also said he does not favor at-large aldermanic elections. "We will never develop

Winston-Salem into a sound city if we have a divisive attitude," he said. "I would not have run if I was just going to represent white people."

"I'm running because I know I'm fair, I'm a hard worker, and

I have the ability to get along with others and compromise. I want the voters to look me over, and look over my opposition, and go on that basis. If they do that, I have no reservation about losing."

# Campaign Notes

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Kennedy said Belk is well-qualified to be a U.S. senator.

"He is intelligent, he has experience in business, he has a law degree from Wake Forest University, and he has a degree in accounting and is a CPA," Kennedy said. "He's a young man that's really on the move."

"The thing I think we need is a person who, when elected, can serve long enough to gain seniority in some of the powerful Senate committees," Kennedy said. "Terry Sanford, because of his age, won't be able to serve very long, and North Carolina will not gain much seniority." U.S. senators serve six-year terms. Sanford is 68 years old.

"If we elect Belk, and continue to re-elect him, we can get a lot of clout for the state," Kennedy said.

Joining Kennedy on Belk's local steering committee are his sons Harvey L. Kennedy and Harold L. Kennedy III, former county Democratic Chairman Earline W. Parmon and school board candidate William H. "Bill" Tatum. Evelyn A. Terry has also endorsed Belk's candidacy.

Belk was the classmate of the younger Kennedys in undergraduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill....

Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble said after Monday's Board of Aldermen's meeting that he is on the campaign committees of Mazie S. Woodruff, and John S. Holleman Jr., candidates for county commissioner.

Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian H. Burke said she is working as campaign manager for her husband, Logan Burke, in the 67th District race, and is serving in the same capacity for school board candidate Naomi W. Jones.

East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell, explaining her support of Democrat W. Warren Sparrow for district attorney, said, "I'm proud to be associated with him. He's a man of integrity, he has a wonderful family, and he believes in justice and fairness -- and there's a lot of that needed in the district attorney's office. I think he will bring fresh ideas, and some innovative concepts, to the position."

Mrs. Newell said she is also working with Mrs. Woodruff's campaign for county commissioner....

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and Steve Pruitt of the U.S. House Budget Committee will address the N.C. Association of Minority Public Officials in Raleigh on April 12.



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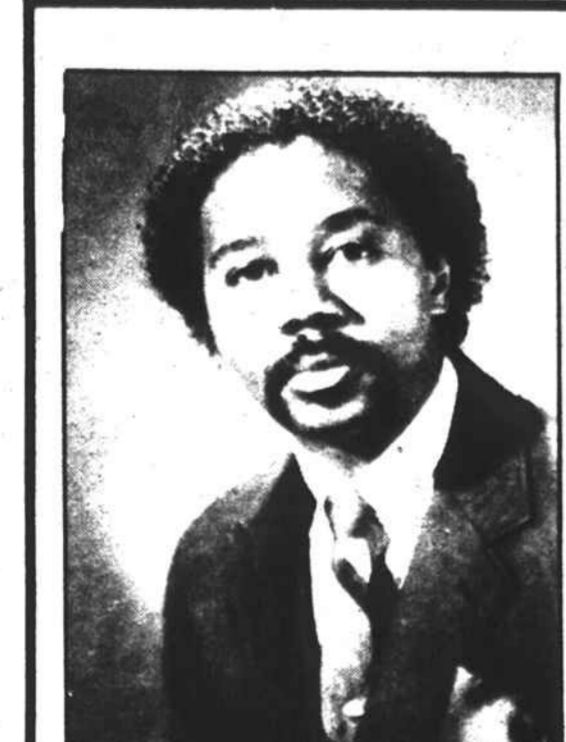
Jackson, chairman of the National Rainbow Coalition, will give the luncheon address at the 1986 statewide conference of the organization. The conference will be held at St. Augustine's College with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The NCAMPO is a statewide organization of elected and appointed officials. Robert "Bob" Walton, a Mecklenburg County commissioner, serves as chairman.

Pruitt, who is director of the

U.S. House Budget Committee Staff, will give the keynote address at 9:30 a.m. The address will focus on federal budget cuts and the black community. The House Budget Committee is chaired by a Black Caucus member, Rep. William Gray of Pennsylvania.

In addition to addresses by Jackson and Pruitt, there will be workshops on various topics for public officials, with the overall theme, "Federal budget cuts and the black community."



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