

# POWELL SUPPORT GROWS AS TROUBLES MOUNT

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., is increasingly becoming a symbol of martyrdom to his followers all over the country as legal and personal attacks on him continue to mount.

AND THE MORE he is lambasted in the press, the more his constituents cling to his leadership. The New York Congressman, in trouble with the law in New York and in danger of being unseated in Congress, is staying in Bimini, where it's warm--but not as hot as it could be for him back home.

At Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist church, of which Powell is the absent pastor, the Congressman has the overwhelming support of a congregation which regards his legal troubles as "punishment" for being champion of his people's cause.

The elders of his church are as proud of him as he is of himself. They have accepted his defiance of the court injunction without the smallest resentment.

"This Mr. Brooke up in Massachusetts," a woman whispered in the church hallway, "he must be a very fine man to become a senator. But I have never heard of his doing anything important, the way Rev. Powell did before he even got to office. Now that Mr. Brooke is in office, he's got to match up to the Rev. Powell's record."

ANOTHER congregant, noting criticism of Powell's love life, lamented that Powell wasn't being seen with the classiest women. "Adam shouldn't be with a girl who has skinny legs. I want Adam to be with the biggest, smartest-looking girls in the world," she said.

The dapper congressman is remembered much more for his congregants for trying to cut Negroes in on the policy racket in Harlem than whatever sins of the flesh he may have committed.

"Adam says we don't go and make spaghetti for the Italians, so why should they run our numbers?" one of his followers said, referring to the fact that 18 of Harlem's 20 numbers bosses are white. Powell feels that they all should be Negroes.

His congregants expect the congressman to show up the white man's hypocrisy when the world begins caving in on him.

THEY ARE waiting for Congress to try to have Powell removed and for the congressman to start talking about his white colleagues' abuses of their offices. "The Congressional Record will be powerful reading when Adam starts telling stories with that immunity going for him," a congregant said.

Another member of his flock noted that one of the Congressional investigators expected to give Powell a hard time "had two cases of venereal disease last year. We had to get him to the doctor the second time."

White newspapermen who stress his high living, flouting the law, and mounting legal difficulties seldom realize that a person can't get anywhere knocking Powell in Harlem, especially among his congregants, who continue to flock to his church as if he were still there, although he never may return.

Among "Black power" advocates across the country, Powell has increasingly become a "race hero" since his troubles with law mounted. Robert Lucas, Chicago CORE chairman, sums up the feeling of many in his camp when he terms Powell a "political prisoner"--a term which also has been used for SNCC leader Stokely Carmichael.

LUCAS SEES Powell's legal difficulties as punishment for promoting his people's cause. It does not matter to Lucas and other "black power" advocates that Powell may flout the law.

As long as the Harlem Democrat is in Washington's "white man's league," manipulating appropriations and keeping whites on edge, all is not lost for the black man, they feel.

Powell, who is 58, is remembered for forcing entire industries to hire Negroes. He sponsored a scheme for Harlemites to pay their light bills in pennies--or a few cents more or less than the required amount. The result was jobs for Negroes in the light company as never before.

But even more important than what Powell has done--and in some cases this has not amounted to much--in his dapper, dauntless stand on behalf of an entire people.

POWELL CAN stand up to the white man--

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5. Experience in training or related work, preferably with additional administrative and/or supervisory experience will be considered.



on whites' ground--and show up their hypocrisy, double-dealing, and bigotry with a carbon copy of the same. And he can do it so adroitly that even his enemies acknowledge him to be a brilliant committee chairman in Congress.

As one newspaper editorial put it, the Congressman's brilliance lies not in application but talent. "When one considers all his distractions, his operation of the Education and Labor Committee with barely half of his mind on the job is the best witness to the size of that talent."

Powell's committee "manages to pass more bills of substance than any other committee in the House," the editorial said. "They give Powell hell, but still, I worry when I think that so-and-so is going away for a month," the editorial quoted a congressman as saying. "I don't know what will happen to that committee without him if it has some important legislation."

This is a phase of the Powell acumen that is never revealed by most of the press; but it is one of the things that keep him in power.

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