

Julian Bond planning to run for President in 1976

Georgia legislator Julian Bond makes no bones about the fact that he would like to be the first black president of the United States.

The charismatic state senator says he would be a serious candidate with every intention of winning. "I have won every election that I have conducted since 1966 and I wouldn't run for the presidency to lose," said Bond.

Bond, 35, shared his views with a predominantly white audience of about 500 persons in a program to kick off the annual Black History Week Celebration.

The Democrat acknowledged that being Black and having weak financial backing are his most serious barriers to a successful Presidential campaign, but he emphasized that the Gallup poll lists him under number seven among preferred presidential choices.

Bond said he will run for President as a Democrat but he expressed an interest in forming a third party. He said what the nation needs most is "a coalition of the needy and the concerned." The components of the coalition would be women, blacks, poor whites, Spanish-Americans and

other minorities. Bond indicates that he would solicit support for his presidential aspirations from such a coalition.

Bond was elected to the Georgia legislature in 1966, but was denied his seat because of his opposition to the draft and the war in Viet Nam. He was eventually seated after winning a Supreme Court decision.

He was nominated for the vice presidency at the 1968 Democratic Convention and had won some votes before it was realized that he would be too young to serve if elected.

Arguing that no one will ever know if a Black can be elected president until a serious contender tries, Bond says, "I am going to try and find out."

The legislator said that he would be appealing to "the people" for most of his financial backing. And he revealed that a part of the coalition which helped to raise financing for former presidential candidate Sen. George S. McGovern, D-S. D., are backing his campaign and working to fill his campaign coffers.

Bond insisted that he is not interested in the vice presidency or any other post less than the presidency. But he said that if he does not win the presidential nomination, he believes he will have enough support to be a deciding factor in selecting the 1976 Democratic presidential candidate.



New Judge A. Guy

Addeliar Guy seems pleased in this photo. He has just been named the first Black ever appointed to the district court bench in Nevada. Story on page 1.

Fayette Mayor Evers faces tax evasion trial

A jury of eight Whites and four Blacks was selected Monday for the federal income tax evasion trial of Fayette, Moss., Mayor Charles Evers.

The panel, including four women, was closely questioned by U.S. District Judge Dan M. Russell Jr. and defense attorney Michael Fawer of New Orleans about whether the civil rights and political activities of the Black mayor would influence their ability to serve impartially.

Evers, 53, and his ex-wife, Nannie, were indicted by a federal grand jury last August on charges they evaded \$51,593 in income taxes during 1968, 1969, and 1970.

The two had been scheduled to stand trial together but Russell granted a motion to separate Mrs. Evers from the trial of her former husband Monday morning.

Evers, the first Black mayor of a bi-racial town in Mississippi and an unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate four years ago, has maintained throughout that he is innocent and said he expects to be acquitted.

Evers is a candidate in this year's elections for a seat in the Mississippi Senate. He said last week he decided not to run for lieutenant governor because of his tax troubles and health problems.

Wearing a dark green suit, Evers entered the federal building under tight security. Officials questioned spectators as they entered the area

of the courtroom. The indictment said Evers reported a net income of \$20,220 and paid federal income taxes of \$3,644 for the three-year period.

The Internal Revenue Service said he had an income of \$179,555 and owed taxes of \$55,237.

Questioning prospective jurors, Fawer asked if the fact that Evers was involved in illegal activities during the late 1950s and early 1960s would affect their judgement.

Evers has admitted to being involved in gambling and prostitution in Chicago during that period before returning to Mississippi following the assassination of his brother Medgar.

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we take that into consideration. We have let some tenants go six or seven months without paying their rent. But we have to collect rent to pay our bills."

"Some tenants use their sinks and commodes for trash cans, and we have to put plywood over the windows of the vacant apartments to keep them from being broken," Rappaport said.

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Management has to collect rent to pay bills. It is collecting a lot less than it should be," Rappaport said.

PPPT wants the Las Vegas Housing Authority to run the apartments, where 45 heads of households live.

The spokesman said if the housing authority does not take over the apartments, they will be boarded up like Madison Terrace I.

No matter who is to blame for the conditions, a battle is now developing for ownership of the complex. Rappaport said the Federal Housing Administration, which sponsored the apartments, is bringing default procedures against the apartments because the owners cannot pay their

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