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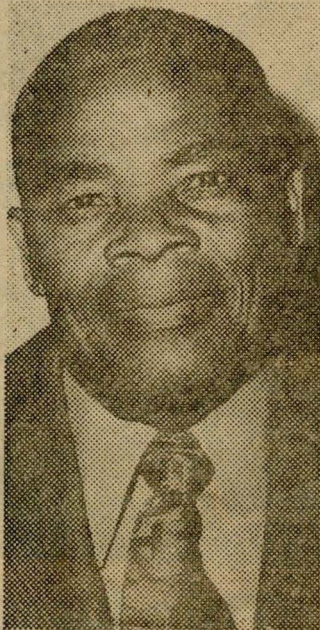
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Mr. Allen was for many years, a top member of the JLP and rose to the office of 3rd Deputy Leader at one time.

He was an active participant in the initiatives to set up the non-defunct West Indies Federation. He was a member of the Standing Committee on the W.I. Federation and Chairman of the Draft Constitution Committee of the W.I. Democratic Labour Party.

Mr. Edwin Allen, 71-year-old educationist and farmer, will again represent the Jamaica Labour Party in the constituency of Northwest Clarendon, in the general elections on December 15.

An 'old stager' in politics, Mr. Allen was for ten years Minister of Education in the previous regime, from 1962 to 1972. Prior to that, he was Minister of Education and Social Welfare from 1953 to 1955, and acted as Minister of Labour during September to October 1953.

First elected to the House of Representatives in 1949, Mr. Allen entered politics after 22 years as a teacher in the schoolroom. He remained a Member of the House of Representatives for ten years from 1949 to 1959, and was beaten by his opponent in the 1959 general elections.

From 1959 to 1962, he was a Member of the Legislative Council.

As Minister of Education, Mr. Allen made very far-reaching amendments to the programme for Free Secondary Education, and was largely

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In the field of local education, Mr. Allen was responsible for introducing the experiment to teach secondary subjects in elementary schools. He was also responsible for establishing Comprehensive Schools.

Born at Brandon Hill in St. Andrew on April 17, 1905, Mr. Allen is the son of the late Mr. David Allen and his wife. He attended Brandon Hill Primary School, Mount James, Stony Hill Elementary Schools and West Branch School in Kingston. He went on to attend Mico Teacher-Training College.

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