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NEGRO ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL IN RICHMOND, VA.

RICHMOND, Va.--A Negro has been elected to the Richmond City Council for the first time in 16 years and the voters gave him the second highest number of votes among 21 candidates.

Two other Negro candidates in Richmond, and Negro hopefuls in at least seven other cities and towns, lost their bids to get on governing boards as municipal elections were held throughout the State.

The Negro elected in Richmond was B.A. Cephas Jr., a member of the City Planning Commission and one of the six successful candidates fielded by a new political organization, Richmond

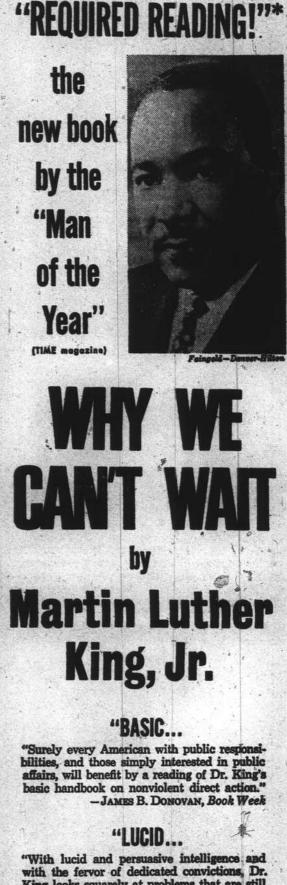
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Negro candidates also lost in Danville, where a slate expressing support of the city's hand-ling of last year's racial troubles won election, and in Martinsville, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Hope-well, Culpeper and Lynchburg. In Culpeper, Mortimer M. Marshall, a Negro

funeral director, was disqualified when it was learned that he had been delinquent in paying his poll tax, officials said.



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