

# NEGRO VOTE DECISIVE

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### COLORED VOTERS DEFY OLD BOSSES, NOMINATE LIBERAL

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—An analysis of primary results in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District shows that Negro defiance of ward leaders played a major part in the overwhelming re-nomination of Representative Richard W. Bolling to Congress.

Leaders of several factions of Kansas City Democratic organizations tried to defeat Bolling by giving previously "deliverable" wards to his opponent, Judge Hunter H. Phillips of the Jackson County Court, the office that served as a springboard to the Presidency for Harry S. Truman.

The effort failed in large part because Negroes refused to desert a liberal Congressman with a record of fighting for civil rights and medical care for the aged.

Freedom, Inc., a Negro organization, vigorously supported Bolling in the heavily Negro 14th Ward. He carried it 2,924 to 426.

THE KANSAS CITY CALL, a Negro weekly, urged Negroes in a front-page editorial to vote for Mr. Bolling no matter what their ward leaders told them to do. They did. The eight-term Representative carried the Second Ward, 95 per cent Negro, despite the strong opposition and patronage power of the ward leader, Louis Wagner. In local races Negroes continued to support Wagner's choices.

In Bolling's Fifth District Negroes comprise 17.7 per cent of the population. In Missouri as a whole, the Negro population is 9.4 per cent of the total.

The revolt in the Bolling case, The Call said, showed the Negro would vote independently when his interests were at stake.

"The deliverable vote is going out in this society," Bolling said. "The Negro isn't going to let some white faction boss tell him what to do with his vote. Things are changing."

THE STRONG MACHINE opposition had led to forecasts of a close contest. The margin was a surprising 2 to 1—52,849 to 26,167—for Bolling.

The 48-year-old Congressman was heavily supported by organized labor. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and the House majority leader, Representative Carl Albert of Oklahoma, spoke in his behalf here. Former President Truman endorsed him. Liberal organizations rallied to his side after the Democratic organization factions declared war.

Representative Bolling's Republican opponent in the November general election will be Robert B. Langworthy, a Kansas City lawyer.

### Yellow Cab Hires Negroes

Former Western Cab drivers operating in West Las Vegas announce that their services are now available through Yellow Cab. Patrons wishing to engage former Western drivers may do so by requesting same through Yellow dispatchers.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS—Education Committee of Upper Room Church of God in Christ recently presented scholarships to local high school graduates. From left: Claudia Jackson, committee member; LaVerne Coleman, Las Vegas

High; Doris Mabry, standing in for daughter Harolyn Freeman, Rancho High; Cecile Calbert, committee member; Godfrey Johnson, Las Vegas High, and Lois Harris, committee member. (VOICE Photo by Clinton Wright)

## 2 Million Negro Voters in South

MORE THAN 2 MILLION NEGROES are now registered to vote in the 11 states of the Old Confederacy according to the Southern Regional Council. The estimate is based on a projection of an April 1 state-by-state survey by the

Council's Voter Education Project (VEP). The tabulation on that date showed 1,937,983 Negroes registered in the 11 states.

Project director Wiley Branton said intensified registration campaigns are being pursued this month and next. He predicted that about 250,000 more Negroes will be registered in the South before the November election.

"If the presidential election is a close one within the Southern states, the increased Negro vote could have great significance," Branton said.

Republican gains in the South started in 1952 when President Eisenhower captured 37 per cent of the vote there. In 1956 he got 49 per cent, and in 1960 Richard M. Nixon took 46 per cent of the vote in the 11 states.

IN 1960 many Southern Negro leaders voted Republican. Atlanta, for example, went for Nixon partly because of Negro support. However, it is expected that very few Southern Negroes would vote for GOP nominee Barry Goldwater this year.

It also is considered possible that increased Negro voting in the South might offset Goldwater's strength in some of the 11 states.

Branton noted that Negro registration gains in some Southern states since 1960 are greater than the margin by which some states were carried in the 1960 Presidential race.

Nixon, for example, won Florida by 46,766 votes. Since the Voter Education Project started

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### Voters League Endorses Matteucci for Justice Post

AL MATTEUCCI has been endorsed by the Nevada Voters League in his bid for the office of Las Vegas Township Justice of the Peace, bringing to 10 the total number of league endorsees for the primary election of Sept. 1.

Previous league endorsements went to Ralph Denton for United States House of Representatives, Rev. Leo A. Johnson, Helen Herr and Mel Close, Jr., for State Assembly; Bernard Posin, Flora Dungan and Bill Byrne for Clark County Commissioner, and Charles Cheatham and Harvey Schnitzer for Clark County Hospital Trustee.

Additional league endorsements are under consideration according to president Charles Kellar, who said interviews with the executive board may be arranged for weekday nights.

The league's regular Friday endorsement meeting has been waived this week in deference to the "birthday celebration" of the Democratic Women's Club West scheduled for tomorrow night in the Gold Room of the Las Vegas Convention Center. Candidates are invited to address the women's political group according to president Cwen Weekes.