

# Blast Goldwater's Georgia Hopes

ATLANTA, Ga.--Georgia's electoral votes, now 12 in number, have never gone to a Republican presidential candidate. Four years ago, John F. Kennedy carried the state over Richard M. Nixon by 458,638 to 274,472, although the Republican nominee carried predominantly Negro precincts in Atlanta and other large cities by one-sided margins.

Nevertheless, weeks before Sen. Barry Goldwater won the 1964 Republican nomination, the GOP's Georgia leaders were confidently predicting that Goldwater could carry the state without Negro support.

The Arizona conservative's vote against the civil rights bill, the backing given his nomination by segregationists and the alienation of Negro Republicans by various state party actions have now cleared the way for a test of that premise. The result appears doubtful.

Some 240,000 Negroes are registered to vote in Georgia, according to Wiley A. Branton, director of the Southern Regional Council's Voter Education Project. This is roughly 20 per cent of all state registrants.

A CHECK OF NEGRO LEADERS here and in other areas indicated that these voters would go to the polls in far greater numbers than ever before. Without exception, the sentiment among them seems heavily in favor of President Johnson.

Further, some Negro leaders have brought pressure on white Democratic officeholders to campaign actively for the President.

William Randall, Democratic co-chairman of the Georgia Voters League, a bipartisan Negro organization, said that he and other leaders in Bibb County (Macon) and the surrounding area were organizing a get-out-the-vote campaign reaching down to the block level.

"Goldwater's not even going to get a majority of the white voters and none of the Negroes are going to vote for him," Randall asserted.

Theodore Appling of Fort Valley said some of the drives would be initiated among Negroes in other middle and south Georgia cities after the Democratic National Convention. He is vice

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## MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

MAURICE "WHITEY" ROBBINS, 42, is a Democratic candidate for the State Assembly from District 2. A 14-year resident of Southern Nevada, Robbins is owner-operator of Monarch Cleaning and Laundry in Las Vegas and has been a long-time member of the Stewards, Culinary Workers, Bartenders, Retail Clerks and Teamsters Union both here and in San Francisco.



"WHITEY" ROBBINS

An outspoken supporter of President Johnson's policies, Robbins has engaged in a variety of local civic affairs, including the asthmatic and retarded children programs, Spring Mountain Youth Camp and similar activities.

Robbins served through World War II from 1942 to 1945 on ammunition ships in four arenas of action.

He supports reapportionment, the Uniform Bail Bond Act endorsed by Attorney

General Robert F. Kennedy and other court reform bill, a securities law to protect the small investor and labor legislation designed to assist the average working man.

Robbins has scheduled a West Las Vegas speaking campaign, including an appearance at the Nevada Voters League rally slated for the Golden West Shopping Center on Aug. 28.

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