## Negroes Elected to

ACCORDING TO A SURVEY conducted by the Democratic National Committee, the anti-Goldwater tide that swept President Lyndon B. Johnson into office on Nov. 3 carried an unprecedented number of Negroes into public office on national, state and local levels.

There are now 280 Negroes in elective positions in 33 states, 270 of them Democrats, according to the study. Negroes gained 33 seats in state legislatures, bringing the total to 90, of whom 88 are Democrats and two are Repub-

A sixth Negro was elected to the United States House of Representatives--John Conyers Jr., of Detroit, Mich. He joins five Negro Democratic Congressmen who were reelected, Representatives William L. Dawson of Chicago, Robert N. C. Nix of Philadelphia, Augustus Hawkins of Los Angeles, Adam Clayton Powell of New York City and Charles C. Diggs of Detroit.

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Deutsch said. "We want all factors considered and all interested organizations to have their bill. We will work with the NAACP toward that end."

Charles Kellar, chairman of the local NAACP Legal Redress Committee, emphasized the pressing need for a realistic state civil rights bill at last Monday's meeting. He said a law beneficial to all citizens of the state was "a must' to eliminate the possibility of harmful repercussions that could arise if federal intervention became necessary to arbitrate civil rights disputes.

Bailey told the legislators that responsibility for favorable consideration of a strong state civil rights bill rested on their shoulders. He suggested that the lawmakers read his commission's report so that they would be wellbriefed on the situation in Nevada and be able to convince legislators from other counties of the dire need for a workable state law.

Assemblymen present in addition to Bunker were Austin Bowler, Mel Close Jr., Guild Gray and Gerry Tyson of Las Vegas and James Gibson of Henderson. Clark County's lone State Senator, Mahlon Brown, also was present.

The Legislature is scheduled to convene in Carson City on Jan. 18.

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An additional 27 Negroes were elected to state and municipal political posts. Included among these are two Negro physicians who became coroners in Indiana, Dr. Alexander Williams of Gary and Dr. Robert C. Collins of

Indianapolis.

Southern Negroes running for elective office made dramatic gains in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas and Oklahoma. In Alabama, two justices of the peace in Macon County were elected, William Allen and William Childs. The Rev. V. A. Edwards of Tuskegee Institute was elected to the Macon County Board of Revenue and Dr. Charles Gomillion of Tuskegee Institute was named a member of the Macon County Board of Education. Willis of Memphis, became the first Negro since Reconstruction to be elected to the State Legislature. In Texas, Attorney Asberry Butler of Houston was elected to the School Board, joining an incumbent Negro, Mrs. Hattle Mae White. In Oklahoma, four Negroes were elected to the State Legislature for the first time in history, three in the Lower House, Archibald Hill and John White of Oklahoma, and Curtis Lawson of Tulsa. E. Melvin Porter of Oklahoma City was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate.

Negro women played a conspicuous role in the election and many of them won important

elective positions.

Mrs. Willie Stevens Glanton of Des Moines, wife of Judge Luther Glanton, was elected to the Iowa State Legislature. Mrs. Daisy Lloyd of Indianapolis was elected to the Indiana Legislature and Mrs. Josephine M. Sneed of Chicago

was elected to the Michigan Legislature. Mrs. Constance Baker Motley was reelected to the New York State Senate,

Altogether, 28 Negro women hold elective offices, twelve in state legislatures, and all are Democrats.

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