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POTENT NEGRO VOTE PROVEN

MEMPHIS - (NPI)--A forecast of the power the Negro vote will have in the nation's general elections was offered by events locally and in Louisiana.

Memphis' Negro vote was credited with being the swing vote which gave Gov. Frank Clement the renomination for re-election to his office. Gov. Clement--who won by 360,665 to 351,495 over U.S. Sen. Ross Bass--is said to have endeared himself to Negroes through the appointment of Ben Hooks, a Negro attorney, as a county judge.

Meanwhile, five Louisiana parishes (counties) were ordered by a federal court to add 13,000 persons--most of them Negroes--to their voting rolls. Effect of the order was to put more Negroes than whites on the registration lists in East Carroll and West Feliciana parishes in the primary election.

IN EAST CARROLL, in the northeast corner of the state, two Negroes were running for school board seats. The decision applies equally to East Feliciana, East Carroll, Plaquemines, Quachita, and West Feliciana parishes.

AT LEAST SIX NEGROES were nominated to the state legislature in the Tennessee primary. Twelve others were elected in local elections to three county courts of magistrates (county government bodies). In Fayette county, seven Negroes were elected to the 37-member county court, the first Negroes to serve on county posts since Reconstruction.

IN PETERSBURG, Va., increasing Negro voter strength in recent elections prompted a "white backlash" in the form of a group seeking to rally more white voters to the polls. Warning that "Negroes will control all future elections in the city" unless whites act, Herbert F. Talbott, of the new Citizens Voters League said the group was conceived after a Negro won a city council seat in the June 14 municipal election and a Negro-backed candidate won another seat in a runoff.

IN THE BEDFORD-STUYVESANT section of Brooklyn, 90 workers from Youth in Action, the local anti-poverty agency, knocked on tenement doors in an effort to find the 63 per cent of the 184,000 eligible voters they estimate are not registered.

MEANWHILE, Negro voter registration in the South advanced 16 per cent in a year, the Southern Regional Council reported. Negro registration in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia was said to have increased from 837,000 to 1,289,000.

The percentage of Negroes registered to vote increased from 30 to 46 per cent in one year since the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, it was reported.

One major setback was the Alabama governor's race, in which Mrs. George Wallace appeared to be headed toward certain victory. Republican prospects were dim in the state--and Alabama was sure to face many more years of Wallace racism.

Meet The Candidates

THE PROMETHEUS CIRCLE will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" night, Saturday, Sept. 3, 8 p.m. at Bob Bailey's Sugar Hill Gardens on Miller Rd. Check next week's issue of the VOICE for details.

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN



Word got to the VOICE last Thursday night that Mayor Oran Gragson and Bob Bailey were holding court on Jackson street, and that the 'main drag' was jumping. The VOICE photographer was dispatched to the area but missed the scene on Jackson. He did catch up with the duo in Hamburger Heaven on Monroe where they were hobnobbing with the customers, and joined the party when they went on to the Humdinger on West Owens. Here is the photo he caught of Mynyon Coquette Barron, Bailey, and the Mayor enjoying a soft drink as they cut up touches with Humdinger patrons.

"WHERE'S THE FIRE?" THE LEAST OF IT!



The youngster who was stopped by Officer Bobby Hartman for running a stop sign on his motor-bike will, probably, do battle with anyone who talks to him about "tough cops." In the routine procedure of making a citation for traffic violation, Hartman discovered there was a discrepancy in the license and the Bike's registration number.

Subsequent investigation, with no harassment or indictment of the youngster, revealed that the original owner is living in South Carolina, and was uncertain whether the motor-bike was traded in or not. Further investigation disclosed the salesman at Scootersville who sold the Bike to the youngster had terminated--and Dead End..

The young traffic violator wound up with nothing more than a citation -- and his Bike.

LEAGUE TO MAKE PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS

Candidates for the State Assembly will be presented tonight (Thursday, August 25) and tomorrow night (Friday, August 26) by the Las Vegas Voters League at the Elks Hall, 'F' and Jackson streets at 7:45 p.m.

The Las Vegas Voters League, a non-partisan political organization is scheduling nightly meetings at the Elks Hall where candidates are invited to speak before League members and their guests.

The "Candidates Night" series began last Friday night with candidates for the offices of the University Board of Regents and the Hospital Board appearing. Monday night, candidates for the County Clerk's and County Assessor's Offices were presented. Tuesday was County Auditor and County Administrator candidates' night. Wednesday night, the League hosted Judicial candidates for Departments 1, 4, and 5.

THURSDAY (tonight) AUGUST 25 & FRIDAY, August 26--Candidates for Assembly--Because of the large number of candidates in the Assembly races, the League is presenting the first half on the list tonight, and those on the bottom half of the list have been invited to appear tomorrow (Friday) night.

Cognizant of the fact that some candidates for offices in categories already presented were unable to attend because of previous commitments before notification of the Voters League "Candidates Night" program, the League has allocated Saturday night, August 27, as an open night for "absentees" of their office category, previously scheduled, to be presented.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29--Candidates for the office of State Senate... Following the presentation of Senatorial candidates, League Members will engage in a 'screening' meeting and vote on endorsement of candidates for offices already presented for publication in September 1 issue of the Las Vegas VOICE.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30--Candidates for the office of Clark County Sheriff and the District Attorney's office have been invited to appear before the League. Also an invitation is extended to any candidate for State Office whose schedule did not permit him (or her) to appear previously or prohibits a future appearance.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31--Candidates for the office of Justice of the Peace and any candidate for State Office (as detailed in preceding paragraph).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1--Candidates for Clark County School Trustee Board and, again, any candidate for State office as has been explained in preceding paragraphs.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2--Candidates for State Offices ONLY--And any candidates recalled for further information if deemed necessary.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3--Final screening of candidates by League for endorsement.

Marjorie Elliott, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for the "Candidate Nights" series, requests that no candidates appear on nights other than their category, unless the exception as detailed here is applicable. Miss Elliott and her committee members, Mrs. Thelma Ray and Donald Hampton regret the necessity of enforcing this stipulation, but have agreed that for many reasons it is a safeguard.

They further regret having to split announcement of the League's endorsement, but felt it mandatory to have the decision of the League membership reported in the Las Vegas VOICE.