

GOP Moxie

WASHINGTON - (NPI)--Republicans on the Eastern seaboard and in the Midwest stepped up their efforts to promote Negro candidates for public office.

In New York, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.-N.Y.) circulated a petition among Democrats urging their support of Edward W. Brooke as Senator from Massachusetts. If elected, Brooke would be the first Negro U.S. Senator since Reconstruction days and the first Negro Senator ever elected in the North.

Sen. Javits urged support of Brooke, Massachusetts attorney general, as a means of "firmly implanting in the public mind yet another successful chapter in the American dream." He made no mention of Brooke's race, but said Massachusetts residents in 1966 would have an opportunity "to prove the validity of President Kennedy's belief in the basic fairness and intelligence of the electorate."

MEANWHILE, the Republican Judicial Convention of Chicago nominated a Negro lawyer as one of six candidates for associate Circuit Court Judgeships. He is Louis A. Watson, 46, who is attorney for the Chicago Ministerial Alliance.

The Democrats countered by nominating Glenn T. Johnson, president, Cook County Bar association, for the same position. Earlier, the Democrats had nominated the Rev. Archibald Carey and Earl E. Strayhorn, a Sanitary District trustee, for Circuit Court judgeships. Rev. Carey, a former Republican, has served as a Chicago alderman.

In two other areas, Negro political gains were also in the offing.

In Plaquemine, La., a Negro candidate for the Iberville Parish School Board quit the run-off primary, assuring the nomination and election of another Negro as school board member. Jake W. Holmes stood to be the first elected Negro official in Iberville in this century after Sylvester Lavigne withdrew from the race. Holmes is the third Negro to become parish school board member as a result of the primary.

IN PHILADELPHIA, William R. Davis, a mathematics teacher at Benjamin Franklin High School, was slated by the Real People's party as an independent candidate for State Senate in the November elections. The party, identified with the "black power" philosophy, seeks to cement the city's 500,000 Negroes into a powerful, independent voting bloc.

Davis was arrested last spring, along with four other Negro militants, after they had called on street corner crowds in North Philadelphia to drive out white merchants in the community who exploit residents.

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