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white voters, oddly, may have been expressing a "Backlash" sentiment of their own, preferring Brooke's lukewarm stand on civil rights--and especially the emotional issue of open housing--to Gov. Peabody's background in these areas.

In Alabama's Macon county, Korean war veteran, Lucius D. Amerson, defeated two white opponents by a 2-1 margin to become the first Negro sheriff in the state since Reconstruction.

In other election gains, all six Negro Congressmen were returned to their seats as predicted. All were backed by strong Democratic organizations and represented primarily Negro districts, thus encountering little "white backlash" opposition.

Re-elected were Reps. William I. Dawson, Chicago; John Conyers and Charles C. Diggs, both of Detroit; Robert Nix, Philadelphia; Augustus Hawkins, Los Angeles; and Adam Clayton Powell, New York.

Several gains were made by Negro winners in Illinois legislature races. Richard Newhouse was elected in the State's 24th Senatorial district; Cecil Partee, 26th; Charles Chew, 29th; and Fred Smith 22nd.

In the House, Isaac Sims won in the 19th district; Otis G. Collins, 21st; Corneal A. Davis, James Y. Carter, and Genoa S. Washington 22nd; Calvin J. Smith, 24th; Harold Washington, Owen D. Pelt, and J. Horace Gardner, 26th; Lewis A. H. Caldwell, Raymond W. Ewell, and Elwood Graham, 29th; and Kenneth Hall, 56th. Hall is the first Negro representative in the Illinois House from East St. Louis.

Meanwhile, other Negro candidates suffered election defeats.

In Michigan, Negro Republican George Washington lost his bid for secretary of state, despite a GOP landslide that defeated civil rights backer G. Mennen Williams, a former governor seeking election to the U. S. Senate.

In Minnesota, Stephen Maxwell was defeated in his bid for a seat in the U. S. House of Representatives.

The Negro Freedom Democratic Party in

Mississippi lost in its effort to unseat U. S. Sen. James O. Eastland and Reps. Thomas Abernethy and John Bell Williams, all Democrats.

In other election setbacks, Sen. Strom Thurmond won re-election as a Republican in South Carolina's first major two-party battle of this century. Sen. Thurmond, a former Democrat, is remembered as a leader of the State's Rights party.

In Virginia, Harry F. Byrd, Jr., a staunch conservative like his late father, easily won a U. S. Senate seat, thus keeping the Byrd dynasty in power.

In three states, the "white backlash" put racial conservatives in governor's seats.

In California, Ronald Reagan, a Republican, won over his Democrat opponent, incumbent Gov. Pat Brown. Reagan, who has not disavowed support of the John Birch Society, has urged repeal of the state's open housing ordinance.

In New York City, voters abolished the city's controversial civilian review board established by Mayor John V. Lindsay to weigh complaints by police brutality. A scare campaign by a policemen's groups was held largely responsible for the review board's death. The board had been backed by the city's civil rights groups.

The backlash didn't win all the way, however. In Maryland, Baltimore contractor George P. Mahoney lost the governor's race despite his white backlash slogan, "Your home is your castle--protect it" He lost to Republican Spiro T. Agnew, who supported modified open housing and accused Mahoney of appealing to race hatred.

In Selma, Ala., racial moderate Wilson Baker defeated arch-segregationist James G. Clark in the Dallas County sheriff's race. Clark was remembered for using a mounted posse in 1965 to beat back Negro rights marchers on Pettus Bridge. Baker was said to be planning to abolish the posse.

In Illinois, Mayor Robert Sabonjian of Waukegan, who openly courted the "white backlash"

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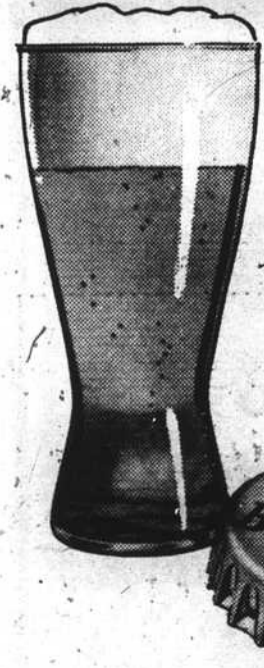


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