

97,559 Negroes Registered In 4th Congressional Dist.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles detailing why it is so necessary for Negroes in all sections of the city to register and vote. In this series we will show where the Negro is the strongest and weakest, politically and why the Negro registration should top 300,000.)

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The greatest concentration of Negroes in the city reside in what is known politically as the Fourth Congressional District, where Robert N. C. Nix, Sr., was elected as the first Negro Congressman in the history of Pennsylvania. Registered Negro voters in this District total 97,559, but registration analysts concede without reservations that this margin could soar above 125,000 if political leaders of Fourth District wards were able to register all eligible voters.

The importance of the Fourth Congressional District to the political picture of Philadelphia is clearly shown by the tremendous Negro registration. This is clarified even more vividly when due consideration is given the fact that of the 210,157 registered Negro voters in the city the staggering total of 97,557 live in the seven wards which comprise the Fourth Congressional District. All of which means that in the remaining 52 Wards the total Negro registration is 112,598. Exactly how many more Negro voters could be added to the 112,598 if Democratic and Republican leaders engineered an all-out regis-

tration campaign is anybody's guess. A conservative estimate could be an additional 30,000, bringing the total to 142,598.

SEVEN WARDS

Wards comprising the Fourth Congressional District are, 24th, in West Philadelphia, and the 28th, 29th, 32nd, 37th, 38th and 47th, all in North Philadelphia.

The ward with the greatest number of registered Negroes is the 32nd, with 18,780, where Congressman Nix is the Democratic leader and Tomlin Campbell is Republican leader, White voters in this ward total a mere 1,864.

The second largest ward is the 24th, with 17,051, where Council-

man Samuel Rose is Democratic leader and Harry Battis is Republican leader. White voters total 6,096.

Third largest ward is the 28th, with 16,375, and the leaders are, Eugene Hagerty, Democrat, and Joseph Burns, Republican.

The 47th Ward has 17,876 registered Negroes. Democratic leader is State Legislator Herbert Arlene, and the Republican leader is Hobson R. Reynolds.

SMALLEST WARDS

Wards with the smallest Negro registration are, the 37th, with 4,605; the 38th, with 8,540, and the 29th, with 8,912. Democratic and

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Republican leaders are: Mrs. Charles Hersch and John Richards 37th; William Lawrence and John Daly, 38th; and Mrs. Ruth Moeman and William Lynch, 29th.

Wards in the Fourth District where a great number of new voters could be registered with concerted effort on the part of respective leaders and their committeemen are, 24th, 28th, 32nd and 47th. For in these wards reside the greatest concentration of apartment dwellers in the city. And where you have a multiplicity of apartments you have people moving in and out almost daily.

Therefore in the Fourth Congressional District, especially in the 24th, 28th, 29th, 32nd and 47th Wards, extensive canvassing by committeemen during the Winter Registration Campaign is absolutely necessary.

If you are a Democratic or Republican committeeman in either of those wards you can make yourself a big man or woman with your leader by canvassing every street of your division, house by house, and getting those persons not registered qualified to use their voting franchise in the May Primary.