

5th Councilmanic Negro Vote Outnumbers White By 52,928

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth 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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Negroes are strongest, politically, in the 5th Councilmanic District than any other district in the city. Hence, it is easily understood why an all-out effort is being made by Raymond Pace Alexander when he was appointed a Judge of Common Pleas Court.

Negro candidates by the score are vying for the nod of Democratic ward leaders of the 5th District and the Democratic City Committee. For this "nod" will give the "lucky man" the endorsement, and Democratic endorsement, in that Councilman District is tantamount to election because of the overwhelming lead Democrats have over the Republicans in registration totals.

MUST BE REGISTERED

All of which proves now important being registered to vote is—and why those Negroes who are eligible to vote but not registered should get their names placed on

the books at the Registration Commission.

The 5th Councilmanic District is comparable to the 4th Congressional District in terms of Negro voting strength. Thus, the only place where a Negro could be elected a District City Councilman in the face of white opposition is the 5th District, same as the 4th Congressional District is the only District where a Negro could be elected to Congress if the white voters were against him because of his race.

So that is why Raymond Pace Alexander was elected 5th District Councilman and why Robert

N. C. Nix was elected the first Negro Congressman in the history of Philadelphia.

52,928 MAJORITY

The following wards comprise the 5th Councilmanic District: 20th, 28th, 29th, 32nd and 47th. Registration records show that Negroes registered in that district outnumber whites by the tremendous majority of 52,928.

The total number of registered Negro voters, is 68,305. Register—A breakdown, ward by ward, reveals ethiote

reveals the following:

20th Ward: 11,272 Negroes, 3,704
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whites. The Negro majority is 7,568.

28th Ward: 16,375 Negroes, 4,099 whites. The Negro majority is 11,276.

29th Ward: 8,912 Negroes, 3,760 whites. The Negro majority is, 5,152.

32nd Ward: 18,870 Negroes, 1,864 whites. The Negro majority is, 17,006.

47th Ward: 12,876 Negroes, 950 whites. The Negro majority is 11,920.

A survey of the 5th Councilmanic District discloses that although Negroes have a 52,928 lead over the whites in registration, approximately 20,000 Negroes who are eligible to vote are not registered. On the other hand, less than 2,000 whites who are eligible to vote are not registered.

Those figures prove conclusively that district Democratic and Republican leaders and their committeemen are not doing the "registration job" which is so vital to them politically. It also points up the fact that while there are some white citizens who do not attach the necessary significance to registering, the Negroes who fall in that category are drastically more numerous.

Respective ward leaders of the 5th Councilmanic District are: 20th, Mynee Freed, Democrat, and Harry Rubin, Republican; 28th Eugene Hagerty, Democrat, and John Burns, Republican; 29th, Ruth Morman, Democrat, and John Lynch, Republican; 32nd Congressman Robert N. C. Nix, Democrat, and Tomlin Campbell, Republican; 47th, Legislator Herbert Arlens, Democrat, and Hobson R. Reynolds, Republican.

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