Negro Vote May Be Balance Of Power

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — James A. Farley was easy in his mind during political campaigns if there was evidence that the Negro vote was going for his candidate.

Farley was chief engineer of the New Deal political machine created by Franklin D. Roosevelt. He estimated that the Negro vote was the balance of power between the major parties in 17 substantially industrial states outside the South.

Political managers of this presidential campaign go along with Farley's estimate of the strategic importance of Negro voters. A shift of Negro voters from the party of Abraham Lincoln to the party of Roosevelt was basic in the 1936 Democratic election triumph when FDR won all states but two, Maine and Vermont. The Democratic congressional victory was equally impressive.

Roosevelt and the Democrats would have lost the 2944 election but for the Negro vote. Political statisticians here calculated that Negro voters determined the 1944 winner in 10 states: New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, West Virgina, Kentucky, New Jersay and Oho.

Decisive Negro Votes

Negro votes are likely to be equally decisive this year if the politicians are correct in their belife that this will be an unusually close electon. A bloc vote becomes a decisive balance-of-power vote only in close elections. The farm vote used to get the most attention. The Negro vote gets the most attention now, a least in terms of platform promises.

There is no much the politicians could have promised Negro voters this year which is not pledged in one or both of the major party platforms. The suspicion that more has been promised than can be delivered is inescapable. The parties are committed, however, and an effort will pe made.

There is not a great deal of difference between the platform promises of the Democrats and Republicans. The differences mostly are in degree of emphasis or in the extent to which the planks are specific. For example: The Democratic platform promises a national Fair Employment Practices Commission, perhaps the most controversial of all of the racial issues. The Republicans promise about the same without naming the commission.

Most in Large States

The Republicans promise to change Rule 22 which permits Senate filibusters. The Democrats promise about the same, but less bluntly. All of the commitments are unmistakable. The party which goofs off on performance will be in trouble in the northern areas of Negro concentration.

Negroes numbered more than 15 million in the 1950 census. The Negro vote is concentrated in large states which cast a substantial electoral vote. The Nebro vote is tomorrow's political powerhouse, and on the order of nuclear powert o boot. Only in a close election, however, may such a bloc obtain full impact.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People checked the 1952 Negro vote in 50 cities. The survey indicated that about 75 per cent of Negroes votes for Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic candidate. Ike was not hurt because his lead was too great in the North to be cut down even by a big minority opposition.

Eacn evening over 4,500 copies are printed of the Decatur Daily Democrat.

Three More Traffic Deaths In Indiana

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Indiana counted three more traffic fatalities today, including a school teacher en route to her classes and two truck drivers.

Mrs. Fayne Steinback, 55, Bloomington, a Bedford grade school teacher, was killed when her car skidded on wet pavement and was hit by another car near Bedford.

The truck accidents occurred near Spencer and near Indianapolis.

Richard Hedrick, 19, Bloomington, was killed when a semi-trailer he was driving went off Indiana 46 five miles west of Spencer.

State police said the truck hit a guard post, and jack-knifed, pinning Hedrick in the truck. Robert Hedrick, 23, Bloomington, who was riding with him, was rushed to Bloomington Hospital for surgery.

A semi-trailer went off U.S. 52 northwest of Indianapolis near Traders Point, killing the driver, Robert S. Morris, Clarksville.

Today's accidents raised the Indiana traffic death toll the last four days to at least 13. Of the last eight fatal accidents recorded, five which resulted in six deaths involved trucks. But except for today's two accidents which did not involve two-vehicle collisions, the others were car-truck collisions.

Vandalism Reported Here Thursday Night

Vandals were on the prowl in Decatur Thursday night, breaking windows in three separate homes with rocks and tearing up a sign.

A stone was thrown through the front window of the Ed Lobsiger residence at 422 Mercer avenue around 7:30 p.m. At 7:58 p.m., a stone was hurled through the window of a trailer in the Zimmerman trailer court where Luella Kreps lives, and at 8:15 p.m. two windows on the north side of the Fred Striker home on Mercer avenue were broken by hurled stones.

The sign at the Zimmerman trailer court was also torn up between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight. The city police are investigating.

Birthday Calendar At Adams Central

All persons living in Monroe and the surrounding area may have their names printed on a community birthday calendar, on the front of which will appear a picture of the Adams Central band. The meeting dates of local clubs and organizations will be listed. Church and school affairs, programs, and community social events will be listed on the dates on which they will occur.

The Adams Central Music Loyalty club is going to ask each person to pay 25 cents to have his name listed on the calendar. The name will be printed on the date of your birthday. Each family may buy a calendar for 50 cents. The sale will start October 3. Proceeds will be used for additional uniforms and instruments. Solicitors will be calling on patrons. Anyone missed may call Mrs. Chalmer Barkley at Decatur or Mrs. Laverne Ringger at Berne.

Revise Schedule Of Fees For Attorneys

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—A controversial provision in a schedule of suggested minimum fees for divorce attorneys which gave the losing counsel the same amount as the winning lawyer has been scrapped.

The Indianapolis Bar Association Thursday night approved a revision in its guide on legal fees. The divorce fee schedule which set off wide argument was replaced with a new one.

The old schedule provided that the husband's attorney should get the same fee as the attorney representing the wife. Critics said this would make it profitable for the husband's lawyer to lose his case.

The new schedule calls for the wife's attorney to get a minimum fee of $250 plus 5 per cent of the worth of the property involved in in the settlement, up to $60,000 in cases not requiring a trial. Beyond that the share would be 3 per cent up to half a million dollars and 2 per cent beyond that. These same percentages, in cases involving trials, would be 7, 4 and 2 per cent.

For the husband's attorney, the new schedule provides only that the fee should be "a matter of contract between the attorney and the client."

The recommended fee for the wife's attorney also is less than it had been under the previous schedule. Other types of legal work were included in the guide but for the most part these suggested fees were higher.

Farm Bureau Urges Higher Income Tax

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Four top officials of the Indiana Farm Bureau today urged the State Commission on Tax and Financing Policy to back a plan doubling the gross income tax and reducing property taxes.

But the plan brought a charge from another hearing witness, a Wabash College economist, that doubling of the gross income tax rate would be "a sharp shock" to the business world.

President George Doup of the IFB, aided by two of his tax and legislative staff officials, Vance Denney and Hollys Moon, outlined the plan which would set up a $350-per-pupil tax schedule for Indiana education.

Anson S. Thomas, former legislative director for the IFB, now chairman of the commission conducting the hearing, also voiced support for the plan. Doup outlined three steps in the plan which he said would provide "relief to property owners of an excessive tax burden by shifting from property to gross income" a portion of the school cost.

The plan has three steps:

1. A county property tax equal to 50 cents on each $100 of adjusted assessed value, anticipated to raise $38 million.

2. A local gross income surtax on individuals, partnerships, insurance and fiduciary returns, expected to raise $110 million.

3. A 100 per cent surtax on all corporation returns, to be retained by the state and added to the regular state appropriation for school aid, expected to raise $57 million.

Doup said the plan also called for a 35 per cent reduction on property taxes.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
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Corner Monroe and Ninth

Sunday, 3 p.m. — "What's This World Coming To?" is the featured lecture to be delivered by W. Chrisman, a Watchtower representative from Fort Wayne. He will answer such questions as "will man destroy himself?" or, "is there reason to hope for eternal peace and security?" The public is invited.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m.—Watchtower Bible study and discussion of "Choosing the Right Form of Worship." One of the scripture texts for consideration is Psalm 95:6, 7: "O come in, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker. For he is our God and we are the people of his pasturage and the sheep of his hand."

Tuesday, 8 p.m. — "Does the Bible Teach What You Believe?" is the subject of a discourse to be given by Richard Dellinger. The public is invited.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. — Theocratic Ministry school followed by Kingdom Ministry service meeting.

A SPECIAL missionary service will be held at the St. Paul Missionary church at 7 p. m. Sunday. Guest speaker will be Miss Irena L. Liechty, pictured here, who recently returned from the Congo because of the current unrest. She will show colored slides of her work and explain the situation in the Congo. The service is sponsored by the M. Y. F. department and the public is invited. The church is located southeast of Decatur on the county farm road.

Katanga President Ignores Conference

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (UPI)—President Moise Tshombe of secessionist Katanga Province went off to inspect his provincial troops today, cold-shouldering a unity conference among warring political leaders in Leopoldville.

Tshombe's action appeared to doom the conference in advance to more of the ineffective intertribal squabbling that has brought chaos to the Congo since it won independence July 1.

Katanga Province is rich with minerals and under Belgian rule it produced 60 per cent of the Congo's wealth, half again as much as the other five provinces combined.

Congo President Joseph Kasavubu, whose prestige has gained ground under the military rule of Col. Joseph Mobutu, cabled Tshombe asking him to "kindly receive" military delegates sent to Elisabethville to escort him and a dozen other Katanga leaders to Leopoldville.

Although Tshombe previously said he would talk about "confederation" with Kasavubu, he ignored the message and went off on a two-day troop inspection trip.

G. O. P. Headquarters Open Here Saturday

John M. Doan, Republican county chairman, announced today that the party headquarters in the Rice hotel will be open both Saturday afternoon and evening.

There will be a local speaker and party candidates will be present. Refreshments will also be served.

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