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RESIDENTS DEMANDS OF NEGRO DEMOCRATS FOR JOBS IN DEL.

The Philadelphia Tribune reports from Wilmington, Delaware, that:

"Colored Democrats here and in other sections of the State will not receive any reward for their efforts in putting Delaware in the Democratic column at the recent Presidential election, if the views of the white Democratic leadership are correctly mirrored in a letter written to the "Sunday Star," a local newspaper.

"This letter, signed "11th Ward Voter," urges the newly-elected Governor, a Democrat, "to have the same foresight that he has in hiring Negroes in his plant." The Governor operates a morocco factory and does not employ any colored workers.

"The letter read in part:

"Editor Sunday Star: Now that the election is over and the Democratic party has been victorious, all classes are in the field seeking jobs. Every one is a Democrat now. In traveling over the city, I ran into a group of supposed Negro Democrats. I judge that they must have been from the Negro Democratic headquarters. I was able to overhear some of their conversation about the different jobs that they expect and will demand from the Democratic party as their share for the support they gave the party. They have selected all the best jobs that are to be given out, such as deputy sheriff, clerks in the tax office and all other offices, deputy coroner. One said if a certain man should be appointed to the State Highway Department he would appoint one Negro as a State policeman. Some stated that some of their group had already called on the Governor, and in reading the daily papers I find that they have gone as far as to publish the same claim. I don't know whether the head of the Democratic party has made them any such promises or not, just for their handful of votes, and has given them the right to lay claim on what they want out of the spoils...

"Now I have been a loyal Democrat of the Eleventh Ward for thirty-five years and I feel, as a thousand other loyal Democrats of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Wards, that when these jobs are being given out that they should be given to the young Democrats whose fathers have been loyal to the party and have fought for years to win the State, and not be given to a group of Negroes who just four years ago the party didn't allow to vote at their primaries. Now in four years they feel that they should step right in and select and demand the job they should have.

"I would like to know just how much the Negro vote amounts to. In the first place you can't find 500 loyal Negro Democrats in the city of Wilmington. The most of the Negroes voted this time because they were working on the WPA and the sewing units. I witnessed the victory parade, last Thursday night, as thousands of others and I saw a big crowd of Negroes who represented themselves as Democrats. It gave me a good chance to see just what type of Negro calls himself a Democrat and wants to be a big figure in filling