

"Negroes as a group are definitely anxious to support themselves without public aid, as disclosed by formal and informal investigations of the morale of relief persons.

"All investigations which have been made indicate that there is no reason to believe the Negro will become chronocally dependent on relief unless he is denied reasonable economic opportunity."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT ON WPA

"UNTIL THE REAL THING COMES ALONG"

The Afro-American's editor says:

"Republicans are telling the voters to "string-along with us and we will take you off relief or WPA and give you a job with a big business concern."

"Democrats are saying, "Vote with us--remember the bread lines of 1932"; and for AFRO readers who have short memories here's a picture of a Hoover bread line, taken by the AFRO cameraman in February, 1931. Remember those winter days when they fed the unemployed in the public streets?

"Republican headquarters, estimating the situation, last week, announced: "This election boils down to one simple proposition--

"Is the relief voter for sale?"

"Well, AFRO polls in four cities show the colored people are for Roosevelt three to two. If anybody wants to call that selling out, let him do so.

"The AFRO should rather say that colored people propose to support the first President who has taken an intelligent interest in their welfare.

"A man may be on WPA or on relief but he's not, therefore, necessarily dumb.

"He knows that Landon hasn't any more jobs to give out than Hoover had four years ago.

"The issue isn't between relief and private jobs with big business. It is between relief and starvation; and, of the two, we prefer relief.

"Relief and WPA are not ideal, but they are better than the Hoover bread lines and they'll--

"have to do

Until the real thing comes along."