

NEGRO VOTE BAGGED BY RELIEF PROGRAM

The Detroit News carries the following analysis of factors affecting the Negro vote:

"CHICAGO, Oct. 9.--If President Roosevelt is re-elected, it will be due, it now appears, to the masterly job James A. Farley, Democratic national chairman, has done in turning the Negro vote in the northeastern states to the Democratic side.

"If it were not for this factor, the Republicans would be counting New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan as certainly in the bag. In all these states, it is conceded even by the Democrats that the agricultural and small town vote is going Republican. The big question is whether the Roosevelt pluralities in the large cities will be sufficient to turn the tide in his favor, and it was the change in the Negro vote which swelled the Democratic city pluralities to unprecedented figures in 1932 and 1934.

"Never in the history of American politics have the party managers been so Negro-minded as they are this year. In both the Republican and Democratic national headquarters more space is being occupied and more money is being spent in the effort to win the Negro vote than on any other phase of the campaign...

"The crowning factor in winning the Negroes over to the Democratic side was unemployment relief, and it is the main despair of the Republicans in the present campaign. In every state in the country that is close in the presidential contest, there are tens of thousands of Negroes drawing weekly pay checks from the Federal Government. The Democrats are telling them that if the Republicans win the election, this dole will stop, and no amount of argument the Republicans advance make much impression on these relief workers.

"In the recent Detroit primary, for example, the precincts in which the Negro relief workers live were among the most strongly Democratic of any in the city. In New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Toledo, Indianapolis, and Chicago, every canvass has shown his relief vote the same way. It is the factor, more than any other, that has made these cities--possibly excepting Philadelphia and Indianapolis--heavily Democratic."

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LONDON PLAN ON RELIEF IS HELD UNFAIR

"The Plan of Governor Alfred M. Landon to allow the states to handle relief with some assistance from the federal government, if he should be elected President November 3, drew protests this week from the National