

mining how the Negroes of Harlem will vote. It is unquestionably true that the simple and fundamental requisites of life play an inevitable part when a group like the Negroes of Harlem are in so great need.

"But what **else** can be expected when, through no fault of his own, the Negro of Harlem suffers so disproportionately from unemployment? Can you imagine the heartaches of young Negro Americans, for example, who, at infinite sacrifice, fit themselves for gainful employment and then because of color are denied an opportunity to use this training by private employers?"

"But what many otherwise fair-minded New Yorkers fail to realize is that the significant growth in independence of the Negro vote is based also on realistic appraisal of issues, parties and candidates as they affect not only the Negro but the national and world situation generally. The intelligent Negro sees with increasing clarity that it is suicidal for him to remain the chattel of any one political party.

"Finally, though the Harlem Negro vote seems predominately favorable to the candidacy of the President, it would be a mistake to interpret this as a wholesale and uncritical endorsement of the Democratic party. I venture to predict that the Negro vote as such will never belong in future to any one political party. WALTER WHITE."

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AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE IS TAKEN IN BIRMINGHAM

The Birmingham (Daily) News comments editorially:

"The organization in Birmingham of Negro Democratic voters is probably without precedent in the city. It is one phenomenon of an eccentric campaign in which old loyalties have frequently given place to new.

"The switch of the Southern Negro vote from the Republican party to the Democratic party has been due in part to the relief program of the administration. Through the relief program, the Democrats have provided a tangible form of good will much more attractive than the generally vague and often illusory benefits held out to the Negro by Republicans.

"Working to bring about the change, too, has been the growing realization on the part of the Negro that his most understanding and unselfish friends are to be found among his white Democratic neighbors. He is coming to believe along with his white leaders that the problem of the Negroes and the whites in the South are too closely intertwined for separate solution. This calls for a closer political alliance such as that which has so frequently been made apparent in the South this year, and which showed itself last week in Birmingham.