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IEWS DIFFER ON CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE

Few Northern Negroes Desert Adlai

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The Democrats were all things to all men on the civil rights issue in the recent campaign.

Did this position alienate many Negro voters?

There was some drift by Northern Negroes away from Adlai E. Stevenson, but it could hardly be called an avalanche.

The Democrats probably still can run Eleanor Roosevelt into a disaffected Negro ward and get the voters "straightened out" in their thinking.

The meaning of the drift of Negroes away from the Democratic Party Tuesday varied according to your Negro political authority.

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"UNCLE BILL" DAWSON, the ancient congressman from Chicago's South Side, says to think nothing of it.

"The decline of Negro votes for Stevenson was logical and did not represent any disenchantment over civil rights," Dawson said.

"The war situation won some new Negro votes for Eisenhower. The women, especially, felt the danger keen-

ly and decided to vote for the President.

"And in Chicago, the Republicans spent more money than they've ever spent before among the Negroes."

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell of New York, a Democrat who repudiated Stevenson over the civil rights issue, takes a different view.

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"NEGRO VOTERS by the droves have temporarily deserted the Democratic Party to vote for President Eisenhower," Powell said.

"This does not necessarily mean a shift to the Republican Party. It should serve as a warning to Democratic bosses that no one controls the Negro vote.

"The Democratic Party must rid itself of its Fascist elements, headed by Eastland of Mississippi, Talmadge of Georgia and Long of Louisiana.

"President Eisenhower has promised little but actually done more than any other President in the field of civil rights."

The figures on the Negro drift away from Democratic ties are not impressive, and in no case did the drift build up a majority for Mr. Eisen-

hower in precincts or wards that are almost entirely Negro.

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FOUR KEY Negro precincts in Detroit showed little to indicate disenchantment with the Democratic Party.

Together, they had only a 5 per cent shift from Stevenson to Mr. Eisenhower.

In 1952, they gave Stevenson 92 per cent of their vote and the President 8 per cent. Tuesday, the totals were 87 per cent for Stevenson and 13 per cent for Mr. Eisenhower.

In one, Ward 3, Precinct 9, Stevenson showed a slight percentage gain — drawing 437 votes to the President's 57, compared to 412 to 56 in 1952.

Mr. Eisenhower gained in the others—Ward 5, Precinct 10, and Ward 7, Precincts 8 and 9—although the Democratic candidate held a heavy majority. Totals were 1,967 to 304, compared to 1,725 to 166 four years ago.

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TEN NEGRO precincts in Pittsburgh, with a total vote of 4,062, cast 64 per cent of that vote for Stevenson.

The same precincts cast a somewhat higher percentage

of their votes for Adlai four years ago.

Four wards on the South Side of Chicago and two on the West Side are made up almost entirely of Negro voters.

The four South Side wards, which have many middle class Negro families, showed reduced majorities for Stevenson.

The Second Ward gave Stevenson 68 per cent of its vote, compared with 77 per cent in 1952; the 20th Ward, 57 per cent, compared with 70 per cent.

The West Side Negro wards, areas of extremely low-income families, showed little change in their attitude.

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IN MANHATTAN, four assembly districts are heavily

populated by Negroes. Each cast a heavy majority for Stevenson, but with obviously less enthusiasm than four years ago.

The 12th New York (Manhattan) District, home of Powell, favored Stevenson over Mr. Eisenhower in 1952, 41,582 to 11,340.

Tuesday, this district still liked Adlai, but with less passion. The vote was 31,864 for, 18,371 against Stevenson.

The 11th New York District, home of Hulen E. Jack, Manhattan Borough president, showed a similar decline in Stevenson sentiment.

This district, in 1952, went 22,737 to 4,687 for Stevenson. Tuesday, the district vote was 17,997 for Stevenson to 8,026 for the President.