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Negroes Form Majority in Washington

53 Pct. Makes Capital Only Such Principal City

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The nation's capital is the only major American city where Negroes form a majority of the population, the Census Bureau said Tuesday.

The agency said preliminary data from the 1960 census shows that 411,737, or 53.9 per cent, of Washington's 763,956 residents are Negroes.

Largest Number

New York City has the largest number of Negroes, 1,087,931 or 14 per cent of the total population of 7,781,984.

Ranked after New York were Chicago with 812,637 Negroes; Philadelphia 629,240; Detroit 482,223; Washington; Los Angeles 334,916, and Baltimore 326,589.

Among the 25 largest cities in the country, four in addition to Washington reported that one-third or more of their population were Negroes. These were Atlanta, 38.3 per cent; New Orleans, 37.2 per cent; Memphis, 37 per cent, and Baltimore, 34.8 per cent. St. Louis had 28.6 per cent.

MORE WOMEN

Except in San Diego and Seattle, women outnumbered men in the Negro population in the 25 largest cities.

CITY	TOTAL POP.	PCT. OF TOTAL	
		NEGROES	POP.
New York	7,781,984	1,087,931	14.0
Chicago	3,550,404	812,637	22.9
Los Angeles	2,479,015	334,916	13.5
Philadelphia	2,002,512	529,240	26.4
Detroit	1,670,144	482,223	28.9
Baltimore	939,024	326,589	34.8
Houston	938,219	215,037	22.9
Cleveland	876,050	250,818	28.6
Washington	763,956	411,737	53.9
St. Louis	750,026	214,377	28.6
Milwaukee	741,324	62,458	8.4
San Francisco	740,316	74,383	10.0
Boston	697,197	63,165	9.1
Dallas	679,684	129,242	19.0
New Orleans	627,525	233,514	37.2
Pittsburgh	604,332	100,692	16.7
San Antonio	587,718	41,605	7.1
San Diego	573,224	34,435	6.0
Seattle	557,087	26,901	4.8
Buffalo	532,759	70,904	13.3
Cincinnati	502,550	108,754	21.6
Memphis	497,524	184,320	37.0
Denver	493,887	31,066	6.3
Atlanta	487,455	186,464	38.3
Minneapolis	482,872	11,785	2.4

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St. Louis Sick Of Jungle Rot

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—“Your wives and daughters dare not venture out of their own neighborhood streets after dark,” Republican mayoralty candidate Ben Lindenbusch was telling a ward meeting.

He might have been addressing citizens of almost any city of the nation; indeed, of the western world. In my own roamings, I can think of only Tel Aviv as a big town where, by the account of local newsmen and visiting compatriots, it is reasonably safe for lone or defenseless persons to move around at night.

When I was in Israel, I thought that this unusualness was because that country lives as the USA once did—industrious, dedicated, religious and don't-tread-on-me! And I have thought since then that the horrors of Anglo-American cities have been the evil flowers of race-mixing, idleness, cynicism and “world” peace-at-any-price.

St. Louis, as every visitor learns, is one of the few cities with a strong, winning personality. What speaks to you here are the romance of the river, the redolence of Old France left by the early fur traders and their priests, the true glamour which clings to a land where pioneers and savages fought until a civilization was evolved, the grace of established wealth and the continuing class struggle toward another evolutionary society.

DO-GOODERS FAIL

This much is here—and you get the idea that nature would find a way out of the normal difficulties of change and growth if only the liberal politicians and the social planners would stay home. The togetherness of these do-gooders is apparent in the bumps and gashes on the city's otherwise fair face. Horizontal slums have been razed, but resurrected in the form of vertical jungles where the wretched inmates of redevelopment apartments have nothing to replace even the compromised

privacy of the family shack with its folksy folksy linen on the outdoor clothesline and a sense of immediate egress onto the cheerful sidewalks with its hopscotch games and roller skaters.

More than 100,00 St. Louisans have fled the city in the past decade, but density has been transferred without being relieved. The residential West End, where Negroes constituted 2 per cent of the population in 1950, has 70 per cent now. The city-wide population was 18 per cent Negro in 1950 and is 29 per cent today. The white population is down by 24 per cent over the same period.

With the decline of the home as a family castle, morals and religion have suffered here, as everywhere. The emergence of a national Peace Corps in places where covered wagons, cavalry and artillery used to enchant the bystanders is a travesty that requires no comment.

WOMEN AROUSED

Perhaps because the nation's manhood has allowed all this to happen, the women of St. Louis seem more aroused than usual in a local election. They are not likely to accept a situation where it's a risky mission for a mother to attend a PTA meeting, or for a stenographer to scurry after hours from her office to the parking lot, or for school children to venture out of police protected paths. The women, I am told, intend to hold the political incumbents responsible—which means in language of the past: “Throw the rascals out.” The St. Louis mayoralty election of April 4 is the first of many others around the nation.

If there's a virago revolt in the making, our cities may yet be saved.

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A City Swallowed Integration

Dreamy do-gooders and outright agitators are so bumptiously egotistical any argument against 100 per cent integration will likely meet with deafness, but a community that is having its woes after engaging in social reforms is the City of Brotherly Love.

A recent editorial in the Philadelphia, Pa., Evening Bulletin is excellent and eloquent testimony that the agitators and do-gooders are creating havoc when and where they make tracks.

Without additional comment, here is what the Philadelphia publication has to say on current problems there:

“This is a peaceful town with tigers in it. This is a civilized city with old shade trees and art museums and wolf packs.

“A boy and his friends attend a basketball game at the Palestra. Partisans of the losing team are disappointed. A few stupid members band together to ‘get even.’ The boy ends up kicked, beaten, stabbed, critically hurt in a wolf pack attack.

“A young woman comes home alone to the fine, tree-lined neighborhood called Wynnefield. It's too late at night; but this is as safe as a neighborhood could be. Not safe enough. The girl is seized brutally, stabbed, treated like a lamb turned loose in a jungle clearing.

“There is a connection between these incidents and a hundred like them. The correlation is a painful failure of this proud society in its handling of the two-legged

monsters that will prey on it. The boy was stabbed by a youngster with a record for aggravated assault. The girl was stabbed by a parolee now charged with eighty (80!) rapes and assaults on women in the last six months.

“Say that the youngster is incorrigible and the parolee a madman; but then whom or what do you blame? Not the police. In all reasonableness, you can't have a copy in every shaded block of Wynnefield, nor a regiment covering every athletic contest. And the police remember, had arrested both of the accused before.

“The blame is bucked on to the courts, or the parole authorities; still not justly. They try to evaluate the sentence suitable for rehabilitation, to figure the time when such social restoration has been achieved. They have the help of sociologists and psychiatrists and indirectly of the mass of the public, which has been taught that redemption is the aim of penology—not punishment.

“They fail; we fail. In harsher days, the rapist would have been long since hanged, and society thereby brutalized. Now we claim to have the skills to remake him; but the skills are clumsy and imperfect. When they miss, the system sends him out to brutalize society anew.

“It is a social breakdown of increasing dimension. The need for a changed approach, the urgent necessity to drop the pretense that modern penology offers a sure cure, is a message which has been written in blood on the sidewalks of this peaceful town.”