

## We Need Negro Representation in State Government

### If Georgia Can Do It So Can We

If we are to continue to make progress in elimination of race hatred and discrimination, then the Negro's point of view must be expressed in the councils of government. A community cannot expect to make progress and to extend Democracy when it excludes one-third of its population from representation in its governmental bodies. Government, in order to make progressive and intelligent decisions, must have expressions from all segments of its people. Memphis and Shelby County, in this election, should elect Negroes to the State Legislature.

Sugarmon will be elected to State Senate if you vote for him

Willis will be elected to State House of Representatives if you vote for him

Victory Committee

### Let's Elect Negroes to Office This Time

#### Joint Platform

R.B. Sugarmon, Jr., Candidate for State Senate, No. 96 (on voting machine)

A.W. Willis, Jr., Candidate for State House of Representatives, No. 108 (on voting machine)

R. B. Sugarmon, Jr., is seeking nomination in the Democratic Primary and, if elected in November, will be the only Negro out of the five Senators elected from Shelby County, Tennessee. A.W. Willis, Jr., is seeking nomination in the Democratic Primary and, if elected in November, will be the only Negro out of thirteen Shelby County Members of the House of Representatives. If elected, they will work towards perfecting the ideas expressed in the platform, both from the Senate and House of Representatives. Negroes comprise 37% of the population of Shelby County and, up to this time, have not had the opportunity to have their points of view expressed in the legislative halls of our state government. Both candidates are willing to make the necessary sacrifices and render service to the best of their abilities in the two respective legislative bodies of the State of Tennessee in the 1965 legislature if it be the will of the people.

1. Human Rights: We favor legislation designed to create a State Human Rights Commission to deal with implementation of the goals set out in the Federal Civil Rights Act, recently passed.

2. Status of Women: We favor legislation designed to create a State Commission on the Status of Women delegated to establish positive programs to eliminate the inequality and discrimination practiced against women, particularly in the area of employment.

3. Economic Development and Poverty: We are in favor of legislation designed to complement and take full advantage of the President's program to wipe out poverty and to the end that the gap between the "have" and "have not" shall be closed.
4. Education: We favor raising the level of our educational system by increasing expenditures for teachers, equipment, and capital outlays.
5. Problems of Youth: We favor establishment of a program designed to create jobs for high school and college youth during the summer vacation so that the thousands of youth roaming the streets during this season can be productively occupied.
6. Hospitals and Mental Health: We favor legislation designed to intensify efforts to improve the care and treatment of patients in State Mental Hospitals.
7. Penal Institutions and Arrests: We favor legislation designed to upgrade penal institutions with greater emphasis on rehabilitation. We favor legislation designed to re-evaluate the System of Bail, the primary purpose of bail being to assure the defendant's appearance for trial and not to imprison prior to conviction. Under the present system, too often, indigent persons are detained in jail solely because they are not financially able to afford the cost of bail.
8. Highway Safety: We favor legislation designed to pass a comparative negligence statute to replace the concept of contributory negligence being an absolute bar to recovery under present Tennessee Laws. We favor legislation establishing a fund for children and widows of automobile accident victims where no insurance is available.
9. Reapportionment of County Court: We favor reorganization of the County Court to provide for three districts in the City of Memphis, two districts in the County outside of the city of Memphis, with each incorporated municipality being entitled to one member for each 65,000 people. This would give the City of Memphis 15 of the total 24 Squires.

They Will Win If You Vote For Them

A.W. Willis, Jr. State House of Representatives No. 108

R. B. Sugarmon, Jr., State Senate No. 96

Vote For These

Courageous, Forthright, Freedom Fighters