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The Democratic Party was being plagued by the question of Negro civil rights. Earl Brown, a Negro writer, asserted in *Harper's Magazine* that "the Negro vote, about two million strong, is shifting back into the Republican column," away from the New Deal. And, according to *Newsweek*, the Democrats' problem was one of "how to put down the revolt of of the white-supremacy delegates from the South while matching the platform bid for the Negro vote made by the Republican Convention."

Following the lead of Negroes in Texas and Georgia, Negro Democrats in Arkansas announced plans to try to vote in their party's primaries this summer and thereby lay the basis for a possible court fight for the ballot. Conforming with a recent Supreme Court decision invalidating an exclusively white primary in Texas, the white Democrats of Arkansas have removed the color ban on primary voting in their state, but have substituted new qualifications for voters which the Negroes say will keep them away from the polls just the same.

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