The Two-Thirds Rule Again

PROM 1332 is it il 1938 the Democratic Party nominated candidates for President and Vice-President by a two-thirds vole of its conventions. This led to some classic deadlocks, with ballola running first the hundred mark on occasion. It also placed the Solid South in a happy position, requently conferring upon its delegates a balance of power. The South could not use it to enablish a powerful hold on the Presidency, of course, but it could and did use it to establish a powerful hold on the candidate to whom it finally gave the nod. The Democratic of the North and West, haturally resenting the Southern minority's loud voice in Party affairs, finally managed in 1938 to alter-the rules to provide for nomination by simple majority. While the Southerners on the classification of the Company will be southerners on the clicket was a direct slap in the face to most of the Southern Democrats in stendance.

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The Southerners are now reported girding for battle to restore the two-thirds rule at the 1948 convention. Various national committeemen from the region have already served notice on the national organisation to prepare for battle. Their arguments are good enough, as far as they go. The South, returning solid Democratic pnanforities in season and out, has earned a right to special consideration in Party affairs, they insist. With Justice they can claim, that Pranklin Roosevelt's two I ast terms were made possible by that guaranged bagul of Southern electoral votes. And, of course, they can point to the fact

that only the South resisted the Republican Congressional landside of 1946. This stands upon the one of the Congression of political philosophy are left out of the discussion. The South votes Democratic, it is true, but the Congressmen It elects frequently do not. Technically, the South gave the Democrata a large majority in the 79th Congress; actually the Southern Democrats handed control over to the Republicans a vigar ahead of the 1946 elections, forming a coalition with the GOP to wreck the legislative program sponsored by 8

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with the platform upon which they had
themselves campaigned. They have followed a similar course in the 86th Congress.

The plain fact is that most of the Southerners in Congress are, and for many years
have been, more sympathetic to GOP conservatism than to the traditional liberaltism of the Democratic Party. It is not surprising, therefore, that when the showdown comes they usually forget their party
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The demand for a return to the two-thirds rule is part of an effort to swing the whole Democratic Party into line with Southern views. The project, of course, is doomed in advance. So long as the South maintains her one-party system her conservative polliticians, and her conservative polliticians, and her conservative voters, will continue to be pollitical displaced persons. The impassioned cry that the South has clung to the true Democratic faith while the Democratic of other regions have drifted into strange bypaths is one of the great shourdities of our time. It means, simply, that everybody is out of step but Willie.

Cactus Jack Lights A Match

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Cactus Jack Oarner has obscured himself from the public eye, returing all interview and avolding political pronouncements, since his retirement from the vice-presidency in January, 1941. It is not a subject to the control of t

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ful in providing a basis for evaluating the accuracy of James A. Farley's articles in Collier's, in which the man who "made" Roosevelt politically allegee that the President did not play fairly with him in regard to the third-term nomination. Like anyone who insunates, rightly or other political maneuvering, Farley has become the victim of bitter attacks by such rabid Rooseveltians as Walter Winchell. Cactus Jack might have been equally as disampointed as Farley over the third-term decision, and his comments might likewise have been open to charges of "sour graces," but pertinent remarks by the former Vice-President would certainly clear the Issue of some of the mystery surrounding it. It is manifestly unfair to Roosevelt, as well as to all other parties concerned, that one man's viewpoint should be laid before the public as the true account of the hird-term story.

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Exercise In Red And White

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Some time ago the Library of Congress,
at the request of Representative Dirksen, Illinois Republican, prepared a rather exhaustive survey on "Communism in
Action," which was subsequently made
available for public consumption. At about
the same time the Library, at the request
of Representative Patiman, Texas Democorat, prepared a similar survey on "Pasclam in Action." This too will be printed
and sublicly circulated — but only by the
Nobody, so firs aw ecan determine, had
any serious objection to having the people
selected to the dangers of communism. But
115 members of the House had stringent
objections to making it a matter of record
that there are also fascists abroad in the
land. Debate over issuing the fascism report raged for two hours on the floor, with
opponents railying to the cry that it would
only "provide a smokescreen for the com-

muniata."

The depressing conclusion to be drawn that is is that almost half the members of the depression of the depth depth depth depth depth depth depth

Another Voice

Here Comes The Freedom Train

THE Freedom Train is getting up steam and some time soon it expects to take such historic documents as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States to the people over the length and breadth of this Isind.

The undertaking is naturally of a supplicious if not a subversive character to some people, to whom it smacks of too much 3effersonian democracy with a capital D. Representative Clare Hoffman, Republish from Mchigan, grilled the project production from Mchigan, grilled the project when it was sponsored by The American Heritage Foundation which has Winthrop W. Ajdrich, chairman of the board of the Chase National B an R. as its president, counterbalanced by William Green, Robert O. Sprout and Philip Murray as its vice-presidents.

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man may have started something. If the House Committee on Un-American Activities examines the Declaration of Independence, for instance, carefully it may easily conclude that it is a subversive document, as it was intended to be, and particularly where it enunciates the principle that it is the right of the people to alter or abolish their government and establish a new one when the old one falls to secure to them their inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

If we were Engineer Aldrich we believe that we'd get that train started right away,—Greensboro Daily Neuss.





People's Platform

Veterans And DPs

Editors. Tet News:

THERE is abroad today much "information", pertaining to the opposition of our veterans to the admission, to this country, of displaced persons of the catholic War Veterans, held at Clereland, Ohio, June 19-21, a resolution was passed, unanimously, revoring passage of the Straton Bill, its admit 60,000 four persons and of 10,000 per year, for a period of four year. The majority of the edgeates were veterans of world Swar II and they trankly declared they convocated they convocated the state of 10,000 per year, for a period of the potential dameter and we submit this is a good cross-section of the thinking of our veterans of World War II.

CHARLOTTE

-A. H. WOOD JR.

Broken Basis

Editors. The News:

In the footnote to my letter of June 30 you used a broken basis, part of a sentence, which you quoted from a published statement made by 13 Mecklenburg ministers as proof of your charge that these ministers had made a "contemptuous" assertion—an interential accusation against Chef Littlejohn of gross neglect of duty "according to your interpreta-

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Theology

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Marquis Childs

A Word For Books

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Joseph & Stewart Alsop

On The Home Front

WASHINGTON

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MEANING CLEAR

The meaning of such a Congressional veto on the European plan can be summed up very simply. All of Europe. In the view of the most experienced observers hera_would move with mathematical certainty into the Soviet sphere. And as one

Drew Pearson's : Weatherman Affects U. S. Foreign Policy Merry-Go-Round

WASHINITON
THE weatherman may have some effect upon Secretary of
Testae Marshall's foreign policy.
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Although the American wheat crop will be a recordbreaker, other American grain crops are down. Unofficial
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should be able not only to end bread rationing at home but
expert about 300,000000 bushels of wheat abroad. The Rus600,00000 bushels which should give them a surplus of about
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Bathtubs For Europe

DESPITE the critical shortage of cast iron for don
uses, the Commerce Department last week decide
in all export controls on the shipments of lavatories

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The lifting of price controls by Congress has so crippled the bousing program that the plumbing-fixture industry is saddled with a huge backlor of bathtabs and lavatories for which there is no home market. Bo the Commerce Department, to rescue the bathtab manufacturers, decided to let them sell to foreign customers.

Air Pilots' Pay