

The Two-Thirds Rule Again

FROM 1832 to 1936 the Democratic Party nominated candidates for President and Vice-President by a two-thirds vote of the convention. This is some classic deadwood...

The Democrats of the South are naturally resenting the Southern minority's loud voice in Party affairs. Finally managed in 1936 to alter the rules to provide for nomination by simple majority...

Cactus Jack Lights A Match

CACTUS JACK GARNER has obscured himself from the public eye, refusing all interviews and avoiding political pronouncements...

Such aramantic tendencies are not uncommon among retired public officials and their heirs; the Robert Todd Lincoln collection of Abraham Lincoln's papers...

While historians might not shudder violently at the loss of the Garner papers, Roosevelt's first Vice-President having played a relatively minor role in formulating and effecting New Deal policy...

Exercise In Red And White

SOME time ago the Library of Congress, at the request of Representative Dirksen, Republican, prepared a rather exhaustive survey on "Communism in Action," which was subsequently made available for public consumption...

Now, undertaking its naturally of a suspicious if not a subversive character to so much Jeffersonian democracy with a capitalist Representative Clare Hoffman, Republican from Michigan, grilled the project on that ground. He was, however, somewhat mollified if not altogether satisfied when it was brought out that Freedom Train was sponsored by The American Strategic Foundation...

Another Piece

Here Comes The Freedom Train

THE Freedom Train is setting up steam and some tension in it expects to take this historic document as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States to the people over the length and breadth of this land...

that only the South resisted the Republican Congressional landfall of 1946.

This stands up only so long as questions 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 Democrats a large majority in the 79th 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 liberalism of the Democratic Party.

The demand for a return to the two-thirds rule is part of an effort to swing the Democratic Party to the right. It is Southern politics. The project of course is doomed in advance. So long as the South maintains her one-party system her conservative politicians, and her conservative Congress, will continue to elect Democrats.

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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 'B' Mecklenburg minister as proof of our charge...

From this complete statement, can an accusation against Chief Littlejohn of "gross neglect of duty" be deduced and charged as contempt, against the minister who reported ABC story...

Theology

A FEW words concerning the teachings of popular theology and the teachings of the Bible. The Bible says that man has an immortal soul that cannot die. The Bible says that man is made of sin and death (Romans 6:23) and also that man should strive to be holy (1 Peter 1:15)...

Playing Hospital Politics

ONE member of Congress alone, bull-headed Rep. Gene Cox of Georgia, has been able to block the construction of a badly needed veterans hospital.

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Bathubs For Europe

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