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Mr. Jonas And The Winds Of Revolt

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create transfer than the man—as Democratic chief trains had insisted, not the political Moses Democratic leaders had been searching for to lead the party back to the promised land in the Tenth District. From start to finish, he played a game of peas-porridge-cold with the voters. He failed to raise a single issue that attracted the attention of citizens away from the personal appeal and reputation of Mr. Jonas. And the Republican incumbent was careful not to offer up any random targets. He let the record speak for itself—a record which had a certain attraction in a generally conservative district.

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The thumping manner in which many normally Democratic voters flocked to Mr. Jonas and ignored their party's choice offers a serious challenge to Democratic leaders both in Mecklenburg and throughout the district. The time has obviously come for some soul-searching and a thorough reappraisal of party machinery.

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Mr. Jonas made history. He was the only Republican in the history of the state to win reelection to the House.

To underline the significance of his victory—and the fact that party lines were tossed aside—Mr. Jonas once again triumphed over the artifices of North Carolina's political geography. "Bacon strip" congressional districts like the Ninth and Tenth cut across the highlands and Piedmont to smother the Republicans in normal years by linking GOP counties

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in North Carolina's Tenth Congressional District was a reflection of deep
public trust is a individual rather than
a party label.

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this way the Tenth District race was
strangely isolated from the political wars
that crisscrossed the nation in 1854.

Tar Heel Democrats were painfully
asking themselves today, "What happened?"

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Jonas had carried Mecklenburg, experts knew the jig was up for Mr. Sedberry, Not even the gerrymander could save him.

Mr. Jonas also proved to political analysts that his 1952 election was no fluke, that he had not ridden in on Gen. Eisenbower's coattalis. In this way, he came out far better than the last Republican to represent the district. That man was Charles A. Jonas, the present congressman's father.

The elder Jonas won his seat in 1928—the year of the Hoover landslide. He edged Alfred L. Bulwinkle 49.799 to 46,756. But in the next general election, Mr. Bulwinkle' came roaring back to defeat Mr. Jonas 41.56 to 37.911. Mr. Jonas tried again in 1932 but this time the Bulwinkle victory was by an even wider margin—63.76 to 43.967.

What Charles Raper Jonas was able to do in the Tenth, Republican William E. Stevens Jr. could not accomplish in the Ninth. Rep. Hugh Q. Alexander was too well entrenched. Mr. Stevens gambled almost solely on Ike's popularity and the fact that a vote for him was a vote to support the President. This strategy simply did not have the necessary voter appeal. But Mr. Stevens demonstrated a remarkable fair for aggressive hammer-and-tongs campaigning. He is quite young. And he will certainty be a force to reckon with in future political encounters.

In both districts the campaigns were remarkably clean. There was some 11th hour umpleasantness—whisper campaigns in the Tenth, charges of vote frauds in the Ninth. Rut it is hoped that bitterness and venom will swiftly disappear as the echoes of the battle fade away.

Thurmond Pulls Upset Of The Year

THE biggest surprise of the election was Strom Thurmond's historic victory over Edgar Brown for the South Carolina Senate seat of the late Sen. Burnet Maybank

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A wrile-in candidate, which Thurmond was, has a usually insurmountable handicap. No one ever before won a Senate seat by write-in. Many voters, even if they take the time to learn the correct write-in procedure, simply won't take the time to use it.

Thurmond's smashing personal victory is also a victory for Gov. James Byrnes who, allied with Thurmond in 1952 as he was this year, failed to carry South Carolina into the Eisenhower camp over

the opposition of Brown and other party regulars.

It would be incorrect, however, to read into the Thurmond victory a significant endorsement of President Elsenhower and his policies.

Brown accused his opponent of Republicanism, which is still a serious charge in South Carolina. But the party loyalty issue, the independence of South Carolina voters, and their fierce resentment of Brown's selection by the state Democratic executive committee which he controlled, when they thought there was plenty of time for a primary to be held, combined to put national issues into the background.

An Affirmation Of 'The Middle Way'

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WHAT Will Rogers called the "big,
normal majority" asserted itself
yesterday, It did not issue any mandates,
It did not produce substantial trends
for or against either party. What it did
was to reaffirm the "middle way" and
thus approve the course that President
Eisenhower and his coalition of moderates have charted.

There were significant exceptions. Liberal Republicans who the GOP can ill
afford to lose were defeated. They included Sen. Irving Ives of New York,
candidate for governor, Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky, Gov. John
Lodge of Connecticut.

Too, liberal Democrats were catapulted
to key posts. Averell Harriman, who
won the governorship of New York, and
Gov. Mennen Williams of Michigan, reelected to an unprecedented fourth term,
will be powerful forces in the Democratic Party and, as potential presidential candidates, at the 1986 convention.

In view of the lethargy of the Republican Party and most of the Eisenhower
independents following their 1952 inroads into the South, the GOP did surprisingly well in this region. It retained
two of its three House seats in Virginia,
retained its one seat in North Carolina,
and picked up seats in Florida—for the
first time since Reconstruction days—
and in Texas, for a net gain of one House
seat in the South.

The inconsistent pattern of the election
is shown in the defeat of two Midwestern senators who were favored to vin.
In Michigan, Sen. Homer Ferguson lost
to the relatively unknown Par McNamara
in what amounts to a Democratic landsidie in that one state. The "Pockethookrisue" was predominant among the unemployed or juttery industrial workers
of that state. But Iowa, which despite
tis Republicanism has sent Democratic
Sen. Guy Gillette to Washington again
and again, defeated this champion of high
price supports and replaced him with an

ardent advocate of flexible price supports. Viewed as a whole, the election represents a victory for moderate, middle-of-the road government.

After watching both Univac and some political analysts eat their own words as the returns rolled in last night we have a suggestion for improving predictions during future election nights. Instead of feeding statistics unto Univac, just shovel them into unerring Samuel Lubell.

Next election, to make the confusion complete, there will probably be an organization called Registered Republicans For Blank, Blank being whoever the Democrats cajole into running against Rep. Charles R. Jonas.

How long will it be until one of the parties hires a rainmaker to keep opposition voters away from the polls on election day?

Times do change. Saw a man wearing one of those old "ruptured duck" dis-charge emblems the other day. They are as rare nowadays as rumble seats and "Free Air" signs.

According to the Reds' propaganda, Thailand is "wenal, corrupt and half-Fas-cist." No wonder they want it!"—Мем-РИЗ PRESS-SCIMITAR.

The political pot is boiling, and it is a foregone conclusion that, as always, the end result will be a pretty kettle of fish.

—CINCINATI ENQUIRER.

Reconstruction and moving of the big highway to eliminate a bad curve doesn't exactly create a ghost town along the old route, but it leaves a couple of ghost filling stations and a phantomburger stand.—Florida Times-Union.



More Than Joe To Discuss

Senate Work Accumulating

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

journment.
According to the report of the Select Committee which studied the charges against Sen, Joseph R. McCarthy 12. Wis., one or cred to give effect to its censure recommendations. Parliamentary experts say the Senate, if it has a mind to, may also consider: early sense and to boollegging and limits on Senate desired to the sense of the

Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson.

Custom, practice and rules interpretation would bar "legislative action" — that is, Senate action on bills, joint resolutions crouncerent, resolutions recuiring approval by the House of Representatives — since the House Senate Majority Leader William I. Knowland (R-Calift) has said he layors a relatively short session confuned to the censure issue. But the Senate makes its own rules and can do virtually what it pleases.

End Of Segregation Won't Hurt And Might Help Folks

By ROBERT C. RUARK

Nixon Carries His Own 'Goon Squad' Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Probe Of Business Mergers

Here's the inside story behind the Federal Trade Commission's sudden move to investigate business mergers and combines.

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more knifing of Foster Furcolo by fellow-Demorat Sen. Jack Kennedy and
family than met the eye. They attribtuted the barrage against Furches to
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Stanley Barnes, the Justice Department's antitrust chief, has flatly refused to waive the antitrust laws on manufacturers can exchange information on how to make guided missiles. This has made Secretary of Defense Wilson so mad he has threatened to take it up in a Cabinet meeting.

bines.

Actually, Chairman "Wild Bill" Langer of the Senate Judiciary Committee is responsible. He wrote a sharp letter to At-

Rohr Aircraft and Aviation have already applied for big tax write-offs.

A drastic speed-up has been dered to produce an atomic-powered bombing plane. Five companies have been astric. Consolidated Vulter, Boeing, Lockheed, and Pratt & Whitney, Meanwhile, Russia has gone all out to put the first alomic-powered plane in the sky.
Columnist Joe Alsop, a bachelor, passes out the best "treats," according to Halloween youngsters.

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Whether these White House aides advised the President is not known. But