

Importance of 'Solid South' To Democrats' Success Pointed Out

WASHINGTON—(AP)—What is the "Solid South" and why is it important in politics?

As generally understood, the "Solid South" includes 11 southern states with 127 electoral votes. This is almost one-half of the 266 electoral votes a presidential candidate needs to win. If border states are added, the electoral votes exceed one-half of the necessary total.

These are the Solid South states, with their electoral votes: Alabama 11, Georgia 12, Florida 8, Maryland 8, West Virginia 8, Kentucky 11, Tennessee 12, Missouri 15, Oklahoma 10 and (sometimes) New Mexico 4.

The "border states, where presidential results are almost always close one way or another, are: Maryland 8, West Virginia 8, Kentucky 11, Tennessee 12, Missouri 15, Oklahoma 10 and (sometimes) New Mexico 4.

Since 1880 the South has sent virtually solid Democratic delegations to Congress. And in presidential campaigns the South has voted Democratic almost without exception. This means a Democratic candidate for president usually starts off assured of this big bloc of Southern electoral votes.

In the present campaign half of the Alabama and all of the Mississippi delegates walked out of the Democratic national convention. They pulled out because they disliked the civil rights platform the convention adopted. But they couldn't just join up with the Republicans because the GOP also had adopted a civil rights platform.

So a group of Southern Democrats decided to start their own States' Rights Democratic organization. They held a meeting attended by people from all the Southern states and nominated Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina for President and Gov. Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi for Vice-President. Thurmond has conducted an active campaign. He has accused "the

greedy bosses of the three political parties" of using the civil rights program "to make a cheap bid for the votes of a minority faction." The three parties to which he referred are the Democrats, the Republicans and Henry Wallace's Progressive Party.

Faint Chance Seen
One hope held by some Southerners is that even if Thurmond is not elected president he might capture enough votes so no other candidate would get a majority. In such a case Congress would elect a President and Vice President from among the candidates, and the States' Rights people voice some hope their men might win.

Other possibilities are, of course, that Southern voters will remain true to tradition and vote for President Truman, or some may overcome their prejudice against the Republicans and vote for Dewey. Whatever states vote for Thurmond will reduce the number of electoral votes the Democratic candidate (Truman) normally could count upon as being in the Democratic bag. In 1928, Texas, North Carolina, Florida, Virginia and Tennessee voted for the Republican, Herbert Hoover, opposing Al Smith, a Catholic and a wet.

States' Right party claims it is a "grass roots" movement—supported by the voters as well as the politicians. It would take such a movement to toss the Solid South definitely out of the Democratic basket.

Meerschmum, used to make pipe bowls, is a mineral made of water, magnesia and silicate.

Queen Ann Reigns in San Francisco



Queen Anne Boucher and her attending processes wave to crowds during the huge Portola Festival Parade in San Francisco. An estimated crowd of 400,000 persons lined the streets to witness the colorful spectacle celebrating discovery of San Francisco Bay by Don Gaspar de Portola in 1769.

Sawmills Hit Two Ways by Dock Strike, Car Lack

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21.—West Coast sawmills are getting the one-two punch from the crippling waterfront strike and a serious freight car shortage in the Southern Oregon territory which is disrupting production schedules and demoralizing shipping of lumber, according to H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

September reports from Douglas fir mills reflect the critical situation, Simpson said, which has either completely closed or reduced a score of coastal mills to part-time operation, throwing many hundreds of men out of employment. Coos Bay, Siuslaw Harbor, Newport Bay and Grays Harbor mills are hardest hit, with some Columbia River mills reporting curtailment of production because of inability to ship.

Southern Oregon mills on the Southern Pacific system are short of needed freight cars, and some mills on branch lines are accumulating heavy mill stocks due to shortage of cars. Mills are complaining, too, that they are getting cattle cars and other unsuitable rolling stock for lumber shipping.

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Israel Army Gains Supply Roads



Israeli army forces striking southward, cut Egyptian supply roads between Majdal (1) and Faluja (2), claiming a major victory in the battle for control of Negev. Israeli claimed the victory, gained by bayonet fighting, cut Egyptian forces off from their supply base at Gaza and opened a supply line to besieged Jewish settlements in the Negev desert area.

Choral Society Getting Off to Promising Start

Roseburg's Choral Society held its first meeting in the Junior High School music room Monday night. Those attending the meeting were reported enthusiastic over the prospects of having a large choral group.

Charles A. Ricketts, who will direct, gave a talk on choral groups and the possibilities of having one in Roseburg. He also told about the special musical numbers he has ordered which should be heard for the next meeting. Ricketts brought some music with him and several numbers were tried.

The next meeting of the Choral Society will be held in the same place next Monday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p. m. An invitation is extended to all who can sing to join the group and be present at this meeting.

Theater Loses Suit To Force Lights Turn-Off

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 20—(AP)—Amphitheaters, Inc., which operates an outdoor movie theater near the Portland Meadows Race Track, lost its suit against the track in the State Supreme Court today.

The theater wanted \$5,000 damages and an injunction to make the race track turn its lights off. It said the lights at the track made it impossible to show night movies.

The high court opinion, by Justice James T. Brand, upheld Circuit Judge Frank C. Howell of Portland.

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Old Clothes May Yield Chemical To Ban Corrosion

NEW YORK—(AP)—Your old clothes might someday make a medicine to grow skin and hair, animal food for better furs or feathers, and a chemical to prevent corrosion. This would be quite a future for old rags, from underwear to overcoats. But a discovery by research chemists of Botany Mills, Inc., Passaic, N. J., may open the door.

They found a way to extract a rich protein material from wool wastes, the pieces left over when wool is made into fabrics. Wool is made of protein. So is human hair, skin, and other tissues. The protein from wool was found to contain 17 amino acids, most of them from which all

The protein, named Botanein P, is being studied to find uses for it. There are many possibilities, says Charles F. H. Jackson, Jr., vice-president and general manager of the company.

After burns or injuries, the concentrated protein might help speed the growth of skin and hair. Used in food, it might improve the growth of fur and feathers on animals and fowl. Other indicated uses, he adds, are in cosmetics, especially suntan creams; a concentrated nutrient for cattle; in broth or yeast to study bacterial growth; in purification of beverages; an agent to prevent corrosion; a fixing agent for non-run dyes or pigments in calico or indigo printing, and as an adhesive.

The protein could also be recovered from old rags and worn-out clothing containing wool, after dyes and impurities had been removed, Johnson said. This would supply a big source if widespread uses are found for the protein.

British Hunt For Asian War Dead

SINGAPORE—(AP)—Corners of southeast Asia will remain "forever England." In them memorial cemeteries are being constructed for British servicemen. Unlike the Americans, who have returned home the bodies of some 30,000 war dead since last October, the British decided to leave their dead in the areas where they fell.

Initial work is accomplished by teams who locate and identify bodies in the isolated tropical jungles of Malaya, Burma, India, China and the East Indies. Lt. Colonel L. S. Harrop plans and coordinates efforts to locate the estimated 10,000 men still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. Recovery of approximately 6,000 bodies to date includes Malays, Chinese and Indians who fought with British soldiers in Singapore and the Federation of Malaya.

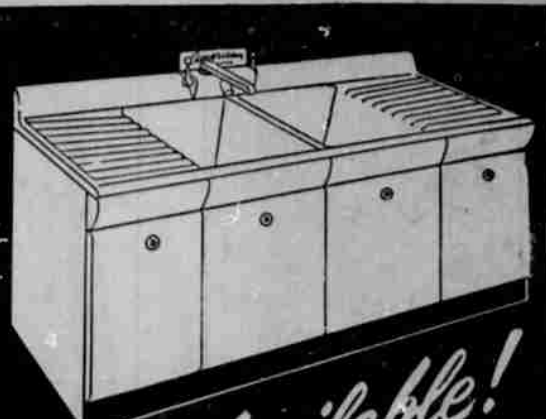
Once bodies are gathered together in the military cemetery, graves registration hands over its job to "Imperial War Graves" which converts the cemetery into a permanent memorial.

Woman Admits Slaying, Claiming Self-Defense

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Oct. 20—(AP)—Prosecutor John Ferrebauer said yesterday a 32-year-old mother of three, Mrs. Zeida Thompson, has signed a written

statement that she fatally shot Mrs. Peggy Norris, 28, here three years ago.

Mrs. Thompson said she shot in self-defense during a quarrel. She was arrested in Portland 10 days ago when she voluntarily told her story to police because her conscience pained her.



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