

## Warning by Taft on Presidential Election System Change Recalled

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.) today warned that a proposed constitutional change in the Presidential election system would nullify Republican chances of capturing the White House.

The proposed amendment, co-sponsored by 54 senators, would leave the Democrats as "the dominant party and establish the Republican party as a permanent minority," Case said in an interview.

To buttress his argument, Case today circulated among Republican senators a 1950 letter by the late Sen. Robert A. Taft warning of "the dangers" of changing the present electoral system. Taft then warned Republican congressmen that a similar constitutional amendment would "be fatal to the hope of electing a Republican president if the election is in any way close."

### Second Day of Debate

The Senate today went into its second day of debate on the current proposed amendment. It would revise the present "winner-take-all" system by which all

of a state's electoral votes go to the presidential candidate winning a majority of the state's popular vote. Instead a state's electoral vote would be divided between candidates according to the popular vote or according to the vote in the individual congressional districts.

When the amendment was first introduced earlier this week, it was co-sponsored by 31 Republican senators, including William F. Knowland. Case, however, was obviously hopeful that the resurrected warning by Taft would change the position of several Republicans and prevent the amendment from winning the necessary two-thirds vote of approval in the Senate.

**Argument Outlined**  
Case outlined this argument as to why the amendment would hurt Republican presidential chances:

The only way the Republican party can win the presidency now is to offset the Democratic vote of the solid South by winning the votes of a few large Northern states.

Republicans would lose this

offsetting advantage if they had to split the electoral votes of a state with the Democratic party.

In New York, for instance, the electoral vote would likely be split 23-22, instead of the winner capturing all of the state's 45 electoral votes. But in the traditionally one-party states of the South the Democrats would continue to maintain their decisive margin, with the result that one Southern state could have as much weight as three New York states in the electoral tally.

## Klamath Youngster Said Still Missing

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Ten-year-old Alvin Decker, who disappeared from his home here three weeks ago, still has not been located or any trace found as to his whereabouts. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Decker, has issued a new appeal for any clue that might lead to the location of their son, who was last seen as he departed for school.

Bloodhounds, flown to the scene shortly after the lad's disappearance, traced the boy's footsteps to the railroad yards. A search of all empty cars in the Klamath Falls yards and many in California that had left the local yards was to no avail.

The grandmother, Mrs. E. G. Dickison, has come to Klamath Falls to help in the search. Earlier it had been thought that the boy might attempt to go to her home in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

## Strike Settled at Albany Plywood Plant

Albany, Ore. — (U.P.) — The strike-bound Lynn plywood plant here was free of pickets today after an understanding was reached between union and management. Since the strike started three weeks ago the plant has been operating with a partial crew made up of about 40 stock-

## Polio Combated By Salk Vaccine, Dr. Francis Says

Ann Arbor, Mich. — (U.P.) — The doctor who endorsed Salk vaccine for the public said Tuesday it has safely and effectively combated polio in its first year of widespread use.

Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., director of the University of Michigan Polio Evaluation Center, said "data from the past year strongly supports results obtained in the 1954 field trial of the vaccine."

"Throughout the nation, rates for paralytic cases among unvaccinated patients have been two to 10 times as great as among the vaccinated," he said. "The rates are 3.2 per 100,000 among the vaccinated, compared to 13.2 per 100,000 among those not getting the vaccine."

**Results of Research**  
Francis, who gave his own report April 12, 1955, disclosed the results while delivering the Gudankunst Memorial lecture at the university's Public Health school. He based his statements on results of research by the communicable disease center at Atlanta, Ga.

"There can be little doubt that effective vaccination can be secured with an inactive virus vaccine, provided the vaccine itself has sufficient potency," Francis said.

He said variations in the potency of individual lots caused much of the initial difficulty with the vaccine.

"No laboratory confirmed paralytic cases occurred after vaccination with a vaccine more than 70 to 75 per cent potent," he said. "Revaccination up to a year later induces a sharp booster effect, even when the original vaccine was of limited potency."

holders and about 75 non-union employees. Union officials said that all employees would be back to work this morning.

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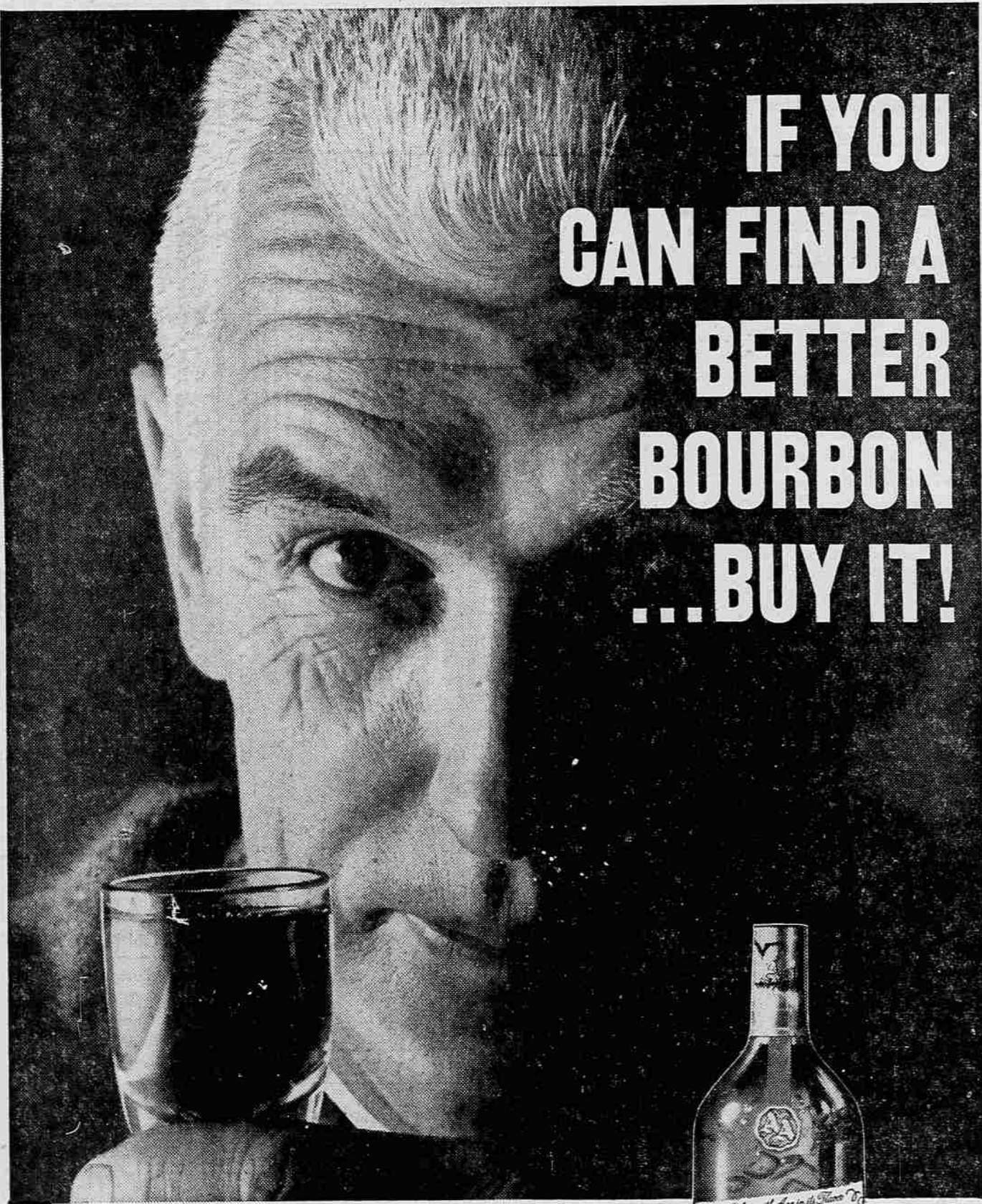
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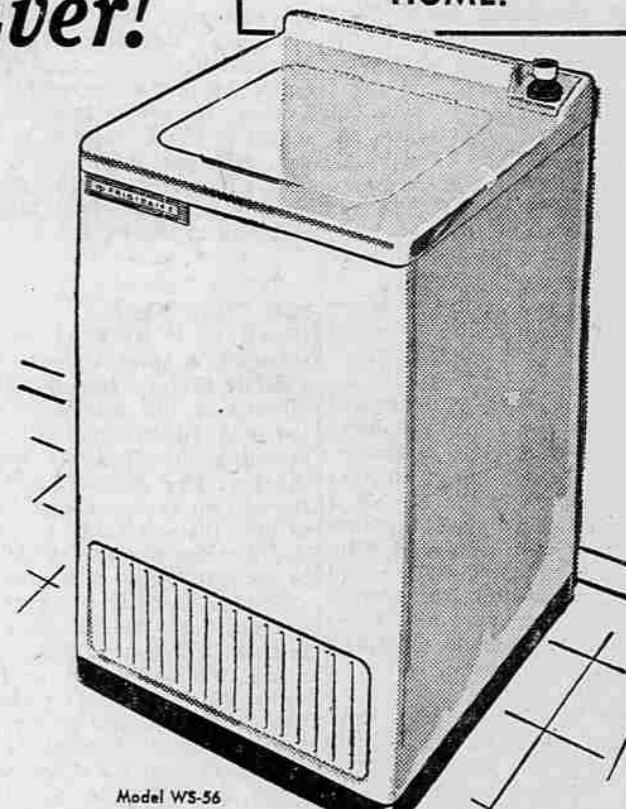
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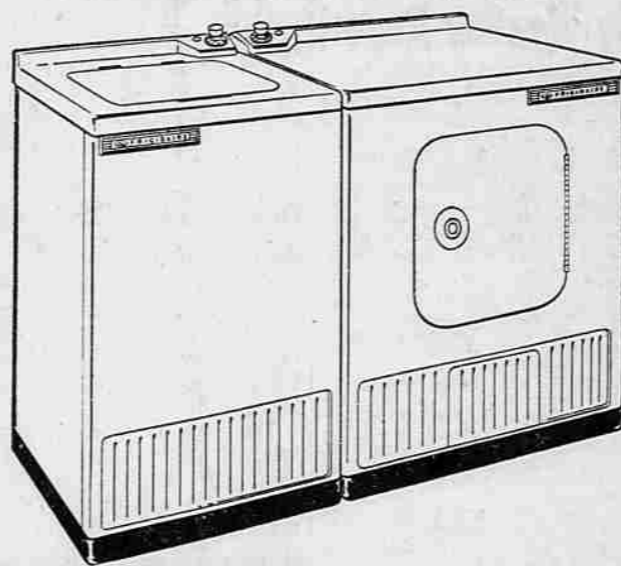
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