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The Other Parties-IV

Fourth of a series on the "third parties" on the national scene in this presidential year.

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BIRMINGHAM (UPI)—In this age of labels, when a politician is closely scrutinized to determine how far "right" or "left" he is, it is rare when a political group gets pinned with both labels.

The National States Rights Party, which has been labeled an extremist right-wing organization, also has been called a haven for Communist agents.

The Party, which makes its headquarters in an old stone house on the outskirts of Birmingham, proudly claims to be "America's Largest Third Party" on the masthead of its monthly newspaper, "The Thunderbolt." In some ways, however, it resembles less a political party than a loose alliance of anti-Communist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic viewpoints.

The NSRP is often lumped with the John Birch Society as a right-wing organization. However, the Birchers have disclaimed any connection with the NSRP, and, in one issue of the Birch-supported "Amer-

ican Opinion" magazine, they labelled two NSRP members "Communist agents provocateurs."

THE PARTY, concentrated mostly south of the Mason-Dixon Line, has as its goal establishment of a so-called "White Folk Community" in the United States. It would encourage "repatriation of Negroes to Africa, and prohibit those remaining in this country from participating in any way in the "White Folk" society.

Further "planks" in the Party's "platform" demand cessation of "thought-control" and "secret police tactics" by the Federal Government, breaking off relations with Israel, immigration restrictions and foreign trade restrictions.

As its presidential and vice-presidential candidates, the Party nominated Nashville, Tenn., auto dealer John Kasper, and Atlanta attorney J. B. Stoner. Both are vociferous segregationists; Kasper was sentenced to three years in jail for interfering with school integration in Nashville and elsewhere in the 1950s.

However, Party leaders



Segregationist John Kasper, now a Nashville auto dealer, is the presidential candidate of the National States Rights Party.

admitted that Kasper and Stoner were merely stalking horses. NSRP Information Director Edward R. Fields said any electoral votes won by the Party in November would go to Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace. This was before Wallace withdrew from the presidential race. Arkansas and Kentucky

are the only two states where the NSRP has got onto the November ballot.

Whether the NSRP is considered "right or left," it has never been called "moderate" even by its proponents. The pages of the official party organ "The Thunderbolt" are studded with invective against Congressmen, Negroes and Jews.