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McKeithen Cool to Wallace Drive for Rooster Emblem

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BATON ROUGE—Gov. John J. McKeithen, fresh from his sweeping reelection triumph, today said he is opposed to "anything" that would take the traditional rooster emblem away from President Lyndon B. Johnson in next year's presidential election.

The governor's stand threw cold water on staunch conservative efforts in the Democratic State Central Committee to give the rooster emblem to former Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

Results on the first primary race for the central committee are still being calculated. Although conservative leader Leander Perez claimed a conservative sweep, the top loyalist on the committee said it was too early to determine who won.

GOV. M'KEITHEN also announced at his press conference that he is filling two vacancies on the Louisiana State University Board of Directors by appointing former Gov. Jimmie Davis and G. Frank Purvis Jr. of New Orleans to unexpired terms.

Davis will fill the term of his late wife which had until June, 1976, to run. Purvis is head of Pan-American Life

OPEN FOR INSPECTION

The voting machines will be opened for official inspection tomorrow at 9 a. m. at the voting machine warehouse, 3935 Louisa, by candidates and their representatives.

Criminal District Court clerk Edward A. Haggerty Sr., who is the custodian of voting machines in Orleans Parish, made the announcement today.

Insurance Co. and he will fill the term of the late Sterling Gladden, which will expire June 1, 1968.

The governor, who set a 20th Century precedent in winning two successive terms, also talked a great deal about the election and politics.

He said he would not op-

pose Congressman John R. Rarick, his chief opponent in the governor's race, should the latter run for reelection to Congress.

ON A THIRD term for himself, McKeithen said that he thought two successive terms were enough for any man. He said he might consider running again at a later date but had no definite plans on that.

He also insisted again that he would not be a candidate next summer against U.S. Sen. Russell Long. He would not seek the vice-presidency, he said, because he couldn't go along with much of the national policy of the administration.

Turning to the presidential election, the governor said that the crucial issue next year will be law and order and not Vietnam. He said that President Johnson has taken a stronger stand now against

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demonstrations, citing polls reflecting American opinion against them.

There is a fight going on in the state central committee—part of a quadrennial scrap—between forces loyal to the nation party, led by Edward Carmouche of Lake Charles, and States Rights Conservatives over who will get the rooster emblem.

A RESOLUTION IS still standing that calls for a primary next summer to determine which slate of electors will go on the ballot under the rooster.

McKeithen said he had not given it much attention but was opposed to anything that would tend to confuse the voters. He said it was a reasonable interpretation of his stand that he would be opposed to putting the Johnson slate under the national donkey emblem.

The governor said he thought there was a lot of "hurrah" over nothing involved in the issue.

"I don't think he (President Johnson) can possibly carry Louisiana," McKeithen said. He added that he is judging by what he sees, hears and reads in the polls taken in the state.

JOHNSON WOULD fare better, he said, if the Republican party nominates a strong conservative and he and Wallace split the conservative vote in the general election.

On the appointment of Davis, McKeithen said he had notified the ex-governor of his intention shortly after Mrs. Davis succumbed to cancer. The announcement was held up until after the election.

McKeithen said that Davis already had decided by that time not to run for office. Had Davis not accepted, McKeithen said he would have named a supporter of Davis in order that the governor would not have control of the board of supervisors.

The governor said that the landslide election shows that candidates will have to "offer more than just bias and prejudice and running the Negro race down" to win.

He said he thinks this will be the last campaign of personal vilification in a governor's race. "I didn't know people still ran campaigns like that," he said.

M'KEITHEN SAID he thought the election was just one more step in putting Louisiana into a position of leadership in the South and the nation.

In the next four years, he said he hopes to make progress in fields of pardon and parole, prison institutions, crime prevention, highway safety, teacher pay, growth of colleges and in industry.

"In the next four years," he said, "I think we can make tremendous progress."



G. FRANK PURVIS JR.



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