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Loyalist Faction Wins; 'White Supremacy' Goes

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BIRMINGHAM—In an unexpected display of strength, the Loyalist faction of the State Democratic Executive Committee removed the "white supremacy" label from the party emblem Saturday in a move admittedly designed to keep Negro voters in the fold.

It was a bad day from start to finish for the States Rights bloc on the committee—as well as for Gov. George C. Wallace.

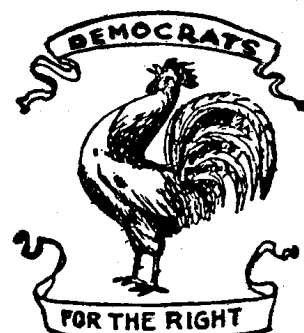
The States Righters started a bunch of fights, and they ended up with a perfect record—they lost them all.

Four vacancies on the committee were filled, all by Loyalists, and an attempt to allow individual counties to nominate local candidates by convention was also rejected.

Gov. Wallace had arrived here early Saturday with plans to address the committee. But when he saw the lay of the land he just as quickly returned to Montgomery. He never showed up at the committee meeting.

The move that resulted in the removal of the "white supremacy" label was a decision to vote on the question by secret ballot. This motion was offered and then quickly adopted by a voice vote.

After Chairman Roy Mayhall ruled that the motion had passed his ruling was appealed. This provided the only record vote of consequence on the issue. Mayhall's ruling was sustained by a 39-32 vote.



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A motion was then made to table the motion calling for the emblem change. The motion failed in a secret ballot by a 40-31 vote, then the motion changing the emblem passed on a voice vote.

The only change made in the emblem was removing the words "white supremacy" and substituting "Democrats." The rooster was untouched.

Charles W. McKay of Talladega offered the resolution changing the emblem. McKay gained fame a number of years ago when he authored the "Nullification Resolution" in the Legislature which sought to declare null and void the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision.

McKay made it clear that the emblem change was necessary if the Democrats were to attract Negro votes this year.

"We can't afford to spend a lot of money nominating candidates this spring and then take a stick and run off 150,000 to 175,000 voters who might vote Democratic," he declared.

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