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some people's answer. But an analysis of the size of the vote

shows that it was a case of apathy. "Stayhomeitis" hit Ge-

orgia. A minority of unreconstructed rebels, aided and abet-

ted by thousands of office-hungry Republicans, dealt the death blow. As a matter of fact, the

only Democrat of stature in Georgia who had the courage to

try to save his party from a Klan-type leadership was Gar-

land Byrd. No other candidate, past or present, liberal or conservative, spoke out for Arnall.

Let's Face It

Last evening at 7 o'clock--

when the polls closed--the De-

mocratic Party of Georgia com-

mitted suicide. It is dead pol-

itically and will be for perhaps

a decade or more. In the sel-

ection of Maddox to head the

Democratic Party it made the

election of Calloway a certainty.

But worse than this, it has now

placed at the head of the party

an extremist who lacks the so-

phistication of Wallace, and who

will continue to embarrass Ge-

orgia in the nation's news me-

dia. We have now replaced Ala-

bama and Mississippi in the

national press as the most back-

in the South. This is so even

if Calloway is elected, for Les-

ter will continue his press re-

leases and head the party's delegation to the Democratic

National Convention in 1968.

Maddox, who is sure to suf-

fer a defeat in November, will

carry with him such men as

Vandiver and Sanders, and per-

haps even Mayor Allen in the

next election. That is, these

men's future in Georgia is out

the window. A coalition of ex-

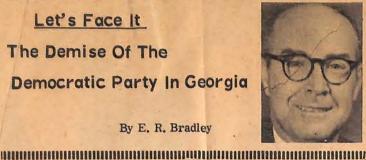
tremists will dominate for sometime. Even Talmadge's seat is insecure, and Russell will be replaced by Calloway either during the term or when Russell's term of office is over. I am assuming his health will not allow his running in 1972.)

Political scientists will long evaluate how the state of Geor-

ward state, politically speaking,

The Demise Of The Democratic Party In Georgia

By E. R. Bradley



Carter made a last-minute aside for Arnall, but it was weak and largely ineffective. In face, he never mentioned Arnall's

On November 8 we have the choice between Democratic extremism and Republican extremism. The shadow of Ol' Marv hangs over the Republican Party, but at least it will not be openly racist. But in the end there would be little difference between Maddox and Calloway in office. Neither is progressive; neither will project an image which will bring support from the national party. Georgia must now go it alone. In effect we have seceded from the un-

So now a poorly led and divided party must hand its head in shame while it tries to gain respectability and support. It will be a long, hard road, for the Republicans will capture and hold the Negro vote even without a contest. Having declared war on the Negro, alienated the liberals, and turned its back on Washington, the Democratic Party in Georgia will find the road back bitter and frustrating.

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gia with its enlightened leadership could suddenly go into reverse. The backlash will be