GOP Candidate Trying To Break Democratic Rule

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“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the people of Texas to break away from one-party, one-man rule,” says Jack Cox, Republican candidate for governor. According to the Wall Street Journal of October 4, many Texas voters are planning to take that opportunity.

“Thousands of conservative Democrats, no longer hesitant about voting GOP, appear ready to support Mr. Cox,” the Journal said. “Many of these Democratic refugees distrust Mr. Connally’s conservative credentials because of service as Mr. Kennedy’s Navy Secretary and his long-time campaign aid to Vice-President Johnson.”

THEY ADDED, “Thousands of liberal Democrats, disenchanted with Mr. Connally’s middle-road campaigning stance and believing his defeats would hasten their assumption of party control, are threatening to go deer-hunting election day or even vote for Republican Cox.”

Who is this man making the strongest Republican bid for the governor’s chair in 90 years? Basically, he’s a small businessman interested in government.

“I WAS BORN ‘across the tracks’ socially and economically,” said Cox in a moment of reflection. “I lived in a one-room shack. My father and mother were laborers. We had no bathroom in our house until I was a senior in high school.”

In 1960, Cox ran for governor in the Democratic primary, carrying 40% of the vote against incumbent Price Daniel. Soon afterwards he moved into the Republican party.

“I FELT for a long time that I could be instrumental in changing the course of the National Democratic Party ... I no longer believe this possible; I believe the place for me is in the Republican party.”

Cox warns our political freedoms must be carefully protected. “Our only safeguard against slipping back into the stagnation of one-party political control is to guarantee honest elections.

“IN MANY areas of this state there is no such thing as a secret ballot—no booths, no guard rails and in some areas they don’t even have a ballot box, using a peach basket or a cardboard box in which to toss the ballot.”

Election law reform and the very existence of a two-party system would bring fairer elections, in the estimation of the Republicans. But other problems demand the State’s attention also.

“In the next five years Texas will need to create 100,000 new jobs in industry if our young men and women in high school and college today are to have employment, To meet this challenge, first I would ask for a massive inventory of men and machines and (Continued on Page 8)
(Continued from Page 2) material so that I would know first hand what we have to offer in every county.

"THEN I WOULD be in a position to attract new industry seeking to find a home in an atmosphere which is fair to business and labor alike."