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Governor Nelson Rockefeller stands a good chance of receiving the Republican party's 1964 Presidential nomination, according to Prof. Andrew Hacker of the government department.

Prof. Hacker based his prediction on the GOP's affinity for selecting Presidential candidates with programs and personalities which appeal to independent voters, such as Thomas E. Dewey, Wendell Willkie and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Hacker asserted that because there are more Democrats than Republicans the GOP finds it necessary to court these uncommitted voters.

Much of the support President Kennedy and former Vice President Nixon received in the 1960 campaign, he said, came from party regulars who would have voted for any candidate who bore the party label.

Although both Kennedy and Nixon received support from a large number of "true" independents, Hacker explained, "I would say that even though he lost the election Nixon had more independent votes. This was possible because there are more stalwart Democrats in the country than stalwart Republicans.

These "true" independents, who Hacker said constituted almost a third of the electorate, shift back and forth between the parties.



PROF. ANDREW HACKER
Predicts GOP Candidate

Hacker divided the Democratic party into four wings: The Southern Democrats; the Northern urban section, generally of fairly recent immigration origin; the Northern industrial workers; and the intellectuals or eggheads, who include, in Hacker's opinion, not only college professors but some Madison Ave. advertising men.

Hacker said that although both parties have their internal quarrels, "it is one of the

As a result, both parties appeal to them.

"I think Nixon was an absolute genius as a Republican candidate because to the metropolitan Republican—that is, the suburbanite—the new, young middle class—he looked like a metropolitan Republican. To the provincial Republican—people who live in small towns, who have a different set of values—he looked like a provincial."

I think, of the American party system that we can agree to have no more than two candidates rather than half a dozen. And it is no less miraculous that we divide the electorate pretty much in equal halves."

Hacker predicted that the two-party system will be perpetuated by the increase in governmental power because the fight over this increase will split politicians into two camps.

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