Editorial

Vote Democratic in today's elections

Today's elections, particularly those for seats in the US Senate and the state legislatures, are being determined nationally as referenda on President Reagan's economic policies. With the nation in its worst economic recession in fifteen years, this election is a test of whether the nation is prepared to determine the nation's economic course for the next two years.

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