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Congress apparently on the verge of adjournment, and a hot cam-paign ahead for all of the Representatives and a third of the Senators, political Washington is paying much more attention now to the outlook for the Fall elections than it is to such matters as the wages-and-hours bill or the President's efforts to put over his Re-organization plan.

The big question which next Fall's elections will decide is whe-ther the trend of sentiment among the voters of the nation is away from the dominant Democratic party, and, if such a trend to the Republican party is not clearly shown, whether the trend inside of the Democratic party is away from the present Administration and the New Deal, or otherwise.

Straws In The Wind

So at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, the Executive end which centers at the White House, and the Legislative end on Capitol Hill the soothsayers and star-gazers are tossing straws into the air to determine which way the political wind is blowing.

The first straw so tossed blew, as every observer agreed, directly toward the White House. That was the clean-cut New Deal victory of Senator Pepper in Florida. So far as the trend inside the Democratic party is concerned, that was accepted by many Democrats as sufficient evidence that Democratic voters are still overwhelmingly New Dealers.

But then came the Pennsylvania primaries, and the indications from that straw were by no means so clear-cut. Only one of the Democratic candidates who had the blessing of the Administration

was nominated. Governor Earle's victory, running for the Senatorial nomina-tion, was conceded in advance by almost everybody, not so much be-cause he had been a consistent supporter of Mr. Roosevelt from the beginning but because the candidates who opposed him in the primaries were men in whom the voters of their own party had little confidence.

Pennsylvania Results The victory in Pennsylvania of the Anti-New Deal Democratic candidate for Governor Charles A. Jones, over Lieut-Governor Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America. was not only a straw revealing a Democratic current in a different direction from the way the wind blew in Florida, but it was a definite and severe set-back to the political ambitions of John L. Lewis, chairman of the C.I.O.

Lewis had put all the strength of his labor organization behind Mr. Kennedy Mr. Lores' victors.

Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Jones' victory over the combined efforts of Mr Lewis and of Chairman Farley of the Democratic National Committee is regarded here as a pretty definite indication that the trend in the great industrial states of the north is at least toward con-servatism, if not distinctly toward Republicanism.

Mr. Lewis had also put his in-fluence in the Republican primaries behind the veteran former Governor Gifford Pinchot, who made a very poor showing indeed against Judge Arthur H. James for the Republican nomination for Governor,

That, and the size of the Republican primary vote, over 135,000 more than the Democrats polled for all their candidates, have started Washington to talking seriously of the possible recapture of Pennsylvania by their party next November, and have definitely strengthened the conviction that the Republicans are certain to gain a large number of Congressional

Even New Deal enthusiasts are now conceding that there will be at least 35 more Republican members in the lower house of the next Congress than in the present one. That may safely be regarded as the minimum shift. Estimates of experienced political observers run all the way from 35 more Republicans to 110. The average of several polls of expert opinion is

That would not give a Republican majority, and even staunch Republicans express doubts whether a majority would be desirable with a Senate still overwhelmingly Democratic and a Democratic Administration in the White House. Such a condition has obtained in the past, with the result of a complete deadlock in all important matters of legislation. portant matters of legislation.

1894 Situation Recalled

The situation is likened here to that which obtained in 1930, when the Democrats gained 54 seats, giving them a majority of the House, with a Republican Presi-



dent and Senate still in office. Every constructive effort looking toward recovery was effectively blocked by the House.

Many shrewd onlookers compare the present political situation to that of 1894. Mr. Cleveland was serving his second term as President. His own Democratic Party was split between the Conservation of the cons

this year, however, is the new spending program which the President proposed and which Congress has accepted. That the distribution of several billions of fresh funds for relief and public works will provide the part of Dikean Society, Wesley Foundation, Physics Club, and Math Club. She was awarded a fellowship at Duke Unitary awarded a fellowship awarded a fellowship awarded a fellowship awarded a fellowship at Duke Unitary awarded a fellowship awarded a f works will operate as a powerful influence for the election of Democrats over Republicans in scores of Congress districts is taken for

granted here.

How far it will be influential in the nomination of thick-and-thin New Dealers over the conservative Democrats is a question to which an affirmative answer is not quite such a foregone conclusion, since the Florida New Deal victory was about the only criterion to go by.

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