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New Bernians who strongly admire Alabama's George Wallace, and there are still quite a few around, aren't happy over the possibility he will lose his run-off race against Gov. Albert P. Brewer.

Not everyone on the local scene who leaned toward Wallace in the last Presidential election favored him with a vote. A considerable number figured he couldn't win, and fearful that Humphrey might emerge victorious, gave their support to Nixon.

Just how much Jim Gardner's courting of Wallace supporters, here in the East, contributed to his loss to Bob Scott in North Carolina's battle for governor is a subject for endless debate. Staunch Republicans in the West reacted adversely to his strategy.

Gardner, of course, was caught in the middle. If he should run again, it would appear to his advantage to have Wallace out of the picture. Defeat in the Alabama run-off might not kill the Wallace movement here and elsewhere, but it would be a severe blow.

The White House continues to deny there is a Southern strategy in the Administration's maneuvering. Of one thing there can be no doubt. Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew has become tremendously popular in Dixie, and he, not Wallace, is the man most listened to, and quoted with vigorous approval.

We're not suggesting that Agnew's speeches carry weight only below the Mason-Dixon Line. For better or worse, depending on your point of view, he has millions of admirers from coast to coast. He says what they want to hear; the way they like it said.

Liberals who tried to destroy him by picturing him as a clown have, instead, qualified for the dunce cap themselves. "Better believe that 135 IQ, hard as it is to check," advises Brock Brower, writing in Life Magazine.

"There may be considerable opinion around to the effect that the Vice-President is a fool, some of it expert, but in fact, he is not," adds Brower. "In fact, taking Spiro Agnew for an oaf has been a snare and a delusion all along, the press's biggest damfool mistake from the beginning."

Television's biggest mistake, it seems to The Mirror, came when the three major networks, apparently expecting Agnew to deliver a blundering speech, carried in full his attack on the medium's allegedly prejudiced news coverage.

He came up with a masterful performance that convinced the great majority of Americans, and from that moment on the jokes aimed at him by second rate stand-up comedians had a dull and hollow sound. Ridicule didn't dwarf the Vice-President, it made him.

To this extent, television exposure proved it is indeed a powerful force. Nixon discovered as much, years earlier, when he appeared, poorly prepared, in debate with John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and unquestionably as a direct result lost a Presidential elec-



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THE OTHER SIDE — Television commentators and cameramen, eager to publicize violence unleashed by student minorities, wouldn't find this peaceful campus scene at the University of North Carolina very newsworthy. How can you make headlines out of a boy and girl, serious about their education, strolling together happily among giant trees on the grounds of the historic Chapel Hill school? Don't get us wrong, UNC has its share of bearded, long-maned militants,

but overlooked are thousands of decent, law abiding youngsters. Believe it or not, they appreciate sacrifices made by struggling parents, many of whom never had the chance to go to college; and they even agree with oldsters that, establishment or no establishment, expecting something for nothing, and destroying what has already been handed you, reveals lack of maturity.

