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Democrats Should Compromise

The Dixiecrats, it now appears, expected and claimed too much. They spoke with assurance of getting enough electoral votes to throw the election of the President into the house of representatives, where they hoped to exercise the balance of power.

But Mr. Truman upset their calculations. Governor Thurmond made a vigorous campaign, but carried only four states. His showing was so disappointing to his followers that the Dixiecrat movement may vanish.

President Truman is said not to feel animosity toward the Southern rebels and already efforts are being made to reestablish the national Democratic party in South Carolina and possibly other states that supported Mr. Thurmond. His party is being accused of "betraying" the national party and in South Carolina Chairman McGrath is endeavoring to reorganize the Democratic party around a group of men who did not go along with the Dixiecrats.

The outcome of the election makes it clear that a compromise on the civil rights issue is about the best the South can hope for. The Pickens Sentinel, we read, has favored that policy from the beginning and it says with considerable force:

"The South refused any kind of compromise on African slavery and by its wilful attitude suffered untold anguish and financial loss trying to justify an issue which was practical in a sense but morally wrong."

The President, the Pickens editor continues, "has essential justice on his side" and remarks that "ours is a defensive justification based on practicality and local necessity."

The Pickens editor contends that South Carolina citizens can yield gracefully on the poll-tax and anti-lynching proposals and with regard to the F.E.P.C. he says that if it has teeth in it, it will prove distasteful to Yankee and Dixiecrat alike while if it lacks them, "it will not be intolerable." Much depends, it might be pointed out in this connection, on the manner in which any F.E.P.C. law adopted is interpreted and enforced.

As to segregation, Editor Wyatt remarks that "laws won't take care of that anyway," and he goes on to say:

"Honor, self-respect and common humanity, applied to the tendency of like social groups to flock together will solve it. Even Truman does not want to do any more."

Leaving out of consideration Henry Wallace and his pinks and reds, it might be observed that the national Democratic leadership has elements to placate other than the Dixiecrats. There are a host of people in the south who approved of the states rights program, but who would not bolt the party. That being true, it would appear that it is incumbent on Mr. McGrath to take the initiative in working out a compromise that would not only placate the Dixiecrats but would at the same time overcome the objections of these sympathizers. It is to be seriously questioned that any progress can be made in this direction by

dickering with leaders of a minority faction as Mr. McGrath is doing in South Carolina. True he can, and he may, set up an organization to represent the national party, but until there is a radical change in sentiment it will not represent the Democracy of the state.

Given tact and magnanimity on the part of national Democratic leaders and a willingness on the part of the President to modify the more obnoxious features of his civil rights program, there is a strong likelihood that the South can be won back to its traditional allegiance. If, on the other hand, Democratic chieftains follow a narrow and vindictive policy, it is virtually certain that a few years hence the party will face another insurrection which may go much farther than the revolt led by Governor Thurmond.

More Text Books Needed

In a report to the Governor concerning the findings of the State Education Commission has been called to the fact that North Carolina children are not getting enough textbooks and other study materials and ample funds for these should be provided immediately, according to the report of the State Education Commission.

The commission found a "serious lack of materials" in both elementary and high schools and said that "the condition is extreme in the areas of audio-visual facilities, science and health materials, and materials for experiences in practical and fine arts. Although printed materials are among the most important tools of the teacher, the inadequacies in these materials present significant problems for the school program. The supply of basal textbooks, supplementary textbooks, periodicals, and other printed materials is inadequate in more than half the schools."

Several studies in this connection were made by the commission. Some 11,000 teachers were asked the question, "Are teaching supplies adequate?" Over 3900 teachers answered "No." The answers of principals were in about the same ratio. Responses from one hundred county and city superintendents to a questionnaire showed that the average expenditure per pupil for supplies for the year 1946-1947, exclusive of textbooks, was 75 cents. These superintendents estimated that an average per pupil amount necessary annually for providing an adequate supply of materials is, at present prices, not less than \$7.50.

Praise For The Work Horse

The results of a nationwide survey of public opinion in respect to the railroads have just been published. And they show that the people, by and large, have a pretty sound idea of the importance of our basic medium of transportation.

First of all, the poll indicates, the country is overwhelmingly in favor of private operation of the industry. Only 13 per cent of those questioned favored government ownership.

Seventy per cent said they considered the rails to be the transportation system most vital to carrying on the business of the country. Of those who knew that railroad freight rates have been increased recently, more than two-thirds felt that the increases were justified.

A growing preference for rail travel over other means was also expressed, on the grounds of safety, spaciousness, and freedom of movement.

The high regard in which the public holds our railroad system certainly isn't a result of accident. It is a tribute to magnificent performance by the industry, often under conditions of the greatest difficulty. The lines have made every freight car and every passenger train perform peak service. They are putting new and better equipment into duty as fast as the manufacturers can deliver it. They are the tireless work horse that keeps the American economy going.

Farmers Urged To Vote

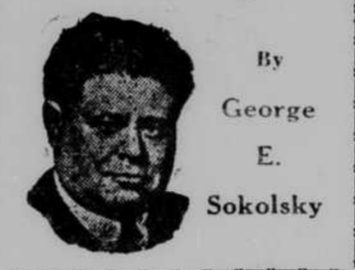
Thursday, Dec. 2, is election day for farmers regarding the PMA committee-men. We urge all farmers to go to the voting place in their townships and cast their votes for the men, whom they believe will best help them in the better farm practices carried out under the auspices of the PMA.

The farm improvement program is an important one. And the degree of effectiveness in which it is carried out not only depends upon the farmers themselves, but the committeemen and others in the administration of the work. We urge all farmers to register their interest by voting.

OLD CHINA "HAND"



"These Days"



By George E. Sokolsky

THE "LIBERALS"

Rogers C. Dunn of the Dunn Survey makes an interesting joint: "Self-styled 'liberals' in the Republican Party are obviously blind to the fact that the more they succeed in making the Republican party 'liberal,' the more liberal, or leftist, the New Deal is forced to go."

That has now happened in three campaigns. The Republican party has been moving toward what is called "liberalism," by which is meant timeliness as to policy based upon the probabilities of popularity; this means uncertainty and flexibility as to principle. The Democratic party, on the other hand, has continued an inner struggle which began with William Jennings Bryan, the struggle between populism and conservatism. The Democrats have steadily been moving in the direction of what in Europe is called Social Democracy. The third party in the United States is the Communist party, by whatever name it may momentarily be called.

Across this ideological simplification run the complexities of American life which are inevitable in a free society.

In a word, men do not fit rigid categories. Such persons as Chester Bowles and Paul Porter would anywhere else in this world be regarded as Socialists; here they are only Socialists in certain phases or political expression; in others, they are actually conservative.

The reason for this lack of clarification is that most Americans in politics do not have a philosophic basis for action; they are generally opportunistic and take winning positions. That is they "play politics," as the phrase goes; they are not ready to be martyrs to a cause. This was obvious in the last election. When Dewey refused to defend the 80th Congress, the Taft-Hartley Act, and so on, he forced Truman to move closer to the Wallace program. Truman, who wanted a fighting campaign "to give them hell," found that his principal opponent would not fight back. This was sheer opportunism on all sides. Dewey felt that he could win by his pattern; Truman felt that he could win by his pattern. But who stood up for any principles involved in the election?

The real danger in this opportunism lies in its leftward trend. If the Republicans continue to push the Democrats into Socialism, the general American population, which is conservative and capitalistic, will be without representa-

tion altogether. Certainly on basic questions, Dewey and Truman were closer than Truman can possibly be to such men as Chester Bowles and Paul Porter. Senator Barkley is ideologically closer to Senator Taft than he is to Senator Pepper. There is a falseness in the alignments in both parties, an inability to formulate principles and a lack of resistance to leftward magnetism. This we need to understand before the 81st Congress gets to work.

The word "liberal" has come to cover a multitude of confusions. When one speaks of a Republican liberal, precisely what is meant? How does a Republican liberal differ from a New Dealer? How do Senator Tobey and Senator Aiken differ from Senator Pepper and Senator Glen Taylor? In what fundamental concepts are these men different? Why should one be a Democrat and the other a Republican?

It would be interesting if these four men were to write on paper, say, in something the size of this column, each one's philosophic concept of American life. These men would prove to be close to each other, but all would be very far from, let us say, Senator Taft. On the other hand, such a man as Senator George, a Democrat, would not be far removed from Senator Taft.

Unless the Republican Party can formulate a definite and clear philosophic program, it cannot return to office. It has now failed five times, four times because to the conservative voters it did not have enough to say. The last three elections were marked by Republican abstention from voting. These Republicans did not stay away from the polls because they were "lazy" or "overconfident." They stayed away because they were dissatisfied with the position of their party, with its so-called "liberalism," with its running on the heels of the New Deal in the direction of state socialism. When in Ohio, 300,000 vote for either Governor but cut both Presidential candidates they indicate a distaste for their party's national policy.

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The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

"Christ is our peace." This inscription written in German has been painted in rude letters in German by someone on the bottom of one of Berlin's prize monuments. Travelers report finding it there, and say it was painted since the destruction of Berlin in the last war.

This huge monument was one of Berlin's prize exhibits. It was erected at the conclusion of the Franco-Prussian War which brought defeat to France, and the beginning of the united German military empire. I have just examined a volume of Stoddard's lectures published in 1897 in which the author describes Berlin as he saw it at that time. Writing of the city he says, "Mars, the god of war, seems to be the divinity most worshipped here." Of Berlin's chief street "Unter Den Linden," he says that it is a "kind of Triumphal Way and suggests courage, victory and conquest... at every step the duller cannot fail to comprehend that he is in a nation of warriors."

"Chief of all the fine memorials

of war, which Prussia's capitol contains, is the imposing Monument of Victory." It is on this monument, now surrounded with all the rubble and destruction of war that this rude inscription stands, "Christ is our peace." As I read Stoddard's description of war-like Berlin at the height of her power, and then read the description of those who have been there recently, the words of Jesus come to mind, "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

Almost 2,000 years ago St. Paul wrote: "He (Christ) is our peace." Now 2,000 years later an unknown writer inscribes it on one of the world's greatest monuments to war. How difficult it is for us to learn the lesson that love is the most powerful force in the world, that the use of force begets its own destruction.

The same St. Paul wrote, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." This is the divine pattern for conquest. It is the only one which will lastingly succeed in any struggle whether it be in the human heart or between the nations of the world. Christmas proclaims Christ as the Prince of Peace. Is He the Prince of Peace in your heart? References: Matthew 26:52; Ephesians 2:14; Romans 12:21.



YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

NEW YORK gendarmes report the arrest of a burglary suspect who claims he kept to a swiping schedule of eight hours a day, five days a week. He must have meant nights.

Anyway, the guy was loyal to his own union—even if it did have but one member.

It must have a terrible strain to pass up an unlocked door while on his lunch hour.

U. S. tailors have selected Ike Eisenhower as No. 1 among the best-dressed men in the country. Gosh, and just a couple of

years ago his clothes didn't look any different than those of 10 million other Americans.

Hoyt King's theory of election results is that, maybe, the Republicans were asleep at the switch.

Food continues to be a chief problem of the Japanese. Could it be they're suffering from Diet deficiency?

A Northwestern university research director ups and announces that it's the high grade morons who make the best automobile drivers. Now let's hear, again, how you've never had an accident.

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