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**SENATOR
 SAM ERVIN
 SAYS**



WASHINGTON -- The Senate is considering a far-reaching proposal to alter the Constitution -- the proposition that we abolish the electoral college and adopt a system of direct election of the President.

Certainly, the present electoral college method of choosing our President is cumbersome and in several respects defective. Indeed, I have introduced S.J. Res. 2 to amend the Constitution to deal with some of these defects, including the elimination of the so-called "faithless" elector. At the same time, it must be recognized at the outset that the crucial issue before the Senate is not whether we ought to retain the electoral college but whether we should propose a change in the Constitution that will dangerously affect the entire constitutional and political structure of this nation. In my judgment, adoption of the direct election plan, in spite of its simple appeal, subjects the entire fabric of constitutional government in this country to needless risks.

These risks have been largely ignored by advocates who say that the times demand that we modernize the procedures for electing a President by adhering to a "one-man, one vote" plan, and that the electoral college left unchanged may subject the country to a constitutional crisis in a future election if no candidate wins a majority of the electoral votes. Admittedly, these are appealing arguments. But, it ought to be recognized too that the major deficiencies of the electoral college can be remedied by far less drastic solutions than the adoption of the direct election plan, and at far less risk to the delicate balance of governmental powers set forth in many provisions of the Constitution.

This balance becomes apparent when we consider that all unique features of the Constitution are departures from the numerical concept of representative government. This is true of the federal system, which prevents the less populous States from being entirely ruled by the more populous States, this is true of the system of "checks and balances" which divides legislative responsibilities between the House and the Senate on grounds other than population, this is true of the separation of powers concept which invests great powers in a non-elective federal judiciary, and this is the essence of the electoral college which requires that each State have a minimum of three electoral votes no matter how small its population may be.

This formula has been the moderating influence in our government since the foundation of this Republic, because it has required political parties to seek compromises which protect both majority rule and minority rights. When one begins to consider that almost everyone is a member of some religious, social, economic, ethnic, or political minority, the true value of this safeguard in our government becomes clearer.

Theodore H. White, the noted authority on Presidential elections, made this sage observation about the dangers of the direct election amendment when he recently told the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Our presidential campaigns right now are balanced in each party to bring a compromise, to eliminate the extremes of both sides, and create a man who has at least the gift of unifying his party and thereafter the Nation.

Once you go to the plebiscite form of vote you get the more romantic, the more eloquent and the more extreme politicians, plus their hacks and TV agents polarizing the Nation rather than bringing it together. It is that fundamental erosion of the U.S.A. that horrified me.

**Mrs. Wampler
 Was Chosen**

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associations, and churches all across the country. These young women's complete biographical sketches are featured in the national volume, "Outstanding Young Women of America".

These women are now in competition for their state's Outstanding Young Women of the Year Award. This fall, fifty of the young women included in "Outstanding Young Women of America"--one from each state--will be named as their state's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year.

Guidelines for selection as an Outstanding Young Woman include unselfish service to others, charitable activities, community and civic and professional recognition.

**Wreck Found
 Early Sunday**

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age of his car were found at 10:15 a. m. Sunday by a Burnsville resident, who called the Yancey County sheriff.

Briggs was an employee of Mohasco Mills in Burnsville.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Landon Briggs of Burnsville Route 1; seven sisters, Mrs. Edna Tipton, Mrs. Clyde Renfro and Mrs. Richard Canipe, all of Green Mountain, Mrs. Harold Hughes of Washington, Indiana, Mrs. Charles Vickers of Salisbury, Mrs. Lloyd Cooper of Lexington and Miss Patricia Briggs of Burnsville Rt 1; three brothers, J. D., Frank and Jerry W. Briggs, all of Burnsville Route 1.

Services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in the South Bend Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Charlie Miller and Rev. Frances Radford officiated and burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Third Win

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Winters passed to Boyd Howell for the two-point conversion.

Marshall threatened twice during the night both due to Panther fumbles. Marshall recovered a fumble on the Panthers 47 and brought it down to the third yard line before the drive an interception killed the drive in the third. In the fourth Harlan Rice picked up another Panther fumble and ran it to the visitors' 10-yard line, but the Tomatoes lost the ball on downs.

The win was East Yancey third while the loss put Marshall at 1 - 3.

straight talk

By Tom Anderson

COMRADE DAVIS AND FRIEND KALISH

That excellent little magazine, *Review of the News*, has a special section called "Correction, Please!" Recently "Correction, Please!" corrected *Newsweek* magazine. *Newsweek* had said:

"Angela Davis is black, proud, beautiful—and Phi Beta Kappa. Last (1969) spring when Donald Kalish, chairman of UCLA's philosophy department, was searching for a black faculty member, an academic friend told him about Miss Davis and her impressive credentials. . . . Philosophy chairman Kalish defends Miss Davis." And here is *Review of the News*' "Correction":

"Writing in *The Great Deceit*, his detailed study of Socialist-Communist penetration of American society, Zymund Dobbs points out that: "In 1906 (The American Socialist Society), after receiving funds from a wealthy socialist, organized the Rand School of Social Science. . . . Professors and teachers from every part of the country gathered there periodically to discuss the best ways of using American education to bring about Socialism. At these meetings (these Leftists, including professors of philosophy) were reinforced by top hard-core socialist politicians who had extensive experience in the practical world of politics. These top level socialist staff meetings hammered out the overall strategy of putting over socialist ideas under the guise of impartial scholarship. . . . Rand School teachers and pupils have always served as conspicuous luminaries in socialist and communist movements of all shades.

"In 1966 Donald Kalish was a sponsor of the Conference to Plan a National Student Strike for Peace. This particular activity received the special attention of Communist Bettina Aptheker, daughter of Herbert Aptheker—the leading 'intellectual' of the Communist Party, U.S.A. Kalish's name, as a matter of fact, heads the list of Initial Sponsors for the Student Strike. As the House Committee on Un-American Activities pointed out, 'At the time she approached the 32 initial sponsors, Bettina Aptheker was probably the most widely known Communist in the United States.' So there was no excuse for Professor Kalish not to know he was sponsoring a Communist program run by and for the Communists.

"Quite naturally, Kalish also agreed to be a sponsor of the Spring Mobilization Committee To End The War In Vietnam. This group organized the demonstrations held in a number of large cities during April of 1967. Communist support of the Spring Mobilization Committee was blatant . . .

"On Sunday, October 8, 1967, a secret meeting of the Peace and Freedom Party was held in a Los Angeles suburb. Top Leftists from all over the state of California were in attendance. The platform presented to those attending stated that 'the U.S. government is the single greatest threat to peace and progress of the world's peoples.' The Party demanded that the U.S. abandon Vietnam immediately, avoid further intervention in 'peoples' revolutions,' and align itself in 'developing aspirations with the people of Africa, Latin America, and Asia.' It also supported the 'principles of equality and self-determination which are manifested in the movement of the militant Blacks in the U.S.' You guessed it! Professor Donald Kalish was one of the key conspirators selected to attend this highly secret gathering.

"In April of 1968, Professor Kalish readily explained his revolutionary activities. He stated in a radio interview: 'I am far to the left of the Communist Party . . . Some of us, as I say, are more extreme than them in our political views . . . And I am one of them.'

"Yet to read *Newsweek* one would think that Donald Kalish was some kindly old professor secluded in an 'ivory tower' at U.C.L.A. In view of his record it is far more logical to suppose he hired Angela Davis because of her conspiratorial connections, not in spite of them. And if the Board of Regents considers it necessary to fire Miss Davis, shouldn't it also remove Comrade Kalish, who says he is 'far to the left of the Communist Party?'"

Thus *Review of the News* caught *Newsweek* once again doing what Vice President Spiro Agnew has been talking about: half-truths and deliberate distortions.

And where is "the black, proud, beautiful" Miss Davis now? She is now, or was when this was written, a fugitive from the F.B.I.

"Miss" Davis was named on warrants charging her with murder and kidnaping in the August 7 escape attempt from a San Rafael, Calif. courtroom that left four dead, including a judge. Reportedly, she had bought the shotgun used to kill the judge just two days before and had masterminded the whole shootout. Reportedly she has left the country. Black anarchists on the lam—Robert Williams, Eldridge Cleaver, etc.—have no difficulty leaving. Wonder why?

And where is *Newsweek* now? Same place. Still distorting. —American Way Features

AN ALLIGATOR IN THE NAVY IS AN AMPHIBIOUS TRACTOR WHICH IS AMBULATORY IN WATER OR ON THE BEACHES.