

How to Watch A President Grow

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There are a number of ways to determine the progress George Wallace is making in his bid for the presidency. One way, of course, is by watching the polls; slowly these kept-sters are letting the truth seep out of their bag.

But the way I like best to observe Wallace's climb is a perverse sort of choice. I prefer to watch the squirmings of the Liberals, love to hear their rising yelps, and to read the sometimes-absurd formulate they concoct to "stop" him.

That's what I like, and the more bitter, the more caustic they become the better I like it.

Here is a new high, one that approaches the falsetto: Dr. Gary Orfield, a professor at the University of Virginia, no less, proposes that the Republicans and Democrats make a deal, one with the other, join hands, to preclude Wallace from having any chance at winning the election.

Now you know that's something, right? Harsh stuff. And to make it more enjoyable my local paper says the professor's proposal is making quite a stir

in Washington. No doubt. Any port in a storm.

Specifically, this "pseudo-intellectual" wants the Republicans and Democrats to agree to pool their Electoral-College votes and thus produce for one or the other the majority George Wallace is sure to deny both of them if they don't.

Little the professor cares if his plan would disenfranchise 20 million voters — it would stop Wallace, and that is all that matters to the eggheads; a fig for democratic principles if they don't work your way. Right, professor?

They are titillating, these screwball proposals. I enjoy them immensely.

I should. Read a line from a reporter-spy I have in Washington: "The inside rif from HHH camp is that Wallace may win."

You bet he may. That's what I have been saying.

Why else would they be listening, to the likes of this professorial pin-wheel. His proposal is like asking the Jews and the A-rabs to lock arms instead

of horns. The inherent ignorance of the man — and it is typical — is apparent in his by-passing the fierce competition the pros of both parties feel for the jobs they covet, the jobs, the patronage and the cumshaw. What else is apparent in his proposal is the truth of George Wallace's oft-repeated statement: "There isn't a dime's worth of difference between either national party."

That's what the professor knows, that it would make no difference whichever of those two won. How else could he justify such a proposal? What he doesn't appreciate is the willingness of both, if victory hung in the balance, to slit the other's throat; that neither would trust the pledge of the other.

But it makes fine reading and that is what I wanted to write about. I wanted to introduce gentle reader to this bitter-sweet game I play: Reading Wallace's rising political popularity from the obverse side of the scene. It is much more enjoyable, say, than the prosaic approach, that of following the poll-cats.

Take those scurrilous attacks The Saturday Evening Post recently made on the little Judge. I loved them because of their overdone nastiness. And Look

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Q — How can parents slow down or counteract these terrible agents of HEW?

magazine, time after time, comes on with frenetic caterwauls that warm the cockles of me heart. That publication has about as much dignity as the Mad Hatter.

There was a time — when Wallace sentiment was a new-born thing — such attacks bothered Continued on Page 6

A: By urging their school administrators to forego Federal funds. At present, HEW officials are bribing the school men to take their orders. If a sufficient number of school superintendents refused HEW funds, this meddlesome agency would soon change its policies. Like most bureaucratic organizations, HEW must keep things stirred up to give a pretense of progress. See what you can do where you live.



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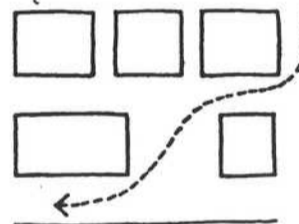
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