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How Can You Tell Who's Winning?

PRESIDENT TRUMAN held a press conference this week in the role of titular head of the Democratic Party. With his usual frankness he expressed his dislike for a fellow-ditssourian, Democratic Representative Slauwher, and a monunced that he had asked the Pendergast boys in Kansas logical enough: Representative Slauwher has been a consistent opponent of the Truman Legislative program.

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We doubt if Mr. Truman intended to set any sort of "purge" precedent. It sounded more like the personal irritation of an old machine politician at the disloyalty of a man he had once befriended. But if the President does plan to ge sunning for those Democrats who have sabotaged his legislative program he has a busy Summer shead, of him.

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In the South alone he will find that only
25 out of the 168 Representatives from the
solidly Democratic states have voted more
often with their own party than they have
with Republicans. The other 83 have allied
themselves with the GOP in opposition to

virtually every major place of legislation called for by President Truman under his 21-point reconversion program. Their disloyalty has given the Republicans an actual majority in the Congress, and has reduced the Truman Administration to impotence. This is what makes Mr. Truman's announcement that he will take to the stump base of the reconstruction of the stump base o

nouncement that he will take to the stump himself, if is necessary to insure a Democratic victory in November, so fronte. The Democrats have already lost their actual majority in both Houses, even though they may still retain it on paper. It would be much better for the Democratic Party if the Republicans achieved a sweeping victory at the polis this Fall. As it is now they are able, since they can count on the support of the Southern Democrats, to subotace the Democratic program and score to port of the Southern Democrats, to subotage the Democratic program and score the Democrats for lack of positive action. Mr. Truman's chances in '48 would be greatly enhanced if he could blame the coming economic rollayse on the opposition of an officially Republican Concress.

If he plans to take to the stump at all, he would be wise, we think, to offer his services to J. Carrol Reece.

How To Steal An Election

EUGENE TALMADGE has been nomi-TUGENE TALMADGE has been nominate and elected to the governorship of Georgia under due process of law and not even his principal opponent, James V. Carmichael, who polled more votes than he did, argues that he should not be settled. But a good many thoughtful Georgians must be, convinced by now that the peculiar county unit system that served to nullify the popular vote in the state must be abandoned.

Spectacular as was Talmadge's nomination by a clear minofity, an even better ex-ample of the strange workings of the unit system was provided by the Congressional race between Mrs. Helen Mankin, the in-cumbent, and Judge James C. Davis. Out of a total vote of around 100,000, Mrs. Man-kin led her opponent by more than 11,000, but she acquired only six unit votes to his eight. This means that Judge Davis will be the next Congressman from the Fitth District of Georgia unless Mrs. Mankin wins her battle to have the unit vote dis-counted. race between Mrs. Helen Mankin, the in-

counted.

Fullon County, which includes Atlanta, has a population of almost 400,000 people, but it only has six iiinli votes. Defkalb County, with about 87,000 population, also has six unit votes, while little Rockele, with less than 8,000 persons, has two. Mrs. Mankin carried Fullon by a healthy ma-fority of more than 15,000 votes. Judge Davis carried Fullon by about 2,000 votes. The less than 1,000 voters of Rockdale then

decided the election, giving their two unit votes to Judge Davis.

The effect of the unit system here is to disfranchise the voters of Fulton, for the Congressional election can always be decided in the other two combine to the votes of Fulton, for the Congressional election can always be decided in the other two combine to the state of the congressional election can always be decided in the other two combines to state the state of the congression of the legislature, say the Senate But when the legislature, say the Senate But when it is applied to all offices it opens the way for the most dubious political practices. Mrs. Mankin's "defeat" has ramifications that should disturb even the unreconstructed Georgians who approve of disfranchising the etitles. It appears that the unit system, which had not been in effect in the Fifth District for many years, was invoked solely to insure her defeat. She is, therefore, claiming victory based on her popular majority, and is contesting the ruling of the district Democratic committee. She seems to be completely justified in her claim that the unit system was used eliberately to steal the election.

None of this is any business of ours, articly speaking, but it is proper enough to offer sympathy and best wishes to our meighbor to the south. Having Gene Talmance, but the realization that the whole state is at the mercy of its courthouse rings is even worse. Other Southerners, we hope, will note the moral implicit in all this: Applinitation on the franchise is an invitation to political corruption.

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Mr. Mills Adds A Dimension

WE know none of the details of Allen
L. Mills' campaign for Commissioner
of Iredell County. We do not know whether,
if it had been any of our business, we
would have supported him in his demand
for a schollonuse in West Statesville. But
we do know that Mr. Mills has written,
and paid for, a political advertisement we
shall always cherish.
"I stuck my neck out for a schoolhouse."

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"I stuck my neck out for a schoolhouse," he proclaimed in a full-page spread in The Statesville Daily, "And I am still going to have that schoolhouse, regardless, One enemy has a neck longer than mine, and I have been a friend to him since he was born. Anyway his neck is longer than mine, and some day a question mark will be made out of it."

But it is the stated purpose of Mr. Mills' advertisement, as much as its phrase-ology, that gives it its rare quality. "I am so thankful that I was not elected, that I cannot do otherwise than express my gralitude to my friends through this paper. I would not want it under any conditions, with the exception of having lost a schoolhouse, with the votes they slole from me under false pretense."

Not being familiar with The Daily's space rates, we have no idea how much Mr. Mills paid for the page, but whatever it was lite study and the state of the page, but whatever it was lite study have been worth It. We carn't imagile an advertiser deriving greater satisfaction.

an advertiser deriving greater satisfaction than must have been Mr. Mills when he saw in type:

Insofar as Statesville is concerned. I pay a payroll every week, eash money over the barrel head, and I have been doing so for 28 years. And insofar as your can, incorrigate the parties of the list, as I will try to live a better life and leave these troubles to the citizens and taypayers... My name is definitely off the list, and I this is not all the list, and I this is not a list of the list, and I this is not a list of the list, and I this is not assistantly one and see me personally. We commend Mr. Mills' method to all

defeated candidates, everywhere. A flat statement that he was robbed a threat to bend the neck of his principal enemy, an announcement that he hasn't changed his announcement that he hasn't changed his mind about anything, a public estimate of the low estate into which politics has fallen, a promise to live a better (if private) life in the future: . . . what could better salve the wounded feelings of a man rejected by his constituency? This is far superior to the usual hypocritical "best wishes" forwarded by the defeated when the votes are counted. And certainly it is as productive of concrete results as the charges of corruption sometimes filled with and always forcetten by the various elecand always forgotten, by the various election boards.

Mr. Mills has added a new dimension to political advertising—the note of thanks for not being elected. We congratulate him, and wish him well in his continued effort, as private citizen and taxpayer, to bring a schoolhouse to West Statesville.

'Another Voice

The Tobacco Growers Know

You cannot fool the tobacco growers of the Southeast. They have been through the mill in the last 20 years, and have learned from the experience of seasons when their crops did not repay the cost of planting and cultivation. That was because they were in a situation in which 20,000 individual farmers had to deal with dosen or so buyers.

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They have learned the wisdom of the Federal Government's quota system for acreage and its support prices for flue-cured tobacco

Despite the great improvement in their of which has come under the Agricultural adjustment Administration's program, the accordance which voted in favor of a three-ser commitment to quotas in last Friday's reservedum was truly amazing.

Only 4.132 voted against quotas: only 135 voted for control for 1947; 242,516, a stately note to our high court, healdes protecting the cong when a pal swings the gavel with malice aforethought.

to snipe at Franklin D. Roosevelt, Henry Wallace and the New Deal have ceased their activities where tobacco is grown. They could make no headway against the hard facts of prosperity that has succeeded uncertainty and distress.—Atlanta Journal. "Reading maketh the full man"—or would, if the 25-cent reprints came out in that edible paper.

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Although pretending to be impartial effective to work for these Charlotte employers. Had some of these veterans been interviewed their position would likely have been about as follows:

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possible. "The quoted indignant Charlotte business men apparently want an arrangement whereby a man is compelled to choose between working in their plants and starving. They imply that men would rather work for them than starve and they are right in this.

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But there must be something radically wrong with a job which will be accepted only under the threat of starvation. Nor is it a compliment to these business men that laboring men prefer a submarginal existence on \$20 a week to working for the control of the submarginal existence on \$20 a week to working for the submarginal existence on \$20 a week to working for the submarginal existence on \$20 as week to working for the submarginal existence on \$20 as week to working for the submarginal existence on \$20 as week to working for the submarginal existence on \$20 as week to working for the submarginal existence of \$20 as week to working for the submarginal existence of \$20 as well as \$20 as week to working for the submarginal existence of \$20 as well as \$20 as

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"It might be enlightening for these business men to examine working conditions in their plants. Perhaps by paying employees on a monthly or annual basis a living wage, by giving them an opportunity to share in company profits through bonuses or other just rewards, by imposing fines or dismissal for absence without permission or good reason, steady, self.

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respecting, loyal workers could be obtained and retained.

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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words. typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted—otherwise anything poes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tux Nww.

Quote, Unquote

NAZI Germany is crushed but the danger to democracy has not yet been stamped out. — David Zasiavsky, Soviet foreign affairs writer.

A thoughful person cannot help being distressed the reports of drunkenness attending diplomatic and international gathering. No wonder that so many of the international conferences turn out to be lost week-ends.—Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, president Boston University.

Lobbyists At Work

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Samuel Grafton

The Other View

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warning that some victories can be
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It is too much, perhaps, to ask the conservatively-minded to be a subspicious of the swing to the right-will not be counted, and yet it might be useful to have a look at the content, the inner meaning, the content, the inner meaning, the content, the inner meaning, the content of the content, the inner meaning of the content, the inner meaning of the content, the inner meaning of a sases, its total cost.

One clear possibility is that we may have a result of the new political content of the content

If we cannot change minds, perhaps we can at least change moots, and curb the undiscriminating exultation with which the rightward ciril is being greeted. The exultation with which the rightward ciril is being greeted. The exultation with the property of the conservative majority of the Senate in puticads to excellent a price control bill the property of the senate in putical control with the property of the senate in putical control with the property of the senate in the property of the p

prices below ceilings.

When a swing to the right leads to this kind of cheerful grabbing, plus a territying unconcern about thinking up a story to explain it.

or a theory on which or rest it, one is perhaps entitled to ask right-dance, and do a bit of political and economic cost-accounting.

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Drew Pearson's: To Ignore The Klan Is To Give It Life

VARIOUS people, including my somewhat worried wife, have been looking askance at my bearding the Ku Klux Klan in its home lair in Atlanta. They say I am giving the Klan too much publicity, that the Klan doesn't amount on snything, that it should be ignored. That, of course, was what folks also said about Huier, and about the Capone gang in its infancy, and about the old Klan after the last. War. Yet each developed tragic and amaning strength.

wang in its infance, and about the old Kian after the last war. Yet each developed tragle and annating strength. As a very young newspaper man, I remember going out to Kansas to cover the right which William Allen White was then making against the Ku Kiu Kian in his race for Governor. White was one of the great leaders of the stood for something which was truly and finely American, yet the Kian was too strong for him. His weapon against him were haired terrorian, and one of the most sirtight politics of the results of the stood of t

volved."

Louisiana Appealed For Help
GOVERNOR PARKER, who was no carpethagge, had to
take the unusual step of appealing to Pederal officials
to help him keep order inside the State of Louisiana. This
was in 1922, not. 1870. He reported that state officials
could not cope, with the "horrifying orimes" of the Klain,
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It was impossible in some states to be elected without
jointing or bowing before the will of the Klain. Its membenship grew in 1922 at the rate of 3,50% a 45x. 29, 1935

it had \$904.071 members. And yet it had mushroomed from nothing. The Klan will die a natural dastin, they said. Once it got started, however, the opposite was true. It seemed nothing could stop the power of the KKK. Laws were as the Democratic National Convention in 1984, but in the end the convention dared not go on record specifically against it.

The Klan's greatest strength sp in the fact that it was the first organization in the USA to adopt the block-by-block system of securing membership. The CICD's Political slock-by-block system but the Klan had proved the situations of the Single Single

KKK Gravy Train