Truman And Boss Tom's Ghost

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A force a Congressional investigation of
the Department of Justice's handling of
the Kanasa City vote fraud case, the Republicans have not abandoned their hope
of making this mailodorous Missouri affair
a major issue in 1988. It is quite possible
that they will have a measure of success
along this line without the assistance of Senate Judicity Committee literated by Resmall policy of the success of

Truman's home neighborhood is found in the tone of recent editoral expressions from newspapers in our own part of the cognity. There seems to be a widespread impression that the Democratic politicians did their own cause no good in opposing the Kem resolution, thereby inviting the Republican charge that they were covering up for the Administration.

The company of the Administration of the Administration of the Administration of the Administration's position and declares: "If this whole business doesn't rise to plague Mr. Truman in his campain for re-election next year, it will be extremely surprising." The Times-Dispotal profession of the Administration's position with Kansas Gity's Pendergast machine, and concludes: "The chost of 'Boos' Pendergast was supposed to have been laid, in so far as the White House is concerned, but there are indications that old 'Tom' is likely to turn into a very lively corpse; come 1948."

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It is surprising, however, to discover that
the Times-Dispatch bases part of its case
on a mistaken impression of Mr. Truman's
actual work for the Pendergast organization. The Richmond paper writes:

The Pendergast gang was supposed to have been pretty well wiped out by the forces of good government in Kansas City, but Mr. Truman personally helped to gut it back on its feet by throwing it into action against Representative Slaughter and engineering a victory for Artell. The mentine also managed to elect the prosecuting attorney and the county judge.

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On the contrary, it was Truman's intervention against Slaughter in 1946 that precipitated the present troubles for the old Boss machine. Before the White House acted, the two dominant Kansas City Democratic factions were working together in

a revival that seemed destined to restore much of the machine's old power. It ap-peared that Slaughter would have the sup-port of both the Pendergast and Shannon factions, as well as the Kansas City Star. the "reform" paper which took such a large part in the overthrow of Boss Tom Pendergast in 1939-40.

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Representative Slaughter himself was a machine politician, a figure in the Shannon faction, and the path seemed greased for a machine Jamborce when President Truman changed the picture by asking his friend, Jim Pendergast, nephew of the late Boss, to eliminate Slaughter of the late Boss, to eliminate Slaughter of the Republican revival, and the vote crooks came out in the conflict that followed:

This party squabble continued in the Democrats that the Republicans were able to score an important victory. It is true that the Pendergast faction was able to score an important victory. It is true that the Pendergast faction was able to nominate its candidates for prosecuting attorney and county judge but it is not true, at the Rehmond Times-Dispatch assumes, that the machine elected them.

The prosecutor's office went to the OOP candidate, who coved his election to the Democrats of the Shans the deciding factor of the Shans the deciding factor of the Shans the deciding factor in this race. That go od Republican wasted no time instituting action against the Pendergast Democrats in the vote fraud cases.

Another and contrasting Southern view of the Kansas City story, with respect to Mr Truman, is given in the Releigh News and Observer, which holds that the Republican demand for an investigation of the Department of Justice was an effort to

Mr Truman, is given in the Raleish News and Observer which holds that the Republican demand for an investigation of the Department of Justice was an effort to smear President Truman. The record shows that the GOP desire to impair has been pronounced all along the line from Kansas City to Washington. On plain that they, By making it much to plain that they. By making it much call placing the President in an unfavorable light than in cleaning up elections the Republicans provided some justification for the Democratis in blocking the Congressional probe. We agree with the Nexes and Observer that it would have been "good politics" if the Democratis had let the Republican short expedition proceed, but we fear that our Raleigh riends may be premature in declaring the attempt to smear Mr. Truman has failed, since the Republican's shown odisposition to change their lactics and we aiready have had disturbing indications of their ability to apread confusion and suspicion.

The Egg And The Bright New World

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A NOTHER sign of progress is halled by A sutomobile Facts, publication of the Automobile Manufacturer, Association, in reporting that the chicken has become a convert to the belief that the motor car is here to stay. Its authority for announcing this heartening change of attitude in the poultry world is Ludlow Griscom, ornithologist and chairman of the board of the National Audubon Society.

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Elaborating on this heartening development, Automobile Montanian, STUDY (published by Harvard University Freas). Mr. Griscom says that although the subject of behavior and intelligence of birds per control of the subject of the

Ornithologist Griscom's discovery tends to confirm one of our favorite theories, which is that the chicken does have a which is that the chicken does have a work of the confirm one of our favorite theories, which is that the chicken conducts its life. Its entire career is devoted to making itself useful and keeping the peace. It knows that the nights are for sleep and the wonderful sunlit hours for work. It loves to flock with its own kind and has no prejudices against other peaceable breeds, and will even accept dueks as companions without trying to make them feel that they belong to an vides mankind a daily example of how to live intelligently.

In line with this theory, we believe that the chicken's slowness in getting out of the automobile but instead shows that the hen suffered from too much faith in humanity. She simply couldn't believe that the individuals operating the machines were in on respect for her rights and her selfage. At any rast, our faith in automobiles, chickens and science has been strengthened and we look forward with new confidence to the World of Tomorrow. Man has taken more than twenty-five generations and he still hasn't learned that there is no profit in prejudice, harted and war but surely he must have some of the same intelligence that animates the fowls in his yard.

Mr. Fritz And His Molehill

THE State Board of Education will de-clide tomorrow the fate of R. L. Fritz Jr., the Hudson school principal and presi-dent of the North Carolina Education As-sociation, whose handling of \$1,300 in school funds has come under its accrutiny;

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Mr. Fritz, denying any deliberate malfeasance and volcing the complaint that he
is being crucified by his enemies, has expressed his willingness to retire if the
board deems it wise. He was not quite so
unequivocal when asked if he would resign
as NCRA president. Whatever action the
board takes, and whatever course Mr. Fritz
pursues thereafter, the incident's unattractive reflection upon the state school
system will not be forgotten.

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system will not be forgotten.

That Mr. Fritz has enemies is not unusual. Politics in state educational circles can be extremely vicious, particularly so when one upsets the applicant as Mr. Fritz did in capturing the NCEA presidency over the first vice- president, traditional heir to the throne. The timing of the current "expose" provides material for speculation; it followed, almost too closely to be colincidence, the unprecedented endorsement which President Fritz gave to Charles M. Johnson's candidacy for Governor. Although Mr. Pritz's enemies may have favored; the investigation, it is not likely that the board will permit his political activities to in-

fluence their decision; from them there is every indication that Mr. Fritz can expect not crucifision, but a full and fair trial.

Although Mr. Fritz's explanation may satisfy the board that there has been nothing more than technical irrequianties in the handling of the funds, he still faces censure for maintaining a system of books censure for maintaining a system of books customary business practices in the management of public funds.

The incident not only reflects the lax financial management of so one of our schools and the evils of school politics; fundamentally, it represents conditions for which Mr. Fritz is not the instigator, but the symbol. If teachers were sufficiently paid for the after-school work which they are required to do, there would have been no necessity for the Hudson principal to.

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The case, in any even the tree the political arena. Politics is a risky sport; those who engage in it must be dead sure that they are, personally and officially, above suspiaon. It is to easy for one's nemies to make a mountain out of an indiscreet molehili.

'Come In-The Water's Fine!'



Good Old Days

When Dollars Went Far

Back in the early days of this century things were cheap in dollars and cents that it is painful to be at the off anivertisements. The same applies the average falled incomes, however. In pro-rition to income whisky, clothes, and rents in e old days weren't much cheaper than they are

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Life In Soviet Union

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Realism For Junket

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