

A Victory Against Odds

Governor Dewey's conquest of defeat and his telegram of congratulations to Truman seem to put the seal of finality on one of the greatest upsets in American political history.

Yet, one prime reason for supporting Dewey went a glimmering when the Democrats surprisingly won not only the Senate but the House.

In whatever regard one may hold Truman, he cannot help admiring the luck with which the little man has turned a hopeless situation.

It Keeps On Rolling Along

Yesterday a nation of 145 million people, by far the most powerful nation in the world, one of the few nations in the world where freedom from oppression and a reasonable security against privation, fear of one's masters and unneeded suffering are accepted as mankind's lot in life, held itself an election.

On yesterday so many of the 145 millions who were old enough and interested enough to vote about the business of electing a President of the United States. There were probably as many reasons for the way people voted as there were people who voted.

One of the reasons for voting for this candidate, or not voting for that one, had nothing to do with the central issues. One young man we know, a South Carolina and an ex-G. I., voted for the Republicans because of the Democratic record.

A good many Southerners voted against Truman because they thought that on the race issue he had been a traitor to his party, and a good many Negroes voted for him because they thought he had taken his stand for freedom.

And here we are, on the 3rd day of November, and we were on the 1st day of November, a nation of 145 millions of people, by far the most powerful nation in the world, with a President of our own election coming into office next January. It is reasonable to predict that in the next four years and the next five years thereafter, we shall remain, in this country, one of the few citadels in the world where freedom from oppression and a reasonable security against want, fear and unneeded suffering will continue to be our inalienable rights.

Not even the shearing off of a whole bloc of Democrats to form the Dixiecrat movement, and the low regard which each faction subsequently expressed for the other, dented the voting habit of North Carolinians and South Carolinians. There is a faith in the State's Democratic party, surely; and there are clashes of personalities. But when these fights between factions and persons were fought out in last year's primaries, and winners determined, the electorate of the State figured that the election was over. It was.

Despite the many arguments in favor of a two-party system for North Carolina, facts remain that within the State there are ready-made party organizations functioning to nearly everybody's satisfaction.

plain changed will always be open to question. In his favor he has the votes to show for it, but the country is notoriously softer-hearted toward the underdog.

Governor Dewey for his part did not ever succeed in making an impressive campaign or in stirring up any responsible facsimile of popular enthusiasm for himself or for one anointed by the Lord, despite the trafficking with less wholesome elements in the Republican Party that had won him the nomination, and he refused to mix it up with his opponent in the rough and tumble style of political campaign that America does on and counts on.

In the final analysis the Presidential election was not solely a defeat for Dewey or a victory for Truman. The winning of both House and Senate by the Democrats is a victory for the Democrats in the face of insurmountable obstacles. The mass of the voters, evidently, have decided to cast their lot with the party of Roosevelt until something more attractive comes along.

the professionals to build for 1952 and the years ahead. But it also showed that an alignment based on current events rather than on historical affinities cannot be ruled out altogether.

THE fighting, the hot fighting, was over economic considerations. Water-lined up according to how they figured they would come out economically, which is to say financially, which is to say with how much money in the bank.

THE opposing group, by and large, believes that the government, which is rich and also generous, should take an even closer interest in matters affecting the masses of the people, should stand firmly against the inalienable struggle of the few well-to-do to equalize the rewards of a going capitalist system.

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ON the morning of October 29th, The Charlotte Observer carried a article which said in part that "one group of the audience, about 50 Negroes who had been seated in the balcony, were being asked to leave their seats in the balcony."

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The People's Platform Sane and Happy Halloween

CHARLOTTE

Now that the mirth and merriment of Halloween is over, it seems appropriate to extend a liberal measure of appreciation and gratitude to the many men and women who gave generously of their time and resources in making the traditional occasion the most enjoyable ever entered into by the children of Charlotte.

It is sincerely hoped that the welcome alienate to antiquated conventionalism will continue to enrich the future of the community and that other warm-hearted citizens will join in making such a Halloween observance a treasure album of pleasant memories for children everywhere.

NEGRO SEATS AT THE ARMY CHARLOTTE

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'No Mandate For Us' Marquis Childs Transition Period

WASHINGTON THE transition period following the election of Nov. 3 and Nov. 20, coming at a time of world turmoil and uncertainty over the future of the world, is a period of transition. Unless all the pollsters and prophets are confounded, an unprecedentedly high percentage of voters will hold power for nearly three months.

It began with the unhappy proposal to send Chief Truman to Moscow to talk to Stalin. It has been widened by the President's stance in favor of giving the Jews of Israel boundary greatly in excess of the Bernadotte Plan endorsed by Secretary of State Marshall.

The truth is that the President and the men immediately around him have come to look on the State Dept. as a kind of political horse. Their attitude, ironically enough, is something like that of a horse owner who looks on his department to be an arm of Wall St.

To certain of his good friends Marshall has indicated that he intends to resign before the end of the election, shortly after Nov. 2. That was before he had seen the results of the election season. What has happened since would be likely to confirm his intention.

Marshall indicated that he hoped to see Undersecretary of State Robert Lovett step into the shoes of the late Secretary of State. Lovett has been Acting Secretary since the death of Acheson. Marshall has been out of the country. It is most unlikely, however, that he will be asked to resign since he is regarded with suspicion by the White House.

Marshall may still time his resignation to coincide with the end of his duties in Paris in connection with the Marshall Plan. Truman would then have the opportunity to name a new Secretary of State by naming John A. Dulles, Gov. Dewey's chief adviser on foreign affairs, as Secretary of State.

DEWEY TO STAY AWAY CHARLOTTE The question of whether Dewey would do this, or whether Dulles would accept a question, Dewey himself intends to remain aloof from Washington in the transition period.

JAMES MARLOW He Hopes He Is Right

WASHINGTON THE little man, any little man going to the polls, casts his vote with hope in his heart.

HE had all that on his mind when he cast his vote, hoping he was voting for the man who would bring the sun out of the gloom and the rushing tide of the sea back to the shore.

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No Upsets Here

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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