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Marshall Is 'Just The Man'

OUTHERN DEMOCRATS, seeking a way to avoid a Disis revoit from the Democratic Party, take hope in the thought that they can iddetrack Harry S. Truman from the Presidential nomination at their Philadelphia convention. We disilike to throw cold water on a good idea but it seems to us that the whole Democratic Party is in the

cold water on a good idea but it seems to us that the whole Democratic Party is in the same predicament as the South—it has no place else to go.

The case of Mr. Truman himself above; just how difficult it is to satisfy or even control the various incompatible elements southern and the liberal Northern and Western wings. In the present agitated situation, a semblance of cohesion could be established only by a great popular leader and master politician like Franklin D. Roosevelt, and there is none on the horizon.

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THE ONE possibility we see for a comformation of the control of the promise candidate satisfactory to all factions is mentioned by 8 en a tor Olin Johnston of South Carolina, who offers Secretary of State George C. Marshall as "just the man." However, that ch an ce seems to be out of the picture because of Secretary Marshall's loyalty to President Truman, his own distaste for politics and Mr. Truman's distinction of Secretary Marshall to politics and Mr. Truman's distinction of the country Marshall could be drafted by the convention over his own and President Truman's protests but that would require so much doing that it probably is idle to speculate on a replacement for Truman.

Secretary Marshall does not seem to have the color or popular appeal that would make him an effective campaigner but he commands the whole nation's respect and he has the other qualities that peculiarly qualify him for the role of national leader in this hour. What the Democratic Party meeds—and what America needs—is a figure above politics, a spokesman who can largely roolish contention over civil rights, domestic reform, left and right in this country. America is calling for a man who can st the course true on the main Issue of 1948, which is the issue of American leadership for world peace.

Roose C. Marshall, by his work as Secretary of State, has already demonstrated that he can fill this need for the Democratic Party and for America.

With Marshall as head of the ticket, the

Democrats could make their most effective answer to the main charge that 'comes from Henry A. Wallace, the Third Party candidate, who has been raising the cry that the Administration's foreign policy is a policy of American imperialism for war with Russia. Wallace left the Truman Qab-inet in a quarrel over the "rest tough with Russia" policy that was evol ve d when James F. Byrnes was Secretary of State and which since has been oricially cum-and which since has been oricially cum-contends there has been no change in that policy but it is on this point that Marshall, as the Democratic leader, could cut the ground from under the Third Party advo-cate of appeasement.

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Secretary Marshall was in the Cabinet
when the Truman Doctrine was proclaimed
and therefore shares in responsibility for it.

However, he is identified principally with
the Marshall Plan for, Suropean Recovery,
which is the other face of American policy
and which could be much more clearly defined and implemented to the point of
stealing much of Wallace's thunder while
greatly improving the peace prospect.

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In His present position, the Secretary cannot settle all the doubts that are raised over the Administration's policy by the Waliace charges. Those doubts feed on evidence that the Administration is not following a clear line, that there are many influential figures in the Administration who do not share Marshall's concept and who hamatring his efforts to effect a world settlement. In brief, the public has been given the impression that we are drifting or stumbling toward war for lack of firm leadership whose objective unquestionably is peace.

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As was said in the beginning, it probably is too much to hope that events will produce a Democratic leader who will lift the party out of its present confusion and conflict. However, it is clear that nothing less than a strong, fresh voice for Asperican action that promises we of if recovery and peace will reunite the Democratic Party and gree it a chance to win in November.

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If Harry Truman cannot assert that leadership, he could perform perhaps his most notable service for his country by calling for nomination of the man whom he regards as the greatest living American—George Catlett Marshall.

Backward Steps In The South

NOT ALL the disturbing political news in the South this week concerns the threatened revolt of the Diste Democrats from the national party. The victory of Earl Long in the Louisiana gubernatorial run-off, and the court decision which run-off, and the court decision which the court decision which are the contract of the Long and the court decision which the court of the Long and Talmadge machines. While the Kingfah and O'l Gene have now been claimed by death, their tradition apparently lives on despite the temporary emergence of reform administrations.

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The Long dynaxty in Louisiana began with the election of Huery P. Long to the Governorship in 1928 and continued in its built of the control of

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his son Herman fell heir to the machine.

Monday's owur decision settles the jurnaparty controversy which began in early

1947 with Herman Talmadge's attempt to
selie the Governorship. The Talmadge faction has now been officially recognized at
the Democratic Party of Georgia.

It is little consolation for those who deplore the Long-Talmadge brand of government that Earl Long and Herman Talmadge are less violent men than their corrupt predecessors. Perhaps Earl Long will
not indulge in the chicanery employed by
his brother, will not establish a ga in in his
he Kingfish enjoyed; perhaps Herman
Talmadge will not become the merchant of
hate his father was as he prepares to run
for the Governorship of Georgia.

*Yet with the unpleasant experiences of
previous machine rule in these two states
so indelibly stamped upon the record, it is
difficult to entertain the hope that history
will not repeat itself. The machines which
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brother are of irresponsible government—the
same brand of ineffective, wasteful, demagogic government which more than a ny
other factor has caused the people of the
nation to demand that the Federal Government "do something about the South."

Steel Price Hike 'Mystery'

SENATORIAL puzziement over the big hike in steel prices seems to be pronounced. Even Senator Taft is aroused over this latest manipulation of the 'free enterprise' system. The Ohlo Republican, outer guard in the defense against Government control of the economy, says he is pleased to see that the Truman Administration is investigating the \$5 a ton boost to determine if there has been collusion in the infinite if there has been collusion in the

dustry which violates anti-trust laws. Senator Bartley, Kentucky Democrat, declares that "Everybody is wondering why the terrific price increase has been made." Meanwhile, the FBI is on the job, looking for evidence of a conspiracy to raise prices. We doubt that the services of Edgar Hoover's setults are needed to answer the question in the minds of Taft and Bartley. They should be able to find a sufficient extra the sufficient extra the sufficient extra the sufficient extra the substantial political situation in Washington. Among the contributing factors are the Southern revolt against Truman and the Wallace revolts against Truman, which satisfies the

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over economic control that is exercised by Big Business planners, but hardly enough to prevent a November victoly for the party of the conservative interests, nor enough to convince Taft and Congress that the Federal Government should experiment with inflation control in the public interest.

Russia is getting more reasonable. She now seems willing to give us back one twelfth of the ships we lent her during the war.—Lynchburg News.

According to all the informati admitted and verified, Mr. Pauley — the President's friend and privy councillor — did better than sow-sow with his wild oats. —Nashville Banner.

Two young women from Dixie got a place to live in difficult Washington by advertising for a place to hang a Confederate flag. No lost cause there, we'd say—Greenville Piedmont.

All this talk about meat rationing, says Senator, speaking for the headlines, mere-/ leads to hoarding. And all this talk bout hoarding merely leads to—hoarding. -Asheville Citizen.

"I don't think any man should have freedom of speech when his speech is to tear down freedom of speech," says Auto-mobile Manufacturer Harlow H. Curtis. This dissent from Voltaire's dictum leaves unanswered the question whether freedom of-speech has more to fear from its friends or its enemies.—Greensboro Daily News.

'Cannon To Right Of Them. Cannon To Left Of Them' Letter To A Congressman



Literary Progress In South

Boy, Page Herr Mencken!

(Frem Richmond Times-Disprach). IT WAS in the entry From the series from the literary meak-axe wielder from Baltimore, evoked tool yelds from every corner of Date with his procedure and searing easy. The Sahars of the Smart-lectual victum, comparable to interstellar space, and that the region was chiefly notable for its passbyred than the comparable of the president victum (Freman and the comparable of the president victum) and its free-baltent critication.

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People's Platform

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Shoppers in China, where money isn't worth a minental, carry their currency in wheelbarrows never could happen here: we're too highly mechand to go back to wheelbarrows. No one can say ough, that the rumble seat will not stage a comeck and become an integral part of the automobile of morrow.—Charleston News & Courier.

United States Of Europe

By SUMNER WELLES
Former Under Secretary of: State

MY Dear Mr. Copgressman:
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My recent column on our policy in Germany.
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told that it is Hillerium that should be blamed.

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will."

In 1919 the western democracies tried the experiment of letting Germany remain a unified nation under a centralized government. They assumed that the democratic system that Germany then adopted

Samuel Grafton

Shelving Mr. Truman

Drew Pearson's: Rayburn Tries To Stem Southern Revolt

continuous reasons what he was in the continuous continuous causes of coulcity calling Texas congression to his office. Rayburn ininded them that it was long-standing practice for the segation never to commit itself as a group. If any in-duals without to sign the resolution against civil rights. Wright Patients. Paul Kildy, and J. M. Combs sided h Rayburn, and urged the congressmen to have more consistent of the leader. Combs warned that the question in explosive one, involving human rights, and made an But Consult sweet-

a deaferning roar, well seasoned with fire-and-brimstone,
"Next thing you know." Rankin bellows, "Congress will
be flooded with niggers."

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OME Army commanders still don't seem to realize that the war's over. For instance, General MacArthur still oper-measurement of the seem of

died.

was queried by long-distance telephone the courtmartial of Lt. Vernon Brooks, Lubbock, Texas, was acquitted of being drunk and wrongfully striking an ed man.

sted man.

"You can't publish that," remonstrated General White.

"Borry, but we intend to publish it."

"By whose authority" challenged the General.

"By the authority of the Constitution of the United
tes, General, which says that the American people have a
t to know about courtamental and the treatment of en-

Papers with news on the Constructions.

New Air Program

DUBLICITY-WIEE Son. Owen Berwier, Maine Republican, is taking no chances on being left out of the head-lines when his Congressional Aviation Advisory Committee presents its formal recommendations. In start to write, he called in the three major press services and invited there help. United Press could not paper a man, but Brevister was the program of t