

The Dixiecrat Victory

The involved arguments set forth this week by the North Carolina Supreme Court in the Dixiecrat case have much less significance than the result that North Carolina will have four sets of national candidates on the November election ballot.

No third party—let alone a fourth—has appeared on the Tar Heel ballot since 1932 when the Socialist Party turned the trick. The 1948 effort will include two splinter parties—Dixiecrats and Progressives.

Most Republicans express unbridled enthusiasm. Their reasoning is simple. Truman-Barkley versus Thurmond-Wright and the similarity of party names, they think (and hope), will badly bedevil the Democrats.

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At the heart of the matter in some Democratic circles lies the deep conviction that without the Dixiecrats on the ballot, the turn-out of Democrats in November would be considerably smaller.

These, then, seem to be the principal effects of the Dixiecrat victory in the Supreme Court.

(1) It makes a victory for the National Republican ticket in North Carolina a distinct possibility for the first time in twenty years.

(2) It eases the fears of many Democrats that their "stay-at-home" vote will be dangerously large.

These conclusions, of course, may be either over or under-estimating the Dixiecrat strength in North Carolina.

Under certain conditions, the candidates might win the election. But predictions are dangerous in this strange political period.

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Hang On Tight



The Other Side Of The Story

The South Picks Up The Check

By GERALD W. JOHNSON

Writing in The New York Star, the South must pick up the check. It seems to be a decree as immutable as the law of the Medes and Persians, which whither not—whoever gets the swag, the South gets the bill.

The bulk of the profits of the slave trade—the dirtiest part of the dirty business—went to New England. The trade in slaves was the foundation of some of the Boston fortunes that later helped finance the abolition movement.

When four million blacks, illiterate, impoverished, with few exceptions unskilled, with no traditions, no culture, no religion, were brought to America behind them except that of slavery either here or in Africa, had to be trained to function as members of a self-governing country, and the South had to pay the bill, and to pay it out of the rubble left by a disastrous war.

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Now destiny in a waltzer's coat is thrusting another check under its nose. We are going to save our consciences again, this time by abolishing Jim Crowism. Why not? The rest of us will get the uniform and the South will get the bill.

It is already paying. The very name of North Carolina last week became a hissing and a by-word; and North Carolina has been the most admired and respected of the Southern States.

REMEMBER Greensboro, one of the places where Henry Wallace was mobbed. I had the honor—repeat, Greensboro—for a dozen years, and I know it to be a highly civilized town, a friendly, decent town.

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But I remember many honest and intelligent men, white and black, who worked together and worked hard to advance justice step by step. They knew that xenophobia is one of the oldest of social pathologies, and they knew that creating it was a breakneckly slow work; but they refused to admit that it is ineradicable.

AND that is the town that now stands branded A before the world as a place where Storm Troopers march in the streets. The South is paying the check, and a staggerer one it is likely to be.

Terrified people are always ugly and Greensboro, sad to say, is no better than the rest of the world. But it is unpleasant for one who has a sincere and just affection for the town to see it disgraced. I do not challenge Mr. Wallace's sincerity, and I admire his courage; but his present program reminds me sharply of Sir Omar's New York.

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Joseph & Stewart Also Shameless Farce

WASHINGTON UNLESS the Soviet attitude about the Russian ultimatum to the pending struggle to solve the Berlin crisis will be transferred to the London Security Council, it can now be disclosed, was the basic decision of the emergency session of the London Security Council on Tuesday.

It means, second, that no one really expects any good result in Moscow either. Ambassador W. Bedell Smith and his French and British colleagues have already failed once to extract a settlement from the Russian side.

In short, the hopes of the Western Allies are making a sorry high, have again crashed to the ground. It is instructive to examine closely the Russian ultimatum to begin at the beginning, the Russian ultimatum to begin at the beginning, the Russian ultimatum to begin at the beginning.

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For The Benefit Of All

IN THE past decade much has been done to inform the public of new discoveries in mental health. Alcoholism, since it is such a widespread mental disease, has become one of the largest shares of public attention; but for the same reason—because so many suffer from it—it deserves comment at every opportunity.

Alcoholics themselves deserve the benefit of new methods in mental therapy. For some years now they have had access to these benefits in the larger cities, particularly in the North. One of the most impressive programs for alcoholics is sponsored by Yale University. Known as the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism, it sends field directors over the nation to carry on its work.

Announcement was made this week of a similar, though not so ambitious, program for Charlotte and surrounding areas. Its objectives are direct: the establishment of a clinic with trained personnel, the education of the public so that hospital facilities and "reputable rest homes" will be made available to alcoholics.

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Right Back To Berlin

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Why, Buddy? How far is it to Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobysllan-t-y-droogoch?

Who live near the Welch village of Llanfair, in North Wales, have a name that is 58 letters long.

The name means in Welsh: "Church of St. Mary in a hollow of white rock." It is a rapid whirlpool and to St. Tysilio's church, near a red cave."

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Drew Pearson's Joint Staff Talks Of War Eventuality

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