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Nobody Out On The Limb This Time

Midwest Democrats Campaign Worried Against Fair Deal

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON (AP)—The reason is obvious. The Brannan and Ewing Plans might be expanded to cover the entire country in a depression. America in 1950 they simply have no political relevance. That's why the Fair Deal as embodied in the Brannan-Ewing Plans is hurting Democratic candidates far more than it is helping them.

ELECTION PREDICTIONS

TOMORROW'S ELECTION

ONE of the novel developments in the campaign leading up to tomorrow's Congressional election is the death of predictions. The "experts" remember 1948 all too vividly, and they have conveniently found other things to do these last few days. Even the rival chairmen of the two national parties, men who customarily claim everything in sight, have been most guarded in their forecasts.

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Mr. Truman did not give his definition of landside. Normally the party in power loses some seats in the House and Senate in off-year elections, and Mr. Truman may call it a landslide if the Democrats ever buck this trend and hold their present strength in the two branches of the national legislature.

It is possible that Mr. Truman and Mr. Stassen changed some votes with their last-minute broadcast. Political writers touring the various states have agreed that there is a larger "silent vote" this year than ever before. No one seems to know which way this big bloc of independent, uncommitted voters will go, but all agree that the election will turn on these votes.

The President took off the gloves in his St. Louis appearance Saturday night. Departing frequently from his prepared text in response to cries of "give 'em hell, Harry," he alternately lashed and derided the Republican Party in the fashion of his 1948 campaign. This time the message went to countless millions of voters by radio and television, since the prosperous Democratic National

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PRODUCT OF THE ONE-PARTY SYSTEM

ACROSS the nation tomorrow, millions of Americans will troop to the polls to determine the make-up of the 82nd Congress. In states like Ohio, New York, California, Illinois, Missouri—states where the voters have the choice of two or three militant parties—the competition will be large. Interest will be high, and the vote will be large.

twent 30 and 40 per cent of their potential. But, significantly, not one Southern state is included in the 37 states where as many as 30 per cent of the voting age population took part in the election of the National Convention.

Throughout the one-party South, however, there will be lethargy. Despite the appeals of politicians, newspapermen, the League of Women Voters, merchants associations, and various other get-out-the-vote organizations, the voters will be numbered in the low thousands. Why bother to vote, when the choice is between two or three rubber stamps a lot of Democrats, many of whom will go to Washington and vote with the Republicans, but none of whom would dare turn under the Republican label because of the South's traditional adherence to the one-party system?

Table with 4 columns: STATE, PERSONS OF VOTING AGE, TOTAL VOTE, PER CENT. Lists data for North Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

Recently the St. Louis Post-Dispatch compiled the state-by-state voting records in the last off-year Congressional election (1948). In three states—Montana, Illinois, Delaware—more than 60 per cent of the persons of voting age exercised their ballot. Montana led the list with 64.

All of the Southern states fell below 30 per cent, as follows: North Carolina 1,991,000 452,000 23; Virginia 1,780,000 254,000 15; Arkansas 1,071,000 151,000 14; Florida 1,480,000 187,000 13; Tennessee 1,796,000 192,000 11.

Seven states fall in the 30 to 50 per cent bracket: Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.

How much longer before the South casts off the shackles of the one-party system, and gives the rest of the country the choice that other areas have?

AN INVESTMENT IN CHARLOTTE

WHEN Charlotte's traditional Christmas Festival gave way to a new idea, and a new name, a certain amount of public misunderstanding was bound to result. For one thing, those of us who are not on too familiar terms with Webster's, and who have not heard of the Rodgers & Hart Broadway hit, Oklahoma, were a bit confused by this word. Carrousel? A carrousel is not, as the wags would have it, a time for caressing, but rather another word for merry-go-round. (It also is the name of a kind of tournament for cavalrymen, but let's don't get off on that.)

There's a rub of course. Such an affair costs money, and a lot of it. The special committee in charge of this less-pleasant phase of the planning has done pretty well so far, but the total goal is still ahead. Since the committee is carrying only a selective rather than a general subscription campaign, there is little that a newspaper can do to help it along, except to get the vision of a Charlotte-style Mardi Gras, or Veiled Prophets Ball, Tournament of Roses that the sponsors have in mind for future years. Admittedly the 1950 Carrousel will follow the general

DEATH OF AN ERA

THE very young generation, we have noticed, carry two guns at all times, and we wonder they don't draw them in protest against the passing of the last trace of the Old West from Children's Playground at Golden Gate Park. For a holstered Westerner in size 9 Levis there is one reliable mount—his dog, worthy of the great, unbroken tradition extending from Kit Carson to Hopalong Cassidy, and that's the burro. The burro is inseparable from the hallowed picture of his slick hind and his man, tucked together over the patient burro's hump.

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Seeing this advice to women in a paper the other day, "How To Keep Your Man: Don't Gully Him," only quickened our hope that some day men will have equal rights.—Greensboro Daily News.

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People's Platform

Voting Is Everybody's Duty

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Tongue-In-Cheek Dept.

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Apology Dept.

WE're a World of Screechies, which appeared in the People's Platform of Oct. 27. The letter was intended for publication. Furthermore, the meaning was changed by the editor. I am not a Communist. Apparently it looked as if I were criticizing all psychologists and was a direct insult. I have the highest respect for them, but with every course of my energy, I'd like to get the message across on this day to strike a blow for the American way of life—and VOTE tomorrow.—SIDNEY F. CROFT.

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Honley's Mental Mauling

That end Hanley was summoned to Dewey's apartment in the Roosevelt Hotel, New York, Sept. 1, where Dewey, Congressman William Pfister of Kenmore and Dean Taylor. They put the heat on Hanley, who was being Governor and did not withdraw gracefully. In fact, Hanley never had long before Dewey was on the job after Dewey promised a \$10,000 salary with the Throughway Commission and a \$15,000 vice-presidency with one of the Rockefeller companies.

Dewey Storms

Dewey's storming remained outwardly unperurbed. But he had the night around midnight he sent word to Dewey that he wanted to see Kingland Macy about the Hanley letter. There followed a conference between Macy, Frank Moore and Dewey. Macy told Dewey that he had written the Hanley letter to Dewey, and that he had written the Hanley letter to Dewey, and that he had written the Hanley letter to Dewey.

On the other hand you find enthusiastic, well-behaved, and prone to forget that the very rich do not constitute a majority of the total population. Thanks partly to the efforts of Democratic Chairman William Boyle, the Democratic Party is organized primarily on a nationwide basis far more effectively than the Republican Party. The APJ dropped its lofty indifference to the masses which are effectively organized to get its people to the polls—which is another man by businessmen playing the political game.

Another Democratic asset is of course, labor. The days when labor was a party line pamphlet and propaganda are over. Since the turn of the century, the Democratic Party has been a party of the masses. The APJ dropped its lofty indifference to the masses which are effectively organized to get its people to the polls—which is another man by businessmen playing the political game.

But it is hard to escape the impression that the "one party" Republican campaign in the Midwest has tended to stimulate pro-Republican sentiment in the real and basic Democratic areas. That the gains of large voting blocs are cancelled out by a depression level of suicidal, irresponsible conservatism in foreign policy.

Ohio Amateur Grid Team Has Perfect Record—All Losses

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—The Ohio State Grid Team, which is to say fanatical College Grids, has a perfect record of 10-0 in its first season. The team, which is coached by Coach Dale Rose, has a perfect record of 10-0 in its first season. The team, which is coached by Coach Dale Rose, has a perfect record of 10-0 in its first season.

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