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FOR VOTERS: MEN AND WOMEN

Figures and statistics may make dull reading, but we're going to throw some at you today anyway.

Take a look, for instance, at the way the United States stacks up against the other democracies of the world in voter participation.

Table with columns: Country, Election Year, Voting Rate (Per Cent). Rows include Italy, Holland, Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France, Finland, Canada, United States.

Does that make you feel good? Now get set for some more figures. You live in the South. You've been making a big ad about Harry Truman and the Democratic Party.

You claim the South has been done wrong. Do you want to know one reason the national parties pay so little attention to the South? Here it is, in simple showing how Southern states ranked among the 48 states in voter participation in 1948:

Table with columns: Rank, State, Percentage Voting. Rows include 38th Florida, 39th North Carolina, 40th Tennessee, 41st Texas, 42nd Louisiana, 43rd Georgia, 44th Virginia, 45th Mississippi, 46th Alabama, 47th South Carolina.

See what we mean? Notice how the Southern states are at the very bottom of the list, whereas Utah, Delaware, Colorado and Montana all send more than 70 per cent of their

slight voters to the polls?

Does that make you feel good? It ought to shame you. It ought to make you mad. It ought to make you determined to go to the polls on Saturday and vote.

It ought to spur you to check on your friends and neighbors and see that they go and vote as well.

Your democratic government is one of the few free values left in this unchristian world. It is the guarantor of your liberty and the framework within which you find maximum opportunity.

If you let it go by default, by not voting, you have only yourself to blame.

Remember the primary on Saturday.

FOLIES DE BRASSIERE

Last year, when French showgirls staged a TV show in London, the staid BBC made them cover their bare bosoms before putting the show on the air.

This year the show is to be held in Paris, and selected from there for British audiences. Bracing their shoulders with typical British fortitude, BBC officials reversed last year's ruling. Semi-clad showgirls are okay in Paris, they reasoned, and BBC doesn't want to alter the true Parisian atmosphere of the show.

Mighty neighbors, we'd say. And helpful, too. Not only will it promote good relations between the Franco-British allies and inject a bit of spice into Britain's austerity program, but it will also provide a long-needed updating of that old saw about doing what the Romans do when you're in Rome, to wit: When showgirls in Paris say a boob with the bra.

We can't be too prudish in London, n'est-ce-pas?

Voters in Texas Want Ike, But Taftmen Control Party

By JOSEPH ALSOP

MINERAL WELLS, TEX. An impressive Republican caucus in Texas today seemed about as likely an event, by the ancient rules of American politics, as a string of adjectives: Republican, Texas, Caucus, Yet the Republican State Convention held here in this rather bleak little resort town in the Texas hill country can quite easily turn out to be a major turning point in the party's history.

The simplest way to describe the concept of the Taft faction is to say they appear to follow the line of Republicanism as it is most popular in the British peerage, a rare, hereditary privilege. The best symbol of this viewpoint is National Committeeman Henry Zweifel, who has driven the Taft steamroller here.

Zweifel is a graying, aging Fort Worth lawyer-businessman, who was a United States Attorney in the happy Republican years of the '30s. He took the lead in the campaign of sacred religious principles that won this state for Herbert Hoover on the only occasion when Texas has sent a senator to the United States.

He inherited the state leadership from the late Col. B. E. Creager, whose name carries the prestige back to another big Taft convention, 1912, when the word "steamroller" was added to the American political vocabulary.

WELDED TO TAFT The political approach is disclosed by his public declaration that he would rather "lose with Taft" than "win with Eisenhower." He is a Taft man, and he runs the Texas Republican Party like a small private club.

Sen. Zweifel has gathered up the other Southern leaders like him, whose support in Texas is a matter of course in the original Taft plan for victory. But it can be imagined, then, with "Taft" as a central theme, the other Republican club members have been around knocking over the heads of masses of Texas voters on the club door.

This was the Eisenhower surge in Texas. Certain regular Republicans, like former Texas Governor for Governor, Alvin Lane, participated in the movement. The grass-roots Eisenhower

An Editor's Analysis News Avoid Roaders

By JOHN R. KENNETH (In The Dowtown Times)

It is not the story I had hoped to write but neither is it a far cry from the one I had in mind. This is the story of the Paris two-hour interview and luncheon with Gen. Eisenhower.

In my private conversation, however, Eisenhower was clearly, if not frankly, frank. He talked freely, using none of the guile or double-talk that has become the stock trade of the experienced politician.

In fact, Eisenhower seemed almost to glow when the discussion turned to politics. However, his apparent unfamiliarity with the conviving political leaders could be a protective device used in dealing with visitors from the United States.

While it is not possible to attribute direct quotations to Eisenhower, I left SHAFER with the following impression: "I wish you may find interesting: 'They' health: Before leaving the United States, Eisenhower was given some anti-Eisenhower campaign literature alleging that the General is in poor health. It is a matter of fact that he has a physical examination before the Republican convention. The SHAFER dismises this rumor as a smear by the anti-Eisenhower forces. They insist he is as sound as a pre-war dollar.

To me, Eisenhower has the appearance of a man who is healthy and he shows no evidence of fatigue or strain. He is a healthy man, his complexion is ruddy and he shows no evidence of fatigue or strain. He is a healthy man, his complexion is ruddy and he shows no evidence of fatigue or strain.

ENTHUSIASM FOR NATO BACKED UP BY FIGURES IS NATO succeeding? When Gen. Eisenhower is asked about the success of NATO, he says it is succeeding. He says it is succeeding. He says it is succeeding.

Domestic issues: It is no secret that Eisenhower is a middle-class man. He is a middle-class man. He is a middle-class man. He is a middle-class man.

But not ambitious: His attitude toward the nomination is simply this: He is not ambitious. He is not ambitious. He is not ambitious. He is not ambitious.

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SOUND JUDGMENT ON MOVIES

The Supreme Court firmly upheld the principle of freedom of expression by its unanimous ruling that a movie may be banned because it is considered sacrilegious.

The Italian movie, "The Miracle," upon which the decision was based, had been banned in New York after some Catholics objected that the movie mocks a sacred Christian doctrine, the divine birth of Jesus.

The court held that expression of opinion in motion pictures is included within the free speech and free press guarantees of the First and Fourteenth Amendments, that a state may not ban a film on the basis of a censor's concluding a movie is sacrilegious.

The Court did not decide whether a state may censor motion pictures under a clearly drawn statute designed and applied to prevent the showing of obscene films.

Thus, as the Court emphasized, it does not follow that absolute freedom is permitted to exhibit "every motion picture of every kind at all times and all places."

Movies, like TV, radio and the press, are entitled to the Constitutional guarantees afforded mass media of communication. In upholding this doctrine the Court has not widened the door for obscene and repulsive movies. It has indicated that censorship, if applied, must be based on clear law rather than on a censor's interpretation of a vague statute.

We commend the Court for its decisive and reasonable ruling.

Personal Government Looms As Threat to U. S. System

By MARQUIS CHILDS

ONE OF THE worst enemies of the American system is the personal government that is being set up by the Truman administration.

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In this connection one of the most important reminders is that the personal government which exists between Truman and the men he has named to the Executive branch is a personal government. It is a personal government.

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THE SUCKER SOUTH

IS IT too much to hope, as the pace of the Presidential campaign picks up, that the Southern States, just this once, will stop being suckers for a meaningless party label?

With a few conspicuous exceptions — five States for Hoover in 1928 and four for Thurmond in 1948 — the South has been a steady line for the Democratic Party since the day of Andrew Jackson. The possibilities for a bolt have been few and far between, but they seem to be growing slimmer by the day.

For all practical intents, the national Democratic Party is now counting the South's 123 electoral votes in the bag.

And why not? Politically, the South's close ties to the Democratic Party are the lead pipe cinch, the Old Reliable. We have our heads in the sand and our rear ends in the air, and the temptation is to keep on doing things like that just plain irremissible. Is a candidate labeled "Democratic"? Shucks, the South will vote for him. Is he a good candidate? Would he make a good President? Does he think along lines acceptable to the South? Who cares? He's labeled a "Democrat," and for those who care, that's all that matters. The question, in this case, is just who's the jacks.

Look at the figures: It takes 268 electoral votes to elect a President. If the Democratic Party goes into the election with the 128 electoral votes of the eleven Southern States already in its column, only 140 others must be garnered to make a whole. Figure 8 from Oklahoma, 8 from West Virginia and 10 from Kentucky — all of them in the Democratic column — would do the trick. Turn next to Arizona (4), Missouri (13), New Mexico (4) and Rhode Island (4); all four have Democratic State Legislatures and would be sure to send congressional delegations, all four have gone Democratic in Presidential elections for 20 years. With these 23 votes the total is up to 171. Only 67 more would be needed.

Massachusetts, with a Democratic Governor more than breaks down tariff walls

He thinks the American capitalist system with its many defects, is at the same time the most productive economy in the world. He is a man who is healthy and he shows no evidence of fatigue or strain.

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THE PASSING OF THE STORE PORCH

THE old-fashioned general store has disappeared; you can't open a store door today and smell a heady fragrance composed of molasses and rubber boots, salt and common cracker, tanned rope and fertilizer, leather and tobacco, rat and bolts of gingham, straw hats and horse blankets, calf chains and cider vinegar.

But perhaps more important is the lack of store porches with decreed, hand-cranked wicker chairs, plus a few nail kegs and dog-eared boxes to handle an overflow crowd. Modern psychologists tell us we need a break during the day, and time was not so long ago when a man felt justified in going to the store half an hour before the afternoon train was due. While the mail was being sorted, the forum settled vital questions. A group of men on a store porch were

physically and psychologically capable of considering problems calmly and rationally.

The going-on in the national capital could be dissected and the governor of the state diplomatically analyzed. The condition of the local roads needed a going-over as well as the questionable attitude of the grammar school teacher toward spelling and arithmetic.

Store porches and the lines of chairs have disappeared. Men listen to the staccato pronouncements of radio commentators and watch pictures in wooden boxes in the living room. A return of porches and wicker chairs would be a revival of a wholesome and needed slowing-down of the current tempo.

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Two Texans

LOT of Texans would give their eyes teeth to know how the Supreme Court in the Government's seizure of the steel companies. But there is only one among them who has gall enough to ask—Sen. Louie L. Bellmon.

It's usual social custom at Washington dinner parties never to mention a Supreme Court case in front of a Justice. However, the venerable Texas, who has been in the Senate since 1945, has just done so. He approached his fellow Texan, Justice Tom Clark, at a dinner party when the court was considering a recent case.

"Tom," asked the Senator, "What's the Court going to do about letting niggers into our colleges?" Justice Clark seemed embarrassed and evasive. "Are you fellows going to open up universities to the niggers?" asked the Senator from Texas. "You know who it was who put you in the Justice Department. It was me. And I don't want you to go round saying that I put you in there."

Note:—The Supreme Court ruled ruled against Connally's views on the race issue.

Capital News Capsules

STRANGE champion—a lot of people have been wondering how the Supreme Court would handle the case sometimes called the Senate's "Junior McCarthy," suddenly turned up as the grand champion of new Attorney General Tom C. Clark's proposed reformation fight against the Communist Party.

Also GOP Senator Bridges of New Hampshire usually votes with the Republicans against Administration policies. However, McGraw's confirmation of Bridges, who has been under scrutiny in connection with mysterious Harry Greenwood plus the tapping of Robert H. Hoover—Edward Hyman Klein. Both Bridges and Walker are under scrutiny in connection with mysterious Harry Greenwood plus the tapping of Robert H. Hoover—Edward Hyman Klein.

Absentee Congress—You can forgive a Congressman for voting his convictions, but not for running out on a vote. Among those who ran out during the crucial vote on the Senate's proposed reformation fight against the Communist Party were: Senator Tom Connally of South Carolina, Herlong of Florida, Irving of Missouri, McGrath of New York, Wheeler of Arkansas, Welch of Missouri, and Wheeler of Georgia.