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South Answers The Challenge

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SOUTHERN GOVERNORS, at their conference in Wakulla Springs, Fla., have
given the most effective answer possible to
President Trumma's civil rights challenge
in the South, including both white and
Negro schools. As the Governors properly
mote, this represents a long step toward
"the most important development of the
past century in higher education." It carried through, it will accomplish much more
for civil rights and the extension of true
democracy than is promised by all the legiliation suggested by President Truman.

The Governors are setting a notable example for all Southern politicians and
he purely negative approach in meeting
the civil rights issue. They have un derscored this point by putting into the cooler
the proposal advanced by Gov. Fielding
Wright of Mississippl for a Southern "revoit" from the national Democratic Party
over Mr. Truman's ill-advised recommendations for new Federal legislation to ban
State poll taxes and Jim Crow laws on
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South's interests by directing the move-ment along intelligent, constructive, prac-tical lines. They are serving notice that the blind reactionary type of leadership, sym-bolized by the Wrights, the Eastlands, the Coxes and the Rankins, is being pushed into the background. They are calling at-tention to the fact that the South has oth-er weapons besides the fillulater and the state of the south does not startle spanis; change and progress, and that its devotion to the ideal of civil liberties is no less than that of the people in Washington and other parts of the country.

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In short, the South is beginning to clear the ground for a new showdown on the

The course of the South will have to be The course of the South will have to be set somewhere between the shoals of the extreme Trumian proposals and the rocks of the extreme Trumian proposals and the rocks of the extreme the state of the state of the state of the state of the extreme the state of the extreme the extreme the state of the extreme the

tion which is playing politics as hard as it can. However, there is reason to hope the effort to compose the Democratic Party difference will succeed and that the Governors' Committee which has been named to present the South's case in Washington will open the eyes of both variety of the problem. The problem of this region. That committee is headed by South Carolina's Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, who represents the enlightened, progressive type of leadership the South is developing. His program for South Carolina might well serve as a pattern for progress in every state of the Union. It is but one of many examples of the great change under way in this region, a broad extension of democracy that is coming through education which accompanies the economic improvement in this section.

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The new regional college program gives added impetus to this movement which is demonstrating that the South does not need further Pederal supervision, but only understanding and encouragement. Democratic leaders in Washington and throughout the South will make a grave mistake if they do not cheer and follow the lead of the Governors at Wakulla Springs.

Trade Crosses Another Frontier

A NOTHER sign that we are on the road to economic restoration and peace comes with the reopening of the French-Spanish border for the first time in nearly

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It was in Spain, in the four years of fighting between the leftist Republican regime and the Fascist rebels led by Franco, that the Second World War had its dress rehearsal. The return of Spain to the community of Europe, which is foreshadowed by the move to renew trade relations between France and Spain, will mark a long step toward stabilization of the Western world.

rn world. Communist sources greet this develop-Communist sources greet this develop-ment with the cry that it opens the fron-tier to Nazi spies and that it extends to "totalitarian" spain the Marshall Plan, the European Recovery Program which the United States is sponsoring and planning to the control of the record are to the control of the control of the ences are behind the Plan and that it is a "war program" directed against the Soviet Union.

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French-Spanish rapprochement occurs at "the bidding of Washington," as the Moscow radio charges, it is clear that neither Washington nor London objected to the move. If they had done so, the border wouldn't have been reopened.

To us, this isn't evidence that Washington and London now are looking more analy. The proceeding in the proceeding in the proceeding in the knowledge that economic restoration of Europe must come before any real political settlement or ideological compromise is possible. They

would welcome revival of French-Spanish trade if for no other reason than that Spain has resources which can contri-bute importantly to European recovery.

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Moscow's complaint that we are doing business with a "totalitarian' state its completely illogical in view of the fact that we also are trading with totalitarian Russia and ot her Eastern European nations under Communist dictatorships. Moscow's protest against extension of the Marshall process of the Marshall process of the Marshall Plan also envisages re-establishment of normal commercial re-establishment of normal commercial rere-establishment of normal commercial re-lations with nations of the Soviet orbit.

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Moscow itself has contributed greatly to this break in the isolation of Franco Spain, which heretofore has been ostracized by the Western powers and condemned by the United Nations because of the record and character of the Franco regime. Moscow's efforts to sabotage the Marshall Plan for Europe have increased the West's need for products which Spain can supply. There racies will not welcome Franco Innself into their good graces in return for Spanish trade but it also is apparent that Moscow is driving events in that direction with its blind program for world revolution. The great point in all this is that both the Spanish and Russian revolutions. The great point in all this is that both the Spanish and Russian revolutions the Spanish and Russian revolutions to conomic breakdown and the Isola-tion of nations and there can be no po-litical solutions until good business condi-tions are re-established. It is encouraging to see that our governments are willing to deal with dictaorships of either the right of the left in order to get the goods flow-left in order to get the goods flow-

Secrets Too Deep For Soviets

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It is instructive to read the Soviet Information Bureau's statement which describes some of the high points in secret German documents that will be released by the Russian. This latest Moscow broad-side comes in reply to the secret documents which our State Department recently published to acquaint the world with details of the Soviet-Nazi collaboration in the first of the Soviet-Nazi collaboration in the tirst. The papers to college by the Russians cover the period climated by the Munich appeasement in the late 1930s, when the Western powers tried valuity to satisfy Hillerler by looking the other way while he took Austria, Czecholovakia, etc, etc.

As was the case with our "secret" papers on our bumbling and skulfudgegrey apparently sell nothing new. They are interesting and illuminating to us only for the Marxista seen of the Hessians place on them, or rather for the lessons which the Marxista seen of the theory which keeps the comrades from learning anything in the study of history.

This reading of the "secret' documents reminds us forcibly that we are not making the same mistake we made in the Munich period by attempting to appease an aggressive totalitarian power. It also reminds us that we are not repeating the strong Germany but instead are endeary, which will keep the peace and a strong Germany but instead are endeary, which will keep the peace and

Above all, this new Russian propaganda elease reminds us that the Soviet Union is release reminds us that the Soviet Union is repeating all of Hiller Germany's blunders and it is persisting in this folly despite the fact that its position looks much less hope-ful than Hitler's at the time of Munch. If this is essentially a war of ideas, as we believe it is, then the defeat of Communist Russia is clearly written in the "Secret's Russia is clearly written in the "Secret's or the second of the secret with the second of th or because we are making no mistakes, but at least we can show nothing to match the Soviet stupidity.

That Russian cotton with a green color may be produced by cultural methods, or it may just get that way from envy of Arkansas' long staple. —Arkansas Gazette.

The infinite complexity of nature never ceases to astonish me. Among the myriads of snow flake crystals no two are exactly alike. Every grain of sand on the seashore has its distinctive form, weight and color, nas its distinctive form, weight and color, differing, though by ever so little, from all the rest. And for each of a million designs of necktie there is a man who, if a woman buys it, will have to wear it, at least once.

—Jackson (Miss.) Daily News

A news story recently predicted more of everything for 1948. Year by year we have been getting more and more of everything — including trouble. —Sandersville (Ga.)

'It'll Be Easier To Carry You A Piece At A Time'



American Policy Vitally Important

Poland Today And Tomorrow

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peoples of Eastern Europe.

There is no European people that has suffered more tragic vicissitudes than the people of Poland Saughtey, devastation and oppression, even their century-long colliberation as a overeign mation, have their partners. But the fate of Poland depends today as it has always depended in the past on the policies of the serial power. When the United States today as it has always depended in the past on the policies of the serial power. When the United States could be serial to the policies of the serial power, when the United States are an unafferable objective of American policy, Poland will regain her freedom and become a potent instrument in the creation of a peaceful Europe.

Quote, Unquote

Our position is that with women demanding equal rights it would serve 'em right if they got 'em.— Dallas Morning News.

Marquis Childs

Vandenberg's Future

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Democracy Vs. Comunism

Big Test In Korea

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Drew Pearson's : Gen. Vaughan Taxes President's Patience

HARRY TRUMAN has the patience of Job when it comes to his likeble, grandstanding, trouble-causing military aide. Harry Vaughan. But he nearly lost his patience—for white House said last week. In fact, Yaughan handed the bed of the patience of the patienc

Finally, it was decided to announce that Vaughan's self-promotion announcement was a "misapprehension." Privately, however, Truman used much stronger language in dressing-down Vaughan for the trouble he had caused. After it was over, the precoious ex-manufacturers' representative from St. Louis seemed quite content to keep his old job in the ranks of the four armed forces aldes to President Truman.

Probe Or Politics?

Elliner Thomas of Okishoma and other grain speculators.

At a closed-door meeting last week, Sen. Theodore Green
of Rhode Island. Democrat, charged that Ferguson and other
fermulation members were deliberately prolonging the probe
and White House Physician Wallace Oraham can be held
during the coming Presidential campaign.

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The Arctic Lobby

A LASKA has its lobbyists, too. At present, it has organized a lobby—just as intense as Pan Americap Airways'—to block the re-appointment of able, fearless Ernest Gruening as governor of Alaska.

regain, race, and for night takes on fishing, canning and Skillful backtage operator for the lobby is Seattle's Gil Skinner of the Alaskan Steamship Navigation Oo. However, Alaskan "big business" is going to be disap-pointed. When his term expires March 29, Governor Gruen-ing is going to be responded.

Should Truman Threaten To Resign?

EN-GONGRESSMAN Boward McMurray of Wisconsin, has proposed a steining pile of McGrath, chairman of the Democratic National Committee McGrath, chairman of the Democratic National Committee McGrath, chairman of the propose stath President Truman resign—unless the Republican Congress adopts a detailed six-point program: of foreign policy, taxes, housing, cost of living, race discrimination. The sx-Wisconsin Congressman urges that Truman experience of the state of