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## 'Our Road Is A Difficult One'

SENATOR BYRD of Virginia is putting it mildly when he asserts, "Our road is a difficult one," meaning the road of the Southern Democrats in deciding what to do about the civil rights issue. Truman and the Democratic Party for 1948.

On the first point, it grows plainer each day that the South has an outside chance of blocking the anti-segregation and other proposed civil rights legislation which Truman has recommended and which now is before Congress.

On the second point—what to do about Truman?—the Southern politicians are in an equally difficult position. Indeed, the Truman riddle is fast becoming more of a problem than the question of how to block the civil rights legislation.

The Southern conservative leadership represented by Byrd apparently has decided to put a damper on the revolt in the hope that something will happen before the Philadelphia convention this Summer which will permit the party to get together on Truman after all. While these politicians are not so stupid as to believe the popular demand that Truman be shelved gains momentum. Unless something entirely unexpected happens to change the picture, it appears that the Democratic Party is the integrator of the civil rights legislation is blocked in Congress and the Southern delegations stay with Truman.

On the third point—how to save the Democratic Party for the South?—the road ahead is more difficult than on points 1 and 2. The Byrd strategy calls for a fight at the Philadelphia convention to revive

the two-thirds rule, an attempt to write platform planks the South wants an effort to nominate a Southern conservative for President in place of Truman and a fight for a Vice-Presidential nominee acceptable to the Southern conservatives. The chance for success in any one of these endeavors seems exceedingly slim.

If the Southerners fail in this undertaking, it now is indicated they will go along with the party in order to be in position to seize control of the organization machinery for 1952. If they should succeed in their aims, the party would immediately be faced with another revolt—a walkout by the liberal and leftist elements. In either event, the outlook for the Democratic Party is dim.

This plan to save the pieces of the Democratic Party represents a failure of political leadership. What obviously is needed is daring, imaginative, unprecedented action that will rally all elements of the party behind a new standard-bearer. If the Southern conservatives can't produce such a plan, then we may soon see the Northern and Western Democrats taking initiative with a program to reform the Democratic Party at Philadelphia. If neither faction can work out a ticket and a reorganization scheme will serve its purpose, then there is little time left for the party to get together on Truman after all. While these politicians are not so stupid as to believe the popular demand that Truman be shelved gains momentum. Unless something entirely unexpected happens to change the picture, it appears that the Democratic Party is the integrator of the civil rights legislation is blocked in Congress and the Southern delegations stay with Truman.

## A Disgraceful Fight On 'Rights'

TWO NEWS items from Washington yesterday put the American civil rights question on the level of a national disgrace.

One is the report that comes from Communist Drew Pearson, who charges President Truman with uttering vilest expressions of anti-Semitism and anti-Negro sentiment in an unnamed New York publisher. The White House cannot let this pass without a statement which establishes exactly what was said, if anything. This involves the integrity of the President's office and either the White House or Congress must act to remove the stigma.

The other disquieting dispatch appeared under the somewhat misleading headline, "Duce Democrats To Get GOP Help On Civil Rights Issue." Main point of the article is that the Republicans are proceeding with cold calculation to exploit the civil rights question to the full in hopes of splitting the Democratic Party in the South. They are defending the "Southern cause" only to the point of doing nothing to dampen the Dixie anger while they hold Truman on the pan.

What happened was that the House Appropriations Committee knocked out a proposed anti-discrimination rider to an appropriation bill for Federal aid in educational and building projects. This would have compelled the Government to with-

hold funds from sections of the country where segregation or other forms of racial discrimination are sanctioned by State or local laws.

Strategy of the GOP in rejecting the anti-Jim Crow rider was explained by one Republican spokesman prepared to go through all we would do to scatter the fire of the Southerners, who now are fighting President Truman. The spokesman went on to say that the President's civil rights program and might have the effect of scattering the fire of the Southerners. He said that the Republicans are proceeding with cold calculation to exploit the civil rights question to the full in hopes of splitting the Democratic Party in the South. They are defending the "Southern cause" only to the point of doing nothing to dampen the Dixie anger while they hold Truman on the pan.

At the same time, this spokesman added, the Republicans are prepared to go through all we would do to scatter the fire of the Southerners, who now are fighting President Truman. The spokesman went on to say that the President's civil rights program and might have the effect of scattering the fire of the Southerners. He said that the Republicans are proceeding with cold calculation to exploit the civil rights question to the full in hopes of splitting the Democratic Party in the South. They are defending the "Southern cause" only to the point of doing nothing to dampen the Dixie anger while they hold Truman on the pan.

## Proof That 'Hitler Still Lives'

FRAU GERTRUD Scholz-Klink Heismeyer, fuhrer of German women in the days of Hitler, is still a Nazi—as much as ever. Gleaning her fat, she made that her last Nazi rest after she was arrested with her husband, Max, Gen. August Heismeyer, in Wuertemberg where they had been living under the name of Stuckelberg.

"Hitler still lives for me and my husband," Frau Heismeyer asserted.

Her reappearance occurs at a moment when Europe and the world are assailed by new fears of a Nazi resurgence. It is being set for the showdown between the East and the West, which Nazis long ago declared was inevitable and from which they expected the German Nazis to emerge as the winners.

Frau Heismeyer and other Nazis have reason to feel that their prediction is being borne out as they observe the democratic and capitalist states have formed a military alliance of the West while the Russians tighten their grip on Eastern Europe. The Western powers fear that the Soviets will join forces with the German Nazis to

Eastern Europe, which Russia still controls. The Eastern European nations, and some of the Western European states as well, fear that the American-led coalition forces will restore the German Nazi power in the Ruhr and Western Germany to oppose the Soviets.

It still is too early to tell what will come out of this linking up of the East against the West in a Nazi resurgence. If the East-West rivalry should lead to war, we may expect to see Nazis fighting for both the Communists and the Western powers. They would not hold back from a war in which they may be the victors. They are committed to any means that will advance the system of war and totalitarianism.

Frau Heismeyer knows how many Germans still are crazy fanatics like Frau Heismeyer, but the tragic fact is that the spirit of Hitler still drives the world toward unreasonable fear and hatred.

## From The Richmond Times-Dispatch

## Sagging in North Carolina

WEED blinked a couple of times when he read it, but there it was in black and white: The Raleigh News & Observer's lead editorial was entitled "A Sagging State." Furthermore, it wasn't Virginia that was doing the sagging but North Carolina.

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## 'It Was There But It Evaporated'

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

## Mr. Truman's State



WASHINGTON  
THE meeting of Harry S. Truman is becoming so numerous that it is taking on the character of a weekly event. Nonetheless, it is an inevitably significant political fact that the President has more than 100,000 people for him when the greatest straggle of Democratic leadership in Washington, March 11. This is the date of the meeting of the Executive committee of the Democratic National Committee. Several of its members are already in the city and know that they will be invited to the President's apartment to tell the President a

right plank in the 1948 convention platform. But even the hope a too dim to be voiced with real enthusiasm. The real prize of the vote is the straggle will be to tell the President that he is losing the mass vote of the Democrats. The straggle will be to tell the President that he is losing the mass vote of the Democrats. The straggle will be to tell the President that he is losing the mass vote of the Democrats.

THE opinion that home-truth-telling is needed arises from the change in the mind of Truman which the straggle also complain of. Initially, Truman seemed anxious to dislodge the immense burden that had been laid upon him. There followed a period of uncertainty and rather admirably resolved to bear the burden as best he could, setting the chips where they might. The result of this approach to duty was not what was expected. These good results were in turn gratifying, and now the straggle find it difficult to see anything but a bad case of President Truman's

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## People's Platform

## Southerners In The North

## Samuel Graton

## Unity Needed Within

## A Thought For The Dogs

## Spirit Of Brother hood

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

three years after his arrival, he was nominated for Judge of Probate for the district and was elected and no more opposition or comment because he was of the South and a Confederate veteran than if he had come from the West or the East. Here is what is said in my history "Coming to Waterbury in 1885, the son was with respect to a position such as this in a northern city was completely unknown to the Legislature, and still later elected Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut, and in 1890 was elected Governor of the State. He died in Waterbury in 1914."

His son, John Kendrick, born in Charlotte, came to live in Waterbury when four years of age. He was educated in the public schools and then graduated from Yale College and later from New Haven Law School and became a practicing lawyer in Waterbury. He was elected to the Legislature and was elected Governor of the State. He died in Waterbury in 1914.

One day I was in my early business life. He was a member of the famous Peace Convention at Philadelphia in 1866, and in 1869 was appointed to Belgium and spent some time abroad.

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