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Truman, Barkley And Party

SENATOR ALBEN W. BARKLEY'S prospective selection as the running mate for Harry S. Truman, which has been approved by the President, is one of several signs that the Democratic Party is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.
The Kentucky Senator will add much to the national attraction of the ticket as any party leader who might be picked for the Vice-Presidential nomination. However, his designation is less significant for that it will no longer improve Democratic chances of winning in November than for what it will do to hold the Democratic Party together in its time of greatest stress since 1928. If not since 1860.

—The logical Truman or choice all along—suggests that the offer to Douglas may have been simply a gesture to please the Democratic left. It is notable that Douglas quickly and firmly rejected the offer and there have been persistent reports that he let Truman's managers know months ago that he was not available.
Although the Administration had announced it was giving the convention a free hand in picking the Vice-Presidential nominee, the Douglas exchange indicated that Mr. Truman's managers were still busy before the scene. The greater the rule to Barkley does nothing to lessen that impression. The Senator's selection as keynoter and the character of his address suggest that all this was well-planned in advance. The ovation which Barkley drew from the convention is a result that might properly have been anticipated. It brought a loud call for Barkley as the second man on the party ticket. The President quickly gave in. The delegates thus have the feeling that they are running the show and everybody's happier.
There are widespread reports that the Barkley rush managed by the Truman by National Chairman Howard McGrath and Leslie Biffle, Democratic secretary of the Senate. They happen to be President Truman's close associates. The greater education floor managers, a fact that encourages us to look on the whole operation as a neat criss-cross play combined with the hidden ball trick. Whether it was carried out with New Deal managers, the fact is that the assistance, the Barkley surprise drive started a rally which may make the Democratic team do even better than expected.

When High Prices Get A Laugh

MRS. INDIA EDWARDS has taken the popular prize at the Democratic National Convention with her exhibit on the Republican price spiral—a basket of groceries tied to a balloon—with sound effects produced by Mrs. Edwards, who closes her snappy address with the cracker: "The poor are getting poorer... the rich are getting richer."

It is reported that everyone at Philadelphia enjoyed this little act, and thought it highly amusing. That's the whole trouble with it as a political number in this campaign.

We think that Mrs. Edwards' line on the rich and the poor would make a highly effective slogan for the Democrats, and probably would be more devastating than the GOP "Hard Enough" of 1948—if we are in the midst of the depression.

This performance illustrates the difficulties the Democrats are going to have in attacking the Republicans on the inflation issue. Everyone is troubled by high prices and the vast majority of voters seem to be not only blame or try to punish any party for inflation until it's all over and

everybody is in the ashcan.
Fact is, the hard times theme interferes with Truman's most potent campaign tune—which is the prosperity air created in considerable part by inflation. In all American political history, an Administration has never been discarded while the smoke was coming out of the chimneys, while employment was at a 95 per cent peak and the people were getting pay envelopes each week. That factor in years past gave rise to the custom of one candidate gets the cheers and the other gets the votes.
If there were any appreciable degree of unemployment in the country now the Republicans would have a double lead-pipe pinch to win with their cry that it is time for a change after 16 Democratic years. However, one thing the pre-election polls don't show is how well the issue of change appeals to 62 million pay check receivers. In any event, it is clear that the Democrats won't win many votes with their inflation exhibits and it is possible the advantage spotted Truman his biggest advantage in the race for the White House. This performance illustrates the difficulties the Democrats are going to have in attacking the Republicans on the inflation issue. Everyone is troubled by high prices and the vast majority of voters seem to be not only blame or try to punish any party for inflation until it's all over and

Spots Before Our Eyes

A CHANCE remark overheard the other day, to wit: "I can't tan, I just freckle," set us to thinking.
The familiar blemishes (if blemishes they be, about which more later), seen on many faces in North Carolina. The strong strain of Scotch-Irish blood that courses through a goodly portion of the veins of the State makes it peculiarly susceptible than many, to the spotting powers of the sun.
It is pointed out by authorities that freckles are "most common as well as most persistent" on persons of the complexion and hair, and especially so in those with red hair.

The fair-haired Scots of our State have freckles and freckles and freckles. There are more than several prepared pastes on the market to remove them; and if you want to mix your own, make a solution of fifteen to 30 grains of hypophosphite of soda, or of chloride of ammonia, in fifteen grains to one ounce of water. No, ladies, we can't guarantee this mixture. As a matter of fact, we do not advise that you use it—not that it will hurt you. We just happen to like freckles.

Perhaps we can pacify this lady and others of her kind. Freckles, my friend, can be quite attractive. Take Myrna Loy, for instance. What she has without ten

or fifteen little freckles across her nose? Why, we'll wager that if for some reason the spots should disappear, Miss Loy would regret the time she and the Westmore brothers get substituted painted on.

Indeed, a few dainty placed freckles do wonders for a turned-up nose; they add a mile of devilishness to a pair of bright blue eyes.
We once knew a lady so proud of her freckles that she assembled her entire wardrobe so that the color of her clothing would match the yellowish-brown tint of her beauty spots.

But if you are disenchanted with your freckles, it's easy enough to get rid of them. There are more than several prepared pastes on the market to remove them; and if you want to mix your own, make a solution of fifteen to 30 grains of hypophosphite of soda, or of chloride of ammonia, in fifteen grains to one ounce of water. No, ladies, we can't guarantee this mixture. As a matter of fact, we do not advise that you use it—not that it will hurt you. We just happen to like freckles.

UN Charter Revision

THE GROWING sentiment in favor of revision of the United Nations Charter is impressively underlined by the 19-107 vote of the Little Assembly recommending that the General Assembly consider whether the time has come to call a revision conference.

Opposition to the resolution urging a revision conference is more concerned with strategy than with substance. There is almost universal disgust with the manner in which the Russians have employed the veto to hamstring the UN. Something must obviously be done to rescue the UN from the blight that intrusts it. The question must be asked whether it would strengthen or weaken collective action in the democratic world for the maintenance of peace.
Joseph E. Johnson, United States repre-

sentative, fears that the resolution will weaken the more specific work of the Little Assembly to dilute the big-power veto. That body also approved and sent to the General Assembly a report recommending that use of the veto be limited. Remote as it may be, the chance of securing an agreement along these lines is better than the chance of securing a proper revision of the Charter at this time.
Two thirds of the members of the General Assembly could order a general conference for revision of the Charter with the consent of the big powers. The Security Council. The catch comes in ratifying the work of such a conference. Its proposals would become effective only if approved by a two-thirds vote of the conference and ratified by two-thirds of the members of the UN, including all the Big Five. In other words, Russia could block such a revision as easily as she may veto any proposal before the Security Council.



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AND THE SOUND OF A VOICE THAT IS STILL

Solving Nation's 'No. 1 Problem'

The South's Decade Of Progress

WASHINGTON
IT WAS ten years ago this week that President Roosevelt called the South the "nation's No. 1 economic problem."

Jonathan Daniels, formerly of President Roosevelt's staff and now editor of the Raleigh (N. C.) Observer, has remembered this fact and asked some of the South's leaders to judge the advance of their section has made in the intervening decade.

Some of these queried showed they were still boiling under the President's slur. Others went to the other extreme and indicated there would be much hope for the South until the New Deal's Federal Security Administration program was resumed.

The most complete summary of the South's economic balance sheet came from Senator Little (D) of Alabama. "The South," he said, "is proud of her progress. Her people have the greatest educational opportunities... REA carries the benefits of electricity into its remotest parts. Her per capita income has more than doubled. Farm income has increased nearly four times. New farm and business enterprises and security have led new life into the lives of the people."

"But," he added, "income for Southern farmers and businessmen is still below the national income for the rest of the nation. The South still suffers freight rate discrimination and exploitation by absentee owners. Economic policies that work against the South are once again being exploited by the Federal Government."

It is Mr. Daniels himself who observes that the South has made more progress in the last ten years than in the rest of the country. "The fact that there has been no violence—the best evidence of that is the least credit—race relations."

"The truth," he says, "is that no people in the South have made more progress in the last ten years than the Southern Negroes and that the very fact which expresses this progress—the fact that there has been no violence—is the best evidence of that."

"The black people are eating and dressing—and both well. Most of the complaint of Southern people that they cannot get to work in the industries and trade is still being heard. They are better work and better pay... The impertinent-seeming presence of the Negroes at the door of the white man's business is no longer a thing to be feared. Negroes at a state which did not greatly trouble the South ten years ago."

"In the five years before 1938," says Mr. Daniels, "there were 74 lynchings; in the five years after 1938 there were 12. Last year there was only one—there has been none in the last two years. A time when race relations were said to be falling into the furze."

TO THIS let us add a few pertinent race progress items. A few weeks ago, Britain's Manchester Guardian reported the acquittal in Alabama by a white jury of a Negro man charged with the murder of a white man. The Negro was acquitted by a white jury. The Negro was acquitted by a white jury. The Negro was acquitted by a white jury.

In Philadelphia, Kelly, Flynn, Hague and Hannegan are all unhappy about Truman's insistence that he run against the big power veto. The white man, Roosevelt, is the Negro who, according to John Stenhouse, Barrett Hodes of Chicago, Augustus Pepper of Miami, Carl Rice of Kansas, Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, George Goetz of Florida, and Jack Kroll of Ohio.

Bill Ritchie, Democratic national committee chairman from Nebraska, presided. He said he was tired of "nations" candidates, such as Eisenhower, and wanted one he knew was a Democrat. He said he was tired of "nations" candidates, such as Eisenhower, and wanted one he knew was a Democrat. He said he was tired of "nations" candidates, such as Eisenhower, and wanted one he knew was a Democrat.

"Why Pick A Loser?" SEVERAL present did not think Douglas would do that. He proposed that the Democratic Party should nominate Truman's renomination without a tight guarantee another 5,000,000 vote to Henry Wallace," warned Jack



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Marquis Childs

Republican Run-Away

WATCHING this contentious and gloomy convention wind up its last business session, I do not see any crystal ball to see what kind of campaign will develop in the Fall. It is a long time since I have seen more than any in our recent political history.

The Democratic organization will be virtually without funds. It is even now living from hand to hand. The Republican organization is overwhelmingly for the Republican ticket.

Under our two-party system, it is bound to be bad for the country and even for the Republicans, who are at this moment looking on with such smug self-satisfaction. There must be some change in our party system to produce truly representative government.

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