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Another Rival For Old Parties

A NOTHER political party is preparing to enter the 1948 Presidential campai Ch enter the 1948 Presidential campaign. It is the collection of bigots and furies as-sembled by Gerald L. K. Smith, the dema-gogic windjammer who once traveled in the train of the late Kingfish Huy Long of Louislana and since then the been try-ing to make himself the fuelner of an ultra-nationalistic movement in America.

Smith's band of crackpots has been called to a national convention in St. Loug Aug. 20 and 21, at which we are promised a "sensational" surprise in the form of the main who will be unveiled as the keynote speaker and perhaps the candidate who will head the licket of Smith's "Christian

There is utterly no significance in this event, and the Smith announcement is interesting to us only as a reminder of an important trend in this election.

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"It is my theory that the Democratic Party has destroyed itself," says the national director of the Nationalists. "It has repudiated its own backbone; namely the South. The Republican Party will be victorious this Fall even though they have snubbed and sighted the backbone of their party, namely the Middle West. When the repercussions, which are inevitable, sweep down upon the Republican Party in the next four years they, like the Democratic next four years they, like the Democratic heart for the property of the Party This will leave a wrecked Democratic Party, a repudiated Republican Party. The Communists and their left wing lik, led by Wallace and others, will be ready to socialize and and others, will be ready to socialize and communize America. Only a strong Nation-alist Party can resist this Red tide which

will grow out of the inevitable confusion and cynticism of the people." The Smith analysis, tested against all the visible signs and developments in the current political picture, is exactly 100 per cent wrong. Clearest thing in this campaign is that the two-party system is solid and strong, and there is no future for spilnter politics in America. Henry Wallace's Progressive Party now is in the midst of a rapid decline. Predictions of a few months ago that it would poll five to ten million votes have been scaled down to two or three million. The prospect is that the Communists will be more isolated than ever politically after this venture with Wailace.

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The Southern Dixiecrats last week suffered further setbacks in two Southern states — Texas and Arkansas — and there are growing expectations that this movement to split the Democratic Party will fall children and the set of the set of

Republicans are charging forward to victory under new leadership that is injecting fresh ideas and vitality into the Grand Old Party. Democrats are making a spirited stand despite the burden of sixteen years in power. They have a chance to seize control of the Senate, to make important gains in the. House and recover control of Congress in 1950.

grees in 1950.
It is well that Geraid Smith has chosen this time to enter the national race with a program to save America from Communism by Hillerian methods, for it will be useful to have a demonstration of what the American voters think of his brand of fascism. When the ballots are counted in November, we expect to find the people traveling straight down the middle of the road in a straight down the middle of the road in a Communism, fascism and sectionalism.

Agitation. The lowering or the aboli-tion of Government supports for farm prices has been under way for some time and will be intensified when commodity prices reach the level where the Govern-ment has to purchase surpluses to main-tain the parity figure—the point where the farmer receives enough for his products that he will be able to pay for the goods he must buy.

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There is no doubt that the price peg makes it difficult if not impossible to get off the inflation peak and the costs of maintaining-this subsidy will become prohibitive if America can find no economical way to dispose of its agricultural surpluses. However, our present experience warns the nation to go slow in removing the floor under the producers of the Southern and Western farminands.

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This device was useful in lifting the farmers out of the depression pit in the 180%. It has just served as a check against a market stampede. Hasty abandonmers or dratte revision of the support puby at this time would place the farmers in the position to be earlier in the position to be are the main burden of defisition and serve to restore the old imbalance between agriculture and industry which figured so importantly in the last bust.

Price Peg Prevents A Jolt were selling close to support prices. So the prospect of bumper crops started no pan-icky liquidation. Business in general paid no attention."

WE DISLIKE to say a good word for in-flation but this strikes us as the right moment to remark that a boom is much less painful than a bust.

Memories of the depend 1929 have been stirred in recent days by the proper of bumper American crops—record corn and cotton crops, unexpectedly large wheat aid eat yields, and a big harvest in other farm semmodities.

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As has been noted by many business analysts, this news would have, brought a quick and broad decline in prices but for the continued livestock shortage and the Government policy of supporting farm prices. Some observers also note that the official forecasts of peak production on the Tarms might have produced a commodity business severely if the Government were not propping up the prices of corn, wheat, etc.

"Ordinarily, the threat of a surplus in atton and grains would have touched off cotton and grains would have touched off a wave of liquidation in the commodity markets," the current Business Week states. "Panic could have spread swiftly to manufacturers and distributors. Heavy in-ventories in many lines would have tum-bled onto the market. It wouldn't take much of that to knock the boom in the heart of the state of the country of the "But wheat, corn, and cotton already

From The Wall Street Journal

The Priceless Ingredient

A MERICA, so people say, stands at a crossroads. By that they mean we are in the midst of decision. The chojee is whether we are to follow familiar pathways or whether they are now outmoded and we should, instead, abandon them and set forth upon some new wave of the future. The decision is every man's. And in decid-

ing, every man must select from all the images that which to him is America, for he must know what it is he wants to nourish.

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For some the heart of America is the richness of its earth, the productivity of its fields and mines. For others it is the industrial prowess that has poured out a wealth of majerial goods for those who inhabit it, giving us as a whole people the highest standard of living in all history.

To these men America is a material thing, America is a wonderful place because it is-rich. Their plans for the future of America begin and end with the direction and control of that richness according to their own lights.

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Still other men have a different image of America. One of these, speaking near the green fields of Iowa and from the vantage point of three-quatres of a century of living, used these words:

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Here only can a man exchange his services in one place for fruits grown three thous-and miles away without tribute and with-out so much as a by-your-leave.

And here only can a man bargain with his neighbors to supply them what they want and not what someone else wishes them to have.

them to have.

There are nations far richer than we if riches were only the resources of the land or the labor of a minn's hands. Yet they are the poorer, and the explainers—away of this phenomenon will search for the answer, diligently and ingeniously, everywhere save on their own doorstep.

America is rich because it is a wonderful place. Here, at least for a little while, man is free to use these resources to build what he desires. Out of this freedom comes some waste and, at times, destruction. There is fumbling and error. There is greed and ruthlessness. But out of this mass the genius of man for turning his brains and his label into wealth for living is free to enterge. That we stand today the envy and the wonder and the hope of the world is testimony that it has done so.

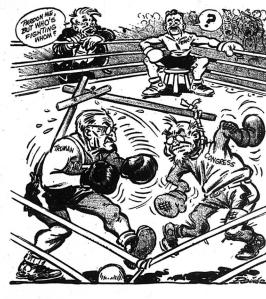
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testimony that it has done so. Once to the peasants of Europe or the tillers of America's cotton fields freedom by Itself was a preclous thing if it brought no other treasures. The cynics say liberty will not feed a man, —we must imitate the old world—give up our liberties so that benevolent government can do the thinking, planning and striving for the masses in the name of security.

Perhaps, some day, we shall go back to that. But we shall be the poorer for 4t. Freedom is the priceless ingredient that makes America.

Now and then we wonder about the need for referring to "tots" as tiny. When anyone finds a giant tot, of course, it will be worth playing in large type. — Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

There Still Seems To Be Some Question



People's Platform

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J. L. Everett, originally of Bennettaville but only lately out of Myrtle Beach, now a home-owner at Daytona Beach and a Florida booster, has greatly increased his interest in politics, and among other activities has addressed the following open letter to President Truman:

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"My Dear Mr. President:

"As a native-born American citizen and a Demo-crat by instinct and inheritance. I have tried to follow closely the party's welfare since 1932. The practices of the party have undergone such radical changes that the name Democrat is now a mis-momer, and the Democrats of the old school in the South of the Company in the districts of uncertainty of the property of the contract of the con-traction of the con-traction of the contraction of the con-traction of the con-tr

"With the cost of living what it is today it might be well too, Mr. President for you to forget the kill-ing of pigs and the plowing up of cotton which was practiced by your illustrious predecesor and the crack-poles who advised him, if you can forget an outrage like that.

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"But Mr. President, I think I see a thorn in your side which I believe you will not forest, and it is the towering figure of J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of my native South Carolina, now a President of the pr

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is about to start to do.

The Honorable Dixiecrats CHARLOTTE

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A s a result of having our express desires overridden An and trampled under foot at the recent Democratic Convention in Philadelphia, as has gradually and surely become the custom for a long time, Southern Democrats are now doing and have done and daughters and granddoughters of Confederate soldiers could possibly have done and daughters and granddoughters of Confederate soldiers could possibly have done and have maintained a semblance of self respect. Namely, consintated and will fully support a montine for the confederate soldiers could possibly have done and Wice-President in the conting elections.

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John have gone all out to discredit and defeat the States Rights Democratic movement.

This is your privilege, of course.

However, it seems to me you have gone pretty far in labeling all those who seek to fead this movement and all those who seek to fead this movement and all those who seek to fead this province and all those who seek to fead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and all those who seek to lead this province and the provinc

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THREE years ago Aug. 14 Japan
I surrendered unconditionally to
the Allies and Japanese war minister Korechika Anami committed
suicide in accordance with the
oriental code that only death can
wipe out the dishonor of having
failed the Mikado in an emergency.

will be western Europe's recovery or sufficient strength to hold them. The Reds have been slowed down the recovery of the reco

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Charles Skouras Launches 'Youth Month'

Go-Round. to Charles P. Skouras, gead of the National Theaters.)

WHEN Charles Skouras came to the United States as a Greek immigrant boy 40 years ano, no one ever figured that some day he would become head of the largest moviements of the states of the states of the states. Nor did anyone ever dream that last week he would help the President of the United States dedicate a special of September and the draw commemorating the month of September and the draw commemorating the month of September and the draw commemorating the month of September and the draw commence of the states of the

money.

The battender who employed Spyros made him recite
The Star-Spangled Banner, from beginning to end, every
than most native-born Americans can do at any time.
Spyros can still recite it, all the verses, and later gave the
battender an interest in the Shaw Theater in St. Louis.

World's Top Movie Magnates THE Skouras brothers got into the theater business when a friend offered to sell them a decrepit St. Louis nickel-

Today Spyros dominates 20th Century-Fox, George operates a chain of theaters in the East, while Charley, the oldest brother, is president of National Theaters and Fox West Coast Theaters, operating 1,500 movie houses.

I first got to know Charley Skouras when the Priendship Train was being organized. His theater mahagers had been asked to tell the public about the idea behind the Priendship Train, and to that end Skouras called them te

"But, boss," they protested, "we're just opening with Forever Amber.' How can we publicize that and the Friendship Train too?"

"Which is more important—" grunted Skouras. "For-ever Amber' or your country? "Forever Amber' can come later."

'Youth Month' In September

TODAY Skouras is heading the National Committee for Youth Month, backed by the Theater Owners of America whose 10000 movie houses houses will do their best to create more interest in youth activities, beginning in September.

tember.

"One trouble with most of us" says Skoursa, "is that we talk too much about juvenile delinquency and not enough about juvenile schievements.

"When I go to the county fairs and see the prise scatte, chickens, hogs and all the things that the farm kids raise all by themselves, if gives me a big thrill. Thus's schievement. Those Edds wort go wrong, because thry've schievement. Those Edds wort go wrong, because thry've

"Most American boys are hero-worshippers. They don't want to be sideline sitters. Give them healthy outlets for their pent-up energy and they'll land on their feet.

More Playgrounds

TWHE aim of Youth Month is to promote more playgr I swimming pools, symmatiums, and off-the-street clubs. In New York, for instance, there is no home stitution where a boy picked up by the police can be for the night except to a municipal lodging-house a juil.

During Youth Month, the Theater Owners of America will show various short subjects on youth and juvenile de-linquency, as well as special films and literature on com-munity youth organization.

"Doing something for our youth is a lot more the one-month job," explains Skouras. "This is only a, But if we can make Youth Month in September really something. I hope the carry-through will continue rest of the year. Giving youth a real stake in our de racy is the best way to make democracy live."