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RIGHTS OF THE STATES ARE PARAMOUNT TO THOSE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Southerners May Work For Return of Two-Thirds Rule

Mashed Potatoes And Scrambled Eggs

Having tried to regulate everything else under the sun, Washington economists are now lamenting their inability to exercise control over the personal habits of fowls in the barnyard.

In a recent dispatch from the nation's capital, they are reported as having complained that hens are "laying their fool heads off," thereby upsetting carefully worked out plans for holding up the price of eggs.

Having been born on a farm ourselves, we have always had the impression that chickens do what comes naturally and thought that when an old Plymouth Rock, for instance, had an urge to lay an egg, she just hauled off and laid it without any regard whatever for the resulting impact on the nation's economy.

It seems, however, that there is an egg subsidy in effect which was voted for the dual purpose of keeping up the price of this product for the benefit of poultry raisers and of inducing the chicken growers to vote right in November, a plan which hens were expected to assist in carrying out by holding their output to the minimum.

Under this theoretical program of planned economy, every time a hen cackled, it would mean a vote for the Fair Deal.

The hens, however, with characteristic feminine perverseness, refused to cooperate.

In what looked suspiciously like a deliberate attempt to turn the tables on the economists and prove who the real fools are, they have gone on a regular laying spree which threatens to pile up an avalanche of eggs on the administration's door-step which will overshadow the mountain of potatoes now rotting there.

Southern Conservative Gets Greetings From Sweden

From far-away Stockholm comes a cordial letter from a Swedish citizen complimenting the Southern Conservative as a fine newspaper and extending "Nordic Greetings" for its continuation and success.

The communication was from Einer Aberg who reminds us that the fight against evil forces in government is going on all over the world.

Southerners who have not given up all hope of reformation of the once great Democratic Party and its restoration as a Party of principles, are discussing the possibility of further attempts to get the two-thirds rule for nominating candidates restored.

Many Southerners fought against the abrogation of this rule by Roosevelt's stooges at the 1936 Convention in Philadelphia but the majority of Democrats, displaying about as much independence and courage as a bunch of broken-backed caterpillars, fell in with the scheme, thereby insuring that never again would the Party be enabled to nominate big men as candidates for President on the Democratic ticket.

It will be interesting to see how much strength the movement to restore this rule is able to assemble for it is only by this step that the deterioration and ultimate disintegration of the Party can be halted.

Secretary of State Says He Does Not Condone Disloyalty

Secretary of State Dean Acheson has descended from his pinnacle of dignified and lofty aloofness long enough to make a concession to his employers, the American taxpayers.

He finally has admitted that he "does not condone in any way the offenses charged against Alger Hiss".

This statement was made to a Senate Committee as a result of widespread criticism of his amazing attitude in expressing friendship and sympathy for Hiss after the latter's conviction for perjury in connection with charges that he had given away valuable government papers to Communist spies.

Well, the fact that this admission has finally been wrung from the Secretary of State is an indication of progress, any way. Many people have been wondering about it.

In the meantime, we believe that segment of voters who put the present administration in power could spend their time no more profitably than in a little earnest consideration of the State of the Union when it becomes necessary for a Cabinet member charged with the duty of shaping our foreign policy, to clarify his personal feeling about disloyal acts against his country.

States Have Constitutional Power To Abolish Congress

Washington politicians try to mitigate their transgressions of States Rights by pointing up their efforts in behalf of "Human Rights."

They employ this dodge to avoid facing up to the accusation which is justifiably made that the Tenth Article of the Constitution, which reserves to the States all rights not specifically granted to the Federal government, has been practically nullified by the heretics now in control of the Democratic Party.

This is especially true in the case of a big blowhard in the United States Senate who breezed into that office on a blast of hot air generated at the Philadelphia Democratic Convention where he helped the slap-happy delegates to defeat a resolution defending States Rights.

In this way a political pipsqueak, whose only claim to distinction is that he was successful in preventing a party endorsement of the basic and fundamental principle on which that party and our government itself were founded, has been able to influence increasing Congressional disregard of the superior and outranking authority of the States over that of the Federal government, their agent.

The average citizen's lack of familiarity with the provisions of the Constitution in setting up the framework of our governmental system is appalling but not nearly so devastating as the ignorance of, and disrespect for, those provisions on the part of those elected to make our laws and sworn to defend and uphold our organic principles.

Instead of there being no such thing as States Rights as claimed by these insufferable demagogues, there is no such thing as Federal Rights except in the case of those which have been conferred on the Federal government by the States, under the precise and exact terms of the Constitution which they created.

Centralization of power in a Federal agency was the one thing above all others which the founders of our government sought to avoid in laying its framework and designating the method under which it should operate in the interest of all the people.

To this end the Federal government was set up merely as a Union of the States enjoying only such power as was delegated to it by the States such as the sole power to make treaties with foreign governments, to make war, to raise and support armies and navies, to lay and collect taxes, duties imposts and excises, to borrow and coin money, to fix standards of weights and measures, to establish post offices and post roads, to grant patents and copyrights, to establish courts to regulate commerce between the States and foreign nations and to do certain other things consistent with its proper functioning.

There was never at any time, nor was it ever intended that there should be, a surrender of sovereignty by the States to the Federal government and it has only been by usurpation of such authority in recent years that the Federal government has embarked on projects and engaged in activities which are strictly unauthorized and unconstitutional.

Congress cannot be blamed exclusively for this, however, and much of the responsibility must rest with the State Legislatures, for the ignorance of State Legislators concerning their own power is as profound as the arrogance of members of Congress who have attempted to wrest this power from them.

This usurpation of power and authority by the Federal government has given rise to the fallacious theory, abjectly accepted by an uninformed and indifferent citizenship, that the Federal government is supreme and that the States are some sort of "dominions" over which Washington exercises complete control.

This idea has been bolstered by the increasing number of immigrants

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Back To The Pulpit With Political Preachers

A charge which has repeatedly been made by responsible persons and agencies to the effect that subversive forces dominate an organization known as the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in this country—an astounding accusation which has been difficult for most of us to believe—has had substantial confirmation.

Meeting in Detroit in February, this body spent four days in serious consideration of practically every question in the whole category of topical subjects, except religion.

Taking up the matter of governments first, this amazing segment of a profession commonly supposed to be dedicated solely to the salvation of men's souls, took our own Capitalistic System and dumped it into the pot along with Communism and Socialism and denounced them all.

That their real purpose—or rather the purpose of those forces who are directing their activities—is to discredit the governing system of our own country and that their repudiation of Communism and Socialism was merely lip service, was forcefully proved in the resolutions resulting from their "deliberations."

These included a plea for the redistribution of the wealth of this country by means of taxation, although why they felt that any further steps along this line short of total confiscation of property could be taken which would exceed the tax levies currently in effect, is difficult to understand.

They also lent their support to a program of Socialized Medicine, Federal Aid to schools and equality of the races.

In fact, so far as we can learn from press reports, their recommendations duplicate in every essential detail the platform of Henry Agard Wallace in his campaign for president of the United States in 1948.

The naivete of preachers when they leave the pulpit and mount the political rostrum and their susceptibility to the wiles of designing politicians who seek to enlist their services in a particular cause, is generally understood.

It is this widespread appreciation of an inherent weakness in men of the cloth which is responsible for the strong public sentiment prevalent in this country for complete separation of church and state and for the restriction of a minister of the gospel to the theological field where he knows his way around and deals only with such matters as come within his scope of understanding.

Many times in the past the force of outraged public opinion has driven political preachers back to the pulpit and it could well be that a situation is building up which will once again necessitate such a course.

Fortunately, the job is comparatively easy. There is no long-drawn-out process in reforming the ministry like there is in restoring government to its proper sphere.

In case of restoring corrupted government, it means amendments to the Constitution, long political campaigns and education of the people in casting their ballots.

In the case of reforming the erring preacher the layman can get the job

California Wizard Makes Startling Discovery

George Luckey the slick soap salesman from California announced breathlessly, after a recent visit to the White House, that he had just gotten the impression, somehow, that President Truman would be a candidate for President in 1952.

With such powers of deduction from such slim clues, he missed his calling by not becoming a detective.

Every one else has had that impression ever since Truman first began to savor the taste of power and had to let out his hatband several notches.

Also, ever since Roosevelt established "squatter's rights" to the premises and set up an organization, financed by taxpayers, which would keep him there as long as he lived, the only chance to evict a tenant from that building is to blast him out.

This we hope the voters will do with a heavy charge of ballots.

done by simply stopping his contributions.

The most sensitive nerve in the human anatomy is the one leading to the pocket book and this is true of a minister of the gospel no less than of a lawyer, doctor or member of any other profession or trade.

So if you are one who does not believe that our Capitalistic system is the same menace to the people as Communism or Socialism, stop contributing to a preacher who subscribes to that theory.

If you are opposed to Socialized Medicine and do not feel that the church to which you belong should advocate this policy, don't give any more money to that church.

If you feel that Federal Aid to schools, redistribution of wealth through Federal taxation and social equality of the races are definite steps toward National Socialism, quit donating money to those who are trying to bring this about.

Surveys made by private agencies prove that not one person in a thousand knows whether or not the church to which he belongs is a member of the Federal Council of Churches and that almost as large a percentage have never even heard of the Council.

The procedure is for church officials—who have been lured by promises of a Utopian State—to join for their denominations, thereby committing all those of that faith by their individual actions.

In this way the Council is able to boast of a membership of twenty-eight millions when, as a matter of fact, there are probably not twenty-eight hundred individual church members who know what it is all about or who, if they did know, would subscribe to its tenets of faith for the great majority of Americans are loyal to their institutions of government and way of life.

Every minister who has committed his church to the policies of a group who are openly opposed to our form of government should be called to account by his congregation and informed that his mission in life is to help prepare a mansion in the skies and not to assist in building Federal Housing projects on earth.

Disloyalty to the institutions of one's country is still disloyalty even when expressed under the guise of religion.

Instead of Reaching For the Stars Make a Federal Pension Your Goal

Slot Machines Are Not The Only Bandits Who Are Robbing The People

Congress has before it a bill which would make illegal the operation of slot machines, designated as one-arm bandits, anywhere in the United States.

We are highly in favor of any legislation which puts an end to robbery, legal or otherwise.

We would suggest, however, that when they get through disposing of the one-arm variety, something should be done about the two-armed bandits in Washington who, during a period of less than five years, helped the President of the United States make off with \$191,081,394,191 of the taxpayers' money.

The argument in favor of the robot robbers is that their victims put their money in the slot of their own accord and there is nothing compulsory about the swindle.

Taxpayers, on the other hand, who are faced with confiscatory tax levies are compelled to lay on the dotted line or wind up in the clink.

Complete elimination of slot machines in every State will undoubtedly inspire great rejoicing on the part of wives whose husbands poop off the grocery money on Saturday night, but the real whoopee is that which is going to be done by millions of taxpayers when the big Clip Joint on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington is brought under Constitutional restraint and the Federal tax racket is whittled down to its proper take.

President Puts The Press In Its Place

"Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

This sage observation of Longfellow must have recurred to many Washington observers recently when the President violated a White House press tradition and granted a special interview to one particular correspondent, thereby scooping all others.

Later, he added insult to injury by telling the newsmen that he did it deliberately and would do it again, when, and if, he pleased.

For a smooth politician with his eye always on the main chance for votes, it would seem that the President has slipped a cog.

The corps of Washington newspaper correspondents is perhaps the most perfect example of a closed corporation on the face of the earth with infinite and immeasurable power to deal misery to the objects of its wrath.

Men and women who are skilled in the art of verbal masonry and who are experts in piling one effective word upon another in offensive and defensive oral warfare, are pretty formidable enemies in any battle of words.

Many of them have written their way to worldwide fame and are not impressed by even the great and the near-great and certainly not by one of Truman's stature.

Of course Washington has its share of thick skinned journalists who have been attacked so much that to them a mild insult is a form of accolade, but generally speaking they don't take the brush-off lightly and many of them have been known to repay rebuffs in kindred coin.

Any way, we would rather have a nice, friendly nest of hornets turned loose in our blouse than to have the deadly pens of the Washington writing fraternity pointed in our direction and in the current bout of the White House vs. the Press Gallery, our money is on the boys and gals of the Fourth Estate.

The current Washington concept that success is sinister, that the possession of property is a cardinal sin and that government has a greater moral obligation to develop the social consciousness of a beachcomber than it has to extend opportunity to an empire builder, has made its imprint on many members of the journalistic fraternity.

Emphasis and tacit endorsement of this degrading theory was given by a National magazine not long ago in a write-up of self-made millionaires in Texas who were given less courteous treatment than the publication has been known to extend to gangland killers.

Not in so many words—for it is not the policy of the magazine to come out and frankly say what it means—but by innuendo and contemptuous inference, men of substance in the Lone Star State were pictured to readers as sort of glorified footpads who had acquired their fortunes by armed robbery.

In reading this article by left-wing writers, one got the impression somehow that the vast resources of Texas resulted through some criminal act of Nature who discriminated against more civilized areas in the bestowal of her gifts.

To the extent that the red-slanted views of these editorial New Dealers are read and absorbed by millions of people, many of whom have a limited capacity for original thinking, they are largely responsible for the spread of the depraved political theory that poverty is a more honorable estate than the possession of worldly goods.

The youth of the land is reminded, by implication, that to heed the beckoning call of ambition, follow the pointing finger of opportunity and reach for the stars is a shameful course of human conduct and that, instead of trying to carve their letters in shining letters of success, they should concentrate on ultimately achieving a place on the Federal pension roll.

We Care Not How a Man Makes His Prayer

The Southern Conservative is constantly in receipt of communications pointing out that this religious sect or that is responsible for the sorry plight of the nation and is snowed under with documents to prove the various claims.

This paper will not, at any time or under any condition, make any attack on any church or question the right of any American to his personal religious views.

A person's religion is a matter between him and his Maker and any one who seeks to discredit another's religion, or speak disrespectfully of it, does not possess, in our opinion one iota of the Christian spirit himself.

Neither has an employer, whether it be private industry or a State or Federal government agency, any more moral or legal right to even ask the religious affiliation of an applicant for a position than they have to inquire about the brand of toothpaste he uses, and the fact that it is constantly done makes the practice no less indefensible.

We will save our attacks for groups of churches and other religious bodies who are perhaps unconsciously uniting with subversive forces, but uniting with them nonetheless, for the destruction of our form of government and we will have plenty to say about that.

The manner in which a man makes his prayer, however, is quite another matter which does not come within the scope of our business nor that of any one else.

John Kruttschnitt who lives at the Olympic Club in San Francisco suggests that a good name for those who act like Communists but object to being called one is "Communit." Not bad.

Relief Dole Continues to Mount Under "Truman Prosperity"

The joint Federal-State relief agencies which Roosevelt promised would be discontinued as soon as the "emergency" in 1933 was over will supply cash assistance during the coming year to 4,500,000 needy persons, according to estimates submitted recently to Congress by the Bureau of Public Assistance.

This is reported to be a million more persons than will be drawing social security checks.

It is also forty per cent above the number who were aided ten years ago through the same programs—old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children.

Total cost of the program is estimated at \$2.3 billion dollars.

Another Economic American Tragedy Costs Taxpayers \$37,000,000

The notorious case of the Lustron Corporation, financed by the Federal government and whose very peculiar methods of operation were exposed by a noted commentator over the air sometime ago, has come to an end.

As in all attempts of the Federal government to engage in private business, the venture ended in a dismal flop with the taxpayers, as usual, having to take the loss.

The concern which proposed to make pastel-tinted prefabricated lustron houses, and which project was said to have the whole-hearted support of White House economists, was subsidized to the extent of \$37,000,000.00 with little chance of the government recovering more than a few cents on the dollar.

The payments to the company began in June of 1947 and have been kept up from time to time in spite of the failure of the concern to live up to its contract.

Incidentally the home of the Lustron Corporation is in Columbus, Ohio.

There is an important election coming up in Ohio soon and the squandering of \$37,000,000.00 of the taxpayers' money in that State was probably intended by sponsors of the project as an investment in votes.

Foreclosure proceedings will be started soon by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation through a suit filed in Columbus and thus will end another economic American tragedy caused by the misguided belief of blundering politicians that they can run private business better than "special interests."

Ouch !!!

Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., who represents Dave Dubinsky's leftist party in the capital, spoke a piece for Herbert Lehman, Democratic candidate for the senate in the recent New York campaign.

It occurred to him to take a shot at New York's lieutenant-governor, Joseph Hanley. "Old Joe Hanley!" the squirt sneered. "He's alright in his way but he's too old. He's 74—and he's old-fashioned."

When this criticism was relayed to Mr. Hanley, he lost none of his urbanity.

"I am old," he admitted, "although I am only 73, not 74. It is also true that I am old-fashioned."

"I am so old-fashioned that I have been married to the same woman for 49 years."

—The Labor Digest, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The disagreement of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Ives and others with the leadership of their party indicates, in our opinion, nothing more than that the Republican Party has its radicals and red sympathizers, too.

What The Country Needs Is Another Samuel Gompers

A statement made nearly half a century ago by Samuel Gompers has been sent us by R. D. Johnston of Fort Worth who points out the difference in the attitude of that great American labor leader and those of the present time who demand that government subsidize them from the cradle to the grave.

Said Gompers: "Look over all the world... and see those governments where features of compulsory benevolence have been established and you will find initiative taken from the hearts of the people... Giving government control over industrial relations creates a fulcrum which means great power for unscrupulous bureaucrats to use... Let the people of the United States hold their liberties in their own hands."

Truman To Make Another "Non Political" Tour

Press dispatches from Washington report that the President is making plans for his "whistle-stop tour" of the United States next Fall in the interest of various candidates for office.

We suppose this trip will be another "non-political" affair, in order that all his expenses may be charged up to the taxpayers.

It is our impression that there is some sort of legislation known as the Hatch Act which makes it a violation of the law for employes of the government to engage in active political campaigns.

As a public servant of the people, why wouldn't the president come under this act? Certainly he has no moral or constitutional right to go into various states and undertake to dictate to the voters concerning their selection of their representatives and other public officials.

A lot of speculation is being indulged in about what attitude he will take in the case of Glen Taylor's race for the Senate in Idaho against a Republican opponent.

Our guess is that he will go barging right into that State and pull just as hard for Wallace's running mate as he does for other candidates elsewhere.

After all, why not? There is little or no difference in the platform on which Taylor campaigned for vice president and that of the renegade Democrats now running what was once a party of principles, but which is now a party of expediency, whose overall purpose is to get the votes at whatever cost.

For Women Only

The latest addition to the stack of exchange newspapers received in our office is "The Southern Conservative." From her name—Ida M. Darden—and a picture we found on page 7, we have deduced that the editor is a woman and what a woman and what an editor!

She wields a wicked typewriter, ladies, calling a spade a spade and letting the merry old chips fall where they may. She did a piece about you women that we old Southern "mouses" would never have had the nerve to write, but as long as it is one of the more dangerous of the species writing about others of the species, we can't keep her from having at you. Southern chivalry demands that we bow to the editor of "The Southern Conservative." ... —Texarkana Gazette.

Under our form of government, an employer has a right to fire an employe for no other reason than that he does not like the way he parts his hair.

Washington Judge Upholds Race Segregation

Washington is the city where all the anti-segregation agitation from left-wing groups finds expression in the form of legislation to be applied to every State.

And yet a couple of weeks ago a Judge in a Court in the District of Columbia upheld the race segregation system under which Washington operates its schools.

The decision handed down by Judge E. Barrett Prettyman, and concurred in by Judge Bennett Champ Clark, read: "So far as the facts and circumstances shown by the record are concerned, it appears that the treatment accorded these Negro plaintiffs, of which they complain, would have been accorded them had they been white."

One Judge dissented in a minority opinion.

There's always one in the crowd.

No Runs, No Hits, No Errors

One of the big cities of Texas was visited recently by a social worker from Washington who was reported in the press as having come to attend a conference on maternity and to give advice to unwed parents.

According to her write-up in Texas papers, she is a former school teacher and a spinster.

For some vague reason or another, all the "social economists" which infest Washington like a plague of locusts, never seem to be persons who have had any first-hand experience in the problems they set out to solve.

Red Propaganda Operates With Full Steam Ahead

As if Hollywood had not already stirred up enough racial strife in this country by the bad taste and poor judgment of movie producers in constantly releasing social propaganda films, a group in that city, all members of one race, recently broke out in the press with an endorsement of a certain producer of such films as having contributed most to "the betterment of all Americans."

Those who have the real interest of "all Americans" at heart, definitely do not subscribe to such endorsement.

Lady, You Slay Us, But We Love It

(From The Labor Digest Indianapolis, Ind.)

A lady, named Ida M. Darden, is the editor of a newly launched monthly called THE SOUTHERN CONSERVATIVE, published in Fort Worth, Texas. We do not know Mrs. Darden, but we would delight to make her acquaintance.

THE SOUTHERN CONSERVATIVE greets its readers in its first issue with this statement of policy:

"THE SOUTHERN CONSERVATIVE is being launched to fill the need for a medium of expression for those citizens of Texas and the South who definitely oppose the current trend toward radicalism which is rapidly bringing us to the end of the road as a constitutional republic.

"In introducing this new publication for approval, we plead guilty to the charge of being hopelessly old-fashioned as we love our own country with a blind and passionate devotion above all others on earth."

Mrs. Darden satirically suggests another literary lady in a column, mischievously entitled "My Night," which we borrow for your delight, suggesting that it should be read aloud in mush-mouthed Bostonese." (The DIGEST then quotes our column "My Night" from the January edition of the Southern Conservative).

What we need in this country is to trade in some new-fangled theories for some good old-fashioned principles.

Democrat To Oppose New Dealer In Florida Race

Congressman George A. Smathers of Miami has announced as a candidate to oppose New Dealer Claude Pepper in the race for United States Senator from Florida.

Not having any definite information at hand as to Mr. Smathers' views on issues vitally affecting the South, we would say, off-hand, that any change at all in occupants of that particular Senate seat, would be an improvement over its current holder.

Claude Pepper was one of the most cringing, spineless and subservient members of the clique of mediocre yes men in the New Deal inner circle when Roosevelt was riding roughshod over both Houses of Congress with his "must" legislation.

Every time Roosevelt ate a radish, Pepper burped.

The only reason why he is not riding Truman's coattails now is that he guessed wrong in the 1948 election.

The State of Florida deserves something better in the way of representation in the United States Senate.

Truman Would Vest Control In Twenty-Seven Man Board

Harry E. Polk of Williston, North Dakota, visiting in Texas recently pointed out the dangers in the various "Federal river valley authorities."

Mr. Polk who is head of the National Reclamation Association stated that his organization opposed the valley authorities because they centralize control in the hands of a few men.

"If you visualize the program the president is advocating, the nine principal river basins in the nation would be placed under the control of three men in each basin," Mr. Polk stated.

"That would be vesting the economic power of the entire nation in the hands of twenty-seven men," he added.

We can always be sure that any project sponsored by the president or his group of advisers will have as its ultimate purpose the centralization of power in Washington.

Calling himself a Democrat and holding office by the grace of a party which came into being as a protest against the centralization of power, Mr. Truman has gone much farther than Alexander Hamilton, the father of the centralization idea, in advocating this policy of government which is foreign to all concepts of the real Democratic Party as founded.

Lodge-Gossett Amendment Has Our Approval

We hope that the Lodge-Gossett amendment to the Constitution as proposed in legislation which has already passed the Senate is successful in the Lower House and becomes part of the Constitution.

This amendment would provide for election of a President by popular vote, instead of by the Electoral College.

Those who have studied the amendment carefully point out that it would correct deficiencies in the present system of electing a President and that if it had been in effect in 1948, Truman would not have been elected, as he failed to get a majority of the popular vote.

This, in itself, should be sufficient reason why it should be passed, but at any rate minority rule which is made possible under the electoral college system should be ended.

The measure passed the Senate by the necessary two-thirds majority and is now before the House where it must have bi-partisan support if successful in that body.

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Supreme Court of Texas Is Not "Packed" But Acts Like It

In the practices of politics corruption is always more contagious than integrity and this unfortunate fact has been given substantial confirmation once again.

Heretofore the comparatively recent custom of high courts handing down political decisions instead of judicial rulings has largely been limited to the Washington area but the contagion seems to be spreading.

The latest tribunal to have its judges seemingly base their findings on political expediency, rather than statutory enactment, is the Supreme Court of Texas.

The decision involves proceedings at the so-called Democratic State Convention held at Fort Worth in September, 1948.

At this Convention, Neville G. Penrose and Mrs. Bennett L. Smith of Fort Worth who had been duly elected as committeeman and committeewoman from Tarrant County at the previous County Convention, in compliance with provisions of the Terrell Election Law governing the selection of Party delegates, were thrown out and replaced by a couple of Left-Wingers, Jack Carter and Mrs. J. W. Douglas of Fort Worth.

In a suit brought before a Fort Worth District Court, styled Homer Tomlinson et al vs. Jack Carter et al, a verdict was rendered in favor of Penrose and Mrs. Smith. A similar decision was handed down by the Court of Appeals at Fort Worth in a later trial of the case.

On appeal to the Supreme Court of Texas, however, the verdict was one reminiscent of some of those of the Supreme Court of the United States at the height of New Deal tyranny when Judges put their ears to the ground instead of their eyes on the Constitution, in arriving at a decision.

In the face of the law which clearly defines the manner in which delegates to the State Convention are to be elected and in spite of all evidence that Penrose and Mrs. Smith had been elected under the procedure set up in this law, the opinion of the Supreme Court, written by Chief Justice John H. Sharp and concurred in by seven Associate Justices, held that the regularly elected delegates were ineligible to serve and that the two Truman radicals selected by the State Convention were entitled to such offices.

An amazing sidelight on the hearing before the Supreme Court at Austin was the action of Robert W. Calvert, who was Chairman of the so-called Democratic State Executive Committee of Texas in 1948 and who was one of the first Party officials in the State to abjectly obey instructions when ordered by stronger-minded leaders to fall in line.

Calvert broke all precedents of counsel in cases before that body who invariably display respect and reverence for the dignity of its members, by boldly reminding them that if the Democratic State Convention held at Fort Worth in September of 1948 was not in fact duly constituted and convened, and its actions upheld, some of the very Judges sitting on the Court were not legally entitled to do so because their election in the De-

About Those Letters From Our Readers

It seems that when we said in the February edition of the Southern Conservative that we would open a column to "letters from readers" in March, we were talking when we should have been listening.

At the time we wrote this, we already had enough on hand for several editions if we carried nothing but "letters" in its columns. Since then the stack has increased to such proportions that we could issue the paper indefinitely and never have to write a line ourselves.

The letters are all excellent and each reflects a particular and original idea for expressing the contempt and loathing of the writers for the New Deal-Fair Deal gang in Washington.

To select the limited number we could use out of all the offerings is a task we do not feel up to.

For the present, at least, we will just have to compress them all into one brief expression representing the composite views of all writers on the State of the Union and our national leaders:

It's lousy and they stink.

Negro Rejects Special Instruction At U. T.

Special arrangements were made by the University of Texas for giving instruction in graduate work, apart from white students, to the Austin Negro who recently sought to enter that institution on the ground that such instruction was not available elsewhere.

Classes were to be conducted for him in a building across the street from the campus in which he would have gotten the courses he requested.

This arrangement was rejected by the applicant, again proving what is generally known and that is that the men making such applications are doing so on instructions from professional agitators and are not concerned in an education for themselves.

mocratic Primary as the Democratic candidates for such judgeship was declared and confirmed by such Democratic Convention.

Calvert is the same one who, when reminded during the proceedings of the Convention in 1948 by former Senator R. A. Stuart that he was acting contrary to the law is alleged to have replied: "I am perfectly familiar with the statutes and know that what you say is true, but you were one of those at the Dallas convention in 1944 and we are going to do the same thing to you that you did to us in 1944."

At any rate, Calvert's implied warning to members of the Supreme Court, while highly unethical, appeared to be effective, resulting in what could be regarded by those of a suspicious mind as a verdict by intimidation. Of all the nine Judges, Associate Justice Smedley alone refused to be swayed and handed down a minority ruling in which he quoted the law as written and on which he based his opinion.

It is not expected that an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States will be made as such a procedure would be a futile gesture in view of the fact that any ruling affecting the fortunes of the political Party which appointed its members, is always known in advance of its official decisions.

Pendergast Protege Must Be Pushed From His Pedestal

Red Influence To Be Polled At Texas U.

University of Texas students are to be polled on whether or not they think Negroes should be allowed to enroll at that institution as some members of that race are trying to do.

The poll which was instituted by some student group with time on its hands, will have no official status and appears to be a completely meaningless gesture.

Its only result will be to demonstrate how effective Red propaganda has been in that university, where it has been carried on to the same extent that it has permeated practically all institutions of learning in the United States, and how well it has taken root in the formative and immature minds of students.

Since those students who have been influenced by this propaganda will probably outgrow it when they come up against the practical realities of life and will be thoroughly ashamed of their collegiate vulnerability, we see no reason to make a record to hold against them when they have attained maturity and ripened judgment.

Waste And Inefficiency In Government Hospitals

One of the countless examples of waste, inefficiency and general disregard of the taxpayers' welfare revealed by the Hoover Commission was a report of the hospital situation in the New Orleans area.

Within six miles of the center of New Orleans are five Federal hospitals operated separately by the Veterans Administration, the Army, the Navy, the Navy Air and U. S. Public Health Service.

They have jointly a capacity of 1620 beds but when the survey was made, there were only 913 patients in all five hospitals.

Nostalgic Memories Of The Good Old Days

DANCING in the ball room of the Alexander Young Hotel in Honolulu to the tune of the unforgettable "Song of the Islands."

STANDING on deck with leis around our neck and tears in our eyes as the ship moved slowly out to sea and friendly Hawaiians sang "Aloha Oe."

LISTENING to the haunting strains of a Roumanian Gypsy's violin on the moonlit plains just outside of Bucharest.

GAZING in awe at the immortal paintings in the Louvre in Paris, returning again and again to the Mona Lisa with the inscrutable smile, hinting of cynicism, mystery, and intrigue.

WALKING within the shadow of the mysterious and eternal Pyramids of Egypt and later dining in the flower-scented patio of Sheppard's Hotel in Cairo.

STROLLING at twilight along the milk white sands of the Beach in Bermuda, revelling in the blissful silence of that island paradise.

SPLASHING in the surf at Bimini as the soft Bahama moon cast its magic over the silvery, tropical night.

RETURNING home tired but happy in the dignity and prestige of holding citizenship in a country with the best form of government on earth.

The President of the United States, under the American form of government, is the servant and not the master, of the people, and not only of those who elected him but of those who voted against him.

In spite of this fundamental concept of an elected official's status in our national economy, Harry S. Truman continues to defy demands of a Committee of Congress, a body elected by the people, to produce loyalty records of employes in the State Department.

These records are said to contain vital evidence which the Committee needs in weeding out an alleged disloyal and subversive group in that branch of the Federal government.

The President's motive, whether it is to protect particular persons or whether he is acting in defense of his administration which is charged with partiality toward radicals in hiring its help, is neither here nor there.

He is deliberately withholding evidence from a Committee of Congress charged with the responsibility of ridding the government payroll of subversive employes to the end that only patriotic and loyal Americans shall staff the various offices which administer the business of government.

Some effective way should be devised to apprise the President of his true status and to remind him that although—like many other servants both public and domestic under the New Order—he is rendering a very poor quality of service, he is a servant of the people nevertheless.

His rebellious attitude stems from the disservice rendered to our institutions and way of life by two members of the family of the man who preceded him in office.

While Franklin D. Roosevelt was attempting to reverse a revered American tradition and set up the principle that he was the master, and not the servant, of the people his old lady was stirring up trouble in the pantry and seeking to change the status of a servant in the kitchen to that of a guest in the living room.

The Republic and its institutions have suffered irreparable damage as a result of the official and quasi-official acts of these two bungling meddlers but at least further misconceptions of presidential authority may be prevented by backing up, starting all over again and re-establishing clearly the relation of a public official to the people who elected him.

A step toward this is for Mr. Truman to be put right and his mind disabused of the idea that he is a supreme and deified ruler answerable to no authority but his own sweet will.

National Lawyers Guild Advises On Judgeships

A Washington newspaper correspondent writes that the Senate Judiciary Committee consults the National Lawyers Guild for advice before passing on nominations for Federal judgeships of President Truman.

This is the organization which has been cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a Communist front organization, and which was once referred to by Earl Browder as a "Communist transmission belt."

Well this is one sure way for the President to continue to get "social decisions" from the bench.

Truman Sees Allowable Exemption As "Tax Loophole"

Taxpayers need no example of Mr. Truman's contempt for legitimate business enterprises or his lack of sympathy with the problems of private industry.

Neither do they need an illustration of his greedy and grasping attempts to corral more taxpayers' money to add to his already unprecedented record for squandering public funds.

His efforts to have the provision of the internal revenue measure which permits oil producers a 27½ per cent depletion allowance, provide an excellent example of both.

This provision was put in the revenue measure to provide an incentive for men to risk their money in exploration, production and extension of the nation's oil reserves.

It not only encourages the investment of private capital in oil ventures, but is an aid to our National Security by insuring that an adequate supply of domestic oil will be available in case of emergency, when foreign oil importation might be cut.

In asking Congress to remove this small depletion allowance the President contemptuously referred to the provision as "one of the tax loopholes which should be plugged."

By inference, those great pioneers in the world's most elusive, precarious and unpredictable industry are classed as law violators who are using a "loophole" to cheat the government of its just dues, even though the 27½ per cent depletion allowance is part of the law of the land.

Legitimate business men have been viewed as common criminals for so long by Washington administrations that the public no longer takes notice of unwarranted attacks on them; but the President's implied criticism of them for complying with the statutes as written, is a new line of attack.

There are some holes in Washington that need to be "plugged" all right, but they are not tax loopholes. They are rat holes down which Truman has poured more than one hundred and ninety billion dollars of taxpayers' money while on his reckless squandering jag.

DEMOCRATIC DIALOGUE

(Submitted by a reader)

Father must I go to work?
No, my lucky son
We're living down on Easy Street
On dough from Washington.

We've left it up to Uncle Sam
So, don't get exercised
Nobody has to give a damn,
We've all been subsidized.

But, if Sam treats us all so well,
And feeds us milk and honey,
Please, daddy, tell me what the hell,
He's going to use for money?

Don't worry, Bub, there's not a hitch,
In this here noble plan,
He simply soaks the filthy rich,
And helps the common man.

But, Father, won't there come a time,
When they run out of cash,
And we have left then not a dime,
When things will go to smash?

My faith in you is shrinking, Son,
You nose little brat,
You do too damn much thinking,
To be a Democrat.

—Anonymous.

Honolulu Hangs Up "No Work" Sign

Honolulu the beautiful Paradise of the Pacific until a snake entered in the form of a labor racketeer and disrupted its serenity, reports that working conditions there are demoralized to such an extent that a "no work available" sign has been tacked up to discourage more settlers from the mainland.

Thousands of war workers stranded there following shutdowns of military installations have created a surplus of labor and added to these are the thousands of workers dropped during the longshore strike who have not yet been absorbed by industry.

As the number two Labor Czar of the country, Harry Bridges' capacity for upsetting the nation's economy is second only to that of John L. Lewis.

One Commodity That's Not Stored Up In Washington

"Policy makers" in the Department of Agriculture are frowning their brows over what to do with 86,000,000 pounds of butter which was bought in 1949 to bolster dairy prices.

One of the proposals of these custodians of the national economy is to give the butter away to American needy families.

Another is to sell it abroad at cut-rate prices.

A third one, and which comes from us, is for the people to cure the situation permanently by electing men to Congress next Fall who have a little horse sense, and who will put a stop to all this foolishness.

This is one commodity at least of which we do not have a surplus on hand in Washington.

IF YOU REALLY WANT A GOOD LAUGH!!!

We still have copies of GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE by Ida M. Darden which was published in 1948.

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States Rights—

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coming to our shores from foreign countries who have no understanding or sympathy with our form of government and who believe that all authority stems from a centralized agency.

It is this alien school of thought which has grafted on our system all sorts of damnable foreign ideologies with which we are now burdened.

Statesmen who drafted the Constitution had watched the operation of the decadent, rotten and mouldering governments of Europe and patriotically and successfully sought to avoid the weakness, impotence and corruption of those systems in building our own organic structure and to avoid the very pitfalls into which we have now fallen.

While Federal usurpation of power rightfully belonging to the States was begun in mild form during the administration of Woodrow Wilson, we have Franklin D. Roosevelt to thank for making the transfer of authority from the States to the Federal government almost complete.

He did this at the same time he was attempting to change the name of the United States from that of a Constitutional Republic to that of a "Democracy" and while he was also reversing the revered American doctrine that elected officials are the servants, and not the masters, of the people.

That he got away with it until the day he died is tragic testimony to the weakened moral fibre and degeneracy of the American electorate which sank to the lowest depths of servility and groveling acquiescence under the New Deal and which seems unable to lift itself to a higher level.

There is no better time than the present for little political whippersnappers in Washington who boast of the vast power of the Federal government to be reminded that it is completely within the authority of the States, under a strict interpretation of the fundamental principles upon which our system of government was founded and functions through its framework, the Constitution, to do away with Congress and the Federal government altogether, if they were of a mind to take this step.

The States made the Constitution and appointed the Federal government their agent. Obviously principals may alter, amend or abolish their creature.

Under one of the ways provided for amending the Constitution, one-third or thirty-two of the State legislatures may pass a resolution memorializing Congress to submit such and such an amendment back to the States for ratification. Congress must then submit this amendment and when three-fourths, or thirty-six, States have ratified it, the amendment then becomes part of the Constitution.

Let us say that thirty-two States memorialize Congress to submit an amendment back to the States providing for the abolishment of Congress and the Federal government. Under the Constitution, it becomes mandatory on Congress to submit such a resolution to the States. If three-fourths of the States ratified the amendment, it would automatically become part of the Constitution.

Of course the illustration is strictly academic as no such action will ever be taken but it serves to point up the superior authority enjoyed by the States over that of the Federal government and the cheap imitators of Alexander Hamilton in Washington who are constantly seeking more centralized power need to be reminded of it every time they pop off about the prestige of the Federal government.

When a sufficient number of our citizens are alerted to the danger of the continued abrogation of the Rights of the States by the Federal government and realize that this is the last step in the destruction of our Constitutional Republic, as a prelude to a Socialist State, we may be able to get enough concerted action to return the Federal government to its proper status as a creature of the States with power to act only within its Constitutional authority.

And since this is still a government of forty-eight groups of people, the citizens themselves are the ones on whom the responsibility must rest of re-asserting, re-establishing and preserving the immortal principle of the Rights of the States.

Fortunately, we are one of the few remaining nations of which this can be said.

In Russia and other countries behind the Iron Curtain, the people have absolutely no recourse against this, or any other form of tyranny.

They are stuck with their rulers until death—or a bomb or bullet—ends their term of office.

In this country, on the other hand, the people themselves are the Court of Last Resort and, under our form of government, every voter is a Sovereign and every citizen a King.

If this supreme authority and final responsibility of the people to compel their elected servants to respect and obey established laws underlying our governing system, are recognized, accepted and reflected at the ballot-box, there is still hope of restoring our Constitutional Republic to the full vigor enjoyed and exercised by it upon its creation by the States.

Get Back Less Than You Gave

We are indebted to a reader for calling to our attention the following thought provoking quotation. It comes from a speech given last fall in Quebec by Robert E. Dineen, superintendent of insurance in New York state, before the Life Insurance Agency Management associations:

"There is an interesting thing about it that I want to say to you. You have been told it 40 different times in 40 different

ways, but I repeat it as a premise for my remarks. The government is not a producer. The government can't give you anything. The government can only give back to you that which it first took away and in the process of taking it away, money is spent, and in the process of giving it back, money is spent, so you always get back less than you gave."

In this day of pressure for a seemingly unending list of "free" services from the government, these words may merit a little pondering.—Milwaukee Journal.

Now It's Our Time To Tell A Funny One

Perhaps the biggest joke ever told by a politician with a straight face and who didn't mean to be funny, was the president's statement that he was opposed to Federal control of schools just as much as any one else and that fears of interference by his administration with State schools which would receive Federal aid under legislation he has proposed, were absolutely groundless.

One is often tempted to wonder if he has complete command of all his faculties and especially when he lets go with crude and absurd utterances which are diametrically opposed to the evidence and his past performances.

As the Dallas Morning News points out: President Truman's statement that he opposes Federal control of the schools will not convince those who have studied his record. He has been advocating controls in almost every other field. He refuses to give up wartime controls that should have been relinquished long ago. He wants to extend rent control after the need for it has passed. He has been asking Congress to impose Federal control over public health. He demands even more drastic reigns on business and industry. If Mr. Truman's rosy prediction were borne out, this would be the first instance in which Federal grants to the States have not been followed by controls . . ."

And what about the broken promises of Mr. Roosevelt in 1933 who assured the governors of the various States that in setting up Federal Control of Relief Agencies, it was only temporary and would be abandoned when the "emergency" passed.

In 1948, the Federal government paid out more money in direct relief than in 1936 at the height of the "emergency."

That's how Washington politicians keep their promises, but of course any one with an ounce of brains knew that no nation which goes on the dole is ever able to shake it off.

And of course Truman knows that with the passage of Federal aid legislation, flocks of Federal education authorities would swarm out of Washington like gnats flying into the various States to impose their will on the schools.

And knowing that he knows this and knows that the people know it, makes us wonder sometime if he is all there.

Federal Government Boasts Of Power But Can't Use It

Once again the American people have had a demonstration of labor's control of the National administration and of the fact that one lone labor union leader is bigger and more powerful than the government itself.

The partiality shown to this class of Americans by the Roosevelt administration, a policy continued and strengthened by Truman, has resulted in the creation of a Frankenstein which not only ignores and defies the Federal government but is well on the way toward destroying one of America's largest industries.

While John L. Lewis was continuing a strike which threw around a million men out of employment throughout the country, caused railroads to change over from coal to oil as a fuel, and countless Americans to suffer from cold, the President of the United States was calmly insisting that there was no emergency, and at the same time letting it be known that, any way, he didn't like the Taft-Hartley law under which he could have stopped the strike in the beginning.

In other words an administration which has insisted on the right of labor union members to strike, is utterly incapable of acting to protect the public interest when strikes get out of hand.

The great big, bold national leaders who boast that the power of the Federal government is supreme and that it has complete authority over the States, were helpless to use this boasted authority in a national emergency and had to sit back with their teeth in their mouth while the strike was settled by giving John L. Lewis everything he wanted.

And thus it is that a beetle-browed, foreign-born union labor leader is able to tie knots in the nation's economy, scuttle one of the country's largest industries and thumb his nose at the Federal government while doing it.

And in the campaign next Fall when employes of Federal Government agencies and their families and friends are ringing doorbells in every precinct in every State of the Union seeking to hold their jobs by the election of Fair Deal candidates, their principal talking point will be "labor's gains" under the Truman administration.

- "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong."
- "You cannot help small men by tearing down big men."
- "You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich."
- "You cannot establish security on borrowed money."

SOMEBODY LIED AND IT ISN'T THE SOCIALISTS

SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE IS A CRIMINAL ACT

The President's incredible action in withholding evidence from regularly constituted authorities concerning possible traitors in government employ defies explanation under any rules of ethics or morals governing public servants.

It was he who was instrumental in suppressing evidence which would have convicted Alger Hiss at a time when Hiss might have been given a more severe penalty.

A Colorado Judge recently asked for the indictment of an attorney who was guilty only of helping his client to evade payment of income tax, which, at worst comes only under the head of a lawyer's advice to his client.

How infinitely worse for the President of the United States to withhold testimony and suppress evidence against those suspected of disloyalty to this country.

In our book there's a name for those who give aid and comfort to our enemies and whose concern is for the best interests of other countries as opposed to that of our own.

SENATE PAYS TRIBUTE TO VICE PRESIDENT

Members of the Senate paid tribute recently to Vice President Alben Barkley for having piled up a record of thirty-seven years in holding office in Washington, first as a member of Congress from Kentucky later as a Senator from that State and still later as vice president.

The jitterbugging vice president who, at seventy-three, can cut a rug with the best of them was paid many compliments by his colleagues the most elaborate perhaps being that of Senator Scott Lucas who said:

"Few men have given more of their time and effort in the promotion of the ideals of this Republic than he."

We can't go along with this statement but we do give the amiable vice president credit for having attained a full measure of statesmanship and reflecting honor and distinction on the grand old State of Kentucky at least one time in his career and that was when he put Roosevelt in his place, after the latter had delivered an insulting message to the Congress concerning a tax bill which he vetoed and which was later passed over his veto.

We hope that the vice president lives to be a hundred and has a happy and useful life—as a private citizen.

A Corporation Without Any Assets

The CCC is a huge corporation in which the taxpayers of the United States are compulsory stockholders.

It pays no dividends, has no assets and its main function is to act as a warehouse for the storage of agricultural products which should be circulating in the marts of commerce for the benefit of the consuming public.

Dick West, prominent Texas newspaper man and radio commentator said in a recent broadcast:

The CCC holds \$4 billions worth of farm crops. Right now it holds 465 million bushels of wheat—40 per cent of the whole crop, and valued at \$990,000,000. It holds 510 million bushels of corn—14 per cent of the whole crop—valued at \$713,000,000. It holds 6,000,000 bales of cotton, more than a third of the 1949 crop and valued at \$955,000,000. It holds \$200 millions worth of flaxseed and linseed oil; \$151 millions worth of tobacco; \$89 millions worth of dried eggs; \$60 millions worth of butter; \$53 millions worth of wool, and \$42 millions worth of dried beans; also \$27 millions worth of dried milk and \$240 millions of other commodities, including peanuts and soybeans.

The President devoted practically all of his speech at the "Jackson Day Dinner" in Washington to a denial that the erstwhile Democratic Party is now shot through with Socialism.

In fact, he protested so vigorously against this charge that he worked himself up to the point where he almost convinced himself that he was telling the truth.

A little later officials of the authentic Socialist Party in a national meeting at Milwaukee, loused up his gag by officially announcing that they would put out no more candidates but would go along with Truman's program which is highly acceptable to the most radical Socialist.

Visiting in Dallas later, Norman Thomas, who has run for President so often he has lost count himself, also confirmed the decision of the Socialists to disband by announcing that he was through and that he would retire from his career as a perennial Presidential candidate.

Following the dinner and his denial of Socialism in his Party, the President went back to the White House and took up where he left off advocating Socialized Medicine, Socialized Education, government control of business through FEPC Legislation, confiscatory tax laws and the balance of his program which the original Socialist Party has found so appealing that they have dissolved their outfit and climbed on his bandwagon.

The "Sucker" Who Must "Succor" the World

The Madisonville Sidewalk Cattle-men's Association, a fun-loving organization in the small East Texas city of that name, and which has become somewhat celebrated for unusual stunts at its annual parties, has just announced that they are seeking the world's happiest taxpayer.

"We want to bring that fellow to Madisonville and pass him around from ranch to ranch, see what makes him happy and see if we can get in on it" one of their publicity releases announces.

They further point out that in this quest they will ask the millions and millions of tax collectors throughout the country to be on the lookout for that rare specimen of humanity, a happy taxpayer.

We hate to say anything calculated to dampen their enthusiasm or to throw a monkey wrench in the works, but we do not think they are going to find any such animal.

Not as long as a big hunk of his pay is withheld before he even gets a chance to jangle it in his jeans, and which goes to pay a lot of parasites in Federal government agencies for doing things which should be left undone.

Not as long as we have an amendment in our Constitution which allows Washington politicians to take up to one hundred per cent of a person's income and which they have come perilously close to doing in some cases.

Not as long as we have a President who has squandered \$191,081,394,191 in folding money extracted from the taxpayers in less than five years against a total of \$179,620,113,645 spent by thirty-two previous presidents in one hundred and fifty-six years.

And finally not as long as this country is the "sucker" who is compelled to "succor" a large part of the world's population.

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President's Rose Bears Other Name

(From the Dallas Morning News)

A true word spoke Harry Truman at the plutocratic party's gold-plated dinner Thursday night. It was one of those assertions that not his most severe critic would challenge for a single moment. It was a sentence of rare honesty for a politician. The sentence might carry a bit of that double meaning that used to go with the utterances of the Oracle of Delphi. But the Oracle of Washington (and Pendergast Missouri) doubtless knows which meaning he has in mind, when he affirms:

"The difficult thing is to make the country believe that the Democratic party stands for socialism."

Quite true, Mr. Truman, quite true! Also, as you say, it is your political opposition that has been trying vainly since at least 1936 to convince the country that what your predecessor, yourself and your party stand for is socialism.

Search as we may the writings of Mr. Roosevelt, study as we can the utterances of your estimable self, nowhere in either can be found any identification as socialistic or socialism of any policy or practice that yourselves and the party sponsor. Upon the contrary, there have been frequent affirmations that you do not believe in or favor or practice socialism, that you are dedicated to the principle of free enterprise.

That, Comrade Truman, is why it is difficult to get the country to believe that the Democratic party stands for socialism. We are a gullible people, sir, a trusting, a confiding people. And when the President of the United States, sir, tells us that black is white, why, God bless you, sir, white is what we believe black to be.

May we refer you for a moment, sir, to Webster's International Dictionary and its definition of socialism? This is what the lexicon says:

Socialism: A policy and economic theory of social organization based on collective or government ownership and democratic management of the essential means for the production and distribution of goods. Also, a policy or practice based on this theory.

We do not believe, Mr. President, that the nation as a majority of its whole favors socialism, or would vote for it if it were offered to the country under its own brand name. Nor, Mr. President, do we think that you so believe.

It is difficult to recall any people that have traveled freely and in full knowledge the road down to socialism—for it is a downward path. Study the history of those that have made that dolorous journey. Did they know what they were doing? Or did they, too, find it difficult to believe that those who had led them were guiding their blind footsteps into the morass that they eventually reached?

Yes, Mr. President, our nation finds it difficult to believe that your party does stand for socialism. Were they treated to candor instead of double talk, whether that is made wilfully or in ignorance, they might not find it so difficult to believe.

Washington Agencies Fight Among Themselves

Various agencies in Washington are passing the buck back and forth, each accusing the other of being responsible for the blunders which have resulted in a vast accumulation of rotten potatoes, spoiled eggs, rancid butter, curdled milk and other valuable farm products lost to human consumption.

There is an old saying that when thieves fall out, honest men hear the truth and on this basis perhaps the taxpayers will now have the privilege of hearing the politicians call each other what we have been calling them, from the first.

"You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence."

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

Now They Come Up With A Potato Substitute

In a record studded with world-shaking achievements, experts in the Department of Agriculture have made another brilliant stroke.

Announcement comes from this agency that the master minds on its staff have made a valuable contribution to the world at large and to this nation's economy in particular by coming up with a substitute for potato chips.

With the potato market flooded, millions of pounds rotting and mountains of spuds stacked up so high that they can't see over them, this farm variety of brain trusters proceed on the theory that there is a shortage of this product, calmly put their heads together and work out a substitute.

One of the unsolved mysteries of the ages has always been that there are more horse's necks in the world than there are horses.

We make no pretense of knowing why this is so and offer no solution to this ancient riddle, but we do feel that if any one is interested in making any research on the subject, we can give them some information about where the major portion of this surplus equine anatomy is to be found.

No Laughing Matter

A man in Greenville, Texas, makes the facetious suggestion that he is going to put in a bid for the contract to color the potatoes which the government is having tinted so as to render them unfit for human consumption.

He is referring to the millions of bushels of surplus potatoes which the Department of Agriculture has on hand as a result of a subsidy of the votes of potato growers.

His suggestion would be funny except for the tragic fact that stupid, blundering "experts" who induced Congress to take such action, have cost the taxpayers millions of dollars by interfering with the laws of Nature and those of supply and demand.

The whole transaction, from the indefensible act of subsidizing the potato crop, in the first place, to the inexcusable action of dumping them in the garbage, in the second place, cannot be justified by any argument based on logic or common horse sense.

A saner solution of the problem and one which would be of vastly more benefit to society at large, would be to dump the experts in the garbage and save the potatoes.

Southerner Formulates Platform of Principles

Pointing out that the statement of principles of the Republican Party is disappointing to all those who oppose the Fair Deal and declaring it merely another sugar-coated Socialist "me too" platform, Judge George W. Armstrong of Natchez, Mississippi and Fort Worth, Texas has pronounced a plague on both houses and has written a suggested platform which he asserts must be adopted if Constitutional government and our solvency is to be preserved.

His suggested planks for an opposition party are:

- (1) Stand boldly for constitutional government as it existed prior to the Roosevelt administration and repudiate the United Nations and other international organizations;
- (2) Punish the traitors by death and confiscation of property as provided by our common law and banish the communists;
- (3) Establish and require the Federal Reserve System to maintain a fair and just price and wage level;
- (4) Prohibit strikes and lockouts;
- (5) Restore the protective tariff;
- (6) Liquidate the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and its subsidiaries;
- (7) Repeal Section I of the 14th and 15th Amendments to our National Constitution, and limit the 16th Amendment;
- (8) Recover the mineral wealth of the Dead Sea and surrounding countries, which is ours by right of conquest.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE SOUTHERN CONSERVATIVE

The following principles on which the Southern Conservative is founded will appear in each issue of the paper hereafter:

Those of us who are responsible for initiating the Southern Conservative plead guilty to the charge of being hopelessly old-fashioned as we love our own country with a blind and passionate devotion, above all others on earth.

We find ourselves without the slightest desire to change our form of government to conform to foreign ideologies or to attempt to re-shape it in the Soviet mold.

We are convinced that those who founded this Republic framed the greatest instrument for the government of men ever devised by human mind.

We wish to deny, before it is made, the charge that we are subsidized by any special interests or that our undertaking is just another scheme/dreamed up to attract the support of big business.

In our discussions of State and National issues, we shall show no more partiality to the Tycoons of Industry than we shall to the Czars of Labor.

In fact, we seem to remember that some of the biggest business men in the nation teamed up with labor union racketeers in playing ball with the New Deal when that economic atrocity was riding the crest and have continued to string along with its more vicious counterpart currently administering the government in Washington.

The courage, integrity and patriotism which must be commanded if the Republic is to survive will not be found exclusively among representatives of big business or leaders of labor unions.

It must be drawn from that vast group of average Americans who ask nothing of government except that it secure them in their inalienable right to work, to save and to keep a reasonable share of the fruits of their toil.

We are against the domination of government either by big business or big labor and we maintain that favoritism to either group on the part of a State or National administration is un-American, immoral and a flagrant abuse of power.

As to political affiliations, we acknowledge allegiance to neither of the two major parties.

As presently constituted, both are so shot through with radicalism as to render them incapable of resolving the serious problems confronting the Republic.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to the courageous and patriotic Coalition Block of sound-thinking Democrats and Republicans in both Houses of Congress which has prevented Communistic influences from complete domination of our Federal government.

We are opposed to the reckless squandering of the taxpayers' money by incompetent, irresponsible and improvident public officials and we contend that taxes should be levied for purposes of revenue only and not to punish the rich, reward the poor or redistribute the wealth.

We are firmly committed to the principle of States Rights and we hold that the people of any part of the United States are entitled to maintain their own social customs and traditions without interference from politicians seeking votes to perpetuate themselves in power.

We are unequivocally in favor of Free Enterprise as opposed to government ownership of business and insist on the responsibility of every American to seek to improve his social and economic condition through initiative, energy and thrift rather than leaning on the arm of government for support.

We concede to every man the right to work and the opportunity of profitable employment regardless of whether he does, or does not, belong to a labor union.

On the other hand, we claim for the employer the irrevocable right to hire and fire his employees without instructions from any government agency or intimidation by Federal Police.

We feel that at this crucial time in history, it is imperative that newspapers and other groups seeking to influence public opinion should exert every effort within their power to help preserve our republican form of government, our Free Enterprise system and American way of life. We shall exert all our energies to that end.

These are the sentiments of the SOUTHERN CONSERVATIVE and although ours may be only one small voice crying in the wilderness, we will fight for fundamental American principles, as we understand them, without apology to any man or set of men.

MY NIGHT

By the Editor



A few nights ago, I had the pleasure of addressing a meeting of the organization known as the Young Workers International Trade Union whose inspiring slogan "More Pay For Less Service" has been a great stimulus and incentive to those of us who are striving to maintain labor's gains throughout the world.

Immediately following my talk I gave the young men and women of the group permission to ask me questions on any subject and the nature of the queries propounded to me were of such broad and general concern and covered such a wide field of social and human interest that I have decided to reproduce a few of the most typical in my column:

Q. I lost my boy friend in World War II. He survived the Battle of the Bulge but later fell for a Belgian Blonde. Is there any way I can get him back?

A. I have always felt that a Bureau of the Federal government should be set up to deal with problems like yours but perhaps we are not yet educated up to that point. Amalgamated Countries is giving serious and profound study to various social subjects and Committee B has conducted wide and extensive research into the question of Blondes who prey on wandering males. However, large bodies like Amalgamated Countries move slowly, while Blondes are fast workers, and it might be well for you, in the meantime, to be looking around for another boy friend.

Q. A certain newspaper columnist is always making dirty cracks about you. You have ten stalwart sons. Why do you not have one of them beat him up?

A. I am not in the least concerned in what the newspaper columnist or any one else says about me so long as they say something. I have always had the feeling that even adverse publicity is preferable to none and I shall begin to worry only when I quit getting any at all. Besides, my sons don't fight with anybody except their own wives.

Q. You seem to like to mix with all sorts and types of people, the low as well as the high. Why is this?

A. I think that perhaps this is because I like to regard myself as a Walking Delegate of Democracy and because I feel that I have a much better chance of getting my theories of government and social customs adopted if I am presented to my public as a gregarious character who takes equal delight in dining one night with Royalty in Buckingham Palace and the next night with bums in Skid Row.

Q. My father is a retired Russian spy, my mother a former undercover agent for the Soviet Secret Police and I am in this country on a forged passport. Do you think I can get a job with the State Department?

A. I see no reason why a person of your obvious intelligence and resourcefulness should not be given a position with our government and especially with the State Department. I have always felt that we, as a Democracy, should extend the same opportunity for employment to the young people of other countries that we accord our own, and that there should be no discrimination because of color, race, religion, national origin or loyalty. It has been my privilege in the past to help shape the brilliant careers of several proteges with qualifications such as you possess which perhaps accounts for the tender feeling I have for young persons with backgrounds similar to yours.

How The Southern Conservative Got That Way

The suggestion has been made that we are a little hard in our discussions of politicians and it is hinted that more flies can be caught with sugar than with vinegar.

Maybe so, but when you're trapping for skunks, nothing but cold, hard steel will get the job done.

We admit that there is no sweetness and light in the columns of the Southern Conservative.

It is, and was intended to be, a tough and rugged publication which calls a spade a spade, hews to the line and lets the chips fall where they may.

Sometimes we even hit below the belt but we are only striking back in retaliation for the innumerable foul blows which have been dealt to the South and which have just about knocked it out of the ring so far as the councils of the Party in which it once exercised substantial power, are concerned.

The first knockout blow was suffered at Philadelphia in 1936 when the two-thirds rule in nominating candidates for President was abrogated at the insistence of the arch demagogue of the Century who was, even then, probably planning his lifetime tenure of the White House.

Other insults have been the social rulings of a packed Supreme Court from time to time which reversed former judicial decisions of that body and which reflected the strong prejudice of members of the Court against the white people of the South.

Changing the Rules Committee of Congress to provide that a simple majority, instead of two-thirds of its membership, should decide on legislation to be submitted for consideration was a further slap at Southern members of that body and practically tied their hands so far as legislation affecting the welfare of the South is concerned.

In addition, constant repudiation of the established principles of States Rights and attempts to force degrading social practices on the South through so-called Civil Rights Legislation constitute planned and deliberate acts of rudeness, intimidation and political browbeating which no decent and self-respecting Southerner will take lying down.

In fact, there is nothing in the way of double crosses, insults and fast curves to be thrown at the South which have not already been offered and there is nothing to be lost by fighting back with claw and fang and with no holds barred.

It may be that our efforts will avail nothing and may prove as ineffectual as a dog baying at the moon, but, although it may possibly be claimed in future that we failed to accomplish anything in stemming the Radical tide that threatens us, it will never be said that we didn't try.

Florida States Rights Champion Announces Race for Congress

Hon. J. Tom Watson of Tampa, Florida, former Attorney General of that State, and recognized throughout the South as a brilliant orator and sound-thinking political leader has announced as a candidate for Congress to succeed J. Hardin Peterson who will not seek reelection.

In a forthright declaration of his views, he made it clear that while he is a Democrat, his affiliation in the party will be entirely independent of the Truman faction.

He is a champion of States Rights and other principles for which the Democratic Party stood before its seduction by Left Wingers.

The Scarlet Letter And a Bunch of Orchids

Reverberations of the "Bergman Affair" have resounded throughout the world since that day some weeks ago when the inhabitants of the Holy City were treated to a dramatic performance with no advance billing.

Many cities in various States in this country banned the picture "Stromboli" with the result that the film which was made on a remote island with no modern facilities, is reported to have grossed less than was expected by its producers.

The Southern Conservative is a political, and not a social, publication.

Therefore, it is perhaps not proper for us to make extended comment or to point out that the star performer in the cast is a product of the Hollywood school of thought which holds that the cinema capital on the West Coast is qualified to act as an arbiter of human behavior and which seeks to "educate" the public through the frequent release of pictures pointing a moral.

After all, there is nothing new about Miss Bergman's transgression. It is as old as the history of the human race and will be with us when the final curtain is rung down on the stage of eternity.

It is, however, the first instance on record where adultery has been invested with glamor and illegitimacy crowned with a halo.

Where Hester Prynne wore a scarlet letter burned on her breast in atonement for her shame, Ingrid Bergman wore a bunch of orchids in defiance of the world.

We imagine very little sympathy will be wasted on the two adult principals in the sordid affair who presumably knew what they were doing, counted the cost in advance and were willing to pay the price.

The tug at the heart strings comes with remembering the two little innocent children involved in the tragic drama.

If there is anything more pitiable than a little girl who has been abandoned by her mother, it is a little boy who is compelled to face life's battles, with two strikes against him.

Oklahoma Candidate Maps Out Strenuous Career

Up in Oklahoma City, there is a preacher who spurns half-way measures and believes in coming right out and mixing religion with politics and who snaps his fingers at those benighted persons who believe in the separation of Church and State.

To demonstrate his independence of conventional thinking along this line, he came out and announced his candidacy for the United States Senate during his Sunday morning sermon recently in a large Oklahoma City church where he holds a pastorate among his other activities.

If elected, he promises his congregation that he will continue with his preaching and apparently feels that he can make the transition from the rostrum to the pulpit without any difficulty by flying back to Oklahoma City every week end, boning up on his Bible, delivering his Sunday sermon and flying back to Washington in time to engage in rough and tumble political debate all the rest of the week.

Press reports indicate that Hollywood motion picture producers have approached him with offers of a movie contract to play the leading role in a film story of his life.

Presumably, if he accepted, he would tackle this third job in his off hours when not engaged in looking after the state of men's souls or the state of the union.

It was pointed out that he plays baseball in his spare time.

"In Fact" They Don't Think Much Of Us

A nice heavy brackbat has been heaved at the Southern Conservative and its editor by a New York publication titled "In Fact" which is described on its masthead as "An antidote for falsehood in the daily press."

Somehow, we neglected to dodge, or even flinch.

From what we can gather its mission is to maintain the purity of the press by warning the public as to which publication is and which is not qualified to discuss public issues.

It points out that a great "Poison Press Network" is flooding the country with propaganda which is reproduced in "columns of respectable newspapers, repeated by responsible public officials and organizations and broadcast by commentators over the air."

Among the "Forces of Reaction in America" which appear to have incurred the editor's displeasure are Reader's Digest, National Manufacturers Association, the "ruling clique" of the American Legion, the Hearst Newspapers, Westbrook Pegler, Fulton Lewis, Jr., the Howard Newspapers and many others.

The newest paper in this Poison Press Network is the Southern Conservative, edited by Texas' Ida Darden, with a long record of reactionary political activity—it says here.

The publication generously concedes that we are not an ordinary crackpot. (Thanks, pal, we didn't think we were either but glad to have it confirmed by high authority).

We are, however, far from a desirable citizen as attested by these facts: "She plumps for white supremacy." "Much of her attack reads like a column by Pegler or Sokolsky." (Thanks again). "She has high praise for James F. Byrnes." "She has a long record as a bigtime lobbyist." "She declares that both the GOP and Democrats are shot through with radicalism." "Her new venture is further to the right than any of her older ones."

The publication acknowledges that its information is supplied by something known as "Friends of Democracy" which keeps track of all those who are so bold as to voice an opinion on the present State of the Union, through the medium of the public press.

Well, we wouldn't expect to rate with a group of that name. If we ever join anything of this nature it will be something with a title like "Friends of a Constitutional Republic."

Reading further, we find that only two persons are given unqualified endorsement of the editor for good work in presenting the truth to the "peace forces" in America. Those two persons are—Albert Einstein and Eleanor Roosevelt.

That shot got us, so we threw the paper in the wastebasket and decided that we wouldn't try to reform and measure up to the standards held up by the editor but would just continue to string along with the "Poison Press Network" and the "Forces of Reaction."

"You cannot lift the wage-earner by pulling down the wage-payer."

"You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income."

"You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatreds."

"Did you hear about the political moron who ran for President?"

"No, what happened?"

"He got elected."

Suggested "Mission To Moscow" Served Its Purpose

The tilt between the President and press representatives which revolved around an exclusive interview he gave a New York correspondent in regard to his proposal in 1948 to send Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson to Moscow to placate Stalin, has revived discussion of that incident.

It has been recalled that he made this suggestion at a crucial time in negotiations being conducted between representatives of the two countries, and when his own campaign for President was at its peak.

On the face of it, the proposal at the time was accepted by many as a typical example of Truman's ineptness and blundering stupidity.

Some analysts, however, figured that the President was stupid like a fox and that his remarks were timed for their effect on election results.

His statement was interpreted by these analysts as indicating to Stalin, by implication, that the Fair Deal would not be unfriendly to the Generalissimo's followers in this country provided such followers voted right.

The mad stampede of radicals and down-right Reds from Henry Wallace's camp to the Truman banner which began shortly after the President's pronouncement, would seem to lend authority to this viewpoint.

Potatoes Send Fair Dealers Into a Huddle

Disclosures that Canadian potato growers are taking advantage of the hopeless muddle created by our short-sighted and bungling governmental policies and are shipping their potatoes into the American retail market to undersell the local product, sent Fair Dealers hurrying into a huddle in Washington.

Their concern was not to correct the whole sorry mess in the interest of the taxpayers, or according to rules of common sense, but to offset, if possible, the damage threatened to their Party candidates' campaigns in the Fall election.

The cost to the Fair Dealers in votes as a result of trying to buy ballots through subsidies suggested by starry-eyed radicals in the Department of Agriculture now promises to equal the financial loss which the taxpayers have sustained by the transactions.

If this should prove to be the case, then perhaps the billions expended in the costly experiments, is money well lost.

Too bad we can't abolish the Department of Agriculture altogether, turn the jackasses in there out to pasture and rely on the operation of the fundamental law of supply and demand to solve the farm problem.

When "Special Interests" Are Not "Special Interests"

At a dinner in Washington in honor of Andrew Jackson's birthday given by those who daily repudiate the principles of Jackson, the President's usual denunciation of "special interests" was noticeably absent.

The obvious reason for this omission of his tirade against legitimate business was because many in that classification, who have profited and expect to continue to profit by keeping in the good grace of the party in power, were present at the dinner and laid on the line.

The President who has often been noted for talking when he should have been listening, can exercise extraordinary oral discretion when his silence may influence votes or donations toward keeping him in office.

A similar instance of verbal restraint was exercised by his representatives at the North Carolina meeting in Raleigh recently who skipped over any reference to his pet subject, Civil Rights, like a freight train passing a hobo.

"Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than speech."