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Dems Nab National Posts

Truman Party Plans Purge Of Fringes; Dixiecrats Plot Block of Civil Rights Laws

Now that election is over and everyone has partly recovered from the surprise of having a complete Democratic national administration, the country is settling back to cooperate and progress, regardless of party, as only Americans can. Harry Truman is returning to the White House for another four years. During that time he shall have ample opportunity to prove his election claims.

NEW YORK. (ANP). Almost as soon as it was realized that President Truman had won re-election as head of the country's government, observers throughout the nation began speculating on what course Truman and his followers would take to rebuild and make the party greater than ever before in its history. The main item in the speculation rests on what the Truman administration will do about Henry A. Wallace's Progressive party and the "States Righters."

Plans for rebuilding the party some say, will center about the faithful members of the party, including labor, without any fringes whatsoever. Chairman Howard McGrath has indicated that neither he nor Mr. Truman intends to hold out any olive branches to Henry Wallace or the Dixiecrats. Their attitude is to let the two groups stay where they are, "they have done their worst, and we are not interested in them."

The next few months will see a "purge" going on in the democratic party, an ousting of Dixiecrats from the national committee and the recognition within the southern states of only regular democratic organizations. Already a "regular" organization has come into being in South Carolina, home of the Dixiecrat presidential nominee, Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, which has been given recognition by the national group.

Thurmond, elected as a democrat, and as national committeeman, is planning to fight against the move, as are similar groups in Mississippi and every other southern state where Dixiecrats hold national democratic committee places.

On the other side of the Dixiecrat's picture, many of its former sympathizers are trying to have the way opened for them to sneak back into the democratic field. Another stumbling block which the Truman administration faces is the avowed determination of southern senators and representatives to defeat any attempt to implement any portion of the civil rights program, or anything which threatens the long-standing traditions of the south. In this, they are supported by the republican congress members who have already made plans to tie in with the south to block the president's civil rights programs and other progressive members.

Even northern conservative democrats will have to be watched. Big Jim Farley, former chairman of the democratic national committee, in a broadcast the morning after the election told an interviewer, "The south has always supported the democrats in the darkest hours. It would do so again if the proper approach is made." Farley, now employed in a big job by the Coca-Cola com-

pany whose headquarters is in Atlanta, did not say what the "proper approach" would be.



Courtesy The Lincoln Journal.
HARRY S. TRUMAN
... Another four years.

Quinn Chapel Adopts Plans; Has Election

Monday, November 1, the church conference of Quinn Chapel AME church completed the report of its organizations for the past year and held its annual election of officers. The finance committee reported that the expenses of the church for the conference year 1947 totaled \$3,047.81. After the financial reports had been received, Rev. J. B. Brooks, the new pastor at Quinn Chapel, presented his far-reaching program for the coming year. The program which contained eight points, called for participation, fellowship, attendance, reverence, promptness, preparation, service and evangelism.

The conference also voted reform in the financial system of the church to meet increased needs, the establishment of a department of religious education, increased pay for organists and janitor and a program of special days.

The following persons were selected as officers for the coming year:

Stewards:
Felix Polk Mrs. Frances Robinson
Joseph Burden
Fred Nevels Henry Harrison
Clayton Lewis Mrs. Ollie Colley

Trustees:
Clyde W. Malone John Irving
Charles M. Goolsby Jewell Kelley
Raymond Botts Ray Holcomb
Wyatt Williams

Church Secretary: Mrs. Mary Shelby.
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Arse Hall.
Conference Secretary: Mrs. Virginia Botts.
Superintendent Sunday School: Charles M. Goolsby.
Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Eugenia Brown.

Elects Negro Student President

CHICAGO. (ANP). A Negro student, Wilfred Reid, was elected president of the student congress last week at the University of

Peterson Wins State

GOP Sweeps Neb. Offices

By Charles Goolsby

Whereas the election results for the national offices were a surprise, the state balloting was not. Once more effective campaigning has resulted in a sweeping victory for the Republican candidates in Nebraska.

Heading the list for wins in the state was the re-election of Gov.



Courtesy The Lincoln Journal.
Gov. Val Peterson
... another term

Val Peterson over Frank Sorrell of Syracuse, who put up a good campaign. Peterson's return to the gubernatorial office means a continuation of the state's road building program and support of the Missouri River basin development program. Peterson has also been reported as "favorable" to FEPC legislation, so badly needed in Nebraska. This, of course, is an example of the American spirit that obtains co-operation of differing political viewpoints when the good of the people is at stake.

Other republicans elected to fill some of the official spots were Charles J. Warner, new Lieutenant Governor; Frank B. Marsh, for another term as Secretary of State; Ray C. Johnson, re-elected auditor; and James H. Anderson, Attorney General.

Of interest to students at the University of Nebraska was the election of Frank Devoe as Regent. He has been actively interested in a better retirement plan for university professors and other workers.

Players Stage Play Deep Are the Roots

Wesleyan Players starred in "Deep Are the Roots" last week in their new auditorium on the Wesleyan Campus. The all white cast portrayed Southern life of a typical Southern family.

It was a most impressive instruction in race relations. The critics rated the players with professionals.

After the play Mr. and Mrs. Dale Weeks invited guests to meet the players and to discuss the effectiveness of the play in the community.

Mass. FEPC Moves Forward; 2 Yrs. Service

BY SAMUEL P. PERRY JR.

BOSTON. (ANP). The state fair employment practice commission continues to receive public support in official and unofficial circles. Recently, Mrs. Mildred H. Mahoney, chairman of the commission, announced plans to carry the state agency to the people of the cities and towns of the state "as part of the commission's developing educational program."

In the words of Mrs. Mahoney, "By reason of its location in Boston, the FEPC has found itself primarily concerned with cases of alleged economic discrimination in this general metropolitan area. It is now our intention to bring the agency to the people of the remainder of the state."

Accompanying the statement was the disclosure of plans for visits on the part of field workers as well as commissioners to all parts of the state. There will be the establishment of temporary headquarters for the purpose of acquainting both employers and employes with the significance and operation of the anti-bias statute.

As the chairman of the commission put it, "A summary of the hundreds of cases which the FEPC has processed clearly demonstrates that we are not interested in obtaining compliance with the law by the exercise of force or the threat of prosecution. We have yet to find it necessary to bring anyone into court to obtain satisfactory adjudication of a complaint."

Commissioner Elwood S. McKenney was reappointed last week by Gov. Robert F. Bradford who was loud in his praise of the efforts of the agency in combatting the subtler forms of economic discrimination. The commission, according to the state executive, "has handled intelligently a very difficult problem. It has conciliated cases in the past two years with industrial concerns which employ collectively upwards of 500,000 persons without one appeal from its decisions. It has encouraged Massachusetts industry to give equal opportunity in employment and thereby has given inspiration and promise to the youth of this commonwealth regardless of their race, color, or creed."

Illinois at Navy pier in Chicago. He won his post with the support of students of both races against two white opponents.

A veteran of three years service in the army, he defeated two other vets. As president of the student congress he has the most important student office in the school.

Reid originally entered the University of Illinois in 1942 before it had a Chicago branch. After serving in the army he returned to the school at Navy pier.

H. Sweatt Loses State Court Appeal

AUSTIN, Tex. (ANP). What seems to be his last state court effort to force admission to the University of Texas came here last Wednesday when the Texas Supreme court denied Herman Marion Sweatt's motion for rehearing of his appeal for admission to the University of Texas. Sweatt was seeking a writ compelling university officials to admit him for study.

According to Sweatt's attorney, the case is now ready to go before the U. S. Supreme court.

NCCR Hails Gains Made

NEW YORK. (ANP). In an anniversary statement, the National Citizens' Council On Civil Rights, through Ernest O. Melby as chairman, called for unified bi-partisan action on the home front to parallel the bi-partisan policy in American foreign affairs. The statement was issued Friday on the first anniversary of the report by the President's Committee on Civil rights.

"Freedom for all Americans can be achieved only by a united people," the council maintained. "If partisanship can be ruled out at the water's edge in world affairs, it can and must cease to exist in the area of human rights."

Members of the National Citizens' Council on Civil rights, in addition to Dean Melby, include Irving Berlin, Norman Cousins, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, William Green, the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey, Eric Johnston, Albert D. Lasker, Herbert H. Lehman, Dr. William C. Menninger, the Rt. Rev. G. Bromley Oxnam, Elmo Roper, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, Dr. George N. Shuster, Justice Meier Steinbrink, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Walter White and John Hay Whitney.

D. C. Man Falls Three Floors, Walks Away

WASHINGTON. (ANP). A man who fell out of window cracking a thick iron railing and crashing on an iron porch three floors below, last week, got up and walked after the fall.

George McGregor, 29, the victim, is now interned in the Gallinger hospital after a physical examination revealed that he had suffered an internal rupture.

According to John Maddox, McGregor walked up two flights of stairs after the plunge. McGregor told police that he fell when he lost his balance while leaning out of a window talking to friends.