

WHY TELL IS SUPPORTING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF GOV. THOMAS E. DEWEY

It so happens that this first issue of TELL is being published concurrently with the opening of the Presidential Campaign of 1948.

This national event is of such momentous importance that any new publication should and must, at the beginning, declare its political faith.

Unhesitatingly, we do so.

We are here seeking to make plain the fact that our editorial purpose concerns the interests of American citizens, and not alone a race or group.

After prolonged study of the platforms of the two major political parties, whose claims are at this time being presented to the American people, we are led to feel, and believe, that the future of our country will be more completely assured by the election of the candidates nominated by the Republican Party at its convention in Philadelphia last June.

Because of our blood and tradition, we are called upon, by force of circumstances, to review the records of political parties as they relate to us, in the light of their performance, rather than by their professions. The record of the Republican Party, over the years, indisputably more than stands out, when compared with that of the Democratic Party.

Throughout its long history, the record shows that the Republican Party has unswervingly stood by its principles as announced when founded in 1854.

It dedicated itself to the freedom of the individual, and the safeguard of his inalienable rights. Steadfastly, it has remained devoted to basic American principles—free initiative, free enterprise, and the dignity of the average man.

In these principles colored men and women believe with all their hearts and souls. They have borne denial of these basic rights more largely than any other segment of the American population.

The oligarchical Democratic Party has denied these basic rights to the 8,000,000 colored people of the South; also it has sought to extend their prejudices and bigotries to the North.

These oligarchies have opposed all natural legislation that would improve their lot.

As has been well said: "The Republican Party having broken the slave bonds of the Negro and made him a free man; having bound up the deep wounds of a nation divided against itself—the Party has continued to proceed on a program of adherence to the principles of Constitutional government."

It is not necessary to review at greater length the historic past of the Republican Party during the 94 years of its existence. It has a background of profound significance when compared with the dismal record of the Democratic Party as it relates to the Negro citizenship of the nation.

Most certainly, it is a Democratic record which cannot be depended upon to assure Negro citizens of the sincerity of any of its protestations.

A case in point: As late as July, 1948, when the Democratic National Convention met in Philadelphia, despite President Truman's claims as being the only blown-in-the-bottle champion of Negro Civil Rights, he accepted the watered-down plank insisted upon by the Dixiecrats, a meaningless declaration.

And so, down the river went a compromise so watery as to mean nothing at all.

It was only the fact that this watered-down plank was beaten by a resolution from the floor that Mr. Truman's candidacy offers opportunity for him to still prate of supporting civil rights at all.

When the Republican Party nominated Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, and Governor Earl Warren of California, as its candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States, a deep sense of relief and an assurance of security, spread over the country. Here at last the men and opportunity have met to end the confusions and the chaos which now depress the country.

With Thomas E. Dewey, the standard bearer of his Party, generally acknowledged to be "the greatest public administrator of our generation," and as one who is famous for getting things done, victory is "just around the corner," to be realized on Tuesday, November 2nd.

We support Thomas E. Dewey for the principles he espouses, and because he has confidence in the common sense of the American people, and because they have confidence in him.

He knows the aspirations of the American people, and seeks to give them the kind of government they need and want.

We have sought in this our first issue to give the reasons for our support of Thomas E. Dewey for President of the United States. We have declared our political faith, and have cited the record as confirming our faith. It is a devastating recital of the reasons which impel TELL to support him.

We hope and trust our readers will join us in the Great Victory Parade.



A Comparison Of Professions And Practices

Assistant Campaign Manager Analyzes the Principles at Stake.

By VAL J. WASHINGTON

The Republican Presidential campaign will be conducted among Negro voters on the record of the two major parties and their candidates, Val J. Washington, Assistant Republican Campaign Manager, declares.

As the campaign moves along, he said, President Truman's professions will be compared with his practices, and over and against Democrat sham and double-dealing will be set, the record of Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, and Governor Earl Warren of California.

"The Republican Party has the best platform, the best candidates, and the best record." Mr. Washington said. "Negro voters realize that their welfare as well as the welfare of the American people as a whole can best be served by the election of a Republican President and a Republican Congress.

SOUTH DOMINATES DEMOCRAT PARTY

"The Democrat Party is still the party of the South. If anyone has any doubt about this, all he needs to do is look at the membership of important Congressional Committees.

"By virtue of their seniority, Senators from poll-tax States will be the chairmen of nearly all important Senate committees if the Democrats should gain control of the Senate in November.

"McKellar of Tennessee will be the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee; Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina, the 'Mayor' of Washington by virtue of being the chairman of the District of Columbia Committee; Tom Connally of Texas, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and McClellan of Arkansas, chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department.

TRIES MANY TRICKS

"The Southern Democrats were against Wallace in 1944. He was for 'Civil Rights.' Truman opposed Wallace and thus got the Southern Democrat vote and became Vice President. He kicked Wallace out of the Cabinet and now is for 'Civil Rights' to get our vote.

"He knows, McKellar of Tennessee, Johnston of South Carolina, Connally of Texas, and McClellan of Arkansas are guardians of White Supremacy for all un-reconstructed rebels of the South. He is for any trick or device that

some sharp practice adviser tells him will trap some votes.

POWERS NOT BEING USED

"Complaint is made that the President was unable to do anything because of a Republican Congress. What can he do on Civil Rights with a Southern Democrat Congress?

"He has power now to abolish segregation and discrimination in the Armed Forces. Does he do it? No. He says he is going to appoint a committee to study ways and means to put 'equal' opportunities in the Armed Forces.

"We know about 'separate but equal' opportunities as practiced all these years in transportation and schools. Anyway, this committee will not report until after the election. Another trick to trap some votes!

"The Sham battle between Truman and the Dixiecrats goes merrily on. While they throw rotten eggs and overripe tomatoes at Wallace, the product of the machine of Kansas City throws jobs and more jobs to the Dixiecrats and they continue to contribute to his campaign.

DEMOCRAT JOHNSTON'S HOSTILITIES

"If you want to know who a man is go to his home and see how he lives—Truman from Missouri, Barkley from Kentucky, vs Dewey from New York and Warren from California. The philosophy of Jim Crow Missouri and Kentucky against fair New York and California. Which one voter?

"Does anyone believe that, under the Chairmanship of Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina, there would be any possibility of getting any civil rights legislation for the District of Columbia enacted?

"When Johnston was the Governor of South Carolina, he called a special session of the General Assembly for the specific purpose of repealing all existing statutes which contained any reference directly or indirectly to primary elections within the State so that the Democrat Party of South Carolina could adopt rules to exclude Negroes from voting in Democrat primaries in that State.

CHAMPIONS WHITE SUPREMACY

"In his message to the Legislature, Governor (now Senator) Johnston said:

"After these statutes are repealed in my opinion, we will have done everything within our power to guarantee white supremacy in our primaries of our

Comments

"We believe that man has arisen out of nature and that he is raised above nature by his moral and spiritual ideals. Is it reasonable, then, to imagine that the universe has at last produced its supreme creation only to fling it away as some capricious child does a toy?"

"If life, which has been so laboriously built up, so studiously prepared for, so long heralded, which is capable of such high tasks, which 'rounded into a separate whole,' can love and pray, and trust, is destined to destruction—then is the whole rationality of nature impeached."

—*Spiritual Voices in Modern Literature*, by Dr. Trevor Davies.

State insofar as legislation is concerned. Should this prove inadequate, as South Carolinians will use the necessary methods to retain white supremacy in our primaries and to safeguard the homes and happiness of our people.

"White supremacy will be maintained in our primaries. Let the chips fall where they may."

BRUTALITY RECALLED

"If the beating and slashing of the Rev. Archie Ware, pastor of our Baptist churches and moderator of the Savannah Valley Baptist Association, for voting in the South Carolina Democrat primary in August is not directly traceable to the statement of Senator Johnston in his message to the Legislature while he was Governor, it certainly can be attributed to the spirit of that message.

"Of course, it is a violation of the Civil Rights Statute, enacted by a Republican Congress specifically to protect Negroes in the enjoyment of their civil rights, for two or more persons to conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

"The right to vote and to have that vote counted is one of the rights protected by the existing Civil Rights Statute.

INTENTIONS QUESTIONED

"If the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigates the brutal beating of the Rev. Mr. Ware and ferrets out the members of the mob, there is no certainty that the Department of Justice will vigorously prosecute them.

"The Truman Administration has really never had any intention of doing anything about civil rights. President Truman's appointment of a Civil Rights Committee and his special message to Congress calling for civil rights legislation were simply buck-passing devices to win Negro votes.

DEWEY A MAN OF ACTION

"Governor Dewey, on the other hand, took the leadership in having the New York State Legislature enact the Ives-Quinn Law against discrimination in employment and in creating a State University system which bans discrimination on account of color or creed in the admission of students.

"Governor Dewey's record assures vigorous prosecution of all violations of civil rights under existing Federal Civil Rights Statutes.

"With Governor Dewey and Governor Warren, Negroes can make great progress toward the goal of full American citizenship."

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