

# Wallace may beat Southern strategy

by Frank Mankiewicz and Tom Braden

By any objective standard, George Wallace ought to be a beaten man. Vice President Agnew's speeches, the Haynsworth and Carswell appointments, the Administration's about-face on school integration and voting rights — all are designed to hurt Wallace badly.

But it may be that the Nixon Southern strategy will fail after all — and for a reason which the strategists never considered: that Wallace will not know he is beaten.

**WALLACE STILL** pretends he has not made up his mind whether to run for governor of Alabama this year — a decision he must announce by the end of this month — but he is clear about one thing: He intends to remain at the head of his "movement" and to run for President again.

That is why the 1970 race for governor of Alabama is important. If Wallace can win again in Alabama, he might well win again in the other states he carried in 1968; and if he can do that, Mr. Nixon's political strength is not so great as it now appears to be.

Nixon needs Wallace's states to win decisively — he may need them to win at all. As Wallace says, "I've got the President worried to death. Have you seen anything lately that made you think he was worrying about Hubert Humphrey or Ted Kennedy? I'm the one who's got him worried — and that's not bad for a fellow from a little town in Alabama."

**WALLACE DOES NOT** sound like a man about to say "no" to another bid for the State House. "If I said 'no,' all you writing fellows would write that I was afraid, or that I couldn't win. I don't want you to do that."

"But I'll tell you one thing," he continues. "If I run I'll win. People in Alabama know the difference between a carbon copy and the real thing." And he makes it clear that "carbon copy" applies not only to Gov. Albert Brewer, but to Vice President Spiro Agnew as well.

Most Alabama politicians think Wallace is right about winning. His record — and that of his wife — is a pretty good record, they say. Between them, they built more schools and highways and brought more innovation to the state government than any other administration in the state's history. Sophisticated Alabamians don't like his style but can't quarrel with his record; red-necks who don't care about records are won over by the style.

**MOREOVER**, Wallace seems to enjoy pouring his style on the President, and the Vice President, Spiro Agnew is no rival, in George Wallace's eyes. He's a bad imitation. Richard Nixon is a clever dodger who doesn't say what he thinks. "I'll say one thing for Bobby Kennedy. You never had any doubt about where he stood, like you do with this fellow."

The Administration's slowdown on school integration is not nearly enough for Wallace. "As far as we're concerned, nothing's happened. We're still under orders to bus children all over town." The Southern strategy, Wallace thinks, is mostly talk. "They spit in our eye and call it dew."

There are, perhaps, some slight signs of weakness behind the cocky front. Surely, for example, Wallace is on the defensive when he says "My people will remember that George Wallace started it all."

**DEFENSIVE, TOO**, is the Wallace assertion that a Southerner can never be President. "My accent is against me but my movement doesn't care."

But these little signs of doubt behind the confident facade are not of national significance. What is of national significance is that Wallace is looking ahead to 1972. There is nothing yet to prove that if the "real thing" is what the voters of Alabama want, the voters of Mississippi, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana — and maybe some others — won't want it too.

Mr. Nixon is gambling the nation's moral resources on his Southern strategy. If George Wallace makes it fail, Mr. Nixon will appear to history as Othello, "whose hand drew a pearl away richer than all his tribe."

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## In the Ivory Flower

by Steve Tiwald

The residents of Cather and Pound Halls are third-class citizens. We already know that all the students living in the dorms are second-class citizens in the fact that they do not have the control over their social lives which students living off campus can exercise. But, the men and women of Cather and Pound Halls do not even have as many rights as the men and women living in other dorms.

Let's review the recent history of the students' struggle for control over their social lives at NU. Last spring representatives of Abel and Schramm Halls got together to draw up the open lounge proposal, which allows limited visitation by members of the opposite sex in floor lounges. Endorsed by IDA and then by the Regents' Housing Policy Committee, this proposal went to the Board of Regents for approval. The Regents first wanted to see the dorm facilities. (The Regents had built the dorms but some had never been inside.)

They approved the open lounge policy on an experimental basis for Schramm, Smith and Abel Halls. The Regents rejected Pound Hall's participation on the grounds that the facilities weren't suitable — the lounges are not enclosed and the elevators stop only on every other floor. So, Pound and Cather Halls — by default — were not even allowed the token visitation

rights which the other dorms, with different facilities, were granted.

Schramm, Abel South and Sandoz Halls now are utilizing the open lounge policy. Smith Hall residents decided against implementing the policy (self-determination of the dorm.) The Sandoz women decided to utilize the policy.

Where does this leave Cather and Pound Halls? Not allowed visitation in their floor lounges, these people were not satisfied with their situation. The women of Pound Hall called for an expansion of the existing IDA Hours policy. Cather Hall men joined with them in proposing changes in the existing policy to allow IDA hours on weekdays and to allow staff

(student assistants) and or floor government officers to be present and responsible. The present policy allows IDA Hours — visiting in rooms, with doors open, registered in advance with the residence director — to be held on weekends only and with sponsors limited to parents, faculty, residence director or graduate assistant.

This proposal was endorsed by the IDA Council and taken to the Regents' Housing Policy Committee, composed of four faculty and three students, and approved. However President Sosnick rejected the plan. Tuesday he told Al Bestman, Cather Hall President, and Bicky Adams, Pound Hall President, that "not even student assistants were competent enough to handle the responsibility of IDA Hours."

This is an insult to all men and women attending the university. Control over our social lives is a basic right we have long been denied. Visitation is a fact of life at hundreds of schools across the country, including universities in all the surrounding states. When will the administration and Regents wake up to the rights of the university men and women to govern their own social lives?

Dorm governments are continuing the struggle. They are not forcing visitation on the residents; they are only trying to achieve the right of self-determination for these men and women who live in the residence halls.

