

Stringed Instrument

HORIZONTAL

1, 7 Depicted musical instrument
11 Playhouse
12 Come in
14 Operated
15 Expunge
17 Age
18 Hypothetical force
19 Investigators
21 Half an em
22 Minute skin opening
24 Gasp
26 Pitcher
27 Colors
28 Till sale (ab.)
29 Pronoun
30 Three-toed sloth
31 New Hampshire (ab.)
32 — is a large instrument
34 Prod
37 Cue
38 Sea eagle
39 Registered nurse (ab.)
40 Light shoes
41 Top
42 Self esteem
43 Girl's name
50 Ignited
51 Weird
53 Hand coverings
55 Laira
56 Legal writ

VERTICAL

1 Shade
2 Number

Answer to Previous Puzzle

3 Egyptian sun god
4 Brain passage
5 Roman emperor
6 Snatch
7 Beverage made with malt
8 Any
9 Female saint (ab.)
10 Calm
11 Figure of speech
13 Raves
16 Southeast (ab.)
19 Continues (ab.)
20 Inscrutable persons
23 Keep
25 Writer
27 It sometimes has
28 Turned on
33 Oil
36 Nicks
41 Playing cards
42 New line (ab.)
43 Baronet's wife
44 Seed covering
45 Tardy
46 Mineral rock
48 Hawaiian wreath
52 It is used in orchestras
54 Type genus (ab.)

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Republicans May Well Take Their Cue From Democrats' Aggression

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

About a month from now President Truman will embark on a stumping tour of the country. It will be the real opening of the Democrats' 1950 campaign and will be topped off by an ambitious political festival in Chicago May 15.

The party strategy is shaping up. Mr. Truman will cover certain key spots in an effort to bolster the candidacy of senators and congressmen who have tough races on their hands. And he will try to win new friends for his social welfare program.

The plans call, too, for a repeat tour next fall, touching some 15 states and resembling the President's vigorous vote appeals of the 1948 campaign.

It's apparent from this that the Democrats are going to be aggressive. They're anxious not merely to retain control of Congress but to strengthen their grip so more of Mr. Truman's program can be enacted in the coming two years.

Since 1938 the Republicans have always made strong gains in Congress in the so-called by-elections held between presidential campaigns. But it's risky to take comfort in trends. As recently as 1934 the Democrats actually widened their majorities in both houses.

And this year, the Democrats, remembering that they were dislodged from congressional control in 1946, are out to confound the trend of the last dozen years.

Thus the GOP has its work cut out for it. There's a conviction among some observers in the capital that failure to make good gains this time would make doubly difficult the Republicans' task of winning the White House in 1952.

A Democratic triumph in 1952 would assure the incumbents 24 successive years in control of the government. That'd be a long time between drinks for the GOP.

No one concerned with the well-being of our democracy could want to see indefinite dominance of the government by a single party. It isn't enough that the right to choose between two or more parties simply exists. For the health of the system, the right needs to be exercised to the end that changes in administration actually occur.

The Republicans, on the other side for 18 years, must take their cue from the Democrats' aggressive plans for 1950. If they are to head back toward control both in Congress and the White House, they must more than match their opponents' energy and must develop a program that is both sound and appealing to the voters.

Naturally it's easy to give broad general advice like this. The doing is tremendously difficult and no one can really help the Republicans much. It's their fight and it's a hard one. And it's probably not too extreme to say that their party's very life is at stake.

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