

Kefauver May Wind Up With Negro Backing in California

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Washington — (U.P.) — James A. Farley, the lightning political calculator, used to calculate that the Negro power was a potential balance of power in about 17 states.

These were the substantially industrialized states outside the South. The Negro vote could exercise its power only in a fairly close election in which a large proportion of Negro voters backed the same party.

Farley parlayed his calculations among minority groups, independents, left wingers and Democrats into what became FDR's New Deal powerhouse. The system won five consecutive presidential elections for the Democrats, the last one in 1948 with Harry S. Truman heading the ticket.

The minority groups, including the Negroes, roosted in comfort among the Democrats through the years. It may be, now, that the Negroes are becoming a bit restless. Reports

from California indicate that Sen. Estes Kefauver may have outbid Adlai E. Stevenson for the Negro vote in that state.

Seek Speedy Integration
They have been campaigning in California in a warm-up for what is to be repeated in force during the fortnight preceding the state's June 5 presidential primary. The Negroes appear to insist on speedier integration than Stevenson is inclined to promise them. Kefauver was more promising, as would be Gov. Averell Harriman of New York if he were openly in the pre-convention Democratic contest.

There are close to half a million Negroes in California. There are 650,000 in Illinois, 445,000 in Michigan, 320,000 in New Jersey, close to 1,000,000 in New York, more than half a million in Ohio, toward 650,000 in Pennsylvania.

That's an indication of the kind of trouble Stevenson is buying if his position on racial integration proves unpopular

with the mass of Negro voters in the North. It is a hint, also, of the problem confronting Democratic platform writers this year. Many a southern convention delegation will stand like Gen. Thomas J. Jackson's Stonewall against any hurry-up integration plank—or, integration, at all.

California developments have not yet proved the Negro mass to be for or against Stevenson. But the preliminary evidence suggests that they are beginning to love him not. His stand for moderation in political objectives has seemed to some observers to be making Stevenson a natural choice of southern Democrats who abhor the less moderate positions of Harriman and Kefauver.

Gradual Integration Urged
Some California Negroes translated that into a Stevenson appeasement of southern conservatives. What Stevenson urged in California was a gradual integration in which the force of moral law would be the only force applied. He didn't say anything which President Eisenhower has not or might not say without causing an eyebrow to quiver. But, neither Mr. Eisenhower nor any other Republican is seeking to become the political leader of the New-Fair Deal-Democratic coalition founded by Farley back there in 1932.

Republican platform writers will not have much trouble this year with their civil rights plank. They will go right along with the Supreme Court and Negroes will not expect more of them, nor be angry.

Stevenson is in bad pre-convention trouble if the California symptoms are organic and the trouble spreads. The Democratic Party probably is in for bad convention trouble when the time comes to write the civil rights platform plank. It could be the kind of trouble that spills over into the campaign and substantially influences presidential elections.

Republicans view all of this with much content.

On The Side

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The moon above is beaming, love;
The glow worm's lamp is gleaming, love.
Awake! The heavens look bright,
My dear!
And the best of all ways
To lengthen our days
Is to steal a few hours from
The night, my dear.
—Thomas Moore.

Who is the patron saint of spinsters? What is the maiden's prayer? I claim St. Catherine is the patron saint of the bachelor girls and the "Prayer to St. Catherine" is the recognized "Maiden's Prayer." My contention is disputed by a Boston bachelor who says the patron saints of spinsters are St. Joseph and St. Anne.

Briefly
In Connecticut a union negotiated a contract calling for a chemical firm to pay double wages to any employee who works on his birthday. Why is it red-haired women always give their dogs peculiar names? Mrs. Patrick Campbell had a pekingese she named "Pinky Pankie Poo."

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. Is a clam digger a fisherman or a farmer? A. A farmer. Q. Am I right in saying the film "Ecstasy" starring Hedy Lamarr was produced in Austria about 25 years ago. A. You are right about the film you refer to being produced about 25 years ago. However, it was not produced in Austria but in Czechoslovakia.

That Prince
Mike Romanoff, the Beverly Hills, Calif., cafe operator used to claim his name was Prince Michael Alexandrovitch Obolensky Romanoff. That was when he was a conspicuous figure around Broadway and West Fifty-second st., Manhattan, during the prohibition era. In those days he featured a monocle. His real name is, of course, Harry Gerguson. He comes from somewhere in the middle west.

Headaches
Sixteen million people in the United States suffer from headaches. Not so long ago one me-

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dical authority listed 27 different types of headaches. Among these was the "mother-in-law headache."

Passing By
Max Gluck, Millionaire merchant prince and turf enthusiast. Max rose to opulence in the business of retailing clothes for women. Now operates a chain of about 200 shops in the south. His career is further proof of the soundness of the advice of that wise man of Greece, who advised young men to get into a business calling for catering to "the needs of ships or women."

Sidelights
The world's largest prison is the Lubyanka jail in Moscow. It can accommodate 80,000 prisoners. . . . How do you get along with your wife's relatives? How many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law have you? George M. Cohan's second wife, Agnes Nolan, was one of 18 children.

Difficult Part
Among the distinguished actresses who have played Rosalind in "As You Like It" have been Henrietta Crossman, Maude Adams, Margaret Anglin, Marjorie Rambeau and Katharine Hepburn. The record for the most performances of this difficult part is held by Katharine Hepburn. George Moore, in "The Confessions of a Young Man," observed, "To play Rosalind a woman must have had more than one lover, and if she has been beaten, she will have done a great deal to qualify herself for the part."

Farmers Union Opens Convention at Salem

Salem — (U.P.) — The 46th annual convention of the Oregon State Farmers Union opens here today and will continue until Saturday with Sen. Wayne Morse headlining the speaking list.

Don A. Chapman, president of the Montana Farmers Union will address the annual banquet tonight. Chapman is also a member of the executive board of the National Farmers Union.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry will speak at the opening session today, representing Gov. Elmo Smith.

Delegates are expected to discuss the "federal plan" proposal for reapportionment of the state Legislature and the proposed farm program of the federal administration as well as other key issues.

Sen. Morse is scheduled to address the group tomorrow.

Cottage Grove — (U.P.) — H. B. McMillan has been named as manager of the Cottage Grove chamber of commerce.

Telephone Poll To Parents Hits Snag
Long Branch, N.J. — (U.P.) — The president of the local grammar school PTA said today she hit a snag when she conducted a telephone poll to ask parents: "Do you know where your children are right now?"

Mrs. William Schlenger said "on many of the calls, children answered who didn't know where their parents were."

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