

# Party Labels Don't Mean Much In Politics, Lyle Wilson Says

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Washington — (U.P.) Some angles the voters should consider with a national election coming up are these:



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1. The political parties soliciting their votes are frauds. The party labels mean not much.
2. The platforms upon which the candidates stand are largely phony rather than real statements of party policy. The platform pledges are not binding.
3. The dividing line which defines a two-party system in the United States is more imaginary than real.

**Fraud Easily Seen**

The fraudulent nature of the political parties easily is demonstrated. For example: Try to define the Democratic party in terms which would include such disagreeing Democrats as Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Va., and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota. Or try to define the limits of the Republican party to include such Republicans as Sen. Clifford P. Case, N. J., and Sen. William E. Jenner, Ind.

Platforms are phony in proportion to the extent to which party members ignore them. Presidents usually stick fairly close to the platforms on which they are elected. Members of Congress are less responsible men. Six out of ten of congressional votes on major legislation will find large numbers of Republicans voting against Eisenhower administration policies and large numbers of Democrats voting for them.

The dividing line between the two major parties is more imaginary than real on the national level because neither party has a solid foundation of policy uniformly acceptable to its national membership. A conservative politician who might properly be labeled a Democrat in Virginia or Georgia would have to be tagged a Republican if he shifted his voting residence to, say, Michigan or New York.

## Drought Worsens In Southwest Area

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—Dry, hot weather intensified a devastating drought in the Southwest today.

Farmers and livestock producers in many areas staked their hopes for relief on the federal government and the chance of rain.

The afflicted areas include 11 northwest Missouri counties, southwest Iowa, western and northern Kansas, parts of Nebraska and Oklahoma, and 78 Texas counties running from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande.

The drought is more than four years old in some sections. Anti-drought measures include an "Operation Haylift" to aid suffering Iowa farmers. Hay is being cut along roadsides in the state's northeast and north central portions for shipment to the drought area.

In the Missouri drought lands, the earth is rock-hard because of lack of moisture and acute water shortages have developed in many communities. The region is in need of water, feed and seed supplies.

This confusion of party labels and loyalties has been aggravated by the combination of political groups which Franklin D. Roosevelt created and called the New Deal. He held the largely Democratic South and normal conservative strength in the North and West. To those, RFD added a substantial left wing element which embraced the rising giant of organized labor and gobbled up even Norman Thomas' Socialist party. The Communists were in-and-out New Dealers, flocking to FDR at the polls only after Hitler invaded the Soviet Union and lend lease supplies began to support Stalin's military forces.

**An FDR Maneuver**

Mr. Roosevelt's nearest political trick was the welding together during his lifetime of the conservatives in the South and the Northern Democratic machines ruled by the big city bosses. Individual southern politicians balked and bolted, but the southern voting masses stayed with FDR.

American politics is a crazy, mixed-up thing. But, better times probably are coming. How fast depends mostly on political developments in the South. When southerners have a two party system of their own, a chance to vote radical or conservative without wasting their ballots, the re-alignment of parties in the United States will move along quickly.

Presidential elections of 1928-48-52 proved that the solid South isn't solid any more. President Eisenhower carried four southern states four years ago—Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. More significantly, he polled a respectable number of votes in each of the 10 southern states. His vote was a substantial 47.7 per cent to Adlai E. Stevenson's 52.3.

**MORE THAN A COUPLE**

London — (U.P.) — Irish playwright Brendan Behan said the British Broadcasting Corp., was not quite correct in saying he had "a couple of drinks" before he was interviewed on a recent television program. "I had a bottle of good Irish whiskey inside me when I went to the TV studios," he said, "it was an awful experience and I'm sorry."

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Astoria — (U.P.) — The Clatsop county court announced yesterday that it had sent a letter to Crown-Zellerbach indicating its interest in a proposal for a pulp mill in Clatsop county in exchange for the right to buy the timber off an unspecified acreage of public forest land in the county.

The letter was addressed to E. P. Stamm, vice president of the corporation.

The letter follows a public meeting with Stamm in which he proposed a cooperative sustained yield agreement, involving Crown-Zellerbach's timber and state-owned timber, to supply a 400-ton pulp mill.

He also said if the county court would indicate interest, the Crown company would submit a petition to the State Board of Forestry, asking permission to make an agreement of that nature with Clatsop county.

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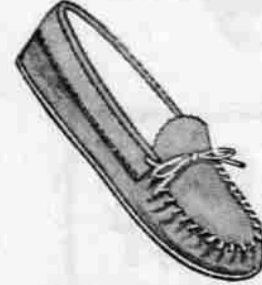
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