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Three Times in Row President's 'Purge' Attempts Prove Futile

Roosevelt Unable to Transmit Personal Popularity to His Followers; Political Prestige Suffers Irreparable Damage; Forced Realignment Seen Complete Flop.

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WASHINGTON.—There was quite a sermon, for me, in the telegram of congratulations that Virginia's great leader, Sen. Carter Glass, sent to Senator George upon the occasion of Senator George's victory in the attempted New Deal "purge" in Georgia. I don't know why that telegram was not more widely printed, but it was typically like Carter Glass, so cryptic, so full of meaning, that I am going to reprint it here:

"Senator Walter F. George, Atlanta, Ga.

"God bless you, Walter. Likewise, the sovereign State of Georgia.

"Signed. Carter Glass."

To get its true meaning, one has to recall that Senator George was the third Democratic senator, in a row, who was openly opposed by President Roosevelt; the third marked to be "purged" from the Democratic party and the third in a row to be victorious over the President's ill-advised attempt to dominate voters of a state, and, in due course, the congress of the United States, by personally picking the Democratic party nominees.

Next, Mr. George had been subjected to perhaps the strongest New Deal slap by the President, of any of the nine senators whom the President originally described as men behind the times. It will be recalled how Mr. Roosevelt, with Senator George on the platform, spoke his blessing of United States Attorney Camp at Barnesville, Ga., and announced his conclusion that Mr. George represented the past, not the future. It was on that occasion, too, that Mr. Roosevelt uttered the now famous: "God bless you, Walter; I hope we will always be friends."

The third feature to be remembered is that Mr. George won, that former Governor Talmadge was second and that the New Deal candidate was third in the race, and that Mr. George's victory was so overwhelming that there was no need for a run-off primary—the method in the solid Democratic states of choosing between the two highest candidates from the primary vote. This means that a majority of the voters—more than 50 per cent—voted for Mr. George.

President's Prestige Has Suffered Heavy Damage

Couple these facts with Senator Tydings' victory over Rep. David J. Lewis for the Democratic senatorial nomination in Maryland, and Sen. "Cotton Ed" Smith's substantial margin over Governor Johnston in South Carolina, and it appears to me that several conclusions are proper and justifiable. Mr. Roosevelt went into South Carolina in behalf of Governor Johnston and he went into Maryland to promise construction of several huge Chesapeake bay bridges and to point to the good qualities of Representative Lewis. Yet, the President's wishes were well ignored.

The conclusions I have reached—and I believe they will stand the most critical test—are:

1. Mr. Roosevelt is unable to transmit to his followers the same personal popularity that he has enjoyed since entering the White House.

2. His prestige as a political leader, which undoubtedly was slipping to some extent before, has now suffered irreparable damage.

3. The congress that will be elected in November will be the most independent, indeed, probably the most obstreperous, that the President has faced, and that spells trouble in a big way.

4. There can be no discounting the influence that victories for the conservatives, like those won by Tydings, Smith and George, will have on the rest of the country in the November elections. It is an honest statement, I believe, that there are numerous voters who have been wavering between the New Deal and the conservative school of thought, and a large percentage of them will turn to conservative candidate when they have a chance. They will be influenced strongly, and that fact worries the New Deal thinkers at the moment.

'Purge' but Step In Plan Of Political Realignment

But there is yet another thought in this connection. I refer to the President's program for a realignment of political groups in this country. He has called for it; of that there is no obvious doubt. The "purge" of the senators marked for political destruction was one of the early steps. So, it is significant that Mr. Roosevelt's early maneuver in the direction of a forced realignment has succeeded to the extent of a complete flop. The thing that started out to be a beautiful swan-like dive became a belly-buster, much to the chagrin of the great thinkers who surround the President and give him such poor political advice.

There will be a condition in the next congress that will be worthy of watching. Surely, no one will expect Tydings and Smith and George and Clark of Missouri and six or eight other senators to go out of their way to support a Roosevelt program in which they may not believe. There is the nucleus. There were already 20 or more senators of that mind. With those re-elected after overcoming the "purge," it seems reasonable to suppose that as little political credit as possible will be given to the President.

House members nearly always keep in close touch with the senators of their respective states, particularly if they are of the same political faith. They will take encouragement from the forthrightness of their seniors and, quite naturally, will be bolder and more outspoken. It will be much more difficult for Democratic Leader Rayburn to hold his majority together in the house of representatives because of this new-found courage and, in some cases, resentment.

All of which leads into a third phase. Few Presidents have been able to withstand bushwhacking from Capitol Hill. It confronts Mr. Roosevelt to an unparalleled degree because of the "purge." Thus, a further analysis seems to offer evidence, at least a hint, that Mr. Roosevelt's control of the Democratic party may be broken. If it is not now an accomplished fact, I see no reason to expect that the President can control the Democratic national convention of 1940. That, after all, is one of the things at stake in the President's ill-starred "purge" attempts.

Some Heads May Fall; New Spokesmen Appear

In consequence of these things, I have an idea that there will be many, many moves made during the next session and in the session just before the 1940 convention designed to take the Democratic party out of the hands of the Roosevelt advisers. I think you will see delegates being groomed here and there, 18 months before they are to be formally chosen. I believe also that state political bosses will become quite active next summer as they watch which way the wind blows. Some will guess wrong, some right. Some political heads will fall and new spokesmen will appear on the scene.

All of these things, I predict, will happen, barring one thing. That one thing is war. If there is a general European war on the horizon, then we may expect a different course of political events in the United States.

What I am about to say, now, is not said in discredit of the President. It is merely voicing a fact in politics. If there be a general war abroad, and, more particularly, if American relations become involved in it, then Mr. Roosevelt unquestionably will appeal for solidarity of public opinion, for unanimous support for the government of the nation. His spokesmen and henchmen will be busy as bees showing him to be the only man for the job, the only man capable of saving the nation. That happened in Woodrow Wilson's time and it has happened in every other war, and it will happen again.

Political Destruction Of Roosevelt Threatened

I know that Mr. Roosevelt is no more anxious to have the United States become involved in war than you or I. He realizes its cost in blood, as well as the disarrangement of world economics that follows. And if war comes, he naturally will want a united nation back of him. But, coldly and abstractly, I repeat that war conditions are the only set of circumstances that I see now which may prevent a thoroughgoing movement on Capitol Hill for the political destruction of Mr. Roosevelt. When I say, political destruction, I do not mean to imply, or to hint that opponents of the President within his own party want to send him to oblivion. They will seek—they are seeking, now—to dethrone him in every way except as titular head of the party. They want the guidance to come from old Democratic leaders and they want adherence to old Democratic principles. That is to say, the long-time oracles of the Democratic party have witnessed stupidity, sheer dumbness, on the part of the young squirts who have crowded close to the President, and they want to send those quacks back to the oblivion from which they came. Further, the old line Democrats want to avoid a wide-open split in their party. Unless that can be done in 1940, there will be a Republican victory followed by exactly the same conditions that wrecked the Republicans after the "purge" that the voters gave the G. O. P. in 1932 and 1936.

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Aunt Tibby's Trunk

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"BUT, Mazie," remarked Bert Howard to his pretty little wife, "it isn't quite fair that Aunt Tibby should want to come back so soon; it's less than three weeks since she left, and she had been here six months. I have no objections to your aunt; she's a nice old lady, if a bit eccentric, but you always work so hard entertaining her that you wear yourself out. Between worrying over her comfort and fussing about the safety of that old cowhide trunk, home becomes a place of torment for me instead of a haven of rest."

And then Mazie, whose bobbed crown of glory was decidedly of the shade beloved by Titian, and with a temper to correspond, replied thus: "If you were properly interested in the welfare of your family you'd want to keep Aunt Tibby here all the time! Do you fancy that she herself would be so particular about that old cowhide trunk, as you are pleased to call it, if it didn't contain valuables? She told me—no, I won't say she exactly told me, but she gave me to understand, and, I know all the family have the same impression—that in it she carries her stocks and bonds. She has bequeathed the trunk to the one in whose home she happens to die."

"Mazie!" exclaimed Bert, putting his arms around his wife, "waiting for 'dead men's shoes' is sorry business! Do what you can for your aunt without making your family unhappy, but put all such ideas as you've just mentioned out of mind; they are unworthy of you!" and Bert stopped to kiss his wife good-by.

The first evening of Aunt Tibby's arrival Mazie began, "Barbara! do sit still! You'll make Aunt Tibby nervous!" or "John! don't walk so heavy!"

Aunt Tibby had been with them several weeks when she came down with a cold. The doctor called pronounced the trouble pneumonia. "Which at her age," said he (Aunt Tibby was 86), "is a serious matter. You had better get a nurse." Aunt Tibby had been so humored by her niece, however, that the nurse could do little to suit her, and Mazie was obliged to fetch and carry, to run up and down stairs until, ten days later, Aunt Tibby sank into her last sleep.

After the funeral the relatives who had gathered from far and near demanded that the will be read at once. So the old cowhide trunk was brought down to the living room and opened in the presence of all. It contained Uncle David's army uniform, a few books, half a dozen packages of old newspapers—and a long letter written by Aunt Tibby herself. This was addressed to her relatives in general and was a sort of confession. In it she stated that her income since Uncle David's death had been limited to a pension of $6 a month. That in some way the story had been circulated that this old trunk contained valuables and she had never contradicted it, fearing if she told the truth some one might put her in an old ladies' home, an institution she detested. She trusted her relatives would pardon her and that the old trunk would be kept for her sake; that it might prove a magic casket to the owner, just as it had to her.

The trunk was left with Mazie, as she was the only person who displayed the least desire to possess it. After everyone had departed she threw her arms around her husband's neck and cried, "Oh, Bert, can you ever forgive me?" Judging by the sigh of contentment she uttered Bert's answer was satisfactory.

Aunt Tibby was right; the trunk did prove a magic casket for Mazie. It stood in the upstairs hall where she had to pass it many times a day and whenever she was seized with envy, stubbornness or a desire for finery she could not afford, one glance at the old trunk was sufficient to dispel such feelings in a twinkling.

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