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Four Parties in Texas Now ...

What's all this fuss about Texas being a one-party state? We can name four major parties in Texas, two of them Democratic and two Republican. Far from having too few parties, we have too many.

A few weeks ago the Republican party of Texas became split, in a manner similar to the split among Democrats a few years ago. Texas Republicans may not cast many votes, statewide, but in Republican national conventions the Texas delegation carries plenty of weight. It sometimes seems that the Republican party of Texas exists solely for the purpose of voting in convention every four years, then curling up in a corner and going to sleep.

According to news dispatches from Dallas, the state Republican leaders have fallen out over whom to support in the presidential race next year. At any rate, George Hopkins, state chairman, was supported by two-thirds of the state executive committee in ousting from party office Alvin Lane, general counsel, and Marrs McLean, finance chairman.

Hopkins is one of those believed to be pledged to Thomas E. Dewey in the next Republican national convention. Whether Lane and McLean are working for some other Republican candidate is not known. However, they are members of the Republican Club of Texas (which has been urging Republicans in Texas to take their party seriously

and make genuine campaigns for election, instead of just running "for the record." This group has been publishing "The Two-Party News," urging conservative Democrats, so often in sympathy with Republican objectives, to swap the donkey for the elephant.

We believe Texas should have two major parties. During the history of the United States, there have been two fundamental schools of thought on government and economics, roughly spoken of as the Hamiltonian and the Jeffersonian. The Republican party, with its antecedent Whig and Federalist groups, has usually spoken for the Hamiltonian ideas. The Democrats have frequently wobbled from the Jeffersonian basis, so that we have Jackson Democrats, Wilson Democrats, and Roosevelt Democrats. But certain lines of thought link all Democrats together, except for the Texas Regulars, who revolted from the Democratic party a few years ago. Their philosophy linked them more closely with Republican thought. Which is one reason the "Two-Party News" has been urging the "Regulars" to come over into the Republican camp.

Now that the Republicans have been split so badly, they have probably lost their chance for a heavy vote in Texas in 1948. This is too bad. We believe it would be healthy for Texans to be able to choose between candidates of either national party, without feeling that one party's candidate, however excellent, couldn't possibly win in Texas.

Texas Hypocrites ...

Everybody talks about racial discrimination and race tolerance. They discuss, they advise, and they condemn; but all think with blind oblivion that their houses is clean. Suddenly, seemingly behind the back, race prejudice rears its ugly head and everybody keeps his back turned!

Loopholes in the law are ferreted out by many in an attempt to evade "objectional" rulings. Just that is the case in Cuero, where a recent segregation made between Latin-American pupils and other children in the public schools brought to light other such incidents in the state. Because of political or social standing, public officials condone these practices in many cities.

The law has been interpreted to mean that no child can be separated from the regular public schools because of race or color. But the loophole that has been capitalized is that a student may be segregated on the basis of a literary test which discovers a language difficulty or other deficiency.

Usually the facilities provided for the Latin-American students are inferior to the regular schools. Even when these "step-

children" are allowed to attend classes with all the other children, they are discouraged from participating in many of the phases of school programs.

It has been seen, however, that when the opportunity is given time, they prove to be a credit to the school they represent. They are conscientious and capable students and take advantage of every chance to excel in their field.

We agree with Dr. H. T. Manuel, professor of educational psychology at the University of Texas who says, "These children want no special privileges, but only opportunity. Latin Americans wish to be participants in the drama of life rather than mere spectators. They want reasonable security, education, and recitation as full-fledged members of the group. They want democracy; democracy wants them."

Such incidents as these cropping up in Texas show how hypocritical the people in the United States are at times, especially when Latin Americans still must strive for equality in one of the largest and seemingly most tolerant nations in the world.

Mother India ...

August 15, 1947: The birth of a lusty set of twins stirred newspaper readers from their summer doldrums. Bellicose, yet strangely pacific; racially disparate, yet possessing a common goal; presently passive, yet potentially active ... the Dominion of India and the Dominion of Pakistan were delivered from the womb of Mother India.

Supervising their birth were English obstetricians. Undoubtedly labor pains were present, but perhaps this is the first time that such pains were more noticeable in attending midwives than in the mother herself.

The shades of history have been drawn on tragic India. The era of imperialism, economic penetration, and exploitation are past. The white man's burden has been lifted from the shoulders of a "superior" race and shifted to "heathen" backs.

Tories of the past—Clive, Warren Hastings, Wellesley, Havelock, Curzon—have bowed to socialists of the present time. India has taken its place in the British Commonwealth of Nations. No longer subservient to British control, the two Dominions are now on their own.

Economically, Empire preference agreements will place India and Pakistan in a position which should ultimately see great industrial development become a reality. Both of the two new nations will profit from such agreements. The remainder of the world market will enhance their chances of successful sales of sorely-needed raw materials. With prodigious amounts of capital, the two youngsters should mature rapidly ... economically, at east.

The peculiar boundary settlements, the many hundreds of religious sects, the lack of racial homogeneity within each dominion, and the proximity of the Russian Bear ap-

pear to assure India and Pakistan a lively political future. The Colossus of the North is unusually interested in all the exciting events which have recently taken place at its southern doorstep. A policy of watchful waiting will undoubtedly be pursued by officials of each of the new nations.

Both Pakistan and India have had the most persistent problem which has faced English governments dumped right into their laps for immediate consideration ... a social problem the magnitude of which is all but inconceivable by most Americans. Illiteracy, disease, superstition, and a lack of hospitals, schools, and adequate housing are the more pressing problems. The two dominions will never reach an economic or political position comparable to that of Canada, New Zealand, or any of the other dominions until the necessary social seeds have been planted. For the sake of one-fifth of the world's people, for the benefit of mankind, tremendous social improvements must be stressed by leaders of each government.

Economically, politically, and socially India and Pakistan face years of struggle. It is not a question of lifting one's self up by his own bootstraps. A planned course of action must be adopted and followed. It is the opportunity for which Indians have waited many years. Let us hope that that opportunity will not be thrown away.

The last quibble over our democratic way of life comes from the National Authority for the Ladies' Handbag Industry, which feels that women need handbags as much as men need pockets and that to tax one without taxing the other is inconsistent and discriminatory.

He Knows Which Side Is Buttered



BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS ...

Firsthand Report on Saudi Arabia's Worldly Position

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SAUDI ARABIA by K. S. Twitchell. Princeton University Press. 1947.

This is a straightforward account of the emergence of a little-known nation into the modern world. Its author is an American mining engineer who investigated the natural resources of Saudi Arabia at the request of King Abdul Aziz Ibn-Saud, traveling over 20,000 miles and in regions never before visited by a non-Muslim. Through his close association with Ibn-Saud and the part he himself has played in the development of the kingdom, Mr. Twitchell is better equipped than any other American to write on Saudi Arabia.

Here is firsthand information on the geography and climate, water supply and transportation facilities of a new nation, one-third the size of the United States. Mr. Twitchell describes the customs of the country to be encountered by foreign visitors, and centers of national life that have hitherto been little more than legendary names to the Western world. He includes a history of the powerful ruling house of Saud and an outline of the political administration.

Lastly he considers the position of Saudi Arabia in world economy—its contact with the West, its valuable oil and mine resources, and future possibilities for Saudi Arabia in commerce and agriculture. His report is illustrated by photographs taken during his travels in the Arab kingdom.

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APPEAL TO THE NATIONS by Thomas. Henry Holt and Company, 1947.

The subject of this book is the knotty and urgent problem of evolving a workable peace while there is still time. Thomas sees the world rushing into a third and more appalling world war, devoid of constructive leadership equal to the task of preventing it.

In six chapters he analyzes brilliantly the various proposals that have been tried or outlined in the past. These include peace through total victory, peace through the United Nations, peace through fear, peace through world communism, peace through world organization, and peace through preventive war or appeasement; Thomas points out trenchantly the inadequacies of them all.

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Navy Improves Radar Device ...

New GCA Spot Planes

By Science Service

An improved Ground Control Approach (GCA) radar equipment to assist planes landing in overcast weather is now ready for operation at the Quonset Point, R.I., Naval Air Station. By means of two new devices, the tower-control operators are shown the exact position of an approaching plane and its altitude.

This is the first installation of this type. The search and height finding antennas are on 67-foot steel towers to help eliminate the "ground clutter" or radar echoes from nearby obstacles.

Equally important in this installation is the inclusion of all instrument sin the airport control tower instead of in a separated station on the field. All information received by them is fed to a control room located directly beneath the visual control tower, thus eliminating the need for separate crews for instrument-weather and normal contact tower operations.

Basically, GCA is equipment lo-

ated at an airfield which permits ground operators to scan the sky and detect approaching planes even in heavy fog and dense overcast, when pilots are entirely unable to see the airport. These ground operators communicate with the plane by ordinary aviation radio, directing the pilot to the proper approach position and down a proper glide path until he is able to see the strip and make the actual landing visually.

One of the new devices to be employed is a separate very high frequency radio identification indicator which flashes on a compass enlarged face the bearing of any plane communicating with the tower by voice radio. The other new device is a radar height-finding antenna which the operator can point in any direction, and immediately determine the altitude of the plane.

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