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President Truman's Visit to North Carolina

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I am not surprised that President Truman, during his visit to North Carolina, failed to defend his betrayal of the Democratic Party and the people of the South. In his heart he knows he sold Southern Democrats down the river in the most shameful bid for minority bloc votes every practiced by an American President.

Mr. Truman cannot and he does not attempt to defend his so-called civil rights program when he speaks in the South. But when he speaks in doubtful states in the North he appeals for support from the minority blocs by citing what he has done in an effort to have the Federal government break down our segregation laws, usurp the functions of our courts, control our elections, and inflict upon us the un-American and communist FEPC law.

Not only has Mr. Truman thrown the South overboard but in his wild scramble to out-Wallace Wallace in appealing to minority bloc votes, he proposes to scuttle constitutional government.

This time the Democrats of the South will not be fooled by a false cry of party loyalty and talk of Republican reconstruction or economic mismanagement. Mr. Truman and his big city machine bosses have cracked their whip over the back of the South for the last time.

If Mr. Truman and his machine politicians and minority bloc leaders to which he has directed his appeal for re-election can keep Dewey from securing a majority of the electoral votes in the big states, then the House of Representatives will elect the next President with the smaller states holding the balance of power. If Truman fails to keep Dewey from securing a majority of electoral votes in the big doubtful states then the South, by voting the States' Rights Democratic ticket will have strengthened the hands of the Southern members of Congress in their fight against the so-called civil rights program. And most important, the way
will be paved for a reorganization of the Democratic party and its rededication to states' rights and local self-government, which is the American constitutional guarantee against a Federal police state.

Therefore, the South has everything to gain and nothing to lose by voting for the States' Rights Democratic ticket. And that is just what is going to happen on November 2nd.