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I am informed that less than 300 people turned out to hear Secretary Royall when he spoke in Columbia Friday night. This is the first Presidential campaign in many decades when South Carolina has been honored by a Cabinet officer speaking for the election of a President. It is encouraging that South Carolina and the South is once again being recognized as a factor in Presidential elections. I only wish Secretary Royall had been more specific in discussing the issues of the campaign.

Secretary Royall did not attempt to defend the high-handed actions of the Democratic National Convention in repudiating the historic doctrine of our Party on states' rights. He did not defend the action of the convention in writing the so-called civil rights program into the Democratic platform. He made no effort to show how true Democrats can support Mr. Truman when he himself advocates modern-day force bills which, if enacted, would not only destroy our way of life in the South, but would uproot constitutional government in America.

And more important, Secretary Royall did not explain how he, as a North Carolinian, can carry out President Truman's stand against segregation in the armed forces. I would think that any real Southern Democrat would resign from the Cabinet before he would be a party to drafting Southern white boys to serve in the Army and then deny them the right to serve in all-white units, which has always been the custom. General Eisenhower, and Chief of Staff Bradley, oppose abrogating segregation in the Army. But Secretary Royall presumably must carry out the orders of his boss in Mr. Truman's desperate effort to secure the Negro vote in doubtful states, knowing full well that in so doing our national defense is being weakened.

There should be no politics either in our national defense or in our foreign policy.
Secretary Royall talks about the Al Smith campaign and says, "The South — much of it — tried the narrow course of bigotry in 1928." Secretary Royall is making no contribution to the presidential candidate he serves when he seeks to stir up the embers of the unfortunate 1928 campaign. We all know what happened after the defeat of the Democratic Party in 1928.

The forces which controlled the Democratic Party in 1928 were removed from control in 1932. Democrats from the South, including those who opposed the Smith-Raskob leadership in the Democratic Party, joined hands with the Democrats from other sections and nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt, over the opposition of Governor Smith. President Roosevelt gave the nation and the world great leadership and never once did he recommend to Congress a single one of the measures contained in President Truman's so-called civil rights message.

When Secretary Royall seeks to compare Roosevelt with Truman, it is like comparing a mountain to a mole-hill.

The States' Rights Democrats are saving the South from the Republican Party and no one knows that better than Secretary Royall. Had it not been for the States' Rights ticket the Democrats of the South, who could not support a President who had betrayed them, would have voted the Republican ticket and this would have resulted in several states going for Dewey. We have given real Democrats a ticket they can support and be true to their principles and convictions and that is the reason the States' Rights ticket is going to sweep the South.

There is one statement Secretary Royall made at Columbia which has my hearty approval. He said that those of us in the South who were trying to raise the economic opportunity of the Negro found our task more difficult "by anti-Southern agitators who are exploiting the racial issue for selfish reasons — exploiting it to the groups which they presumed to protect."

I agree with Secretary Royall 100 percent on that statement and he knows the greatest offender is none other than his own boss, Harry Truman. That is the reason we refused to swallow
what happened in Philadelphia at which "anti-Southern racial agitators" took control of the Democratic Party and repudiated States' Rights and adopted Mr. Truman's so-called Civil Rights program.

We are going to drive these anti-Southern racial agitators out of control of our Party, who are exploiting the racial issue for selfish political reasons, and I hope Secretary Royall and Mr. Truman will remember that fact when they hear on election night how the electoral votes of the South are to be recorded in the electoral college.