

# Toward Freedom

**EUGENE TALMADGE**, anti - Roosevelt Democrat, ex-Governor of Georgia, Negro-hating former head of a local Ku Klux Klan, is a strong and enthusiastic supporter of candidate Dewey.

Sam M. Johnson, Negro-hating Democratic presidential elector from Alabama, resigned his post to work for the election of Governor Dewey, declaring: "The New Deal cannot snub us for the Negro vote," and adding that Roosevelt's defeat is necessary "in order to uphold existing race barriers in the South."

These are illustrative of the dividends candidate Dewey is reaping from the seeds of friendship he sowed among the white supremacy-ites of the reconstructed South. It was "smart" politics the Governed South.

President Roosevelt has done more than any other President to undermine the whole rotten structure of Bourbon reaction which holds the great masses of southern poor whites and Negroes in subjection. That is why most rabid polltaxers hate him; and that is why the southern people—and their white and Negro friends in the North—will vote to continue his progressive administration.



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**J**UST look at the Roosevelt record in the South.

1. Early in the "New Deal," the President characterized the South as the "Number One Economic Problem of the Nation," fought to defeat several of its reactionary Senators, and called its plantation system of exploitation "feudalistic."

2. The President's program of southern agricultural reform and industrialization are undermining the very foundations of Bourbon rule.

3. The President introduced the policy of "no discrimination on grounds of race" into federal policy for the first time, and fought for its application in the South.

4. The President created FEPC, and continues to uphold its directives, even in the South.

5. The President's federal programs of low-cost housing and social security are bringing enormous benefits to southern Negroes which strict state - control (such as that advocated by Dewey-Republicans and reactionary southern Democrats) would restrict almost exclusively to white southerners.

6. The southern labor movement is growing by leaps and bounds, thanks to the President's progressive policies; and it is coming more and more to take up the struggle for Negro democratic rights.

## "White Supremacy" And the Election

7. The Roosevelt-appointed Supreme Court this year outlawed the "white primary" bar against Negro voting rights, completely reversing the 1935 decision of the Republican-appointed Supreme Court.

8. The President has been outspoken in his condemnation of the polltax (and does not seek to avoid the issue, as the Dewey-Republicans do, through proposing a constitutional amendment they know cannot be passed).

9. One by one, a long line of Negro-hating southern reactionaries (Garner, "Cotton Ed" Smith, Talmadge, Djes, Starnes, Caraway, etc.) are being retired from public life by the pro-Roosevelt forces in the South.

10. Many thousands of Negro citizens are registering and voting in the South for the first time in their lives.

11. The two-thirds rule by which southern Democrats long held veto power over the selection of Democratic presidential nominees was broken by the Roosevelt Administration.

12. And Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt (probably far more than can be expected from Mrs. Frances Dewey, of Texas, wife of the GOP candidate) has consistently defied southern racial prejudices, never hesitating to speak and act according to the democratic principles in which she believes.

It is easy to understand why the Talmadges and Smiths and Johnsons and their ilk are bolting the party of Roosevelt and throwing their support to the Republican candidate.