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EDITORIAL

WHEREAS the present governments of the states of Alabama and Mississippi engage in a deliberate policy of suppressing the civil rights of Negroes and of white integrationists, and

WHEREAS this suppression is carried out by murders, bombings, arson, beatings, and attacks from savage dogs, and

WHEREAS the governments of these states, far from preventing this violence, do actively encourage it by permitting law enforcement officials to lead it, by not investigating these murders and other acts of brutality, and by releasing or acquitting the actual murderers and other criminals, and

WHEREAS in other states the authorities make at least token efforts to apprehend such criminals, in Alabama and Mississippi they are regarded as heroes, and

WHEREAS peaceful attempts to rectify conditions have utterly failed, and

WHEREAS, when the governments of these and other states a century ago had to be forced by violent means to respect the rights of all of their inhabitants:

THEREFORE, in the same spirit in which the governments of these states had to be forcibly dealt with a century ago, so long as the above-mentioned conditions prevail there I do preach and advocate the violent overthrow of the present governments of the states of Alabama and Mississippi.

John Boardman

PRESIDENTIAL POLL - NOMINATIONS

Unfortunately, it was not possible to publish the results of the POINTING VECTOR presidential poll before the Republican convention. Ballots were distributed to all readers of POINTING VECTOR and KNOWABLE, with a deadline date of 1 June, which was later extended to 6 July. Forty-eight people responded. Complaints about the accuracy of the poll will not be entertained from persons who received ballots and failed to vote. Write-in votes are indicated by (w).

I. Party Preference

Democratic	29
Republican	16
no party	3

II. Republican Presidential Nomination

Barry Goldwater	7
Nelson Rockefeller	6
Henry Cabot Lodge	1½
Richard M. Nixon	1½

(One participant voted for Nixon and Lodge "in any order". This was recorded as a half vote for each candidate for each office.)

III. Republican Vice-Presidential Nomination (all write-ins)

William Scranton	3
Henry Cabot Lodge	2½
Richard M. Nixon	1½
Mark Hatfield	1
Kenneth Keating	1
George Romney	1
Margaret C. Smith	1
John Tower	1

IV. Democratic Presidential Nomination

Lyndon B. Johnson	26
Robert F. Kennedy	1 (w)
Adlai Stevenson	1 (w)

V. Democratic Vice-Presidential Nomination

Hubert Humphrey	10
Sargent Shriver	6
Robert F. Kennedy	4
Pat Brown	1

V. (continued)

Ralph Bunche	1 (w)
Averell Harriman	1 (w)
Robert McNamara	1 (w)
John B. Spear	1 (w)
Adlai Stevenson	1 (w)

VI. General Election. Votes

were asked under the assumption that the major party candidates will be Johnson and Goldwater. The Liberal and Conservative Parties are parties local to New York, and only votes from that state were counted under these parties.

Lyndon B. Johnson (Dem.)	29
Barry Goldwater (Rep.)	5
Lyndon B. Johnson (Lib.)	3
Barry Goldwater (Cons.)	3
Total Johnson vote	32
Total Goldwater vote	8
Freedom Now Party	1
Socialist Labor Party	1
Robert F. Kennedy	1 (w)
Richard M. Nixon	1 (w)

At the time this poll was distributed, many liberals in both parties were expressing doubt that Senator Goldwater stood a serious chance to get the Republican nomination.

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This issue of POINTING VECTOR is somewhat curtailed, in part because the stocks of my usual supplier of paper are low at this slack time of year. The letter column is postponed to the next issue, as are my intended comments on the Ku Klux Klan's support for Senator Goldwater and the causes and probable consequences of the Harlem riots. For the latter, suffice it to say that:

- (1) The police in the Negro sections of New York City customarily behave like an army of occupation. Despite the fact that the force is integrated, Negro police are not as a rule assigned to Negro districts.
- (2) No New York City policeman is responsible to anyone outside the Police Department for any acts of brutality he may commit.
- (3) About two months before the riots, city newspapers began running horrendous stories about a non-existent Negro gang called the "Blood Brothers", allegedly dedicated to murdering whites.
- (4) The riots of 1935 and 1943 were far more bloody and destructive than this summer's. It took the 1935 riots before white shopkeepers in Harlem began hiring Negro salespeople.
- (5) The ancestors of America's whites won their freedom by tarring and feathering tax collectors, and sacking their homes.

I have been able to obtain a few copies of Thomas Buchanan's thought-provoking little book Who Killed Kennedy? This book has not been permitted to be published in this country because of the questions it raises about the officially announced version of the assassination and the lynching of Oswald. It demolishes the official version and explains, from information announced in the press, how the assassination conspiracy was probably conducted in actuality. While they last, copies are \$2.50.

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LLOYD GEORGE KNEW MY FATHER!

by Midge West

John originally asked me to write about the forthcoming General Elections in Britain, but I feel that you can best get a picture or how things are going if I first give you a report on the Greater London Council elections held on April 9th last. To fill you in on some of the history regarding these elections I should explain that the boundary lines of London and the Home Counties were drastically changed by the present Conservative Government. They did this because in their opinion - but in few others - they could (1) Run the social services etc., of local government far more efficiently by making the local boroughs larger - it seems to have slipped their notice that Rutland which is the smallest County Council in Britain is one of the most efficiently organised - obviously they have never read "Parkinson's Law". (2) That by such rearrangements they could break the strong Labour control both on the London County Council and other neighborhood boroughs in Greater London. Thus, instead of having a separate Council for Hornsey, Tottenham, and Wood Green, these three boroughs were merged into one unit to be renamed Haringey. Now Wood Green and Tottenham have for years been predominantly Labour controlled Councils whereas Hornsey has a strong Conservative one. It was widely thought that by bringing Hornsey into Haringey this would change the complexion of the Council and therefore, interest was very keen in these elections, especially in a General Election year, so much so they could be identified with your Primaries.

British Parliamentary law is very incomprehensible even to the average British subject, in that the first step they take is to ban all political parties for one month prior to any election. The Candidates may identify themselves with a political party's policy but in theory they are elected as an individual, and once elected cannot be forced to resign. This was very ably illustrated when Alan Brown, the Member of Parliament for Tottenham, was elected as a Labour Candidate but after a short time in office crossed the floor of the house, and now receives the Conservative Party Whip. P. V. readers may be as surprised as I was to learn that this is the first time in our history that this has happened. M. P.'s have resigned and stood as Independent members but no-one actually changed parties. A resolution was passed calling for legislation to make it compulsory for such members to resign and stand for re-election, but we were told by officials that because in theory a member is elected as an individual he had a perfect right to cross the floor if he so desired, although a case could undoubtedly be made for him having a moral obligation to resign. The amount of money that can be spent in an election campaign is limited by law to £50 plus 2d for every name on the electoral register in local elections, these amounts being doubled for a General Election. How do political parties carry out a campaign if legally they are banned? First they appoint a Secretary/Agent for each of their local candidates, and all election material is published by these Agents. Political meetings are banned unless bills for

the hire of the meeting place can be presented, which fee must be shown in the accounts for the campaign. Local party members are given election work under the direction of the Agent while their regular meetings cease, and public meetings take place, but again any speaker must receive a fee which has to be shown in the accounts. However, if the Agent finds he is running short of money such fee can be refunded by the Speaker as a donation to the election fund.

To get to the actual elections, the Labour Party chose two women and one man as their Candidates, the Conservatives three men, - Round one to the Conservatives because the British public would rather vote for a man than a woman for political office. Other points in their favour were (a) The high percentage of the poll in Hornsey - about 45% of those eligible to vote - as compared with the low percentage poll in Tottenham and Wood Green - about 23%. It is a feature of local politics that the high percentage areas are Conservative controlled and low percentage areas Labour controlled. (b) Tottenham and Wood Green have a large coloured population compared with Hornsey, and with the election slogan of the Conservatives - however unwittingly - being "If you want a nigger for a neighbour vote Labour" this did not help. (c) The aforementioned Alan Brown being one of their Candidates was a hazard in that he was well known in the area, and they hoped to cash in on his name. Labour supporters thinking he was still representing them would vote for him, yes comrades it is unfortunately true we have a great political ignorance and apathy in this little island of ours.

As to the issues which dominated this election the local Labour Party were not in agreement with the National L. P. on certain aspects because being left wing in attitude it could not condone the National party's agreement in principle of the Immigration Bill, or their support for NATO and their defence policy which relied on a nuclear deterrent, whether ours or America's. Also the National party was rumoured to be considering re-introducing conscription, a matter which, if true, they could not agree to. How these differences affect local elections is hard to determine, but on the whole I would say it was negative, because there is great support for the L. P. plans to repeal the Rent Act, increase old age pensions, turn our educational system into a Comprehensive one, and also bring some positive legislation with regard to the high price of land and housing and break the Rachman type empires. These tended to outshine those aspects of policy in which there was disagreement with the L. P. nationally.

The Liberals in the Haringey area only had a local organisation in 1959; prior to that it did not exist. Recently even this organisation, which was very weak, seems to have crumbled and they did not contest any of the seats. The Liberal vote in my opinion comes mainly from the "a plague on both your houses" type of voter and the Liberal resurgence is definitely on the wane, partly because it had failed to present what policies it has very clearly and the general attitude is that a Liberal vote is a vote wasted. We did have one Communist candidate who surprisingly got over 5,000 votes whereas in previous elections if they contested them at all they have never collected more

than 1,000. We have never had an Independent Candidate although we have a Ratepayers Association locally, but generally Independent Candidates only flourish in disgruntled Conservative areas, and in Bishop Stifford the Independent Candidate was defeated for the first time in over 30 years, and by a Labour Candidate at that.

The part of election work I hate most is canvassing, to give my reasons I will tell you of my first ever experience at the tender age of seventeen of doing this job. We were directed to canvass a marginal ward in the borough, and the Agent instructed us to "Shut all gates behind you, because that's polite. Always say I'm sorry to disturb you, remember you haven't been invited. Never argue on the doorstep, keeping canvassers arguing is the oldest trick in the world, done it meself if a Conservative came to my door."

Anyway along we went, all ready for the fray, armed with our poll cards listing the houses and the occupants eligible to vote. The first woman I spoke to no sooner ascertained my business than she was "too busy", the next couldn't tell me what her views were until her husband came home. (It's amazing how tyrannical the normally "peace at any price" British husband becomes when he's not at home...) The next was annoyed at being brought away from her idiot's lantern which was blaring out Cheyenne, ah well each to his own taste as the saying goes but you will appreciate why any party worker finds canvassing disheartening. I eventually worked off my zeal by going up several roads after the Young Conservatives who were delivering election leaflets and taking them out of the letter boxes. I arrived back at the Agent's office to be soundly rebuked for such an act instead of the amused pat on the back I expected.

On the actual polling day most parties adopt what is called the "Reading System". This consists of each party listing from previous canvasses all their supporters on carboned pads, one list for each road. The top copy is then taken early during the day when you visit your supporters to ask if they have been to vote, remind them that there is an election etc., Meanwhile back at the polling station both parties have representatives on the gate collecting polling numbers of people going to vote. These lists are then taken back to the Committee Room of the area and crossed off the second carbon. By the end of the day when you reach the fourth carbon you can see which of your supporters has been to vote, and get a rough idea of how many votes have been cast against you, and there is mutual exchanging of number by both sides at the polling gates. During the last two hours before voting closes any names left on the bottom carbon are "knocked up" and offered lifts to the polling centre, and thus you get every known supporter out to vote, with any luck that is.

So we come to the "Count" which this year took place at Alexandra Palace, the only place big enough to count all the votes of the three boroughs. The social mixing between the two parties may seem peculiar to outsiders, but you'd be surprised the number of acquaintances each party has within the other especially in the bar on "Count" night. Alan Brown entered to be greeted by "Made any good changes lately?" from one of the Young

Socialists, but this in fact was the only real evidence to suggest that the inhabitants of the bar did not belong to one political party. Oh by the way never volunteer to be a scrutineer at a "Count" because they don't let you out until it's over and therefore you have to forgo your drinking time. At last the result was announced. As expected there were many more spoiled papers than normal because voters did not understand the new system and the fact that they had three votes instead of one as previously. There was more cross voting than usual because Alan Brown was still thought to be a Labour man by some. However, it is a rule that all cross votes have to be double-checked. To even the most stouthearted Labour supporter the result was amazing - all three of our Candidates were elected by sizable majorities and all three Conservatives defeated together with the one Communist. The percentage of the poll was also up to 52% for the whole three boroughs.

To conclude I will explain the title of this article by telling you that it is the traditional victory song at election times. At the close of the speeches by all Candidates after the result every Labour Supporter stands and sings to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers" the title followed by "Father Knew Lloyd George". How this became a Socialist song is a mystery because from what they tell me of Lloyd George and his political views he had more chance of being my father than knowing him. But I digress, I think the results show that if Labour can keep the present public interest that it has until autumn, and particularly with the unpopular Budget the Conservatives have brought out recently they have the best chance of being the next British Government that they have ever had.

PRESIDENTIAL POLL - NOMINATIONS (continued from p. 2)

Now, however, the limited sampling of this poll confirms the judgment of informed observers before the Convention, and the obvious sentiments of the delegates - that Barry Goldwater is truly the representative of his party. As the campaign proceeds, no doubt can remain that his views are the traditional political positions of the Republican Party.

But not by a large majority. The most noteworthy part of this poll is not that Johnson won over Goldwater in the general election voting, but that half the participating Republicans refused to vote for Goldwater. Since a majority of the American people are registered Democrats, Goldwater's biggest problem in the campaign will be winning back not only these disaffected members of his own party, but also members of the opposition.

A second poll, dealing with the general election, will be distributed with POINTING VECTOR #22 early in September. The results will be printed in POINTING VECTOR #23, at least two weeks before the election. This poll will also ask New York voters about their choice for the U. S. Senate seat which will be filled in November.

The editor wishes to thank all those who sent in ballots for this poll, and to urge a larger turnout for the next one.

WANTED: COMPASSION

by Frances D. Bukowski

"Why?" she asked me. "Why do I always seem to fall for guys like that?" She looked me in the eye as if she knew that I could tell her the answer.

"I dunno, I think..." I started to try, when she went on, "Maybe it's because I've been condemned so much. I can't stand to see anyone condemned. I feel as if that's the whole trouble with me.

And I know what she says is true. Any child, boy or girl, who is systematically, parsistently, unjustly condemned and who lives through it, if he happens early enough in life to find out that this punishment is taken by others, too, feels a fierce protective love for other underdogs all his life that precedes every other basis for action. It is an extension of the same self-love and wish to be protected that enabled him to go on living in spite of his early perception of human life as inhuman, as brutal and, really, unbearable. Protectiveness toward the lost and hurt and an overpowering need for affection combine for a life of trouble. I do not know what happens in other countries or what would be done in an ideal society for such people. I do know that here and now, they are on their own. They are thrown together and sneered at by the rest of society, whose members feel that they cannot afford to waste their own lives attempting to comfort or to help a veritable legion of drifters whom nobody among our leaders or so-called experts feel that they know how to help. They die slowly and painfully, too soon, and not without having contributed their full share and more to the perpetuation and continued swelling of all of our economic and social institutions.

I said I didn't know what would be done for them in an ideal society. It might be remarked that in a true utopia such people would not occur, for ideally small children would not be systematically deprived of recognition and of affection and taught to regard themselves as damned. But I think any realistic or thoughtful consideration of how the world of people ought to be, would have to take into account both how to get there from here, and how to allow for the accidents inevitable in even the best of futures for families numbered in billions on an earth that is peopled with other animals too.

Things are simpler among some of them. A seal that loses its mother, if it lives, becomes a killer and is avoided by other seals. We have killers but we do not avoid them - we do not even know how to recognize them. But we also have the soft-hearted, who don't become killers until they are driven completely mad. Even then, they often hurt no one but themselves, as they furiously throw glasses in bars and knock their best friends off stools in a last burst of helpless anger at God, at men-God-damn-them or at women-God-damn-them or at the bartender who - they suddenly see - has grown fat on their misery, before the ambulance finally comes, and the questions from cross nurses and disgusted young interns about their financial position, and the sheets and the bottles hanging and the return, finally, to

sweetness - a dog, a pig, a chicken, a pile of rags, the thumb, Mama.

I couldn't tell my friend, "You've got to stop it, it will kill you," because I know perfectly well that though it will kill her and she knows it, she cannot stop it. Lady Day said in a talk about her life not long before she died, "You gotta have somethin' in your stomach and a little love in your life before you can stand still for anybody's sermon on how to behave." That much is true, and it is as much as anyone knows about it yet. At least, it is all that I know, and I knew that it isn't enough.

The next time you pass a drunk half-falling out of a bar, stumbumbling home not knowing in the least where he is or what his life is all about, or a young girl in torn nylons, wearing too much make-up maybe and wearing her perfectly good hair all crazy, running, running on her high-heeled shoes, looking back over her shoulder, falling down, running again having got up so fast she doesn't even seem to have noticed that she fell down - well, for heaven's sake I certainly don't advise you to stop and offer some food and a little love. That is not enough. But just because you have nothing that is enough, don't harden your heart and sneer. What I do ask is that you consider thoughtfully the fact that whatever fancy and tender future the dreamers may have in store for your grandchildren - and theins, too - right now these are living fellow creatures, this helpless infant of a man, this girl that might have been a woman and will never be, or that shapeless old hag of thirty-five or so crooning a hymn or a once-popular song to herself as she finds her way home like an automaton. These are real people who are dying now who once had feelings like you - and even, under some circumstances, could have again. We are letting them die. If we feel too guilty to even admit it, there is something wrong, I think, with us, quite as wrong as what's wrong with them. It wouldn't hurt us self-respecting self-styled liberals once in a while to give thought to the unpleasant truth and try to think whether there could be some answer that nobody's thought of yet.

When a bone is broken, we set it. When a life is broken, we turn away in disgust. I don't think it would be such a bad first step, just to go from that disgust to an honest admission that it really is too bad.

CONSERVATIVES' PLANS FOR OUR FUTURE

"I agree with you that it is morally wrong to deny a man employment because of race, creed or color, but I will also remind you that it is constitutionally right."

- Barry Goldwater, letter
Chicago Sun-Times, 26 June 1964

"I have some definite plans for Professor Galbraith, Ed Murrow, and Arthur Schlesinger Jr. I can't reveal these plans because if there's a leak they might get out of the country before I'm inaugurated."

- Barry Goldwater, U. S. News & World Report, 12 February 1962,
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