

MEMORANDUM

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Doug Meng said Cleve Smith is talking too much and assuming "airs". Says he failed to get a good job from the present Governor, but now has a Governor of his own, from whom he will get anything he wants.

There seems to be a private feud between Bob Holloway, on one side, and Doug Meng and Bill Harvey, on the other side, dating back to an occurrence during the campaign of 1934, when Harvey was managing Harry Truman's publicity.

Doesn't like Means Ray. Says Means has a monopoly on liability bonds for firms doing business with State Highway Department. Thinks Means makes about \$25,000.00 a year, of which he spends \$7,500.00 in entertainment.

Doesn't like "business man" appeal in Sam O'Neal's story. Thinks you should appeal more to the practical politician.

Thinks you should play closer to Jim Aylward. Said-"Old man is slipping. Young Jim incompetent. Aylward is brains of organization". Also said- "Before leaving for Europe T.J.P. gave orders in two words - 'Beat Stark'. Plan was changed, owing to the country campaign during the summer which rolled up an opposition too big to fight.

Bill Harvey and Doug Meng said- "Labor trouble is brewing. Some Laborite is supposed to have visited Louisiana, and made an unfavorable report on labor conditions at the Nursery; the wages, working conditions, etc."

Both Harvey and Meng plan to watch for any developments and let you know.