

Editor, St. Louis Post-Dispatch:

The editorial appearing in the Post-Dispatch on February 25, under the heading of "How About It Governor Caulfield?", has every earmark of trying to disrupt the only Democratic organization in the State, organized in Jackson County, and known as Pendergast's organization.

This editorial appears in every way to be very inconsistent with the policies of the Post-Dispatch as to being a non-partisan publication, when in fact it appears to be trying to dictate whom the Democrats should not nominate for Governor, and what a grand mistake Governor Caulfield is making by not calling a special session of the Legislature to re-district the State, so that the Governor can make them re-district because the Post-Dispatch said so.

If the Post-Dispatch wants to be consistent in this matter, and fair to the Governor, it would be more becoming for it to consult with the members of the Legislature before asking the Governor to call them together for any special purpose of legislation, as both Houses are Democratic, and each member has a duty to perform as a lawmaker without taking orders from the Governor after the Governor has been dictated to by the Post-Dispatch.

It will be remembered that Pendergast's Democratic organization in Jackson County has always been faithful to every State Democratic nominee, and it can always be depended upon when Democrat votes are needed, which was shown in the 1930 campaign in that Chas. Lee and Judge Ellington carried the State of Missouri by almost 80,000 votes, and out of this majority Pendergast's organization in Jackson County gave them a majority of almost 50,000 votes, for which each of these gentlemen should be grateful to Mr. Pendergast and his friends; and again, in 1928 Senator Wilson carried Jackson County with somebody's help, even though the State had a Republican landslide.

It begins to look like the Democrats and Republicans in this State cannot select a suitable candidate for Governor for the Post-Dispatch, and that the Post-Dispatch may be supporting the Pentacostal preacher from Springfield before it is over, at the same time trying to break up the only Democratic organization in the State!

Does the Post-Dispatch want to be a dictator, and is it consistent?

Respectfully,  
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