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Dear Bob:

The Senatorial campaign has become vicious. The Republicans are tickled over the mud slinging the Democrats are doing among themselves. Cochran is burning Truman at the stake, also Milligan. Truman is calling Cochran and Milligan names, and Milligan is throwing the bricks back at both of them.

They are all three out in the state because Cochran and Truman know that each have St. Louis and Kansas City solid, and Milligan knowing that he will get few votes in either city is confining his efforts to get the rural vote, and every day they tell the up state voters what a terrible rotten machine Truman and Pendergast have and Truman tells what a fearful machine Barney Dickman, Bill Igoe, President of the Police Board, and James Wachter, President of the Election Board, St. Louis, are trying to build up to rival the Pendergast Kansas City machine, and that Cochran is their baby, while Milligan is pointing the same thing out about both Cochran's St. Louis Machine, and Truman's Kansas City machine.

First time in the history that I know that the President of the Police Board in St. Louis and the President of the Election Board, and the Mayor with all his appointees are out viciously taking an unholy part in a political primary. The Republicans never did this when they had the Police Department and the Election machine, so the Republicans are looking on with glee. They expect by November they will be able to elect part their ticket on the charges that are being made from the different Democratic camps, about corruption, skull drudgery, bossism, and I think the Republicans have a right to feel happy.

The average independent voter has a right to believe these charges made by the Democratic Camps against each other. August 7 will tell the tale, and I would not lay a bet on the outcome as I think the last vote will have to be cast up state and in the cities before we can be sure who is nominated. Might be Pendergast's man as he is making some up state headway. It might be Cochran as he also is having some up state support. Just depends whether Milligan can get enough up state that are disgusted with city machine methods to overcome 125,000 votes Cochran in St. Louis, and about 110,000 Truman votes in Kansas City.

You see these two city fellows have that much to start with so if they can pick up 100,000 in the state it will be hard for Milligan to cope with them.

Gov. Parks and all his appointees are going down the line for Pendergast's candidate. They have taken their

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vacations and are combing the state. I really wouldn't be surprised to see Pendergast's man nominated unless the machine in St. Louis here rolls up 150,000 for Cochran, but I think Truman will get as many rural votes as Cochran. Pendergast can roll up about 100,000 in Kansas City for Truman.

The boys here tell me they are going to give Jack Cochran about 150,000 in the primary. If they do we will have to pay for that throughout the state in November, because it will just look SO RAW PEOPLE WON'T STAND FOR IT.

Bill is looking after the government bids now as he is familiar with all the departments, and I think is going to like this work.

Your good letter came this morning. I am glad you are going to have flying and am glad that Newton Baker's committee is recommending the very things that you hoped for in aviation.

Yours

M.J.C.