

August 13, 1940.

Hon. Barry S. Truman,
United States Senator,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Harry:

I give up and I think Lloyd Stark might as well do the same. I am now firmly convinced that you have been renominated for the Senate and I don't think there is very much either Lloyd or I could do about it.

I never had anything to do me so much good in my life. I feel very much like a Republican down in my old county of Phelps felt the time that Pat Murphy beat Bob Lamar for Congress in the old 16th District. In celebrating Murphy's victory, this Republican said, "By God! it's too damn good to be so". Your victory over Stark is simply too good to be true and I as reliably informed the gentleman is taking his defeat very bitterly. I saw some people from Jefferson City at Osceola Sunday and they tell me that Stark is a very unhappy man. I am also informed that Col. Earl Shackelford is likewise equally disappointed because he expected to go to Washington as Secretary to "Senator" Stark. It looks like the realization of the Colonel's ambitions will have to be indefinitely postponed.

Now that the issue is settled it is necessary to turn your attention to the fall campaign. I assume the first problem that will confront you, Lawrence McDaniel and the other candidates will be the selection of the new State Chairman. In this connection I think it would be wise to select an out state man. I have in mind two men who I think would be good timber for State Chairman. They are Barry Easley of Carthage and Roy Harper of Caruthersville. Whether McDaniel would agree to Easley or not I do not know, since he comes from Carthage and undoubtedly supported McReynolds. I am sure that Harper supported both you and McDaniel. In my opinion either one of these men would render fine service and I am offering them for your consideration.

In connection with the women's division I believe that Mrs. Chiles of Lexington would be the ideal person for that job, and in this connection I think it would be extremely wise to bring into the campaign Louise Grant Smith of St. Louis. She is a lawyer in Russell Dearmont's office and she took a very active part in McReynold's campaign. She is very

popular with the Priest crowd in St. Louis. In my opinion she could do wonders in lining up the antis for you and McDaniel in the fall campaign. I know that Mrs. Smith ms your loyal supporter in the primary and, as already stated, she was against McDaniel and I believe it would be wise to offer her a position in the campaign headquarters. There would be no question about her loyalty and she will do everything in her power to line up every possible vote for the ticket.

I am offering you these suggestions for whatever they may be worth for your consideration when the time comes.

Again expressing my delight in your success, and with kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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