POLITICAL CRYSTAL GAZERS WHERE THEY PAUL

With an ear to the ground, an eye to the future their backs to the wall, and with a minimum of attention in the taxpayers' pockets, the politicians of the two major political parties are scanning anxiously the political horizons, and trying to read from which side the wind is going to blow in 1936.

The late-off-year elections in New York State, Chicago, St. Louis, and other places, which are not too far away, elsewhere afford another opportunity for party chiefs, also-runs, and editorial writers to make into the mysteries of the divines with the majesty the voter; for the party chiefs, to adjust campaign speeches, platforms and assignments; for the also-runs, to select the wagon on which to hitch their political fortunes; and for the editorial writers, to make inferences and draw conclusions, often vitally biased against those to whom they might cater, to be opposed most strongly at the moment.

Curiously enough, election returns in the past have invariably prompted the publicists of many of the parties to claim simultaneously that the vote unequivocally constituted a swing toward their own party, and from the opponent. These latest election returns give rise to the identical spectacle. What is the truth?

Even superficial analysis of the New York State returns reveals that the voters have decided the state by a large majority for the two major parties, and for Democrats nationally. Proof of this are the returns from Brooklyn and New York City, which are to a large extent an equally small Republican minority in the Albany district. The two major parties each received two seats in Congress from New York City, and received approval for the Governor's state budget and bond issue. The Democratic vote in New York State everywhere was so strong."Revolt on the Campus" because of the absence of some important issues.

More particularly are we concerned with Mr. Wechsler's "description of Technology as a subsidiary of capitalism. It was often after considerable reflection that we realised that this is quite true. Most of the Technology students have been employed by powerful and not always easily discernible economic forces even before they discovered their trade. Mr. Wechsler's description for action may manifest itself in a highly emotional and irrational manner.

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