

In Mr F

The big news in Washington during the wk is what happened to Washington. - A political cyclone, generated by the back wash from the war, swept the Dem party out of control of <sup>Gov. Rath</sup> ~~Cong.~~ <sup>giving it up</sup> ~~what will~~ <sup>mean</sup> this means to every day citizens, what the world. Only as time unfolds will we know the full answer. But some ~~important questions as obvious & apparent~~ ~~the first meaning is~~ ~~we will for one thing, over~~ ~~part will be divided~~ Division and dissension is inescapable with one party holding the Pres. & another the Cong. It is all very well to talk about putting country above partisanship and

there is no doubt as to how  
members of both parties would  
stand if that ~~was~~ ~~the~~

~~case~~ because clear cut —  
issue. But where does partisanship  
and and patriotism ~~lie~~ — that is  
the rub — Most Rep members <sup>for they too</sup> think ~~that~~

of course are going  
just about the most important  
thing is to elect a Rep pres.

in 1948. ~~And~~ The  
Democrats in congress will  
find these back seats they  
will be compelled to take  
quite unfitting to their taste and  
pretty soon most of them  
~~will~~ ~~thoroughly~~ disagree with what  
the rep are doing that they  
will think that about the  
most important thing is  
to ~~beat~~ beat the Rep in 1948.

So we are in for  
a long period of political  
strife from which the entire country will suffer,  
to smear and discredit  
the Dem. adm - the Rep.  
Cong. will in any  
all sorts of investigations  
and with the aid of the  
press & radio a lot of fuss  
about this and that will  
be created.

~~Do~~ With the easy  
rest the power of the  
P - + the power of the  
investigation. With the  
Pres rest upon for  
adm of the Congr. learn  
& govt. Thus, the pres

will still have the resp  
~~to~~ but ~~in~~ the power to  
~~many ways~~

~~will be powerless~~

app, to regulate, & inductual  
will be in a cong hostile  
to him. The per cong will have power & blocking  
the power of the

presidency, however, must not  
be under estimated - he can  
and will fight back as will  
many Dem mem of the house

and senate.

~~Now what is going~~

~~to ask~~ & ~~why~~ little girl  
asked me like other night  
~~what is the difference in the~~  
~~Rep. + Sen. function.~~

Out of this bag + bitter  
partial terminal little progress  
can come - a do nothing

Stalinism is likely.

~~There is a lot of~~

Of course the Rep are  
talking big about reducing  
taxes & expenditures. It is  
a lot easier to talk about  
cutting and appropriation  
than to do it. They are  
not likely to cut very  
deep into benefits for veterans,  
or public roads or the  
interest charges on govt bonds.  
It is going to be interesting  
to see them balance the  
budget by reducing taxes.

~~But must~~

No one must delude himself  
into thinking that the budget  
can be balanced by firing  
a few thousand bureaucrats.

The war hasn't been paid  
for yet. Our enormous  
national debt ~~stands~~ is  
largely the ~~result of~~ price  
of our victory. It seems  
to me that we ought  
to try to pay some of  
out war debts before taxes  
are severely reduced.

Incidentally, the ~~very~~ manner  
in which the Rep will so  
about reducing losses will  
~~and~~ illustrate the difference  
in political concepts & loyalty  
of the two parties. Will Wagner  
now that the ~~the~~ proposal of  
Mr. H, who will —  
r — con, will be for  
an across the board reduction,  
that is a flat percentage reduction

for every large payer. I  
imagine also that the sum  
will propose that any  
reduction in taxes should  
be on a sliding scale —  
that is give a proportionately  
~~more~~ larger reduction to  
those of smallest income.  
~~But that will not suit~~  
~~I think it is fair to~~  
~~say that~~

Thus it will be in  
practically all <sup>domestic</sup> matters — The  
dem. holding up <sup>for the</sup> the  
under priv. <sup>at the expense of the particular</sup> and the  
Rep. seeing to it that there  
is room for priv. + plenty  
at the top.  
The one issue on which there  
is the best prospect of cooperation

between the two per  
in foreign policy - and  
surely ~~the~~ both parties  
can keep this out of partisan  
rivalry. True the responsibility  
for ~~speaking~~ for nation  
is upon that of the  
pres but he ~~can't~~  
cannot go very far for  
very long without the  
support of Cong. It  
is partic impura that  
we have unity of purpose  
policy now because we  
are in the midst of a  
post war power struggle.  
~~with~~ Russia is seeking ~~to~~

broaden the influence  
at the expense of  
the Anglo-American leadership.  
Russia would be quick  
to exploit any thrown back  
to isolationism on our  
part. I feel confident that  
such men as  
Sen. V. & Dr. Eaton and  
Mr. Dulles in the Rep  
party can be depended  
upon to hold our firm  
policy ~~above~~ ~~and~~ ~~partitions~~ and  
out of our blind alley.  
But I know equally ~~confident~~  
that many Rep. Sen & Rep hold  
<sup>man, shorts</sup> isolation views regarding  
internal affairs.  
I do hope we do not  
have a repetition of the

1920s in foreign policy.  
Surely the country ~~has~~  
~~learned~~ ~~better~~  
can be saved from that  
disastrous prospect.

I may as well  
admit that I think the  
country made a serious  
mistake last Tuesday - But  
the important thing is that  
the American people are  
~~change~~ ~~pick out~~  
masters of their own  
fate - ~~they~~ have the  
right to ~~change~~ select or  
pick out - as they choose.  
When Americans go to the  
polls every official from  
constable to ~~the~~ pres is ~~at~~  
~~the~~ subject to their will.  
It is a great system and we must  
keep it that way.