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Mr. Ben J. Plastino
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Dear Mr. Plastino,

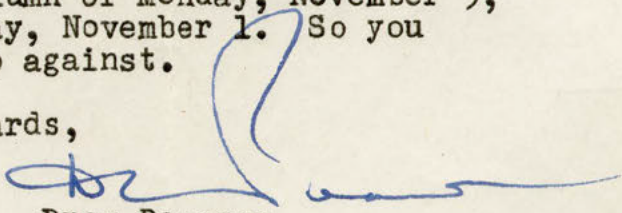
Thank you so much for your thoughtful note.

You are right, and I was quite wrong about the Church-Welker battle. However, I think you will agree that it was a mistake in judgment, certainly not one which was influenced by prejudice. I say this because doubtless you recall what I have written about Mr. Welker in the past.

My information, partly based on the New York Times survey, partly based on data received in the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, was that Taylor's write-in campaign would take enough votes away from Church to elect Welker.

I'm glad I was wrong and you were right - and I only wish I had seen your survey published Sunday, November 4. However, my column of Monday, November 5, had to be written on Thursday, November 1. So you can understand what I was up against.

Regards,


Drew Pearson

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