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AMERICAN TWO-PARTY SYSTEM  
Let's Avoid France's Flight

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One of our Daily Newspapers on April 6th, spoke of "Hate Mongers who were active in the 1952 campaign, latching onto the splinter-party groups who want to get away from the American two-party system and veer over to the French system of myriad parties and myriad confusion".

This reminds me of one evening in 1948, a gentleman with a roll of overalls under his arm boarded a bus in Watervliet for Albany; as he sat down with another man, the newcomer was asked, "Who he would vote for? His reply was, we never vote for anyone, we always vote against what we believe to be the greater of two evils".

Perhaps if the Educational Institutions of France had made sincere effort to present a brief, constructive program for better social and economic conditions, France would not have 26 different political parties, none of them presenting a practical program that honest citizens could vote for, and not against.

As a step in the right direction, suppose we try to clear away some of the confusion, and present a word picture that all can understand. First, all human activities in the production of wealth to gratify our desires are known as enterprise, and all enterprise is controlled, or, free enterprise.

The history of humanity is a history of controlled enterprise, wars and human suffering. Many of our forefathers came to this country to get away from controls. About thirty-five hundred years ago the Egyptians had the Israelites enslaved. Nazism and Communism are more recent forms of controlled enterprise.

Now, if our American two-party system took their logical position, one would espouse controlled enterprise, the other would present the advantages of free enterprise. Instead of both Democratic and Republican parties competing with each other for more and more subsidies, controls and taxes; then the voters would be able to make a choice, and avoid the plight of France.

Sincerely,

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