President Truman can claim as further evidence that he never has bad luck the fact that events prevented him from making a political speech in the New York campaign.

There is nothing he could do to help the situation although the outcome is so important to his bid for re-election in 1952.

Meanwhile, the contest which is of immediate concern to him—the U.S. Senate seat—seems safely resolved in favor of Sen. Lehman, so he is all right there.

A more confused and dissatisfied bunch of Democrats than the master strategists who thought they 'had it fixed to sweep New York City and state would be hard to find. What they are saying about each other is actionable and, as might be expected, they are meeting with refusals and evasions in their attempts to line up some respected window dressing for their embattled candidates.

What the President and National Chairman Boyle will need more than anything else is some smart and objective observer to evaluate the story for them after the ballots are counted. Then they can tell where and how they must rebuild in anticipation of 1952.

Washington has for years left New York in the hands of Bronx boss Ed Flynn, who got the patronage and was the fount of all New York wisdom.

His ability to deliver Mr. Truman and Boyle for his choices put him firmly in the saddle at the conferences where the present situation developed.

The President never liked Flynn's brain wave which made Mayor O'Dwyer Ambassador to Mexico. After a real show of resistance he gave in on the theory that it was to the party's interest. It has proved to be the opposite.

If the rebel Vincent Impellitteri is elected Mayor, as is expected, he will assuredly reorganize Tammany Hall. How he will come to terms with the other boroughs only time can tell but he will be in a position to make his own arrangements with Washington—a result that would not enhance the Flynn prestige, especially if his candidate for Governor, Rep. Lynch, goes down before Gov. Dewey.

President Truman has not received first-class co-operation from an Iowa Democratic, Guy Gillette, chairman of the Senate campaign investigating committee. Had Sen. Gillette been sufficiently curious he could have staged a wonderful show of the case of the Hanley letter which cleared the way for a forced draft of Dewey.

The Senator dawdled, however, and only now has two investigators here interviewing witnesses. At last reports they were vigorously running down tickets to "South Pacific" and some of the major figures involved had still to be called before them.

This is not Gillette's first evidence of a certain lack of team feeling. During his first term he resolved a good many questions in favor of the opposition party after telling the then Majority Leader, Alvin Barkley, he would have to pray about the issue. The Veep bore it a long time in silence; then he was heard to complain that he resented so much Gillette testimony that God was a Republican.