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Another Example

A good example of democracy in action comes out of Puerto Rico, where a "home rule" constitution giving its people local autonomy was approved by a four to one margin in a national election.

Puerto Rico will continue its ties with the United States.

But the new constitution gives the people of the island almost complete control over their internal affairs. And the overall effect likely will be less of the "big brother" and more of the "good neighbor" feeling between the big United States and its little friend.

By a wide stretch of the imagination, Puerto Rico may be considered a sort of "satellite" to the United States. Viewed in that light, an interesting comparison is available. It is based on this question: Would the Soviet Union allow one of its "friends" to stage an election wherein the people of the smaller land would be given greater right to handle their own affairs? The answer, on the basis of the record, is no.

Thus, what happened in Puerto Rico Monday is another noticeable example of the difference between democracy and Communism in their relationship to the rights and freedom of people.