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Let's Keep the Tammany Tiger out of The White House!

Do you want the Tammany of "Boss" Tweed, of Croker and of Murphy in the honored seat of Washington, of Lincoln, of Cleveland, Roosevelt and Wilson?

"Tammany Hall is not a political party but purely a business enterprise... not only does the organization stand as the organization of crime but it embodies the tyranny of crime."
Dr. C. H. Parkhurst

Founded in 1789 as a "benevolent, patriotic and charitable" society, Tammany became a political organization in 1800. Its first "boss" was Aaron Burr

By the time of the Civil War it had become a thoroughly entrenched "system" for political corruption and graft which was exploited to the utmost by "Boss" Tweed. He died in jail in 1878 after conviction of incredible thefts.

Later followed the notorious Croker regime which lasted until 1901. "To the party belongs the spoils," said he, "I tell you now right out, we win and we expect everybody to stand by us." They did. Croker and his henchmen garnered untold millions.

Then came Murphy—alleged organizer of a "New" Tammany. True, the more brazen methods of corruption and graft were abandoned, but only for less open and equally efficient ways of plunder. Murphy died early in 1924 and the local press summed up his efforts:

"Tammany Hall has a long record. It professes to cherish the people but at heart it always intends to exploit and debauch them... It has great y refined its methods. There are no longer crude Tweed stealings. But by subtler means, usually within the forms of law, Tammany is still able to enrich its masters... For New York it is just as much a disgrace as it was fifty years ago that it is so often ruled by this secret and self-appointed oligarchy, which does not publish its accounts, and yet presumes to direct the public administration and the political fortunes of a great city... a system which, without official responsibility, degrades our official life and which condemns New York to suffer from maladministration and the lowest moral standards in public life."

N. Y. Times, editorial, April 26, 1924

Murphy launched his campaign for the nomination of Governor Smith for the Presidency in 1924, culminating in the bitter struggle of the Madison Square Garden Convention. He was succeeded by Olvany, largely through Smith's influence.

While he cannot be held responsible for Tammany's previous record, Alfred E. Smith is a product of its system. Backed by his "political godfather," "Big Tom" Foley, a saloon keeper and Tammany district leader, Smith was elected to the State Assembly in 1903 and has ever since served Tammany faithfully and well—its most distinguished member and apologist:

"I have listened to a great deal of public and very caustic criticism of Tammany and I ask myself: How can anything live in this country 139 years that is not all right? I will conclude with a congratulation and thanks to the SOCIETY OF WHICH I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER AND AN OFFICER."

Gov. Smith's address at the Tammany Hall 4th of July celebration, 1928

Tammany has ever been a thorn in the flesh of the National Democratic party.

The only two Democratic Presidents since the Civil War—Cleveland and Wilson—both fought and were fought by Tammany.

The Tammany Congressmen from New York City have consistently and bitterly fought every move in Congress to help farmers. Tammany always has been completely antagonistic to the interests of agriculture.

Tammany Congressmen fought Woman Suffrage, fought Prohibition, fought all restrictions of immigration and fought every forward-looking movement of the nation except such as furthered the material benefit of the Tammany interests.

"A predatory band, more interested in personal plunder than in party principle—a stench in the nostrils of decent Democracy, selfish, disloyal and corrupt."

William Jennings Bryan on Tammany, 1912

And now it is claimed that Tammany has "reformed"—that Gov. Smith has exercised a cleansing influence. Yet the Tammany "Scandals of 1928" are no less shameful than those of years gone by, and involve typical graft transactions on a colossal scale, running into untold millions—the Queens Sewer Scandal, the Pay Roll Padding Scandal, the Milk Graft Scandal, the Gas Cut-off Scandal and many others.

"Al Smith's Tammany Hall" is just the same old tiger unreformed—and unashamed:

"Tammany is a human institution and as such it has its natural weaknesses. Nobody has ever said that Tammany is an aggregation of saints—nobody would seriously contend that. No other human institution is. But it has been the controlling power and it has contained the preponderance of membership in this community for more than a hundred years, and by and large it compares favorably in point of members, taking that into consideration, with any other human institution."

Gov. Smith's Speech, Tammany Hall, July 4, 1926

The Tammany organization is financed from New York City's treasury. In every district a Tammany leader holds a city job and draws a city salary. Many of the Tammany chiefs and "sachems" are also on the city or county pay roll. The total of these salaries is in excess of \$650,000 a year.

And now Tammany is preparing to move on the Federal Treasury. Already "the boys" back in New York City are gleefully dividing up the fat salaried Government positions—to say nothing of the thousands of lesser jobs for the "faithful"—and utilizing all other forms of governmental power in building up and perpetuating this "machine."

For Tammany has hitherto conducted a retail business—it is now preparing to make it a wholesale business covering the entire United States.

Do you want THAT? Ask your conscience!

They shall not pass! Keep them out with your votes for Hoover and Curtis—and honest, efficient government

Republicans of Moore County

and Supporters of Herbert Hoover for President