

Struthers Burt Sees Opportunity Knocking at Door of Democracy

Says Smith Leadership Will Restore Party to Position It Has Not Had Since Civil War.

—Scores Fake Issues.

To the Editor of The Pilot:

Since returning from Wyoming a little over three weeks ago I have been working with Democratic Headquarters in New York, and coming to North Carolina last Friday, the first thing I read was a letter from my old friend, Ralph Page, telling why he is going to vote for Hoover. Had he confined himself to the simple statement one might possibly have suspected that he had a real reason or two, but since he candidly explains his reasons, one is forced to admit that they are extremely poor ones.

Being, of course, too intelligent to be taken in by the boggy of religion, being too good a business man to be fooled by the boggy of prosperity, being too experienced to think that anywhere in these United States Prohibition as it now stands is anything but a murderous and ghastly farce, Mr. Page has swallowed bait, hook and sinker the other Republican boggy, to

wit, unrestricted immigration. That is the one real issue he brings up, if it were an issue, which it isn't. Having been a Republican myself just as long as I could stand the party, I am astonished and dismayed that Mr. Page succumbs in this fashion to Republican propaganda.

No Immigration Issue.
There is no immigration issue in this present campaign, and I defy Mr. Page to prove that there is one. There never has been. Between Governor Smith's stand on this subject and Mr. Hoover's there is not the slightest difference. Both wish to make the immigration laws where families are concerned more humane and both have said so. Mr. Page's statement that Governor Smith "wants to lift the bars and let in another flood of aliens" is a pure figment of the imagination.

This campaign on the Republican side has been filled with figments of the imagination; that is to say, fig-

ments of the imagination on the part of the uninformed or misinformed voter. The men who sent the figments out haven't been so imaginative, however; at least, they haven't been imaginative enough. Had they been sufficiently imaginative they might have known that sooner or later falsehood is detected. And that is just what has been happening in the last three weeks and what is likely, with increasing force as each day passes, to elect Governor Smith next Tuesday.

Abraham Lincoln's dictum about not being able to fool all the people all of the time still holds good. For three months now the Republican leaders have been running up and down the country telling everyone that Governor Smith and the Democratic Party thought this and stood for that, and in not one instance, that I have come across, has either Governor Smith or the Democratic Party thought or stood for anything of the kind. But there are limits to this method of campaigning, and the limit was reached about two weeks ago when Mr. Hoover, in a moment of panic and suicidal lack of forethought, hurled the ancient epithet "socialist" at the heads of all those who did not agree with him. That in itself shows such a lack of leadership that it should be enough to defeat a man, and I think it has defeated the man in question. It is another "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion."

The Three Real Issues.

There is no immigration issue in this campaign, there is no tariff or prosperity issue, there is no religious issue except where fools, firebrands and ignoramuses are concerned. On immigration the Republican and Democratic parties stand alike, on the tariff they stand alike, on religion all decent and patriotic Republicans stand with all decent and patriotic Democrats, and there is not an intelligent Republican to whom I have talked who is not ashamed and dismayed at those fellow Republicans so unwise, so un-Christian, so little American, and, I might add, so little politically astute, as to have raised this issue. Only the inexperienced and those unaware of history, American or otherwise, could have done so. There are three actual issues; water power, farm relief and Prohibition. On these I stand firmly with Governor Smith and the Democratic party.

Even without my far-Western experience, which in this case is final, my political and economic judgment would lead me to believe that in any natural resource as wide-spreading as water there must be government ownership and control. But does this not necessarily apply to all other resources, natural or otherwise. Railways, for instance, are very different from water power. In the same way, I believe in Governor Smith's attitude toward farm relief. It is an intricate and difficult subject I well know, but I would considerably rather follow a man who has some constructive suggestions to make than a man who, evasive always, is, in this instance, more evasive than ever. What, in the name of Heaven does a tariff on farm products mean, when there is a surplus of farm products? It means just this, that Mr. Hoover, adopting Republican tactics, is saying something that sounds pleasant, well aware that no one, including himself, knows what it means. As to Prohibition—but I will not go into Prohibition except to say that, travelling from one end of the United States to the other as I do, I am convinced that Prohibition as now administered is a growing cancer and that something must be done about it. Personally I am not sure that Governor Smith's remedy is the correct one, although it is true that under the old State laws Prohibition as a whole worked far better than it does now, but that is not half so important as the fact that here at last is a leading public man brave enough to tell the truth. His promise to bring the whole matter before the American people and let them decide for themselves is enough for me.

Those are the three actual issues and Mr. Page is entitled to vote pro or con on any one of them, or all three, and still lay claim to being politically logical, but he cannot set up an issue which does not exist and make the same claim.

In every campaign, however, back of the actual issues there are hidden issues quite legitimate, and I am not sure that these are not the really important ones. A very sound reason for not voting for a man is because you don't like him. Another equally sound reason is because you don't trust him. But it is not fair, in politics or any other relationship of life, to dislike or mistrust a man for what he isn't, what he hasn't done and what he does not represent. That is carrying the present Republican political tactics into your emotional life as well.

Appealing Personality.

It is an odd, and to me convincing fact that in New York where Governor Smith is best known he is most

respected. He is respected both by Republicans and Democrats. He is respected not only for his courage and political integrity but for his mind, his personal dignity and his magnificent conquering of early handicaps. There is not a New York Republican who dares get up in that State and say what Republicans are saying in other States. I know of no public man since the time of Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt so capable of arousing the love and admiration of intelligent people as Governor Smith. And among those who admire him and love him personally are many of his political enemies. Anyone who has read the newspapers for the past three months knows what sort of people by the thousands have been flocking to his standard. Here on my desk are lists of hundreds of the best names in the country.

I don't know what Mr. Page means when he says Governor Smith isn't

fit to be President, when he says he has nothing in common with Jefferson, Randolph, Calhoun and Davis, when he says, "Al Smith is not our kind. His whole life has been spent, moulded and influenced by people and ideas utterly foreign to us." I think that is about as egregious a statement as Mr. Hoover's that all those who disagree with him are socialists; and I hasten to add, because I wish to be fair, that I know when he uses the expression "our kind," Mr. Page does not mean socially but politically, sectionally and racially. However, whatever he means, Governor Smith is my kind, Henry van Dyke's kind, ex-President Hadley of Yale's kind, Willa Cather's kind, most of the Harvard faculty's kind, John Erskine's kind, Jim Boyd's kind, Raymond Fossdick's kind, the kind of thousands of others I could mention, as I have already said, if I had the space. And I think he has a great deal in common

with Jefferson, Randolph, Calhoun and Davis. Those were brave men and honest men and forthright men. I have a feeling that Thomas Jefferson who was a great Democrat and, at the same time, a great aristocrat, would have liked Governor Smith. It was the influence of Thomas Jefferson, you may remember, that made Andrew Jackson. Unless I have read Thomas Jefferson entirely wrong he would have been among the first to applaud and welcome a man who, despite every disadvantage, every temptation, by dogged courage, infinite intelligence and rugged honesty has risen to the point where for three terms he has been a great Governor of the greatest State in the Union. Once more, what does Mr. Page mean by stating that Mr. Hoover has had the experience, training and knowledge, and possesses the acumen to be

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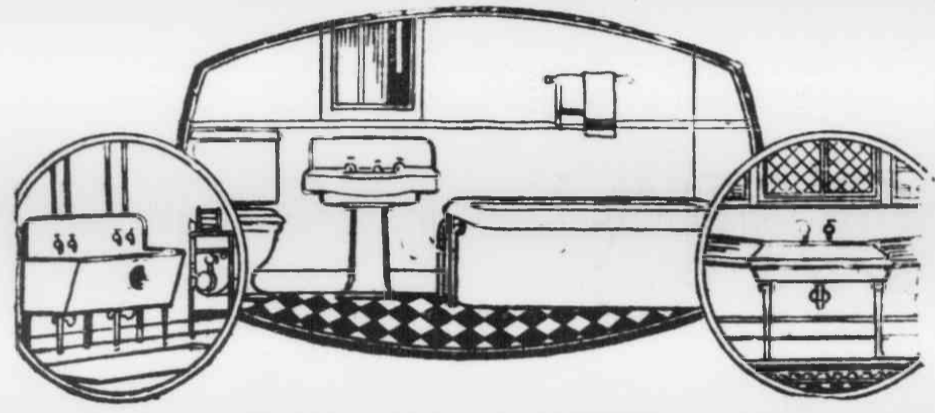
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