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**SHOULD APOLOGIZE
RATHER THAN REBUKE.**

Last week Alfred E. Smith, the Democratic nominee for President in 1928, let it be known that he had a message to give to the press which he would release Monday of this week, and true to his promise, he did give out a statement to the press which was broadcast over the Associated Press network in Monday's dailies of the country. In this statement Mr. Smith let it be known that he still has his eye on the White House. He would not have his friends believe that he intends to grab the nomination and run away with it, but if they want to hand it to him on a silver platter he will gladly accept it and will then get into the thick of the fight to win the election.

Among other things, Mr. Smith said: "By action of the Democratic national convention of 1928, I am the leader of my party in the nation." These words coming from the former Democratic nominee show that Alfred E. Smith is not yet ready to release his grip on the Democratic party and that he must be reckoned with.

Following the Smith statement, many of the Democratic papers who were for Smith tooth and toenail in 1928 are now expressing surprise and indignation at Smith's attitude. But what we want to know is what ails Al now? He was alright in 1928, and so far as we are able to see at this distance he has not veered materially from the course in which he was headed in 1928.

We now hear that there is much unrest, disappointment, dissatisfaction and maybe real distress being experienced among the officialdom of the state because Al Smith still claims recognition from them.

Why, in 1928, Al was all right—yea he was without an equal in all this broad land of ours. It seems like we have a faint recollection of that campaign, when Democratic lawyers, judges and other state officials were literally "firing the woods" in support of Al Smith for President; and did they praise him then? Oh, you bet. Clyde Hoye put on his Jim Swinger and threw himself into the heat of battle, going, as did many others, from one end of the state to the other singing Smith's praises in unmistakable tones. Never before, in all the history of our state was a Presidential candidate lauded more highly—not even excepting Woodrow Wilson—for Clyde Hoye would then have everyone believe that President Wilson, Coolidge, Justice Hughes or any of the other notables of this country in high diplomatic circles could sit at the feet of Al Smith and be taught many things in the sphere of higher governmental psychology.

For many days preceding the 1928 election there was published a list of speaking dates in the Democratic papers of the state and as best we remember these ran as high as 15 and 20 appointments each day, that is for noted state speakers, besides local county outbursts—all singing the praises and extolling the qualities of Alfred E. Smith in an effort to prove that he was the logical candidate to be President of these United States.

Of course those office-holding Smith supporters in 1928 could not convince the people that all they said in praising Al Smith was true, and later saw him go down in defeat in the Old North State under an avalanche of votes, and it appears that they are now ready to turn about face and brand him as unworthy of the Presidency; but before they do this they should stomp the state again and make apologies to the people for their statements of untruth made about Al in 1928 when they accused him of pos-

sessing abilities and virtues of which he now seems void. They owe Smith an apology rather than a rebuke, for making him believe that he is what he really aint.

WEBSTER ON COMMUNISM.

The name communism probably is less than one hundred years old, but the thing represented by the name has been in existence, even here in the United States, longer ago than that. Here is an extract from an address before the United States Senate by Daniel Webster more than a century ago and it reads as if it might have been written yesterday:

There are persons who constantly clamor. They complain of oppression, speculation, and the pernicious influence of accumulated wealth. They cry out loudly against all banks and corporations, and all the means by which small capitals become united, in order to produce important and beneficial results. They carry on a mad hostility against all established institutions. They would choke up the fountains of industry, and dry all its streams.

In a country of unbounded liberty, they clamor against oppression. In a country of perfect equality, they would move heaven and earth against privilege and monopoly. In a country where property is more equally divided than anywhere else, they rend the air with the shouting of argarian doctrines.

In a country where the wages of labor are high beyond all parallel, and where lands are cheap, and the means of living low, they would teach the laborer that he is but an oppressed slave.

What can such men want? What do they mean? They can want nothing but to enjoy the fruits of other men's labor. They can mean nothing but disturbance and disorder, the diffusion of corrupt principles, and the destruction of the moral sentiments and moral habits of society.

It will be seen from the above from the pen of Daniel Webster, that the spirit of "unrest" which is often spoken of today is nothing new under the sun. It has been with us ever since the early days of this great republic; and not only with us, but when we take a glance at the map of the world today and trace history's pages for centuries back which deal with these problems in other countries we find that, after all, our troubles, our hosts of people who lament and bewail about injustices and inequalities are not a drop in the bucket compared to many other countries. Brush up on your history a little and see if this is not true.

AN OFFICIAL TUNE

Many people are apt to conclude that George M. Cohan should have rested on his laurels as the author of his exhilarating "Over There" of the World War, instead of attempting the role of writing the most popular song for the Bicentennial. The thing is as flat as a giddle oake. His composition entitled "Father of the Land We Love" apparently has very little depth as "the representative bicentennial song," despite the fact that it has been authorized by the Commission as the recipient of that great honor.

"One need not be a professional critic of music to deplore the official sanction accorded Mr. Cohan's effusion," comments the Washington Star, which adds: "It is not merely of doubtful taste. It is very definitely of intolerable bad taste. It is utterly Cohanesque. Which implies that from the viewpoint of music it is deplorable."

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| Mrs. W. N. (Bettie) Barden, Admrx. | 1 Lot, 1927 tax | \$13.69 |
| Mrs. Bettie Barden 10 acres, | 1928 tax | 13.69 |
| | 1929 tax | 14.00 |
| | 1930 tax | 14.88 |
| N. E. Bradford Estate, 1 Lot, | 1928 tax | 2.40 |
| | 1929 tax | 2.40 |
| | 1930 tax | 2.40 |
| Mrs. W. M. Ferrell, 1 lot, 1928 | tax | 1.40 |
| | 1930 tax | 1.40 |
| C. F. Bowers and wife, 1 lot | 1929 tax | .60 |
| C. S. Creech, 1 lot, 1928 tax | | 1.82 |
| Dr. M. Hinnant, Adm. Mary J. Hinnant, 1 lot, 1928 tax | | 8.60 |
| W. T. Woodall, 1 lot, 1928 tax | | .50 |
| | 1929 tax | .50 |
| | 1930 tax | 1.60 |
| W. T. Hinnant, 1 lot, 1928 tax | | 3.00 |
| Mrs. Bettie Atkinson, 1 lot, | 1929 tax | 3.00 |
| | 1930 tax | 17.17 |
| J. W. Fitzgerald, 3 lots, 1929 | tax | 19.34 |
| | 1930 tax | 2.00 |
| Mrs. E. G. Pittman, 1 lot 1929 | tax | 2.00 |
| | 1930 tax | 2.00 |
| J. M. Thompson (col.) 1 lot, | 1929 tax | 4.60 |
| | 1930 tax | 4.02 |
| H. J. Corbitt, 2 lots 1929 tax | | 11.26 |
| Mrs. H. J. Corbitt, 1 lot 1929 | tax | .74 |
| C. F. Bagley, 1 lot 1930 tax | | .90 |
| Mrs. Minnie Bagley, 1 lot 1930 | tax | 1.84 |
| Mrs. Clyde Barden, 2 lots 1930 | tax | 4.80 |

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| C. L. Batten, 1 lot 1930 tax | 6.51 |
| Mrs. Nettie Batten, 1 lot 1930 tax | 2.00 |
| W. M. Boykin, 1 lot 1930 tax | 9.77 |
| J. A. Collier, 1 lot 1930 tax | .20 |
| J. T. Collier, 1 lot 1927 tax | 6.00 |
| 1930 tax | 5.00 |
| Frank Collier, 1 lot 1930 tax | .55 |
| A. R. Creech, Adm. J. A. Pittman, 1 lot 1930 tax | .96 |
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| Alex Creech, Adm. J. H. Creech, 1 lot 1930 tax | .40 |
| Mrs. Lettie Edgerton Wellons, 1 lot 1930 tax | .40 |
| R. L. Fitzgerald, 1 lot 1930 tax | 2.00 |
| E. W. Holland, 1 lot 1930 tax | .24 |
| Mrs. Jasper Pittman, 1 lot 1930 tax | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Heland Stancil, 1 lot 1930 tax | 1.80 |
| W. L. Stanfield, 1 lot 1930 tax | 4.40 |
| W. L. Wall, 1 lot 1930 tax | 7.10 |
| Herman Wellons, 1 lot 1930 tax | 4.86 |
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This the 10th day of February, 1932.

N. T. RYALS, Tax Collector
For the Town of Micro, N. C.

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