

Some Of The Reasons Why I Am An Anti-Smith Democrat

In the first place I endorse and approve the article of Eld. R. H. Pittman in this issue, and feel that all honest liberty-loving American citizens ought to give it serious consideration. And since Governor Alfred E. Smith has secured the Democratic Nomination, I feel that all true Democrats should consider well as to whether he represents true Democracy.

1. I did not appreciate the narrow and abusive speech of Mr. Bowers in the Houston Convention. Is everybody and everything in America wrong except Al Smith, Tammany Hall, and the New York World?

2. I am tired of hearing everyone who dare to read and think for themselves, and who oppose Al Smith and the Roman Catholic Church in their mad rush to seize the reins of this government, called bigots, lunatics, boobs, intolerants and other names used mainly in city slums.

3. The democratic party does not owe Mr. Smith and Tammany Hall anything. They and their followers did not give Governor Cox, the Democratic Candidate for President in 1920, nor John W. Davis, the Democratic Candidate for President in 1924, a single electoral vote.

4. It looks very much like Smith and his followers traded off Davis and Cox to promote their own designs in those years.

5. Smith, although several times elected Governor, has never carried his own state outside of the Side-walks of New York City.

6. I do not consider Smith and his Tammany followers real Democrats. They are wholly out of harmony with the Democracy of Virginia and practically all of the Southern States on the question of prohibition.

7. In accepting the nomination by wire, he virtually repudiated the action of the convention when it refused to put a wet plank in the platform, but did put in a strict enforcement plank, he brazenly declared his intention of using the influence of his high position as President to secure radical changes in the Prohibition Law, thus annulling and repudiating the position taken by the Convention, after it had given him the nomination.

8. His first act as leader of the Democracy of this nation was the selecting of a big, rich, wet, Roman Catholic, Republican, as Chairman of the National Democratic Committee to manage his campaign for him. That act demonstrates conclusively that it is not genuine Democratic principles that have control of him, but that "Rum and Romanism" are the powers behind him, and are actuating him.

9. I have no objection to Smith on account of his affiliation with the Catholic Church if that Church were content to let State affairs, temporal affairs, secular affairs, and politics alone, and confine its activities to spiritual or religious affairs alone. But that they have never done in any part of the world where they had the power; and they boast that they have not changed in a thousand years. And even though they make

fair promises now, and protest their good intentions, and innocence, and their allegiance to American Institutions and Ideals, their acts in all the past years, the martyrs that they have been responsible for, the blood they have caused to be shed, and their schemes for political advantage, even to the appointment of J. J. Rascob, the Republican Catholic, as Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, all speak so loud, with such thunder tones, that I cannot hear their words. Their words are completely overshadowed by the overwhelming proof of their attitude furnished by their history. Acts speak louder than words.

For the forgoing reasons, and many others that might be assigned, I, who have been a Democrat all my life, shall vote against Alfred E. Smith for President. I shall do it as a Democrat, because he does not represent the Democratic Ideals that I have always advocated. I am fully convinced that he is under the control of the Pope of Rome, and the big wet interests of the world.

And thus believing, I put principle above party name and party expediency, and as an Anti-Smith Democrat, I shall not only refuse to vote for Smith, but shall vote for Herbert Hoover. If Smith and what he stands for is bad enough not to vote for, he and what he stands for is bad enough to vote against.

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SWAN QUARTER TOWNSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

To Be Held the Second Sunday in October

It has been announced that the next meeting of the Swan Quarter Township Sunday School Association would be held the first Sunday in October at Rose Bay Missionary Baptist Church. I have learned since that this conflicts with services at Soul's Church. We want the banner winners present. Therefore the time has been changed to the second Sunday in October at three o'clock. Trusting that this change will meet the approval of the entire association. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Let's all pull together and put the blue ribbon on the map on Hyde County at our next annual convention which will be held at Fairfield.—J. L. Tunnell.

Attending strictly to our own business, and not meddling or interfering with the affairs of others, will aid greatly in our progress.

To become an able man in any profession there are three things necessary—nature, study and practice.

Action repeated becomes habit.

No enrichment of life is possible without persistency. The quitter is a loser, first and last.