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The Case Against Doctor McDonald

SHALL AN ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN GOVERN NORTH CAROLINA ?

IS DR. McDONALD IN THE PAY OF THE DUPONT LIBERTY LEAGUE, OR IS HE FINANCED BY THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE—BOTH OF WHICH ANTI-NEW DEAL AGENCIES ARE WORKING BY INTRIGUE AND UNLIMITED MONEY TO UNDERMINE THE DEMOCRACY OF SOUTHERN STATES?

Newspapers Apologize For Circulating Falsehoods of Dr. McDonald

The Winston-Salem Journal, the Winston-Salem Evening Sentinel, and the Raleigh News-Observer on Saturday and Sunday came out with apologies and retractions for circulating the false statements and propaganda which Dr. McDonald has tried to put over the people of North Carolina.

These newspapers have been supporting Dr. McDonald for Governor. They now fully and completely acknowledge to the people of North Carolina that they have been innocently misled by his deception and untruths, and they make Full and Complete RETRACTION AND APOLOGY.

It is charged in North Carolina that Dr. McDonald voted the Republican ticket in Illinois before he came to North Carolina. If Dr. McDonald was a Republican in Illinois, he is probably still a Republican, and this would explain his attacks on the Democratic party of North Carolina, which he seeks to discredit and destroy by his charges of incompetence and corruption.

It is charged and PROVED that Dr. McDonald lived in North Carolina eight years before he registered or voted the Democratic ticket. He gives in his age at 33.

It is charged and PROVED that Dr. McDonald was never interested in the government of North Carolina until he decided to be Governor of North Carolina, and that he has never made a Democratic speech in his life.

It is charged—and not denied by Dr. McDonald—that he is not interested in white supremacy in the South and it is PROVED that he tried to get negroes on the registration books in Winston-Salem, N. C.

His Policy Of Deception

It is charged and PROVED that Dr. McDonald practiced a policy of deception in his campaign for Governor by trying to inflame the ignorant voters against wealthy men. Note his statement made about Bowman Gray's estate, which he KNEW to be untrue, and when caught in his misstatement promised to "explain," but NEVER DID. Note his statements that corporations in North Carolina were not taxed as high as other States when he knew the truth to be that corporations are taxed higher in North Carolina than any other State, but one. Etc., etc.

Author Of Tax On Bread and Meat

It is charged and PROVED that while campaigning for Governor, and trying to incense

the people in regard to the sales tax, that he HAD VOTED HIMSELF for a sales tax on bread and meat, and other necessities of life. (See his record in the 1934 legislature, House Journal 1935, page 788.)

His "Occupational Tax" A Vicious Thing

It is charged and PROVED that Dr. McDonald tried to enact an "occupational" tax on farmers, by making the farmer pay a tax of \$5.00 on every \$1,000 of products sold from his farm, of \$10.00 on every \$2,000, etc., and also that he tried to pass a law laying a tax on every man and woman who earned as much as \$83.33 a month.

His Perilous Program

It is charged and PROVED that the program as outlined by Dr. McDonald, would mean wrecking the school and road systems of the State by creating a deficit in the State's revenues of more than \$17,000,000.

McDonaldism Dangerous To Business

Every intelligent and thoughtful citizen is friendly to industry and big business, while desiring that they should bear a just share of the burden of taxation. McDonaldism is dangerous to industry and big business, as he has pledged himself to his supporters to "go after" the industries and to bleed them to the satisfaction of the mob. Concerns with capital to invest would steer shy of North Carolina with a McDonald at Raleigh, while many of the prosperous corporations who are now bearing the brunt of heavy taxation would be forced to either tremendously curtail their investments and operations in the State, or else remove to more favorable locations. Thus thousands of men and women would lose their jobs to join the great armies of unemployed. McDonald would be responsible to none but his co-irresponsibles.

McDonaldism Would Cripple the Schools and Disrupt the Road System

The schools would be seriously crippled, while our fine road system would be disrupted with McDonald at the helm. The cost of his wild and impracticable EXPERIMENT would be a tragedy for the State's magnificent institutions, built up by the Democratic party during half a century.

McDonaldism Would Be A Tragedy For The Farmers

The final result of all wild and mistaken tax schemes, is always that the penalty is paid in the last analysis by the farmer. His prosperity is the basis of all wealth. His property must pay for the mistakes of those who fail in their fiscal experiments.

A \$17,000,000 deficit in North Carolina could only be paid by the sacrifice of the farmer's land.

Where McDonald Got Off The Train

It was left for the great State Democratic convention at Raleigh on June 12, 1936, to overwhelmingly REPUDIATE AND REJECT McDonaldism, when the convention's nearly 4,000 delegates unanimously endorsed President

Roosevelt and the North Carolina Democratic administration. The Convention, with not a dissenting vote, endorsed and approved the position taken by Clyde R. Hoey and Sandy Graham on the sales tax, that it is an emergency burden that cannot be thrown off at once without seriously crippling the schools or imposing an ad valorem tax back on land and real estate. However, the convention went on record for the immediate repeal of the sales tax on the necessities of life. As Dr. McDonald sat in the Forsyth delegation, and did not say nay, it is presumed that he acceded to the convention's wishes, even though he himself had voted to fix a burdensome tax on the necessities of life. (See House Journal page, etc.)

As the great gathering of Democrats, 75 per cent. of whom wore Hoey badges on their lapels, voted their confidence in the Democratic government of the State, many persons wondered which leg its enemy No. 1 (the Illinois tax-doctor), would try to stand on for the next primary.

As July 4 approaches, every true Democratic voter of North Carolina should be ready to go to the polls and re-dedicate our great State to those sacred ideals of PATRIOTISM, of TRUTH and JUSTICE and INTEGRITY which have made the State great.

Undoctoring McDonald

It was probably slightly embarrassing to Dr. McDonald when the Raleigh convention gave its unequivocal endorsement to every Democratic State administration for 40 years, including the present one which he has so consistently lambasted, altho it carried the ship of State safely through the depression, even reducing the public debt 24 millions.

It must have been more embarrassing to the doughty Dr. to hear the great body of Democrats tear his pet issue to tatters when it went on record against the immediate repeal of the sales tax which has saved the schools while it held the tax off land and real estate.

But it must have been positively mortifying when the convention urged the immediate repeal of that clause of the sales tax which fixes a tax on the necessities of life, including the poor man's bread and meat. This was mortifying because he voted for it in the 1935 legislature. (See House Journal, page 788).

To add, presumably, to the professor's discomfiture, came speeches from Bailey and Morrison excoriating those who would try to ride into office by slandering and villifying their own party.

As the convention's sentiment was unanimous, not a dissenting voice being heard, it is of course taken for granted that the Dr. acceded to the action, and by his silence acknowledged the error he has been trying to perpetrate on North Carolina. His last legs were shot from under him, and perhaps this is why he didn't rise.

In the second campaign now proceeding the tax-philosopher with no issue except machine politics, goes about the State angrily making charges against Hoey's personal character. This type of campaign he disdained before June 6 and before the late convention. His pleasant smile and his imperturbable temper have given place to expletives.

"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

VOTE FOR CYLDE R. HOEY JULY 4 AND SAVE THE STATE.