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For the Senate—We Stick to Bob Reynolds

FOR many years North Carolina has adhered to the custom of electing one senator from the east and one from the west. That division of the state has been an unwritten law since the time of Zebulon Vance.

Today an attempt is being made to do away with that custom, and the decision rests largely with the voters of Western North Carolina.

Against the life and record of Congressman Frank Hancock there can be no criticism. But there are charges—which so far have not been disproved—that he is lined up with certain special interests which have for many years been able to elect all of the higher state officials and to control their policies. It is considered high treason in some circles to mention the sinister connections of these impeccable gentlemen with the state's economic royalists, but the fact of the connection remains.

Congressman Hancock in his campaign statements has confined himself almost entirely to criticisms of Senator Reynolds, and has so far offered nothing in the way of a constructive program.

Senator Bob Reynolds has no line-up with the special interests and they hate him like poison. As an illustration, a veteran North Carolina newspaper man with a national reputation, who has a personal acquaintance with most of the leading men in our national life, who is hard-boiled and has no heroes and no illusions, was asked as to why these special interests had made no attempt to make a deal with Senator Reynolds. His reply was illuminating:

"They are afraid to approach Bob Reynolds. He represents the people, and would tell the people all about it."

Senator Reynolds has stood with the administration on practically every measure proposed, and he has boldly championed the rights of the American working man against the aliens who enter the country illegally and immediately get on the relief rolls or get the best of the WPA jobs.

Senator Reynolds never loses an opportunity to boost Western North Carolina. He is proud of his home and his home people in the mountains and tells the world about it whenever he gets the chance. His office receives more visitors and more mail than the office of any other senator, and every letter is answered, whether it is from a tiny school child or an industrial magnate.

There may be some criticism as to "Our Bob's" stand on some questions, but we have to hand it to him when it comes to sticking to home folks through thick and thin.

Senator Reynolds has also acquired a broad understanding of international affairs by personal contact with people in many lands during his travels around the world, and is considered one of the best posted men in the senate on foreign affairs.

He is equipped to render even better service during another term than he has in the past.

Communists, Fascists and Nazis

Editor Franklin Press:

I might be mistaken. If I am not, there is a large per cent of the people who read The Franklin Press who need to have and would like to have explained to them the origin and the fundamental policies and teachings and rules of Communism and Fascism and Nazism and wherein each differ from the other and from Democracy.

Will some one who is informed on these issues, please volunteer to write an article in The Franklin Press explaining these.

Thanking some one in advance, I am

Very truly,

J. L. YOUNG.

To answer in full the questions asked by our friend, Mr. Young, would require more space than is ever available in a weekly newspaper, but here

King Zog of Albania and His New Queen



King Zog of Albania and his queen, the twenty-two-year-old Countess Geraldine Apponyi of Hungary, after their recent wedding at a civil ceremony in the great hall of the royal palace. The wedding was one of the most brilliant functions in recent European history.

are a few paragraphs which may help in some measure:

Communism as a governmental system has been advocated for many years by thinkers in various countries, but was never tried on a great scale until the establishment of the present Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Russia.

Communism in theory is a very beautiful system, as expounded by Karl Marx and later by Lenin. It does away with private ownership of property, and is supposed to abolish both wealth and poverty, with each citizen working for the common good and each sharing according to his need in the products of agriculture and industry.

But in actual practice the theory fails to work. The necessity for strong measures to control production and distribution, to keep order and to provide for the protection of the country, resulted in Russia in a dictatorship which is worse than the tyranny of the former autocratic rulers. The press is rigidly controlled by the government, no political parties are allowed, and criticism of the government, even in private conversation, is punished by imprisonment or death. Religion is ridiculed and discouraged, and forced labor is used on public works.

Private ownership in a small way is now allowed in Russia and some of the churches, which have not been taken over for government use, are allowed to remain open.

The Fascist and Nazi systems are similar in many respects.

Fascism takes its name from the "Fasces," a bundle of rods enclosing an axe, which was borne before the ancient Roman magistrates as a symbol of power.

The word "Nazi" is a short term for the National Socialist German Labor Party, which was founded by Adolf Hitler in Munich, Germany, in 1920. The basic idea was to get rid of all Jews, but it has since taken in many other things.

The Fascist and Nazi governments are called totalitarian states, the idea being that the state is supreme, and the citizen is the servant of the government. This is in direct contrast to the democracies where the government is the servant of the citizen.

Private ownership of property is allowed by the Fascist and Nazi governments, but all industry is strictly controlled. No freedom of speech or the press is allowed and political parties are forbidden. Labor unions have been abolished, and labor is subject to regulation and control by government agents.

The Fascist and Nazi states are more efficiently administered than Russia, but they are all alike in one particular—there is no such thing as political or religious freedom for the citizen.

And yet there are some labor agitators who desire to establish a communistic government in this country, and some wealthy corporation heads and a group of so-called intellectuals who desire to make this a Fascist state.

We are not likely to try either system so long as we have a free ballot, and we will have a free ballot so long as the land is ruled by the native-born, and so long as we do not depart from the fundamental principles which have been handed down to us from the founding fathers as a priceless heritage.—P.F.C.

Social Work Supervisor Locates In Franklin

George M. Johnson, recently appointed area supervisor of WPA social work for Clay, Jackson, Macon and Transylvania counties, has arrived to take up his duties and will make his headquarters in Franklin.

Good Meeting Closes At Louisa Chapel

The series of meetings which have been in progress since May 1 at Louisa Chapel closed last Friday night, May 13. There were 20 conversions, four reclamations and 13 additions to the membership of the church.

Rev. J. F. Wright, of Marion, was the evangelist in charge of the services.

Girl Scouts Go On Picnic and Hike

The Girl Scouts, at their regular meeting Friday, discussed plans for a week-end camping trip. Names were taken of those who could go.

The Bob White patrol went on a picnic and hike last Thursday. They first went to the Waldroop frog farm where Mr. John Waldroop gave them some interesting, authentic information on frog raising. They then went on a hike on the Fred Moore farm where they went up Gibson creek and collected about 25 species of wildflowers. The girls had their picnic on the farm.

My! those sandwiches, weinies, ham and milk did disappear. The girls asked Mrs. Gordon Moore and Mrs. Page to be chaperones and, as all the girls were present, it was a grand success.

Reporter.

Correction

In the article in last week's issue concerning blister rust control, the office location was given as Citizens Bank building, Asheville. It should have read, McCoy building, Franklin.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their many deeds of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown us during the recent illness and death of our husband and father. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

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