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AMERICA'S SAFETY LIES IN REPUDIATION OF MEN WITHOUT PARTY PRINCIPLES

THE MAN who professes political independence of any and all men, who cannot find political breathing space in anyone of the existing political parties in America, is in a bad way. His political and patriotic proclamations are necessarily lacking that sincerity which creates faith in man and faith in principles. The road to government in America lies through the political party. The party disciplines the individual and the individual disciplines the party. In this way the balance between the citizen and his party becomes adjustable and the party, while specific in principle, gives ample room for minority as well as majority expression. The disgruntled partisan who instead of changing his party affiliation sets to work to undermine his party from within, can lay little claim to that saving grace in manhood and citizenship we call honor and integrity. A prominent national figure in America who owes his exalted position to a major political party, is today, while nominally a member, engaged in the business of destroying the party that made him. Backed by a vari-colored army of discontent, this champion of new and untried doctrines is in the race to capture the presidency of America. A congressman from this state who only recently, through the aid of a major party, gained a seat in that high council is today proclaiming a new independence which leaves him, if re-elected, free to sail the uncharted seas of the political freebooters who owe allegiance to no party and who trade in prejudices and all popular forms of credulity.

Citizens who believe that the incentive to America's advancement is to be found in the freedom and unhampered progress of private initative should carefully note that the spirit of this new independence that is threatening political party government in America is drifting towards government ownership and to the eventual Utopia—The Communistic State.

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