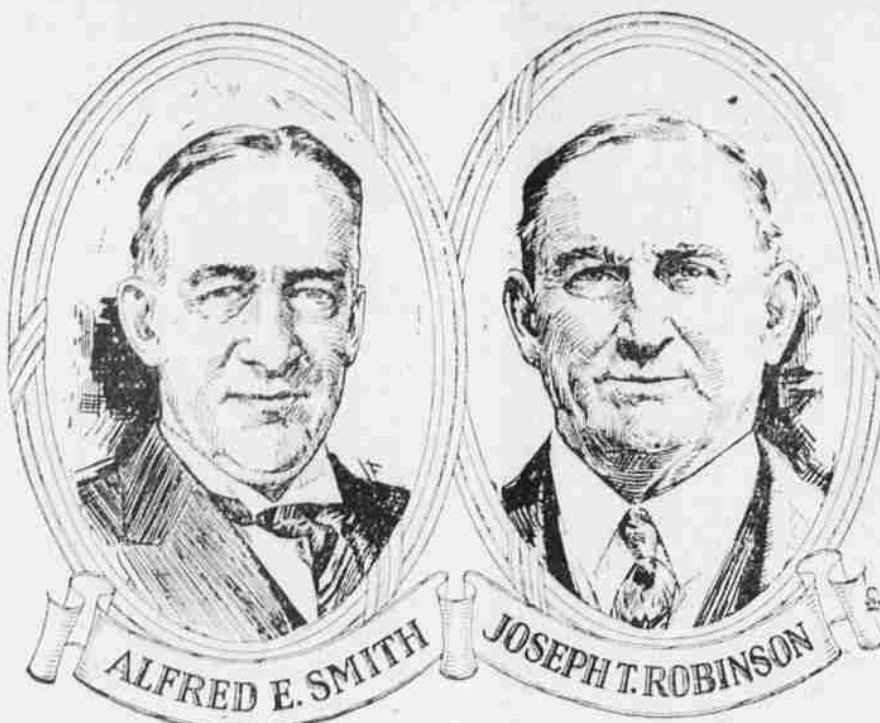




AMERICA NEEDS NEW LEADERSHIP!

"I Am Supporting Smith--"

(From a Statement by Owen D. Young, Chairman of the General Electric Co., in the New York Times)

I am supporting Governor Smith because he is a Democrat and a liberal in the truest sense. He believes in the intelligence and the honesty of the masses of the people so much so, indeed, that they are always his court of last resort, not only when an election is on and he is a candidate for office, but every time a great issue arises he naturally goes to the people themselves for guidance and support. He never appeals to their passions or unworthy ambitions. He goes straight to their head and heart. He is one of the few great leaders of masses in all history who does not stoop to the tactics of the demagogue. He has the capacity to make them understand and to move them to action without unfair appeal. No political leader in the world today so far as I know—and I know most of them—has such capacity for mass leadership as he.

I am supporting Governor Smith because I think it would be helpful to put the liberal party in power. Perhaps it was just as well, with the restlessness succeeding the war and during the cleaning up period, that we had a conservative administration. We were taking stock of our situation, re-organizing our inventories and accounts, and generally speaking, getting squared away for a new constructive period. A conservative party must naturally be a party with a liberal reaction. Now I think it is time of reaction in our fabric. Presently it is my belief the initiative of liberalism. Let even the poorest man really feel the responsibility to his own. The conservative party cannot help being the party of the people who have. It cannot help, for the same reason, being somewhat isolated from the people who have less—I am indeed happy to say that in this country the numbers who have are not very negligible.

Our Position in the World. Our position in the world will be aided by the election of a liberal party now. Since the war international progress has been largely made by liberal parties. No other nation could have been made had the Nationalists been in power in Germany. Little would have been made had not Herbert Hoover's Government determined and cooperative resistance. A liberal Government in England was most helpful at a critical time. There is less suspicion and more sympathy between the peoples of the world than between the conservative ones. Confidence and sympathy is the attitude of liberals. Change of unselfish action makes them the fear of selfish interests is essential to a liberal party. As to international relations I am not concerned with what Mr. Hoover knows about them as when Governor Smith does not know—I am only interested in what one of the other side does, and I am confident that he can do more who has the most sincere and whole-hearted liberal support.

I am supporting Governor Smith because I believe in the intelligence and his capacity to lead the masses of the people on an equal basis with the intelligentsia. I am tired of hearing of being ruled as though the masses of this country, whom all the people follow, are the kind of men who must be ruled by their hands because

thus in the shape of Government does. They ask for equality of economic opportunity, and they are entitled to it. Not only must they be given it politically because it is right, but they must be given it from an economic standpoint if the prosperity of this country is to continue. Don't let us be misled by the talk of unusual economies every time we consider a remedy for the farmer. If 20 per cent of our people, the backbone of the country in intelligence and character, are impoverished while the rest is prosperous, we have unbalanced economics already.

Perhaps we had better adventure in a cure. The Dawes Committee was told by most of the economists of the world that the Dawes plan was unworkable and would not work, but the adventure which we took in the forward step was much less risky than letting the world stay where it was. And we on this farm problem I say with assurance that we must affirmatively move, because staying where we are spells disaster. I believe in Governor Smith's capacity to lead the American people to action. To criticize him for not saying precisely what machinery he will use, the principle having been accepted, is as futile as it would have been to criticize General Dawes when he called for Europe for not having a detailed program in his pocket. We can be sure that no more sound or soundly critical judgment could be based on a plan of farm equality than that of Governor Smith.

Prohibition and Self-Discipline

I am not supporting Governor Smith because of his position on prohibition. As a liberal I regard the whole theory of the "constitution" as antiquated and the "prohibition" and unreasonableness of the Volstead law, but on the other hand I for one do not propose to take any chances on liquor which obtaining the upper hand in this country. I wish a sane law, wisely administered, and one capable of being honestly administered. I would like to see the hypocrisy which now exists in our legislature and our homes wiped out, but I want to be very patient with this effort of a great democracy in self-discipline. One does not have to be a fanatic to be dry, and anyone who destroys the unreasoning and fanatical leadership for a dry America will some day wake up to find in the reaction a very wet America. As a friend of temperance I am prepared to support Governor Smith and in so doing I do not propose to be closed in a web of hypocrisy because of such support.

And so, all in all, with the greatest confidence in both the candidates, with supreme belief in the wisdom of economic people concerning their judgment and their interests, I look forward without apprehension to the outcome of the election. I am not a believer that honesty, integrity and common sense will ultimately play any great part when men and women decide their ballots. We need not so much the initiative of a man as we need the initiative of the people, and that means leadership. And as I shall vote for Governor Smith as the man with the greatest demonstrated capacity for political leadership of any I have ever known.

Courageous! Capable! Constructive!

The accompanying statement by Owen D. Young, Chairman of the General Electric Company and co-author of the Dawes Plan, deserves the attention of every voter who seeks to cast his vote for president November 6th in the way best designed to promote greater progress and welfare of the world's greatest nation.

Owen Young is the head of one of the world's greatest corporations. He is intimately acquainted with the past and present tendencies in industry and business. He is a financier of international repute. The very fact that he supports Governor Smith is a tremendous argument for the assurance of greater prosperity with a democratic victory.

Governor Smith's unquestioned courage, his recognized success as chief executive of the greatest state in the nation for six terms, his human qualities of understanding and sympathy, his known capacity for attacking a problem and getting it solved quickly, and his remarkable power of leadership in every liberal movement commend him to the thinking voter—the voter who wants action instead of promises, who wants results instead of political juggling.

Vote For **SMITH** Nov. 6th.

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