

EDITORIAL

RENEGADES TO THE HIGHEST IDEALS

"HE IS A RENEGADE to the highest ideals we have."

So spoke Chaplain John W. Beard at the Public Reception to naturalized citizens of 1926, held at the Portland Auditorium on the evening of Washington's birthday, in referring to those American citizens who organize and trade the nationality strength as political voting units in American elections.

Whether Chaplain Beard had the group of hyphenated American-Scandinavians in mind who carried out a similar scheme in Portland during the last primary and general elections in Oregon, we do not know, but when he said "Scandinavians or any other group" in connection with his statement of denunciation, the inference was plain enough.

Whether he spoke specifically of those who attempted, and, to all intents and purposes, did deliver the "Scandinavian" vote in those stated elections in Oregon, or spoke generally of those who had committed such acts anywhere in America, is immaterial, for the perpetrators are all very much of the same treasonable gender — a gentry who have no scruples in the matter of trading principles for paltry reward, reward that is measured in patronage and gold.

Renegades! Webster defines them as "turncoats, traitors, deserters of or from a cause, principle, party or allegiance to another, especially a hostile one."

Renegades! Could anyone think of a better and more suitable title for citizens who are guilty of such an offense?

Renegades! It is the very definition of those who are so void of anything American in their make-up that they are not alone proud of their ability to put such a scheme over, boastfully acclaiming it as an achievement, but who are ever ready to use it as a leverage for business patronage, in the belief that it creates prestige in the minds of most people.

Renegades! It typifies precisely the men who attempt to cover up their own civic delinquency by the broad innuendo that the "biggest and most influential" citizens don't care a rap so long as you "deliver the goods," and who are rather promiscuous in their intimations that the influential citizens will always "play ball" with the fellow who can "swing" the nationality vote, or at least a goodly portion of it.

Renegades! A most suitable cognomen for those to bear who put the poison sting of political distrust of all Americans in suavely styled appeals for nationality solidarity, sending these appeals as eleventh-hour first class mail messengers to their nationals, to create the impression that an emergency exists.

Renegades! What a perfectly justifiable denominator! How well it characterizes those who play the magic strain of "the old song:" "Let us stick together and vote for our own nationality boys and for those who have promised us recognition when we need them."

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plan and execute ingenious schemes to create enough suspicion and distrust in the hearts and minds of those who, socially and politically, are living more or less on the borderline between their old allegiance and the new, to make them amenable to almost any kind of leadership through which the idea is advanced that nationality solidarity is the only means to political recognition of the foreign born citizen.

Renegades, or not, the men who attached their signatures and names to letters containing political deception and fraud, causing them to be circularized among American citizens of their nationality in Multnomah County, just prior to the primary and general election days of 1926, have in a measure gained their ends, for there are those among them who have already commenced to "cash in" in patronage and political recognition, rewards readily granted by those who possess neither civic nor political principles.

Renegades! The appellation contains charges which cannot be dismissed until the citizens of Scandinavian birth and extraction take steps to repudiate those who perpetrated the hoax referred to and committed a fine type of immigrant people to the ignominy of civic contempt.

The Americans in business and political life who recognize hyphenated citizens of a type that may be publicly branded as "renegades to the highest ideals" which we share in common as Americans, cannot hope to escape eventual penalization for connivance, unless they openly evince a resentment tantamount to repudiation of the guilty individuals and discontinue fraternizing with them in business and in party councils.

It is time for the honorable citizens of foreign birth to act in common for the protection of their most priceless possession in America—the honor of their citizenship, lest they shall share in the public resentment that is growing in volume against those who barter civic virtues for gain and stand branded as — **Renegades!**

MASS FORMATION AGAINST INTOLERANCE

FIVE THOUSAND delegates will present credentials to the next general meeting of The World Federation of Education Associations when that body convenes for its third session in Toronto, Canada, the week of August 7th to 13th.

The paramount issue for this meeting is to be a further discussion of the Herman-Jordan plan for the purpose of arranging a definite program of **what may be done through education to allay national jealousies and racial and religious hatreds.**

When those who style themselves our friends hide us for our persistence in preaching the gospel of tolerance, and insist that it is not conducive to obtaining the commercial patronage, in this section of the country, which they otherwise think this publication deserves for its consistent and wholesome Americanization work, then, at times, we feel weary and inclined to assume a less belligerent attitude towards intolerance, when those who keep it alive are so considerate and solicitous for our well-being.

Yet, when we observe that the next meeting of five thousand delegates to The World Federation of