

The "Yes Man" Charge

Is Lyndon Johnson a "yes man"?

Here is what he himself says:

"I make no apology for my long and continuing support of the greatest humanitarian president America has ever had.

"I make no apologies because I say, 'Yes, Mr. President, we're going to follow your leadership to end the reign of Hitlerism in the world, and to keep it away from our shores, by giving England all the aid we can—and getting that to her.'

"I say, 'Yes, Mr. President, we're going to give our boys in our American camps the guns and ammunition and machines they need to defend themselves with, and to train to be the best soldiers in the world.'

"I say, 'Yes, Mr. President, we're going to stand up to capital and labor, and say: "Our boys are drafted and you are drafted, too. No lockouts in this national emergency. No strikes in the days and nights of our peril."'

"I say, 'Yes, Mr. President, I'm going to work with you to save our American way of life.'"

His opponents will have to go farther than the "yes man" charge to harm him with the people of Texas.

It is hard to find a better argument than the candidate's own words to support his position.

He does not belong with that group that is willing to take credit for being supporters of the president but is skeptical about what the president does; that group which is willing to collect on the fine loyalty which Texans have to the president, but is not willing to commit itself to the course in this crisis recommended by the president.

Mr. Johnson has cast his lot with President Roosevelt, and asserts it on all occasions, for which The Chronicle commends him.

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