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Mr. A. G. Carter, Publisher,
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Dear Sir:

I read recently in one of the Los Angeles papers some account of a controversy between you and the present Secretary of the Interior.

It seems that that political renegade was attempting to read you a lecture on party loyalty. Now can there be anything more ridiculous than for a New Dealer to deliver a lecture to a real Democrat-- a Southern Democrat--on the subject of party loyalty?

The New Dealers have been, and still are, the most disloyal people the Democratic Party ever had within its folds. Indeed, they have never been truly in the Democratic Party. They have made a brazen use of the Democratic label to obtain office for themselves. They have rejected in their practices nearly all the principles of the Democratic Party. The principles which they have put into practice, have been the exact opposite of those enunciated by Jefferson, and by successive Democratic conventions. Instead of believing as Jefferson did in the least government and the least taxation possible, they apparently believe in the most government and the most taxation possible.

The New Dealers are in no sense Democrats. They are ultra-Republicans. Until recently the principal difference between Democrats and Republicans was that the Democrats believed in local self government, whereas Republicans believed in concentration of more authority in the National government; but in their palmyest days the Republicans never dreamed of any such concentration of authority as the New Dealers have effected.

The chief New Dealer has himself said that he was not a Democrat-- that at a time when he was angling for Republican and Communist votes. He has proved in numerous ways that he is not a Democrat. He has tried to oust from their positions some of the leading Democratic Senators from the South. He has helped to sustain in office such Republican Senators as LaFollette, Norris and Johnston. He has put into the cabinet a Republican renegade like the present Secretary of the Interior, and allowed him to manage the expenditure of large sums of the taxpayers' money. That position should have gone to some good and genuine Democrat-- preferably a Southern Democrat.

And now these two demagogues--one a Republican renegade who came into the Democratic Party just in time to get one of its most profitable offices, and the other a New Deal demagogue bent on his own selfish aggrandizement, have the gall to talk of party loyalty!

You might write some scathing editorials on that theme.

Very truly yours,

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