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No Room For Democracy!

In his speech of December 8, Generalissimo Franco stated that the post-war world must be either a Communist world or a Fascist world. The Liberal theory—and by Liberal he meant democratic, not socialistic — has dry rotted and is now making its last stand, according to the Spanish dictator.

The principal weakness of Senor Franco's argument lies in the fact that, having never lived in what we call a "free world", he has no knowledge of what real freedom means. His conception is a world managed by an individual or by a minority party, supposedly for the benefit of the majority. Not a bad idea if the individual, or the party, was sent down by Heaven and classified "perfect" by St. Peter. It would relieve us of a lot of tiring activity in the way of elections—and where those are not allowed—revolutions.

But unfortunately the man of today who works himself to the top of the heap, is only a human being. There is nothing divine about him. He may have more energy and be a little smarter than the average run—but he is no superman. Super men just don't exist today—except in the funnies—nor have they ever existed; and this fact has made necessary the creation of a system, called Democracy, in which the majority of the people whose welfare is at stake, have the final say. This majority elects a "ruler" to manage their affairs. If this "ruler" satisfies them, they re-elect him. If he displeases them, they employ someone else.

Under any system of governmen yet devised by mortal man, abuses will occur. Gangsters from all walks of life will take advantage of the weaknesses of others and throw monkey wrenches in the otherwise well oiled social machinery. But over here, when our elected "rulers" are unwilling or unable to rid us of these gangsters, we elect someone who will do so.

What happens in those "Gardens of Eden" of which we have many—much too many — exponents in our country? Those systems have these same abuses. Their people are humans just like us. They have their bureaucratic sponges also; their economic royalists and their labor oppressors. Their politicians grab control and keep it; and if members of their majorities dare to object publicly, they are "put away." Their recourse is not the ballot box—it is only bloody revolution.

It is these "wonderful" systems which now maintain in Spain, Germany, Italy and Russia and the only reason on earth why anyone who has lived in our usually happy country advocates Socialism (Fascism) or Communism, is because he expects to be "on top" if and when his party should get control of our government. These "advocates" wouldn't — and they don't—live under those systems.

Yes, Brother Franco—the world is marching toward a new order; toward freedom for ALL people, not just those of the present democracies. One hundred and fifty years ago there was no freedom. The whole world was controlled by kings, dictators or tiny minorities. Today half the world is free—or will be when we drive the Axis out of the conquered countries — and when this war is over there will be other countries which will join the arnks of the free nations. It is autocracy which is making its last stand, Brother Franco — not the freedom which we call democracy and which will some day cover the earth.

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One Way To Start

In 1932 a young man in Texas had a college degree and no job. Depression was howling over the country like a blizzard over the plains of North Dakota.

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The editor looked at him with interest. Why, the young fellow did mean business! But to make it too easy would be no test, so he said: "I haven't any assignments. If you want to show what you can do, you'll have to dig up your own stories."

H. B. Fox put on his hat and walked out. He didn't get a story that day; but the next morning he was back, and he started all over again.

One day the editor gave him an assignment—his first. Fox hopped out on the story; covered it.

Three months and three days after he began owrking for nothing, the editor put him on the payroll. Two months later the society editor left. Fox was offered the job. A male reporter running the society department! The editor expected Fox to turn it down. He took it.

A year later he was offered the job of city editor, but he had decided to go into business for himself. He heard of a country weekly that wa sfor sale, mostly on credit. He borrowed $500 and bought the Madisonville Meteor, in Madisonville, Texas.

He worked hard, and the paper began to make money. In the mean time his work was attracting attention. Then there was a contest held by the Country Home Magazine, New York, and H. B. Fox was chosen as the best country editor in the country. He was taken to New York and entertained for a week. He was banqueted, introduced to celebrities, and given the biggest week of his life. When he left a check was put into his hand for $500—the price he had paid for his paper.

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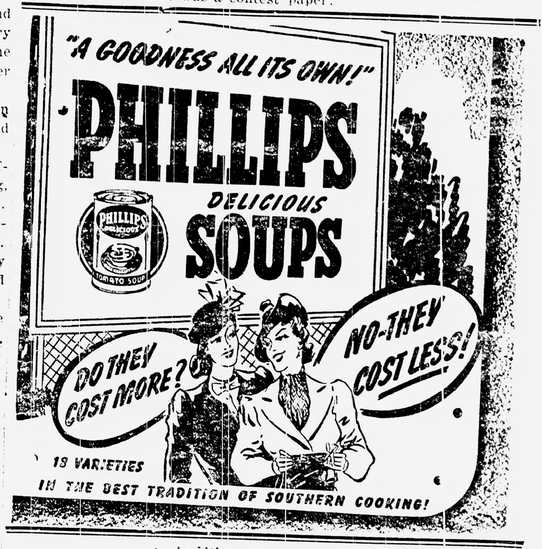

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