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Liberals' Unite for '48 at $10 Per Plate

By DR. RUTH ALEXANDER

At the witching hour of 7 on Wednesday evening, Nov. 12, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore in New York City, the Americans for Democratic Action are staging a "Rally for Liberals" at ten dollars per plate.

Naturally, ten dollars is too much for a plate dinner, so some classy speeches will be thrown in for good measure. They will be by the Right Hon. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Hon. Benjamin Cohen, the Hon. Chester Bowles, etc., and more of same.

Curiously enough, the chairman of the affair is Junior—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., that is.

Still more curiously, the title of the dinner—yes, gentle reader, this dinner has a title as well as victuals—is UNITE FOR '48!

Dr. Alexander

Americans for Democratic Action first came to my attention through an article in The New York Times Magazine of July 27, although they were organized last January. The author of this 10-point creed for Liberals (and the chairman of Americans for Democratic Action) was Mr. Wilson W. Wyatt, national housing administrator under Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sr.

Mr. Wyatt explained, in a lengthy article, planks for a platform on which, he believes, Liberals in our times must stand. (He might better have got together some planks for houses in which veterans of our time could live!)

Be that as it may, Mr. Wyatt proclaims the creed of "Americans for Democratic Action" to lie in "accepting the premise that government must assume responsibility for regulating wide areas of our economic life."

That, my friends, is Socialism.

Some folks call it a planned economy and, sure enough, Mr. Wyatt is in favor of planning. Where has he been all his life that he doesn't know that "the USSR offers the one and only example of really comprehensive planning in time of peace the world has ever seen." Surely Americans for Democratic Action do not want a society here which resembles even remotely the society of Communist Russia. Or do they?

And another thing, how come they throw mud at Congress—the greatest instrument for genuine constitutional democratic action in America? Take a gander at plank No. 8 in Chairman Wyatt's creed for Liberals—

"The reckless and indiscriminate assaults committed by the House un-American Activities Committee have created resentment and martyrdom...The loose standards and inadequate safeguards set forth in the 'loyalty order' for Government employes and the Rees Bill represent an ominous retreat."

Now, Mr. Wyatt, do you think that's nice to accuse your Congress of "reckless and indiscriminate assaults?" Against whom? "Inadequate safeguards." For whom? "Ominous retreat." From what?

Tell us more, because the more I think of it the more I wish you all had upped the price per plate to include a tourist ticket to the planned paradise on the Volga.

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