

## Once Upon a Time in America . . .

When we United States citizens recite the Pledge of Allegiance, do we really know what we are pledging ourselves to?

You might think twice when you consider who authored The Pledge.

The following information is excerpted from the work of Tampa lawyer Rex Curry, a devout anti-Socialist.

Curry appeared on The Grassy Knoll radio show in April 2004. You can listen to that show in Curry's archives: <http://rexcurry.net/rexcurry2.mp3>.

Curry is also scheduled to return to The Grassy Knoll on September 16 at 11 pm. ET. Now back to The Pledge.

Who wrote it?

It wasn't any of the founding fathers.

It wasn't any great champion of the Constitution.

It wasn't any lover of representative government.

No, the person who wrote it was a flaming socialist.

That socialist is Francis Bellamy (1855-1931), cousin of Edward Bellamy (1850-1898), who wrote the socialist-tinged book *Looking Backward*.

Francis penned The Pledge in 1892.

Curry wrote: "Bellamy was also a self-proclaimed national socialist and a member of the "Nationalism" movement and a vice president of its socialist auxiliary group, whose members wanted the federal government to nationalize the American economy. . . . Bellamy saw government schools as a means to create an 'industrial army' (a Bellamy term) for his socialist 'Nationalism.'"

Here I would note that education for the purpose of raising "industrial armies" was first mentioned in the *Manifesto of the Communist Party* allegedly written by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels in 1848.

Last week's column revealed that a free education for the purpose of creating industrial armies was one of the 10 planks of the *Manifesto*.

Curry continues: "Bellamy espoused 'military socialism' as did his also-famous cousin and cohort Edward Bellamy, author of the international bestseller *Looking Backward* in 1888, translated into German, Russian, Chinese, etc.

"It is a wonder why anyone recites the Pledge of Allegiance. It is probably because of rampant ignorance about the Pledge's origin and history."

Add to these statements the reality that U.S. citizens actually saluted the flag in the manner as is pictured here. (See: <http://rexcurry.net/pledgesalute.html>) Is this a bit of an eye-opener as well?

But, no matter how shocking this all may seem, understand that The Pledge was drafted to show allegiance to The State over God, family and self. This concept would've been anathema to the founders of this country, who saw individualism and independence as the cornerstones of a strong republic.

Why in the world, then, did President Benjamin Harrison and Congress allow The Pledge to become adopted, knowing that a socialist wrote it?

Was government already bending to the power of the global elite, whose U.S. agents were—and still are—the Rockefellers, Carnegies, Morgans, Vanderbilts, et. al.?

You have to ask yourself why citizens of a free representative government would adopt a socialist mantra and a fascist salute?

To explore this issue further, go to <http://www.rexcurry.net>.

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