

# The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –Part III BASED ON THE OATHS DEMANDED BY LINCOLN REPUBLICANS

Part 3 of a 3 part commentary by Joan Hough



**Confederate prisoners of war, taking the loyalty oath, at Rock Island's military prison.**

Our Pledge of Allegiance with its “Democracy” and “Indivisible” lies was a pledge created by declared Socialist Francis Bellamy **and was based on those horrendous oaths forced on defeated Confederates during that over ten year period following the Southern Surrender at Appomattox.** Sometimes in that shameful period of American history, known as “Reconstruction,” the world acclaimed Confederate military leader, General Robert E. Lee told former Governor of Texas, Fletcher Stockdale, “Governor, if I had foreseen the use those people designed to make of their victory, there would have been no surrender at Appomattox Courthouse; no sir, not by me. Had I foreseen these results of subjugation, I would have preferred to die at Appomattox with my brave men, my sword in my right hand.”<sup>(DiLorenzo, Thomas J. The Real Lincoln. p. 201)</sup>

Lee, a moral man, would never have performed as did the Generals assigned to govern the Southern states, so he viewed their cruel actions with unmitigated horror and revulsion.

In the words found in the oaths the Republicans created and pushed on the South, can be found the total vengeful hatred they had for the Americans who had defied the unjust tariff laws of the Republican government. (Yes, Money is the root of all evil.) Unless a Southern male took the Republican oath, he was subjected to unbelievable punitive consequences; his family, also suffered intensely; yet the words of the oaths, prevented

almost all adult white Southern males from taking them. Reconstruction continued the aggression on the South in a manner which, even today, is still felt by descendants of long dead Confederates. It completed the economic destruction of the South and its people, and left its mark on today's Southern children (white and black) and most other Southerners (Foreign languages on voting ballots, guilt trips encouraged by University professors and school teachers, anti-South Supreme Court judges, and continued Southern poverty--all a result.)

Fearing world opinion, after their genocide inflicted on Southern women and children and old folks, the Republicans did not dare perform wholesale slaughtering of the surrendered people, and replace them completely with good Northeastern Republicans, as had been a desired aim, instead they chose to reduce all white Southerners to a state of enslavement while they, the conquerors, wallowed in the glory of total, absolute Republican power over people they, with overwhelming numbers, had vanquished with bullets and sabers—committing what they considered as “justified” genocide in order to do so. The conquerors began to delude themselves and their back home Republicans that their fight had been noble and just and there had never existed such a thing as States Rights and, never existed an American right of secession.—because (silly of sillies) the Union existed before the states!

Following are two of the oaths the Republicans so proudly used to complete their warfare on the white people of the South. Military dictators in ten Southern States saw fit to use these oaths in order to replace white Southerners in commerce, government, the schools, the law, and even the clergy—to replace all with good Republican carpet baggers or black men sworn to vote Republican.

The Ironclad Oath was administered during over ten years of Reconstruction by the Republican Military Dictators throughout the South and even after it was declared illegal by Congress. It required every white male to swear he had never borne arms against the Union or supported the Confederacy.

I, \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ parish/county of \_\_\_\_\_, and state of \_\_\_\_ do solemnly \_\_\_\_ that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought, not accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever, under any authority, or **PRETENDED GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY**, power or **CONSTITUTION**, within the United States hostile or inimical thereto.....

Another version of the Ironclad Oath was administered in my state of Louisiana.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear, (or affirm,) in the presence of Almighty God, that I am a citizen of the State of \_\_\_\_\_; that I have resided in said State for \_\_\_\_\_ months next preceding this day, and now reside in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, or the parish of \_\_\_\_\_, in said State, (as the case may be;\_) that I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old; that I have not been disfranchised for participation in any rebellion or civil war against the United States, nor for felony committed against the laws of any State or of the United States; that I have never been a member of any State legislature, nor held any executive or judicial office in any State and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; that I will faithfully support the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, encourage others so to do, so help me God.

### **The Missouri Loyalty Oath**

When the Missouri Court judges attempted to overthrow the Missouri Loyalty oath, they were removed from the Court. This law may have been the forerunner of the Loyalty oaths imposed in ten of the South's states. It was passed in Missouri in June 1862:

The Missouri State Convention established a loyalty oath in three forms—one for all voters, one for all candidates for civil offices and one for all jurymen, attorneys, corporate officials, the president, professors, and curators of the University of Missouri; all teachers and trustees of the state's common schools; and all clergymen. Failure to take the oath resulted in disfranchisement and/or removal from office in Missouri, but penalties were more severe in the states of the deep South.

“At any election held by the people under this Constitution, or in pursuance of any law of this State, or under any ordinance or by-law of any municipal corporation, no person shall be deemed a qualified voter, who has ever been in armed hostility to the United States, or to the lawful authorities thereof, or to the Government of this State; or has ever given aid, comfort, countenance, or support to persons engaged in any such hostility; or has ever, in any manner, adhered to the enemies, foreign or domestic, of the United States, either by contributing to them, or by unlawfully sending within their lines, money, goods, letters or information; or has ever disloyally held communication with such enemies; or has ever advised or aided any person to enter the service of such enemies; or has ever, by act or word, manifested his adherence to the cause of such enemies, or his desire for their triumph over the arms of the United States, or his sympathy with those engaged in exciting or carrying on rebellion against the United States; or has ever, except under overpowering compulsion, submitted to the authority, or been in the service, of the so-called "Confederate States of America"; or has left this State, and gone within the lines of the armies of the so-called "Confederate States of America," with the purpose of adhering to said States or armies; or has ever been a member of, or connected with, any order, society, or organization, inimical to the Government of the United States, . . . or has ever been engaged in guerrilla warfare against loyal inhabitants of the United States, or in that description of marauding commonly known as "bushwhacking;" or has ever knowingly and willingly harbored, aided, or countenanced, any person so engaged;. . . nor shall any such person be capable of holding, in this State, any office of honor, trust, or profit, under its authority; or of being an officer, councilman, director, trustee, or other manager of any corporation, public or private, now existing or hereafter established by its authority; or of acting as a professor or teacher in any educational institution, or in any common or other school; or of holding any real estate, or other property, in trust for the use of any church, religious society, or congregation. . . .” [www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov)

## **THE REPUBLICANS PREACHED SECESSION WAS TREASON**

Most Southerners in the 1800s were well aware that each Southern state had, as its right, the right to secede from the Union. It must have been a sickening experience, for the Southerners who agreed, in many instances because of their children's hunger, to recite the words of lie-filled oaths-- to recite words that were a perversion of the truth known to all persons able to understand the U.S. Constitution. (Understanding was not a difficult task because the Constitution had been written to be understood by ordinary Americans.) Southerners knew that some Southern states had even entered into the legal union with the rest of the states, while legally and fully preserving in black and white their right to secede. Southerners, also, had knowledge passed down in their families from their Revolutionary War grandfathers concerning the Treaty of Paris in which the King of England acknowledged the sovereignty of each separate state. (Surprising, isn't it that this truth has for so long been concealed from the American public.)

During Reconstruction, Confederates were denied the vote, and served the Union as tax-paying bond slaves unless they took the loyalty oath. Their states were denied representation in Congress, until an enormous portion of their population took the oaths. All white males were supposed to take the oath and punishment rendered in one way or another if they failed to do so. State governors were not allowed to take the oath and without trial and no warning, were sent to prison. Mayors suffered a similar fate. Persons who were thought to possess land worth 20,000 dollars were not allowed to take the oath. (Most were not allowed to keep that land for any length of time.)

Over ten years of Reconstruction produced a second Republican rape of the South involving theft of many, many thousands of acres of land from the true owners. By hook and, literally, by crook and humongous taxes, much of this land was acquired by the same large corporations which had put Lincoln and the Republican Party

into power. The Railroads became owners of huge sections of Southern land, but, oddly, railroads were seldom built. Folks grew richer, but they were not Southerners. Mining corporations and timber companies obtained large portions of the land forcibly taken from Southern owners. Taxes were made so high that the true owners lost their land and often Republican officials became the new owners. The South was crippled by an orgy of flagrant, scandalous, political corruption. Corporate “front men” bribed black legislators and white Carpet bagger ones, so carpet baggers acquired vast tracts of Southern land. Farms were lost to families forevermore. All across the South the misery of families losing their land and their livelihoods was compounded by hunger.

It was years later before all Southerners received amnesty and their Conquerors “forgave” them enough to let them vote and hold office. Even then their states were blackmailed, but that’s another story. By then, in the North, the lying cover-up of the atrocities of Lincoln’s troops and his puppet governments and his military’s Reconstruction efforts had been completed. Sherman, Grant, Sheridan and others had all morphed out of their true Mephistopheles’ personalities into Jesus’ new disciples, joining Abe Lincoln in Sainthood. (Recently Sherman was honored and his life celebrated in Lancaster Ohio in Sept. 2005. (Those who know not and know not they know not!))

The following two oaths were among the most objectionable ones, captive Southerners were forced to take in order, in many instances, to simply eat. (Note emphasis is this author’s.)

I, \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ parish/county of \_\_\_\_\_, and state of \_\_\_\_ do solemnly \_\_\_\_ that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought, not accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever, under any authority, or **PRETENDED GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY, power or CONSTITUTION, within the United States hostile or inimical thereto.....**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear, (or affirm,) in the presence of Almighty God, that I am a citizen of the State of \_\_\_\_\_; that I have resided in said State for \_\_\_\_ months next preceding this day, and now reside in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, or the parish of \_\_\_\_\_, in said State, (as the case may be; \_\_\_) that I am twenty-one years old; that I have not been disfranchised for participation in any rebellion or civil war against the United States, nor for felony committed against the laws of any State or of the United States; that I have never been a member of any State legislature, nor held any executive or judicial office in any State and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; that I will faithfully support the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, encourage others so to do, so help me God.

The Lincoln Republican Party with the United States Government, held tightly in its claws, inflicted a planned, deliberate, horrible and unjust injury to the people of the South. In the years past the 1860’s, each Congress, each President and each member of the Supreme Court have, acting in collusion, covered up the monstrous evils committed by the Lincoln Republicans. When Southern politicians finally appeared back on the nation’s scene, they were forced to kowtow to the status quo and in doing so, sold out the truth and left the South’s children (future voters) mired in lie-teaching schools.

It is past time that the United States government freely admits that injustices of monumental scope were done to the South. The US government should admit that the South was right, (just as Donald and Ronald Kennedy have stated in their book by that Title), that all states in the U.S., in fact, had the Constitutional, moral and legal right to secede from the Union and to form a separate government with its own Constitution.

Let our leaders in government admit that Lincoln deliberately had his troops burn the homes and destroy the food supplies of women and children in cities and on farms without men around, that he approved the mass kidnapping of women and children in Georgia, and that he planned to incite black Southerners to murder white Southerners and cause a race war. Let our leaders acknowledge that Lincoln was not for black equality, but

hoped to send all blacks back to Africa. Let the truth be revealed that the War of Northern Aggression was not a Southern Rebellion—not a Civil War--that the South did not rebel against the Republican government, it simply withdrew from it and then, invaded by it, the South, rightfully, defended itself.

And in the process of truth telling, the U.S. government should let it be announced throughout the land that our Pledge of Allegiance was written for an evil and illegal purpose by a man who despised our Republic. Dwight Eisenhower's addition of the two words--"Under God" -- to the pledge did challenge the original socialist-author's purpose a bit— (Francis Bellamy's socialism recognizes only an all powerful central government as worthy of worship, so the word "God" does water down the fiery ugliness of Francis Bellamy's creation.) But even with the modification, there is still great room for improvement. Unfortunately, we now have an entrenched habit of saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Even knowing that it was designed by Francis Bellamy to make possible the creation of cannon fodder from our young men, it is now so much a part of our American heritage that it would be next to impossible to eliminate it, but we can substitute some new words for some of those old ones. Let us replace the lying words which condition our young to believe that the U.S. Constitution did not when written and does not EVEN NOW prohibit any state from seceding from the Union. Let our pledge reflect the truth----that the United States Central Government, since its American beginning, HAS NEVER BEEN LEGALLY INDIVISIBLE—that any state had in the 1860's and has now the Constitutional right to leave the U.S. nation—that each state reserved that right when it joined the Union.

No matter the bloody swords Lincoln and his Republicans thrust into the gentle heart of the Confederacy, MIGHT does not make RIGHT. THE SOUTH WAS RIGHT! With such in mind, I offer a brave new version of the American Pledge of Allegiance:

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the compact of sovereign states for which it stands, no Democracy, but a Constitutional Republic under God—legally divisible, with liberty and justice for all citizens.*

I hope you will join hands with me and, together, we can take back our Constitutional form of government and, in doing so, restore our UNITED STATES REPUBLIC.

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