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# Speech of Frank W. Wozencraft ExMayor of Dallas 

"I come tonight in response to the call of friendship to speak for good government. I have known Felix Robertson for many years. I have tried lawsuits against him. When war broke out I was assigned to the squadron of National Guard Cavalry which he com manded, and, although as soon as it became clear that the cavalry would play no part in the war at the beginning, he went to the artillery, and I went to the infantry. I know enough of his record to know beyond question that it was not his fault that he did not reach the front.
'After' the war he was my warm friend and loyal supporter when I needed friends He served as Police Judge while I was Mayor of Dallas. And as police judge he made an excellent record. I feel that I know Felix Robertson and it is because I do know him that I am for him for Governor
'The opponents of Judge Robertson are trying to defeat him because he is a klansman. Let us discuss this issue fairly frankly and candidly and get it out of the way and forget it. It has no proper place in the race. I never have been a klansman I am not now a klansman and I do not ever expect to be a klansman. But that in no way lessens my enthusiasm for Judge Robertson.

As to the Klan.
'Personally I do not believe there was ever any need for the organization of the present klan. Yet I do know that tens of thousands of earnest sincere loyal Americans do believe in it very earnestly and joined it for that reason. And I do not find it in my heart to criticise the man who, believing in it has joined it and has labored for its suc cess. Certainly the klansman has as much right to his opinions as I have to mine and every American should give the klan credit for its splendid support of the new immi gration bill.
'Taking the oath as a klansman does not make a man any better qualified for office nor any less qualified for office. To bar a man from office because he is a member of the klan would be just as unreasonable as it would be to bar him because he is not a member:

To say that a klansman is not a good citizen, and would not become a good official simply because he belongs to the klan is just as absurd as it is to say that the Jew and Catholics in our state have not proven themelves to be good citizens and good Americans. Many of the men who are leading in charitable and social service work in Dallas today are Jews and Catholics; just as many of them are klansmen. Protestant, Catholic and Jew, alike, joined to buy Liberty bonds, and to do the myriad other things necessary to keep the home fires burning during the World War. The World War itself con clusively proved that loyalty to America, and courage and the spirit of sacrifice are predominant in Protestant and Jew and Catholic alike. The records of the American forces in France give ample proof of the patriotism of all. And if men of different faiths can die together for an ideal, certainly they ought to be able to live together for an ideal, and to live together harmoniously. All this bitterness on both sides is absurd emotionalism. What we need is more practical religion and less talk about religious factionalism.

## Attitude of Voters.

Any voter who casts his ballot for or against a candidate because that candidate is a Catholic or a Jew or a klansman, votes blindly and but proves himself an unreasoning follower of prejudice who lacks the mental capacity to participate intelligently in self-government. Any official ought to be elected because of his integrity his platform and his ability not because of his Church or his lodge. And the man and the wom an who understands the sancity of the ballot ought to cast that ballot independently for the man or the woman who will make the best public official

Felix Robertson is going to be the next Governor of Texas. Unless I mistake the caliber of the man, there will be no power behind the throne directing his activities. I do not believe that any living man, or organization in existence, could dictate to Felix Robertson his action as Governor. If I did believe so, I would not now be supporting him, in spite of my friendship for him. As Governor he may, and probably will, make mistakes, but they will be his own mistakes, a nd they will be honest mistakes. Any man who tries to tell you that he will be a puppet in the hands of the leaders of the klan does not know Felix Robertson. And, although I do not know them very well, I want to add in fairness to the leaders of the klan, that I do not believe that they themselves want a puppet in the high office of Governor.
'Judge Robertson is 'a worthy son of a noble sire.' His father commanded Hood's Texas Brigade in the Civil War, and his grandfather commanded a brigade of Wheeler's Artillery. Judge Robertson learned at his mother's knee the history and the ideals of our State and our land.

## Rights of the Individual.

"He recognizes the fact that there can be no free government unless it is a government of law enforcement which compels respect for the rights of the individual and the minority. There are times when outraged public conscience impels men to take matters into their own hands. However good the intentions of those men may be, the results which they achieve are disastrous. The way to correct evils is to pass the necessary laws and then enforce those laws, fairly and impartially. Two wrongs never made a right, and men who Judge Robertson recognizes this fact, and has pledged himself to the protection of the right of trial by jury.
'Judge Robertson stands for adequate educational facilities for all the people. Hę stands for common sense in government.
'Judge Robertson's record is known. There is no necessity for his friends to try to add to it, and his enemies can not detract from it. He has been in Texas for many a decade, and the people of Texas know him
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