

May 17, 1919.

Dear Sir:

The President of the Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage has issued a letter containing certain misleading statements, and it becomes my duty to correct those statements. The entire matter pertaining to wholly imaginary relation between Woman Suffrage and Socialism has been handled so ably by Senator Morris Sheppard that I simply enclose his interview clipped from the Dallas News. The statement, "Make no mistake. The Soviet system in this country now has the official endorsement of the leaders of the Suffragist party," is absolutely without foundation. The leaders of the Suffrage movement have not, officially or unofficially, endorsed the Soviet system in this or any other country.

And I ask you to remember, when such false statements are called to your attention, that they apply not to some strange and freakish women foreign to your knowledge and sympathy, but to the women of Texas, -wñha goñhazey wñteççpñctere and sweethearts of the men of Texas, whom you know and respect; to women who were your city, county and state leaders in much of the war work which the government asked; the women who stood by your side sharing the sorrows and responsibilities of war time, and who are ready to share the duties of this reconstruction period; women whose loyalty is not questionable, and who now ask you to stand by them on May 24th.

Please remember, also, that the Suffrage Amendment is not simply a Woman Suffrage Amendment. It seeks to make the qualification for all votes in Texas full American citizenship by birth or naturalization. And when you mark your ballot you will be making a choice between the women of Texas and the men who cared so little for our country that they have never gone further toward becoming Americans than taking out "First papers." We ask you to choose the women, and we are resting secured in our belief that you will stand by us as we would stand by the men of Texas were the case reversed.

Mrs. James B. Wells of Brownsville, President of the Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, closes her letter with

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