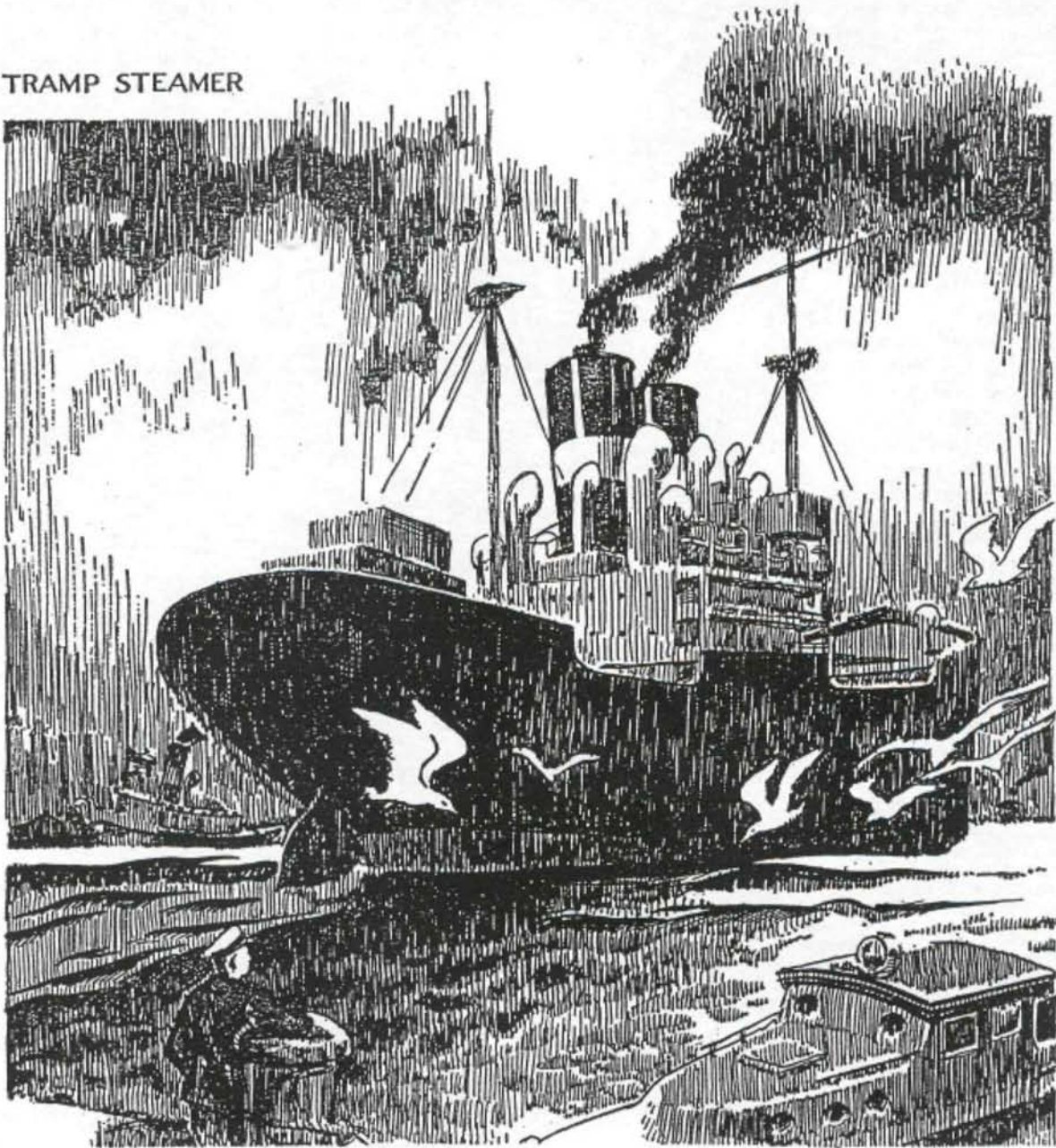


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Definitions



Socialism: If you own two cows, you give one to your neighbor.

Communism: You give both cows to the government and government gives you back some of the milk.

Fascism: You keep the cows, but give the milk to the government, which sells some of it back to you.

New Dealism: You shoot one cow, milk the other, and then pour the milk down the sink.—Oregon Merchants.

Too Bad He Liped

"Sad about the disappearance of Prof. Hill," said James, polishing his brassie. "He was a profound thinker."

"Yes—always thinking, no matter where he was," replied another clubman. "Fancy, the last time I saw him we were bathing, and he suddenly called out, 'I'm thinking! I'm thinking!'"

"You idiot!" roared James. "The professor liped."—Kansas City Star.

One Way to Find Out

The fat man and his wife were returning to their seats in the theater after the intermission.

"Did I tread on your toes as I went out?" he asked a man at the end of a row.

"You did," replied the other grimly, expecting at least an apology.

The fat man turned to his wife.

"All right, Mary," he said, "this is our row."—Labor.

Help! Murder!

A young lady not familiar with the switching language of railroad men chanced to be walking near a depot where a freight train was being made up. One of the brakemen shouted: "Jump on her when she comes by, run her down by the elevator and cut her in two and bring the head end up by the depot." "Help! Murder!" screamed the young lady as she fainted and fell into the arms of the conductor.

Courtesy of a Chesterfield

Farmer: "Didn't you see the notice, 'Private; No Fishing Allowed'?"

Angler: "I never read anything marked 'Private'."

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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The Pope's Responsibility for the New War

(In Three Parts—Part 1)

THE ease and frequency with which the "blessings" of the "church" have been showered upon Mussolini, Hitler and Franco for their separate or joint campaigns in Ethiopia, Albania, the Saar, the Rhineland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Memel, Danzig, and Spain, and fifteen centuries of European history, prove that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is the greatest mischief-maker on the planet.

While it is not averse to ruling directly, as, for example, at the racket headquarters at Vatican City, yet it gets better results when it has its faithful sons in positions of responsibility as kings, dictators or presidents, where they can be played one against the other to suit the circumstances of the hour. Satan's world is always in disorder, and it is in this disorder that the Vatican has its greatest opportunity.

In the last World War the pope tried to bring about a peace, described at the time as "pro-Roman", which would have been of great benefit to his establishment. It was not accept-



Hitler in St. Hedwig's Cathedral, Berlin

combined Fascist governments, dominated by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. "And the woman [Devil's visible religious organization, the harlot] which thou sawest is that great city [the Hierarchy organization], which reigneth over [combined Fascism,] the kings of the earth."—Revelation 17:12, 18.

ed. Now the world is again in tumult, as a result of the activities of the "Practical Catholic", Adolf Hitler. This time the pope will succeed in establishing peace, but his price will be the control of the whole world. On this point, at page 292 of the book *Enemies*, Judge Rutherford said:

The prophecy of the Lord shows that modern Tyre, the Catholic organization, commits fornication with all the nations and gains her desire. When the Hierarchy has gained complete temporal power of the earth, that will in her mind fully establish the conclusion that her desire has been fully accomplished, and then she will say "Peace and safety" (1 Thessalonians 5:3); and then the "ten horns", that is, all the ruling powers of the nations, "receive power . . . with the beast," the League of Nations combine being in fact a league of Fascism or

The Desire to Be Umpire

The desire to be umpire of earth's affairs is always in the mind of every pope. *Consolation* for August 23, 1939, calls attention to proposals for a peace conference that the pope called or suggested calling prior to the outbreak of hostilities between Germany and Poland.

In his series of collection envelopes on the one for the third week of September, 1939, Andrew J. Brennan, bishop of Richmond, Va., is made to say, "Responsibility to bring about and maintain a lasting peace rests primarily upon the shoulders of Catholics in all nations." The philosophy of this is that General Franco is a Catholic; if he had kept the peace in Spain, then Spain would not have been torn asunder by civil war. Mussolini is a Catholic; if he had kept the peace in Ethiopia, the lives of thousands of innocents would have been saved. Hitler is a Catholic; if he had kept the peace in Czechoslovakia and Poland, thousands would now be in comfort who today are either dead or in utter wretchedness. Japan is under Catholic influence, which partly accounts for the fact that there is no peace in Asia.

John T. Archbishop McNicholas, of Cincinnati, wants all Catholics in his realm to pray to Christ to grant peace to the whole world. If they thus pray they will be wasting their breath. The greatest war of all time, Armageddon, is ahead. The only survivors of that time will be those who are firmly on the Lord's side, on the side of true Christianity, and against the Devil's religion, which is its exact opposite, and of which the Roman Hierarchy is chief spokesman.

A message from Vatican City stated that President Roosevelt had sent a personal message to the pope inviting him to call on him for assistance in connection with any international political scheme for "peace" he might have on hand. The message was conveyed, not in a state paper, but by word of mouth, through President Roosevelt's close personal friend, Monsignor Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate to Washington.

Conditions in Europe

Says Martin Harbeck:



As far back as 1923 and 1924 Catholic priests and writers in Bavaria advocated a crusade against Jews, Communists, Pacifists and others, and preached the superiority of the Aryan race. The storm troopers are nearly all very young men, taken chiefly from Catholic families. They

wear black uniforms, with a skull and crossbones on their hideous helmets.

Germany, in man power, in money and in raw materials, is today less able than in 1914 to conduct a war with England and France on the other side. The arrogant dictators know that the so-called "democratic" and chiefly Protestant nations are readily bluffed by the Catholic-Fascist-Nazi combine.

There is sufficient evidence that neither the Germans nor the Austrians nor the Czechoslovakians ever had the opportunity of a free and uncontrolled ballot. It is now history that Hitler was greatly aided in his apparently miraculous rise to power by the Catholic element. His first success was in Bavaria, the most Catholic part of Germany.

Hitler speaks only behind bullet-proof glass, and for public demonstrations generally uses a double. Recently one such double, who was called his chauffeur, was shot and killed.

My estimate is that forty percent of the people, the young who were greatly benefited by the Hitler régime, support the present Nazi government; a further forty percent are frightened into subjection; and only about twenty percent are engaged in more or less active opposition.

The economic crisis is world-wide; and being a result of the World War, it can not be charged to any one government. But imported goods, particularly foodstuffs, are scarce in Germany. There is a marked shortage of coffee, butter, eggs, pork, good flour, sugar, onions and fruits; also of silks and woolen goods.

Hundreds of Thousands of Prisoners

Dr. Crone and other officials of the so-called "Department of Justice" of Germany have freely admitted the ever more difficult problem of dealing with the many hundreds of thousands of prisoners created by the Hitler régime. Recently I had the pleasure of meeting a former German Minister of Justice, Dr. Breitscheidt. He declared that he greatly respects the Bible Students, or witnesses of Jehovah, 6,000 of whom are imprisoned in Germany; because they are the only group of Christians suffering martyrdom for their faith and loyalty to God and to His Word. These are the only ones who refuse to accept the Totalitarian religion, which places the State above God; and they refuse to honor or worship the human Fuehrer as God.

The treatment of prisoners is not the same in all parts of Germany, and those actually in prison are less cruelly treated than those in concentration camps. But the crimes committed by the Nazi-gangsters, with the official approval of the present German government, cry to heaven; and if only a portion of them were known and believed by the honest people of the world, that knowledge would certainly cause all the good people in the world to turn away from such barbarians in disgust and abhorrence.

A truthful report of hundreds of such cases of ill-treatment of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany was recently published by the Europa Publishers, at Zurich, Switzerland, in the German language, and now by the Presses Universitaires, in Paris, in the French language. The title of that book is "Crusade Against Christianity". Having read this book; a number of well-known writers, professional men and foremost journalists in Europe have expressed their deepest sympathy with these suffering and persecuted Christians. For example, Dr. Thomas Mann, the bearer of the Noble prize for literature, wrote concerning Jehovah's witnesses:

"The Sufferings Left Behind"

I have read your book and its terrible documentation with deepest emotion. I cannot describe the mixed feeling of abhorrence and loathing which has filled my heart while perusing these records of human degradation and abominable cruelty. Human speech fails in the presence of the unspeakable perversity revealed in these pages, on which are recorded the awful sufferings of innocent men and women who firmly hold fast to their faith. In viewing such indescribable conditions the voice would fain be silent, but to keep quiet would serve only the moral-indifference of the world, and further the despicable non-interference policy, and make for a guilty conscience. Will it be possible to shock the world even for a moment by your presentation of these disgusting facts? One hardly dares to hope for it. At any rate you have done your duty in publishing this book and bringing these facts to light. It seems to me that there is no greater appeal to the world's conscience.

Pastor T. Bruppacher, a thoughtful and noble-minded Protestant minister, wrote:

While the German church controversy enjoys the favorable interest of official Christendom, we here have an unobserved company, standing and suffering in the foremost posts. While men who call themselves Christians have failed in the decisive tests, these unknown witnesses of Jehovah, as Christian martyrs, are maintaining unshakable opposition against coercion of conscience and heathen idolatry. The future historian must some day acknowledge that not the great churches, but these slandered and scoffed-at people, were the ones who stood up first against the rage of the Nazi demon, and who dared to make opposition according to the faith. They suffer and bleed because, as Jehovah's witnesses and candidates for the Kingdom of Christ, they refuse the worship of Hitler and the Swastika. These peculiar Christians are accounted worthy to suffer for His name's sake, and they have humbly proved that they really know how to defend their high title—that of Jehovah's witnesses. Whoever permits these documents to speak to him in all their sincerity will begin to see the maligned Bible Students in a new light. He will not again judge them in his own self-righteousness.

Witness Continues Despite Opposition

The work of Jehovah's witnesses, of informing the people of good will about Jehovah's kingdom, and announcing the destruction of the wicked at Armageddon, progresses despite the opposition and

persecution in Germany. The witness work is increasing particularly in France, Belgium, Netherlands and Switzerland. Thousands of people of good will are gladly hearing the message of the truth and are then leaving the Devil's organization. Where formerly were small companies for Bible study there are now larger assemblies and increased activities. In Germany, Jews, Communists, Socialists and other groups are silenced to a large extent by the terror of the blackshirts, but not so Jehovah's witnesses. It is often reported how they continue to speak of their faith, and they are even heard to sing joyfully in prison cells and concentration camps.

The following is from a Swiss newspaper, "The St. Gall Daily":

The French journalist, Jean Fontenoy, recently obtained permission to observe with his own eyes the life in the concentration camp Oranienburg. The commander of the camp, a general, personally took the journalist through the camp. A lengthy report has appeared in the "Journal" regarding this inspection. We give herewith an abbreviated but faithful report concerning what the commander thinks of the Bible Students—Jehovah's witnesses—and how he tries to solve the problem they create for him.

"The Bible Students," grumbled the general. "I have erected special barracks for them, where they are isolated behind barbed wire which is electrically charged, in order that they may not get in contact with the other inmates. It is forbidden for others to come closer than seven yards to the barracks of the Bible Students. But nothing avails. If I forbid them to smoke, they say they don't smoke at all. If I permit them to write only one letter every third month, they do not even write that one letter. It is really distracting. Recently the wife of such a Bible Student came and begged for her husband's release. I had the man brought, but he looked at his wife as if he did not know her. She cried and pleaded, saying, 'We have nothing to eat and I have no one to help us.' The Bible Student answered, 'You have Jehovah.' The woman: 'I plead with you to sign the pledge and return to us.' The man: 'Go and pray more earnestly to Jehovah.'"

The general engaged in a dialogue between himself and Johann Huber, 27 years of age. He asked, "Why are you in the concentration camp?" "Because I have worshiped the Lord." "Which Lord?" "Jehovah." "Do you acknowledge our Fuehrer as your head or superior?" "I do not know of whom you speak; my superior or head is Jehovah." "Who am I?" "You are one of Jehovah's creatures." "Am I your superior or not?" "You are a creature of Jehovah." "Do you have to obey me or not?" "I have to obey Jehovah."

The general turned to me with a bitter smile and said, "You cannot do a thing with them; neither with mildness nor with harshness; it is all of no avail." This dialogue had been listened to with visible pleasure by about fifty other prisoners near by. The commander asked, "Did you observe these others? Do you understand now why I keep the Bible Students apart from the others? They would start a small revolution within a few hours; they are the worst of them all."



This discussion had caused me to think and later, at noon, I referred again to this theme of the Bible Students and said, "You have here 450 Bible Students in this camp, but do they really belong here? Most of them must be good and harmless people; they seem to me to be somewhat like saints, at any rate really harmless."

A Berlin official accompanying the party through the camp stated it is hard to find the secret places in Germany where the Bible Students' literature is still being printed; no one carries names or addresses and no one betrays another. When 250 were arrested at Hamburg and their papers and press were confiscated, and it was thought that this would stop the circulation of a certain magazine, within two weeks after the raid the paper reappeared as before and the police had not been able since then to discover the place where printed, nor any of the distributors.

This firmness of faith and unparalleled courage causes many who witness the terrible persecutions to inquire as to the source of such steadfastness. A number of cases are known where prison guards and other prisoners have forsaken all else to put themselves on the Lord's side while yet there is time.

A righteous indignation against the instigators of the persecutions of Jehovah's witnesses, namely, the Catholic-Fascist combine, wells up in the heart of every real Christian. This persecution of Christians is a fulfillment of Divine prophecy. Other prophecies show that the day of accounting for the great bloodguilt which the present generation has heaped upon itself is at hand.

Hitler Guided by Demons

The statement that Hitler is a close student of astrology, and that he maps his course by the stars, is only another way of saying that he is guided by demons. The teaching that any man is guided in his course by any star or any combination of stars is a denial of every truth contained in the Scriptures. That does not mean that the demons are ignorant of what is going on in the world, and it does not mean they cannot twist together plausible statements supposedly but not actually in harmony with the movements of the stars. So it is not without interest that in her dispatch to the *Chicago Tribune*, from Berlin, on July 13, Sigrid Schultz, who familiarized herself with the teachings of Hitler's astrologers, reports one of them as saying:

Russia and Germany together will settle the Polish problem. The world will be astounded by the developments of the next few weeks. When Russia and Germany co-operate the British empire will automatically fall asunder.

Hitler is guided by "voices" (which are the voices of wicked spirits), and it is all in vain that Churchill appealed to him to consider the consequences of a single rash act which

might ruin his life's work, and that Eden and Halifax tried to reason with him. The demons are out to wreck the world, and only God's almighty hand can frustrate their design. Human wisdom will be unavailing.

Nothing that the man says can be believed. He is probably the world's most shameless liar. Somebody noticed that the letters in A H-I-T-L-E-R and T-H-E L-I-A-R are the same.

Early in 1937 laws were passed in Germany prohibiting Germans from participating in the war in Spain. At that very time the German troops were pouring in, and it was German transport planes, in the very first hours of the conspiracy, that carried thousands of heathen Moors into Spain to there fight the pope's battles. Said Thomas Mann, German author, in an address at Princeton University:

Germany fell into the hands of leaders so depraved that perhaps in all history there has been recorded no second case of such dishonor to spirit and intellect, justice, truth and freedom. Their reign of violence has made it impossible for anyone who has some feeling for human dignity and moral responsibility to breathe the air of that country.—New York *World-Telegram*.

On Monday, September 4, only the next day after Britain declared that a state of war prevailed as between it and Germany, the British Government bombarded the people of the Reich with 6,000,000 leaflets containing assurance that the war is not against the German people but against this colossal liar, Hitler, trained by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and by the Devil for the work he is now doing. The broadcast leaflets contained in German these statements:

"He [Hitler] gave his word that he would respect the Locarno Treaty; he broke it.

"He gave his word that he neither wished nor intended to annex Austria; he broke it.

"He declared he would not incorporate the Czechs in the Reich; he did so.

"He gave his word after Munich that he had no further territorial demands in Europe; he broke it.

"He gave his word he wanted no Polish provinces; he broke it.

"He has sworn to you for years he was the mortal enemy of Bolshevism; he is now its ally.

"Can you wonder that for us his word is not worth the paper it is written on?"—New York *Post*, September 4, 1939.

Could a Whole People Worship a Liar?

Oddly enough, the answer to the question, "Could a whole people worship a liar?" is a most emphatic Yes. The world as a whole has done that very thing from the time of

Lucifer's lie in the garden of Eden until this very moment. The Devil, using religion and religionists as his vehicles of expression, has so thoroughly established in the minds of the people that they live on after they are dead that "the whole world lieth in the wicked one" and there are few that believe the statement of the Creator himself that "the dead know not any thing".

Below is set out some of the evidence that many of the German people have actually made this Jesuit-trained man, Hitler, into a "god" (as Moses was made a god in Pharaoh's eyes). In its Celebration Number, in answer to the question, "What does The Fuehrer mean to you?" the *Schwarze Korps* published the following. President Roosevelt, who wants the people to have more religion, and the New York Chamber of Commerce, that wants the people to have more religion, and all the other panjandrums that recommend religion as a cure-all, would do well to ponder deeply.

1) (A Viennese) "My Fuehrer gave me not only a political 'Weltanschauung' but also a religion. He gave me a faith, which even as a child I had never possessed. This faith is a faith in ourselves, in our strength and our greatness, in the mysterious power of Blood, our Soil and the German nation. . . ."

2) (An S.S. Man.) "Even to attempt to put into words what I feel for my Fuehrer appears to me profane. . . . It makes my heart heavy to think that the Fuehrer today belongs to so many, whereas during the time of our early struggle, he belonged only to us, a comparatively few. I am jealous of every person with whom I must share him. May I be forgiven for this sacred egoism."

3) (A Party member in Berlin) "Formerly we were brought up to be religious, trained in a faith divorced from reality, which seemed impersonal, abstract and un-German. This outlook did not improve man, hardly strengthened him, but rather deprived him of courage and initiative. . . . Faith in the Fuehrer and his work have given me strength to force my life to higher things. In this godless, mammon-worshipping world, torn with hate and murder, this world of insanity and chaos, a temple of light has arisen, throwing its rays afar and pointing to a future far more beautiful than our past."

4) (A lawyer from Dortmund) "We know that we are in the grip of a feeling whose essence and depth we can scarcely determine and which renders us dumb. Reverence, love, loyalty, gratitude, self-abnegation—all make up this feeling which yet surpasses them all. But the most revered father, the most deeply loved mother, the most loyal wife and the most trusted friend rouse in our hearts music far less exalted than the song our souls sing to the Fuehrer."

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5) (A Party member from Berlin) "I left the Church with the firm conviction that the Christian religion was a man-made faith professing to be the will of God, but having nothing in common with that power which we call God. I believe the fellowship of blood and race is a fellowship much more desired by God than all the religious fellowships built up by man. I frequently ponder, could I face my Leader and Father, Adolf Hitler, if he knew my thoughts and my work. My religious observance is a daily hour of quiet thought. . . . And then an inner glow comes upon me, an indescribable feeling of satisfaction, if after mature consideration, I come to the conclusion that my father, Adolf Hitler, would bless this or that action of mine."

6) (Another Party member) "Every flower that blooms, blooms in gratitude to him; every apple that ripens, ripens in gratitude to him."

7) (A Hamburg woman) "I should like to say once for all, that the lofty teaching of my Fuehrer is now my religion, the German religion, and I can think of nothing finer."

8) (A Reader from Frankfurt) "What misuse is made by men of the word 'Fuehrer'. This word should only be applied to Adolf Hitler himself and we should impregnate our people from youth up with reverence for this word as the Christian Church reveres the name of God."

9) (A Mother in Unterammergau) "My children know the Fuehrer as a man, who orders all things, rules all things, who built the world. The Fuehrer is for my children that visible Being, which we as children were taught to recognize as God. . . ."

These people worship Hitler; Hitler worships the Roman Catholic system in which he was trained—it is his god; and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy worships and serves the Devil, manifests his spirit and is his most devoted and most honored child. The chain is complete. The German people that worship Hitler are worshipping the Devil, whether they know it or not.

Inordinate Vanity and Cowardice

The German people in all lands have done all they could to make a fool of Hitler, and he has cheerfully gone them one better every time. The golden crown presented to him at the middle of June is said to have been paid for by Nazis in 61 countries. Those at Buenos Aires alone contributed 31,455 pesos (\$7,700) of the amount, so says the newspaper *Critica* of that city.

It is admitted by all who have listened to him that Hitler has the power to produce mass hypnotism of his audiences. Mass hypnotism is mass demonism; but the demons are no fools. They have had centuries of experience, and so they select for their work some man

who can be used to "put it across". Hitler is such a man. The following from *Mein Kampf* shows that even he himself does not fully realize that the power working through him is not himself, but that of *WHOM?*



Meetings at which I talked about the peace treaties seemed never to end, for I considered this a vital subject and repeated my speech of denunciation again and again in endless repetition; I gradually put it in better form until at last I was driving a powerful message into the heart of the people. This constant practice in addressing meetings slowly but surely made me clever in the use of the pathos and the gestures needed to sway audiences of thousands.

I began to talk—and kept on talking for around two and one-half-hours—and I at once felt that the meeting was to be a great success. Immediately I was in contact with the audience. After an hour applause broke out more and more often, in great outbursts, and then ebbed away after two hours, until I finished in that solemn silence which will never be forgotten by a soul who was there, and which I afterwards experienced so many times in this room. Almost nothing but the soft breathing of the mass could be heard, and suddenly when I had finished applause rose like thunder, and then release was found in fervent singing of "Deutschland ueber Alles".

Every dictator is a personal coward, and has to be; for his life is constantly at stake, because of the wrongs of which he is guilty. The claim is now made that Hitler has a private tunnel twelve miles long, between his hideout at Berchtesgaden and the city of Salzburg, enough to give him a good start if it ever becomes necessary for him to make a quick getaway.

His plane is of sufficient capacity to fly non-stop from Berlin to New York, and it has been fitted with every comfort and safety gadget known to man. It has four engines and a speed of 220 miles an hour. It is not a bad investment for him, and he may need it yet. New York city would find an empty apartment for him and he would hold the headlines for three days, maybe four, before he shriveled to his true size and passed out of public notice.

Bedtime Stories of Persecution

In order to put over its seizure of the world the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is bound to pretend that it is suffering persecution, even while its faithful sons are breaking every law known to man. These columns have contained many pages of evidence that there is no persecution of the Roman Catholic Church in Ger-

many. There is fresh evidence for this issue, and here it is, from Catholic sources:

Little by little the truth gradually leaks out on all subjects, for the reason that the Lord himself has stated that "there is nothing covered but shall be revealed". In view, therefore, of the oft-repeated yarns in the kept press about mistreatment of the Catholic Church in Germany, it is with some interest that the following statements are taken from a column by the Catholic writer Bertram de Colonna, published in the London *Catholic Herald*:

While it is true that there have been differences between some Catholics and officials in Germany, there has never been any prohibition of church services, nor have any churches been burned and sacked, or priests ill-treated or murdered in Germany.

Anyone who takes the trouble to visit a Catholic part of Germany will see that priests and lay brothers go about their business untroubled. Lay brothers serve in the beer rooms attached to monasteries in many parts, and groups of excursionists, largely wearing badges of the National Socialist Party, drop in there.

The London *Catholic Universe* states that on Hitler's birthday Cardinal Innitzer ordered all Austrian churches to ring bells, fly the Swastika flag and say special prayers for the Fuehrer. Does that look like persecution?

Mosley, Britain's would-be Hitler, in a speech at North London, said of religious persecution in Germany:

I think the clash between State and Church in Germany will soon end. There has, after all, been friction between the temporal and spiritual power in Germany for centuries, on and off. At present more money is paid by the State to the Church than ever before and more people attend church than ever before.—In London *Catholic Herald*.

Disposing now of a couple of widely publicized claims of "persecution", here are the facts, and facts are all anyone should desire. Read them and judge for yourself. Hereafter, in what was once Austria, there will be joint control of promotions in the Roman Catholic's clergy. There are to be no changes in personnel except such as meet Nazi approval. The Nazis will also decide who are to study for the priesthood. The New York *Daily News* devoted its entire front page to the idea that the Nazis had stormed the archbishop's palace at Salzburg, whereas the simple facts are that the building belonged to the Government since 1802, and the latter part of April notice had been served on the archbishop to look for other quarters. He neglected to do so and, after a

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month's delay, one time when he came back he found the landlord in control and himself dispossessed. Subsequently the archbishop Sigismund Waitz was offered the free use of several rooms in the palace, but he thought the Hierarchy would gain more by maintaining its pretense of "persecution", so he took up his residence in one of the many monasteries with which the neighborhood is cursed, instead.

In Austria and Czechoslovakia

The basis for stories of persecution of the Catholic Church in Austria seems to arise from the fact that up to September 1, 1939, each Roman Catholic priest received from the government an allowance of 120 marks monthly, but after that date Catholics, like other persons, would be taxed to maintain their churches and priests. Hitherto, because theirs was the State church, Catholics did not pay any religious tax.

Having conspired with Hitler to destroy the Republic of Czechoslovakia, and his own priests having been in the forefront in the betrayal of that country, once the center of Protestantism in Europe, the pope now tells the Slovak premier that he will need "much perspicacity and prudence, a great deal of brotherly feeling", etc., etc., to get along with the present situation (in which everything of any value in the country is being lugged off to Germany and the Czechoslovakian people are being turned into slaves).

Under the title "Who Sent Reverend Kochis to Make Speeches Here?" the Gary (Ind.) *Post Tribune* quoted the "Reverend Father" John Kochis as lauding the German government to the skies and saying that the people of Slovakia are perfectly satisfied with it. The *Post Tribune* knows perfectly well who sent the "Reverend Father" Kochis to Gary. It also knows that if it mentioned the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in that connection it would lose most of its advertisers and subscribers. But, viewed from a distance, it is a safe bet that it will be disciplined for its editorial which winds up with this paragraph:

When Reverend Kochis attempts to present the

Hitler thugs, gunmen and plain assassins as worthy rulers for their own protection he is dealing in a brand of bunkum that won't go far in this country.

The editor of the *Post Tribune* is no fool. He knows that the "Reverend Father" Tiso betrayed what was left of his country into the hands of Hitler, and did it to crush Protestants throughout the republic. Earlier in the editorial he said:

Who is this Reverend Kochis, and what is his purpose in this country? Was he sent over here by the German-controlled government of Dr. Tiso to pull the wool over the eyes of Slovaks living in America?

"More Food for Apes"

The London *Catholic Herald* contained a five-column interview with Sir Oswald Mosley entitled "Mosley Discusses Need Church and State Clash", in which Mosley made it clear that his outfit, if it gains control of Britain, will "always treat the spiritual and moral authority of the Vatican in international affairs with the utmost respect". In the next issue the *Herald* seemed to be referring to its own readers when it used the headline which introduces this paragraph. Mosley admits that he has more Catholics in his outfit than their proportion in the country would warrant. It is all as plain as day.

Our Sunday Visitor takes gleeful note that the Rome-directed Germany-Italy-Japan axis could, in a few years, crush the democracies by birth rates alone. It mentions that while, in England, other schools are forced to close because of decreased attendance, yet Catholic schools in that country have actually increased in number, even though there has been a slight decrease in attendance.

Speaking of conditions in France, *Our Sunday Visitor* of July 16, 1939, also said:

The older ones among our readers will recall that, nearly forty years ago, the then President of France dissolved the Concordat which France had had with the Holy See, and not only forced all Religious Orders to give up the work of teaching in school, but forbade them to wear their religious garb. Such a change has come over France in recent years that these laws have been disregarded, but because they are still on the Statute Books, there is now a movement in Parliament itself to repeal the hostile legislation. In fact, a bill is ready for presentation to Parliament, already backed by more than 200 Deputies, to repeal the law against Religious Orders.

It is hard to choose between murderers, and say which is the more shameless, Hitler with his rapes of Austria and Czechoslovakia, or

Mussolini with his rapes of Ethiopia and Albania, or both of them in their rape of Spain. The pope has just now "blessed" Mussolini, publicly asking God's blessing on his head. Now he should do the same for Hitler, and then for Al Capone, "Father" Coughlin and Judge Manton.

Within the past few years three prominent persons have been made Knights of the Order of the Annunciation. The first was Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, the second was King Zog of Albania, and the third was von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign minister.

Vain Boasts of Patriotism



In every land the Roman Catholic Hierarchy trains its spokesmen to boast of their patriotism. It is a settled policy of the "church", and is policy only. It is perfectly willing to have millions of Catholics killed on each side in any war, if only the interests of the racket operating out of Vatican City are taken care of.

In an address in New York city, as reported in the *Baltimore Sun*, the "Most Reverend" James E. Kearney, bishop of Salt Lake, made the statement,

"There is only one flag for our children and that is the American flag. The children are taught to salute it under penalty of disrespect to Almighty God."

The bishop could use the same argument to Hitler regarding saluting the swastika and it would be just as true. Indeed, Catholic bishops in Austria and Germany have repeatedly urged their flocks to vote for Hitler and to support him in every way in the work of the Devil in which he is engaged.

The Commonweal, a Catholic magazine, seems to hit the nail on the head when it says of "Reverend Father" Coughlin that he is given to "all too pious acceptance of propaganda from a party whose Fuehrer proudly boasts his machine is based on huge lies". That is an ingenious way of calling both Hitler and Coughlin liars in a single sentence. And it diverts attention from the wicked Hierarchy itself.

The Roman Catholic Hierarchy is not being persecuted in the United States, but it is persecuting others for the very same reason that it is now sympathetic with the idea of another huge war. It hopes to stop the mouths of Jehovah's witnesses.

Governor Lehman, of New York State, is

an intelligent, well-read man. He can hardly be ignorant of the more than 2,000 cases of persecution of Jehovah's witnesses, in almost every state in the United States, their arrest, imprisonment, beating, choking, tarring and feathering, and other abuse, mainly by agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. How, then, is it that he could say, in his address to the United Spanish War Veterans:

This country was founded by pioneers who came here to escape political or religious persecution. Since then millions of others have followed them. They have found happy homes in the New World. When they sailed from their homes in the Old World they left behind the enmities which divide nation from nation, race from race, creed from creed, class from class. The spirit of democratic America will not tolerate such hatreds and divisions here.—In *New York Times*.

The Roman Catholic Hierarchy is not being persecuted in South Africa. Far from it. It is doing its best to align the natives on the side of Hitler and the totalitarian states with which he is associated. Under the headline "Nyasa-land and Northern Rhodesia" the *London Daily Telegraph* of August 1, 1939, contained a report of a discussion in the British House of Lords on the possible amalgamation of the two colonies. One of the speakers was Lord Marley. In one of these two countries (he did not say which) he said:

In a school for native teachers I found books containing pictures of Berlin, swastikas and "Heil Hitler" and the various insignia of aggressiveness. These came from a German Catholic mission.

Afraid the people will learn some of the truths of history, the representatives of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in South Africa hollered "Bloody murder!" because one of the postage stamps in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Huguenots showed a sun rising over dark clouds. The Roman Catholic Church was not mentioned in any way, but, for reasons best known to the squawkers and to every student of history, it is believed by the Hierarchy that the dark clouds represent earth's greatest curse, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, and its teachings and practices.

The Rearming of Germany



In the year 1938 the following democracies did what they could to rearm Germany and prepare her for the Munich peace which ensued. Opposite the name of each democracy is set the number of tons of scrap iron and steel which each such democracy

sold to their avowed and prospective enemy :

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| United States 462,782 | Netherlands 93,679 |
| Belgium 244,842 | France 82,560 |
| Great Britain 117,818 | Luxemburg 58,219 |

For the past fifteen years Germany has been buying the entire output of a Swedish arsenic mine, and storing it, 100,000 tons at a time. At the I. G. works at Essen are 28,000 workers engaged in making bombs which have this arsenic as a base. When the bombs fall there is no gas mask that can withstand the smoke that issues forth from these bombs. As the odor penetrates the mask the wearer becomes deathly sick, yanks off the mask and dies. Persons in this day would be hard put to it to imagine a worse hell than has been developed right here on terra firma. The clergy are ready to bless any part of this hell, for a consideration. All they ask is that the big Devil whom they love and whom they serve will make it hot for those who are exposing their racket through-out "Christendom".

None of this has been done without the knowledge of the pope, and none of it without his approval. Plenty of newspapermen know this, but fear to tell it, and cannot get the newspapers to put their stories in type even if they do tell it. The exceptions are few and far between, and they have to be mighty careful what they say. "Perdix" is one of the exceptions.

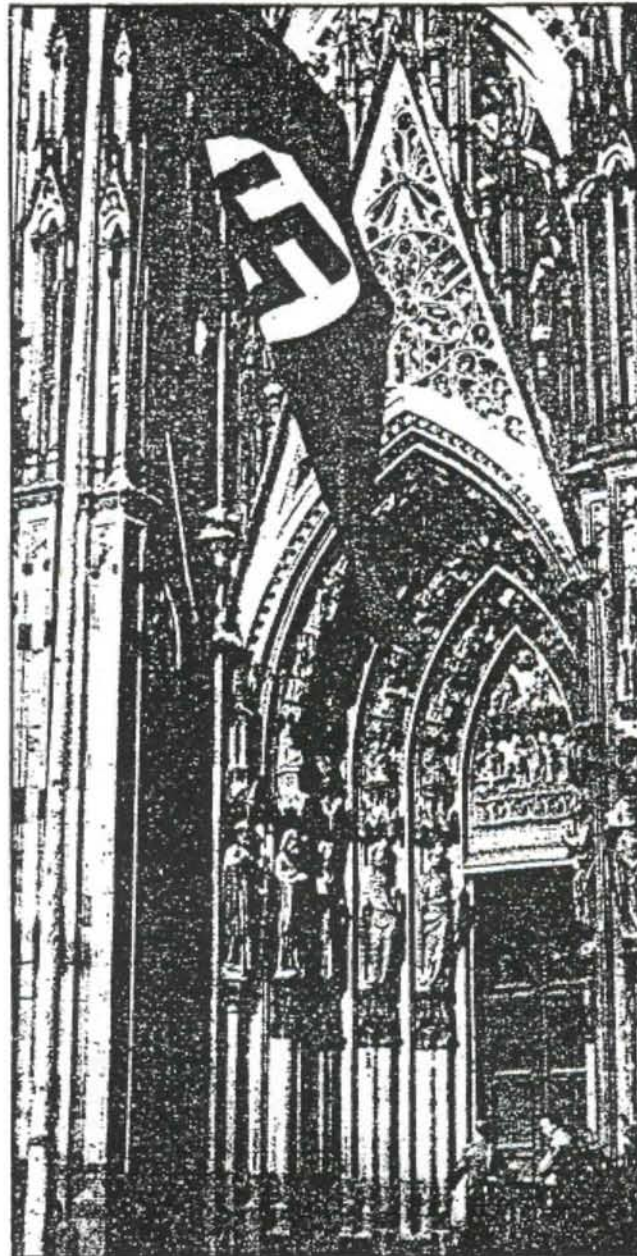
"Perdix," noted foreign affairs expert, contributes a column to various western papers

that has something in it besides words. The Tacoma Times and the Santa Barbara News Press recently carried a column well worth reading, which the Times labeled "Perdix Points to Pope; Sees Practiced Hand of Vatican Behind Political Moves of Europe's Powers". This column, published June 21, drew attention to "the published intimation that His Holiness the Pope would look with apprehension upon a tripartite Anglo-French-Soviet pact" (because that would hinder the loyal Catholic Hitler from overrunning the world), and contained the following paragraph which, for reasons best known to themselves, other newspapermen avoid mentioning.

Economic experts believe the church's holdings in Greater Germany, which (excluding Czechoslovakia) are reliably estimated at equivalent to about \$20,000,000,000, may have been a determining factor. Also, the Vatican's conviction that German expansion into the east—into predominant Catholic areas—is a foregone conclusion; hence, that a modus vivendi with the reich is not only desirable, but imperative. High Catholic circles, incidentally, are convinced that a growing number

of Catholics among German population will in time be a moderating influence per se, and should therefore be cultivated. That Vatican influence has been steadily rising in England in the last two years is an open secret.

As is well known, the rearming of Germany was both physical and mental. Hitler is a past master in the art of rabble-rousing, feebly imitated in the United States by "Father"



Cologne (Germany) Cathedral flying swastika

Coughlin—both trained in the same devilish school, and, to date, both abject followers of and worshipers of the Roman Catholic system. Respecting Hitler's achievements over the radio (worked out largely by Goebbels, his propaganda manager) Edgar Weir, in the *London News Chronicle* of April 11, 1939, wrote:

Radio propaganda is like the fascinating eye of a serpent that attempts to hypnotize its victim until it allows itself to be swallowed without resistance.

Germany has recently developed an entirely new system of expansion. After a period of "build-up" to win the confidence of foreign listeners, they are gradually treated to more and more propaganda describing the beauties of Germany and how smoothly everything works there. Then they are told of the terrible conditions in other countries, including their own. They are taught to be discontented with their own governments. They are promised mountains of gold and good things. Finally, the broadcasts take on an aggressive tone. They become less truthful. What the Germans call "Hetzpropaganda" and "Atrocity Propaganda", and of which they accuse the foreign Press and radio, is used with great effect by their own stations.

When the Titanic was finished and started on its maiden trip it was announced that it was unsinkable. It never got across even once. It ran into an iceberg and, after being sliced from end to end, went down off Newfoundland, to rise no more. More recently the Fuehrer completed, at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars and with the aid of 300,000 slaves, a 400-mile line of forts from Switzerland to the Netherlands. Hitler pronounced the completed line as invincible and impregnable, and within a week the Rhine rose to an unwonted height and swamped machine-gun nests and would have drowned their occupants except that they could and did flee to higher ground. The story came from France. The Germans say it is not true.

Preparations for Big Putsch in Britain



Major Hugh B. C. Pollard, English Catholic, has the unique distinction of being responsible for the death of 2,000,000 of his fellow men. It was he who, under instructions from higher-ups in his "faith", illegally flew a plane to Franco the Butcher, then in exile in the Canary islands. He occupied a seat of so-called "honor" in the victory parade in Madrid, because without his treachery the 2,000,000 would never have been slain and Franco would not now be privileged to murder

whom he will. It was a Roman Catholic achievement throughout and typical of the history of earth's most diabolical system of rackets.

No sooner had Britain begun to take refugees from Czechoslovakia than the dreaded Gestapo of Germany began to come in, in the guise of refugees themselves, and they had no sooner than landed when they began the works of intimidation of German servant girls and other German workers as only the Gestapo could or would do.

A sad note, since Britain entered the war, is that the new gas masks for babies were made in gay and attractive colors so that their mothers could teach the little things to play with them. What a travesty this so-called "civilization" has become!

One of the principal vehicles that the Hierarchy uses at a time like this, or at any time, to carry on its work of promoting the rise of the totalitarian states at the expense of the people is the confessional. Speaking of this diabolical system of snooping into the public and private affairs of everybody, Sydney Morrell, writing in the *Glasgow Scottish Daily Express*, lauds the pope to the skies, exaggerates the number of his followers and spills the beans when he says of the espionage branch of the racket:

Pius the Twelfth is the head of 375,000,000 Roman Catholics and the Vatican is the best informed of all Governments, which is to say that it is best informed on the ways and thoughts of millions of men and women who build up nations. The archbishops and cardinals who send their regular reports to Rome obtain their material from the pastors and parish priests who are intimately in touch with their flocks.

America to Go Down Also

America is part of the "Seventh World Power", and is scheduled to go down also before the totalitarian monstrosity which has its real headquarters at Vatican City. It will be grabbed peacefully, if possible, and politicians, preachers and plutocrats will be used to put it over, but the Hierarchy is not taking any chances and intends to silence Jehovah's witnesses, law or no law, and utterly regardless of what may be the desires or even the knowledge or intentions of the American people. To do this they have to have the aid of the Press, and that they have, for they control it absolutely. No American newspaper dares buck the Hierarchy. To do so is to lose all its advertisers and many of its subscribers, and thus to FAIL.

Says Roy Goodrich, on this subject of the Press and the weak-kneed public officials who do nothing even when the evidence is in front of them constantly:

The Saturday Evening Post of May 27, 1939, features an article entitled "Star-Spangled Fascists", under a large photograph of a nocturnal conclave of such, in which the American flag occupies a prominent place. To the average American reader, blindfolded and unwary, this article puts across with power the idea that American democracy is both helpless and hopeless before a few un-American upstarts whose background is dark, whose organizations are secret, and whose mysterious finances "come in over the transom". This article is cited at random as a fair sample of that which is supposedly and allegedly "best" in American journalism. Such journalism is supposedly and allegedly "uncensored" and "free", and is confessedly 100-percent (or more) "patriotic".

Why, in such published articles, is not the darkness of the average unwary reader enlightened with a reminder that democracy has plenty of old, gray-headed laws on the subjects of sedition and treason? Why is not the public awakened to know that the mass of published and admitted facts prove beyond all doubt that there are many Fascist and Nazi seditionists and traitors at work in this country, and that the laws have teeth in them for such? Why is real 100-percent democratic action, that is, patriotic law enforcement, not even mentioned, much less advocated? Why? The plain answer may be summed up in two words, namely, "Catholic Action"; but from the sepulcher of a free and patriotic journalism comes only the resounding echo, "Why?"

All national, state and city officials have taken patriotic oaths to promote the general welfare of the people who pay them by justly and diligently upholding and enforcing the Constitution and laws of America. Where are these officials while American liberties are sacked and exported to Rome? Why is no traitor even "out on bail"? Why do seditionists roam at large with unlimited freedom of press and radio to advocate "bullets instead of

ballots" and the impaling of law-abiding citizens on red-hot spikes? Why are such wicked and wholesale crimes camouflaged and countenanced as "constitutional liberties" by an emasculated press and by a supine and cringing officialdom? To real patriotic, law-abiding Americans such as Jehovah's witnesses, the strong-arm squad makes answer with a cuff and a curse: "Stop telling on them! Shut up!! Salute the flag, and be patriotic like they are!!! Come on with us for a ride!!!" Democracy?

Catholic Action? Look in the WATCHTOWER publications, unwary reader, and lift the blindfold!

Gasparri to Put It Over

Cardinal Gasparri left Rome, so Rome dispatches to the *New York Times* say, for the express job of doing his part in bringing about the opening of diplomatic relations between the United States Government and the pope at Vatican City. He is "to work out a legal framework" for the job, and is sure to have Jehovah's witnesses in mind.

The *New York Times* has a headline entitled "Catholic Airmen Gather".

What is strange about that? A lot is strange. Suppose the Methodists had been parties to the destruction of the governments of Ethiopia, Albania, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Spain, and had outspokenly proclaimed their intention to seize the United States, and incidentally to murder everybody who teaches differently from the Methodists, and you should see a headline "Methodist Airmen Gather". Would it make you think? It surely would; if you have anything above your neck.

Somebody's cat came near getting out of the bag at Los Angeles when "authorities couldn't locate anyone who would admit owning \$70,000 worth of artillery shells and hand grenades stored in a Los Angeles warehouse". Probably the trail got too hot. After America has been grabbed, as it will be, a lot of the



Pope's gift to America

"authorities" will poke one another in the ribs and laugh at the close calls they had while the conspiracy was on, and how only the co-operation of the Rome-controlled press enabled them to get away with it.

"The Coughlin Terror"



Under the title "The Coughlin Terror", James Wechsler, in *The Nation* for July 22, 1939, has over five pages of exceedingly interesting information regarding the peculiar conduct of many of the 12,000 Irish Catholic policemen in New York in Coughlin's so-called "Christian Front". One of their number boasted that 6,000 of the police are members of the "Front" itself.

Mr. Wechsler mentions the repeated stabbings, street fights and neighborhood tensions that have come to pass, and how, because of fear of the Catholic Church, the reporters of the *New York Times* take their stories to the executive offices, not to the composing room, and the antique *Herald Tribune* follows suit.

A young girl hears one of the Coughlinites making attacks on parties designated only by the word "they". She timidly asks the speaker who is meant. Immediately a hundred Catholics are kicking and pushing and pummeling, and two men grab her and throw her down. She is rescued by two policemen, but no arrests are made.

Samuel Applebaum, for saying to a husky Irish Catholic gangster in Union Square, "We Jews also fought in the World War," was attacked and stabbed and at last accounts the case had been postponed four times.

Coughlin's followers sell his paper "Social Justice" all over New York, but when a gentleman who believes in fair play was handing out reprints from the *New York Post* showing where Coughlin had been repeating the very words of Goebbels, John Dugan (guess his "church") walked over and without warning knocked the man senseless on the ground. Dugan offered no defense, was praised for his frankness, was told to count thirty before doing it again, and sentence was suspended. At his trial one of the judges on the bench admonished witnesses to disobey the command of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and to refer to Coughlin as "Father" Coughlin.

By contrast, when Thomas Maloney called a girl who was passing by a "Jew bastard", and Nathan Smulin, also a passer-by, seized one of Maloney's papers and slapped him with

it, Smulin was arrested, not Maloney, and Magistrate Burke (guess his "church") added "malicious mischief" to the charge of simple assault and held him in \$2,000 bail.

When a public-school teacher started to argue with one of the "Social Justice" salesmen she was called vile names and jostled, and when a near-by storekeeper went to her rescue he was arrested. The salesmen of "Social Justice" have developed the lying technique of punctuating their cries of the name of their paper with expressions such as "A big Jew hit me" or "The Jew spit on her". And this method works.

At Rockaway Park, where "Social Justice" has been sold on the streets for months, when a man undertook to sell "Equality", telling the other side of the story, his papers were thrown to the ground, and as he stooped to pick them up he was kicked in the head; and while he lay sprawled on the ground one of the two idle policemen standing by fractured his skull by a blow with his club. Fine officers of the law!

On the other hand, at Union Square, William Frank, previously arrested for raping a minor and for burglary, accosted a young girl, calling her a "red whore", but because he was selling "Social Justice" his sentence was deferred. In the court of Magistrate Michael A. Ford, Miss Florence Nash, another abusive salesman of "Social Justice", was given a suspended sentence of thirty days in the workhouse. All she had to do was to weep a little. The magistrate did say to her, "He who instills such ideas in your head, be he a priest or anyone else, does not belong in this country." Coughlin can take that or leave it; and he will probably leave it.

Of course, it is enough of a disgrace to be a Coughlinite. That of itself is bad enough. It is well known that Allen Zoll was chairman of the meeting, addressed by numerous Catholic priests, which resulted in the picketing of radio station WMCA because it would not broadcast Coughlin's addresses. It seems that five days after the Coughlinites tried to break up the meeting of Jehovah's witnesses in Madison Square Garden, Zoll thought the time had come to cash in, so, as alleged, he offered, for the sum of \$7,000, to have the picketing of WMCA cease and was paid \$200 in marked money, cash in hand. Then he was arrested and jailed.

(To be continued)

Fighting for Liberty in Hubbard, Ohio

HUBBARD, Ohio, is only a small village of about 2,500 inhabitants. Yet, in the more recent past, it has assumed the position of censoring other people's activities. It has gone on record "against God's kingdom".

In the following I shall relate a remarkable story of chicanery on the side of Hubbard, and of faithfulness on the side of Jehovah's witnesses.

Some months ago a company of Jehovah's witnesses was organized, a hall was rented in Hubbard, and from the very small beginning of 8 publishers this company rapidly flourished all the way up to 28 publishers. The enemy did not like that.

Like all companies, this company began walking on the sidewalks of Hubbard, advertising their public meetings. The religionists there, led by one "Rev." Brennan, Catholic priest, objected strenuously to the sign "Religion is a Snare and a Racket" and caused the police to remonstrate with the witnesses.

On May 13, a Saturday, the witnesses walked up and down Hubbard streets. They were stopped by the marshal. He told them they had to get a permit. The witness went on, heedless of this marshal's warning. On May 15, the very next legal business day, the council of the village scurried together, which meeting resulted in the concoction of "An Ordinance of Emergency" ostensibly directed against Jehovah's witnesses. Ordinarily, hereabout, it takes three readings to make an ordinance lawful. In this case it was done overnight. This ordinance made the securing of a permit mandatory. The speed with which this ordinance was enacted, the language in which it was couched, and the extraordinary power it grants the executive, form only a thinly veiled attempt at coercion and intimidation.

Thus they hoped to stop the work of Jehovah's witnesses. But Jehovah's witnesses do not scare. On May 27, Hubbard police picked up two men, and charged them with violating this ordinance. A trial was set. The arrests took place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, and only fourteen hours later Jehovah's witnesses retaliated with a blast of publicity. Fifteen thousand folders entitled "Two Christians Arrested in Hubbard" were spread all over the Mahoning Valley, inviting the people to come to a Protest meeting to be held at the hall of Jehovah's witnesses at Hubbard at 3 p.m.

Six hundred people arrived. A loud-speaker equipment was installed on the premises and outlets were arranged for on the grounds surrounding the building, which were under lease by Jehovah's witnesses. As the speaker progressed, about ten minutes, Marshal Greer appeared and insisted the loud-speaker be disconnected. Jehovah's witnesses refused to yield. Finally, Greer, heroically, pulled his gun, and tore down the equipment, and thus broke up a peaceable assembly of Americans without a warrant of search and seizure.

Jehovah's witnesses did not take that lying down. On the following Saturday, June 10, 85 walked into Hubbard featuring signs. Thirty-four were picked up by the police, among them 18 children, and, without due process of law, were incarcerated for two to two and a quarter hours and then released without filing charges. Jehovah's witnesses immediately countered with twenty damage suits against the officials of Hubbard for \$5,000 each, for false arrests, and for defamation of character. Then a definite plan of resistance was put into action, a slow war of attrition began.

1. Fifty thousand pamphlets, telling the story of Hubbard persecution, were printed and widely distributed.

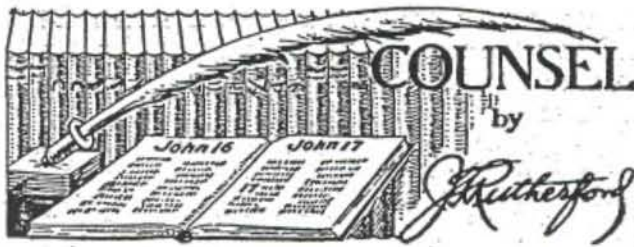
2. On all highways leading into Hubbard land was leased, and huge signs "HUBBARD IS UNFAIR; HUBBARD IS UN-AMERICAN" were erected, and these picket posts were manned by faithful witnesses, and for eight weeks now this has gone on uninterrupted, the witnesses distributing specially arranged handbills, published once every fortnight, and placing thousands of booklets. The total of placements up to the present, on these "picket-posts", has been 22,500. A truly remarkable witness. From far and wide, cars have stopped and received this information, from everywhere.

This has made great inroads on Hubbard, and their reputation is nil at the present. In an editorial the editor of the *Hubbard News* writes thus:

WHAT ABOUT OUR REPUTATION?

. . . The supposedly filed suit in federal court, the more than 30 suits in the county court of common pleas, the publicity which this group has succeeded in getting, might eventually give Hubbard a reputation it possibly does not merit. The ques-

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The American Legion

AN ARDENT member of the American Legion, who is also an enthusiastic supporter of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy organization, recently stated to me the following: "The American Legion stands for everything that is American." If that statement were literally true no American citizen could find fault with the Legion. It is not true. The so-called "American Legion" stands for many things that are not American. The real brains of the organization, the men who conceived the idea of the organization and the building of it up in the United States for selfish purposes, are men of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, who proceed under the immediate direction of Vatican City. That organization, of course, is foreign to America and is against the foundation principles of the American government. No doubt many sincere Americans, because they were in the World War, have been induced to join this Legion upon the representation that it is for the purpose of protecting American interests. In this they have been deceived, as all the facts show. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Fascists are working together to gain control of America, and they proceed always in a subtle manner so as to conceal their real purpose.

The American Constitution guarantees freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of worship of Almighty God. The American Legion is against all of these fundamental principles.

At the instance of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Legion, and a similar organization called the "Americanization Assembly", two bills were introduced in the Legislature of California during the year, which bills if they had been enacted into law would destroy the liberties guaranteed by the American Constitution. One of those bills would compel the school children to salute the flag, even though such children have been taught and believe that the law of Almighty God is supreme and it is their duty to obey God's law, which law of God forbids any Christian to bow down to or salute any flag, image or person. That bill

would put the law of the State as supreme and above the law of Almighty God, and is therefore against the principles of the American Constitution. Long ago the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the United States is a Christian nation, which means that the law of God is supreme and must be obeyed rather than the law of man. Good citizens of the United States for 150 years have obeyed the law of the land without being compelled to violate the law of God. But the Vatican and the Legion would coerce the people into disregarding God's law and obeying man's law.

Another bill was introduced and pressed in the Legislature, making it a crime to publish, print, write or multigraph any book, speech, article, statement, circular or pamphlet, or for any person to have in his possession such literature, that in any way or in any part thereof might tend to promote hostility to a religious organization. Manifestly that bill originated with the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the purpose was to prevent anyone from publishing anything that exposes the duplicity of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and their wrongful efforts to grab control of the American government.

Governor Olson, who is a broad-minded American and who believes in the principles of the American Constitution, was against said bills. Because thereof the Catholic Press and the American Legion have abused the governor and referred to him as a supporter of Communism, well knowing that such publication is false.

Everywhere in the earth the Roman Catholic Hierarchy brands all opponents of the Catholic system as Communists. From their viewpoint everyone in America who does not agree with the efforts of the Vatican to gain control of America is branded as a Communist.

It is well known that the Vatican and Fascism and Nazism work hand in glove together. Since the beginning of war by Hitler against England and France a representative of Hitler, at a Bund meeting in Philadelphia, boldly announced that Hitler could whip the whole world. There was no effort on the part of the Legion or the Roman Catholic organization to stop that meeting or to even criticize the speaker. Certainly the spreading of propaganda by such men as Kuhn is against American principles. The Legion winks at such with evident approval.

Recently the Legion and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy joined in an effort to prevent

Christians in the city of San Antonio, Texas, from advertising their meeting to study the Bible. Shortly thereafter the American Legion and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy organized a mob against a Communist meeting, and in the same city. It is true that American citizens are not in favor of Communism, but the mayor of the city held that in harmony with the Constitution they had a right to meet. The American Legion, and the Roman Catholic organization, led by a Catholic priest, broke up that meeting and assaulted the police, and were guilty of many acts of open violence. Certainly that conduct could not be classed as Americanism!

Recently the American Legion and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy have attempted to break up meetings of Christian people assembled in Seattle, Washington, in Portland, Oregon, in New Orleans, in Oklahoma, and in many other parts of the United States. The same combination in Hubbard, Ohio, has caused a reign of terror in that part of the state in the past few weeks in their efforts to prevent Christian people from assembling and peaceably worshipping Almighty God. Much more evidence can be furnished, of course, showing the un-American conduct of the combination of Fascists, Nazis, Roman Catholic

Hierarchy and the so-called "American Legion" indulging in that which is wholly contrary to the principles guaranteed by the American Constitution.

When an organization, such as the so-called "American Legion", brings before the people accusations against a high-minded American citizen like Governor Olson they should come with clean hands. Their hands are anything but clean, and their criticism of Governor Olson will not be endorsed by any American citizens who love righteousness and hate iniquity.

The American people are not all being deceived by the garb worn by men who claim to be safeguarding American interests. It will be found upon investigation that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is instigating all such movements to tear down the morale of America and to turn the people away from a democratic form of government, and, above all, to turn them away from the worship of Almighty God and the support of His kingdom under Christ. The American Legion is another religious institution. It puts fear into the minds of men, and the result is to draw them into the Devil's snare: "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whose putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."—Proverbs 29:25.

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tion is, do we deserve the reputation we are getting or are we less astute in the sense of publicity and less anxious to make our town look stupid than some persons who enjoy the facilities of the town to promote their religious beliefs? . . . Others feel that if the group had been permitted to go about its activities of parading, even without a permit passing literature, conducting mass meetings, unmolested, there would have been no trouble. Regardless of what might have been, the truth now is that Hubbard is attracting unfavorable attention all over this region. What are we going to do about it? We wish we knew. . . .

3. Then on the following Saturday, in July, there suddenly appeared over Hubbard a green airplane and 5,000 folders entitled "Catholic Action at Work" fluttered down to the consternation of Hubbard residents who eagerly picked up the folders. Excerpts from this folder are:

Forged by the late Ambrose Ratti, Catholic Action is rapidly becoming the prong upon which the Hierarchy intends to impale all who dare differ with her teachings and her political ambitions. Past masters in the use of force, threats, coercion,

and at instigating mob-violence, they are stooping to conquer the world, and, wherever mob-action and threats of boycott are used against the free exercise of speech and discussion, you can always detect the slimy hands of that wicked politico-religious foreign power, especially when in such mob-action you notice the use of rotten fruits, vegetables and eggs. Does not the Lord say: "By their fruits ye shall know them"? . . .

4. A suit was filed in Warren, county seat of Trumbull county, asking a restrainer.

Then, a temporary injunction was granted, the first of its kind in our work! On Saturday afternoon the witnesses walked, and the police had to let them do it. They were supposed to protect us, but they didn't do a thing. Rotten tomatoes and eggs spoiled many a suit and dress, but the witnesses went on. One witness was attacked by eight hoodlums, who robbed him of his camera and valuable papers. (A suit against the police for \$5,000 is pending.) The police refused to arrest the culprits and to make an attempt to retrieve the camera. Another witness was set on fire. Others were

Hubbard, O. is Unfair; Hubbard, O. is Un-American!

The Story of Persecution in Hubbard, Ohio.

The fight of Jehovah's witnesses against petty tyranny and rank lawlessness in the village of Hubbard is a fight for the maintenance of American liberties and concerns all Americans. Egged on by religionists, Bowers and Greer began their present campaign against Jehovah's witnesses in the hope of finishing Jehovah's witnesses within a few

weeks. Since this objective has not materialized, leaving Bowers and Greer on a limb, deserted by their religionist cohorts - who always work behind the scenes, in the dark - they find themselves the instigators of riots, mob-violence and like Greer, ready to mercilessly beat up innocent men and women.

Lawlessness in Hubbard Presages The Advent of Fascism!

Equals of smoke are over the Mahoning Valley. Ordinarily, the smoke comes from the stacks of the mills making steel. Unrest and strife, disrupting normal relations between individuals and Nations, has gradually diminished the work in these mills, and that type of smoke over the Mahoning Valley. Yet, there still is smoke, squalid and black, biting to the eyes, forboding evil times to come, for there is fire in Hubbard, where American liberties are being burnt crisp and diluted into blinding smoke!

The heritage of our forebears, gained thru unbelievable hardships, is being squandered and destroyed by a set of petty officials, backed by a powerful foreign organization - which in an insidious move for power - has permeated

all political life in these United States, and now is poised to take control of our Government and to raise up a Catholic-Fascist dictatorship.

Because Americans have for so long enjoyed the sweet taste of unhampered freedom and liberty, have enjoyed the absence of petty tyranny, of snooping officialdom, of restricting peering regulations, they have forgotten that such things exist and in their present apathy, are easily falling prey to an avalanche of laws and ordinances slowly sapping the free flow of precious freedom and liberty. Under the guise of Patriotism and Americanism, statutes are impressed into our laws, which slowly are forging the chains of thralldom. Covetous eyes are cast in our direction. Predatory Powers, with a complete set of rules, are preparing a grab.

pelted, everywhere. A pamphlet, "Our Grievances Against Hubbard," was printed and widely distributed.

A protest meeting took place the next day, at which a thousand people appeared. Sawed-off shotguns and tear-gas guns and other weapons were in evidence as the sheriff's force took over Hubbard.

The next day, while we were gathering at the hall, a number of rowdies gathered, with the intent to make us "kiss the flag". A whispering campaign had been conducted against Jehovah's witnesses with the intent to make people believe that we are against the flag. When the writer observed the gathering of a huge ugly mob, he ordered that four huge flags be put across the outside windows of our hall. The effect was instantaneous. The mob dispersed and didn't know what to think of it. Our reasoning is, Jehovah's witnesses are about the only people that truly stand for what the American flag stands for. We believe in the principles for which it stands. Just because we will not take off our hats to it, or

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP BANNED IN HUBBARD!

Incidents of the Past Three Weeks!

BOWERS LURKING IN THE BACKGROUND:

AFRAID TO COME OUT IN THE OPEN
Lurking in the background, snooping amidst the mob, Bowers, the namesake of Hubbard, plays his nefarious role. He prefers to wait in his office, tear signs off people and otherwise mal-treat them. To Earl Singer, East Liverpool, one of Jehovah's witnesses, when arrested by officers of Hubbard, this fine specimen of a peace officer said, "(lifting his fist) I should like to ram this down your throat." Fine talk for the chief executive of a Village. The Village of Hubbard should hang his head in shame. The inhabitants of the Village of Hubbard are to be pitied!

GREER'S VALLANT DEED.

On Saturday, Aug. 19th, Ed Hall, an innocent bystander watching from the opposite side the meeting of Jehovah's witnesses at Hubbard, found himself confronted with a mob of hoodlums who upon learning that he was one of Jehovah's witnesses, began to beat him. Greer, instead of helping him, used his black-jack on the man and others, police-officers, gave Mr. Hall a merciless beating and then threw him into a filthy cell, refusing him medical attention. Hall was left there all night, bleeding profusely. Instead of helping a man in distress, attacked by a mob, Greer, the highlight of Hubbard, turns on the mobbed one, joins the mob, and does his dirty work. That man has the unmitigated gall to call himself an American peace officer. He is unfit to hold any office and we hope that the day will come soon, when this petty snooping tyrant gets his just due.

17 YEAR OLD GIRL HAS NEEVOUS BREAKDOWN!

Another victim of Hubbard police brutality. Little Dolores Hall, a faithful witness for Jehovah, while in the best of health, marched or walked on the streets of Hubbard, peacefully, advertising the meetings of her group. Attacked by the police, dragged to the station, she found herself treated like a criminal, all of which was a profound shock to the poor girl who now as a result, suffers a severe breakdown.

DEPORTATION.

American citizens, coming to Hubbard to worship God after the dictates of their own "conscience" find themselves picked up - against their will - from the streets on an American City and without much further ado actually kidnapped and finally carried out by force to the city limits of Hubbard and there dumped out like so much cattle. This is KIDNAP-FINO and will be prosecuted as such.

FOURTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL HURT!

Driving from the assembly at Hubbard, accompanying her mother, little Coleen Workman, 14, finds herself mobbed and is injured with a stone, hitting her squarely on her fore-head. It seems impossible to assemble peaceably in Hubbard. Every time Jehovah's witnesses gather for worship, a huge hostile crowd gathers opposite their hall, and loud booes ensue and rotten tomatoes and eggs are thrown at the worshippers, disrupting their assemblies. The Police stand idly by. They make no effort to disperse the hoodlums.

What would these same police do if a group of Jehovah's witnesses would gather in front of the Catholic Church and bang a few windows in, and otherwise make themselves obnoxious? Yet, they have permitted the large window in the hall of Jehovah's witnesses to be bashed in!

They would disperse us quickly and that rightly so. On the other hand, Jehovah's witnesses would not gather like that, believing as they do, that everybody has a right to the expression of his own belief, and that even includes the Catholic faith, political though it is.

MOB-VIOLENCE INJURES TWO!

Charles Shakely and William Davis, were the victims of a foul attack of gangsters upon the hall of Jehovah's witnesses. This mob, led by a vociferous and bellicose maron, attempted to lynch some of Jehovah's witnesses. For weeks this man has been bragging that he will get some of Jehovah's witnesses. The police know about it, yet, he appears to be immune. Both Shakely and Davis were injured in this foray. Hubbard police stood idly by. Some police!

make obeisance to it, does not mean that we don't stand for what it stands for!

Then for the trial in Warren. For a whole day we presented witnesses. The outcome, a decision which has not been understood by either side up to this very day. The fight goes on.

The following week we walked once more in Hubbard. The publishers were picked up, taken to the police station and there had their property stolen from them and then were released.

All the time the newspapers of the Valley featured big headlined articles in our favor. Many front-page stories appeared, and the people began to be really interested, making this a big issue.

The writer has received many threats. Three attempts to murder him have been made up to date. Letters are in his possession. He was buttonholed in broad daylight on a main street in Youngstown and warned "The finger is on you".

Then, on that Saturday, a mob gathered,

CONSOLATION

PROTEST MEETING!

Thousands of Americans agree that Hubbard persecution of Christians must end!

Resolution Adopted

WE, who are citizens of the United States and of the State of Ohio and of the State of Pennsylvania, being now duly assembled at Youngstown, Ohio, this 20th day of August, A.D. 1939, for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God in spirit and in truth, do now make this public declaration, to wit:

WE fully support the fundamental principles of the American government and the Laws of the land which guarantee freedom of assembly, freedom of worship, and insist that all persons should obey the Laws of the land that are in harmony with Almighty God.

RECENTLY lawless persons in Hubbard, Ohio, and in that vicinity have openly and flagrantly and wilfully violated the laws of the land and particularly with the right of worship of Almighty God as guaranteed by the Constitution and the right of freedom of speech and the right of freedom of assembly.

THAT many fanatical persons have been induced and incited by priests of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy to indulge in unlawfully interfering with public assemblies of Christians, and wilfully and unlawfully attempted to break up lawful, peaceable assemblies of men and women who have assembled to worship God, and have otherwise wilfully and deliberately interfered with citizens of this State and Nation worshipping Almighty God.

WE vigorously protest against such lawlessness and call upon all order-loving God-fearing citizens to take their stand firmly and unequivocally against all such lawlessness on the part of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, Fascists, Nazis and other radicals who are attempting by unlawful means to gain control of the American government.

WE hold that all persons are entitled to believe and practice their belief concerning religion or other matters and that without interference, but we insist that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and its allies, Fascists, Nazis, or others, have no right to interfere with citizens who meet together to study God's Word or to worship God or to otherwise lawfully assemble and carry on their meetings.

WE warn the American people of a conspiracy now in existence and being carried out throughout the earth and which conspiracy was incubated and hatched at Vatican City, Rome, by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and which has spread throughout the nations; that said conspiracy has already destroyed the freedom of democracies in Europe and is now attempting to destroy the democracy of America and to take away all the liberties of the people.

WE therefore solemnly protest against Communism, Nazism, Fascism, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the so-called "Christian Front" and other radical organizations that are using the name of religion in America as a cloak or shield, behind which unlawful acts are performed with the purpose of destroying the liberties of the American people.

WE call upon all honest and sincere persons, be they Catholics, Jews, Christians, non-believers and others, to stand firmly for what is right as enunciated by the Constitution of the United States.

WE point to the further fact that the Kingdom of Almighty God by Christ Jesus is the only means of protection and salvation and, therefore, we invite all persons, regardless of belief, to study the Word of God which alone explains the disturbed conditions amongst the nations of earth today and which points out the complete remedy for such conditions.

WE hold it is entirely wrong to persecute any people because of race, religion, or color; we hold that all men are born with the inalienable and equal rights of exercising freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, and freedom of worship, so long as the same does not endanger the public welfare.

WE point to the clear distinction between religion and Christianity. Religion is merely a formalism based on the traditions and teachings of men and carried out for selfish purposes, whereas Christianity means the true and faithful obedience to the laws of Almighty God following in the footsteps of Christ Jesus our Lord and Redeemer. We urge all order-loving people to study the Scriptures and let God's Word be their guide.

4,500 AMERICANS ADOPTED THIS RESOLUTION WITH A MIGHTY "AYE!"

and when they glimpsed the writer they began rioting and attacked with the attempt to lynch. Stones and bricks flew and a real battle raged, Jehovah's witnesses defending themselves valiantly. Two of Jehovah's witnesses were injured. The police refused to stop the riot, and then refused to arrest the instigators.

The district attorney in Warren refused to swear out warrants. We countered with three suits of \$5,000 each, suing the county commissioners.

Then, on the following Saturday, Judge Rutherford authorized Zone No. 2 to aid us. A large hall was rented in near-by Youngstown. We marched once more in Hubbard. A huge protest meeting was held in the heart of Hubbard. Thus detracting the attention of the hoodlums, and the police, we had other groups, unknown to the brethren assembled at the heart of the city, walk with placards all over the city. When the police found out, they became enraged. One witness was attacked by them, knocked unconscious, and severely

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Learn about Jehovah's Provisions!

PICKETS

All along the highways leading into Hubbard, you will find men and women devoting much of their time, to enlighten people about these Un-American tactics of the Hubbard officials. These men, Bowers and Greer, are a blot on the Mahoning Valley. Unfit to hold office, they should be impeached and it is our prayer, that the Lord of Hosts, may soon rise up and eliminate all the wicked from the earth.

KINGDOM

Jehovah's kingdom is at hand. Flee now into the place of safety. Learn about the truth, and take your stand on the side of Jehovah God. "Religion, which for so long has held a place of esteem in your minds, is only a "Snare and a Racket." Have nothing to do with it. Turn unto God's word the Bible and ditch the doctrines of men.

READ "SALVATION"

A book, especially written for the people of good will, has just been released. Its contents are filled to the brim with life-giving water, so badly needed for the enlightenment of those of good will. Write Jehovah's witnesses, 225 W. Boardman, Youngstown, O. and obtain a copy of this book; in order to defray the expense of printing, you may contribute 25 cents. Get your Salvation now!

Hubbard, O., is Unfair: Hubbard is Un-American

Help us regain our rights, so ruthlessly trampled on by the administrative officials of Hubbard. The editor of the "Hubbard News" is worried about Hubbard's reputation. Write him, since he wants to know what he and other decent citizens of Hubbard can do! Address such letters to "Editor of Hubbard News, Hubbard, O." Help us! By writing to "President of the Hubbard Village Council, Hubbard, O. and telling him what you think of the crimes perpetrated by Hubbard officials. Ask Hubbard to rid itself of these Un-American officials. Write, also, to Mr. R. C. Bowers, Mayor of Hubbard, O., protesting his and Greer's action and asking him to resign, since he can not uphold American principles.

Thank You! Jehovah's witnesses.

beaten, and then thrown into jail, where he was refused medical attention, although he was bleeding profusely.* He was booked for "disturbing the peace and resisting an officer". They released him on \$500 bail, next day. Another witness was attacked by the mayor, who threatened to "ram the fist down his neck". Another witness, a girl, was so maltreated that she has had a nervous breakdown, and still another was hit between the eyes with a stone. The witnesses gathering on our Hubbard premises were attacked with all kinds of missiles. The police stood idly by.

The next day all of Hubbard was covered, and 84 names of people were obtained who desired us to make back-calls. Not all are against the Kingdom. That is why we shall continue, regardless of opposition.

Then, for the Protest meeting in the afternoon. Four thousand five hundred people

* This man, a Jonadab, while bleeding throughout the night, wrote with his own blood the significant statement "Religion is a snare and a racket".

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Italy

"Mare Nostrum"

◆ Mussolini calls the Mediterranean sea "Mare Nostrum", meaning "Our Sea", but it is hardly that. The British have advantageous positions at Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus, all fortified. France also has an interest in the sea, and, of course, so have Spain, Turkey and Greece. As a matter of fact, the Netherlands also has an interest in it, for it is a way to her East Indian colonies, and therefore as much a "life-line of empire" to her as to the British. Just now the Mediterranean is a nest of cruisers, battleships, destroyers, torpedo boats and submarines. Italy and Germany have 273 of these peaceable contraptions there, while France and England, just to be safe, have 151 of them handy. Great Britain is seeking the aid of Turkey to keep peace in the eastern Mediterranean, and is also trying to line up Egypt, Persia, Iraq, Arabia and Afghanistan on the side of the Anglo-French peace front, also called the

anti-aggression alignment. But it is one thing to get them lined up and another to keep them that way. The Mediterranean, around which most of these peoples live, is a natural danger zone, and is called the graveyard of brave men.

Mussolini Loves to Kill

◆ Writing in the French journal *La Lumiere* the Italian writer G. A. Borgese tells of Mussolini's entry into the World War. It was at a quiet sector, and a certain understanding had been reached by the belligerents, who were entrenched but a short distance from each other. Rifle-firing and grenade-throwing were exchanged only at certain periods. When Mussolini, then editor of the *Popolo d'Italia*,

arrived he was angry at the relatively peaceful conditions, and scarcely had an enemy soldier lit a match in the evening than he threw a hand grenade in his direction, killing two men. His captain asked, "Why did you do that? They had done you no harm and were perhaps just taking a smoke and talking about their families. You have no heart." But Mussolini was greatly pleased the next day to

learn that his one grenade had killed two men and injured five; and from that time onward there were no more truces between the Italians and Austrians in that sector, and revictualing of the troops was effected only at the cost of daily losses of men.

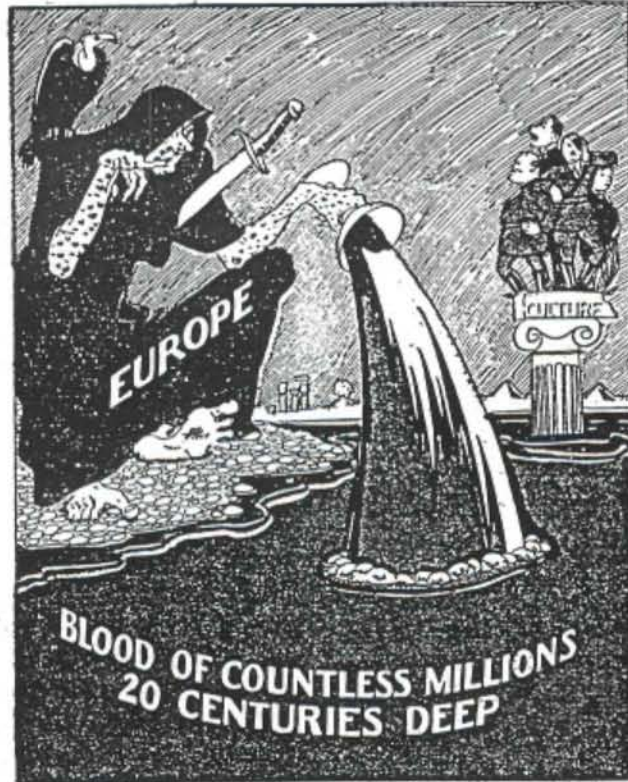
Mind Wanders

◆ Signor Gayda's mind wanders when he condemns America for criticizing Italian occupation of Albania. The particular point at which it wanders is when Gayda said that America is not protected by distance. Maybe so; maybe so; but what about the cops? It

would be just too bad for Italy to start to invade the United States and have the whole thing break up because somebody got nervous and called up the police headquarters. That actually happened in Staten Island in the early days of Fascism.

In Less than Four Years

◆ In less than four years from the time Mussolini said that the independence of Austria was a principle that Italy would strenuously defend, he explained why Italy did not help Austria maintain its independence by saying that Italy had never assumed any obligation to do so, either direct or indirect, either oral or written. How that boy can lie!



"Mare Nostrum"

Mussolini's Appeal to Force

◆ We desire that nothing more shall be heard of brotherhood, of sisterhood, of cousinhood, or other bastard relations, because the relations between States are relations of force, and these relations of force are the determining elements of our policy. The order of the day is this—more guns, more ships, more aeroplanes, at whatever cost and by whatever means, even if we have to wipe out completely what is called civilian life. When you are strong you become dear to your friends and you are feared by your enemies.—From Mussolini's address on the twentieth anniversary of his sleeping-car ride to Rome.

Hitler's Policy in Italy

◆ Italy pursuing Hitler's policy, publishers in that country may still print books written by Italian Jews but may not sell them through booksellers. If they sell them at all they must sell them themselves. Without provocation on his part the Rome correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who had been stationed in Rome for the past fourteen years, was notified that he must leave Italy within eight days. No specific reasons were given. He and his Italian wife (he himself is from Poland) had a four-month-old child.

Expulsion of Jews from Italy

◆ Aping Germany Mussolini, some days prior to March 11, 1939, expelled hundreds of Jews from Italy. The poor creatures, including women, children and old men, spent several days in the mountains, nearly dying of hunger and cold. Some lost their shoes in the snow, 200 finally were given hospital care in Mentone, France, while 150 were admitted to hospitals in Monte Carlo. Thousands were reported within sight of France, knee-deep in the snow in the passes, denied admittance to France and unable to turn back to Italy.

A Few Mad Italians

◆ Uneasy lies Goliath's head on his shoulders. Two Italians in a single month recently made attempts to kill Mussolini, but the Devil spared his life, for he has much yet to do, no doubt. A more serious matter was when a group of Italian veteran foot-racers from Brihuega, Spain, wrecked the headquarters of the Fascist Union in Naples, because, after being tricked into fighting (or running away from it) in Spain, they got back to Italy and found themselves with no jobs.

Pegler's Description of Gayda

◆ Mussolini has made a public figure and lower-case dignitary of a hack who otherwise might never have risen above the mass of crummy moochers, typical of Italian journalism, who sit around marble tables in sloppy overcoats with grease on their collars, gnawing horse-meat sausage and chirping for their supper. They are, as a tribe, the most contemptible menials of the whole breed of Fascist parasites who live by the nod.—New York *World-Telegram*.

More About the Libyan Farms

◆ Further details about the Libyan farms are that there is an artesian well on each farm and the settlers on arriving find food in the house, tools in the sheds, two horses and eight to twelve cattle in the stables, chickens and pigs. At first the farmers receive a subsidy from the government. This is gradually reduced, then rent is paid for a time, and afterwards the farms become the property of the settlers.

Italian Munition Factories

◆ In his address to the Italian senate Mussolini drew attention to the fact that Italy has 30,000 airmen, 876 factories turning out war material, and 580,033 hands working uninterruptedly in them. This was said at a time when Italy was technically at peace with Spain and was one of the powers guaranteeing non-intervention, but was using all its powers to destroy another government.

Mussolini "Hit and Ran"

◆ Cornelius Vanderbilt told of a ride he took with Mussolini, with the Duce himself at the wheel. Tearing through the countryside the car knocked down a child. Vanderbilt turned to see what had happened, but the Duce only stepped on the gas the harder, remarking, "Never look back, my friend, always forward." Could any attitude toward his fellow man possibly be more cruel or selfish?

In Thirteen Days

◆ On March 23, in an address in Rome, King Victor Emmanuel declared that the relations of the Italian Government with the kingdom of Albania were happily most cordial. Albania passed out of existence thirteen days afterward, and probably its destruction had been fully decided upon many weeks before.

Mussolini to the Italian Senate



In his address to the Italian senate Mussolini declared that Italy can muster 9,000,000 troops, 4,000,000 of them front-line fighters; that Italy has the most powerful submarine fleet in the world; that Italy has several thousand planes which have proved their prowess in Spain; that when war comes the Italians must desert their great cities and flee to the country places, and that Italian warfare will be conducted through the skies in such a way as to sap the morale of opponents. It was the speech of a fiend.

Demons Ruining Mussolini

◆ According to information from Rome in the *English News Review*, January 13, 1939, the health of Mussolini during the last months has been shaken to an alarming point. According to the same information Il Duce suffers from periodical manifestations of a very strong neurotic exhaustion, being obsessed also by mystic musings. It was noted also that the orders given by him are contradicting each other.

It is said that the condition of Il Duce is preoccupying particularly the royal circles. The king, Victor Emmanuel, began in these last times to show particular interest in the acts of Mussolini; and the crown prince, Umberto, is giving close attention to all the affairs of the country, that he might be ready in a given time to take personal control of the country.—Kathemerine.

Bernstein Snubs Mussolini

◆ In 1923 Mussolini personally decorated Philip Henry Bernstein, a 62-year-old dramatic author of French birth and Jewish ancestry, with the insignia of the Order of Saint Maurice and Lazare. Mr. Bernstein recently returned the rosette and told the one-time blacksmith he did not consider it any honor to wear it since Mussolini aped Hitler in persecuting the tiny army of Jews within Italian borders.

Losses in Italian Wars

◆ Italy acknowledges that in her unprovoked war against Ethiopia she lost 2,313 native Italians, and that in her equally unprovoked war against the Spanish Republic 3,327 more were killed or died of disease. The number crippled was 11,227. All this was done so that Mussolini could continue to sell himself to the Italian people.

Instructions to Italian Journalists

◆ September 19: In describing events in Palestine refrain from using the terms "bands", "terrorists," "attempts at assassination," and use instead (in headlines and in the texts) the following terms: "insurgents," "insurrection," "bravery of insurgents," and "Arab combatants".

Show no optimism regarding the international situation.

September 24: Publish nothing of the visit of the Duce to the ballet at Belluno.

September 28: Stress that from all corners of the world appeals have been addressed to the Duce to settle the present situation.

October 3: Newspapers may accept for payment obituary notices of the Jews.

Give prominence to that part of Chamberlain's speech in which he acknowledges the role of the Duce.

October 10: Do not reproduce from *Messaggero* the report about the loss of weight [physical or moral?] by Chamberlain.

October 13: It is categorically prohibited to print anything of the exchange of foreign prisoners in Spain.—Secret Instructions of Italian Ministry of Culture.

The Secret Promise to Italy

◆ The secret treaty with Italy, made in London in 1915 (see Judge Rutherford's book *Enemies*, top of page 269) by Italy on the one hand and by France, Great Britain and Russia on the other, to give Italy possession of the South Tyrol of Austria, Trieste (Austria's busiest port), certain islands in the Adriatic sea, the Dodecanese islands, and possessions in Eritrea, Somaliland and Libya in Africa, was never intended to be kept, but constituted a bribe to Italy to forsake its German-Austrian alliance. It is these old promises, made but never kept, that have much to do with Italy's present claims and warlike attitude toward the nations that made the promises. Those familiar with the news in 1915 well remember that at that time Italy was for sale to the highest bidder.

Little Coffee for Italians

◆ All good Italian Fascists have been instructed to cut down their coffee drinking to the minimum, or leave it out altogether. The object is to put pressure on coffee-producing countries that are not disposed to barter it for Italian manufactured goods. The Ethiopian crop is still very inadequate for Italian needs.

Serves Imredy Right

◆ Bela Imredy, after the fashion of Hitler and Mussolini, championed measures calculated to put the Jews of Hungary under the same disabilities that they suffer in Germany and Italy. Then the historians got to work and discovered that Imredy's own great-grandfather, and also his own grandmother, on his mother's side, were Jews. So Imredy resigned as premier of Hungary. Now if some historian would discover that both Hitler and Mussolini had Jewish forebears, what a joke it would be! Anyway, it served Imredy right. The new premier of Hungary, Count Teleki, is a Roman Catholic, of course. And he might be part Jew, also.

All Italians in Uniform

◆ Italy is in process of putting its entire population in uniform. This already applies to the civil servants, whose summer and winter uniforms, designed by the state, must be worn when at work. The theory is that all are servants of the state and must dress like servants.

Lottery Advertising

◆ It is illegal for advertisements of lotteries to pass through the United States mails, yet the Italian government now sends mail into the U.S.A. the cancellation stamps of which bear the legend, in Italian, "Invest in the Italian lottery and become a millionaire."

Looking for Trouble

◆ Looking for trouble, and sure to get it, Italy is building the largest submarine fleet ever under one flag, and the most heavily armed, some of them having 14 tubes. The new submarines will be able to cross and recross the Atlantic without refueling.

Huge Reduction in Wages

◆ Italian workmen employed to build roads in Ethiopia (where they are in constant danger of being killed by Ethiopians) found, when the time came to renew their contracts, that instead of the 39 lire per day first paid their new wages will be only 15 lire.

Capital Levy in Italy

◆ Mussolini is having a hard time paying his bills and, in November last, levied a capital tax of 7½ percent on all partnerships and private companies with gross earnings of \$526.50 annually. Looks like small pickings, does it not?

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Commandment Number Ten

◆ Mussolini issued a new "ten commandments" to his soldiers, all in general accord with the last one of the number, which succinctly said, "Mussolini is always right." Just take a moment to compare that spirit with the one who modestly said:

"Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God."—Matthew 19:17.

Use of Electricity

◆ In the use of electricity Italy is one of the most up-to-the-minute countries in the world. One may go the whole length of Italy, 905 miles (the distance from New York to Chicago by the Pennsylvania lines) by electric train, and at speeds up to 72 miles an hour. By the use of hydroelectric power resources Italy saves 1,300,000 tons of coal annually.

How About This?

◆ A quondam friend writes that the emblem of Fascism is a bundle of rods enclosing an axe; that anybody who does not line up is first beaten with the rods and is then finished with the axe. He wants to know if that is right. Yes, that is right, that is, if anything as wrong as that can be right, and be left to tell it.

Mussolini Crying at Night

◆ Dr. Solomon Goldman, head of the Zionist movement in America, returned to New York reporting that after sixteen years of dictatorship Mussolini is now crying at night through jealousy of Hitler, and because of regret at the murder of thousands of defenseless Ethiopians, and Italian defeats in Spain.

Highway 330 Feet Wide

◆ The new highway from Rome to the sea will be 330 feet wide. In the center will be an automobile track 66 feet wide; on either side of it a 12-foot-wide strip for bicycles; outside the bicycle strips roads for slow-moving trolley buses; and outside of that wide pavements for pedestrians.

Modern Child Slaves

◆ Aping Germany and Italy, in Rumania the boys and girls are now liable to be called to national service in case of war, from the age of 7 years and up. At the age of 18 all Rumanian youths are conscripted for two years of military training.

Italian Parliament Suicides

◆ After an existence of ninety years the Italian parliament suicided, turning everything in the way of government over to the Chamber of Fasces and Corporations, which is merely another name for Mussolini.

Hobbling After Hitler

◆ Hobbling along after Hitler, textbooks by 114 Jewish authors were banned in Italian schools and a circular was issued by the Ministry of Education listing the books and the authors of whom Italy is now afraid.

Fighting for Liberty in Hubbard, Ohio (Continued from page 19)

came. Enthusiastically they adopted a resolution, prepared by the president of the Society, shown in cut on page 19. A mighty shout of "AYE" made known their affirmation.

The battle rages on, without letup or compromise. The pickets are intact, and another folder, which is shown in facsimile on pages 18 and 19, has been printed, and 120,000 copies are being distributed all over the zone. Forty-two lawsuits are pending.

And yesterday our petition to the governor of this state in impeachment proceedings against the mayor and the marshal of Hubbard was filed, and thus this fight will come before the highest authority of the state, where it is expected a great witness will be given.

In our latest pamphlet we requested the people to write to three persons in Hubbard letters of protest. Although this pamphlet is out only since last Sunday, we are informed that thousands have already been received in Hubbard.

Laconically, the wires of the United Press brought the following message to Youngstown, Ohio, this afternoon: "Pearl Loveless petitions Governor Bricker to remove R. C. Bowers, mayor of Hubbard, and Marshal Earl Greer, Hubbard, from office on the charges of mal-feasance, non-feasance and mis-feasance in office."

Thus begins a battle in the highest place in Ohio. During the interim we have not been idle, but have worked day and night, to get all points involved backed up by fact. We have several investigators at work. Am going to take an active part in the preparation and in the conduct of both trials, with one single intent, to give the biggest witness possible and to exalt throughout these trials the name of our great God JEHOVAH. Am going to watch that angle more than anything else, for this must come before kings and governors.

One fact is already outstanding beyond doubt. A tremendous witness has been given

throughout northeastern Ohio. The truth, and the valiant fight of the Lord's people in Hubbard, have become the talk of all, young and old. The Lord's name has been exalted far and wide, and that fact has imbued all the friends here to high pitch of enthusiasm and joy.

It is only nine months since 384 publishers covered this entire zone. But August, when we actually had the most of our trouble in Hubbard, revealed the publishers truly inspired by the Lord of hosts and they exerted themselves in an unbelievable manner.

The report, to prove that this fight has done much for the various local units around here, for the month of August was: 1,780 books, 19,481 booklets; the number of publishers shot all the way up to 938; these publishers put in 22,092 hours; the entire zone averaged 23.5 hours. What a glorious bout! Praise be to the Lord, who turns the darts of the enemy into mighty boomerangs, smiting the enemy with blasts of truth.

One could go on with details, wonderful details, wonderful incidents, experiences of one and a hundred, from all parts of the zone, but it all amounts to one inevitable conclusion: "The battle is God's." Thrilling conclusion!

The investigators report the receipt of 3,459 letters up to this afternoon by Hubbard officials. It's only the fourth day since the appeal folder distribution began, and 45,000 have been distributed up to now; the other 65,000 are just coming off the press.

All of this is creating quite a witness.

Our folder distribution has served one important end: it has prevented other towns, which had a mind to, from starting similar trouble.

Jehovah's witnesses will not let up; they will fight to the last ditch always, to enhance the glory of Jehovah's great name.—W. J. Schnell, Ohio.



Pioneering in Old Kentucky

◆ J. W. Sherman, pioneering in old Kentucky, reports finding two Negro women, one 98 and the other reputed to be 125, both of whom love the truth, and both of whom remember when they were slaves. One was sold on the auction block. Of another interesting incident Sherman says:

Wade Nave, Poor Town, Kentucky, crawled back up the cliff unscratched while his Model T Ford lay in pieces 550 feet below, and the engine block 50 feet nearer the river.



Home window display

As the car struck the second ledge Wade grabbed some stout bushes and hung on through the open door, as the car toppled on over to destruction, hitting ledge after ledge on the way down.

Dog-Collar Religion in Iowa

◆ In the little town of Elkhart, Iowa, some time ago we were running the "Exposed" series of lectures by Judge Rutherford when a certain man with his collar in reverse (to show that he is what the Scriptures style him—Isaiah 56: 10, 11) came along and said peremptorily, "Turn that thing off." I said, "Who are you, to give me orders? I am taking no orders from you, but if you listen you may learn something." He reiterated, "I told you to turn that off," and was then invited to be on his way, as there were others who were interested. He went away, threatening.

Come Tuesday, we arrived on time, started the lectures, and after about ten minutes four saints of the "dog's" flock came up and demanded that the thing be turned off. Each was asked to give his name, which, with true Roman Catholic cowardice, was refused. They were then told that if they would listen quietly they would learn something, but one re-

plied that they were good Catholics, and listened to their priest on Sunday and did not intend to listen to Judge Rutherford on Tuesday. Then those nice brave men began to rotten-egg the car, the personnel of which consisted of two women and one 80-year-old man, an old sea captain, who had been all over the world, and had many interesting experiences but said he had never seen anything in his whole life like his experience with these dogs.

It was a hot evening, the windows were open, and in no time we were a mess. We telephoned the police for protection. This was at 7:20 and the police arrived at 11:30. The next day it took three of us four hours to clean the car, and for a long time after that, on a hot day it smelled like a chicken coop. The original dog was out of town that night, but the younger pups from the same litter did the dirty work as well as he could have done it himself.—Martha Holmes, Iowa.



Publishers (5 and 7) at Carteret, N. J.



North London pioneer group. Note signs on phonographs and attaché cases.

Pioneer Experiences

◆ A pioneer at New York Convention had embroidered on the back of his white linen coat the words: "Serve Jehovah God and Christ the King. Hear Judge Rutherford." Asked, "Why do you wear that garb? You are not on strike," the pioneer replied, "Oh, yes, I am. I am on strike against the Roman Catholic Hierarchy."

A pioneer from Oregon, 65 years of age, started for the convention the middle of April. Having no cash to pay for fare, she washed dishes for necessary food and bed, thumbing her way from point to point.

A Montreal pioneer was sent to jail for five days. On entering she was met by nuns who told her she must get down on her knees and confess. She refused, saying she confessed to Jehovah alone. She therefore received special punishment from the ones in charge of the Bug Warren where she was incarcerated. When she emerged she had been almost literally eaten alive by bugs.

A blind pioneer from North Carolina has been working among the businessmen for nine years. On occasion he has put in 140 hours a month. He has never gone hungry.

A pioneer and his seventeen-year-old daughter hitchhiked from Prince Edward Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence to New York and return, traveling, all together, 2,253 miles. Turned back at the international border at



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one point, they got through at another. They had a thrilling experience, but the Lord provided them with all their necessities.

A bystander, as he watched the information march of Jehovah's witnesses in Saskatoon, inquired, "Who are these people? The un-

employed?" His friend answered, "These are Jehovah's witnesses, the busiest people on earth, advertising the lecture 'Government and Peace', and not government and pieces, as we have it today."

(To be continued)

Japan, Korea and China

Shintoism in Japan and in Korea



Up until 1882 the Japanese government regarded all religion as useless, but then began to revive Shinto shrine worship, though declaring it not religious. In October, 1901, the Japanese Supreme Court rendered a decision that State Shinto is religious. Of late the government has outlined the prayers that are to be offered at such shrines. They are: For a year without storms or floods; that the crops may be good; that the country may be prosperous; that the evil spirits may be kept from the priests. With the spread of the determination of the Japanese military authorities to dominate the entire world, Shinto worship was extended to such countries as have already been conquered, with the result that in Korea, at the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Japanese police ordered every delegate not to oppose Shinto worship, prevented known anti-Shinto-worshippers from attending, ordered missionaries to sign state-

ments that they would not oppose Shinto-worship, and forcibly prevented them from speaking against it, by actually sitting on the platform, so that they could control every statement made. Here is an illustration of Simon-pure idolatry—the totalitarian State worshiping itself and demanding that everybody else comply with its decrees. Korean Christians are up against it, and no mistake; and the idolatry they are fighting will spread to earth's remotest bounds, finding expression in one land in one way, and in another land in yet another way. Take your stand on God's side now. In Armageddon it will be too late.

Bringing Civilization to China

◆ The peculiar methods used to bring civilization to China resulted in 25,000 women and children in Hong Kong living solely by vice. Of this number, 4,000 are girls between the ages of 12 and 16, and meantime, every week, scores of new girl children are bought from their wretched parents by white slave agents.

Central Europe

The 'Sudetenland' of Hungary

◆ Lord Rothermere, called "one of Germany's closest friends in Britain", has called attention to that Hungarian territory now part of Rumania that was formerly Hungary's for over a thousand years. He says, "I am sure today, that if the Hungarian 'Sudetenland' problem is not settled European statesmen in a year or two will be confronted with the same emergency that they had to deal with at Munich." He advocates handing this territory back to Hungary.

Enticing Birds to Hungary

◆ The wide and treeless plain of Hortobagy, Hungary, is a pasture for the best Hungarian cattle, but they suffer severely from the flies and mosquitoes which breed there. For some

reason the district has been deficient in bird life, and this is now being overcome by building artificial nests to induce them to come. The towers in which the nests are being built are ornamental and attractive.

Fascism Triumphant in Yugoslavia

◆ At the December elections in Yugoslavia the Fascist forces in control for the past three years were re-elected under conditions which give them another four years of control of the country.

Omit Sandusky

◆ Omit Sandusky, Ohio, from last item on page 11 of *Consolation* No. 520, issue of August 23.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

"Vipers" in the Orkneys

● Two sisters, enthused with the desire to spread the knowledge of the present establishment of the kingdom of God, and earnestly desiring to obey the commandment to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, went from the mainland of Scotland to the Orkney islands. Their zeal in visiting the people in their homes resulted in placing with them a very considerable number of books and booklets which enable readers to read the Scriptures with understanding without need of a preacher, who would only tell them what his church says is to be believed. The religionists in the islands are very vexed that the people should be able to get an understanding of the truth about the kingdom of God in this way, especially as their dogmas and the whole system of organized religion, under whatever name it is known, are shown to be contrary to the words and spirit of the teaching of Christ and the apostles. The religionists got busy with letters in the local newspaper, warning the islanders against the women and their books and the "dangerous" teaching. The Plymouth Brethren, who reckon to separate themselves from organized religion, had a try at putting up a barrage, and the 'reverend' representative of the church of Scotland shot some of his dogmatic ammunition and, having gathered some mud from his church's stores, endeavored to hinder the message of truth by besmirching the life of C. T. Russell, and the sincerity of Judge Rutherford in his service to the honor of God's holy name.

The Plymouth Brethren have ever been bitter opponents of the truth and of those whom God pleased to use in its service. They got light from the Scriptures to discern that the church organizations were entirely wrong; but they retained the defiling doctrines of the churches. They are very orthodox, being believers in the "Trinity" doctrine, and the unscriptural doctrine of "the immortality of the soul", and they have hugged to themselves the blasphemous dogma of "eternal torment". Through their publishing houses they have issued venomous attacks and continue to do so.

"Reverend" Alex. Burnett of the Old Manse, the local representative of the church of Scotland (Presbyterian), writes to the local paper saying it is his duty to warn the public against the literature placed by the witnesses of Jehovah, and hopes that some evidence of what he styles its "pernicious character" which he relates will keep his people from reading what they have got and others from taking any. His evidence is the same vicious perversions which have had to serve these men for so long a time, except that he professes to add a personal experience, to give weight. His own bit is a reference to the South African trouble raised by natives in an endeavor to get back their freedom from "white" bondage. Part of the agitation which troubled the authorities was of a religious cast in which the name "Watch Tower" was used. That movement was entirely unrelated to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society's work in South Africa; but the likeness in the name served the clergy missionaries in their endeavor to brand the Society as an evil influence, and its literature as seditious. "Reverend" Burnett says he can add his testimony, claiming to speak from personal knowledge. He cannot have knowledge of any association of the representatives of Jehovah's witnesses, who carry the writings, the warnings and exposition of the Bible by Judge Rutherford, and the native movement, for there was no connection. "Reverend" Burnett's church, the church of Scotland, managed to get one of their foremost missionaries on the Royal Commission sent out to inquire into the labor troubles in the copper mines in North Rhodesia, and a great endeavor was made by this biased mind to link Judge Rutherford's writings with the labor agitation. It could not be done. Later this same missionary agitation resulted in a case being tried in the High Court of South Africa, taken there by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, and that court declared after examination that there was not the slightest ground for the charge of sedition, but that the publications were expositions of the Scriptures and conformed thereto. If the "reverend" gentleman is as conversant with these things as he professes to be, he knows that he hides or perverts the facts.

But this preacher of the gospel according to the church of Scotland's dogma got aid in his reviling. The Home Board of the church of Scotland, stung by the truth which goes to the homes of the people in all Scotland as else-

where, has published a folder for the use of such as "reverend" Burnett, and hopes thereby to counteract the work of Jehovah's witnesses. The folder is a scurrilous thing. They have joined the Roman Catholics and the Plymouth Brethren in their methods of vilification. Headed in bold red letters "Riches from Religion" the folder has about 26 paragraphs intended to expose the fraudulent men and methods (as they say) of the "new religion" now represented by Judge Rutherford. It ends with its computation that Judge Rutherford's writing "must have brought in one year the comfortable income of £180,000". In nearly all of the paragraphs there is a direct lie; all of them are perversions, and the whole is a scandalous thing for a church with so much pride of righteousness as the church of Scotland to allow its home board to publish.

But Presbyterian parsons have long been bitter opponents of the witness to the establishment of the Kingdom, and of its messengers, now universally known as Jehovah's witnesses. It was the Presbyterians of Canada, emigrants and the children of emigrants from Scotland, who were instigators of the opposition to Pastor Russell, and were so afraid of the truth that they got their government to forbid his entrance into Canada to preach the gospel. It was they that tried to get the officials in East Africa to ban the publications which carried the truth and to expel its messengers. Modern Presbyterianism gives its ministers a good deal of latitude, apparently asking little more than general conformation to the authority of its General Assemblies, and always with the maintenance of the church system. Its ministers are unbelievers in the Scriptures as the word of God, and, in fact, they have been in the van of rejectors of their inspiration.

Opposition to the truth which exposes the religious systems of "Christendom" is to be expected; for it threatens their inheritance. It is not a cause for astonishment that they act as they do: they are not honest to their own ordination vows, and can hardly be expected to be honest towards the truth. Let it be said once again that, so far from being money-makers out of their service for God, Pastor Russell died a poor man in the most literal sense, and Judge Rutherford does not gain a penny piece for himself out of the millions of books which are placed by Jehovah's witnesses with the people. This work of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom is the

continuation of that which was begun by the Lord and His apostles, and is that of which He spoke in His prophecy of "the end of the world", and the religionists are acting towards this preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom as the Jews acted then. The words of Jesus as recorded at Matthew 12:34 is still a living word.

Like a Hammer

● 'Is not my word like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? saith Jehovah.'—Jeremiah 23:29, A.R.V.

The religionists of Jeremiah's day had so hardened themselves against any opposition to the place in the nation which they had made for themselves, and were so self-righteous, that when God, whom they professed to adore, sent Jeremiah to warn them of the impending destruction, He told His servant that these people were as a rock, but that His word by Jeremiah would be a hammer by which the rock would be broken. Jehovah broke in pieces that religious rock, by His word, and by sending Nebuchadnezzar to waste Jerusalem. The religionists lost the glory and power they had made and taken for themselves, and their lives also, in that destruction. For a long time thereafter the worship of God was free from the hypocrisy, formalities and pretenses which had caused Jehovah to sweep His land clean. But the people again allowed this priestly, clergy class to fasten themselves in authority and power, and in the days of Jesus this sin against God came to its worst, and He was killed by them, because He spoke the truth.

But the word of God by Jeremiah remains a word for this day, when that which was seen in Israel in Jeremiah's day, and in Jewry in the days of Jesus, is now manifested in all "Christendom" and in all the sections of religionists. Religionists hide their head behind the shadow of their own infidelity: they refuse to believe that God has spoken in this day by His prophets. The Roman Catholic church professes to accept the Scriptures and to be their custodian; but it will not allow any message to come from the Word of God, and as a church it pays no attention to the prophets, except to use a word taken here or there which is made to support their institution. Most of the other sections of religion are frank in their rejection of the words of the prophets as being the word of God. But all of them are set in their place and purpose to maintain what they have; and again the word is true, 'Is not

my word like a hammer that breaketh in pieces? saith the Lord.'

Religionists set themselves against anything that is unorthodox, whether as to doctrine or what is not of their many and varied sections. One and all are agreed against the witness which God is giving and for some years has given against religion and to the fact of the establishment of His kingdom in this the day of His judgment. The books and booklets which Jehovah has caused to be written are carried abroad through the earth by His witnesses. They convey the message of the prophets, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom of God, as well as the warning of the impending destruction both of religion and of everything else that is opposed to God and His kingdom. They are as God's hammer to break the rock. Judge Rutherford, whom God has used to His purpose in this, is as hated by some as was Jeremiah, and for the same reason.

The War

● For some time the dark war clouds hung very low. Whether the lightning and the thunder of bombs and guns would break from them, or there would be some wind of peace to carry them away for a time, depended upon the perverseness of Hitler's mind, or on how he was impelled by the evil spirits which move it. It cannot be said that though the dreaded thing was apparently so near as to be almost impossible it should pass that the people were in anywise panicky. The Government got its Emergency Powers Bill through Parliament, and, now that war has come, it takes the control of the national resources, and acts, as it must, like the dictator rulers. What has emerged in a clearer manner than ever before is that duplicity and lying go hand in hand with what are called "power politics". It does seem that the world is hastening fast to the condition of the days before the Flood, of which it is said "the earth was filled with violence".—Genesis 6:11.

The Vatican has been very busy in European politics, but the pope must have had a rather bad shock when the news of the pact between Hitler and Stalin was published. (This is not a pact between the German and Russian peoples—they are but pawns in the political game.) The pope has apparently wrought hard to keep Communist Russia behind its own borders, hoping that Catholic Poland would prove a strong barrier against the Catholic's bogy, Communism; but his chief

partner in that purpose has made a bargain with the enemy. Franco, too, must have pulled a wry face when his former aide in delivering Catholic Spain from the terrible "reds" went over to the enemy. One may comment that neither the pope nor Hitler is burdened with any particular care about Communism, as such: both have ulterior purposes in mind; both seek mainly after power, and take the means to advance their interests as circumstances give the opportunity.

The Bank of England moved much of its business into the country, and the Bankers' Clearing House, and other institutions are doing the same. Public buildings are protected against air raids, with heavy sandbag covering for the walls in case of near-by explosions, and in every way, as far as seems possible, there is preparation for the dreaded breaking out of the terrible thing which will mean the destruction of life and property and, it may confidently be predicted, of all that men hold dear. One thing is certain, namely, that there will be no settlement in the world till the time of trouble has done its full work and Jesus' great prophecy as recorded in Matthew 24 has been fulfilled.

Kendal, Westmorland

● A recent issue of *Consolation* carried a paragraph which said that the chief constable of Kendal had instructed the managers of the local cinemas to keep the doors of the cinemas closed at the end of the shows so as to ensure that the audience should not disperse while the few bars of the national anthem were played. The report was sent direct to the editor in Brooklyn by a local correspondent. It was incorrect, as inquiry reveals; was based on rumor and imagination. The police gave no such instruction, and the chief constable was in no way involved. We regret any inconvenience that may have been caused to the chief constable.

Commonwealth Stands by Britain

● A single dispatch from London tells that Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Palestine, India, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Guiana, Falklands, Sierra Leone, Malta, Tonga and Basutoland unqualifiedly took their stand with Britain in the war against Hitler. The only exceptions were Southern Ireland and an ineffective resistance in Quebec.

Checking Up on a Jesuit

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It's all right being a Jesuit, and telling any kind of whopper, until some courageous and inquisitive person checks up, and then there is trouble. The *Catholic Telegraph Register* had a nice column story entitled "Jesuit's Work Removes Black Hole of Death". In pathetic and eloquent phrase it told how "a kind-hearted Jesuit priest" couldn't stand it to see the awful slums in which San Antonio's Spanish-American people live, how he had taken the matter up with city authorities and then with Washington, and as a result of his efforts \$10,000,000 would be expended in a slum-clearing and better-housing project. Also, the story, which bore a San Antonio date line, contained this convincing statement:

The situation was desperate. Father Tranchese set up the Catholic Relief organization, opened food depots throughout the district, fought starvation with bread and other food.

It all sounded so good for the Jesuits that the matter was referred to a San Antonio attorney for the facts. He interviewed "Father" Tranchese himself, and asked him the direct question, "Who was responsible for getting that housing authority down here; was it the Junior Chamber of Commerce?" and "Father"

Tranchese replied, "It was Maury Maverick and the Junior Chamber of Commerce." This statement was and is the truth, and this is well known to everybody in San Antonio.

And now about the rescue from famine. The attorney investigated this and discovered that—

the only depot established by Tranchese in the district was at his church house, and then he dished out only bread, stale bread, and thin soup and poor coffee, and this was only to his parishioners and did not approach to the smallest or slightest degree in reaching the mass of the pecan workers; that this was the only depot that he had anything to do with.

Query: Who is it that is so anxious to put the work of this Jesuit priest in San Antonio in such a brilliant light before the readers of the *Telegraph Register*? And would you not think that even the shameless *Telegraph Register* would know better than to publish such a lot of lying drivel without investigation? One paragraph in the story reads as follows:

Father Tranchese is a hard man to frighten. At last his detractors threatened him with death and then with worse. One man wrote: "I could start a story that there is a priest who writes love letters to young girls and gives jewels to women of his congregation."

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