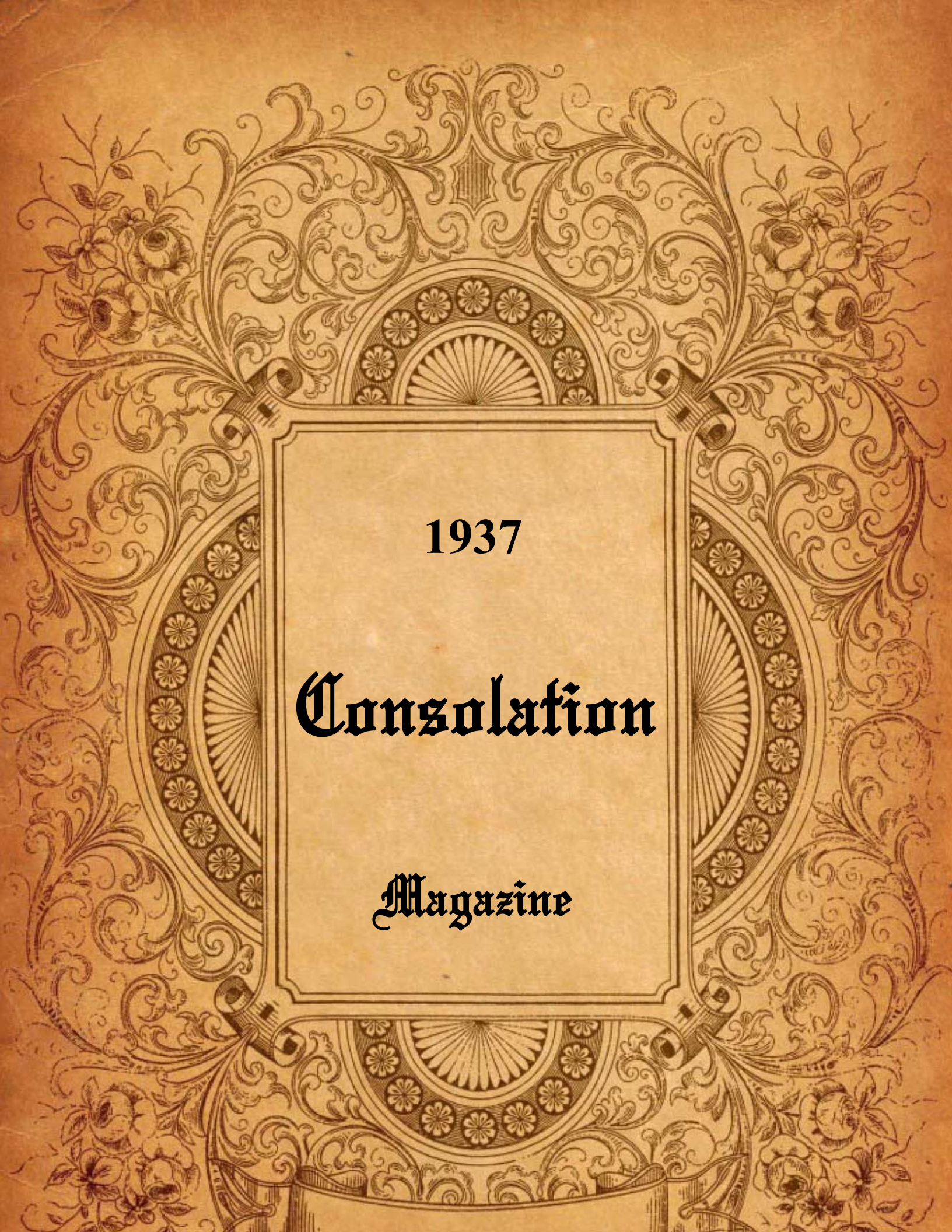




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Letter from "a Dejobbed"

WITH "FIVE SAVAGE WIVES AND 16
 VORACIOUS CHILDREN"

◆ An African government servant was dismissed in a certain district of West Africa, and here is the letter he wrote to the local district officer.

Kind Sir—On opening this epistle you will behold the work of a dejobbed person, and a very bewifed and much childrenised gentleman, who was violently dejobbed in twinkling by your goodself.

For Heaven's sake, Sir, consider this catastrophe as falling on your own head, and remind yourself as walking home at the moon's end of five savage wives and sixteen voracious children with your pocket filled with non-existent £. S. D., not a solitudery sixpence; pity my horrible state when being dejobbed and proceeding with a heart and intestine filled with misery to this den of doom, myself did greedily contemplate culpable homicide, but Him who did protect Daniel (poet) safely through the lions' dens will protect this Servant in his home of evil.

As to reason given by yourself goodself esquire for my dejobbment the incrimination was laziness.

No Sir. It were impossible that myself who has pitched sixteen infants children into this valley of tears, can have a lazy atom in his mortal frame, and the sudden departure of eleven pounds monthly has left me on the verge of the abyss of destitution and despair.

I hope this vision of horror will enrich your dreams this night, and good Angel will meet and pulverise your heart of nether milestone so that you will awaken, and with as much alacrity as may be compatable with your personal safety, you will hasten to rejobbulate your Servant. So mote it be—Amen. Yours despairfully, A.O.I.

Silly, Blasphemous Monkeyshines

◆ In Chicago, at the funeral of a monkey, a woman sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and her daughter read the 23d Psalm. There was a \$35 embalming job, a white plush casket, and a prayer which went to the Devil. Four boys and girls acted as pallbearers. The whole thing was a blasphemy from beginning to end.

Are You Sure About It?

◆ How do you pronounce f-o-l-k? And how do you pronounce the white of an egg?

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

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Hitlerizing Ronkonkoma

RONKONKOMA (Long Island, New York) has been stirred to its very depths. Educational forces have become aroused. Hundred-percenters have mobilized their forces, and the flag-wavers have grimly set their faces, with mighty resolves to save and preserve the flag, the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Magna Charta, the school system, the Union Jack, *e pluribus unum* and the whole ding-busted country.

And why all this sudden militancy and war-like actions? What great danger has so aroused and stirred these valiant preservers of the public weal? Believe it or not, it all comes from the actions of a little thirteen-year-old pupil of the eighth grade of the Lake Ronkonkoma school. One morning in October Grace Sandstrom stood with her arms by her side while the flag-salute ceremonies were conducted. She had good reasons for so doing, for it is the law of Almighty God that no creature shall render obeisance to an image, symbol or emblem.

Daniel R. Terry, principal of the school, saw her standing mute, and promptly informed her and the whole school that it was a criminal act against the country to refuse to salute and anyone not saluting the flag could be arrested and imprisoned. Daniel knew better than that. If he didn't, he has no business teaching school. But in his zeal to save the state and jam love for the national emblem down the throat of the pupils he overlooked the necessity of adhering to the truth.

A Perverted Disciple of Hitler

With fervor worthy of a better cause the principal endeavored to gag the conscience of his pupil. Threats and coercion were tried. She was sent home from school daily. Daily she appeared ready for classes, and each day she was thrust away from the school doors.

All to no avail. Grace Sandstrom had been taught that God's law is supreme. She stuck to that principle regardless of the cruel tactics brought to bear. Reinforcements were then called in, in the person of Walter M. Ormsby, superintendent of schools. Ormsby labored with Grace. He threatened her and her parents with immediate arrest. That didn't work. Something had to be done.

The high official, the superintendent, could not face defeat by a child. So a compromise suggestion was made. If Grace would raise her hand with the others she could repeat Psalm 20:5 in place of the pledge of allegiance. Grace then went to the schoolroom. She held her hand to the ceiling, and repeated: "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions." And Walter M. Ormsby thought he had saved the day, his face, and his country.

It didn't last. Grace was troubled in conscience. She could see that she had been deceived into a compromise, and on the next school day she again stood with hands by her side while the others bowed before the flag. So once again the foundations of the Republic appeared to be rocking, and the whole educational system in peril. Therefore it was time to adopt drastic measures, and consequently Charles and Hilda Sandstrom, parents of Grace, were summoned to court.

Did they charge them with teaching Grace not to salute the flag? No. They knew they couldn't get by with that. These patriotic pedagogues who had been daily preventing the girl from attending the public school caused a complaint to be filed in court charging that the parents wrongfully, unlawfully, willfully, corruptly, falsely, maliciously and knowingly kept Grace Sandstrom from attending upon full-time instruction in the public school.

If Auld Cloutie has any cuter tricks than that in his repertory, let's see them.

The Village Gestapo

While the case was pending in court it was deemed wise to send the girl to some other school. The matter was presented to William B. Hartley, principal of the North Babylon school. He gladly consented to give her refuge. Mr. Terry was notified, and immediately wanted to know where she was going. He was not informed, and forthwith the search was on. Chief snooper, Thomas W. Fish, truant officer, was put on the trail and evidently worked well, for within a few hours Mr. Hartley was deluged with phone calls, and received an intimation from the Department of Education at Albany that it might be bad for the financial health of the school if they persisted in the heinous offense of sheltering this conscientious objector. It worked. Regretfully he informed her that she would have to go elsewhere.

The bloodhounds had their way, and chances for survival of the State grew brighter.

The Civil Liberties Union observed these un-American tactics and offered assistance. Arthur Garfield Hays, veteran of many a court battle in the interest of civic rights, volunteered to defend the parents in court. His services were accepted. The case was tried. A jury of six brought in a verdict of "Guilty", but—at what a cost! For out of the melee came a clear picture of ignoble, Fascist-minded school officials trying to run an American community in Nazi Hitler style.

Any reasonably intelligent person knows that the Bill of Rights is a limitation on the power of the government. It prevents the government from infringing on freedom of con-

science, freedom of worship, freedom of speech, press and assembly. Freedom of worship means the right to believe what you will, and to act in accordance with that belief. The government is barred, restrained and prohibited from interfering therewith.

The New Swastika Freedom

Listen to Daniel R. Terry, principal of the Lake Ronkonkoma school, as he tells the court, under oath, his conception of religious freedom:

Mr. Hays: You teach that the State has a right to make laws contrary to one's religious convictions, even though we are guaranteed religious rights; you teach that?

Mr. Terry: Yes.

Mr. Hays: Don't you teach that a law contrary to that is not a proper law?

Mr. Terry: No. I believe first in the State.

Also, keeping in mind that the parents were on trial for keeping the child from attending school, note this admission from the principal:

Mr. Hays: Weren't you the man that kept her from attending school?

Mr. Terry: No, I sent her home.

Mr. Hays: Isn't that keeping her from attending school? Weren't you the man that kept her from attending school?

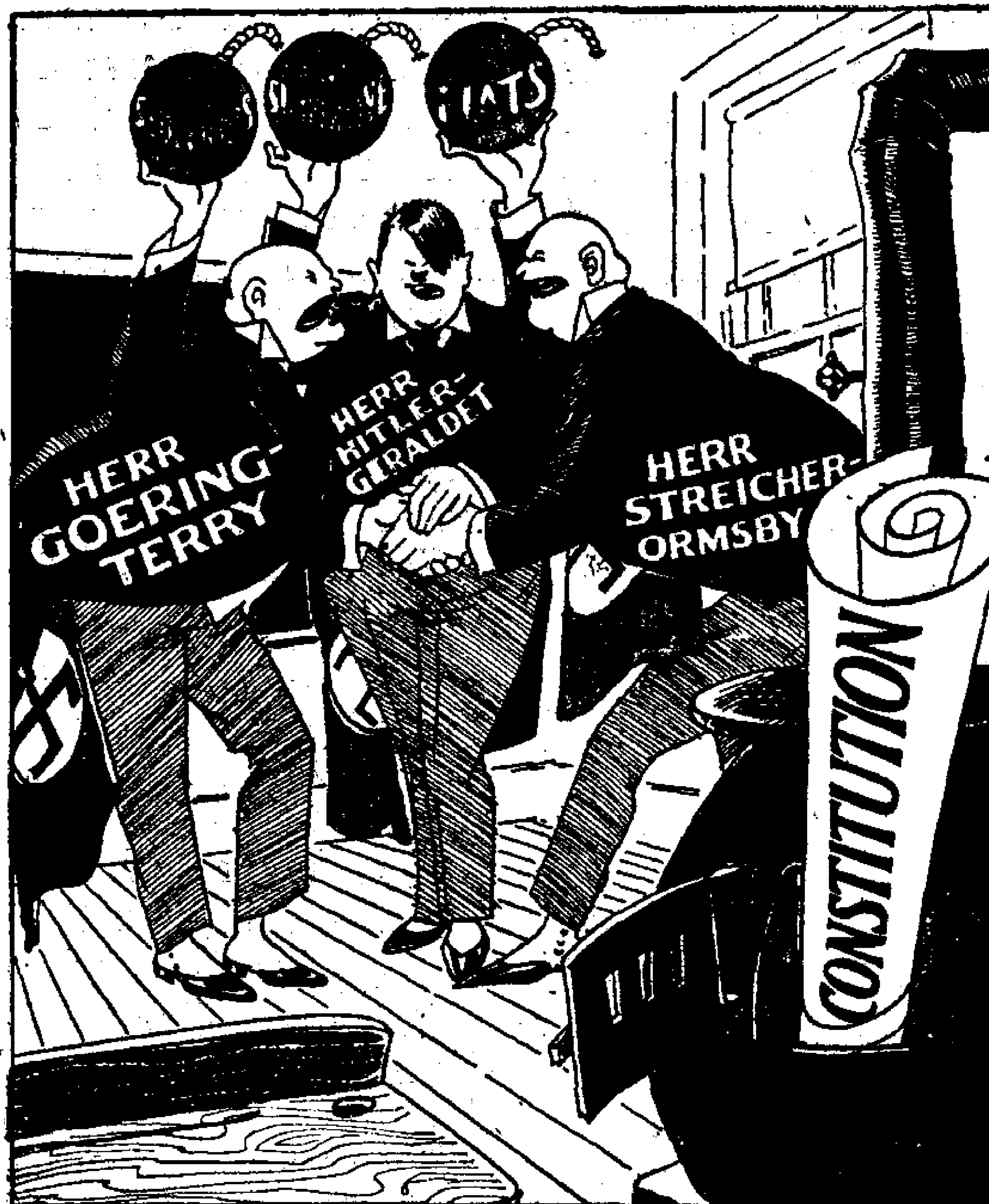
Mr. Terry: Yes, I suppose so.

Next we present to you the totalitarian sentiments of Sterling C. Girardet, president of the school board. Mr. Girardet is like Mr. Hitler. Hitler believes in religious freedom if it does not in any way infringe on the state, which is Hitler. Note the similarity of Girardet's views.

Bill of Rights—with Limitations

Mr. Hays: You believe in religious freedom?

Mr. Girardet: I do when it does not con-



The Tiny Hitlers of Ronkonkoma

flict with the rights of the government.

Mr. Hays: One of the things the government is prohibited from doing, and that is to suppress freedom of religion?

Mr. Girardet: I do not know.

Mr. Hays: You don't agree with the Constitution?

Mr. Girardet: Only with limitations.

Mr. Hays: Do you think that people should be allowed to enjoy their religious views without discrimination of any kind?

Mr. Girardet: I don't care to answer that question.

So there you have another good disciple of Hitler in the person of the president of the board of education. According to him, the men who wrote the Constitution made a terrible mistake in granting the people full freedom of conscience and worship. Should have had him and Daniel and Adolph there to mold it aright.

The great Mr. Ormsby did not take the stand and testify. Possibly he didn't desire to have his real thoughts and purposes brought to view on cross-examination. But he became careless and unfolded his inmost desires to do injury in the following statement made in the presence of reporters:

"I will prefer charges of juvenile delinquency against the girl, and try to have her put in an institution if she persists in her refusal to honor the flag."

In other words, if this perverted pedant has his way, the girl must squelch conscience, violate the law of God, or be committed to a reform school with sexual perverts, thieves, and other criminals.

And that, fellow countrymen, is the learned mentor who guides the education of the youth of the area.

Six Frightened Men

The jury was composed of six residents of the community. Their names: Frederick Smith, Joseph Corbett, Frank Bowers, Sherman Jay, Charles Davis, and Harold Murray. They, under oath, assured defendant's counsel that they believed in religious freedom and would acquit the defendants if the testimony showed that they were exercising that right. They were reminded of this promise in the closing arguments of the case, and were told plainly that when they decided the case they would be determining whether or not men in the state believed in the Constitution.

The jury found Charles and Hilda Sand-

strom guilty of wrongfully, unlawfully, willfully, corruptly, falsely, maliciously and knowingly keeping their daughter from attendance at the public school. The things that go on in the jury room are not often revealed to the public, but in this case *Consolation* learns that the jury were too scared to bring in any other kind of verdict than "Guilty". One member held out for acquittal for about an hour, but as the argument continued, and there was no evidence that anyone was going to furnish them with either hay or oats, he succumbed and joined in the guillotining of freedom of conscience. The secretary of the *equus asinus* fraternity may now receive applications for six more members.

And what about the judge, Harold C. Sorenson, who presided over the trial? Did he join in the slaughter? He was given an opportunity to remedy the wrong when motions were presented to him to set aside the verdict. He ruled otherwise, and must likewise share the responsibility of denial of the public school to one who obeys the rule of conscience.

'By their fruits shall ye know them.' This patriotic (?) trio of Ronkonkoma, to wit, Ormsby, Terry and Girardet, have been shown up, through their acts and words, as sailing under false colors. They were left hanging on the end of the limb to the full view of all, not as lovers of flag and country, but as Fascist-minded individuals who would junk the Constitution with its guarantees of liberty. They would chisel off religious freedom a la Hitler style, and hound, persecute and jail those who object to their authority.

Citizens of Ronkonkoma had better check up on the fruits of Hitler and Mussolini before they endorse the new educational system of this unholy trinity.

Ecclesiastical Purification

The Ronkonkoma gestapo having purged Grace Sandstrom from the public school and having also fastened a criminal conviction upon the parents, it appeared necessary to deodorize the matter through sanctity of clergy. So a self-designated "Reverend", David E. Sloatman, announced that he would speak at the local Methodist religious joint on the subject, "Would Jesus Salute the Flag?" Naturally his answer was "Yes". It would take a brave man to say "No" with the Fascist-minded "educationalists" Terry and Girardet sitting before him as members of his

congregation. He talked much about rendering unto Caesar what belonged to him, but made no comment on the Biblical prohibition of rendering obeisance to the image of anything. He overlooked the record made by the three Hebrews who refused to salute the national emblem of Babylon. He knew about them, but they didn't fit in with conclusions acceptable to his prominent church members; so why mention them? He mentioned the early Christians but neglected to tell how they were thrown to the lions because they refused to salute the image of Caesar.

"The glory of our history is that the rights of minorities have been protected from continued tyranny by a ruthless majority." Nice words those, Mr. Sloatman. But isn't it tyranny to jail people for obeying conscience? Isn't it tyranny to ruthlessly threaten, abuse, and coerce a little girl whose only offense is that she is doing what she believes the Lord commands her to do? Isn't it a fact that Charles and Hilda Sandstrom stand convicted of crime solely because their child acted in accordance with the dictates of conscience? Isn't that tyranny? It is fine to protest against tyranny when it is far away, but when it is close at home, then tyranny must be hushed and soft-pedaled.

Mr. Sloatman further grandly stated, "We thank our American heritage for the liberty which we enjoy in preaching this sermon this morning." He was very much favored. The State was on his side. He was giving Caesar everything, and letting the Lord have what was left over. He wasn't threatened with arrest or imprisonment.

Grace Sandstrom desired to preach loyalty to the great Creator by acts of obedience. She wasn't granted that liberty. She was barred from educational privileges, and her parents stigmatized with a criminal sentence. Except for the assistance of American citizens who love liberty and truth much more than Sloatman, Terry, Ormsby, et al, she would be incarcerated in a penal institution today.

Mr. Sloatman's statement and position bring to mind the case of the Reverend Pharisee of Jesus' day who stood in the temple and grandiloquently prayed: "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, . . . or even as this publican." This Ronkonkoma dominie thus feels glad and grateful that he is not as other men are, particularly Jehovah's witnesses, who obey God's law and

thus are deprived of the liberty to preach. He may be well approved by the Hitlerites; but who will be justified before Almighty God?—Luke 18:14.

The editorial from the *New York Times* appended hereto shows that there are still some Americans in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and not all have bowed in their hearts to Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and Ratti and Stalin, but a few still have a modicum of the common sense which once was a considerable stock in trade of Americans.

THE FLAG AND GRACE

A religious sect calling itself Jehovah's witnesses has appeared in news dispatches from various Eastern points recently because its members regard flag-saluting as idolatrous. The parents of 13-year-old Grace Sandstrom of Centereach, L. I., have just received a suspended fine of \$10 because they seem to have encouraged Grace in her refusal to "bow down before any one or anything but God," and were thus technically guilty of "keeping the child away from school," since the school authorities insisted on the flag salute. To Arthur Garfield Hays of the American Civil Liberties Union, who defended the accused, this appears to be a violation of religious liberties, and he has appealed the case.

The issue is not whether Grace loves her country. She testified that she did. The issue is whether she should be compelled to show her love in a manner prescribed by the school authorities. For most of us the flag salute is a gesture into which we can read what symbolism we like. For Grace it is a violation of conscience. But if the meaning of the flag were reduced to a single word, that word would probably be freedom. This is the "sweet land of liberty." And it is a little hard to see any consistency in compelling a school child or any one else, by threats and fines, imprisonment or physical violence, to salute a symbol of liberty. No Communist was ever less a Communist for being kicked into kissing the flag.

The compulsory worship of a symbol is a dangerous thing, flourishing mainly in periods and countries where there is no freedom. Let any one perform a Fascist salute in Moscow or a Communist salute in Berlin or Rome—or let any citizen of Russia, Germany or Italy fail to perform the proper salute at the proper time—and he is at once regarded as a suspect and a criminal. Americans ought to keep as far as they can from that sort of fetish worship.

Nearly all of us, in a perfectly honest and self-respecting way, are glad to lift our hats when the colors go by. We can read into the pattern and hues the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Gettysburg Speech, the hopes of a free

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democracy, and a tribute to the men who died for these ideals. But we can read those things less clearly when somebody's hat is knocked off, either by mistaken authority or by some self-appointed drill sergeant. If Grace Sandstrom and her parents

sincerely believe that God does not want them to salute the flag, the very principles which the flag symbolizes suggest that they should not be compelled to do so. If they didn't have to, they might want to.

It Is the Superintendent Who Is Delinquent

A FATHER in a New York school district has been fined \$10 and his thirteen-year-old daughter is threatened with a charge of juvenile delinquency and confinement in an institution because she refuses to salute the flag in school.

They belong to that New England sect which regards a gesture of obeisance to any material symbol as idolatrous. The little girl says, "I love my country and its laws; but I do not believe I should bow down to anyone or anything but God." And her love for her country doubtless was inspired by learning in school that its laws protect her in her religious convictions.

Granted that the rest of us don't agree with

that belief, there must be a hundred religious sects in the United States, each of whose followers disagree with certain tenets of all the others; yet they respect one another's religious rights and rites. Ignorant and lowly as they may be, and numerically weak, the church to which this family belongs is entitled to protection.

Far from being delinquent, the child exhibits moral stamina the Superintendent lacks to oppose some fanatical pressure group. That group should be sentenced to learn the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States by heart and the Superintendent sent to an institution. He it is who is delinquent.—*Louisville Courier-Journal*, November 9, 1937.

Salutes and More Salutes

WE'RE getting there fast! In many states they have bludgeoned and forced school children into saluting the flag. Now they are beginning with city employees. Jacksonville (Fla.) has decreed that every municipal employee must salute the United States flag and sign a declaration of allegiance to the national government or be discharged. This is all done, we suppose, to promote love of flag and love of country. The next logical step would be to require such salute and written oath from state and federal employees, attorneys, bank presidents, priests, preachers and every person who lives in the country. And seeing that it is so beneficial and effective in inspiring individuals with burning zeal for the state, it should be done frequently.

Consolation suggests that the flag salute be used at every opportunity.

Put a flag over every depot and let incoming and outgoing passengers salute.

Let the courts be opened with the flag salute.

Let each witness salute in place of swearing to tell the truth.

Let the jury salute before and after the decision.

Let the lawyers salute, with each question propounded.

Why not introduce the salute in the movies? Let the audience salute on entering the theater and before and after each reel that is put on the screen.

And so also at the subways: Let the people salute on entering the hole in the ground. Let them salute going through the turnstiles and on coming out. Let them salute on entering the car and leaving it.

Put the flag salute on at banquets, and with each course let the banqueters salute the flag and repeat the pledge of allegiance.

Anything that is so helpful to the interests of the state should be used to its fullest extent.

New Jersey Doctors Despise U. S. Government

THE contempt of New Jersey officials for the constitution of the United States and of New Jersey is proverbial. One fine illustration was when an assembly of Christian people at Plainfield heard Judge Rutherford lecture on a Bible topic under the muzzle of machine guns toted in by the chief of police to overawe and threaten him because he is one of Jehovah's witnesses.

It is the only place in the United States or elsewhere in "Christendom" where men and women have been dragged out of their automobiles and thrown into prison for thirty days because they were suspected of being Jehovah's witnesses, and the only place where parents have been prosecuted for contributing to the delinquency of minors because they allowed their children to preach the gospel of God's kingdom from house to house.

Its doctors are like its officers of the law; at least some of them are. They assume to override the laws of the United States; they assume the right and the power to deprive any United States veteran of his just rights and to throw him "out into the cold" if he offends them, or if they discover that he is one of Jehovah's witnesses.

If a citizen of New Jersey has attained to the age of parenthood, and has become the parent of three children, and has never done one other thing to justify his existence in the world, he can ask for and receive relief to the amount of \$55.00 per month for himself and wife and three children, and the state will pay it with a smile, if he belongs to the right "church".

But if a citizen of the state of New Jersey was in the front lines of six of the worst battles of the World War, and his nervous system is greatly impaired, and he is old before his time, and several boards of competent physicians have declared him totally and permanently disabled, and he is one of Jehovah's witnesses, and stands for his rights before a board of New Jersey physicians, which board is dominated by a Roman Catholic physician, the most he can get for himself and wife and three children is \$18.90 per month, grudgingly paid; and he may not accept any relief from the state. In other words, he is fined \$36.10 per month for having been such a fool as to participate in the campaign of the New Jersey

politician, Woodrow Wilson, to "make the world safe for democracy".

Let's see. It was Thomas McCampbell (was it not?) who made the statement in the New Jersey legislature, "I consider it the rottenest, the most corrupt government, of any state in the Union." Now to get down to the facts.

Doctors Look after Themselves

The doctors of New Jersey take with great seriousness the adage that "self-preservation is the first law of nature". Whoever else suffers, they are not inclined to add themselves to the list. The general tendency in this direction was indicated nicely when the Emergency Officers' Retirement Act was passed, in 1928.

When it was passed it was intended to compensate officers who had actually been injured in war service, and as records indicated that about 1,800 officers had actually been injured in battle, that was the number expected to be retired, so that the cost was estimated at approximately \$4,000,000 per year. But when the attorney general ruled that injuries or disabilities which might be presumed to have resulted from service also entitled those so afflicted to the same retirement, it let down the bars, with the result that many medical officers rushed in to get nice incomes for themselves by qualifying for this retirement. Instead of a total of 1,800 beneficiaries, there were, therefore, more than 1,800 physicians alone who were able to qualify. Of course, there was a slight increase in the number of others who were admitted, but it was the phenomenal influx of medical officers which seemed to attract the attention of the Congressmen. While there were twice as many officers of other branches retired, the number of medical officers retired was about 18 times the number they had anticipated.—American Bureau of Chiropractic.

Atlanta Penitentiary is full of men that have done things almost as bad. They saw a chance to get something for themselves, no matter how they got it, took a chance, and got caught. Being a doctor does not necessarily add anything to a man's honesty. Some think it makes it harder to be honest.

Some Examples of Medical Honor

The following are some of the high-minded physicians of the veterans' bureau drawing full salary and disability pay at the same time. Unlike the New Jersey Jehovah's witness veteran, there is nothing of any consequence the matter with these men; they never suffered

as he suffered; they are not old before their time as he is old; they are not tied down to a grand total of \$18.90 a month to support a wife and three children.

Just see what these men get, and reflect that very probably some of them never saw any kind of service except a short time at camp. Two of their "brethren" (chaplains) are drawing life pensions of \$125 a month, one of whom was called to the service on November 1, 1918, and the other on November 6, 1918. Now for explicit citations of doctors:

Dr. Carlin C. Phillips, New York, salary \$5,307; disability allowance \$2,250. Grand total, \$629.75 per month.

Dr. William C. Ames, District of Columbia, salary \$8,000; disability allowance \$1,800. Grand total, \$816.67 per month.

Dr. Thomas C. Foster, District of Columbia, salary \$5,200; disability allowance \$1,800. Grand total, \$583.33 per month.

Dr. James W. Donnelly, District of Columbia, salary \$5,600; disability allowance \$1,500. Grand total, \$591.67 per month.

Dr. Booton S. Compton, Kentucky, salary \$5,800; disability allowance \$1,500. Grand total, \$608.33 per month.

Dr. Herbert E. Whiteledge, Kentucky, salary \$6,500; disability allowance \$1,800. Grand total, \$691.67 per month.

Dr. Claude C. Keeler, Minnesota, salary \$5,200; disability allowance \$1,800. Grand total, \$583.33 per month.

Dr. Frank Roberts Sedgeley, Minnesota, salary \$5,600; disability allowance \$1,800. Grand total, \$616.67 per month.

Dr. Robert P. Smith, Montana, salary \$5,000; disability allowance \$2,250. Grand total, \$604.17 per month.

Dr. Wilfred Ernest Chambers, Missouri, salary \$6,500; disability allowance \$2,475. Grand total, \$747.92 per month.

Dr. William T. Doherty, Kansas, salary \$5,007; disability allowance \$1,500. Grand total, \$542.25 per month.

Dr. Ignatz David Loewy, Arizona, salary \$6,000; disability allowance \$2,475. Grand total, \$706.25 per month.

Dr. John C. Carling, California, salary \$5,000; disability allowance \$1,800. Grand total, \$566.67 per month.

Dr. Miles Jordan Duncan, California, salary \$5,007; disability allowance \$1,800. Grand total, \$567.25 per month.

Dr. Clayton Allen Patterson, California, salary \$5,157; disability allowance \$1,980. Grand total, \$594.75 per month.

Dr. Richard A. Roach, California, salary \$5,007; disability allowance \$1,800. Grand total, \$567.25 per month.

Dr. Justus Marshall Wheate, California, salary \$5,200; disability allowance \$2,887.44. Grand total, \$673.95 per month.

Monthly average shakedown of these seventeen "sufferers", \$628.93.

Doctors Have Other Duties

It should not be thought that these doctors do not have other duties besides awarding themselves moneys intended for the benefit of the veterans. They do. Nothing is known of their private practice, but their practice on veterans is a matter of record.

Medical Bulletin of the Veterans' Administration, July, 1934, Volume II, Number 1, for sale by Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., at 15c, lists on pages 31-58 the treatment of 49 insane soldiers. They received 63 injections of neoarsphenamine, 539 of mercury, 1,308 of sulpharsphenamine, 4,840 of tryparsamide, and 5,417 of bismuth, making a total of 12,167. This is an average of 248 "shots" apiece, and all that takes time.

Another thing that takes much time of the doctors is to so arrange their records that as few of the veterans as possible shall obtain what is their due. The more there is paid to the veterans the less there is for the physicians. Just a suggestion here: Much time would be saved the doctors if after the next war all the surviving veterans are lined up against a wall and machine-gunned to the last man. This would enable the doctors to take it all.

Harry Bochert, of New York city, liaison officer of the State Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, shows the progress that has been made in this direction. He says:

For the ordinary soldier to draw compensation he would have been required to have gone into the World War accompanied by a motion picture camera and two witnesses to watch him every hour of the day and night, a stenographer, a notary public, two doctors and a lawyer, also an X-ray machine. He should also have been careful in selecting his ancestors for several generations back, in order that no one had ever been unbalanced in mind or had ever been afflicted with disability of any kind. We challenge any lawyer living to understand the technicalities connected with the pro-

cedure necessary for a disabled veteran to secure justice for himself and his dependents.

Occasionally the Doctors Write

Occasionally the doctors write for publication and tell what they know or do not know, and it makes interesting reading. The following are a few items:

"The nature of the tuberculin reaction is still largely a matter of speculation." L. U. Gardner, M.D., and Edward R. Baldwin, M.D., member of Medical Council, Veterans' Administration, Saranac Lake, N.Y. *Medical Bulletin of the Veterans' Administration*, April, 1934, page 270-27.

"What we call heart failure in acute disease is therefore a widespread complex about which we have very much to learn . . . When we say that a pneumonia patient died because his heart gave out, it seems threadbare; but when we come to analyze what has actually happened, we find ourselves at once in a maze, difficult to thread." R. J. Coney, M.D., Veterans' Administration Facility, Portland, Oregon. *Medical Bulletin of the Veterans' Administration*, October, 1935, page 154.

"How many of us would be immune from a statute that would sterilize all individuals with transmissible hereditary defects, especially since our knowledge of heredity and the transmission of hereditary defects is not exact . . . There is no certain way of distinguishing the accidental mental defective from the hereditary type." Edwin M. Levy, M.D., Veterans' Administration Facility, Canandaigua, N.Y. *Medical Bulletin of the Veterans' Administration*, January, 1935, pages 234, 235.

"Encephalitis Lethargica is an acute and chronic disease of the nervous system of unknown etiology (cause)." Hiland L. Flowers, B.S., M.D., Veterans' Administration Facility, Bronx, N.Y. *Medical Bulletin of the Veterans' Administration*, January, 1935, page 247.

"Many a person has been labelled tuberculous upon evidence that fell far short of minimum requirements for even a suspicion of manifest tuberculosis. . . . In the physical examination of the chest there has been such a discrepancy in the description of abnormal physical findings and their interpretation by physicians as to throw the whole process of physical examination into a more or less chaotic condition . . . The X-ray does not make a diagnosis of lung disease." Harry B. Williams, M.D., Roentgenologist, Veterans' Administration Facility, Sunmount, N.Y. *Medical Bulletin of the Veterans' Administration*, October, 1934, pages 85, 86, 87.

"We have recently been subjected to repeated mental jolts, where autopsies demonstrated cardiac hypertrophy that X-ray examination, by our usual standards, had not shown. . . . In the end the value of any laboratory method is, does it help the

clinician or does it cause confusion in his mind and in the end make a hard diagnosis still more difficult? . . . Correlation of X-ray and autopsy findings has demonstrated to us the inaccuracy of the cardio-thoracic ratio as ordinarily determined." J. A. Howell, M.D., Veterans' Administration Facility, Excelsior Springs, Mo. *Medical Bulletin of the Veterans' Administration*, July, 1937, pages 16-19.

"That medicine is not an exact science, and that qualified physicians may differ markedly, not only in opinion, but even in their observation and findings: these facts are, of course, recognized by physicians and intelligent laymen and are taken into consideration." C. P. Harrod, M.D., Veterans' Administration Facility, San Fernando, California. *Medical Bulletin of the Veterans' Administration*, April, 1937, page 533.

A Chance for Use of Common Sense

The foregoing and much similar evidence shows that there is a rare chance for doctors to use common sense in judging veterans' cases and this they have signally failed to do in the case of U.S. Marine C-1 369 505, Daniel E. Morgan, sergeant of machine gunners, a part of whose service record follows:

Verdun, April-May, 1918, 54 days in front line trenches, 14 without shoes.

Chateau Thierry, June, 1918. Twenty-seven days without washing; lived by food taken from bodies of the dead; surrounded day and night by decomposing bodies of former comrades, mixed with strangling fumes of poison gas. One of the worst battles of all time. Nervous wreck, covered with intense itching rash at end of this battle, but needed at front and so not evacuated.

Soissons, June, 1918. Fell exhausted in the rain and slept for hours in the mud; face worn raw with gas mask; eyes bulging from sockets with fatigue; tongue swollen to full of the mouth with thirst; a ravine filled with living and dead; a butcher shop.

St. Mihiel, August 1, 1918. Ill with diarrhea but within a month on the march again night and day; it became a torture to put one foot ahead of the other; slept behind trees in the woods; ate contaminated cabbage from the fields; witnessed and participated in scenes of horror too terrible to pen.

Champagne, Mont Blanc, Sept. 27, 1918. Nerves so far gone that sense of touch, taste and smell largely disappeared and numbness made it almost impossible to stand; for three days lived in an abandoned toilet, pulling the dirt down from the sides to cover the dung, coming out only to rob the dead for food.

Meuse Argonne, November 1, 1918. Ears nearly deaf; nasal passages dry; throat and voice shrunk; wading through swamp, slept on brush pile to keep

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above water; no longer able to police self; when the armistice was declared, was a casualty, in state of collapse. His personal health file never caught up to him and consequently no entries for disease or disabilities were made thereon.

Every man that was through those six engagements, Verdun, Chateau Thierry, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Mont Blanc and the Argonne (and there were relatively few that survived and were in all these major engagements), says immediately when this case is drawn to his attention:

"No man could ever have gone through with those experiences and come out anything but a wreck for the rest of his life."

And that is the truth!

And Now the Reward!

January 23, 1930, this man's personal physician certified him 75 percent occupationally disabled, with chronic myocarditis, marked cardiac hypertrophy, dyspnea on exertion, extremely nervous, chronic catarrhal deafness and chronic catarrhal irritation of the frontal sinus, due to continual exposure during the war; but that before the war he was a magnificent specimen of manhood.

April 6, 1931, Philadelphia, Pa., Veterans' Administration granted a pension of \$40 per month from February 12, 1931, for permanent total disability.

June 28, 1933, Lyons, New Jersey, Veterans' Administration cut down the pension to \$30 per month.

Pensioner appealed, whereupon the Lyons (New Jersey) Facility sent Miss Elsie B. Hixson, P.O. Box 103, Journal Square Station, Jersey City, New Jersey, to explain to his wife that if she would swear him mentally unsound she could perhaps have a pension of \$100 a month and he could be put away in a mental hospital for life. Basis for this New Jersey medical action is that he is one of Jehovah's witnesses. Pension was then cut again to \$14.40 per month for himself, \$1 for each of his three boys, and \$1.50 for his wife. A veteran can do a lot for a woman on \$1.50, per month, awarded by a grateful government for killing himself in its service!

But the New Jersey substitute for government says that if he had never gone to war, and never been broken down as a result, and had only become the father of the three boys, and never done anything else, the family could draw \$55 a month relief. So all he is fined for

what he suffered in the World War is \$36.10 a month. Now he actually gets \$18.90 for the family of five.

The average pay per month of the doctors mentioned on page 9 is \$628.93. Every time they give a dollar to a man like this case No. C-1 369 505 they give themselves \$33.27. And this thing is going right on in the Veterans' Administration this very day.

On one occasion when this man visited the Lyons Facility to try to get justice for himself and his family he was told in so many words that because he is insistent upon justice he would be "left out in the cold". It was a threat against the United States Government, nothing less. It purposed to thwart the intent of the government to reward those that did its bidding in 1918 and lost their health in so doing. They made good their threat.

The Lyons Facility has refused to give this veteran copies of papers and documents to which he is legally entitled, on the specious grounds that such disclosures, on their part, of the wretched way they have treated him, would be:

Injurious to the physical or mental health of the claimant.

What hypocrisy! Here is an outfit that did not hesitate to send emissaries to a man's home to surreptitiously destroy his domestic peace and to try to get him railroaded into an asylum for life (despite the insistence of the government's own alienist experts at Washington, D.C., that he is in perfect mental health, though a complete physical wreck), where they can shoot his blood stream full of all kinds of contaminations, and eventually kill him with their experiments, but when he wants to get a modicum of justice, a small part of the pension to which he is justly entitled, they are afraid it will injure his physical or mental health. *Good night!*

A Buck-Passing Run-Around

To see the correspondence in this case for the last seven years is enough to make an honest man sick. Back and forth, Lyons to Washington, Washington to Lyons, have gone the papers, the only apparent object being to wear out the applicant until he gives up in despair.

After he was twice examined and pronounced permanently and totally disabled the Board of Veterans' Appeals at Washington, acting on the advices from Lyons, New Jersey, and

without any legal or moral right to do so, threw out the previous findings of the other boards and accepted the say-so of this New Jersey crowd that had insolently and vindictively threatened that they would leave him "out in the cold". They have *done* it and there is no apparent redress and no apparent appeal to any court but that of the Almighty God, who will render a just judgment that will settle the score—at Armageddon.

The Veterans' Administration decisions at Washington and Lyons, New Jersey, not only do not agree with each other, but when, at either place, the discrepancies are drawn to their attention the result is silence, in some cases running to two years. The plain intent is to despise the United States Government, and make it appear despicable in the sight of all men who know the promises it made to the soldier boys in 1917-1918.

Organized Religion the Opposite of Christianity

THREE months ago I met a Catholic, one of the choicest and best of the flock. After hearing the record on "Fathers" he decided to take a *Riches* book and a Bible, which, he said, it "was a sin to even touch".

The shipyard in Mariners Harbor, where he worked, went on strike and he was one of the strikers on picket duty continually. Every day the priest would visit these picket lines and look around and talk to the cops, of which sometimes there would be as many as three or four hundred. One day he came up to this Jonadab and told him he wanted to see him. Right in front of all the police and the pickets the Jonadab said, "You don't want to see me: you're a holdup man; you hold people up without a gun. You will never get another nickel from me."

Another preacher, who had been on a vacation, came home and prayed that God might settle the strike by arresting all the leaders. This was on a Sunday night. On the following Monday morning all the leaders were arrested, and the strike broke up.

I asked the Catholic man if he could not arrange for me to speak to the strikers at their hall; which was very readily complied with. So the opportunity was given to speak to between 400 and 500 of these strikers. The chairman wanted to know what I wanted to speak on. I told him that in view of all the difficulty encountered between the religious systems, both Catholic and Protestant, I would like to show them the difference between religion and Christianity, and that religion has always been a menace to the workingman. He, the chairman, jumped at the opportunity and said, "That's it: 'Organized Religion a Menace to the Workingman'"; so he introduced me as

"Mr. Bogard, from the Watch Tower, who will speak to us on the subject 'Organized Religion a Menace to the Workingman'".

The outcome of it all was that 120 booklets (*Uncovered and Protection*) were grabbed up like hot cakes, and the comments that were made to the Jonadab brother the next day were that the talk was not long enough and there weren't enough booklets.—J. Bogard, New York.

The New York Fair

◆ The biggest job in the east is the New York Fair, which will occupy 1,200 acres in the Flushing meadows and leave behind it a beautiful park New Yorkers will be glad to have. The grading is now going on night and day. The floodlights at night are so bright that people two miles away complain that they cannot sleep. The exposition buildings will be a solid mile square. An attendance of 50,000,000 is expected for the exposition, to be held in 1939, and which will be opened on what is alleged to be the 150th anniversary of Washington's inauguration.

Vivisection of Humans Openly Advocated

◆ At the American Congress of Physical Therapy, at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, in New York, Howard A. Carter openly advocated research on living human creatures (vivisection) to supplement experimentation with guinea pigs. As a matter of fact, the vivisection is already under way on a huge scale, and the doctors are uneasy about it and would like to be able to publicly admit what they cannot deny.

Making Libels Safe for the Hierarchy

WHEN is a libel not a libel? Ordinary specimens of the genus *Homo sapiens* would not have difficulty in answering the question, but when those who wear the judicial robes have it presented to them it becomes weighty, involved, complicated, circuitous, labyrinthine, and technical. Simplicity flieth, one knoweth not whither, and the job takes shape to fill some pages of the law books.

James J. Clarke, Catholic priest of Philadelphia, who designates himself as the Reverend James J. Clarke, signed his name to a written statement declaring that Judge Rutherford had misrepresented Catholic teachings and fomented religious hatred and bigotry. Thereupon he was summoned into court to answer to a claim for damages for libel.

To misrepresent Catholic teachings would mean to tell lies about them. To foment religious hatred and bigotry would mean to stir up intolerance and hatred; to cause people to become intolerant, bigoted, and to hate others. Publishing any false statement which would injure the reputation of another or tend to induce an evil opinion of him in the minds of right-thinking persons is libelous.

The statements made by Clarke concerning Judge Rutherford are false. Their tendency would be to induce an evil opinion of him in the minds of others. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals was asked to pass upon the question whether such statements were libelous. The Court answered, "To say one's opponent misrepresents any belief is not libelous." "... we cannot say that to state the plaintiff's address foment religious hatred and bigotry is libelous."

What's wrong here?

Consistency is a great virtue, and therefore *Consolation* feels constrained to comment on the difference between this decision and that of Judge Thomas F. Meany of the Hudson County Court of Common Pleas. Five of Jehovah's witnesses delivered to residents of Weehawken some copies of *The Golden Age* which contained truthful but disparaging statements about Cardinal Dougherty and other Catholic dignitaries. For this offense (?) Judge Meany sentenced the defendants to thirty days in jail. Priest James J. Clarke, with the wholehearted approval and co-operation of Dennis J. Dougherty, self-designated His Eminence,

Dennis J. Dougherty, publishes falsehoods concerning one of Jehovah's witnesses and the Court doesn't even consider that to be a libel.

So there you are. Tell the truth about the dignitaries of the Hierarchy, and you go to jail. Tell some lies about Jehovah's witnesses, and you go free.

And justice is said to be free and equal to all persons.

Pennsylvania in Bad Shape

◆ Pennsylvania is in bad shape. One person in every six is dependent upon charity for his daily bread, making 1,630,000 persons having to be helped in the one state. In the country as a whole about 20,000,000 are on relief, with no end in sight. Some report Governor Earle, of Pennsylvania, as saying relief must go on or revolution will be right along. Others say that in ten years all the banks will be busted if public relief on a large scale continues. Those great minds, the great financiers, are now wondering if they were so clever after all, to only pay their help the least amount possible to exist. Now they have to still feed them, as taxpayers, and the surplus is vanishing.

Reading Wants to Know

◆ Reading, Pa., wants to know why it is that on an average rate of 3.41 cents per kilowatt-hour the cities of Austin, Cleveland, Columbus, Fort Wayne, Glendale, Holyoke, Jamestown, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Lansing, Lincoln, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Seattle, Springfield (Ill.) and Tacoma made net cash profits of \$12,176,480.87 and Reading, with a rate of 6.04, which is almost twice as high, got nothing but the privilege of paying the higher rates and seeing the money go elsewhere. Public ownership in the cities named is the answer.

Western Pennsylvania Company Towns

◆ A well-known Pennsylvania politician told the truth on one subject anyway when he said:

In some of these towns, chiefly in western Pennsylvania, men and women are brought into this world by company doctors, live in company towns, buy their food and clothing from company stores, work in company mines or mills, die in company hospitals, and finally are buried in company cemeteries.

The Great Southwest

Trying to Improve Tennessee Hospitals

◆ Trying to improve Tennessee hospitals a Nashville paper states that in the tuberculosis hospital there is at least one bed the blankets of which have not been washed for seven years. There is but one ice bag in the institution; when a patient asked for it she was told: "You don't need it; for you are going to die anyway." Nurses, internes and some patients dance in the basement until the wee sm' hours. Moving over to the Central State Hospital, the same publication says that patients are given dope that knocks them out for twenty-four hours; a bucket of salmon was brought in, with rats in it; soup contained coffee grounds, and, to quote the paper, "Roaches are a delicacy." The governor of the state is reported as saying that he could do nothing about it. If that is true, he should resign and the people of the state should advertise for a real man, any real man, to put a stop to such conditions.

Anarchists in Texas

◆ Texas is troubled by anarchists—in silk shirts. Railroads own the state so completely and dominate it so perfectly that while in no other state in the union is the load limit for highway trucks less than 14,000 pounds, in Texas it is 7,000 pounds. Moreover, while it is contrary to law to arrest any person without a warrant, yet gangs of gunmen, working in the interests of the railroads, patrol the Texas state highways, heavily armed, ready to throw into prison any farmer or other person or firm that dares carry a pound more than the permitted load.

Security for Government Loans

◆ Those desiring good big loans from the government without anything serious demanded in the way of security were encouraged by the loan of \$661 made on one spotted cow and \$821.30 on two black mares and three pigs. This was in Caldwell County, Mo., and the chattel mortgages may be seen on file at the office of the recorder of deeds in Kingston, the county seat. The loans were made respectively to Willard D. and Mattie Cashatt and Glenn R. and Katherine Looney.

Dividing the Sheep from the Goats

◆ A gentleman writes in from Texas that when he applied for work one of the questions asked was, "What church do you belong to?" He inquired if a person has to belong to some church in order to get relief or work, and was given a negative answer. Later, when he sought an Identification Card he was confronted with the same question, and this time the question was pressed as to whether he was a Catholic or a Protestant. All this is a crafty way of joining church and state.

Good Word for the Department of Justice

◆ Give the Department of Justice credit for doing a good job showing up the rascality of the Democratic ballot box stuffers in Kansas City. The efficient "G" men made photographic enlargements of batches of ballots that had been changed; they obtained fingerprints of the men who did the work; they obtained numerous midnight confessions from the guilty men; and, best of all, they are getting hundreds of indictments and convictions.

Bigoted Propaganda Exhibit

◆ Of all intolerant and bigoted sects the old Roman cult is the worst, and it is therefore with some satisfaction that one reads in the *Catholic Register* that at a Catholic exhibit of "Bigoted Propaganda" there would be shown publications by "Rev. Richard Felix, S.O.B., of Pilot Grove, Mo.", attacking Judge Rutherford. The exhibit was held at St. Louis.

Snow-white Hair Turning Black

◆ Mrs. Vicenta Verrarial, 109 Morales street, San Antonio, Texas, confessing to 117 winters and as many summers, and the mother of 20 children, one of whom is 85 years of age, is having the rare experience of her snow-white hair's turning black again, as in the days of her youth. Her eyes also are getting stronger, and she sews without glasses.

Lynchings in South Carolina and Texas

◆ In the last 54 years there have been 180 lynchings in the state of South Carolina and 549 lynchings in the state of Texas. Patagonian papers, please copy.

Explanation of a Dream

◆ At Oakland, Calif., Marie Silva, 18, an invalid, dreamed her father was dead. Startled, she awoke and asked her brother to search for the father. He was found dead, a suicide by hanging. Demons, aware of the fact, made the impression upon the invalid's mind. This is in no sense a criticism of the young woman. She was not a party to what went on in her mind while she was asleep. Had she been wide awake, and willingly given her mind over to demoniac influence, it would be quite another story.

\$5,000 for a Brass Key

◆ A friend of mine reports that a few years ago a wealthy man, Gianini, died, in this valley, and in his will he left \$5,000 to the "church". It seems that in return for this generous gift a brass key was placed in the dead man's hand, and buried with the body. The thought seems to be that he could get into the pearly gates even before "St. Peter" got there, a special privilege. This friend got the information from members of the family of the dead man. Pretty good business, \$5,000 for a brass key.—David Davidian.

To Rewater San Joaquin Valley

◆ One of the garden spots of creation is the San Joaquin valley, central California, but the water supply is scant, and lessening. This will be overcome by the building of a \$170,000,000 dam near the headwaters of the Sacramento river, 600 miles away. The net result will be improved navigation throughout the great central valley of California (which is almost level), and waters impounded 600 miles away will be placed where they are most needed in the valley of another river.

Oiling Up 230 Banks

◆ Oiling up 230 country banks with deposits of \$1,500,000 on which no interest is paid, Pacific Gas and Electric Company effectively uses these bankers for its interests and against the interests of the people in the state of California. On one occasion they got these banks to send out hundreds of thousands of pieces of propaganda, including personal letters, condemning plans for state ownership of public utilities.

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Joe Pietrobono Visits Italy

◆ Joe Pietrobono, of Monterey, Calif., visited Italy and came back an even better American than when he visited his native land. He found husbands in Italy afraid to talk to their wives; uniforms were everywhere; the young men were flocking into the church to get out of army service; he saw a receipt inscribed "final payment on your share of the war debt to the United States", which debt, though collected thus, is repudiated by Italy and will never be paid; he overheard a girl bidding good-bye to her soldier sweetheart, off to the pope's war in Spain, and urging him to be taken prisoner as soon as possible rather than to fight. He found young children reporting to their Fascist organizations on the doings and sayings of their parents, and everybody in fear, and at heart hating the Fascist (Catholic Action) régime.

The Big Telescope for Mount Palaomar

◆ The big telescope for Mount Palaomar, California, though weighing about 1,000,000 pounds, and having the general dimensions of a six-story building, is a precision instrument. Observers will ride the instrument as it rotates; observations may be made at three points. The instrument, which is expected to be in place in 1940, is floated on oil at high pressure.

Legalized Vice in Hawaii?

◆ In view of the fact that Hawaii has 20,000 soldiers, 6,000 sailors and 15,000 unmarried plantation workers, a joint resolution was considered in the Hawaiian Islands legislature that would legalize prostitution in the Islands. The only object in legalizing would be to get a share of the cash. If the legislature passes the law, it can thus claim pimpship honors.

Wallowing Once More in the Mire

◆ Miss Rachel McDowell, alleged Protestant editor of "church" news for the New York Times (but probably a female Jesuit), was back in Rome again in 1937, to show the pope what a fine job she did for him in 1936 in the Catholic responses to her booklet "My Audience with the Holy Father". It was a nice piece of publicity, cleverly done, and she should be well paid.

A Mathematical Discovery

SINCE the days of Greek splendor mathematicians have sought for a method by which they could divide any angle into three equal parts, using only a pair of compasses

and perpendicular to AB as shown.

4. On your straightedge mark $A'O'B'$ to exactly duplicate AOB , the diameter and center of the circle.

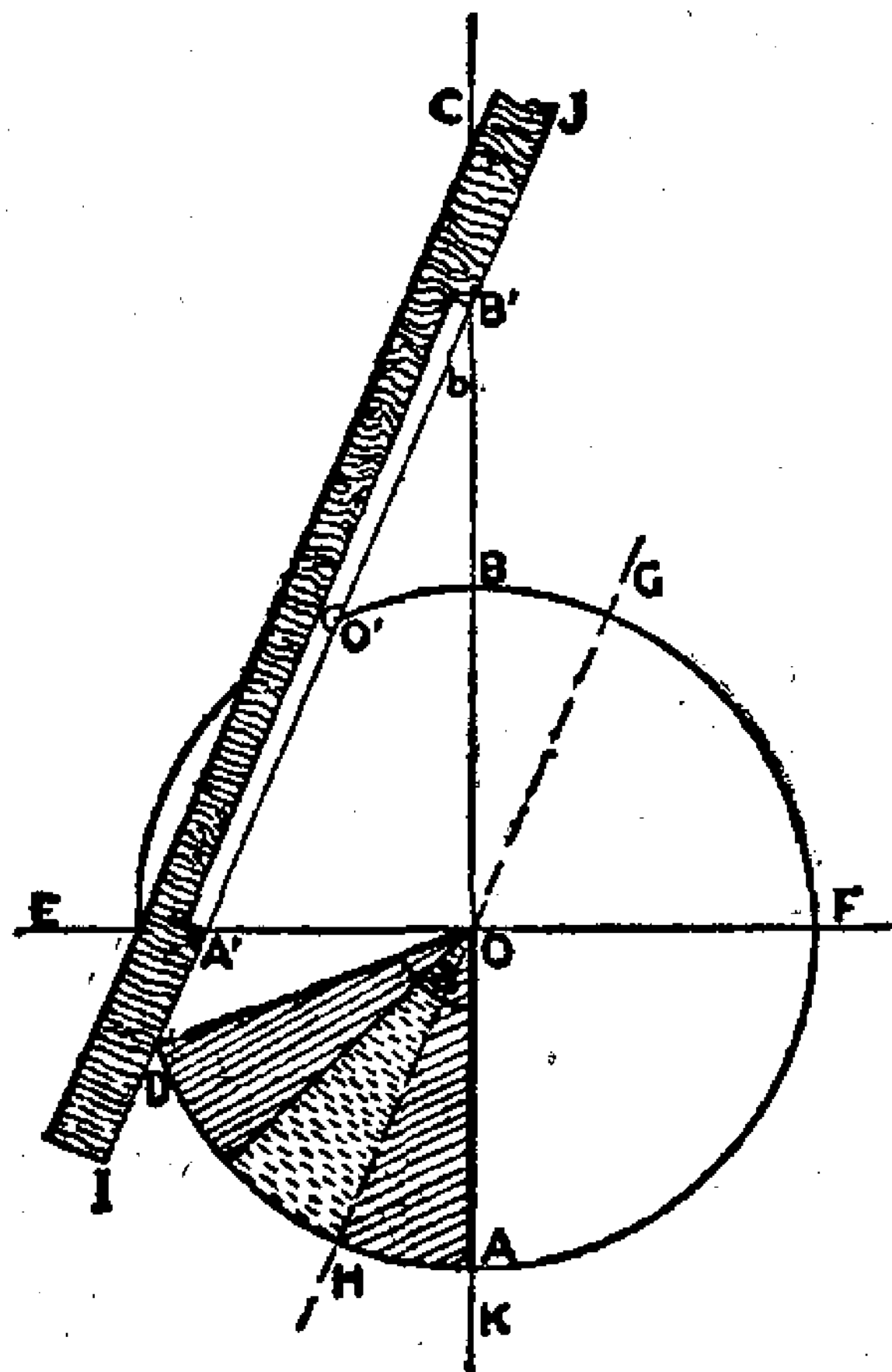


Figure 1. An acute angle

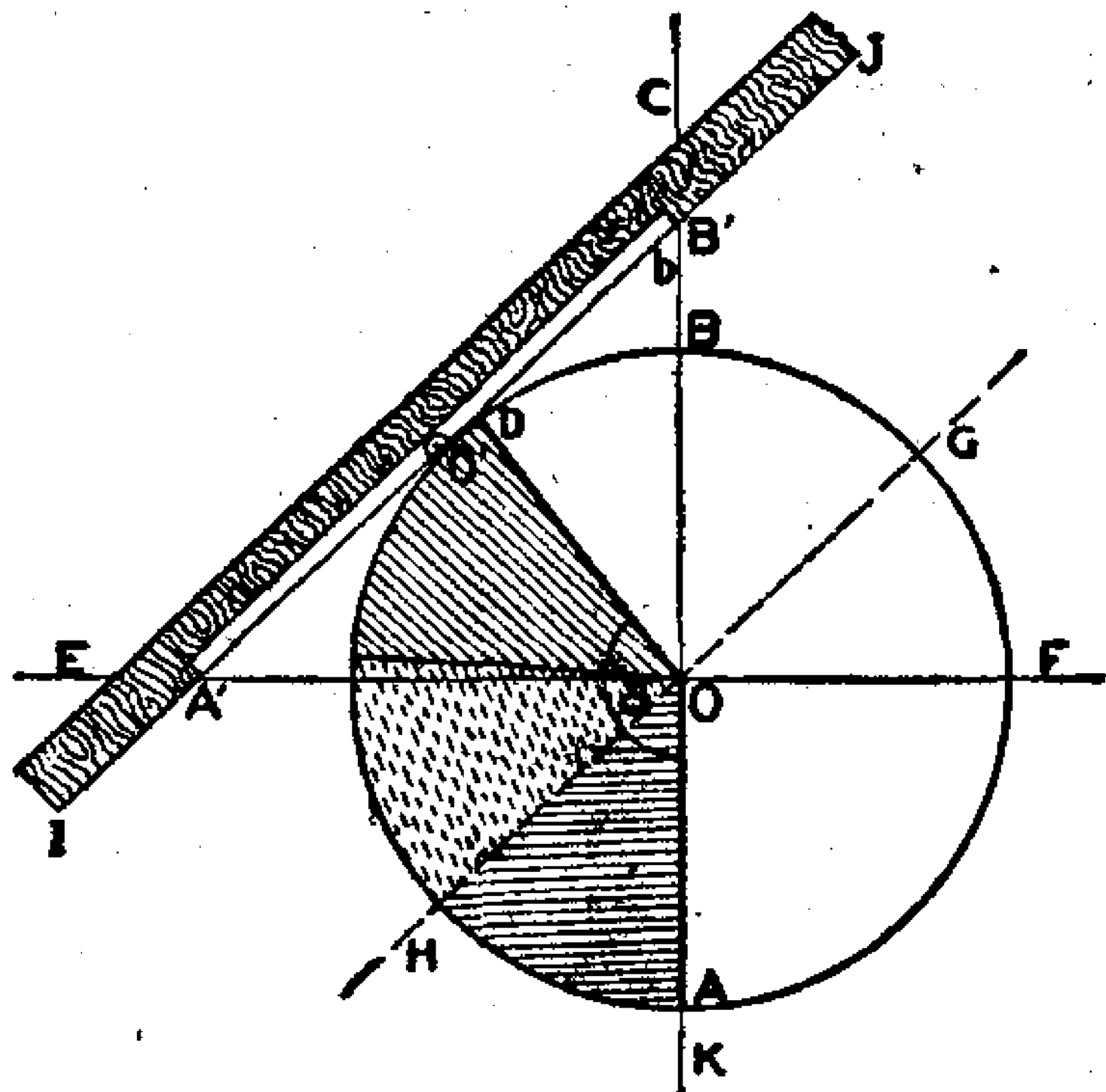


Figure 2. An obtuse angle

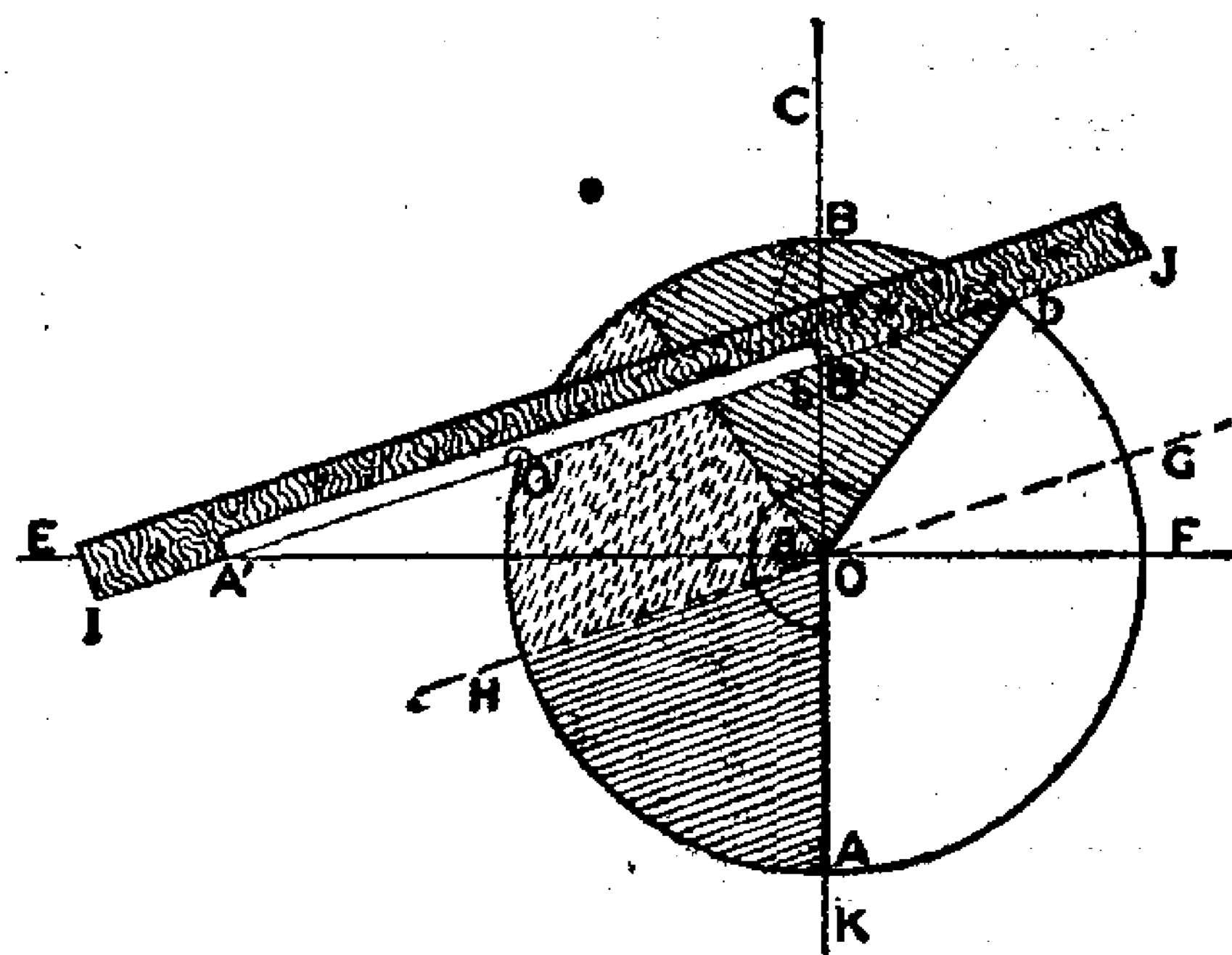


Figure 3. A reflex angle

and a straightedge as instruments. About a century ago someone proved, or thought that he proved, that this geometrical feat cannot be accomplished, and today the departments of pure mathematics of most universities still claim that it cannot be done.

Yet, Jos. B. Gillespie, instructor in mathematics, now comes forward with a solution that is so simple that it seems strange that it has not heretofore been discovered. The solution is given herewith in simple nontechnical terms.

Let AOD be any angle, as shown in three figures: Figure 1, an acute angle; Figure 2, an obtuse angle; and Figure 3, a reflex angle.

To divide AOD into three equal parts.

1. With the point O as its center draw a circle. A and D must be on the circle, as shown in the three figures.

2. Extend the line AO to C, cutting the circle again at B and making OC at least equal to the diameter as shown.

3. Construct a straight line EF through O

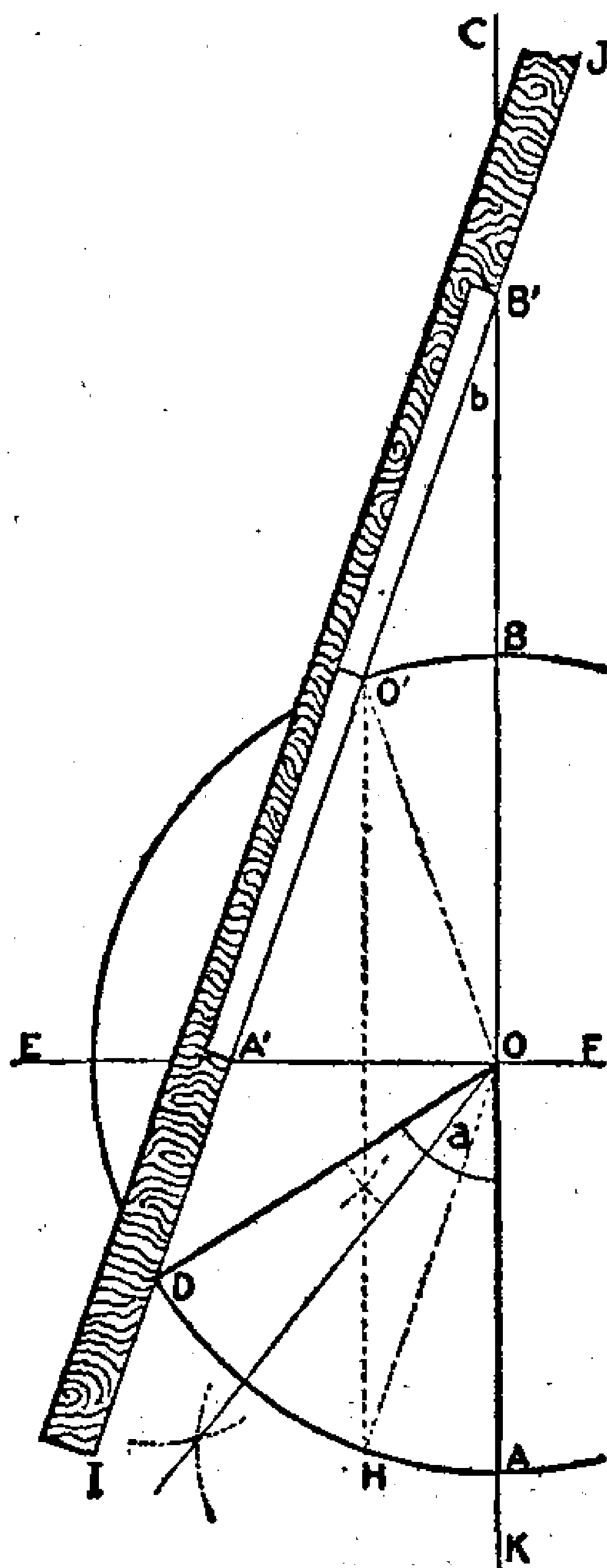


Figure 4.

angle b in absence of the line EF.

Figure 4 presents another diagram demonstrating how the angle is trisected. This diagram will be easily analyzed by mathematicians.

5. Now place B' on AC , and A' on EF , so that the straightedge shall also pass through D as shown in the figures. Now draw another line, GH , through O and parallel to $A'O'B'$, the straightedge. Then angle AOH is the required $\frac{1}{3}$ of angle AOD .

After marking the straightedge with $A'O'B'$ to correspond with the diameter AB and center O of the circle, if B' be placed on KC and O on the circle so that a line IJ of indefinite length passing through $A'O'B'$ shall also pass through D , then A' will fall on EF and a will equal three b ; or if A' be placed on EF and O' on the circle so that a line of indefinite length IJ passing through $A'O'B'$ shall also pass through D , then B' will fall on KC and a will equal three b . A line so marked with copy of the diameter and placed with respect to line KC , point D and circle will form the trisecting

Your Questions Answered

By *J. Rutherford*

QUESTION: What shall I teach my children about Christmas? and how shall I relieve them from disappointment when they see other children with their gifts?

Answer: Honest parents who love their children teach them the truth. A lie is repugnant to honest parents, and the children should be taught to hate a lie because God hates it. It is always proper to teach the children the truth. Falsehoods, even though apparently small when told to children, never result in good. One should never do wrong with the hope of good resulting.

Christmas is representatively a feast commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Celebrated in many countries, as it is, Christmas is a religious and a commercial practice based upon false statements and void of the truth. It is religious in this, that it is a formalism or ceremony founded upon the traditions of men and is dishonoring to Almighty God and the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a religious racket because it affords the opportunity to carry on a practice of wrongfully extracting money from the people. It is commercial in this, that it affords the opportunity to make and sell for a money profit a tremendous amount of worthless junk because there is wrongfully employed in connection therewith the name of Jesus Christ, the use of which name enables men to obtain money under false pretense.

The Devil is the founder of all religions, which he has brought forward and caused men to practice in mockery of and for the purpose of defaming the name of God and Christ Jesus. Following the flood the Devil organized religion with Nimrod as the visible and exalted leader and the one who was deified. Thereafter many forms of religion were introduced and practiced by the various nations. At Christmas time a so-called "Santa Claus" is supposed to manifest his power and the children are falsely taught that "Santa Claus" can ride through the air and descend through chimneys and bring to them gifts.

The name "Santa Claus" is another means

of expressing the same name as "Saint Nicholas", or "Saint Nick" for short, and all of which means "Old Nick", that is, the Devil; and thus the Devil exalts himself and in mockery of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Christmas tree tradition is a symbol of the death and supposed resurrection of Nimrod, the Devil's religious representative on earth. Nimrod married his own mother, Semiramis. The Devil's associates, the demons, presented to this woman the hallucination that Nimrod was alive, and thereafter he was called the "Father of the Gods" and Nimrod was deified. This, of course, was due to the wrongful influence practiced upon the credulous people by the wicked angels or demons that operate with Satan, the Devil.

The purpose of the Devil in introducing the Christmas tree practice is to divert the attention of the people from Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and to turn them to objects or things contrary to the Bible. An evergreen tree is a symbol of a living creature. It has ever been Satan's effort to destroy all creatures that acknowledge and serve Jehovah God, and the practice of employing a Christmas tree is a part of his scheme to deceive the people. In America and other countries millions of evergreen trees are annually destroyed that they may be used in this religious and commercial ceremony. The evergreen tree that was named the "Nimrod" tree is the same as the evergreen tree that is called the "Christmas" tree.

Christmas is celebrated chiefly by men indulging in overeating and overdrinking, and by resorting to many senseless ceremonies and practices. Those religious practices being founded upon falsehood, and the children being taught such falsehoods by their parents, the children are really led into believing and practicing a lie. Such is generally due to the ignorance of the parents because they have never taken the time and trouble to ascertain the truth about Christmas. It is claimed that Christmas is properly celebrated on December 25 'because Jesus Christ was born that day'. That claim is entirely false, because Jesus was born in the early part of October. Jesus did not command anyone to celebrate His birth, but He did command that those who have consecrated themselves fully to do the will of God and follow in His footsteps should celebrate annually His death. It should be

borne in mind that Jesus was "crucified" by religionists.

The disciples and other early followers of Jesus Christ never celebrated the birth of Jesus. From Volume 6, page 623, in *Americana* (Encyclopedia), the following is quoted concerning the history of Christmas, which shows that it began to be practiced by the Roman Catholic religionists:

In the 5th century the Western Church ordered it to be celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of Sol, as no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed. Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year, and they held their chief festival of Yule to commemorate the return of the burning-wheel. The holly, the mistletoe, the Yule log and the wassail bowl are relics of pre-Christian times. In the East Christmas was celebrated on January 6.

It may be argued that the giving of gifts at so-called "Christmas time" is a good thing to teach the children the practice. In answer to that argument, why then teach a child a falsehood in order to induce the child to give or receive gifts? At the time known as the "Holiday season" or "Christmas season" higher prices are charged for various goods manufactured to be used as gifts, and, the people being induced to believe that they should indulge in this Christmas practice, many poor persons deny themselves necessities in order to join the crowd and carry some kind of gift to others. If you desire to give gifts to your children and to teach them to give gifts, why not go with them to the merchants at some other season of the year, when the prices are reasonable, and let the children select something that pleases them and that is beneficial to them? When a child grows up he knows that he has been told a falsehood concerning "Santa Claus" and Christmas, and that his parents told him such a falsehood. Surely that does not tend to make an honest man or woman.

How about the practice of Christmas cards which contain pictures showing the "three wise men" being guided to the birthplace of Jesus by a "star"? That, too, has been falsely represented to the people. The Bible account shows clearly that those three so-called "wise men" were religionists practicing a Devil religion. What was supposed to be a star and called the "Star of Bethlehem" was merely a light produced by the Devil and wicked angels, and used as a means of deceiving the people and of locating the place where the babe Jesus would be found; and this was done by the Devil in order to furnish his agent, Herod, an opportunity to murder the child. God maneuvered the so-called "magicians" so that they did not carry out Herod's murderous orders. (See Matthew 2:1-17.) Stars do not move about, but the Devil and his demons have power to make lights appear and move about and to represent such as stars. Those magicians, or so-called "wise men", being practitioners of the Devil's religion, were easily deceived and used by the Devil in an attempt to bring about the death of the child Jesus; but God prevented the consummation of his wicked purpose.

Christmas, like many other schemes of the Devil, has some little truth mixed with much falsehood, and this practice is indulged in for the express purpose of deceiving sincere people. Those who love God and Christ Jesus and righteousness will not care to be deceived by any scheme of the Devil, however plausible the same may seem. Christmas is such a subtle and fraudulent means of deceiving that it has turned millions of persons away from the true Almighty God and led them into destructive error. Teach your children the truth about Christmas and about all other matters, and ultimately the children will honor you for so doing, and God will bless you for following the right way.

President of the U.S.A.

His Autographs Come High

◆ In a radio speech Hon. Roy O. Woodruff, of Michigan, presents the evidence that the president's autograph comes high. It seems that he signed his name on 2,500 sheets of paper, but does not know why he did so, but Mr. Farley knew and unloaded the signatures

in connection with worthless Democratic convention souvenirs at prices from \$100 to \$1,000. In some instances businessmen were gently informed that if they wanted to do any considerable business with the biggest purchaser in the country it would be best for them to invest.

Mencken Goes After the President

◆ It is not so many years since H. L. Mencken made all America laugh with the way he went after the dominies. Now President Roosevelt comes in for it. Likening him to a snake oil vendor at a village carnival, Mencken said: "If he became convinced tomorrow that coming out for cannibalism would get him the votes he so sorely needs, he would begin fattening a missionary in the White House backyard come Wednesday." As to the Brain Trust, Mencken refers to them as a "camorra of quarreling crackpots" and a "rabble of vapid young pedagogues, out-of-work Y.M.C.A. secretaries, third-rate journalists and soaring chicken-farmers". Mencken fails to mention that Roosevelt, according to repeated claims of the Roman Hierarchy, got all these "good ideas" from the pope.

Talk Is Cheap

◆ Jehovah's witnesses have done everything humanly possible to awaken President Roosevelt to the persecutions they constantly endure at the hands of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. They smiled, therefore, when they read the president's statement to the Calvert Associates,

My prayer shall ever be that this nation, under God, may vindicate through all coming time the sanctity of the right of all within our borders to the free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience.

They could only smile, for they knew Mr. Roosevelt was only joking. He could have done something to see to it that Jehovah's people get their just rights, had he wished to do so, but he did not wish to offend the Roman Hierarchy.

Pegler Teases Mr. Roosevelt

◆ Westbrook Pegler, the rascal, teases President Roosevelt for taking advantage of technicalities whereby he paid no federal or state income tax during the four years wherein he was governor of New York state, on a salary of \$25,000 a year, and paid no state income tax during the years in which he has been president on \$75,000 a year and \$25,000 allowance for traveling; and yet he issued a message condemning tax evasion. Pegler says: "You ought to see the list of political patriots on the pay-books of New York City who draw \$6,000 and \$9,000 a year exempt from the big federal tax."

The Civil Service Joke

◆ Roosevelt and Farley handled the civil service joke in the manner that has come to be the accepted American type. First they fired all the old and tried postmasters; then they appointed Democrats, and mostly Roman Catholics, in their place; then they announced that all postmasters in the country would be put on a civil service basis; and then they announced that the postmasters now in office (i.e., their Roman Catholic appointees) would be allowed to retain their offices indefinitely. That makes the joke 100-percent. The old men are out, the new men are in, and the new men are going to stay in; and that is American civil service.

"Religion Is Still Free"

◆ As a good lawyer, Mr. Roosevelt knows just the right words to use. So when he said, at Vincennes, Ind., "Today religion is still free within our borders," he hit it just right. As all *Consolation* readers know, the word "religion" means ritual worship and formalism, and those who practice these debaucheries are not interfered with in America, in any manner whatsoever. Had Mr. Roosevelt said, "Today, in America, there is still freedom to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of one's own conscience," he would have stated a great untruth, as the letter to the president by Judge J. F. Rutherford makes perfectly plain.

Ludendorff Pans Roosevelt

◆ General Ludendorff, of Germany, recently panned President Roosevelt in the following skit which shows that Ludendorff is not blind:

Let us not forget that Brother Roosevelt is not only a representative of the Jews and Masons; he is also Cardinal Pacelli's man of confidence and will do everything possible to increase Rome's influence in 'the great democracy' and to prepare for the conquest of the United States by Rome.

After the Du Ponts' (?) Mercy!

◆ What can Mr. Roosevelt be thinking of? Here his son has married a Du Pont, and at the same time the government is going after the Du Ponts, accusing Pierre S. du Pont and John J. Raskob of fraudulent exchanges of securities amounting to some \$30,000,000, so as to evade a portion of their 1929 taxes.

Executive Departments of U.S. Government

Fiction and Truth

◆ Once upon a time there was a kind-hearted intelligent man who had a very large family of children. They all lived on a large farm and produced an abundant supply of good things to eat. His sons and daughters worked the farm, and the father, the head of the house, managed the business and they all lived happily together. They built storehouses and stored the surplus food for future use. All went well till the father became selfish and put padlocks on the storehouses to keep his children out. Then the Devil seemed to take possession of the man and he said to his children, "You have produced too much food, so I am going to destroy what you have produced this year; for the storehouses are full." But he kept the padlocks on the storehouses, and gave his children the poorest of the food, barely enough to live on. He kept the best for himself, and to sell. He hoarded his money and became miserably rich and arrogant. Because of the ill-treatment by their father, and poor food and hard work, the children became discouraged. They had worked hard and produced plenty, but were compelled to live in poverty and want, while their cruel father lived in luxury and extravagance. This condition ended when the wicked father died and a new manager took possession of the farm. This is fiction.

◆ Once upon a time there was a fair country where the people lived in comparative peace and contentment, where many of the rulers were kind-hearted, intelligent men; the land produced all the people needed, and to spare. They built storehouses and stored their surplus food for future use. All went well till the rulers became selfish and put padlocks on the storehouses to keep the people out. They kept back by fraud from the laborers and became exceedingly rich and arrogant. The Devil seemed to have gotten complete control of the rulers and they said to the people, "You have produced too much food; the storehouses are full; we must destroy some that you have produced"; and they began the work of destruction. But they kept the padlocks on the storehouses, and gave the people the poorest of the food, and not enough of that. They kept the best for themselves. Because of the ill-treatment by the rulers, and poor food and hard work, the people became discouraged. They had worked hard and produced plenty, but were compelled to live in poverty and want, while the cruel rulers lived in luxury and extravagance. This condition ended when the wicked ruler died and a new ruler took possession of the country. This may sound like fiction, but is true.

Dynasty Purchases Radio Stations

◆ The Roosevelt dynasty has purchased two radio stations in Texas. Mrs. James Roosevelt purchased KTAT, in Fort Worth; and Elliott Roosevelt, son of the president, purchased KABC, of San Antonio.

Where the AAA Money Went

◆ One California firm that raises hogs on garbage got \$150,000 for not raising hogs with the garbage which they were paid to remove. Nineteen hog raisers received more than \$10,000 each for "not raising" hogs, and seven wheat growers received more than \$10,000 each for not growing wheat. One Florida sugar grower received \$1,067,665; one in Puerto Rico received \$961,064, and one in Hawaii almost twice as much. Forty-six cotton growers each received over \$10,000 for not growing cotton. The "not raising" and "not growing" business was one of the greatest discoveries of modern times. It was a big help in getting rid of taxpayers' money and helping foreign growers of things "not raised".

Some of the Work of the CCC

◆ Some of the work of the 505,782 men enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps the past year was fighting forest fires, constructing 50,000 miles of telephone lines, erecting 2,700 fire towers, building 76,000 miles of roads, planting 1,000,000,000 trees, constructing 2,500,000 dams, improving 600,000 acres of park lands, and wiping out parasites and tree diseases in 13,500,000 acres of woodland. Surely all must see that the doing of this work, at an annual cost of \$1,460,000,000, is far better than letting all these young men remain idle and wasting their lives.

Government Has to Do Something

◆ Well, suppose the government did take three different pictures of the same skull up in North Dakota, to indicate that the whole land was drying up. And suppose also that that same set of pictures was taken before there was any drought. What does that prove? Why, it proves that the government feels that it has to do something with all the funds that pass through its hands; and if that isn't the truth, what is?

Pig-Killing Statesmanship

◆ Economists, figuring on the effects of the pig-killing, cotton-destroying statesmanship, estimate that it resulted in from 2,500,000 to 3,100,000 fewer jobs than if nobody had ever thought of the brilliant idea.

Treasury Department of U.S. Government

154 Taxes on Soap

◆ *The Farm Journal* has been getting a lot of fun figuring out the taxes on various things. It shows the farmer paying 148 taxes on his new overalls and everybody paying 154 taxes on soap. The latter were originally 25 in number, paid by the soap manufacturer for various things, such as imported oils, income, capital stock, gasoline, lubricating oil, messages, electricity, automobiles, trucks, parts and accessories, tires and tubes, unemployment, surplus, state income, real estate, personal property, state sales, state use, motor registration, driver's license, product registration, franchise, state motor fuel and state unemployment. But after the soap manufacturer is all done, the same taxes are paid all over again, or nearly so, by the farmers, refiners, transportation companies, producers of alkali and potash, wholesaler and retailer with whom the soap manufacturer deals.

On the Road Toward Bankruptcy

◆ Referring to the report of the director of the budget, *The Fellowship Forum* said:

Since March 4, 1933, Congress has appropriated far more money for the Executive to spend than all appropriations combined from the foundation of the government to the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson. Total appropriations during that period of 124 years were \$24,521,845,000. That included the cost of the second war with England, the Mexican war, the Civil war, the Spanish-American war and many Indian wars. It included the purchase of most of the present territory of the United States, the building of the Panama Canal and the cost of superb internal improvements. But Congress has appropriated \$32,432,845,000 to Mr. Roosevelt since his inauguration 39 months ago.

The Lucky Two Workers

◆ Out of every seventeen workers, male and female, that you meet on the streets or stores or subways, or elsewhere, two are either federal, state, county or municipal employees, and not only are they very well paid indeed, but they do not pay any income taxes to help support the government of which, in fact, they are the central feature. The total of workers in the country in 1930 was 48,829,920, with government employees constituting 5,722,000 of that number.

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Does the WPA Want Fascism?

◆ Does the WPA administration of the United States Government want Fascism? This question may be fairly asked after noting that, in New York city, Lieut. Col. Brehon B. Somervell, local Works Progress administrator, killed a festival program which upheld American democracy as against the Fascism of Italy and Germany and denounced Franco's bombers for their brutalities in Spain. No doubt Somervell, who shifted fifteen recreation teachers from the above job, would appreciate being made a second General Franco. Why is he a WPA administrator? Cannot they get any Americans for the job?

The "Not Raising" Business

◆ The "not raising" business was a great business while it lasted. One Texas farmer received an AAA check in excess of \$200,000; so it certainly paid him to "not raise". In the state of Maine the "not raisers" received \$6,065, but the cost of administration was 13½ times as much. It cost \$81,593.43 to pay it out. In New York the "not raisers" received \$569,601.44, with an administration cost of almost twice as much, that is, \$1,076,818.46. In Vermont the politicians were more honest; they paid out \$103,851.80 to the "not raisers", and did it for an expense of only \$109,847.45, for their own salaries and other incidentals.

Uncle Sam Will Try to Hide His Silver

◆ Uncle Sam, having hidden the world's biggest pile of gold at Fort Knox, Kentucky, will now try to hide his pile of silver. What a good joke it would be on the whole world if, after they got all the gold and silver hidden away in the dens and caves of the earth, a big earthquake would suddenly dump the entire contents into the interior of the earth where the temperature would be too hot for even a New Dealer to get his hands on it.

Time Off for President

◆ David Lawrence thinks President Roosevelt should not criticize the Supreme Court for recessing on June 2 until the autumn term, in view of the fact that he himself has been out of Washington 672 days in four years, or 42 percent of the time he has been in office.

Hookers, Stool-Pigeons and Finks

THE United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor received only \$15,000 (later increased by an additional \$35,000) with which to investigate violations of free speech and rights of labor in the United States, but early produced information worth many millions of dollars to those with any interest whatever in the preservation of American institutions. They added materially to the education of slang-using and slang-loving Americans when they dilated on the detective business with its hookers, stool-pigeons, ropers and finks.

The hooker, or detective, makes it his life business to create and maintain trouble between business concerns and their employees; from this trouble he gets his revenue. In 1935 Robert A. Pinkerton, president of the Pinkerton detective agency, received \$129,500 in dividends. His concern pays by the piece for stool-pigeons' work squealing on their fellow employees. The stool-pigeons used to get \$1 a day before regular wages were stopped.

A good stool-pigeon, or betrayer of his fellow men, should be married, hard up and want a car; these requirements make him a better Judas. The stool-pigeon is encouraged to use his imagination. His reports are falsified. He is advised to join the union. Strikebreakers are of several sorts: the finks are privates in the ranks; ropers are informants or petty detectives; sluggers are the blackjack men.

Most of them are ex-criminals, of course. All are well versed in starting violence and sowing discord between employers and employees. The employers buy the weapons which these men use against the real workers, but have learned not to buy the weapons in their own names. Lawyers fix all that for them. There is grand co-operation between the detectives and munition makers, and the police are often in on it.

Some of the employers of the Railway Audit and Inspection Company (engaged in the hooker, stool-pigeon and fink business) are such well-known and patriotic concerns as Borden Milk Company, Consolidated Gas Company of New York, Frigidaire Corporation, Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, H. C. Frick Coal and Coke Company, Kelvinator Sales Corporation, National Dairy Products, Truscon Steel, Western Union, Westinghouse

Electric and Manufacturing Company, Woodward Iron and Coal Co., and the Pennsylvania Railroad. This information is all preliminary to what is yet coming from this valuable committee, unless somebody high up finds a way to cut the appropriation from the few pennies it now gets to 15c net.

Co-operation in the United States

◆ It has been estimated that for every dollar spent legitimately in producing goods, not less than \$2.30 is spent in deceptive advertising, false labeling, high-pressure salesmanship, processors' profits, middlemen's profits and retailers' profits, for which the customer gets nothing. Co-operation has spread widely in the last ninety years, in 43 countries, but principally in Great Britain, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Russia, Switzerland and Japan. Slowly it is getting under way in the United States, where, it is estimated, there are now some 7,000 co-operative societies, doing an estimated annual business of \$400,000,000.

Awakening Financial Conscience

◆ Why is it that all of a sudden there is such great concern about the situation in China, when similar situations and conditions in Ethiopia and Spain were only mildly criticized by the great American leader and his buddies? The great Anglo-American business combine seems to get conscientious only when it has an ax to grind, and it usually finds a spokesman at Washington.

Next Depression Scheduled for 1940

◆ Paul W. Ward, writing in *The Nation*, reports thinkers in Washington as expecting the next big depression in 1940, but thinks it may come as early as 1938. The old evils that brought about the crash of 1929 are still in existence, and as potent for evil now as they were then—perhaps more so.

Book Lice Capture Apartment House

◆ In the Bronx, New York city, book lice, probably in the lumber when the house was built, captured a new \$350,000 apartment house, and the authorities were compelled to order 58 families to vacate until some method of conquering the pests could be devised.

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Liberty in Southern Rhodesia

THERE is still some liberty in Southern Rhodesia, in spite of the desperate effort made two years ago to bring the entire country under the domination of politicians controlled by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. In July, 1936, the Southern Rhodesia Sedition Act went into operation, under which Judge Rutherford's books, *The Kingdom, The Final War, Jehovah, Supremacy, The Harp of God, Where Are the Dead? Riches, Beyond the Grave, Angels, Righteous Ruler, Deliverance, Government, Cr  ation, and Preparation*, were banned. The case was taken to the High Court, which listened to arguments of counsel for two and a half days and then read all the books. Decision was rendered September 23, 1937, that none of the publications is seditious and that the Bulawayo magistrate who seized the books must release them and pay the costs of the action brought against him.

Some will be interested in Mr. Justice Hudson's summation of the theme of the books challenged. Although the learned judge failed to grasp and express the paramount issue constantly emphasized in all WATCH TOWER publications (that the Most High God is now doing His work in earth for the vindication of His own name, that all who will may now join in that work under the leadership of Jehovah's chief officer, Christ Jesus, and that the relief and salvation of obedient human creatures is a wholly secondary matter), it is interesting, nevertheless, to notice that the judge's summation went out, in columns of the *Bulawayo Chronicle*, to every part of Southern Rhodesia and Northern Rhodesia, and thus what was launched to stop Jehovah's work, or cripple it, is made to really help it.

God, Jehovah, is the supreme ruler. Satan, then known as Lucifer, was originally part of God's organization and the perfect man was placed under him. Lucifer rebelled against God, who then changed his name and thereafter gave him the names Satan, Serpent, Dragon and Devil. Satan set up his own organization in challenge to God and through that organization he has for centuries ruled the world. In thus ruling and controlling the world, Satan uses three elements, namely, commercial, political and religious. Of these the author singles out the last for his fiercest attacks. Organized Christianity or Christendom, as the religion of nations, is under the control of Satan, whose great instrument it is for deceiving the peo-

ple, for seducing and misleading them, and keeping them superstitiously in subjection. All nations, and all their rulers and governments are included in Satan's organization, the British Empire being specially mentioned in several of the works as being among the worst.

To a world so burdened and oppressed relief will come. Jesus, the head of God's organization, will again come to earth, and will destroy entirely Satan's organization. It was not suggested that earthly beings would take a part in the work of destruction.

There were, however, millions of people of good will in Christendom who wished to see righteousness in the earth. These were to be informed of God's purpose, that they might take their stand on His side and thereby escape the great slaughter which would shortly follow. The information was to be given by persons styled Jehovah's witnesses, by means principally of the distribution of publications such as those now being considered. After the testifying the "slaughter work" would begin.

The second coming of Christ had already commenced. In 1914 God set Him on His Heavenly throne, thus enabling Him to drive out Satan from Heaven. In 1918 Christ entered God's temple and offered himself as King and rightful Ruler of the earth. And so the great day was at hand, when would take place the great slaughter resulting in the final elimination of Satan and all his works. After that, under the government of God, there would be an end of misrule and oppression and there would be peace in the world.

Such was the theme, with variations, and purporting to rest on Biblical statements and prophecies, which ran throughout all the publications.

It is stated that all present governments are hopeless and can hold out no hope for suffering humanity; that it is no use looking to them, as they are doomed to destruction. In every publication, however, people are advised and urged not to join any earthly organization and not to take part in any fighting or violence. They are told that if they dissociate themselves from earthly governments and accept the Word of God and preach it, they will be saved.

The books did undoubtedly call attention to a fundamental defect in all governments, namely, that the individuals of which they consist were under the influence of Satan and so were incapable of wise and just administration. And they also pointed out the remedy—a belief in and adherence to God's Word and the advent of His kingdom on earth. If then the books were written in good faith they could not, in spite of the effect they might have in exciting disaffection, be classed as seditious publications in terms of the Act.

Spain

IN Guernica, 'Holy City' of the Basques in northern Spain, sacred to Catholics the world over. Its streets are swollen with refugees from the countryside around who have fled into the city in simple faith that its sacred walls will be held inviolate by the advancing rebel army. Its hospitals are crowded with the wounded and the dying, its churches filled with supplicants praying for peace.

Suddenly in the calm blue sky three German bombing planes appear. In perfect formation they slowly circle the city. There is no need to hurry. They are safe, for the Basques have no planes to oppose them.

First come the explosive bombs, crashing into crowded streets, into the homes of rich and poor alike. Frantic with terror, those who have not been hit gather up the wounded and make for their cellars and basements, for any shelter at hand. This is what the bombers expected. Quickly they shift to incendiary bombs and again the planes circle the town, dropping their cargo of flaming death. In an hour the whole city is ablaze. With their churches, convents, hospitals, homes burning over their heads, unable to escape, hundreds perish in horrible agony. Others, half mad with pain and terror, make for the open country.

Like giant birds of prey the planes swoop low over the fleeing heads of the women and children. Like a scythe in a wheatfield the machine guns mow down those who have so far managed to survive. Along the roads and into the fields the Fascists harry their victims. And finally in Guernica there is no sound but the dull crackle of the fires. The 'Holy City' of the Basques has been destroyed.

A thriving city of 70,000 souls reduced to ruins; every hospital and every church leveled to the ground; over three thousand civilians, most of them women and children, killed by bombs and machine-gun bullets, or burned to death. Such is the story of Guernica. Such is the record of the most brutally callous bombardment of a civilian population in all history. (The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.)

Beautiful Mantilla Lace

◆ Beautiful Mantilla lace, so much admired by wealthy and noble women everywhere, was made in Spain by women working ten to twelve hours a day, for as little as 50c a week.

John McGovern, Glasgow Catholic

◆ John McGovern, Glasgow Catholic, orator, labor leader and member of Parliament, in a debate in his home city on the war in Spain made the following terse statements which manifest remarkable courage:

The Jesuits have been driven out of every country in Europe because of their merciless conduct to the poor. I do not allege that the priests of Spain as individuals were rolling in wealth, but I do allege that as a church it was rolling in wealth and plunder. The Spanish working class were cruelly robbed and plundered by the Hierarchy of Spain. If the Catholic population are prepared to burn churches, if they are prepared to burn monasteries, if they are prepared to burn convents and shoot priests, there is something radically wrong, because Catholics would not commit acts of that kind unless they abhorred the Catholic system that is ruled, controlled and dominated by that priesthood.

I point out this to you—the conduct of this war in relation to the bombing of children in Guernica, the wiping out of every living thing, and the murder in the bull-ring of Badajoz, of 1,500 defenseless men and women who were machine-gunned until all that remained was a bloody heap of rags; 600 were burned to death in the hospitals after one bombing raid; every single man, woman and child in one village was bombed by the instruments of Hitler, Mussolini and Goebbels. I say the conduct of this war has been brutal in the extreme and unchristian. I could not think of Jesus of Nazareth being on the side of Hitler, Mussolini, or Franco.

100,000 Italian Troops in Spain

◆ Dr. Norman Bethune, Montreal surgeon, back from seven months' service in army hospitals of the Spanish Republic, asserts that there are "100,000 uniformed Italians officially in Spain, as of June 1, 1937, with half as many Germans. If these would all go back home the war would be over in a few months. He states there are not more than 10,000 international volunteers in the service of the Republic, and believes the Republic will win, anyway.

Bombed the Other Lunatics

◆ At Santa Agueda, Spain, insurgent aviators bombed the lunatic asylum. Eight bombs were dropped on the women's pavilion, and six mental patients strolling in the garden were machine-gunned.

Pope Not Interested in Basques

◆ Nineteen Basque clergymen, of whom nine were eyewitnesses of the events narrated, wrote a joint letter, delivered personally to the pope, in which they told of churches and convents destroyed by Franco's bombers, priests and nuns killed, noncombatant inhabitants of Guernica and other cities pitilessly machine-gunned by planes flying close to the ground, and other acts of devilishness that would move anybody with a heart to do what he could to put a stop to such vicious cruelty. The only comment this received from Vatican City was that protests emanating from the Spanish Republic would not receive a warm reception in Vatican quarters; which means that the pope is one of the most cold-blooded, hard-hearted old rascals that ever lived.

Virgin Mary Bombing (?)

◆ Would you think the virgin Mary would take part in the bombing and mutilation of women and children? Hardly. But one of Franco's German planes killing and mutilating helpless women and children in Bilbao, Spain, also showered the city with piously worded appeals for surrender, and these appeals bore a large illustration of the virgin Mary surrounded with cherubs. For centuries the Roman Hierarchy has claimed that there is a financial working agreement between God and the Devil regarding "Purgatory"; now the agreement is extended to the virgin Mary and "Hell".

Among the 101 Documents

◆ Among the 101 documents captured from Italian soldiers by troops of the Spanish Republic in the spring of 1937 was a copy of an order by Mussolini's divisional commander General Mancini in which that "worthy" mentions in so many words that there were 50,000 fighting under the Fascist emblem in Spain. According to latest figures there are now about 180,000.

Franco's Desire to Murder Children

◆ Franco's desire to murder children was brought to the fore by his refusal to grant safe conduct to the little folks of Bilbao. If you ask what makes this beast act that way, the answer is that it is his "religion". Fascism in any form is the natural outcome of "religion" and capitalism—the bottom of the moral sewer.

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Hierarchy Is Still Covered

◆ The newspapers merely record the fact that Juan March, financial backer of Franco the Butcher, has authorized him to spend another \$1,500,000,000 in the Spanish war, but do not say where the money comes from. Why all the mystery? Where else could it come from but the Roman Hierarchy? Mussolini has no money. And who or what is it in Italy that Juan March goes to see immediately after he makes this promise of further huge funds for the overthrow of the Spanish Republic? It is all plain enough; and if the newspapers wanted to do it they could easily enough establish Franco's financial connection with the fabulous pile of ill-gotten gain centered at Vatican City.

The Freemasons of Granada

◆ One of the first acts of Franco and his officers, in every city they capture, is to obtain lists of the Freemasons. These are all then executed forthwith. At Granada the masters of the lodges were forced to dig their own graves, in the presence of their lodge brothers. The masters were then shot. Their brothers were forced to inter the bodies of the masters and then to dig their own graves, when they also were shot and buried. Similar deeds were performed at Saragossa, Huelva, Ferroll, Vigo, Coruna, Oviedo, Valladolid and all cities occupied by the Rebel troops.

Franco an Ardent Catholic

◆ The "Very Reverend Father" Sylvester Sancho, O.P., in an address to the students of the Catholic University at Washington, said, in part:

This war is to be considered as a religious war. It is camouflage to say that it is economic, or that it is aimed at the great landowners. General Franco is a gentleman and a good Catholic. He goes to mass every day and says his rosary with his wife and daughter every afternoon.

O'Duffy's Men Shot from the Rear

◆ It comes out that one of the reasons why General O'Duffy and his men returned from fighting with Franco against the Spanish Republic is that on one occasion they were fired upon from the rear by Franco's men, who mistook them for Republicans. This offended O'Duffy and his men and they retaliated, killing many of Franco's men. The affair caused bad feeling; hence O'Duffy quit.

The Popular Vote in Spain

◆ A favorite argument of those who try to justify Franco's revolt against the Spanish Republic is that the popular vote for the Right was greater than the popular vote for the Left. This is no argument at all. The same thing often happens in the United States, and must occasionally happen in any country that has a republican voting system. Thus, in 1876 Samuel J. Tilden, Democratic nominee for president of the United States, received the largest popular vote, though Rutherford B. Hayes received one more electoral vote and was made president. Tilden did not connive with a bunch of crooks to use the army to overthrow the republic. As a matter of fact, it is even contested that in the last Spanish election the Right did have a majority popular vote. The Foreign Policy Association declares that the Spanish Popular Front received 4,206,156 votes, the Center 681,047 and the Right 3,783,601. The Center and the Right are not identical, and if even one-fifth of them leaned to the Left, then the whole castle in air reared for Franco falls of its own weight. He is merely a traitor to his country; a repudiator of his solemn oath; a Judas.

Italians Were Well Equipped

◆ Dr. Norman Bethune, Canadian surgeon, and head of the Spanish-Canadian Institute for Blood Transfusion, back home after seven months' service in Spain, said that more Spanish people offered themselves for blood transfusion purposes than could be used. The morale was very high. The food was also much better. The Italians helped, albeit unintentionally. He says:

After their rout at Guadalajara we ate spaghetti and drank Italian wine for weeks. And an entire loyalist brigade equipped itself with first-class Italian boots, machine guns and supply trucks! Fifteen thousand fresh Italian troops landed in Spain the third week in June.

A Million Men Fighting in Spain

◆ Dr. Bethune, speaking in San Francisco, explained that there are now about a million men fighting in Spain. On the side of the Republic are 500,000 men, 85 percent of whom are Spaniards. On the Hierarchy's side are 125,000 Italians, 100,000 Spaniards, 50,000 Moors, 50,000 Portuguese, 25,000 Germans, and 100,000 of other nationalities.

Fascist (Catholic Action) Acts of War

◆ Archibald MacLeish, editor of *Fortune*, in an address in New York, said:

In 1914 the methodical and murderous shelling of the civil population of a Spanish sea-coast town by a German fleet would have been an act of war. In 1937 it is not an act of war. The Spaniards merely die, and the Germans sail away. In 1914 the massacre of the civil population of an undefended Basque village by German planes would have been an act of war. In 1937 it is not an act of war. The Basques merely lie kicking in the fields where the machine guns caught up with them, and the Germans fly away. The wars of 1937 are not fought by declarations and mobilizations. They are fought in the back streets like the assassinations of gunmen.

Spanish Grandees Defeated Themselves

◆ When the Spanish grandees, who owned 51.5 percent of the Spanish peninsula, went Fascist, they threw away the fortunes that have been in their families for centuries. If the Spanish Republic wins, as now seems not too probable, these grandees, having thrown in their lot with Franco the Butcher, and his Moors and other soldiers of the pope, stand not the remotest chance of ever getting back their lands. Not only are they legally lost to them, but they have already been divided among people that will never give them up.

Manage to Get Planes to Franco

◆ It is against the law for persons in the United States to send munitions to the Spanish Republic, fighting for its life against the treachery of Franco and other army officials that tried to seize the country for the Hierarchy, but apparently it is all right the other way round; for the report is that twelve of eighteen of Franco's planes forced down in France were American-built. There seems every reason to believe that the heads of the American, French and British governments really want Franco to win.

The Pope's Ambassador to Franco

◆ The pope's ambassador to the Spanish Rebel commander Francisco Franco is Isidoro Cardinal Goma y Tomas, bishop of Toledo. The bishop receives a salary of \$600,000 for "looking after the spiritual interests" of the poorest, most nearly starved people under the sun. This is eight times the salary of the president of the United States, and gives some idea of what will happen in this country when the Hierarchy gains full control.

Terror in the "Third Reich"

JEHOVAH'S witnesses in Germany recently distributed throughout the entire Reich an "Open Letter to the Bible-believing, Christ-loving People of Germany",* from which the following excerpts are quoted:

In the official newspapers Jehovah's witnesses are represented as criminals, enemies of the State, as Communists; and the leaders of the movement as Jews, although all the world outside of Germany, and millions of Bible-loving Germans are convinced that the witnesses of Jehovah are neither criminals, enemies of the State, nor Communists, nor Jews, but are merely plain, decent, God-believing Christians.

The antagonism of the German "Party-justice" toward Christianity and the Bible is clearly made manifest by an article in the periodical "The German Justice Official", dated March 21, 1937, and under the caption "The Bible Student Undergoing Punishment", written by Liesche, director of the penal institution, as follows:

The kind of atrocity fables the International Bible Students Association is intentionally seeking to spread concerning Germany and our "Fuehrer" is shown to us in a Resolution which was adopted by the Central European Congresses of Jehovah's Witnesses at its meet in Luzerne, September 4-7, calling upon all people of good will to take notice that Jehovah's witnesses in Germany, Austria and elsewhere are cruelly persecuted with incarceration in prisons, mistreated in fiendish ways, and some even put to death. The Hitler Government has inflicted every form of cruel punishment upon true Christians, and continues to do so.

Upon delivery into the prisons the only concern of these witnesses of Jehovah is that they may have a Bible, so that they may follow up their antagonism to the State with planned and skillfully put together Bible passages, in an effort to influence other prisoners if possible. It should be the concern of the punitive authorities to prevent such study of the Bible as leads to notes that may be used in a way dangerous to the State. It is therefore left to the discretion of the punitive authorities to determine how this may be prevented. The important thing, however, is that it be prevented.

Paragraph 112, Clause 5, of Service and Penal Performance states: "To the Christian prisoners are to be supplied prayer and song books as in-

troduced by the church authorities. Evangelical prisoners receive in addition a New Testament with the Psalms; Catholic prisoners, the Diocesan Catechism and a New Testament or the Bible history; Jewish prisoners, a prayer book." But these provisions do not apply to the Earnest Bible Students as prisoners.

Since, according to Paragraph 112 S. T. P. O., the object of an arrest for investigation is also for the purpose of preventing the prisoner from committing new punishable offenses, it would clearly be inconsistent with the purpose of custody to supply such prisoners upon trial with the very books [Bible and New Testament] from which they might continue to take for their inner allegiance to their forbidden sect new food and encouragement to compensate for their antagonism against the State.

The competent judge may, therefore, upon a correspondingly substantiated request of a penal institution director, in all propriety order the entire Bible to be withheld from the Earnest Bible Students. . . . From this it may be seen that sufficient grounds are given for withholding the desired edifying books [Bible and New Testament] from the arrested Earnest Bible Students, if one would only endeavor to apply the paragraph in question properly, should these books be misused solely for the purpose of endangering the State.

To the punitive authorities is given, in every case, the possibility of acting with the viewpoint that almost all of Jehovah's witnesses must be considered as fanatics to their ideas who designate themselves as martyrs. There are few among them who are ever brought to reason by the serving of their sentence.

Martyrs of the Christian Faith

The foregoing clearly shows that the objective of the battle is to rob the German people of the Bible and to suppress all who point to it as authority for the exercise of spiritual freedom and belief.

In Christian forbearance and for shame we have long refrained from calling public attention in Germany and foreign countries to these disgraceful actions. In our possession we have crushing proofs of the above-mentioned cruel mistreatment of Jehovah's witnesses.

Among those inflicting this mistreatment, Criminal-Assistants Theiss of Dortmund and Tennhoff and Heimann of the Secret State Police at Gelsenkirchen and Bochum have especially distinguished themselves. One did not hesitate to ill-treat women with bull whips and rubber clubs. For sadistic cruelty in mis-

* Thereby causing mass arrests of Jehovah's witnesses and Jonadabs.

treatment of Christian women, as already mentioned, Criminal-Assistant Theiss and a man among the State Police in Hamm are well known. We are in possession of particulars and of the names of about eighteen of Jehovah's witnesses who were put to death by violence.

For instance: In October, 1936, Peter Heinen, one of Jehovah's witnesses, formerly a resident on Neuhuller street, Gelsenkirchen, was brutally slain by an official of the Secret State Police, in the city hall of Gelsenkirchen. This pitiful occurrence was reported to Reichskanzler Adolph Hitler, and copies of the

report were also received by Reichsminister Rudolph Hess and the chief of the German State Police, Himmler.

The cruel mistreatment and the kidnaping of Willie Ruhnau, formerly residing at 809 Adolph Hitler street, Zoppot, have been submitted as a petition to the League of Nations Council, and given publicity in the press of the entire world. The police of Danzig refuse to give any information as to the whereabouts of Ruhnau. He was doubtless spirited away by the Danzig police, and later slain.—Translated from the German *Golden Age* of September 15, 1937.

Jehovah's Courageous Witnesses

JEHOVAH'S courageous witnesses in Germany continue to be an inspiration to God's faithful people all over the world. The German *Watchtower* of August 15, 1937, contains a touching resolution, adopted by 83 out of 86 present at a meeting in one of the most perilous corners of that dreadful land, wherein they pledged themselves to faithfully continue to witness that Jehovah alone is the true God, and Christ Jesus alone His worthy sovereign Ruler in the earth. They did this in spite of the fact that within six months prior thereto 50 of their brethren and companions had been cast into prison, from which number

two had disappeared and several had been sentenced to long prison terms. They declared their unity with God's people all over the earth, their confidence in His protection, and their determination to have a part in everything that the Lord defines as necessary and good to further expose Satan and his wicked organization. As the resolution was read to the little company several did not even wait to be asked individually if they affirmed, but joyfully expressed their willingness in advance; and it is known that the ones in prison are in fullest accord. God bless all the faithful in Germany!

Brave Words by Martin Niemoeller

IT IS not springtime for the hopeful and expectant Christian church—it is testing-time, and God is giving Satan a free hand, so that he may shake us up and so that it may be seen what manner of men we are!

"Heroic Christianity" is still a human possibility and can be achieved even without faith; but in the hour of trial and sifting it, too, is blown away like chaff.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not fall upon the field of battle, but was put to death upon the [tree]; he did not die as a martyr, but as a criminal; he was not admired, but despised.

We shudder at this way of the [tree], and we have a terror, which no courage and no remedy can help, of the curse of contempt and ridicule.

The prospect of them puts an end to our dreams of martyrdom and heroism, and the only prudent course, when all is said and done, seems to be for us to deny Christ. "One must do in Rome as the Romans do!" We are now faced with the unequivocal question: What about our faith? And we see—as in Peter's case—that something more is needed for faith besides our resolution and our readiness to face suffering and sacrifice; we see that faith is no unchangeable and inalienable possession, and on which we can rely.

The stabilizing element in our faith does not lie within us; and what keeps us from falling in the hour of temptation is not our own honesty and loyalty, but God's loyalty, which upholds us. (Protestant minister, Dahlem, Berlin, in *London News Chronicle*)

Germany

The Nazi 'Confession of Faith'

◆ The Nazi 'confession of faith', joined in by 15,000 youths at one time, was delivered by Dr. Robert Ley, chief of the German Labor Front. It reads:

We believe on this earth solely in Adolf Hitler. We believe that National Socialism is the sole faith and salvation of **our** people. We believe there is a God in heaven who has created us, led us and publicly laid his blessing upon us. We believe that God has sent us Adolf Hitler so that Germany may receive a foundation for its existence through all eternity. Adolf Hitler, victory heil!

Born to Die

for Germany

◆ School textbooks in Germany have been rewritten to glorify the fatherland. They are filled with war propaganda and profusely illustrated with pictures of Hitler and various so-called "war heroes". A writer tells of attending commencement exercises in Bavaria and seeing some 250 boys and girls graduating from high school, with a sign over their heads reading, "We are born to die for Germany."

All Anti-Fascists Being Arrested

◆ Tyrants are always cowards; hence the fright with which the Hitler government is running down and imprisoning all persons known or suspected of being anti-Fascist. The Gestapo, secret police, work in groups of three. One arrests a workman. A few hours later two others go to the homes of his friends, advising that they are couriers from Prague, have anti-Fascist material for the arrested man, and ask the second victim to take care of it. If he takes it in they arrest him. They also arrest him if he betrays any sympathy for the man already arrested.

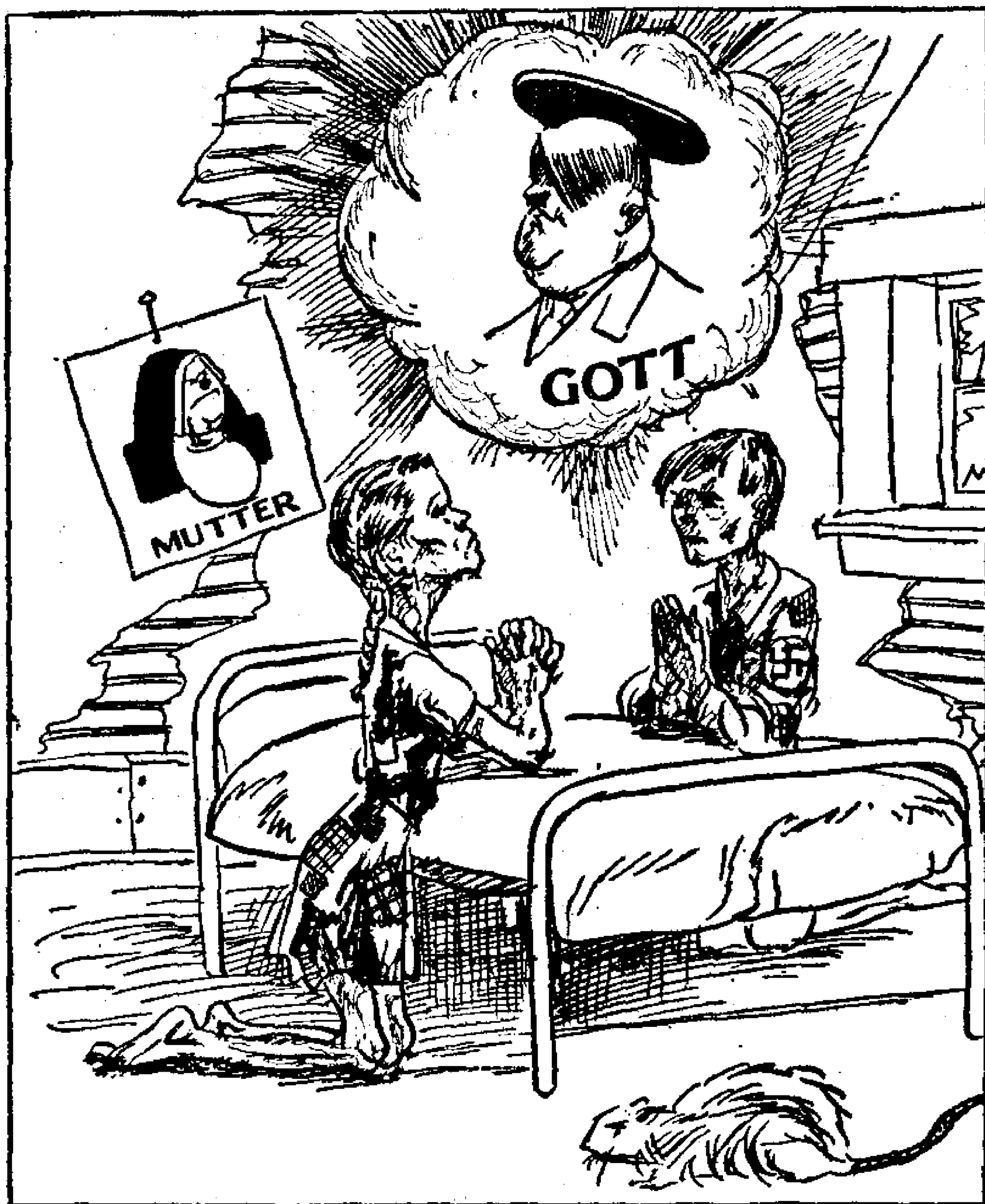
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The Poison Gas Ott 20

◆ The new German poison gas, Ott 20, manufactured at Höchst, near Frankfurt, Germany, is poisoning the whole town. The women workers in the gas factory all have a bluish hue to their cheeks, and blotched hands. Plants die in the neighborhood. A drop or two placed in the water caused thousands of carp to die, emitting a terrible odor. The gas is being used experimentally in the Dachau concentration camp.

General Motors' Investment in Germany

◆ Seven years ago the General Motors Corporation bought the Adam Opel motor works in Germany for \$35,030,000. In three years the sales were tripled. Herr Hitler smiles and all is well. Part of the output of the German plant is for the tanks Hitler hopes to use in his next war. The investment of the Du Pont munition makers in General Motors is said to be now worth about \$650,000,000.



Genuine poverty

Lost Their Protection

◆ The *Niedersächsische Tageszeitung*, Lower Saxony, Germany, has an article on the fate which befell a group of one-time Bible Students who broke away from Jehovah's witnesses in the time of stress. Their meetings developed into trances, titles of kings were bestowed on at least three persons; the Nazi government took a hand, put the leader in prison and fined the "kings". What happened was that these persons lost the protection of Almighty God and fell into the hands of unclean spirits, demons, who made fools of them. "But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. . . . [and at the end] how great is that darkness!"—Matthew 6:23.

By Trail and Stream and Garden Path (Hibernation) (Contributed)

“**M**AMA, I burned my hands.”
Bunny held out her tiny hands, frozen white and stiff. “The cold burned ’em all up dead.”

“Here, Bunny,” called Jane, “Mama’s busy. I’ll make your hands better.”

Jane brought cold water and dipped the little hands into it. Suddenly a puzzled look spread over Bunny’s face. “It’s sticky, now, Jane—all sticky like—like a fistle.”

“You mean, like a thistle?”

“Uh-huh. And it—it jags.”

“That’s because the ‘burn’ is going away.”

A moment of silence, then, “Jane, I’m glad the robins went away.”

“Why, Bunny?”

“So they won’t get their feet burned in the snow.”

Buddy stirred from the corner where he was busy repairing a ‘yankee’. “I like summer best. There’s things to see—fish, and toads, and turtles, and snakes, and just lots of things.”

“Sure; and birds,” added Bunny. For the next two or three minutes she gave her attention to the interesting process of having her hands rubbed briskly in a rough towel. All at once her eyes widened in surprised horror.

“Jane! The turtles! What do they do in winter?”

“Aw, she means turtles,” said Buddy.

“Well, anyway, what do they do? Do they go away like birds?”

“No. They bury themselves in the mud.”

“What mud?”

“The mud at the bottom of streams or ponds. They keep very warm in the mud, and all winter long they sleep there.”

“How about toads and frogs?” asked Buddy.

“Frogs, also, hide in the mud. Toads burrow into the ground.”

“What’s that mean?” asked Bunny.

“It means they dig down into the ground deep enough that the frost can’t reach them. There they are able to keep warm even in very cold weather.”

“I know about the squirrels,” offered Buddy. “They gather nuts and hide them away in holes in trees. Then they live there all winter.”

“Right. Field mice also store away food in

burrows for winter use. The bear stores away food, too, but he stores it inside himself.”

“How?” asked both children.

“He eats and eats before cold weather comes. He eats so much that he gets very fat. Then he crawls into a cave or a hole in the ground and goes to sleep. He sleeps there until spring comes. He isn’t fat any more, then, but very thin and very hungry; so off he goes in search of food. The skunk passes the winter in the same way.”

“Do rabbits do that?”

“No, rabbits don’t store food. They go out and get their meals all winter.”

“What do snakes do?” Buddy wanted to know.

“They hide in holes in banks or under the roots of trees.”

“Do all the butterflies die?” asked Bunny.

“Oh, no. Some never get to be butterflies before winter comes. They live as eggs or in their chrysalises—those little houses the caterpillars make—until spring. Some butterflies hide in sheltered places while it’s cold. But strangest of all, some of them migrate—that is, go south—just like the birds.”

“That’s funny,” Buddy murmured. “Do they go in bunches?”

“Oh, yes, great ‘bunches’; sometimes so large they make the sky seem dark.”

“Don’t they get tired?” Bunny worried.

“Sometimes. Then they rest. Often they fly down onto the water and float along for a while.”

“Oh! They swim! Who taught the butterflies to swim?”

“They don’t exactly swim, Bunny. They just float along.”

“Sure,” Buddy said; “and nobody taught them. That’s just how God made them.”

The Reforming Business

◆ Cyril Brown, in the New York *Times*, makes the common-sense observation that:

The great trouble with our country today is that it is being run by reformers. Every one of these ‘saviors of the people’ is making a mighty good living out of reforming. It all costs a lot of money; but, then, it is not the spenders who intend to foot the bill, so they do not worry. Meanwhile the labor agitators and our politicians are living on the fat of the land and industrial strife is their meal ticket.

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Winter Stillness—Cover Design for This Number

WINTER is due. Yet nature seems to pause, to hesitate, like the swimmer who is about to plunge into the cool waters of the sea. It is that brief interlude, neither fall nor winter, which is accompanied by a vague inertia that creeps into the blood and makes one seek the cheerful environment of the home or fireside. Hence the fields are deserted by man as well as by the migratory birds and the beasts in their holes and the cattle in their stalls. Only the furtive rabbit slips quietly through the long grasses and looks about timidly, seemingly reluctant to confine itself completely to its winter quarters, the entrance to which it has hidden carefully beneath the tufts of grass on yonder cliffs.

On the bosom of the quiescent pond there is as yet no hint of ice, as it tremulously reflects the barren trees. A few brown leaves on bush and tree rustle disconsolately in the fitful breeze, or drift drearily to the sear grass to rattle lifelessly along the rutted road.

A hazy sun looks coldly down on the barren landscape or withdraws itself behind the gray cloud-curtains that cover the leaden skies.

The whole aspect of nature recalls those

ancient lines that so pathetically express both the sorrow and the hope of the poor:

“Winter wakeneth all my care,
Now these leaves waxeth bare.
All goeth but Godde’s will.”

There is little trace of the winter rain of a week ago or the transient snow of yesterday, which gave a chilly hint of what will follow as winter chores and winter sunset varied with winter sport, winter thaw and winter crystal succeed one another in rapid sequence and lead on to the uncertain March snow, which gives way in turn to the resurgent sap in the reviving maple and the trumpeting of the antlered deer. But winter stillness speaks not of this. Rather it broods silently in almost regretful retrospection.

Trailer Cities at Universities

◆ Something new in the world are the trailer cities occupied by university students in Utah, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. At the Utah institution sixteen trailer homes stand in two orderly rows among orchard trees. There are five married couples among the trailer dwellers, and one infant born there.

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