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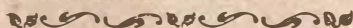
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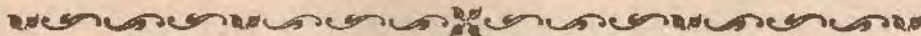
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"Now it is high time to awake."—Romans 13:11

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WAKE UP, WORLD!

WHO says the world is asleep? Is this not the fastest-moving age in all history? Does not every aspect of human life and endeavor on this globe throb with energetic activity? News and information continually crowd the channels of communication, where it travels by radio and by wire with the speed of light. Where, then, is there any sign of sleepiness, or any necessity for this world and its people to awaken?

Like a paradox, the world is very much awake to some things, while, at the same time, it is indifferent to the more important happenings. Individuals of the world conscious of the lesser things are sound asleep to the most important matters. Pearl Harbor is bombed! In a moment the whole world knows about it. But do they know why such bombing was not prevented? The people hear that Rome escapes bombing; but do they know why? The Normandy beaches are struck with the impact of modern warfare, and shortly thereafter the nations hear that Germany is beaten. But do the millions of returned soldiers know what they were fighting for? Japan surrenders! In a flash the world learns

about it. And yet, do they know why World War II has not officially ended, but continues to this very day? An atomic bomb is dropped on Bikini and the world is tuned in to hear it explode, but how many peace-loving people realize the significance of such experiment? Of a truth, the world seems to be awake to the outward or surface appearance of events, but most people of the earth are totally unconscious of the underlying causes of these happenings and the effects such have on man's destiny. They are in fact asleep to these all-important matters.

"CONSOLATION" magazine is no longer published, but the good services it performed do not come to an end. It has been replaced by the new and up-to-date magazine "AWAKE!" This is the first issue of the new journal. Read it, and see if you do not enjoy its general articles and its special features. Consider its mission, as expressed on page two. This leading article gives further information on the aims and purposes of the new journal. "Awake!" is semi-monthly, and we hope that you will find pleasure in reading regularly each issue.

In the field of science and invention the world of mankind is in the same plight. From all outward appearance it would seem that tremendous forward strides have been made in those parts of the earth where scientific research has been promoted. Here men no longer live in tents or travel by oxcart. Instead, they live in comfortable homes and are able to transport themselves to any part of the earth in a matter of a few hours. They no longer plow their land by hand or send letters to distant points by

courier on foot. They have learned to harness electricity and use it to turn the wheels of industry. Their knowledge of higher mathematics enables them to solve the engineering problems encountered in mass production. They even say they are winning the war on disease and pestilence. There is no question that man's technical knowledge of these material things is very great.

However, in spite of such learning scientists are absolutely blind to the world-shattering significance of their discoveries. It is admitted that it takes technical skill to build an electronic calculating machine that is able to work mathematical equations a thousand times faster than humans, but it takes more than technical skill to build a robot calculator capable of solving the weighty problems confronting the nations of the earth. Those who think they are awake will say that the scientific progress, which they call "miraculous", is proof that man has entered a better and finer world—a synthetic, atom-smashing, jet-propelled, radar-controlled, electronic world—in this twentieth century. But do those who say such things have their eyes open wide enough, or are they awake enough, to explain why men, though able to talk around the earth, see beyond the horizon, and bounce radio signals off the moon, are, nevertheless, so immature and undeveloped that they still wallow themselves in a dilemma of strife, sweat and blood?

Are the "theoretical" or "pure" scientists, who gaze into the expanse of the universe and peer into the miniature world of the atom there to learn about the phenomena of creation, able, because of their learning, to answer the question? Or do they too draw erroneous conclusions from their findings and hastily support destruction and death rather than construction and life? The folly and stupidity of these eminent men become even more apparent when it is learned that they are now laboring to

produce a cosmic ray bomb having a destructive force incomprehensively greater than that of the atom bomb.

Asleep or Blind?

And what about economic conditions? Are individuals of the world more alert to such problems than they are to scientific developments? They are fully aware that there is a great crisis in the world's food supply. They know that production is far behind the needs of the people, that there is a scarcity of clothing and a shortage of homes, that the cost of living soars higher and higher with inflationary processes on the move in many parts of the earth. All of this is common knowledge. But do the people know the cause of these crippling conditions? Do they make any effort to find out why, at a time like this, there are unemployment and strikes and curtailments in production? Are not the people in general asleep when it comes to knowing the portent of these conditions? They cry because of taxation and government regulations and restrictions as rationing continues to hold the people down and prices for consumer goods skyrocket in many countries of the earth, and yet the reasons for such situations do not concern the man in the street, who apparently is asleep. The masses are very much alive to their own suffering but are insensible to the moving causes of such misery.

Social problems of race hatred and discrimination, the problems of child delinquency, and parent delinquency also, and the problems of crime and widespread moral degeneracy, are all extensively publicized. But the very fact that they remain baffling problems show that the leaders of this world are unaware of the origin of these things and hence unable to strike at the root of the trouble.

Going on to the bigger problems of international importance, the same mental condition on the part of the ruled as

well as their rulers is found to exist. There is a mental stagnation and indifference on the part of the people to search out the real causes and remedy for the intolerable and killing world conditions. The illusion of a man-made "better world" was held out before the people to sustain their spirits during the recent war. The result is now here. Therefore let creatures awake and look soberly and realistically at this so-called "new order" of UN.

Are people so blind, or are they so asleep, that they cannot see that it is the same old world of strife, malice and hatred? There is India and her millions with their mixed creeds and races; Palestine and her double-sided issue; Egypt and Iran and Greece; Poland and Finland, and the other countries from the Balkans to the Baltic; there are the once-occupied countries of France, Belgium and the Netherlands; the one-time "axis" partners of Germany, Italy and Japan, in addition to the so-called "neutral" country of Spain; and there are the mighty countries of China and Russia. One and all alike, these governments have problems of such international moment that there can never be a lasting peace until they are solved. A divided world it is, a world of disunity and confusion, one that the Greeks would call *chaos*. Truly, the world is in a ferment and the people are intoxicated with the spirit of selfishness, pride and ignorance. Never was there a more urgent need for a sobering, stabilizing and awakening influence than there is today.

What Is the Remedy?

From this mournful condition the people seek relief for their distressed minds by plunging themselves into what they call "entertainment", by revelry in an effort to brace up their fainting spirits and drown their sorrows. The radio and television, by drama and by propaganda, serve the people in this respect. People also attend the theater where they see

conditions, not as they are, but through colored glasses which show a glamorized make-believe world. Some persons' jagged nerves are soothed by listening to music, while many others find refuge from the cares of this world by attending or participating in various sports events. It is not an exaggeration to say that the people of this pleasure-crazed world are entirely ignorant of the means whereby they can find real happiness.

And what is this sure and complete remedy for world woes? Is it the United Nations organization? No, it is not that howling child that was brought forth by a dazed and stupefied world suffering the after-effects of a terrible war. But do not the international physicians proclaim this child the new-born savior of the world? and do not credulous people crown it as the future ruler of the nations? Yes, they do; but this is only proof of their blindness. Only those who close their eyes to the facts will say that selfish, imperfect and greedy men of a thousand tongues, and having as many cultures and creeds, can live and work together in unity and peace. Only those who close their ears to past history will say that capital and labor, communism and fascism, and Catholicism and Protestantism, make up the building blocks of a lasting peace structure. Only the blind would proclaim that the assembled delegates from the various nations can establish a lasting peace in a conference hall at the same time that their individual governments are hysterically preparing new and more destructive weapons for use in a third world war. Totally blind must those be that promise peace and safety when an atomic bomb hangs precariously above the world suspended by the mere thread of tricky diplomacy.

And there are many other remedies that are put forth as cures for this dying old world. Some are "left", some are "right"; some of one color, some of another. Each has its own formula for balancing the world's supply and demand;

each has its sages and seers, prophets and preachers; each has its "sales talk". One says: "Religion alone has the answer for humanity's twentieth century cry of despair." (Trimau) Another says: "In my opinion, he [Pope Pius XII] is one of the foremost figures working for world peace." (Grace Moore) There are many other "isms" that are championed in the open forum of public opinion, but totaled up they are only vanities or nothingnesses. Those qualities which are necessary to achieve great political and social reforms these leaders lack, but worthless oratory they command in abundance. In fact, their windy talk is what constitutes the thin "new order" gown that is draped around the old battle-scarred world.

But through this sheer synthetic costume is seen the same Big Three in control, the Big Three who never agree, that is, Commerce, Politics and Religion. Their mighty men are the leaders of this world, and the people blindly follow these leaders who have no vision. And what is the result? Let the wisest man that ever lived on this earth answer that question. He said: "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Those words were prophetically spoken by Christ Jesus (Matthew 15: 14), and no one can deny that they are now fulfilled, for the whole world is bogged down in a muddy ditch. Moreover, in fulfillment of prophecy it is observed that 'darkness covers the world and gross darkness the people'. How true it is: "Where there is no vision, the people perish."—Isaiah 60: 2; Proverbs 29: 18.

The responsibility for this condition must be borne to a large measure by the political, commercial and religious leaders; for, indeed, none are so blind as these who have "eyes [to see the facts], and see not; which have ears [to hear the warning], and hear not". (Jeremiah 5: 21) Isaiah the prophet gives a brilliant description of these leaders: "They are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs,

they cannot bark; sleeping [Hebrew, "talking in their sleep"], lying down, loving to slumber." (Isaiah 56: 10, *margin*) It is therefore plain that any effort spent in trying to awaken the blind and sleepy leaders would be lost.

The Command to Awake!

Be it noted, however, that those who have followed the willfully blind leaders have been deceived and kept in ignorance, but not willingly so. There is hope for such. Hence, the cry is: "Awake, for the climax of the ages is here!" The issue is not politics versus economics, or state versus man, or man versus man, nor is it the atom versus man. The issue of the ages is Devil rule versus God rule, the old world of wickedness against the new world of righteousness.

Are you a lover of righteousness? Do you sigh and cry because of the wickedness that you see done in the world? Do you wonder what lies behind the mysterious current events that are occurring in the earth today? If so, then lift up your head and rejoice, for now it is possible for your eyes to be opened so that you can see the light of the new day through this present pall of darkness.

And who is it that will open the eyes of these sincere people? Not the scientists who busy themselves forging new destructive instruments. They are able to smash an atom, but not the iron curtain of darkness; they can harness atomic energy, but not the passions of wicked men. Neither are the commercial, political or religious elements able, or willing, to enlighten those that sit in darkness. As for the great publicity agencies, the radio and public press, they have miserably failed to inform the people. There are newspapers galore and magazines aplenty which hecloud the issues with their multitudes of words, and so often, by distorting the news, they produce a deceptive optical illusion. The failure of these agencies to give the people right knowledge makes necessary

now the publication of this magazine, *Awake!*

The world has reached the crossroads and is entering the atomic age. Therefore, you people of good-will of all nations should arouse yourselves and observe that the world is 'reeling to and fro like a drunkard' on the very precipice of destruction. "How may I escape?" should be the pressing question on your mind. To arrive at the correct answer you must be alive and alert to what is happening in the world. Take a keen interest and be quick to sense out the truth of matters. Not only learn the facts, but weigh their import. Look not only at the superficial, but penetrate, search out, and discover the subterranean roots and meaning of world events. In doing so you will find this magazine a great aid and assistance. It is awake to the universal issues.

Aims and Purposes

On October 1, 1919, the first issue of the *Golden Age* magazine was published. Eighteen years later the name of the magazine was changed to *Consolation*. On July 31, 1946, the last issue of *Consolation* was published, and now *Awake!* becomes its successor. To all of the advantages contained in *The Golden Age* and *Consolation* will be added timely information for the purpose of awakening men of good-will to the issues of life.

Integrity to the truth will be the highest aim of this magazine, and, therefore, it will publish the truth without partiality and without hypocrisy. It will have the courage to publish the facts as they are, and to champion God-given liberties such as freedom of speech and worship. It will not stop at exposure, at tearing down and rooting out error, but it will aim to present a remedy, to build up hope for the future, to comfort those that mourn and to strengthen those that sigh and cry because of the abominations done in this evil world. Destructive evidence will be followed by con-

structive information; the hopelessness of the old world will be contrasted with the hopefulness of the new world. This is a Scriptural course to follow, for it is written that the Lord's servant, after rooting out, pulling down and destroying, should then proceed to build and to plant.—Jeremiah 1:10.

The articles and statements of this magazine will be based upon fully documented source material as proof. Dogmatic statements and unproved assertions will be avoided, and editorial comment will be based on solid argument, especially when dealing with controversial issues. The magazine will not serve as a channel for personal opinion or speculation on any subject.

As for coverage this magazine will endeavor to treat information from a world-wide rather than local viewpoint. It will appeal to all honest people of all lands. It will not be a political magazine nor will it preach any creed; it will be free from all sects and creeds and doctrines of men. The latest political, economic and religious developments will be dealt with in so far as these affect the people in general. Historical and geographical articles will be presented from time to time, and educational and instructive information will be drawn from the field of science.

It will not be a one-man or one-nation magazine, but its contributors and correspondents will be spread out world-wide. Living in many lands and under many conditions, they will be able to make on-the-scene reports of happenings as they are, uncensored, and free of any nationalistic flavor. The material and contents of the magazine, therefore, will be informative, educational and interesting to the greatest number of persons, young and old alike.

Efforts will be made to make the style and composition pleasing in both its writing and the way it is printed. Good, readable type will be used, and short

articles will be set off in relief from the heavier and more lengthy ones. Generally there will be a leading article and one or two secondary articles; also several shorter articles covering many aspects of life. Short, pithy and concise items will tastefully season the magazine to the delight of its readers.

There will be two outstanding features regularly carried in each issue. "Thy Word Is Truth" will inspire faith in the Creator by having as its authority God's Holy Word, the Bible. The other feature of particular interest, "Watching the World," will summarize world events and happenings. It will flash before the reader a picture of the world as it is seen hurrying on its way. The great volume of words published by the daily press will be boiled down to crystallize the essentials for the reader.

Here, then, is a magazine of the highest educational value for all sincere and upright people of all races, creeds and nationalities. "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear," and let him arise from the dust and darkness of this old, musty world and come out into the light and freshness and freedom of the new world. Those who will do so will hear the King of the new world, Christ Jesus, say: "Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear." (Matthew 13:16) Blessed, indeed, are those who are already awake to present world-shattering conditions. Blessed, too, will be those who arouse and shake themselves from their lethargy. The climax of the ages is at hand; there is no time to lose. Romans 13: 11, the keynote text of this magazine, emphatically declares: "NOW IT IS HIGH TIME TO AWAKE!"



Music Is Medicine

MUSIC has long been known for its soothing effect upon ruffled and irritated nerves. More than a thousand years before Christ it was recorded that David the shepherd lad cunningly played the harp to refresh the troubled spirit of King Saul.—1 Samuel 16: 23.

Much more recently, just last month, in fact, a news dispatch reports that the Veterans Administration has ordered thousands of phonograph records for distribution to veterans' hospitals. The musical programs are to be planned to suit the patients. For instance, an album of 75 recordings is specially selected for neuro-psychiatric hospitals, and another of 90 recordings will go to tuberculosis and general hospitals. The musical selections range from Bach to barbershop ballads.

The National Music Council recently conducted a survey to determine to what extent music is used in mental hospitals. Of 209 reports received, 23 hospitals said they used it for therapeutic reasons and 134 reported that they used it for both therapy and recreation. But the discovery was made that active participation by the patients themselves in making music was invariably far more beneficial than mere listening. Group performance is probably best for this purpose, as it diverts the attention of the patient from himself and develops a spirit of fellowship and co-operation.

Another important finding of this survey was concerning jazz. Jazz is not music, but is a very irritating dissonance to many sane persons. That is not new, but the new discovery made in these mental hospitals by psychiatrists is that the blasting and blaring called jazz "is a disturbing influence to all types of patients". Yes, even an insane person is disturbed by that discordant "tin-pan alley" racket called jazz.

A Trip in Travancore, India

SQUALOR, abject poverty, dirt, pestering beggars and unscrupulous shopkeepers—these are the impressions that first jostle for attention in the mind of the westerner newly landed in India. Leaving the port for the interior he adds to these a flat, uninteresting landscape, with parched, brown fields in the dry season, and flooded, green ones in the wet; dust, flies, stinks and filth. Here and there a village, tiny houses huddled each against its neighbor, pitifully thin cattle in large herds nosing the dust for shriveled grass, and peasants as thin as their cattle; poverty, poverty, stark, cruel poverty everywhere.

As his acquaintance with the country increases yet other, more sinister and more intrinsically evil impressions take root in his mind: Religion; blatantly evil, filthy in the extreme and catering for every depraved impulse of the human heart. Idols; appeased by gifts from the scant substance of the ignorant devotees, and which gifts, as in any religion, go to fatten lazy, ignorant priests. Superstition; that synonym for religion and also for demonism (compare the *King James*, *Emphatic Diaglott* and *American Standard Version* translations of Acts 17:22), governing every important act of life. Grotesque architecture. Sadhus; Indian monks, indescribably dirty with long, matted hair and dung-smeared body, battenning upon the credulity of the people. Phallic symbols; representative of the sex organs, openly displayed and venerated.

India, pitiful India! The slave for centuries to the greatest of all tyrants, Satan and his demons. That other tyranny of British rule is weak, anemic, beside this awful scab upon the people. It alone has sapped their manhood, bringing a nation 400,000,000 strong into submission to a mere handful of foreigners, powerless in the grip of an inherent treachery and mutual distrust of each

other. The "god of this world", Satan, "which deceiveth the whole world," truly has "blinded the minds" of this groaning people, using his most deceptive weapon, religion, to accomplish it.

Bible Influence

In one part of India alone is there any variation to this condition, and it is no coincidence that it is the one part where the Bible has been an open book for centuries. This is limited to a small strip of territory on the extreme southwest coast, Travancore. Here since the fourth century the Syrian "church" has taken root, bringing to the people the enlightening and ennobling influence of the Book of Freedom, God's Word, the Bible. And the effect here has been the same as in any other part of the earth where it has had free circulation: an enlightened and cultured people.

This is not suggesting that these people have escaped from the bondage of religion. Seventy percent have retained their Hindu religion, and the other thirty have merely changed one form of demonism for another, Hinduism for what they falsely call Christianity. No, the point here made is that in spite of religion the influence of the Bible has permeated the whole people, uplifting both the so-called Christian and, indirectly, the non-Christian. The result of this influence is seen in the general demeanor of the whole people: mutual co-operation, freedom for the womenfolk, some degree of sanitation, personal cleanliness, education, kindness, true human dignity.

From among these people of recent years there has arisen a small number of persons who 'stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made them free', escaping completely from the snares of religion and witnessing to the name and kingdom of Jehovah. Just a minute portion of the vast masses that go to the

making of the nation of Hindustan, from three to four hundred in number.

The better to know this people, let us first take a look at their land and living conditions. In place of the flat, arid plains of the rest of India, here the land is undulated and green the year round. Enjoying both monsoons, and consequently two rainy seasons, coupled with a strong sun, the brown, laterite soil responds in a way hard to credit from its stony appearance. At the cost of very little cultivation, the scratch with a primitive plow and once or twice with the hoe, the sun and rain combine to produce good crops of rice in the flooded fields in the depressions; coconuts, bananas, tapioca, mangoes and pineapples on the slopes; and on the hills and mountain range, rubber, tea and coffee.

Instead of being huddled together in insanitary villages, the farmer folk are housed each in his own land. These houses are well built from the laterite (meaning, "brick-stone") dug from his land, with timber from their own farm and thatched with the fronds of the palms platted together, and finally a cement floor. This cement is about the only item that they need to buy. The children go to the local school, reducing the illiteracy figure of seventy percent for the rest of India down to ten percent here. The women also are educated and enjoy a measure of freedom almost equal to the West.

Travel Facilities

Communication is either by boat through the many backwaters that interlace large areas or else by the Indian-style busses. A popular and excellent alternative is to walk. Where it is possible, the water route is certainly the more pleasant. For ten cents in American currency you may travel all night or all day in a thirty- or forty-foot motorboat, chugging between green fields so close as sometimes to give the impression of gliding over the land itself. If by night,

then you sleep where you can, huddled with other passengers on floor or seats, a jumbled mass of arms and legs seemingly sticking out from the least expected places.

But that is better than the busses, generally. These are just plain wooden forms placed transverse across the chassis, the sides open and a roof constructed for luggage. To travel in one of these is an experience that sticks in mind. You may start off with a "full" load of passengers, but that is purely a relative term. At the next stop others will crowd in, and you will squeeze closer together to make room. Again a stop, and more clamber on, hanging onto the outside and standing on the running board when no more can be crammed in. More and more pile on until the inside passenger gets no more sight of the world around him than opaque human bodies will allow. But this is all taken in good part. Everybody is so nice about it all, and so pleasant to his fellows, gladly submitting to being crammed so that some other person might get on.

The rule "No Luggage" on busses in the West does not obtain here. "Luggage" may include anything from the usual trunk of clothes and roll of bedding indispensable to the traveler in India to sacks of vegetables or household furniture. All of this is piled onto the roof, and the final overload of passengers and luggage takes on the semblance of a surrealist's nightmare.

Theocratic Activities

For the duration of the war the Kingdom publishers were officially denied all literature. Early in the war the Travancore State government "banned" the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, confiscated the literature and the printing press and externed the English representative of the Society then there. But no power on earth can successfully "ban" Jehovah's witnesses, for the great

God of the universe, Jehovah, has decreed that this witness shall be given to all nations, including India, and given it will be. In common with their fellow witnesses in other parts of earth under similar circumstances, these rallied to the 'Theocratic standard and continued with the witness work with any instrument at their disposal, often just the Bible alone. The quality of integrity stamped them as true followers of the "faithful and true witness", Christ Jesus.

Their beloved magazine *The Watchtower* no longer could be printed in their vernacular, Malayalam. But Jehovah spread a table before them 'in the presence of their enemies'. A duplicated copy of the leading article from *The Watchtower* would reach one brother, and he would translate it into Malayalam in manuscript form. A few copies of this would be made by hand and these sent to certain companies. Here the brethren would make extra copies for their own use and extra ones to be sent to yet other companies, and so all in turn would be fed.

Now that the ban on the Society is lifted, these are looking forward to re-

ceiving the printed copies of *The Watchtower* again and other publications of the Society in their vernacular. At present they have nothing. In spite of this they have now resumed pavement witnessing, offering the people the English magazines *The Watchtower* and *Consolation* and the few English booklets available. These are handicapped in this by not knowing English themselves, but they delight to identify themselves openly with 'The Theocracy in public places, and so approach the more educated types of persons most likely to know English.

The Meenadum Assembly

Being farmers, these brethren are scattered all about the countryside. These are grouped together as "companies", of Jehovah's witnesses, having the usual internal Theocratic organization for each group. At three places there are Kingdom Halls. To the western eye these will appear as barn-like affairs, but are all that is required for their purposes and are a great credit to the brethren who labored with their own hands to construct them out of materials obtained at their own expense. Plain laterite walls, unceiled roof of thatch, and a concrete floor. Furnishings: a rough, plain table, a chair, wooden forms and some woven rush mats.

From time to time various companies will meet together in one center for fellowship and mutual encouragement. The occasion is taken to give one or more public lectures to which most of the farmer folk for many miles around will come. The writer of this article had the privilege of being at one such assembly at the Meenadum Kingdom Hall.

The first problem was to get there. As no busses serve anywhere near and a quantity of luggage as bedding, changes of clothes and other material were to be taken, a bullock-cart was obtained. But any healthy person who is not accustomed to sitting for hours upon his



Street-corner witnessing with *The Watchtower* and *Consolation* at Kottayam



Left: Meenadam witnesses. Right: A jungle company of witnesses at Uppathara (High Range).

haunches in one position will prefer to walk.

The skies were heavy with monsoon clouds, and rain set in. This persisted, and by the time the first session was due to begin only about thirty of the expected hundred witnesses had arrived. Many had to walk from twelve to twenty miles with flooded streams and rivers blocking their paths. In spite of these difficulties they continued to arrive, and in the meantime the rain increased.

All thoughts were on the public meeting for the evening. Handbills had been circulated for many miles around, and the heavy rain threatened to prevent many from attending. Suddenly, two hours before the lecture was to begin, the rain stopped and a bright moon shone through onto a watery world.

Hours before the time to begin a large gong that hangs on the veranda of the Kingdom Hall was sounded. Its tones, reverberated over the peaceful hills and valleys, and soon after the audience began to arrive. Stripling and maiden, and aged men and women with faces furrowed by the toil of the years. There is

no concern about being two hours before the appointed hour. What is more pleasant than to sit chatting with neighbors in the friendly, non-religious atmosphere of Kingdom Hall, or to join some little group listening to a witness tell the happy story of the Kingdom being at hand? Still they continue to arrive.

Do you enjoy seeing an honest, open and kindly face, softened by adversity, change its expressions as a pathetic and noble tale is told? As they waited for the time to begin, a brother read and translated from the *Watchtower* magazine the story of the trek of some of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany from the concentration camp. ("Integrity Outlives Concentration Camp," in English *Watchtower* of September 1, 1945) Every face there was a study in itself. Now a smile, now tender concern as the account unfolded. Not one who was not deeply moved, witnesses and good-will folk alike.

Again during the lecture "Escape Destruction in the Coming Crisis", perfect attention to every word. There is no audience on earth that could show more

consideration for the speaker by paying careful attention to the facts and Scriptural evidence there woven together for their information.

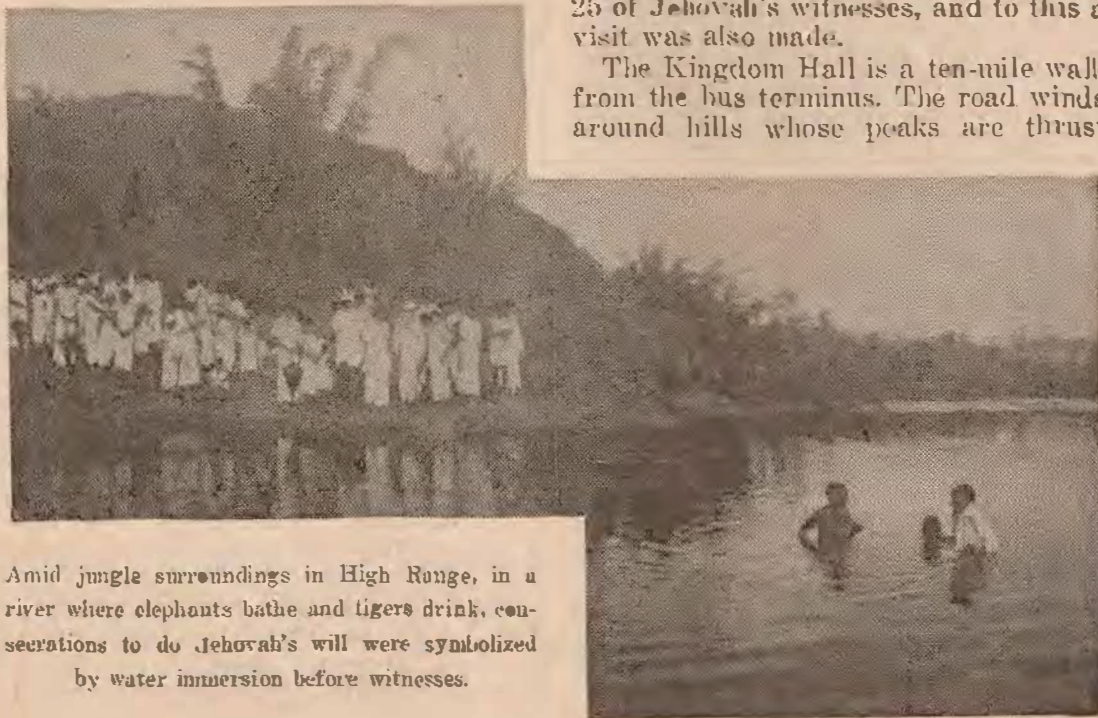
The next day dawned bright with a clear sky, contrary to expectations. This continued all through the morning, and other witnesses arrived from long distances. By midday every seat was occupied. In the afternoon again the gong sounded and the hall began to fill with the audience for the public lecture, "A United World Under Theocratic Rule." It was early apparent that the hall would be full to overflowing. To make more room the forms were removed outside, rush mats were spread upon the floor, and the audience sat upon the floor. By this method four persons can be accommodated in the floor space occupied by one person in, say, Western public halls. Seated on their haunches, knees drawn up under the chin, the persons in front seated on their toes, shoulder against

shoulder, they will sit for hours and never once mention cramp. The hall full, with persons seated almost on the feet of the speaker, the outside veranda and doors and windows provided an overflow meeting. For an hour and a half they heard about the New World prospects and blessings as they were translated from English into Malayalam, perfect attention, every cough stifled. True gentlemen and gentlewomen, all of them. Half an hour after the lecture finished the clouds massed and the heavens dropped their burdens. A drenching but a happy walk home.

A Jungle Kingdom Hall

The High Range is the name of the section of the Western Ghats range of hills that extends into Travancore. Here these are covered with thick jungle with occasional clearings for the growing of tea, coffee and rubber. Situated at the border where jungle and clearings meet is another lively little company of about 25 of Jehovah's witnesses, and to this a visit was also made.

The Kingdom Hall is a ten-mile walk from the bus terminus. The road winds around hills whose peaks are thrust



Amid jungle surroundings in High Range, in a river where elephants bathe and tigers drink, consecrations to do Jehovah's will were symbolized by water immersion before witnesses.

through little clouds. At first through tea estates, and then jungle paths and through small cultivations, at one time climbing almost on hands and knees and next slipping down a sharp decline. Measured in fatigue, ten miles of this is equal to twenty miles on even road.

On every side is evidence of elephants. Here a footprint, there a milestone uprooted (they seem to have a marked distaste for milestones, particularly white ones, for which reason in Mysore state the stones are painted black), here some droppings, and there where they had slithered down the bank to the road level on the slack of their baggy pants. Even the eye of the novice can read these signs when they are pointed out to him. A local brother showed where one had trampled a coolie to death, and again where it was shot by the English planter afterwards.

In these surroundings proudly stands the Kingdom Hall. Of simple design and structure, plain laterite walls and thatched roof, as remote in appearance from a Kingdom Hall in New York or London as it is remote in distance. Yet both alike in purpose, to serve as a place where those who love Jehovah might assemble to honor Him. But how unlike in situation, in this, that where the one is in the jungle of Jehovah's creating, the others are in the jungle of a demonized, so-called civilization, dark with its crop of treachery and hypocrisy!

Animals from the jungle roam at night in the Kingdom Hall compound. Close by were marks less than a week old left by a herd of elephants. In the cultivations around they had trampled crops and pulled and eaten banana plants. These large and lovable creatures are viewed by the brethren here much as we would view mosquitoes, a nuisance and possibly dangerous.

The jungle that is religion also grows close around. For example, at the first public lecture given there were about twenty Roman Catholic persons of good-

will who desired to learn something. The usual Gestapo methods of that totalitarian system were resorted to of having a spy present to report any such to the priest. It goes contrary to the priest's religion for anybody to learn anything, particularly about God's Word. The next day, Sunday, the priest made these persons who had committed the grievous sin of trying to get something into their heads besides the abracadabra, mumble-jumble, hoens-pocus put there by priests, for punishment, stand during the hearing of "mass" with a human skull on their heads. These skulls he kept on hand for this purpose. Now then, civilized world, I ask you, can you beat that one for pure religion and superstitious ignorance? And it is true. The name of the village is Upputhara, and the date Sunday the 9th of December, 1945. Yes, Mr. Printer, keep the figure one in, please—1945, not 945 in the Dark Ages.

After the lectures four of the local "men of good will" intimated that they had made a covenant to do Jehovah's will, and that they desired to take their stand beneath the banner of The Theocracy. Amid jungle surroundings, in a river where elephants bathe and tigers drink, these demonstrated by the symbol of water immersion that they had made that covenant.

At the foot of the Ghats is a town where several persons had manifested they were of good-will toward Jehovah. Partly for their benefit two lectures were arranged for the return journey. A new theater built of platted palm fronds and woven cane with a capacity of one thousand was placed at the disposal of these good-will persons for this purpose. Surely it could not be opened for any grander purpose than this, to declare the name and kingdom of Jehovah. So handbills had been distributed advertising the first lecture to begin at six-thirty.

At six-fifteen the speaker arrived to find not a single person of the audience present. At the scheduled time to start

half a dozen kids perched their semi-naked persons on the front seats. One hour and fifteen minutes after the advertised time to start the lecture commenced with six hundred persons present. This is India!

The next night nearly eight hundred almost filled the hall. Almost all of the educated persons of the town were present, including a couple of pastors. One of these stood up to protest against something that was said, but his protest there was not in order and not permitted. The atmosphere was tense. At the end of the lecture it was announced that further information could be obtained from the literature available. The "sheep" and "goats" are being divided.

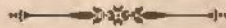
Demon Activities

The demons do not restrict their activities to just superstition, although that is by far their most powerful instrument. Many are their other methods of keeping the people deceived and in subjection to their oppressive yoke. Sometimes this breaks out in poltergeistic activities.

A world that denies the existence of evil spirits will be hard put to it to explain some events. But those who know their Bible will recognize them as the

actions of the once righteous spirit creatures who joined Lucifer in the rebellion against Jehovah's government, and who were cast out of heaven A.D. 1914 together with Lucifer, now Satan, and are confined to this earth. That these and other actions are part of their "great wrath" at the knowledge that the period of their evil reign is now up and their destruction is near.—Revelation 12:7-12.

Such phenomena are not peculiar to India or to the backward countries by any means. World-wide and for centuries such events have taken place. Nor are poltergeistic methods the most effective instrument by which the peoples are deceived and oppressed. The Bible evidence is that religion is the most powerful instrument by means of which they 'deceive the whole world'. Whether in India, America or the seas' smallest isle, there is only one place of security, The Theocracy. To that place men of good-will the world over are now fleeing before the "battle of that great day of God Almighty", or Armageddon, shall destroy demons, religion and all who voluntarily have supported religion's racket, and then shall see a righteous and cleansed earth become the paradise home of man where they shall enjoy freedom from sickness, death and every harmful thing.—Correspondent in India.

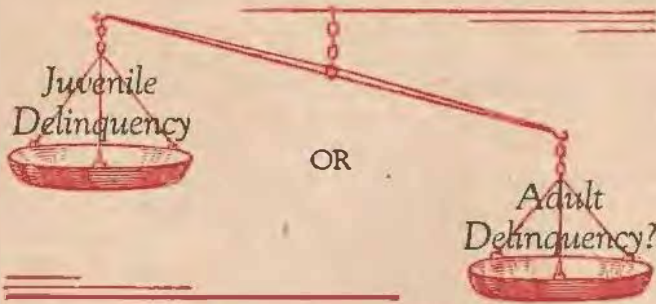


High Egg Production

Two Rhode Island Red hens flew to an amazing altitude of 8,000 feet. Not content with this feat over which to cackle, each of the hens, while flying at this dizzying height, laid an egg. A pretty high egg-laying record, that! Oh, incidentally, you might be interested in knowing that these two hens were flying from New Orleans to the poultry show in Madison Square Garden in New York, aboard one of the commercial stratoliners.

Another Scientific Triumph!

Science has pitted its brains against brawn and won again. It has added the scalp of a tough old rooster to its trophy belt, and all by a simple little pellet of a synthetic chemical compound called diethylstilbestrol. *Science News Letter* reports the victory, telling us that by inserting a tiny tablet of this compound under the skin of the toughest rooster six weeks before the date of execution the old bird will be as tender and juicy as a spring fryer by feast day. The softening-up process is due to the pellet's causing fat to form in the muscles.



DISMISS from mind for a moment the insipid findings of pious hypocrites and starry-eyed idealists on the subject of juvenile delinquency. Neither the condition nor the remedy is mysterious. Why make it so? The causes crowd in upon us from every direction; so if you will open your eyes to see and unstop your ears to hear, the questions on juvenile delinquency will have scores of answers.

Soberly reflect on adult doings. Two adults make a solemn covenant to live together. They have children. Then they tire of each other, sever their relationship, and search for new sex thrills. Not only do the children suffer, but they have stamped on their young minds the example of their parents. One out of six marriages ends in divorce court. Prominent personalities lead in the trading of old mates for new. "Jokes" on the number of husbands or wives they have had are received with hilarity. So youth comes to view marriage lightly. Adults are responsible.

Reading material supplied to youth contributes to delinquency. Dime-novel magazines drench the land with poorly written stories on sex, lust, murder, crime, and a score of other demoralizing topics. Even the comics put the accent on sex in picturing their heroes and heroines. Seldom are they funny; but in serial fashion they feed the young mind fantastic tales of war and crime and adventure by superhuman characters. A few of the comic strips still provide clean humor; the majority are suggestive and

exciting and harmful. Adults write and draw and publish the comics.

"Movies" go in for sex and crime and murder. Though the villain pays with his life in the end, the excitement of such a life while it lasts inflames the red blood of youth. The young mind meditates on the lusts and passions and thrills flashed

on the screen. Eventually many translate these thoughts into action. Motion pictures could be a tremendous force for good, invaluable as an educational aid and source of relaxation. A small minority of productions do serve such good ends, but the great majority glamorize sex and fast living. The youth absorb the immoralities pictured, because the power of suggestion works mightily. In a similar manner radio also is misused to demoralize. Adults produce the shows and broadcasts.

Popular songs commercialize on sex. Jazz and hot music stir passions. Some songs even glorify what moderns call "pick-ups". Lyrics not so plain accomplish the same end by subtle suggestion and insinuation. The modern dances that accompany the music match its power to excite. They cater to lust. Proper barriers between the sexes are broken down; the open road to delinquency stretches ahead. Grace and beauty in dancing have been replaced by vulgarity and passion. Civilization's "hep-cats" are on the same low level in dancing as demonized savages. The songs and dances come from adults.

Look at the advertisements of commerce. You should buy a certain suit or hat because "she" will "go for you" in it. That determines the value of the merchandise, not quality. Desirability is measured in terms of its power to attract the opposite sex. Voluptuous curves protrude their way into ads with which they have no imaginable connection. Apparently advertisers are out to

sell sex. They pander to base desires.

Even national governments are not above capitalizing on sex, opportunist-like. Past history has shown them willing to sell out morality, especially in wartime. Keep up the fighting morale of the soldier, they cry out. How? By devotion to righteous principles of freedom? Not so much by that as by the girls' doing their part. The expression "patriotic delinquency" has not been coined, but the term "victory girls" has been used to describe the teen-age delinquents. The boys want a girl in their arms tonight because they may not come back, says the song. When the fighting men are far from women, the pin-ups feed the imagination. Adults indulgently wink at these things. But then when their own children turn delinquent they belatedly turn grave. Foolish world! They babble platitudes about moral regeneration, but feed the world's inhabitants on a diet of immorality. They plant the seeds, they water them, and then they lament the increase and the harvest ultimately reaped. By the way, remember the recent test of the first atom bomb at Bikini? Do you recall that this bomb was named after a sexy character called "Gilda"? and that there was reportedly a curvaceous female motion-picture star pointed on the deadly missile? Why?

Immorality seems to be the style. If you object, you are old-fashioned, narrow-minded, a prude. You're not one of the gang. It is a rollicking thing to whistle at the girls; the vanity of the misguided ones is tickled by the insulting attention. There is a subtle and devilish pressure toward delinquency. It is not easy for the youth to resist it. And adults do not help them. Some hinder. Not in so many words, of course; but because delinquency is produced by methods subtle and suggestive and indirect rather than direct does not lighten adult responsibility. If adults would set better examples, provide better reading matter, better motion pictures, better songs,

better dances, better advertising, and all-round cleaner environment, the youth would profit. But instead publicity channels and entertainment facilities, and public parks turned into petting grounds, are before the young to make their unclean impressions upon the mind. If the price of decency is too high or the lure of lust too strong for mature adults, then they should resign themselves to children who are "chips off the old block". The remedy is to halt adult delinquency.

Deeper Reasons, and the Remedy

Do not misconstrue the position taken here. This article is not condemning novels or comics or motion pictures or radio programs or songs or dances or other facilities mentioned. It is only pointing out that through misuse of these things by adults the condition of juvenile delinquency returns primarily to the parental lap. Sex, too, is natural. Being prudish is foolish. But being broadminded for immorality is worse than foolish. The fact is that a powerful invisible force has capitalized on sex.

In the days of the flood of Noah's day demon angels and other spirit creatures materialized and led man astray. That wicked world went sex-mad. "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5) Evil thoughts, unclean imaginations—they found expression in action. Only righteously disposed Noah and his household survived the flood that came as a result of the continual wickedness. Later sex-crazed Sodom was destroyed for similar reasons, only Lot and his daughters being delivered. Christ Jesus said that conditions at the end of "this present evil world" would be "as it was in the days of Noe" and "as it was in the days of Lot". (Luke 17: 26-29) Revelation 12: 12 and 16: 13-16 show Satan and his demons more active now.

What is the solution? Religion? Far

from that! Priests and preachers have made headlines because of their immoralities, though few of their sins find the way into the public press. Why, religion grants absolution for delinquency, selling it for money returns. All religion has to offer is an outward show of piety and purity; but Christ Jesus condemned them for that sham. (Matthew 23: 25-28) Moreover, they have turned their churches into "bingo" gambling dens, outdoing even the religious Jews of Jesus' day who had turned the house of God into a den of thieves.

The simple solution is to fill the minds of young and old with good things. Solomon's inspired words concerning man are to the point: "As he thinketh within himself, so is he." (Proverbs 23: 7, *Am. Stan. Ver.*) A clean mind, a clean person; a filthy mind, a delinquent

person. You cannot gainsay it. The five senses react to their surroundings, unavoidably. They dutifully relay the messages to the brain. The mind feeds thereon. Individuals desiring to be clean resist the uncleannesses flung at them from every side by not being conformed to this world's evil ways, by being transformed by renewing their minds through study of God's Word. Passing by the mental fodder of this world, they follow the advice of the inspired apostle Paul: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, *think on these things.*" (Philippians 4: 8) Minds thus fed have no room nor desire for delinquency.

"Personal Representative" to Vatican

"I HAVE asked Mr. Myron C. Taylor to return to Italy as my personal representative to His Holiness the Pope, with the rank of Ambassador." So read a statement released May 3, 1946, by President Truman. He was continuing the arrangement inaugurated by the late President Roosevelt.

On June 5, 1946, representatives of the Federal Council of Churches called on President Truman on behalf of 30,000,000 Protestants. Headed by the president of the council, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church, they requested that this "personal representative" Taylor be recalled from his Vatican post. With zeal Cardinal Spellman rushed into the fray to denounce the request. Speaking at Fordham university a week later, he emoted: "What reason have these men of religion to make such demands of the president? Is it the anti-Catholicism of unhooded Klansmen sowing seeds of disunion within our treasured nation?" Ah, was it zeal for Amer-

ica or for the Vatican interests that raised the cardinal's ire?

Replying to this Bishop Oxnam said:

It is to be regretted that a distinguished prelate should in referring to fellow-Christians use such phrases as "bigotry thrives on ignorance"; "bigots lay foundations of falsehood." . . . We desire religious liberty for every Roman Catholic, every Jew, every Protestant. The respectful request for the termination of Mr. Taylor's appointment as a personal representative of the president to the pope was made because Protestants believe it violates the American principle of the separation of church and state.

President Truman concluded to keep the "personal representative" at the Vatican until the signing of the peace treaties. Why is that the determining time? Is the pope the directing power behind American diplomacy? May not this leaning of the democratic powers toward papal advice be a contributing factor in the continued strained relations between them and the Soviet?

Color, the Glory of Creation

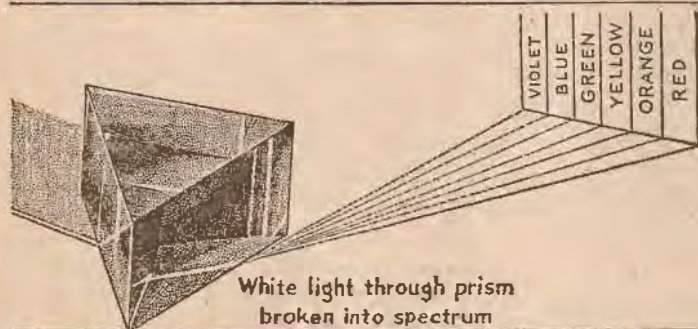
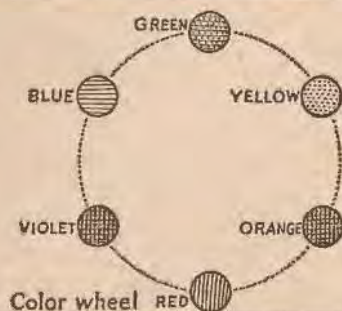
TOWARD the end of the first creative day Jehovah commanded: "Let there be light," and there was. For this, and other reasons, Almighty God is the 'Father of light'. (James 1:17) Light is radiant energy, and as such it promotes plant growth, supplies illumination, and is also the source of color.

Visible light or white light upon passing through a triangular piece of glass called a prism is broken up and emerges, not as white light, but as a range of many colors. By measurement it is found that each color is light (radiant energy) having a particular wave length. At one end of the band is violet, having the shortest wave length, 400 to 430 millimicrons. Red is at the opposite end and measures 630 to 720 millimicrons. In between are the blues, greens, yellows and oranges. This whole band or range of colors is called the spectrum, and all together these hundreds of individual rays combine to make up white light.

Noah and his family were the first to see a majestic spectrum in the heavens following the Flood. The sunlight passing through tiny raindrops, which acted like prisms, was broken up into the colorful rainbow. But that was not the first revealment of color. The birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea, the beasts of the forest, the flowers and trees, all were clothed in their order of beauty and color for man's enjoyment.

What, then, is color? It may be defined as a sensation produced on the nerve mechanism of the eye by radiant energy of a definite wave length and intensity. There are three aspects or manifestations in which color may produce this sensation, but only the common one will be discussed here. When white light made up of the spectrum rays strikes a white sheet of paper most of the rays are reflected to the eye and the sheet is said to be white. The same light falling on a black sheet of paper is absorbed and is not reflected, so the sheet is said to be black. Then, what happens when white light hits a red sheet of paper? This: practically all of the various wave lengths of the spectrum are absorbed except the red, which is reflected to the eye. And this same thing happens when light strikes the petals of a yellow tulip or the blue feathers of a peacock. Only those wave lengths of light that produce the particular color are reflected; the rest are absorbed.

Color is a sensation, not a substance. It is true that the material in the paper, petals and feathers that reflects color is a substance, called *pigment*, and has a definite chemical composition. But whether natural or artificial, pigments do not possess the inherent ability to radiate color in themselves. Rather, the light rays they reflect originate from an outside source. This is demonstrated by



placing colored objects in a dark room. If pigments emitted or gave off color of themselves they would shine forth with the same brilliance in the dark as in the light. However, only when they are illuminated do they appear colored.

Color is dependent upon three factors: the color of the light source, the pigment properties of the object, and the color sensitivity of the eye. This latter factor explains why a color-blind person does not see and appreciate colors in their true value. The most complex of these three factors, of course, is the second, the pigment properties. Pigments are divided into two classes, *chromatic* and *achromatic*, the chromatics being the colors like red, green, brown, etc.; whereas the achromatics are black and white and gray, called "neutrals", and are used to produce the shades and tints. The qualities of the chromatic colors are further defined by three terms: *hue*, *value*, *saturation*.

The Color Wheel

There are three primary colors, red, yellow and blue, from which all the others can be made. These three are basic because no other colors or combination of colors will produce red, yellow or blue. Orange, green and violet are spoken of as the *secondary* colors because they are mixtures of the three primaries. Orange is a mixture of red and yellow; green is made from yellow and blue; violet, or purple, is obtained from blue and red. It is thus observed that the ends of the spectrum have been bent around to form a complete circle or wheel, and because it is a circle wherein the three primaries are equidistant it is possible to produce an endless number of colors by blending any two of the primaries. Sometimes these variations are given names of their own. For example, a reddish violet is known as magenta or cerise and a greenish blue, turquoise.

If instead of mixing two primaries three are used, then an unlimited num-

ber of browns can be made. The position of these fall inside the color circle and vary from an olive hue, made by putting a slight touch of red in green, to very dark browns, like Vandyke brown, which approaches black in mass tone.

Another phenomenon is observed by this circle arrangement of colors in that those colors that lie opposite to each other on the circle are also opposite in disposition and temperament. They neutralize each other if mixed, producing gray, and are therefore called *complementary* colors. Green is the complement of red, orange of blue, yellow of violet. Where contrast is desired they are used.

Color Harmony

From this discussion it is very apparent that colors are the result of fixed laws, and to be used successfully they must be combined intelligently, with due care being given to harmony. If the notes of music are properly arranged and played, delightful melody is the result. So with color. If the proper combinations and emphasis are given to color arrangements they are pleasing.

The reason for this is that color, like music, produces certain mental reactions. Blue colors are cool, oranges are warm, and reds are hot. Some colors are subduing, others are tranquilizing, and others are exciting. One color may seem to be reclining, whereas another speaks aggressiveness. A color out of place may fairly scream.

If you want to learn what real color harmony is, turn to the handiwork of the Creator. Look at the gorgeous flowers, so true in hue, so intense in purity! Look at the ever-changing sunsets, painted with splendor and grandeur, yet with a delicate beauty that no artist can duplicate! In all the vast expanse of creation there is no clashing of color. Color is indeed the glory of creation. The heavens and the earth clothed in spectral array reflect the glory of Jehovah, the Author and Father of light.

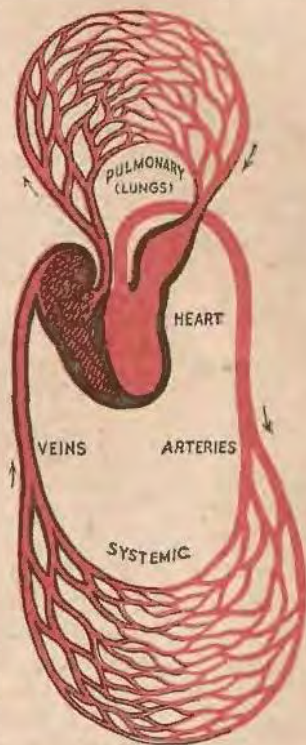
The Stream of Life

VISUALIZE an accident where a victim lies bleeding profusely. You feel your own blood drain from your face from the shock, and you know that you have turned very pale. But just look at the faces of the curious crowd that has quickly appeared from nowhere. You see reflected mingled emotions of pity, concern, distress, but dominating and overshadowing these is horror. The outer fringes of the crowd press forward; those forward seek to draw back from the sight of blood that a moment before had so strangely and unexplainably fascinated them. Some turn away unable to longer bear the sight, others become faint and sick at their stomach, and all are profoundly moved emotionally. The spilling of blood is a serious, sobering and shocking matter. Rightly so; for the Creator of man declares: "The life of the flesh is in the blood." (Leviticus 17:11) We should know more about this bright-red fluid that man does not want to lose.

The blood flowing in the arteries and veins of fleshly creatures is a stream of life. The halting of its flow means cessation of life. It is through the blood stream that life is maintained. It carries nourishment to the body tissues, and from these tissues it removes waste material. Necessarily, it must circulate through all parts of the body to do its work. Most people today have a general appreciation of the circulatory system, but such was not the case centuries ago.

The early Greeks religiously studied the human body, and its involuntary

movements greatly intrigued them. They specially noted the heaving of the chest, the beating of the heart, and the pulse action; but never once did they realize the relation existing between these three actions. The Greeks theorized that the veins contained the blood, and the arteries circulated air obtained from the



lungs. In those days only dead animals were studied, and when a body was opened invariably air was found in the arteries and very little blood remained in the left heart chamber. The blood found was black, not looking like the blood from living creatures. They knew that when the skin was cut or broken the blood flowed out, but because it oozed forth steadily from the veins it was concluded to be a juice in the body and was not connected by them with the pulse and heartbeat. They assumed that the lungs merely performed a fan-like action to cool the overheated blood in the veins.

Later in the Middle Ages, Galen put forth the idea of the heart's being the source of body heat and the blood's being the oil that kept the flame going. He noted the difference in color and texture of the blood in one side of the heart as compared with that contained in the other chamber. He concluded that the blood was purified by passing through the tissue separating the two heart chambers.

For centuries most men followed Galen's idea. Nevertheless, many fantastic theories were advanced, the more fantastic and unreasonable, the more readily accepted. It was not until the six-

teenth century that the idea of the heart's pumping the blood was advanced by Servetus. He proved that the blood as it circulated was received into the right heart chamber, thence expelled and circulated through the lungs and on to the left heart chamber, and there to be pumped out through a large artery for another cycle of circulation. Servetus, incidentally, was a very capable student of the Bible, seeing, among other things, the fallacy of the religious doctrine of the "trinity". He was caused to be burned at the stake, by John Calvin.

The perplexing problem of the circulation of the blood that had baffled men for centuries was finally solved by Dr. William Harvey, in the year 1628. The simplicity of it, now that it is known, makes one wonder why the solution did not come sooner. Dr. Harvey stumbled onto the truth of the matter by observation. He noted that as the heart beat the pulse reacted accordingly. If the heart beat fast, the pulse increased; if it beat slow, the pulse slowed. When the heart stopped, so did the pulse. From a severed artery he observed that the blood spurted with each heartbeat, from the opening still connected with the heart. By tying a tourniquet on the arm he noted that the veins on the side away from the heart bulged, whereas those toward the heart flattened. Thus he determined the direction in which this red stream of life flowed in making its cycle.

An important detail yet unsolved was how the blood passed from the arteries and into the veins. It was about nine years later that the tiny capillary network interspersing the tissue at the ends of the arteries and veins was discovered. The blood oozes from the walls of the tiny arterial capillaries into the tissues, and from the tissues it oozes through the walls of and into the venous capillaries and on into the venous circulation.

Now to follow this red lifestream as it makes one of its circuits. The powerful muscle of the left heart chamber con-

tracts, the blood is forced out into the large artery called "aorta", and the journey has started. From the aorta the blood branches off into smaller and smaller arteries, reaching to all parts of the body. It is like a river in that it has its main stream with many smaller tributaries, which in turn lose themselves in tiny rivulets at its headwaters. But this arterial system is unlike a river system in that the flow is reversed: the muscular heart drives the crimson tide up the main arteries, into the tributaries, and finally to the ends of the small arteries. There the arterial capillaries feed it into the tissues.

While in the tissues the blood does its life-sustaining work. It discharges its cargo of nourishment and takes on unwanted waste material. Its red cells carry oxygen received from the lungs to the body tissues. From the tissues the blood oozes into the venous capillaries, into the small veins, into larger and larger ones, gathering speed all the time and swelling in volume till all the venous blood enters the right heart chamber via two large veins. The network of the system of veins may also be likened to the rivulets and tributaries and larger streams of a river system, only in this case the flow is, like the river system and unlike the arterial system, from the smaller to the larger channels. As the blood circulates it not only supplies nourishment and eliminates waste but also combats disease by the warrior white-cells.

But with the return of the stream of life to the right heart chamber its cycle is not complete. Here also a powerful muscle contracts and forces the blood into the lungs. While in the lungs the carbon dioxide picked up as waste in the tissue cells is eliminated and in its place oxygen is taken on by the red cells, thus accomplishing a cleansing and purifying work. The exchange is similar to that of the blood when feeding tissue and taking on unwanted material, only the action is

reversed, to the blood's benefit. From the lungs the blood returns to the left chamber of the heart—one eventful voyage finished, but another in the start. This circuit from the right chamber of the heart to the lungs and back to the left chamber is called the “pulmonary circuit”. As the blood makes its journey from the left chamber through the arteries and veins throughout the body and back to the right chamber of the heart it makes two other circuits, the systemic and the portal. The former is to the body tissues generally; the latter circuit is through the intestines and vital organs, where impurities are eliminated and the blood is built up.

What is the volume of this red stream of life? The estimate is that an average-size man has approximately a gallon of blood. Dr. Harvey was intrigued by the amount of blood propelled by the heart, so he opened the heart of a dead body and found the fully dilated left chamber would hold from two to four ounces of blood. He estimated that each heartbeat expelled about an ounce of fluid. On this basis, in one minute and forty-eight seconds the heart would pump a gallon of blood, the approximate volume contained in the body of an average-size man.

Revealed to Solomon

Now once more call to mind Jehovah God's declaration that the life is in the blood. The force of that truth can be more fully appreciated after only a brief consideration of the stream of life that

He set going in creature man. He was never puzzled over the circulation system, as men were for so many centuries. He created it. Moreover, it appears from Solomon's inspired writing that the Creator revealed this wonder to King Solomon long before the Greeks searched for the answer, and much longer before it was rediscovered by man in the days of Servetus and Dr. Harvey.

Solomon wrote: “. . . the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was.” (Ecclesiastes 12:6, 7) The entire twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes concerns itself chiefly with portraying the aging human body as it wears out. The “pitcher” is that which receives the life-bearing stream of blood, namely, the heart. This “pitcher” serves the blood stream out again for circulation through the body. At death the heart becomes like a pitcher shattered to pieces at the fountain, because it can no longer receive and contain and pump out the blood. The “wheel” of the circulation of the lifestream through the body is then like the water wheel that is broken at the cistern, unable to longer hoist water from the cistern to the pitcher of the water-carrier for serving out. The broken wheel ceases to turn. Stopped is the revolution of the blood-circulation. The stream of life ceases to flow; the body ceases to live and returns to dust as it was. Wise King Solomon knew all this long before Dr. Harvey was born, because Jehovah had revealed it to him.

Was Columbus Wrong?

Now a Soviet scientist comes forward with the report that the earth is not round, after all. Professor A. Izotov told the Leningrad Geographical Society, on July 6, that the earth is elliptical and has three axes and equators. According to Izotov, the earth's radius is about half a mile greater than the distance measured by the German astronomer Bessel in the late 1830's and which had been accepted by cartographers for more than a hundred years. The claim is that all Soviet maps will be revised to include the new findings.

"THY WORD IS TRUTH"

JOHN 17:17

Spirit Operations

WHAT is called *spirit* in English is called *ruach* in the original inspired Hebrew Scriptures and *pneuma* in the original inspired Greek Scriptures. In the King James Bible Version of those Hebrew Scriptures *ruach* is translated *spirit* 232 times; *anger* once; *courage* once; *mind* 5 times; *cool* once; *blast* 4 times; *tempest* once; *air* once; *windy* once; *wind* 90 times; and *breath* 28 times; all these words applying to some invisible force. In the King James Version of the inspired Greek Scriptures the corresponding word *pneuma* is translated *ghost* 91 times; *life* once; *spiritual* gift once; *spiritually* once; *spirit* 288 times; and *wind* once; all of which words apply to invisible forces or energies.

The simplest meanings of *ruach* and *pneuma* are *breath*, and *wind*, because both *ruach* and *pneuma* are drawn from root verbs meaning "to breathe" or "to blow". Christ Jesus shows there is something in common between wind and a spirit person, in that he said: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind [*pneuma*] bloweth [*pnei*] where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the spirit [*pneuma*]." And then He contrasts flesh and spirit, saying: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit."—John 3:7, 8, 6.

In what way is there a likeness between breath and wind and the angel spirits and God and His resurrected Son

Christ Jesus, so that the Bible can apply to them all the one term *spirit* and *ruach* or *pneuma*? In this way, that all are an active force in kind and all are invisible to the unaided human eye. All, however, may produce effects that are seeable. When the invisible breath is drawn in, the lungs expand and the chest is seen to rise. When the invisible wind blows, it drives the ship over the waters by means of its sails. Thus these unseen forces produce seen results. So also do God and the glorified Jesus and the other spirit persons. Hence we read, at Ephesians 2:2, 3, respecting Satan the Devil, the prince of the demon spirits: "In time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit [*pneuma*] that now worketh in the children of disobedience." The work of this prince of unclean spirits himself is unseen, but his work produces visible effects in the disobedient course of men who yield to Satan the Devil.

Referring to Jehovah's active force or energy it is written at Genesis 1:2: "And the spirit [*ruach*] of God moved upon the face of the waters." Also at Genesis 41:38 we read: "Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the spirit of God is?" Our reason tells us that Pharaoh was not meaning to say that a holy-ghostish "third person of the trinity" was dwelling inside Joseph. In his sanity Pharaoh meant that the active force of Almighty God was working in Joseph, which active force or spirit was operating to a discernible or visible effect, enabling Joseph to interpret Pharaoh's two

dreams. Certainly Almighty God did not have to come down from His throne of the universe to the side of Joseph in order to use His active force upon Joseph and to put the right thoughts of understanding in his mind. From wherever His lofty station is Jehovah God sent forth His spirit or invisible energy and beamed it directly upon the devoted Joseph. "The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him," says 2 Chronicles 16: 9.

The manifestations of such spirit or invisible active energy of the all-powerful God are many and of great variety. The Bible records many such manifestations. Joseph's was a manifestation of divine inspiration. However, that was not the first case where Jehovah's spirit acted upon a man. Enoch was certainly an earlier case of inspiration, for the apostle Peter says: "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the holy ghost" (*Authorized Version*); "moved by the holy spirit" (*Am. Stan. Ver.*); "moved by holy spirit."—*The Emphatic Diaglott*.

Trinitarians, who translated the *Authorized Version Bible* and who believed that the "holy ghost" is the third person of a "trinity", were much perplexed because in Peter's original Greek writing he used no article *the* before "holy spirit". The *Emphatic Diaglott* translation of 2 Peter 1: 20, 21 shows that fact. In the original Greek text there are 51 cases where the expression "holy spirit" has no definite article *the* before it; there are also 54 cases where the word "spirit" has no definite article or any other qualifying word about it. Out of these 105 cases where the Greek text omits the article *the*, each time that the trinitarian translators thought the verse referred to their imagined "third person

of the trinity" they painstakingly inserted the article *the* in their English translation and also gave capital initial letters to the words "Holy" and "Spirit". This makes one inquire if Jehovah God was careless or faulty in the way He inspired the Bible writers of the original Greek text to set down the expressions applying to himself or to the use of His active force or spirit. Honest freedom from religious error makes sensible persons answer No!

God's energizing force to make those who have the spirit of life to say or do things beyond their natural powers to perform and which things they did not understand is described by Peter. At 1 Peter 1: 10-12 he writes: "Concerning which salvation those prophets, who prophesied concerning the favor towards you, sought out and investigated, examining closely to what things, or what kind of season, the spirit [*pneuma*] which was in them was pointing out, when it previously testified the sufferings for Christ, and after these the glories; to whom it was revealed, that not for themselves, but for you, they ministered those things, which now were declared to you through those who evangelized you with *holy spirit* sent from heaven; into which things angels earnestly desire to look." (*The Emphatic Diaglott*) If those prophets of before Christ foretold things they did not understand and did so by God's holy active force, then, too, the understanding or explanation of such things today by Christ's followers must be by the same force, namely, by holy spirit; and so Peter declares.—1 Corinthians 2: 10.

The Bible, though written by imperfect men, was in all parts written by the inspiring power of God upon men wholly devoted to Him. Hence the inspired written Word or Bible is God's Word or Book, and is a work of spirit operation. His spirit of inspiration guarded lest error, false doctrine and false prophecy be taught in that Word.

Freedoms Restored in Two British Colonies

A BAN on Bible literature (if published by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society) had been in effect in Nigeria for five years. Frequent efforts to have it revoked were steadfastly resisted by the local government. That here there had been an infringement upon the freedoms of speech and press and of worship was only too evident, but certain religious influences that account those freedoms as being limited to themselves or to those whom they approve kept the restraint upon freedom in effect. The newspapers in the colony took considerable interest in the matter, and commented on the evident injustice of the ban. The local government went so far as to confiscate the literature of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society on hand at the local headquarters and then to make a bonfire of 250,000 volumes, books and pamphlets! Also 500 phonographic recordings of Bible lectures were destroyed. The wanton destruction represented a loss of some £60,000 (\$240,000), as estimated by the local representative of the Society. Since the literature was all Scriptural, this came as close to Bible-burning as the great British government has come for some hundreds of years.

The Government's claim that the ban was necessary as a war measure was little credited by the people. After many representations to the government, which efforts were redoubled at the conclusion of the war, it was decided to circulate a petition, giving the intelligent public of Nigeria an opportunity to express itself by presenting the petition to the Governor in Council at a Legco Session to be held on March 18, 1946. Time was short, not more than about two weeks remaining to get the signatures. Diligent workers went forth to carry on the petition work in real earnest. The people were definitely on the side of the

Watch Tower. Magistrates, lawyers, doctors, officers of the peace and influential chiefs gladly affixed their signatures. As government officials had been given the impression that chiefly illiterates were interested in the work of Jehovah's witnesses, the petition was a distinct surprise. And over 10,000 persons signed! The ban was lifted on May 10, 1946. It was a victory for freedom of speech, of press and of worship in the circulation of God's Word.

The press of Lagos, Nigeria, was not slow to express itself in approval of the lifting of the ban. *The Daily Service* placed a seven-column headline on the first page of its May 18 edition, reading, "Ban on Watch Tower Publications Is Lifted." At the conclusion of the article setting forth the details of the Order in Council, the editor added a note, saying:

On the 6th instant we published a leader captioned "Ban of Watch Tower Publications". Three or four days after the ban was lifted according to the above Gazette Notice. While expressing our gratification to the Government for cooperating with the Press we congratulate the Jehovah witnesses throughout Nigeria: We hope the announcement will speed the release of thousands of their books now lying at the Nigerian secretariat.

The West African Pilot commented:

That the ban on the Watch Tower publications has been lifted as from May 10, 1946, was the welcome news contained in the latest issue of the *Nigeria Gazette*, dated May 16, 1946.

Painfully Late

The Pilot, which has as its motto, "Show the Light and the People Will Find the Way," said editorially:

BETTER PAINFULLY LATE THAN NEVER

It is no credit to the Nigerian government that it has proved so slow and late in vindicating an aspect of freedom for which hundreds of the governed have died. Even so, we

congratulate the government upon the lifting of the ban imposed on Watch Tower publications during the last war.

True it may be that the Nigerian government is Christian. But the impression, whether justifiable or erroneous, had gained ground among Nigerians as well as people in other parts of the world that there was a sort of conspiracy to suppress the Watch Tower movement. Governments, it was believed, were being influenced by particular religious agents to check the legitimate activities of the Jehovah's witnesses.

This group of people of the Watch Tower allegiance had never been known to preach atheism. Never did their publications in any way sabotage the war effort in Nigeria. Heresy had long lost its virus with the growth of intellectual freedom even in the realms of religion. The ban on Watch Tower publications was, therefore, inexplicable to many.

We must once again stress the tardiness in acceding to popular request that seems almost synonymous with Nigeria. It is, however, better so painfully late than never.

The Daily Comet, too, expressed itself vigorously (May 20):

The lifting of the ban placed as an emergency war measure on the publications of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society is a welcome, though belated, gesture on the part of the government. During the early days of World War II, thousands of Watch Tower publications which were being zealously propagated by the Jehovah's witnesses were confiscated and banned from circulation by government. According to reports, a number of the publications were burnt.

Official attention was directed to these publications when it was alleged that they were spreading, or likely to spread defeatism among the thousands who read them daily in their homes and spare moments. Thus the Prohibition of Watch Tower Publications Order in Council 1941, the Prohibition of Watch Tower Publications (Amendment) Order in Council 1941 and the Customs (Watch Tower Records Prohibition) Order in Council 1941 were born.

These Orders in Council have been in force for five years in spite of intermittent protests by the press and regardless of the fact that similar laws in other parts of the world were revoked long ago. The repeal of these laws now answers the petition lodged at the last session of the Legislative Council by the local band of Jehovah's witnesses and supported volubly by the local Press.

When the news of the lifting of the ban got around as a result of these press items, representatives of the Watch Tower in Lagos, Nigeria, were showered with hearty congratulations on all sides, by personal calls, telephone calls, telegrams, etc. Everywhere the people were enthusiastic over this victory for freedom. True lovers of freedom desire to see that freedom recognized on behalf of all. Restriction of it, as regards any group or individual, negatives the freedom as a whole, for a limited freedom is no freedom at all. The right attitude was manifested by the people of Nigeria generally.

The Nigerian import license which calls for the shipping of Watch Tower books and booklets, phonograph records and magazines, recognizes that the "End Use" of these is "for the spiritual welfare of the people in understanding the Bible". It is an honest statement of the facts, since that is exactly the purpose of these publications.

Progress Slow in British Guiana

The government of British Guiana was even more reluctant than that of Nigeria to implement the more important of the "four freedoms" by lifting its ban on Watch Tower publications which had been in effect there for two years. The British Guiana government went to the extreme of including Bibles in the prohibition! Bibles without any Watch Tower comment were excluded from importation, and 258 copies of the Common (King James) Version were withheld from Jehovah's witnesses in British Guiana as a result of this policy. Letters

of protest were all but ignored by the government. It was finally decided that a little publicity might help the government to give proper consideration to the issue involved. Petitions were circulated and more than thirty thousand signatures were willingly affixed by people who recognized the injustice of the discrimination shown in dealing with Jehovah's witnesses.

The 31,370 signatures, together with appropriate press comment on this restriction of important freedoms, was not without effect on the government. A pamphlet charging the government with banning the Bible (which it had done) was particularly effective. Jehovah's witnesses had been compelled to get along with what Bibles and literature they had, and, since a major part of their service on behalf of God's kingdom consists in the circulation of Bibles and Bible helps, their freedom of worship had been seriously interfered with

and their activity crippled, except as their zeal compensated in some measure for the unwarranted restriction of their proper liberties.

The upshot of the whole matter was that the ban was finally lifted in British Guiana, on June 6, and now even Jehovah's witnesses may read and study their Bibles there, and aid others in doing the same!

British Guiana held out a bit longer than Nigeria in restoring freedom of worship and of speech, but, now, in two continents the issue has once more been prominently called to the attention of the people and decided in favor of the right side. It will doubtless be found that the interference has resulted in greater publicity for Jehovah's witnesses and their work, just as was the case in Paul's time, when he wrote, "The things which happened . . . have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel." —Philippians 1:12.

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First Bikini Bomb Test

◆ The first of three scheduled A bomb tests was held at Bikini lagoon on July 1. The target was a fleet of 73 ships, some with animals aboard to test the effects of radioactivity. The bomb drop was not made with the highest degree of accuracy, the missile exploding around a third of a mile from the bull's-eye battleship Nevada and nearer the water than intended. Nevertheless, the one bomb sank 5 ships, heavily damaged 9, and damaged at least 45 more. Animals apparently unaffected by the blast at first were reported "dying like flies" two weeks later. Full evaluation of the test has not been completed. However, reports filed by the Evaluation Board of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Presidential Evaluation Commission informed President Truman that it would be necessary to redesign naval vessels to minimize atomic bomb effects. The reports agreed that personnel casualties would have been very high had the fleet been manned.

Russian reaction to the test was that the United States was not working to restrict the atomic weapon but to perfect it. Moscow radio said the test was "a stimulus to an armaments race—in all kinds of armaments. . . . The United States is striving to preserve the secret of atomic energy for use as a political weapon".

United Nations' Applicants

◆ The Security Council has received applications for admission to UN from the following five countries: Hashemite Kingdom of Trans-Jordan, the Mongolian People's Republic, Siam, Afghanistan, and Albania.

The Peace Conference

◆ Invitations have been issued to the 21 Allied nations that had "actively waged war with substantial military force" to beat the Axis combine. The general peace conference meets in Paris on July 29 to draw up peace treaties with five of the smaller nations associated with the aggressors, Germany and Japan. Those nations are Italy, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland. Russia had maintained that definite rules of procedure for the conference should be laid down in advance, but they were opposed by Britain and the United States, who insisted that the conference be free to fix its own rules of procedure. Under a compromise agreement, the Big Four merely recommend rules which the conference may accept or reject by a majority vote. The conference will make final treaty recommendations (by two-thirds vote on major issues), and these will be accorded "fullest consideration" by the big powers as they make up the final draft of the treaties. The principal points

of the treaties have already been drafted by the Big Four.

The scheduling of the peace conference has caused the recommendation to be made that the United Nations General Assembly, scheduled to convene in New York on September 3, be postponed until September 23, with some suggesting postponements of from five to eight weeks.

The Philippine Republic

◆ On July 4, 1946, the Philippine republic was born. For 48 years the Philippines had been under United States' rule, but on the 170th birthday anniversary of the United States the Philippines were granted independence. Paul V. McNutt, now U.S. ambassador to the new republic, read the presidential proclamation announcing Philippine independence. President Manuel Roxas, elected last April, was then inducted into office. The new government was immediately plunged into internal strife with the Hukbalahaps, an armed peasant group of some 150,000 ex-guerrillas who warred against the Japanese during occupation. Roxas is charged with being a collaborator, but General MacArthur gave him a clean bill.

Independence for India

◆ The British cabinet mission's long-term plan for Indian independence includes the creation of a federated union of India and the election of a constituent assembly to prepare a charter for Indian independence. The plan was first approved by the Moslem League, and then by the dominantly Hindu All-India Congress party. Mohandas K. Gandhi, spiritual leader of the Congress party, urged acceptance, saying: "The British assure us of their sincerity and I see no reason to doubt their sincerity. There may be defects and dangers in it [the plan], but it is up to us to make it right through our efforts."

The Indians are ready to proceed with the formation of the

constituent assembly. In the meantime, pessimism is strong as to a good solution of India's problem, complicated as it is by repeated religious clashes and riotings between Hindu and Moslem groups.

New Italian Government

◆ Italy's first republican government took office July 14, being sworn in by Provisional President Enrico de Nicola. Most prominent in the new Italian cabinet is Alcide de Gasperi, who serves as premier, interior minister and temporary foreign minister. De Gasperi has already indicated his intention of seeking to have the Paris peace conference rescind the Big Four minister's decision on Trieste and Venezia Giulia, or to authorize a plebiscite, with the entire area going to either Yugoslavia or Italy.

Thorny Palestine Question

◆ Zionist leaders have disclosed that they will seek to hand over the Palestine problem to the United Nations General Assembly in September unless the British abandon their policy of clamping down on Zionist forces in Palestine. They are even reluctantly turning to partition of the country as the only practical solution of the controversy. Highlighting the issue is the proposed admission to Palestine of 100,000 homeless Jews from Europe, a move bitterly opposed by the Arabs. Britain, to whom the League of Nations issued the mandate over Palestine, has refused to order the admission of the 100,000 Jews unless the United States guarantees military backing.

Civil War in China

◆ Nine years ago the "China incident" took place at the Marco Polo bridge. The Sino-Japanese war started. On July 7 of this year Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek marked the anniversary of that event, China's first peacetime "double seventh" (7th day of the 7th month). But China is

still a war-torn land. After weeks of negotiations, Kuomintang (Government party) and Communist talks are still deadlocked and violent fighting continues. The Communist party issued a "double seventh" statement, accusing the United States of "fostering civil war in China" by aiding Kuomintang through continued lend-lease to the Central Government. The Russian newspaper *Pravda* joins in blaming the United States. The United States says it is trying to establish peaceful accord in China. Communist treatment of Americans in Manchuria has softened, due to better understanding through several friendly but heated political discussions.

Mexican Election

◆ Mexico's voters went to the polls in July to pick 147 deputies and a new president. Mexican presidents are elected for six years, and cannot run for successive terms. In 1940, when Cárdenas was elected, 47 were killed and 300 injured. Recently outgoing President Cárdenas appealed for a peaceful election. And it was a very quiet affair for Mexico, the most peaceful election in that country's history. However, it was not bloodless, four being reported killed and several injured. The government party's candidate, Miguel Alemán, was later interviewed by newsmen as the new president-elect.

Election in Poland

◆ For the first time in eleven years Poles went to the ballot box with the government's policy on three questions up for approval: Establishment of a one-house parliament, nationalization of basic industries and land reform, and establishment of Poland's western frontier at the Oder and Neisse rivers. The issues were not settled, despite the overwhelming vote of approval for the Communist-dominated government, because Stanisław Mikolajczyk, agriculture minister and leader of the Peasant party,

charged irregularities and fraud in the counting of the votes. Reports of voters being terrorized, members of the Peasant party being arrested, and ballots being burned and dumped into the sewers, were circulated. The charge was also made that the Peasant party was not allowed freedom to campaign on the issues at stake. In November 1944 parliament members are to be elected, but Mikolajczyk said there was widespread sentiment within the Peasant party not to enter the contest under present election law conduct.

Anti-Semitism in Poland

◆ On July 4 the Polish government disclosed an anti-Semitic pogrom in Kielce that took the lives of 41 Jews. Fascist elements were responsible, government said. The old story of Jews torturing and killing Gentile children was used to incite the mobs. Premier of Poland, Stanisław Mikolajczyk of the Catholic-backed Peasant party as partly responsible for the pogrom. He said Adam Cardinal Sapieha, archbishop of Krakow, refused several weeks ago to sign an appeal against anti-Semitism, and that Bishop Kaczmarek of Kielce refused to denounce the Kielce massacre, "although government and party groups appealed to him." The premier said that only recently the government had confiscated an anti-Semitic display prominently placed in an abbey near Krakow that was celebrated for pilgrimages.

Typically, the primate of Poland, Cardinal Hlond, blamed the Jews for being assaulted, saying the anti-Semitism was "to a great degree due to Jews who today occupy leading positions in Poland's government and endeavor to introduce a governmental structure that a majority of the people do not desire". He admitted that he had recently refused a plea by American Jews to issue an appeal for an end of anti-Semitism. A week after the

Kielce murders 22 more Jews were reported killed by fresh outbreaks.

"Holy War" on Reds

◆ On July 7 Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council of Churches, scored religious leaders who wage a "holy war" on Communism while co-operating with fascism. "Had the religious leaders now summoning us to war on Communism attacked fascism with equal vigor the present 'holy war' could be understood as a continuance of the struggle against totalitarianism in all its forms. It is very difficult to understand co-operation with fascist Italy, Germany and fascist Spain and 'holy war' against Communist Russia." In recent weeks several clashes between Protestant and Catholic groups have flared up, but all relative to political issues of this world, which Christ Jesus the Exemplar of Christians shunned.

The OPA

◆ After the first two weeks of uncontrolled prices in the United States in five years, prices of 25 basic commodities have soared 22.7 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The end of OPA meant the end of federal subsidies, and this caused a rise in prices to replace these payments. Rises in rents were of chief concern to families. Landlords' demands from various parts of the country ranged from 10 to several hundred percent. Toward the close of this two-week period the Senate passed another OPA bill and sent it to the House. In only a few respects is the new bill stronger than the one President Truman vetoed, while in many ways it was weaker. Many provisions were the same. President Truman has commented that "it couldn't be worse".

Buyers' Strikes

◆ Consumers of goods have banded together to refuse to purchase food, clothing and other goods on which prices are soar-

ing. In New York city an organization of strikers claiming a membership of 250,000 were ready to take action on July 23. Buyers' strikes have started in New Jersey and demonstrations have been held in a dozen or more cities. As prices continue to rise, this new form of strike spreads. States having held or planning to hold demonstrations of buyers, in addition to New York and New Jersey, are Ohio, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Missouri, Oregon, Massachusetts and Nebraska. The organization of buyers so far has found its chief strength in labor movements and women's clubs.

The Canadian Dollar

◆ The Canadian government cited the abandonment of price control in the United States as the reason for pegging its own dollar at par with the U. S. dollar. Previously the American dollar was worth about \$1.10 in Canadian money.

Loan to Britain

◆ Last December 6 representatives of the United States and Great Britain signed an agreement. If America would loan Britain \$3,500,000,000, to help her pay for badly needed imports, Britain would abandon tariff discriminations against American goods. Parliament ratified the pact quickly, but endorsement from the American Congress came slowly. Two months ago it was approved in the Senate, and on July 13 it was passed by the House. It is expected that the credit will insure freer exchange of goods between the two countries.

Inflation in Hungary

◆ Hungary is a victim of immense runaway inflation, claimed to be due to the removal of price controls. There the pengo was worth 20.12 cents before the war, but on July 11 of this year, when the Hungarian finance ministry ordered the circulation of the inflated pengo to halt, it took 500 quintillion (18 ciphers in one

quintillion) of them to match the American dollar. Trading was in astronomical figures, with bank notes of a million or less simply being thrown away. An index pengo was substituted till August 1, when a new money called "forints" appears.

Strikes in Africa

◆ Negroes in South Africa are for the first time using the methods of white strikers, 2,000 of them picketing the Union Steel Corporation's mills in Transvaal and preventing operation. The strikers are demanding a four cents an hour wage boost, and insist that they are out on strike; but the employers retort that the workers have been discharged.

The Famine Front

◆ In his first public appearance since completing his survey of the world food situation, Herbert Hoover declared that the people need no longer fear mass starvation. As a result of "magnificent co-operation", Hoover said, "we will have no mass starvation anywhere in the world with the exception of some inaccessible parts of China." A few days later President Truman made public that the United States had exported a total of 16,500,000 long tons of food, nearly double what was planned when the crop year opened, and exceeding actual commitments as of the year's end by 17,000,000 bushels.

World Textbooks

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