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

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Do Vatican Crusaders Foment a Third World War?

DOES this world face a third world war? That question pops up from all sides to plague war-weary humanity. Now, shortly after the close of World War II, sides are already forming for a third test of strength, many believe. It is also strongly contended by many that if a third world war does break over the earth it will be a "holy war", a crusade, to borrow a word out of the dim past. To many the word "crusade" lifts war to an exalted level of holiness and godliness. But to the informed it signifies the most bitter and ruthless of struggles. Why, the facts known by so many but appreciated by so few clearly mark the aggressive wars of this twentieth century as crusades. It will be to your lasting interests to alert yourself to crusades, past and present, and to awaken yourself to the subtle movements of the organization that has always inspired them.

When Palestine was conquered by the Arabs in the seventh century they allowed the pilgrimages so popular with European "Christians". In the tenth century the country came under Egyptian control, with a subsequent lessening of favor for pilgrims. But with the conquest of Jerusalem in 1078 by Seljuk Turks from the Caucasus, conditions became intolerable. News of atrocities by the infidels spread over Christendom and kindled the desire for liberation of the Holy Land. Popes fanned the tense situation into the flames of war, for two reasons: the opportunity to increase their power in the West and to extend their power into the East; also it was an opportunity to turn the warlike ardor of the Western princes, so often in conflict with the church, against the infidels. Pope Gregory VII conceived the idea of launching crusades, but it was Pope Urban II who lighted the fuse that touched off the successive explosions of religious wars that bloodied the earth from the close of the eleventh century till the close of the thirteenth century.

The First Crusade

When the feelings of Europe had been sufficiently heated by the papal-blessed rabble-rouser, Peter the Hermit, the first crusade took on definite form at a council in Clermont, France, in 1095. Pope Urban II himself mounted the orators' soapbox and declared: "They who die will enter the mansions of heaven, while the living shall pay their vows before the sepulchre of the Lord. Blessed are they who, taking this vow upon them, shall obtain such a recompense." As this astute mob psychologist emoted and played on the tumultuous feelings of the vast crowd, cries of *Deus vult* (God wills it) broke from the audience. Urban made this cry the battle shout, and those who

embarked on the venture wore the sign of the cross. Hence the name *crusade* (French *croisade*, from Latin *crux*, a cross).

Priests and abbots caught up the war cry and preached a crusade as a "new mode of salvation, which enabled the layman without laying aside his habits of wild license to reach a height of perfection scarcely to be attained by the most austere monk or the most devoted priest". So from all parts of Europe thousands with priest and papal blessing flocked to the war drummed up by Urban II. In successive waves undisciplined forces totaling some 275,000 began sweeping eastward in May of 1096, committing horrible ravages along the route, especially among the Jews, whom they murdered without mercy. These advance expeditions were soon slaughtered or scattered by the Bulgarians and Hungarians and Turks. But by this time the real armies of the Crusades made their appearance, seasoned warriors under chiefs of the first rank. By the hundreds of thousands they marched eastward, finally taking Syrian Antioch after a very costly siege of months. During this time wind-jamming Peter the Hermit deserted, and was miles away before he was apprehended. War and famine and pestilence and desertion so fearfully thinned the ranks of the crusaders that by the time their objective, Jerusalem, was captured in 1099 they numbered only 40,000.

When the city was finally taken a most horrible slaughter followed. "So terrible, it is said, was the carnage which followed that the horses of the crusaders who rode up to the mosque of Omar were knee-deep in the stream of blood. Infants were seized by their feet and dashed against the walls or whirled over the battlements, while the Jews were all burnt alive in their synagogue."(*Encyclopædia Britannica*) Thus ended the first of a long series of crusades that were sponsored by the Vatican. Was that first crusade Christian? How preposterous to claim so!

During the 200 years that followed the Vatican inspired at least eight more major crusades. The most tragic and pathetic was the one in 1212, known as the Children's Crusade. The Hierarchy claim was that innocent hands could wage the war with God's blessing; which was an admission that previous warring hands were neither innocent nor blessed. The result of this crusade was the blood-guilt of 50,000 children on Vatican skirts, since that number either died on the trek to Asia or fell into the more fearful horror of the slave market. Did Catholic Hitler ever perpetrate a worse crime? The superstitious, hocus-pocus rituals practiced in dimly lit Catholic cathedrals will never atone for the Vatican's wanton slaughter of millions.

Crusade Against Freedom

From this period of the Crusades skip down the stream of time three centuries. By this time Germany has been split by the Reformation, and religious freedom has begun to dawn with what is now recognized as the birth of modern democracy. In papal eyes this was as deplorable as infidel occupancy of Jerusalem; so they whipped up what amounted to another crusade. This time the "Church sword" brandished was Ferdinand II, sharpened by Jesuit education and directed by an oath to exterminate Protestants. He came into power in 1617, persecutions began, and in 1618 they blossomed out into a religious war that stormed over Europe for thirty years in a vain Hierarchy effort to beat back the advances made by the Reformation on the freedom front. Yes, vain; because the Thirty Years' War ended in Protestant victory and the Peace of Westphalia, concluded at Münster in 1648. The oppressive Hierarchy has fought this peace ever since, because "an age of greater toleration was introduced into Germany. In all religious questions the

Protestants secured an equality with the Catholics, and gained eqnal weight in the diet and high courts, of the empire". —M'Clintock and Strong's *Cyclopædia.*

But now the river of time plunges us into our own twentieth century and becomes a churning torrent of destructive events. Through the raging rapids of World War I the Vatican, outwardly pretending impartiality, sides in with the *Dreibund* to crush freedom. World statesmen were well aware of this, and hence specifically barred her from the peace negotiations. Thereafter she made league with Catholic dictators to smash the freedom gained by the Reformation and the Peace of Westphalia, to re-establish the Holy Roman Empire and the Dark Ages rule of church and state.

Do yon balk at believing that? Then honestly consider: Alfred Rosenberg, once the chief Nazi ideologist, declared in 1942 that the Germans must believe that World War II was "another Thirty Years' War". Not in length, of course, but in issues involved. Do you remember that when the armistice was signed with France in 1940 exacting arrangements were made that it should be done in the same car and in tbe same forest clearing used for the signing of the 1918 armistice? There Hitler made a bombastic speech about the righting of great wrongs, wrongs committed in that same car, in the same clearing in the forest of Compiegne. Appropriate that they be righted on the same spot committed, Hitler screeched. But note how parallel reasoning dictated the Nazi choice for the final treaty ending World War II, if she triumphed. *Das Schwarze Korps,* official Nazi organ, in reporting the armistice proceedings with France, said Hitler had decided that the final treaty would be signed in Münster and known as the Treaty or Peace of Westphalia! There Crusader Hitler would right the wrongs and erase the smirch of the first Peace of Westphalia that has galled the Hierarchy for three hundred years!

World War II a Vatican Crusade

Do you still hesitate to believe? Perhaps you did not read in the New York *Times,* in 1940, the following: "The German war aims were outlined tonight as a re-establishment of the Holy Roman Empire by Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, regent of the Foreign Service School of Georgetown University [Jesuit university near Washington, D. C.] . . . Dr. Walsh said that he had heard Adolf Hitler say that the Holy Roman Empire, which was a Germanic empire, must he re-established."

Let any wavering hesitancy to believe be overwhelmed by honest reflection on these questions: Why did the Vatican make a concordat with Catholic Mussolini and bless his rape of Ethiopia? Why did it side in with and bless Butcher Franco in his slaughter of Spanish democracy? Why did it make a concordat with Catholic Hitler and its conferences of bishops bless Nazi troops in the war? Why was the collaborationist Petain lauded as a "good marshal" and anti-Semitic laws of Hierarchy origin inaugurated? Why did Cardinal Innitzer fly the Nazi swastika over his cathedral to celebrate Hitler's taking over of Austria? Why did Catholic Hitler put the Catholic priest Tiso at the head of the puppet regime in Slovakia? Why did Catholic priests on mobile truck-churches follow Hitler's legions into Poland and on into Russia to consolidate Axis gains? Why did the Vatican espouse the cause of Axis-partner Japan in its invasion of China? and also recognize the Japanese-sponsored government of the Philippines instead of United States claims? These questions so embarrassing to the unblushing Vatican could be piled up sky-high, but let them be summarily capped by one raised by recent events: Why did the Hierarchy's precious Archbishop Stepinatz align himself with Pavelitch's regime in Yugoslavia under Hitler protection and maneuver the murder of

scores of thousands in a modern Vatican crusade?

When Catholic Mussolini hurled his armies across the Mediterranean sea and into helpless Ethiopia the Hierarchy gloated and 57 bishops and 19 archbishops telegraphed thanks to the crusading dictator: "Catholic Italy thanked Jesus Christ for the renewed greatness of the country made stronger by Mussolini's policy." Cardinal Schuster, close friend of the then pope, Pius XI, chimed in: "The Italian flag is at this moment bringing in triumph the cross of Christ to Ethiopia to free the road for the emancipation of the slaves, opening it at the same time to our missionary propaganda."

After the Vatican's secret agreement or concordat with Fascist Mussolini in 1929, another "Church sword" with a crusade complex was welcomed to the fold. The event was marked by the secret concordat negotiated with Nazi Germany, in 1933. This "sword" was later unsheathed and set to its bloody work when the Hierarchy wailed that Spain should be saved from "Communism". That papal-styled "fine Christian gentleman", the Butcher Franco, was crusading all alone against atheism; so in came the legions of his Catholic comrades Hitler and Mussolini and together they butchered hundreds of thousands of honest Catholics along with the new Spanish democratic government set up by the people.

The preliminary dress rehearsals over, the time had come for the curtain to rise on the major crusade by the Catholic dictators. The admittedly Catholic Hitler launched his blitzes with stunning speed and power, and in their wake the Hierarchy prospered. Church spokesmen were not slow to voice their gratitude. An Associated Press dispatch of August 27, 1940, reported: "A pledge of loyalty to Adolf Hitler by the German Catholic Bishops Conference at Fulda is to be read to the faithful from pulpits at the end of the war, D.N.B., official news agency, said today." In June, 1941: "The German Catholic episcopate today sent to all dioceses a message describing the war against Russia as a battle of Christianity all over the world." (New York *Times*) In November, 1941: "A pastoral letter said to have been issued by the Bishop of Münster, Count Clemens von Gallen, condemning Soviet Russia and commending the 'Christian soldiers of Germany' for their fight against the Soviet Union, has caused widespread interest in Berlin."—New York *Times*.

And what did we hear from the Italian episcopate itself? Archbishop Margotti of Italy blessed the crusaders thus: "Italy has joined the anti-Bolshevik front with enthusiasm and faith of the ancient crusaders, proving that Italian soldiers are ready to give their blood generously for civilization's victory against atheism and barbarism. Therefore, we also invite all good Catholics to raise insistent prayers to God to concede triumph to the new order and justice." "Today we salute and bless the Italian legions who are marching with their allies in the common struggle to open the immense prison which encloses the Russian population." (From the New York *Daily News* of July 21, 1941, and the New York *Times* of July 21, 1941) The Fascist press termed the war a "Christian crusade against the Russian atheists".—Kansas City *Star*, June 8, 1942.

The facts of World War II cry out that everywhere the Nazi military juggernaut rolled in triumph there came in its wake persecutions of Masons and Protestants and Jews; Jews especially, as it was in the first Catholic crusades and the Inquisition and many of the Vatican's anti-Semitic decrees. Jesuit fingerprints in blood convict the Hierarchy of conspiracy with the Catholic dictators during World War II. Many more facts could be called to testify in proof thereof, but let this one close the case for the time: "Considerable Catholic missionary activ-

ity in the occupied South Russian territories is reported by the Catholic newspaper *L'Italia,* of Milan, arriving here today. The leader of the missionaries is Luigi Cardinal Lavitrano, archbishop of Palermo."

Agitation to Revive the Crusade

The Catholic dictators Hitler and Mussolini failed their master at Vatican City. World War II's crusade into Russia ended as disastrously as did those long ago against the infidel Turks. But the wily Vatican and its slippery Jesuits have survived major political reverses before, and its double talk and outward sham of neutrality during the past global war are paying off, thanks to a cowardly and servile press in democratic lands. Millions have even been convinced that they should ignore the facts of Hierarchy action during the war and swallow unquestioningly all the propaganda that now floods out from Vatican mouthpieces. Her diabolical cunning has even enabled her to emerge from the war she fomented stronger than ever, though her side suffered military defeat. And now she busily plans and agitates for a revival of her crusade against atheistic Russia, only this time she seeks to dub the democracies as her crusading "swords".

There are 38,000 Catholic priests in America who, by their consecration, swear allegiance to papal Rome. In their churches they preach the "red scare". By their efforts they bind the spineless Protestant and Jewish religious organizations to their crusade chariot and even have these groups seeing and preaching "red". Catholic politicians and Jesuits in key governmental positions point the accusing finger and yell "Red!" at any other ones in government not sympathetic with the Vatican. This has a tremendous effect on the foreign policy of the United States.

Throughout the educational systems and social organizations of the country the Hierarchy propaganda has been infiltrated. Some of the loudest cries of "red" have been hurled at labor unions. For example, read the following report from the September 23, 1946, issue of the *Courier-Post,* of Camden, N. J.:

"It is the solemn duty of every Christian labor unionist to attend union meetings, expel the Communists and assist in a crusade to reduce to impotency the monster of Communism. That challenge was thrown down yesterday by Bishop Eustace, before nearly 5,000 members of the Holy Name societies. . . . Calling all men of the diocese to join a crusade to wipe out Communism, Bishop Enstace warned there can be no peace in the world of labor or the world at large until atheisticism is discredited."

This cry for a purging crusade against "reds" in labor unions was thereafter taken up by Willian Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

What is happening in the United States of America is also happening in many other lands where the Catholic Hierarchy has any power. The Vatican engineers are working overtime to whip up another crusade against Russia, not so much because Russia is atheistic, because the Vatican herself has burned and otherwise destroyed unnumbered thousands of Bibles in her time. She aims her attack toward Russia because Russia's eyes are wide open to the Vatican's collaboration with the Axis and because the Vatican wants to forcibly "convert" atheistic Russia to Catholicism to increase her wealth and power and attain world domination. In Europe the Hierarchy is busy organizing for the coming fray. Catholic political parties, such as those in Anstria, Italy, France, Belgium, Germany and Holland, have adopted catchy names like "Christian Democrat" and seek to set up governments of Vatican design. Nazism may be gone in name, but only in name.

Vatican Crusaders in Yugoslavia

In September and October of 1946 the Vatican's crusade complex was cast in

brilliant light. So, along with the rest of the world, focus gaze on events occurring in Yugoslavia during that time; but, unlike so much of the world, look at the realities stripped of their distortion by crooked Vatican tongues that are professional emotionalizers. It is a case of clerics reaping the harvest of what they had previously sown, only not yet in fullness.

When Hitler's troops took over Yugoslavia and set up a puppet regime, that regime was resisted by large sections of Yugoslavia's predominantly Orthodox Catholic population. Roman Catholics under priestly direction crusaded against the Orthodox Catholics, and did so under Hitler's protection. But now that their protector is gone and a new government has supplanted the Nazi puppet clique, the collaborationists are being rounded up. And, unlike many governments of this religionized old world, the Yugoslavia rulers did not think black robes were sufficient to hide blacker deeds. Catholic clergymen were tried along with others, and to these the evidence said: "In thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents."—Jeremiah 2:34.

Among these "bloody skirts" rounded up was the Yugoslavia archbishop, Stepinatz. He was taken into custody on September 18, charged with "crimes against the people". Fifteen other defendants, all priests or Franciscan Friars, were also tried. The evidence brought out at the trial was overwhelming in showing that during the four years of occupation the Hierarchy forces worked with the terrorists, known as "Ustashi" and "Crusaders". Indisputable evidence proved the Hierarchy responsible for forced conversions of Serbs to Roman Catholicism, responsible for massacres of thousands of Orthodox Serbs, and proved that Catholic priests made conversions at the point of pistols. Catholic priests of Stepinatz' diocese "personally incited the Ustashi to mass killings, and in some instances the Catholic priests themselves, with their own hands, participated in the slayings". For example, in the village of Blagaj, a Catholic priest named Blaza Tomljenovich ordered 520 persons killed on May 6, 1941. Today their dead bodies lie buried in two large pits near his church. And what is noteworthy, most of the witnesses at the trial were Croatian Catholic peasants or laborers.

Archbishop Stepinatz on the stand was insolent in the face of these charges and refused to answer questions. It was the safest way for him to avoid a slip of the tongue. His defense was, "My conscience is clear." He repeated that many times during the trial, maybe to convince himself. When confronted with photographs of himself attending the banquets of the Ustashi he responded: "I see no reason not to go to ceremonies when I'm asked. My conscience is calm." To which the president of the court observed, "You must have a very loose conscience if you could be in the company of such people." The Bible calls such a conscience "seared". As to his blessing of the Ustashi and Crusaders, Stepinatz retorted: "I give my blessing to all who ask." When queried as to whether that included criminals he replied, "Every one has the right to get blessings." On that basis he would bless the Devil himself. When greeted by his alleged report to Pope Pius XII, sent in 1944, and defending the Nazi puppet state of Croatia as "in conformity with Catholic interests and against the Orthodox Church and Communism", Stepinatz would not deny he sent it.

Vatican Chestnuts in the Fire

On October 16 Stepinatz was convicted on all fourteen counts of the indictment. Twelve of the counts related to activities with the Ustashi regime of Pavelitch, foremost Yugoslav quisling, in which he was charged with active collaboration with the Axis. The other two counts related to activities since the end of the

war, when he supported Ustashi leaders and Crusaders (Ustashi terrorist bands). Ever the opportunist, the Vatican seized upon the trial and conviction to scream "Persecution of the church by godless Communists!" She said, "There is the appeal to public opinion." But this appeal did not ring out in clear tones to refute the charges or meet the issues raised. It was, "Monsignor Stepinatz is a criminal only as far as the Catholic Church, the church of Christ, is criminal." Fine words for emotional effect, but of no force to thinkers who can digest facts. The remark might even convict Stepinatz in the minds of those who remember the criminal record of the Hierarchy during the Dark Ages, the Crusades, the Inquisition and its "court trials" that were such a travesty of justice, and papal crimes with the modern dictators that pile up so high.

Nonetheless, the wily Vatican judged the mentality of many of its Catholic population correctly, and, fanned by priests and bishops and archbishops and cardinals, the wail of protest that rises from many parts of the earth is loud and insistent. Spellman toyed with rhetoric in denouncing the "satanic Soviet sycophants" and the "perfidious pattern of Communist godlessness, barbarism and enslavement"; and warned Americans of the Red danger in their land. (In case you've forgotten, Cardinal Spellman is the one so infatuated with Franco the Butcher's beautiful eyes and Christian character.) Catholic papers in America took the cue obediently, one saying: "If the moral sense of our government is so blunted and its sense of appeasement is so strong that it fails to rise to the occasion, what hope can there be that the reign of terror the Red totalitarians have inaugurated will be curbed in the foreseeable future?" This article agitating for a crusade against Russia by the United States was titled "America on Trial".

Joining in the cries for other governments to pull the Vatican chestnuts out of the Yugoslavia fire, Catholic press leaders sent a message to Truman urging him to protest the trial of Stepinatz. Also, 600,000 Knights of Columbus representatively through Supreme Knight John Swift demanded that the state department of the United States protest to Yugoslavia. Cardinal Strich, of Chicago, called for United States intervention. Similarly, in Britain Cardinal Griffin appealed to the British government to involve itself on Stepinatz' behalf. As a result of the agitation Dean Acheson, acting secretary of state in the United States, expressed "concern and deep worry" over the trial. Politicians should remember that despite Vatican howls the government of Yugoslavia was trying a collaborator for his personal acts, and not the Catholic Church; which point Yugoslavia, from Tito on down, has repeatedly stressed.

Unanswerable Facts Against Crusaders

But let us tune out the Vatican's rabble-rousing speechmakers, and note a few more facts. At the trial "Father" Salic, Stepinatz' secretary, testified that "the church was perhaps too much linked with politics". "Father" Selecki, also on trial, admitted he had blessed the Ustashi flag. Another one on trial, a Franciscan Friar called "Reverend" Modesto Martinic, charged Stepinatz with influencing the clergy of Yugoslavia to carry on illegal activities against Tito's regime. He said: "We are unable to hide the fact that the Church collaborated with the Ustashi. Stepinatz chose to fight not only for his ideology but for the Ustashi, not in the way of the Catholic Church. Stepinatz' epistle . . . was written to have influence on the clergy and to spur them to illegal work, and it served its purpose."

A letter was published in the New York *Times* from Stephen Lackovic, former secretary of Stepinatz, which was supposed to defend the archbishop but

which failed to meet the major charges. Thereafter, the *Times* (October 15, 1946) published a letter in reply, written by Sime Balen, counselor of the Embassy of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia. It follows:

Like Stephen Lackovic, former secretary of Archbishop Stepinatz, whose letter was published in THE TIMES of Oct. 9, I too am a Croat and a Catholic and was an eyewitness to the tragic events in Croatia from 1941 to 1945.

We can all rejoice if Archbishop Stepinatz was in any way instrumental in helping "hundreds" of Jewish refugees escape from Croatia to Italy. Yet Mr. Lackovic fails to mention that the Ustashi terrorists of the Paveliteh regime, with which Archbishop Stepinatz was so closely allied under Hitler's protection, murdered during those years approximately 50,000 Croatian and Bosnian Jews, or over two-thirds of Yugoslavia's pre-war Jewish population of 70,000.

Mr. Lackovic's letter also fails, significantly, to speak of the major sections of the charges against Archbishop Stepinatz—the massacre by the Ustashi of over 500,000 Serbs. There were 2,000,000 Serbs in Croatia when Hitler set up the Pavelitch puppet regime there in April, 1941, and the policy then officially proclaimed was that a third of these were to be forcibly converted from the Orthodox to the Catholic faith, a third were to be driven back to Serbia and a third were to be killed. Among the first murdered were hundreds of Orthodox priests.

Dr. Stepinatz, a member of Pavelitch's Parliament (Sabor,) apostolic vicar in Pavelitch's army and a member of the committee for the conversion of Serbs to Catholicism, made no effort to save these priests and did not even intervene on behalf of his colleague, Dr. Dositej, the metropolitan of Zagreb, who was barbarously tortured before being put to death. It is not difficult to draw conclusions from Mr. Laekovic's omissions.

It should not go unnoticed that the Ustashi also killed approximately 31,000 Catholic Croats in Zagreb alone.

I am told that it is hard for Americans to comprehend the enormity of these crimes. For us who lived through them it is hard to forget.

Excommunication Tips Vatican's Hand

Since the foregoing facts are unanswerable in favor of the archbishop or the Vatican, Stepinatz neither affirmed nor denied them at the trial and the Vatican has since side-stepped them diligently. A parrot-like repetition of the words "My conscience is clear" hardly suffices to dissolve such wholesale blood-letting, does it? But rather than show any concern for more innocent blood on its religious skirts, the Vatican retaliated by excommunicating all who contributed morally or physically toward the arrest, trial or conviction of Stepinatz. The declaration was issued by the Sacred Congregation of the Council and published in the Vatican newspaper *Osservatore Romano*.

When the Vatican learned of Stepinatz' conviction, she said: "There is the appeal to public opinion." Hence this appeal might be made to public opinion: Catholic Franco butchered men, women and children in countless thousands; and the vast majority were Catholic, if that makes any difference. But he was never excommunicated. Were those crimes less offensive to the Hierarchy than the mere sentencing of one man to sixteen years of hard labor? Catholic Mussolini likewise slaughtered multitudes in murderous fashion. But he was never excommunicated. Was his bloody course less offensive to the Vatican? Catholic Hitler may be charged with responsibility for the blood of millions. Was he ever excommunicated? Many times groups of honest Catholics requested that the pope excommunicate Hitler, but were only rehuffed. Crusader Hitler was never excommunicated. Apparently the Vatican believes it a more heinous crime to sentence one man to sixteen years' hard labor than to kill and maim millions upon millions. But then, why should the pope

excommunicate the obedient crusading dictators?

Wake up, sleeping public! Are you so totally blind and benumbed mentally that your brain has gone on permanent strike? If Hitler had persecuted Catholic dignitaries as the Vatican implies, excommunication would have overtaken him. Actually, what persecution he meted out to Catholics was upon honest and liberal ones that disagreed with the Hierarchy's crusade in World War II; just as honest and liberal ones in Yugoslavia who told the truth at the archbishop's trial are now excommunicated for their truth-telling. And if the Hierarchy should seek to refute this by claiming the excommunication was automatic because the archbishop was tried in a civil court without Vatican permission, then they are surely admitting that any acts of Hitler against liberal Catholics was with Vatican permission, because no excommunication followed, automatic or otherwise. The Vatican has good reason to refuse to meet the issues in this case and not answer them. She *will not* plead "Guilty" and she *can not* truly plead "Not guilty".

Vatican Crusaders Do Foment War

If you want a shocking contrast, read Christ Jesus' sermon on the mount (Matthew, chapters 5-7), and then read the following extracts of the sermon of one of the typical Vatican crusaders that masquerade as Christians (New York *Times*, October 17, 1946):

NOTRE DAME HEAD CALLS FOR ARMING

Father Cavanaugh, at Aviation Clinic, Urges Bombs for Foes Repudiating Moral Law

Oklahoma City, Oct. 16—A warning that the United States "had better pile up armaments sky-high and make bigger and better bombs" if it must deal with nations that repudiate the moral law was sounded here tonight by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame. "The only language such nations understand is force; the only argument that can convince them is power and more power," Father Cavanaugh told a dinner meeting of the annual National Aviation Clinic. . . .

"Let us hope that before such a cataclysm takes place men of all nations will have the sense, the humility and courage to get back again those principles which alone enable them to live together in order and peace on this earth." Declaring that "objective moral law" applies to individuals and nations alike, Father Cavanaugh said he could see no more success for communism in its denial of human rights than Germany and Italy achieved.

That 'wolf in sheep's clothing' has cast aside his disguise, hasn't he? For that matter, the mask is ripped off all the Vatican crusaders and they stand convicted as fomenting a third world war. They are persistently widening the breach between East and West and sabotaging any faint hope that may exist for peace, because they know that the Vatican cannot wheedle Russia and wrap that nation around her little finger as she so neatly does the democracies.

But men of good-will trusting in Jehovah God will not lose hope for lasting peace, despite Vatican machinations for a third world war. That blood-spattered old veteran of many crusades has lived for centuries by the sword, and at Armageddon she shall surely die by the invincible sword the New World's King Christ Jesus will then wield under Jehovah's direction. Thereafter Armageddon's survivors will never again suffer under man and Hierarchy and Devil rule, whether it be democracy or fascism or communism. Free shall that New World then be of religious fakers who foment crusades and blast out their "holy war" ballyhoo! Jehovah God will then rule through His Theocratic King Christ Jesus, and "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth". Then Almighty God's Prince of Peace will hold full sway over earth's affairs, and "of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end".—Psalm 46:9; Isaiah 9:6, 7.

Mobocracy Legalized in Iowa

"THE Constitution does not enter in here!" decreed Warren county Sheriff Lewis Johnson as he and mobsters he had deputized blockaded the public highway entering Lacona, Iowa. In thus turning back sixteen carloads of Christians en route to a Bible lecture Johnson was enforcing the dictatorial ultimatum he had hurled at three ministers the day before as he stood on the steps of the State House at Des Moines, shouting, "You stay out of Lacona!" Only a few days previous these ministers had been mobbed out of Lacona. In that Iowa town Democracy had been killed, and to fill its place the misguided community gave birth to a squalling brat named Mobocracy. Serving very ably as midwives were Sheriff Johnson, Mayor Lo Goode, Marshal McFarland and the Lacona city councilmen. Standing by to advise and assist were the county attorney and the attorney general's office. Supplying the "moral law" were the churches of Lacona. All told, it was quite a conspiracy against democracy. Would you like to look into the delivery room of Warren county and witness the birth of Lacona's illegitimate baby? Its howls have attracted nation-wide notice.

In the latter half of August a representative of Jehovah's witnesses went to Lacona, located about forty miles southeast of Des Moines, to obtain permission to use the city park for a series of Bible lectures. Permission was granted by City Councilman Ripperger and a Mr. Fehrer. On September 1 Jehovah's witnesses preached from house to house in the morning, and in the afternoon gathered in the park for the lecture. Near starting time a group of townsmen marched up to the speaker's stand and mounted thereon an American flag. No objection was raised to that. Then Mayor Lo Goode and Mr. Fehrer came to speak to the witness in charge; they said the permission given to use the park was canceled. The mayor's parting words were: "If you come back there will be trouble." Soon thereafter the meeting was held, but throughout the Bible discourse teenagers paraded back and forth in front of the speaker, waving a flag right in his face. As the witnesses left in their cars the delinquents in democracy shouted abusive words and threats of future violence.

Lacona Given Over to the Mob

The second of the series of Sunday Bible lectures was scheduled for September 8. On the morning of that day Mayor Lo Goode was notified that the scheduled meeting would be held, but he said he was going out of town to a dinner. Did he choose that time to be out of town? to leave the town to mob rule? He had told the witnesses before that he knew there would be trouble. How did he know? Was he in on the conspiracy? The witnesses tried to get in touch with the county sheriff, but could not. When the witnesses arrived at the park that afternoon the ringleaders of the mob were on the bandstand with an American flag, a banner symbolizing things they neither understand nor appreciate. Local townsmen converged on the park from all directions, and it was evident that they had organized for mob action. To avoid trouble the witnesses started to set up the sound equipment some distance from the bandstand. Then the rabble element lost interest in the bandstand they had occupied and bore down on the assem-

bling Christians. Lacona's *putsch* for mobocracy was on!

Charges that Jehovah's witnesses were unpatriotic and refused to salute the flag and did not serve in the army came thick and fast; and all efforts by the witnesses to explain that they believed in the Constitution and were law-abiding, that they respected the flag but refused to salute it because of a conscientious belief in God's law concerning images, that such refusal has been supported by the United States Supreme Court, and that the Selective Service Act exempted ministers from army duty, all these attempted explanations were drowned out by a mob not out for information or reasons but out for blood. Physical violence came when one of the mobsters jumped a witness from behind as the latter attempted to put away the sound equipment. It is axiomatic that criminals detest cameras; hence the affidavit of Witness Lillian Dickey, who weighs 95 pounds, tells us what we would expect to happen when she sought to photograph the mob action:

Some men came from the park and made a grab for my camera, one cursing and saying no pictures were going to be taken there. He was told that if he cared for some of the pictures he could have them by giving us his name and address. He cursed some more and then walked away. About this time four men came at me. One of the men, Lloyd Lancaster, struck me on the jaw with his fist while Harold Leonard hit me in the ribs, knocking me backwards over the fender of the car. Harold Leonard grabbed the camera and threw it over in the park. The four men continued to beat me with their fists until they had me on the ground and then stood there and kicked me until they were pulled off. The patrolmen that later came shook hands with some of the Lacona group.

One of those in charge of the meeting called the highway patrol for assistance, but that patrol managed to kill two hours fifteen minutes getting there and by that time mob violence reigned unchecked for an hour in Lacona's park. About 700 persons jammed the west side of the square as a nucleus of 25 claiming to be war veterans launched their attack against assembly, speech and worship. About 30 persons suffered head and face cuts, bloody noses and body bruises as fists, pop bottles and clubs were brought into play in the fracas. A dozen or more skirmishes involving from two to a dozen persons swept the square for over an hour. After the rioting was over Marshal McFarland, who had been watching from across the street, strolled over to make a gesture at trying to disperse the crowd. Later came Mayor Goode, whose only contribution to restoring order was to sagely observe to the witnesses: "I told you not to come back." Next to arrive on the scene was the sheriff, to be followed by the tardy highway patrol. These officials believed there would be trouble on this day, had been warned of it, and yet absented themselves from the vicinity during the time set to test out a new freedom advocated by Lacona, namely, freedom for mob rule.

Jehovah's witnesses swore out warrants for the arrest of eight of the mobsters. The case against six involved charges of assault and battery and disturbing the public peace at a religious meeting. The trial was held at Indianola, and a six-man jury was out only ten minutes before bringing in a verdict of "Not guilty". Two other mobsters, Lancaster and Leonard, the ones who beat up the woman with the camera, were held for the grand jury on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily injury.

Legalizing Rule by Mobs

After the mob broke up the Bible lecture on September 8, the witnesses were to consult with Sheriff Johnson Wednesday morning, September 11. The evening before 300 residents of Lacona and vicinity (there are only a little over 400 persons in Lacona) met in the town hall and decided to block the highway leading into Lacona to prevent the third meeting

of the Bible lecture series. County Attorney Dale Ewalt, Sheriff Johnson and Mayor Goode conducted the session, and the promise was made that the witnesses would hold no meeting the following Sunday. The next morning Sheriff Johnson served notice on the witnesses that they could not use the park and that if they tried to do so they would be treated as law violators. This sheriff did not treat any of the mobsters as law violators. Apparently, he considers mob rule legal.

It was on this morning that some of the witnesses called at the attorney general's office to see him, but were not permitted to do so. Instead, an office assistant, Mr. Buckles, snatched up a law book, opened it to a place previously marked with a slip of paper, and read law on unlawful assemblies. But Bible lectures are not yet unlawful, and when points concerning civil liberties were mentioned by the witnesses they were cut short by the threat, "How would you like to be put under protective custody?" Rounding out the events of the week, on Saturday, September 14, on the steps of the State House at Des Moines, a committee of witnesses served notice on County Attorney Ewalt, Sheriff Johnson and Mayor Goode that meetings would continue to be held and that protection from mobs would be expected. Johnson declared: "Well, it may be all right, but I tell you folks to stay out of Lacona. And I'll say it loud enough for everyone to hear, too. YOU STAY OUT OF LACONA!"

The next morning, Sunday, September 15, Sheriff Johnson was in Lacona at 9:00 a.m., and by 9:30 a.m. had sworn in 200 deputies, many of them being the mobsters of the previous Sunday. These, with 200 other men and 11 trucks, blockaded for five hours the four roads leading into Lacona. The men were armed with canes, rubber hoses and clubs, just to be sure there would be no violence. When sixteen car groups of witnesses came Sheriff Johnson and his deputized mobsters turned them back. "You can't have a Bible lecture today or any other day!" ruled the sheriff. To the protests that his action constituted a denial of constitutional gnarantees the shortsighted little official decreed: "The Constitution does not enter in here!"

This poor, befuddled sheriff contends that the blockade prevented violence. His surface-thinking does not let him realize that appeasement policies, in Iowa or internationally, do not work. He feebly reasoned that the way to halt violence was to cater to the mobsters, deputize them, and arm them with clubs to make their violent work legal. To appease the mob he killed democratic rights. It never occurred to him that the true remedy might be to suppress the mobsters.

Conspiracy Widespread

The birth of mobocracy in Lacona was literally a religiously "blessed event". The *Record-Herald and Indianola Tribune*, chief propaganda organ for the bawling brat, said: "Lacona has Methodist, Catholic, Christian, Nazarene and Lutheran churches. Never were they all so united and pulling together as they are at this time." Mayor Goode said those in Lacona who wanted to go to church that blockade Sunday could, but that "there wasn't very many attending though because they were all too busy". This matches the boasting of a Catholic boy to his boss, who is friendly with but not one of Jehovah's witnesses. The Catholic youth bragged that all they had to do was call different towns aroumd to get 500 men for the Lacona riot. After the blockade he told how they had a big feed in the Catholic church and that the "Father" blessed them on the good work they had done. This Catholic youth also verified other reports that there were not very many G.I.'s, but mostly Catholic boys, and that some of the G.I.'s got mixed up in it.

Other facts accumulate to prove the existence of quite a conspiracy. The

American Legion, notorious devotees of mobocracy where Jehovah's witnesses are involved, played host to the blockaders, chicken dinners being served them in the American Legion Hall. Stanley Prall, the attorney that defended the six mobsters that were on trial, and was recently installed Legion commander of Warren Post No. 165, was on hand at the blockade "to observe". Twelve state highway patrolmen, who could not get to the riot the Sunday previous to suppress the mobsters, could very easily and very early get to the blockade this Sunday, "to direct traffic," they said. Meaning to direct the cars of the witnesses away from Lacona? Attorney General Rankin did not attend the blockade, but he opined that the local authorities were "justified in blockading the town".

Present also were Sheriff Henert of Marion county and Sheriff Neidt of Lucas county. Sheriff Johnson said he had called them in "because there was a possibility of the Jehovah's witnesses moving into one of those counties to hold their meetings and I wonldn't have jurisdiction". Thus he betrayed that it was not just a meeting in Lacona's town square he was out to stop to prevent violence. He was out to hound the witnesses and halt their meetings in other counties. After all, an aspiring dictator likes to have more than one little county in which to maneuver his storm-troopers. Not only from Lacona, but also from Liberty Center (a laughable misnomer), Woodburn, Milo, Indianola, and other surrounding towns the blockaders came. A recruit from Milo blustered: "We're ready to move any place in the county that they try to hold a meeting."

To aid readers to gauge the shallow logic of Sheriff Johnson, this statement of his to a committee of the witnesses is presented: "None of us wanted the war, but if we hadn't gone over there, they would have come over here, and you wouldn't be able to hold a meeting any place." How hollow his foolish reasoning, when at that very moment he was denying them that very right, despite the war fought to preserve such rights! What prompted his statement was the fact that Jehovah's witnesses, a society of ministers, did not serve in the army. He forgot that the Selective Service Act exempted ministers.

Public Opinion

Several fine editorials appeared in the public press condemning lawless Lacona, and many letters from citizens in Iowa joined in the protest. The Des Moines *Register* fairly reported the outbreak of mob rule, and editorially spoke like real Americans, though they did not fully approve of Jehovah's witnesses. The *Record-Herald and Indianola Tribune* took strong exception to the *Register's* editorials, but, since its logic and rebuttal were about as shallow as Sheriff Johnson's, they carried no weight.

Several letters published in the Des Moines *Register* were from G.I.'s. A few excerpts follow:

The American flag is not a god, but it is the symbol of religious freedom and guarantees to the American people the right to worship God in any manner they choose. And the police of the country are hired and paid with the people's money, including the members of Jehovah's witnesses' tax money, to keep the peace.

For any group, be they the American Legion, V.F.W. or what have you, to take the American flag, and lend it to acts of violence on another group of American citizens, such as was allowed to happen in Lacona, Ia., is downright disgusting. If the V.F.W. allows its members to desecrate the American flag, like those misguided men did at Lacona, I am ashamed of my membership in such an organization.—Dan Harvey, 902 N. Second st., Clinton, Ia.

I am not a Jehovah's witness and never could be one. But I also did not spend about three years of my life in the army, mostly overseas in Europe, in order that a few misguided fellow citizens might indulge in fascist

tendencies on a miniature scale back home in Iowa. Most of my buddies with whom I served, I am sure would agree with me.

I am sure the erring few people of Lacona and Warren county "talk" democracy, but "your actions speak so much louder than your words that I cannot tell what you are saying". —Dwight N. Grotenhouse, Orange City, Ia.

The Des Moines *Register* said, in part, in its issue of September 17, in an editorial entitled "Not Something to Be Proud Of":

A sheriff and his deputies are not authorized to tyrannize the highways. The citizens of Iowa towns are not authorized to determine who may and who may not enter their boundaries. Not without a court order based on some charge or evidence, at least.

So if there is to be any more of this—either in Warren county or elsewhere—we suggest that the local citizens and especially the public officials begin observing the laws that they are sworn to uphold, and confine themselves to that. As leaders of mobs, they don't add much to anybody's pride in Iowa.

The Laconan mobocrats may babble volumes about Americanism, but their actions insult the flag, the Constitution and democracy. The Supreme Court of their nation and the Supreme Court of their state have ruled that Jehovah's witnesses have the right to do what they were doing in Lacona. But lawless souls in Warren county can only wave the flag and clothe their anarchy in its colorful folds; they cannot understand the principles for which it stands. To them it is an image without meaning. They disobey America's laws, her Constitution, her national and state supreme courts, and trample underfoot her democratic principles of freedom. Their actions would harmonize better with a swastika.

As for Jehovah's witnesses, they are now carrying the battle for freedon into the federal courts to restore rights of speech, assembly and worship in Warren county. An injunction is being sought to prevent Sheriff Johnson, Mayor Goode and Marshal McFarland from interfering with Bible lectures. *Awake!* will report the outcome.

American Legion Slipping

Ballyhooed in advance as America's biggest convention, the national convention of the American Legion recently held in San Francisco was no attraction to war veterans. Instead of the previously announced 150,000 strong, Legionnaires registered were only 25,000; and instead of the 14-hour parade advertised, only some 10,000 to 12,000 marchers participated in a disappointing 4-hour march. The 165,000 Legionnaires right in California did not bother to turn out for the convention. Of the 120 special trains arranged for, only 27 were used. Trade in San Francisco was desultory, and businessmen said that they "discovered Legionnaires were light spenders while their presence scared away much of the normal trade". Legion officials were unable to explain the small attendance and Legionnaires were so scarce around 'Frisco that the newspapers said trying to count them was like trying to determine how many needles there are in a haystack—you have to find them first. They were referred to as "Lost Legionnaires". Significant was this observation, appearing in the San Francisco *Chronicle* of October 2, concerning the parade: "Look at the delegations as they swing by. There isn't a handful of youngsters in any one of them—no World War II men at all, compared to the number of old boys from World War I." (Peak attendance at the Glad Nations Theocratic Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses in Cleveland in August was 80,000.)

"And There Shall Be EARTHQUAKES"

THIS earth of ours has been trembling and quaking as long as man has been upon it. The oldest history book in the world, the Bible, mentions several earthquakes that occurred before Christ. In the days of Uzziah there was one. (Amos 1:1; Zechariah 14:5) Isaiah promised that one would come "to Ariel, the city where David dwelt". (Isaiah 29:1, 6) Elijah the prophet experienced one when in Mount Horeb.—1 Kings 19:11.

The apostles that asked Jesus what would be signs of His second presence and the time of the setting up of His kingdom knew of these former earthquakes. So when Jesus said, among other things, that "there shall be earthquakes in divers places", the apostles knew that the evidence of His presence would be so strong, literally earthshaking, that none could deny the evidence of it. (Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11; Matthew 24:7) At the death of Jesus there was an earthquake, and another at the time of His resurrection. (Matthew 27:54; 28:2) About seventeen years later there was an earthquake that broke open the prison at Philippi where Paul and Silas were held. (Acts 16:26) But none of these were of sufficient magnitude to constitute the earthquaking "sign", nor did the apostles think that they were.

Thereafter as men watched for the fulfillment of Jesus' great prophecy they became interested in the phenomenon of earthquakes. They began to record the areas affected, the frequency of occurrence, and the damage and loss of life suffered. They devised sensitive instruments known as seismographs, which were able to record the time, length and type of not only the major and minor shocks but even the tremors of low intensity.

The world's earthquake belt is eastward through the Mediterranean, Turkey, Persia and the Netherlands East Indies to New Zealand; thence up the Pacific shore through Japan to Alaska and down again along the western shore of North and South America to Cape Horn with a loop around the Caribbean sea. In these areas it is wise for the builder to erect his house on solid rock, as the motion of earth particles in solid substances is only a fraction of an inch, whereas soft earth is thrown into the air like the billows of the sea when earthquake waves pass beneath it. This was observed in the Lisbon, San Francisco and Valparaiso earthquakes.

It has been learned from the study of earthquakes that there are three general types of vibrations or waves, known as longitudinal, transverse and surface waves. Each has its own peculiar behavior. Longitudinal waves travel faster than the other two; transverse waves do not pass through substances such as liquids and gases; and surface waves cause buildings to rock like a wagon when it is driven over a rough road. Major earthquakes that cause great havoc are made up of a combination of these three types of waves. Heavy destruction also results when earthquakes occurring beneath the surface of the sea cause great waves to sweep over cities.

There are several theories advanced as to the causes for the terrifying phenomenon of earthquakes. Generally it is believed that they are caused by a slippage of the earth's crust; but what causes this slippage is not too well understood. The collapse of subterranean caverns; the explosions of volcanoes; the falling of underwater cliffs to the ocean floor; the explosion of superheated steam below the ocean bottom, are all thought to be causes for earthquakes. The moon's pull on weakened areas of the earth's crust, similar to the moon's pull on the oceans that cause the rise and fall of the tides, is also thought by some to be a cause for slippage. Another explanation is that the slow cooling process of the earth's surface causes a shrinkage which gives rise to internal stresses that in time cause breaks and faults to occur, which in turn cause great earthshakings.

that the end of this present evil world was at hand. What do we find to be the case?

Only a partial listing of the earthquakes that have occurred since 1914 is here published.

YEAR	LOCATION	KILLED	PROPERTY DAMAGE
1914	Italy, Sicily	200	
1915	Italy, Avezzano	39,000	6 large cities razed
1917	Guatemala	2,500	
1918	Puerto Rico	100	$34,000,000 loss
1919	Italy, Mugello	100	
1919	Java	5,100	
1920	Mexico, Orizaba	3,000	
1920	China, Kansu	200,000	10 cities razed
1920	Argentina	150	
1923	Persia	4,600	6 towns destroyed
1923	Japan, Tokyo-Yokohama	142,807	$900,000,000 702,495 homes destroyed
1927	Japan, Kyoto	3,274	$7,000,000 loss
1927	Palestine	1,000	
1927	China, Kansu	100,000	4 cities destroyed
1928	Japan, Sapporo	400	
1928	Balkan Peninsula	100	275,000 homeless
1928	Dutch East Indies	1,200	
1929	Persia	2,000	700 buildings destroyed
1929	Italy, southern	1,475	
1929	Turkey	1,000	10,000 homeless
1930	Burma, Pegu	3,000	
1930	Persia	2,000	
1930	Italy, Naples	2,142	
1930	Siberia	500	
1931	Nicaragua, Managua	2,000	$70,000,000 loss
1931	New Zealand	232	
1932	China, Kansu	70,000	
1932	Greece	232	3,000 homes destroyed $2,200,000 loss
1933	California	130	$50,000,000 loss
1933	Japan, Honshu	1,536	
1934	India, Nepal	20,000	
1934	Mexico, Jalisco	9	200,000 homeless
1935	Persia, Mazanderan	486	
1935	Formosa	3,185	$28,000,000 loss
1935	Northern Iran	600	
1935	Persia	600	
1935	Turko-Russia	2,000	
1935	India, Quetta	60,000	
1939	Turkey, Erzingan	40,000	50,000 homes destroyed
1939	Peru	350	
1939	Chile, Chillan	30,000	700,000 homeless
1942	Ecuador, Guayaquil	100	
1945	India, Karachi	4,000	40,000 homeless
1946	Hawaii, Hilo	192	$20,000,000 loss
1946	Turkey	1,339	21 villages razed

Increased Frequency of Earthquakes

From time to time during the last nineteen hundred years there have been devastating earthquakes that killed many people, but at such times there were no indications that the time for the setting up of Christ's kingdom had come. However, beginning with 1914 the other "signs" that Jesus said would mark the time when He would take unto himself His great power as king began to occur in the earth. It would be reasonable to suppose that numerous earthquakes would also give their woeful testimony

In these forty-five major earthquakes more than 752,000 people have been counted killed and 423,000 injured, with property damage running over a billion dollars. The suffering and misery imposed upon the survivors is immeasurable. Add all of these facts to the 'wars, famines and pestilences' that have come upon the inhabitants of the earth since 1914 and one has an overwhelming abundance of evidence testifying to the fulfillment of Christ's prophecy recorded in the 24th chapter of Matthew, "And there shall be earthquakes."

Von Papen, Arch-Conspirator

"THAT von Papen! He always gets out of everything!" So said General Eisenhower with reference to Franz von Papen's acquittal in the War Crimes trials. Yes, von Papen had escaped scot-free. His career had been a checkered one since he was expelled from the United States in 1915 for plotting against Canada. It was he who in 1932 persuaded von Hindenburg to boost Adolf Hitler to power in Germany. Von Papen was made vice-chancellor in the Hitler cabinet the following year, January 30. He co-operated in, if he did not largely influence, the Nazi moves to increase their control over Germany. It was he who signed the Hitler-Vatican concordat, the present pope signing for the Vatican. Von Papen declared, in *Der Völkischer Beobachter*, January 14, 1934: "The Third Reich is the first power which not only recognizes, but which puts into practice the high principles of the Papacy." He should know, for he was, and still is, a papal knight. Strangely, on June 30, 1934, von Papen was among those taken into custody by the Hitlerian SS, and two of his associates were murdered in the purge of that year, but von Papen escaped, and was made minister to Austria a few days later.

The treacherous activities of von Papen in Austria culminated in betraying Schuschnigg into the hands of Hitler. With the assistance of Austria's vain foreign minister, Guido Smith, whom he won with flatteries, von Papen intrigued the Austrian chancellor to visit Hitler at Berchtesgaden. He worked on Schuschnigg's weakness, his sincere Catholicism, stressing the point that if he made peace with Hitler it would serve the cause of the Vatican. It did, at the cost of Austria. As Hitler's guest Schuschnigg was browbeaten, broken. The Anschluss was assured, thanks to von Papen's cunning.

With the dirty deed done, von Papen offered Hitler his resignation. It is possible that even he would find it difficult henceforth to face his victim. Or the offer of resignation may have been stage play. In any event, it was accepted. The following year, however, von Papen went to Ankara as ambassador to Turkey. With him went intrigue and treachery. In 1941 revolution broke out in Iraq. It was recalled that several Iraq ministers had consulted with von Papen.

In 1942 von Papen had another narrow escape when a bomb was aimed at him in the streets of Ankara. The leaders of the German-backed Turanian Fascist movement in Turkey were busy stirring up trouble, and were finally arrested. They were suspected of having received direct financial support from Germany, and attacks upon Germany in the press reached the point where von Papen made demands that they be halted.

In September "Satan in top hat", as von Papen has been called, was in Switzerland. Hitler's chief trouble-shooter, or troublemaker, had come to see Catholic politicians who were there in "exile". He also visited the Jesuit Friedrich Muckermann. At the same time Prince Maximilian Egon von Hohenlohe was reported as being in Portugal trying to work out something that would enable Germany to get out of the war with a whole skin, giving up everything but Austria, which would be retained to "strengthen Catholic influence in Germany". Germany might then continue to be the "sword of the church" as the pope had planned at the outset of the whole business. The war, however, ended disastrously for Germany and the Vatican.

"That von Papen! He always gets out of everything." The arch-conspirator escaped once more. In a front-page editorial *L'Humanite* (Paris) declared that von Papen was saved at Nuremberg by Vatican intervention.

Water and Spirit

SACRED Scripture uses water that cleanses to symbolize the word of God's truth. Note how Paul uses it so when he writes of a great mystery and says: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27) Paul further writes to the consecrated believers who are members of the church-body or "body of Christ" in these words: "We should approach with a true heart, in full conviction of faith, our hearts having been sprinkled from a consciousness of evil. The body, also having been bathed in pure water, we should firmly hold the confession of the hope, without declining."—Hebrews 10:22, 23, *The Emphatic Diaglott*.

This same apostle uses the word "regeneration" to mean "rebirth" or a being born again", which rebirth is necessary for a creature to see and enter the kingdom of God. So as to show the purifying power of the truth to that end, Paul writes: "But when the goodness and the philanthropy of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not on account of those works in righteousness which we did, but according to his own mercy, through the bath of regeneration, and a renovation of the holy spirit, which he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior; so that having been justified by his favor, we might become heirs according to a hope of aionian life." —Titus 3:4-7, *Diaglott*.

The heathen or pagans perform many ablutions or immersions in water, as, for example, in the water reservoirs attached to ancient Egyptian temples. But only the being washed with the truth and a being cleaned up by it prepares a person for the begetting by the spirit of God unto the kingdom of God. The disciple James writes to his Christian brethren: "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear [the truth], slow to speak, slow to wrath." (James 2:5; 1:18, 19) This close linking of the water of the word of truth with the begetting by God's spirit helps us to see why, prior to Jesus, no men from Abel down to John the Baptist were or could be begotten of the spirit to the kingdom of God. The reason why was that the word of truth explaining the great mystery of God's kingdom and showing the open privilege of entering into it with Messiah Christ had not been preached.

The anointed Jesus was the first one to preach such Kingdom truth and to invite men into the Kingdom, thereby engendering a hope of it in their hearts. "So great a salvation; which beginning to be spoken by the Lord, was confirmed for us by those who heard him; God coattesting both by signs and wonders and

various mighty works, and distributions of holy spirit, according to his will." (Hebrews 2:3, 4, *Diaglott*) "For out of his fulness we all received; even favor upon favor. For the law was given through Moses; the favor and THE TRUTH came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:16, 17, *Diaglott*) A person is begotten unto that for which he may hope. Without his knowledge first of the truth thereon it could not be so.

So it was that, when they had heard the truth concerning God and His purpose in Christ preached to them by Peter, then Cornelius and his fellow listeners were able to accept and believe the truth. They could not have exercised intelligent and well-founded faith without this basis of truth. That truth opened to them the door of knowledge and opportunity to God's kingdom; and on this occasion Peter was using the second of the "keys of the kingdom of heaven".

Having been rightly affected by the truth preached and having responded to it in a way that God approved, what happened to Cornelius and his fellows? "While Peter yet spake these words, the holy spirit fell on all them that heard the word. And they of the circumcision [the Jews] that believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the holy spirit. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." (Acts 10:44-46, *Am. Stan. Ver.*) Who will deny that Cornelius and fellow *Gentile believers were then and there* begotten of God and were born from above? No unbelieving onlooker could tell whence and whither the begetting was, but there was the evidence from God giving testimony to their being begotten of the spirit. What was that evidence? This: their being inspired to speak foreign languages and to magnify God in such languages.

It was first after this begettal of such Gentiles with the water of truth and with the spirit that the matter of literal water entered into the affair. "Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the holy spirit as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ." (Acts 10:46-48, *Am. Stan. Ver.*) From this it is manifest that, although the water baptism was not and should not be omitted but is commanded by Jesus Christ, yet it does not necessarily precede the faithful creature's being "born of water and of the spirit". It is further manifest that the term "water" in conjunction with "the spirit" does not mean literal water as for baptism. Instead, "water" symbolizes that which had to be preached to Cornelius and his fellow Gentiles before being begotten of the spirit, namely, the truth concerning Jehovah God and His purpose through Jesus Christ. Stated in other phrase, Jesus declared: "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God"; that is to say: 'Except a man be begotten of the truth and spirit, he cannot enter into God's kingdom of heaven.'—John 3:5.

Such likening of truth to clean water is not unusual in the Bible, as shown above in the first two paragraphs. Even Peter said years later to the Christians: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the *truth* through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a *pure* heart fervently." Then to show that the word of truth performs its part in the begetting of a believer to be a new creature in Christ, Peter added: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. . . . And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (1 Peter 1:22-25) This, then, is the way the requirement is met, namely, to be "born of water and of the spirit", and only such as meet this requirement will ever go to heaven at the resurrection from the dead.

Want More STEAKS and MILK?

SELECTIVE breeding is not a discovery of modern times, but dates back as far as man's history. In ancient times, when it was necessary to kill domestic animals the largest, speediest and most beautiful were spared. Man had no scientific instruments with which to measure the exact difference between his animals, but his intelligence and observation told him that the strongest and best animals produced the best offspring.

On this *Encyclopedia Americana* says:

> There is no question that selective breeding was understood in a practical way at the dawn of history. It is most strikingly manifested in the care taken in ancient as in modern times in southwestern Asia, and in northern Africa, to keep pure and perfect the standard breeds of horses and camels. Little progress was made in Europe in this direction, for various reasons, previous to or during the Middle Ages.

The "various reasons" were those imposed upon the people by the rule of the papacy, whose policy was to keep all knowledge, even that concerning the proper breeding of animals, in the hands of the clergy. Here, then, is more evidence why that period of European history is so correctly called the "Dark Ages".

By the middle of the eighteenth century the matter of breeding cattle along scientific lines was begun in England by a Robert Bakewell, and what is known as "breeding by points" is based upon his early work. A male and a female may excel in certain qualities or points but not all of their offspring will have the same amount of these qualities; some will be gifted more than others. This is the law of heredity. However, by selecting the best of each succeeding generation and mating them together it is possible to increase the good qualities and eliminate the undesirable ones.

For illustration, in a herd of cows some have "A" and some have "B" qualities. If cattle having A qualities are mated with cattle having B qualities, then a balance is restored in the next generation, but if A is matched with A then the offspring will have a superabundance of A and a deficiency in B.

It must be remembered, however, that a thoughtful Creator provided for this to be carried only so far. After that, undesirable results are attained. This was demonstrated in the middle of the nineteenth century by two men, Bates and Booth, of Yorkshire, England. By their excessive inbreeding to attain extravagant strains practical points were endangered and weakened. It took the work of men like the Cruickshanks, Duthie and Willis of Scotland and England to restore the constitutional vigor of the breeds. It is one thing to produce an artificial type of animal; it is quite a different thing to make it strong, useful and valuable for future breeding. More than a slide-rule science, cattle-breeding is an art.

The advantages of good breeding are numerous. If a cow produces only 100 pounds of butterfat a year she eats just as much, and it costs as much to keep her, as a cow that produces 300 or 400 pounds a year. Actual records show that if a cow's production of fat could be increased four times the net income which

she would bring to the farmer would increase ten times over and above operating costs. Breeding is far more important than feed and care in raising the milk and fat production of a herd.

There are three general types of cattle: beef, dairy, and dnal-purpose cattle. Among the outstanding breeds of beef cattle are the Shorthorn, Hereford, Aberdeen-Angus and Galloway. In breeding these, emphasis is placed entirely on meat production, and fine results have been obtained. Until recently the highest price ever paid for a bull was for a Hereford, $51,000. The new record price of $61,335 was paid by a Kansas breeder for "the best Shorthorn in all Scotland". The same breeder also paid the top price of $21,000 for an Aberdeen-Angus heifer.

Notwithstanding these record prices paid to improve and strengthen beef herds, dairy cattle are more important than the beef type. In 1930 milch cows in the United States averaged $83.40, to compare with $40.70 for other types. Or from another viewpoint: for every 100 pounds of digestible matter eaten a dairy cow that produces 139 pounds of milk gives actually 18 pounds of edible solids, to compare with a dressed steer which yields only 8.3 pounds of marketable material of which only 2.8 pounds are edible.

The outstanding breeds of dairy cattle are Jersey, Guernsey, Ayrshire and Holstein-Friesian. A comparison of the average milk and butterfat produced by these four breeds is very interesting. The figures are for the better breeds in each instance.

	Weight of Cow (lbs.)	Annual Milk (lbs.)	Butterfat
Jersey	850-900	7,500	4.5-5.0 %
Guernsey	1,500	8,500	5.0 %
Ayrshire	1,100		3.5-3.75 %
Holstein-Friesian	1,250-1,400	15,000	3.0-3.5 %

To show what can be accomplished by special breeding with pedigree stock the following records of prize cows in each of the four groups may be compared with the above figures. Passport 219742, Jersey, milk, 19,695 pounds; Sophie 19th 189748, Jersey, fat, 999.14 pounds; Murne Cowan 19597, Guernsey, fat, 1,098 pounds; Lily of Willowmoor 22269, Ayrshire, fat, 955.56 pounds; Lutseke Vale Cornucopia 110505, Holstein-Friesian, milk, 31,247 pounds; Duchess Skylark Ormsby, Holstein-Friesian, fat, 1,205 pounds.

From these figures it is evident why there has been so much interest and activity in building up the pedigree of Holstein-Friesian herds throughout the dairy belt of America. The New York Holstein-Friesian *News* of September, 1946, tells of the marvelous results obtained in one herd. It says:

Kingdom Farm Association is a newcomer to the purebred industry, but its carefully selected herd already stands third for production in New York's DHIA [Dairy Herd Improvement Association]. In 1945, 35 cows produced an average of 554 lbs. fat and 15,264 lbs. milk, 3.62% test on 3X milking. [Less than 5 percent of the 26,000,000 milk cows in the United States produce more than 8,000 lbs. milk a year.]

The farm is located at South Lansing, a few miles north of Ithaca, and is owned by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, Inc. . . . The Kingdom Farm Association was organized solely to supply the Society's workers and students with dairy products.

Dairy operations were begun about ten years ago, but only within the past two and a half years has the management worked vigorously to establish an excellent herd of purebreds. In this short time not only has the herd made an unusually high record, it has been classified for type with a score of 84.3. . . .

The management attributes the high average to selection and good care; and unless a cow can make 500 lbs. of fat in a year she is judged unworthy of a stall in the barn. [Sketch shows the barn at Kingdom Farm.]

Here again is emphasized the importance of good pedigree, and farmers who are awake and progressive will give attention to the breeding of their cattle.

One Divorce for Every Three Marriages

AMERICA boasts the highest divorce bill in the world. One out of three American marriages today crashes.

The divorce rate rose to the appalling number of 31 divorces for every 100 marriages during World War II. In 1945 there were 502,000 divorces.

The outlook for the postwar period indicates no immediate letdown. Chicago, which last year broke all records with 15,184 divorces, had already reported a 21-percent increase over that during the first five months of 1946. The divorce rate in Oregon in 1945 rose 110 percent over 1944.

Actors, traveling salesmen and bartenders are the most divorced men. Women college graduates are four times as unlikely to make successful marriages as men graduates.

The first year of marriage accounts for the greatest number of crack-ups. However, there are enough couples with children divorcing to lead one juvenile judge, after a study of 188 cities, to conclude that broken homes are responsible for 80 to 90 percent of all juvenile delinquency.

The American divorce rate is rising at such a pace that, not counting the war booms, if the present state of things still stands, by 1965 one-half of all marriages will be doomed for divorce. People are beginning to grow afraid the more they realize that such social depravity cannot be charged merely to war conditions. The fact that humanity has grown callous and lacking in natural affection simply adds up to one of the signs of the times in which we live.—2 Timothy 3:1-5.

Peter the Hermit, Typical Rabble-Rouser

"His stature was small, his appearance contemptible; but his eye was keen and lively; and he possessed that vehemence of speech, which seldom fails to impart the persuasion of the soul. He was born of a gentleman's family (for we must now adopt a modern idiom), and his military service was under the neighboring counts of Boulogne, the heroes of the first crusade. But he soon relinquished the sword and the world; and if it be true, that his wife, however noble, was aged and ugly, he might withdraw, with the less reluctance, from her bed to a convent, and at length to a hermitage. In this austere solitude, his body was emaciated, his fancy was inflamed; whatever he wished, he believed; whatever he believed, he *saw* in dreams and revelations. From Jerusalem the pilgrim returned an accomplished fanatic; but as he excelled in the popular madness of the times, Pope Urban the Second received him as a prophet, applauded his glorious design, promised to support it in a general council, and encouraged him to proclaim the deliverance of the Holy Land. Invigorated by the approbation of the pontiff, his zealous missionary traversed, with speed and success, the provinces of Italy and France. . . . When he painted the sufferings of the natives and pilgrims of Palestine, every heart was melted to compassion; every breast glowed with indignation, when he challenged the warriors of the age to defend their brethren, and rescue their Savior: his ignorance of art and language was compensated by sighs, and tears, and ejaculations; and Peter supplied the deficiency of reason by loud and frequent appeals to Christ and his mother, to the saints and angels of paradise, with whom he had personally conversed."—Edward Gibbons, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, vol. 5, pages 14,15.

"The Prince of Peace"

Gladdens Many Nations

IS THERE any sign or evidence today that the United Nations are making the people of the earth glad? Or is there any indication that such organization in the future will make the multitudes rejoice? No, there is none whatsoever. The comparatively few people today whose hearts are jubilant are those who have been made glad by the Prince of Peace, the King of The Theocratic Government, Christ Jesus.

At Cleveland, Ohio, August 4-11, 1946, there were gathered together some of these happy people, known as Jehovah's witnesses, from 30 or more nations. On the last day of that Glad Nations Theocratic Assembly 80,000 were present to hear the talk "The Prince of Peace". These then dispersed to their homelands, where echoed and re-echoed the many gladdening things that they had learned. Just listen, as these reports are read from other lands.

In the British Isles during four days, September 12-15, many thousands assembled at Bristol, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Stoke-on-Trent, where they learned of the many wonderful things told at Cleveland. From Bristol the first reverberation of their joy flashed out in cablegram form: "6,015 conventioners assembled Bristol send greetings and love. Thrilled with new releases and welcome you next year. Meantime express determination to fearlessly uphold Prince of Peace." Reports that followed went into greater detail.

As one approached the outskirts of Bristol, a city of 425,000 population, it was observed that a large "canvas city" of tents had been spread out over 28 acres (depicted in the artist's sketch below). It was self-contained and complete with water supply, electric light, telephone kiosk, public-address system, field kitchen, etc. In all of this there was such a similarity between the Bristol "tent city" and the great "trailer camp" at Cleveland. It was like a miniature model with its 759 inhabitants compared with Cleveland's with its 20,000 dwellers. And, like Cleveland, not all the witnesses that came to Bristol were housed in the canvas city; the majority of them, nearly 4,700, stayed in the homes of good-will people, and this meant that many pioneers for weeks prior to the Assembly were busy canvassing the city for rooming accommodations. There is a housing shortage in England as well as in America.

But this canvas city had something the trailer camp at Cleveland did not possess: the convention assembly-places. There was a central tent, a "big top" of mammoth proportions; and linked by

sound amplifiers to it were half a dozen marquees for overflow audiences. Hence the camp was not only a canvas city but also a gladsome convention city.

One who was there writes about the cafeteria: "The catering arrangement was very well carried on, I thought, and I heard many praising it. First the queue for the tickets, then into the eats. Talking of queues, what a contrast between those at this assembly and the everyday ones in old-world routine. I noticed a complete absence of grumbling, cursing and general irritability—symtoms of the restlessness of the 'sea' in this world's last days. (Luke 21:25) Instead, there was a line of glad faces in this convention queue; and eager voices discussed the lectures of the day, and the grand new equipment provided for future activity in Kingdom preaching."

The greatest similarity with the Cleveland Assembly, however, was in the program and the "releases" that they mentioned. The textbook "*Equipped for Every Good Work*" and its companion book, "*Let God Be True*", were surprises that brought great joy to the witnesses of that country. For six years during the war they had only heard of the new releases at their assemblies, but now it was possible for them to get one personally. And, as if not enough for these release-hungry witnesses, they also received the new Song Book and were told about this new magazine, *Awake!*

A cablegram from Edinburgh told how they also had a similar assembly of gladness. "Joyful greetings from 3,000 glad publishers Edinburgh assembly grateful to Jehovah and organization for further equipment. Eagerly anticipating your next visit." They too received the new "releases", and when the lecture on "The Prince of Peace" was given on Sunday 200 were turned away because Ushers Hall was too small.

Another cablegram reads: "Greetings 2,000 Birmingham glad feasters. Thrilled with all releases. Grateful Jehovah's bountiful provisions. Await national convention."

And from Stoke-on-Trent came the word: "Glad Nations Assembly at Stoke send greetings. Thrilled with new releases. Wholeheartedly with you in expansion and reconstruction." Three thousand were thrilled with the lecture "The Prince of Peace", given in Victoria Hall, with three other halls tied in by wire.

All together there were 15,600 in the British Isles that were made glad by the lecture "The Prince of Peace". By being baptized 448 showed their determination to henceforth follow the Prince of Peace.

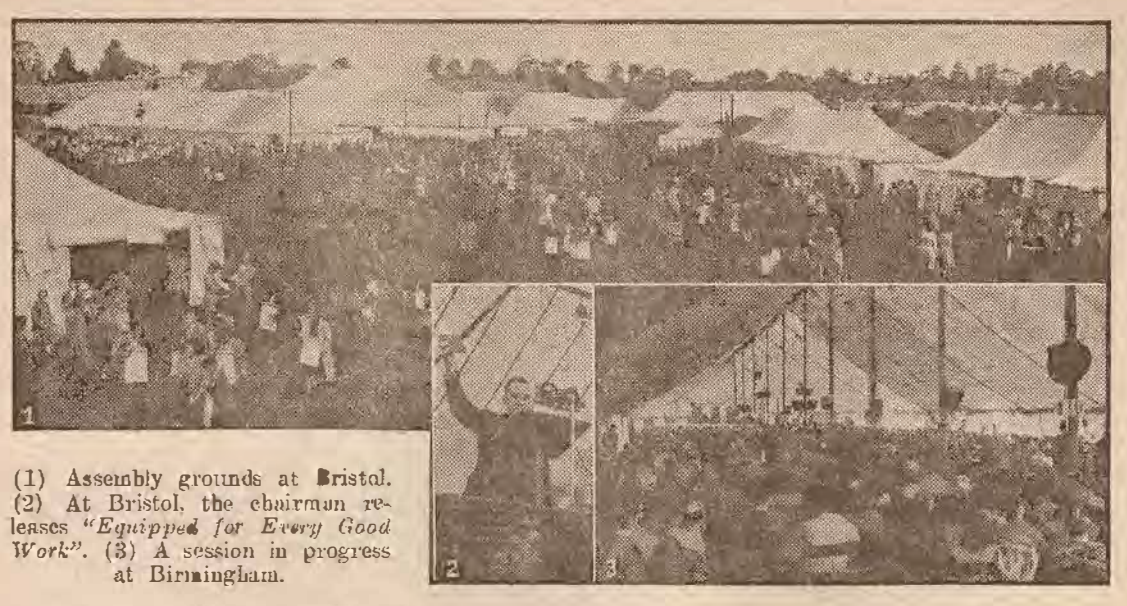
Joy over Europe

Imagine what rejoicing there was in countries like the Netherlands, Poland and Finland, which were under totalitarian rule for so long, when they too were privileged to hear the gladdening message of "The Prince of Peace". Finland wrote that 2,400 witnesses attended sessions, but that attendance rose to 5,600 for the public lecture on "The Prince of Peace". There were 146 immersed.

From Poland comes the report that 5,320 of Jehovah's witnesses assembled in Katowice, Upper Silesia, on September 22, 1946, in the biggest Theocratic convention ever held in that country. The Cleveland *Messenger* report reached there by air mail in time for them to prepare a similar table of fat things for the Lord's people in that land.

In Stockholm, Sweden, 1,823 witnesses attended the convention there. At the public meeting there were 3,070. The Oslo, Norway, assembly increased from 594 regular session attendance to 1,574 for the public meeting.

Switzerland stood out like an island in the midst of Europe as the raging torrent of World War II swirled around its borders. It was only reasonable to expect that good-will people from surrounding countries would gather in Zurich when they learned that there was to be a Glad Nations Assembly there. And so it was;



(1) Assembly grounds at Bristol. (2) At Bristol, the chairman releases *"Equipped for Every Good Work"*. (3) A session in progress at Birmingham.

there were representatives there from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Italy, France, Alsace, Netherlands, Luxembourg, and even the United States and Japan. A total of 3,105 packed out the Convention Hall in the House of Arts.

For the year 1939-40 there were 443 publishers of the Kingdom reporting in the Netherlands, and when Hitler's forces marched in this handful had to go underground to carry on their proclamation work. After the war, when they emerged and held their first convention there were 4,000 present. That was in 1945. A year later this thrilling cablegram was received: "Wonderful two-day convention The Hague. More than 7,000 attendance, 525 baptized. Theocratic love and greetings."

Gladness to the South

Many of the 80,000 that were at Cleveland have since gone to the south, some to the Caribbean area, some to Central America, some to South America. With them they have taken the joy and enthusiasm that was so manifest at Cleveland; they have relayed the message "The Prince of Peace" to many thousands of good-will people. The Society arranged for its representatives to attend several conventions in Mexico and Central America, where they could tell the Spanish-speaking people in their own language what Jehovah had done for His people at Cleveland.

In Mexico there were three assemblies, held at Monterrey, Mazatlan and Mexico city, with a total attendance of 2,906. There were 174 baptized. When these assemblies were shown the releases in English and were told of their contents, and anticipating that in time they might have them in Spanish, they rejoiced greatly at the bountiful provisions of Jehovah. But when the *Concordancia de la Santa Biblia* was announced!—well, let one who was there tell about it: "The joy of the brethren surpassed anything we could ever have expected, and the enthusiasm they displayed beat anything seen at former conventions."

This same fire of enthusiasm swept on down through Central America and ignited the zeal of Jehovah's witnesses in those countries also. They manifested

the same determination as expressed at Cleveland, and resolved that they would have nothing to do with any human scheme with a UN label on it, for such can never bring peace and prosperity. Instead these assemblies throughout Central America, like the other assemblies in other countries, declared that their only hope was in the Prince of Peace and His Theocratic government.

The interest shown by the oppressed people of these Latin countries in the lecture "The Prince of Peace" is apparent from the figures of attendance. In British Honduras the peak attendance at the regular sessions was 47, but when the lecture was given on "The Prince of Peace" 160 were in attendance. Similarly, in San Salvador, where there were 32 publishers reporting for the month of September, there were 250 out to hear about the Peace-giving Prince. In Guatemala 186 attended.

South American reports are beginning to come in, and the first from British Guiana tells of the same joyful response of the people as manifested in other countries. The largest attendance at any of the regular sessions was 165, but how many do you think came to hear the lecture "The Prince of Peace"? 541! The 69 publishers who engaged in the first "sandwich" march the startled populace of Georgetown ever saw were well satisfied with the results. Ten were immersed.

Thus we see that in the assemblies so far reported some 118,000 have heard the convincing talk "The Prince of Peace", and they have hailed him as earth's rightful ruler. Many other countries are yet to be heard from, and, no doubt, many, many more thousands will hear this talk from the public platform. And now, with the announcement that the speech is available in booklet form, millions more will read it, and reading it they too will be made glad by Jehovah God's Prince of Peace, Christ Jesus.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men"

How that has been heralded abroad! But has the heralding ever brought peace? Has it relieved oppression? Has it lessened the pangs of hunger? Has it cheered those bereft of the millions dead from the recent war? From all over the world comes a thunderous No!

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United Nations Assembly

◈ When the United Nations Assembly opened at Flushing Meadow in the city of New York on October 23, the term "united" was soon to appear a misnomer, for the nations assembled quickly revealed a fundamental division. However, the opening stages of the gathering were fairly smooth. The 510 representatives from the 51 member nations, composed of five delegates and five alternates from each, gathered in the appointed hall. The entrance was decorated with the flags of the fifty-one nations and within the president's dais was backed by a huge map of the world, without national boundary lines. The president of the Assembly was Paul-Henri Spaak, of Belgium. He entered at 4:10 p.m. accompanied by President Truman and opened the sessions of the Assembly with a brief speech, after which the president of the United States addressed the gathering. He stressed America's role for peace and support of the United Nations; the present 'needless' fear of war; the importance of agreement on the peace settlements; the proper use of veto and majority rules, and finally the need of international controls of atomic energy and removal of the fear of other weapons of mass destruction. The Assembly felt it had gotten off to a good start.

But there were weighty problems before the delegates for decision. Among them were such vexatious questions as the use and abuse of the veto power, which Russia did not even want discussed, but finally consented to have placed on the agenda. Then there was the problem of the atom bomb, which hangs over the world as the sword of Damocles. Another thorn in the sides of the United Nations was Franco Spain. With regard to this last irritation, Trygve Lie, secretary general, said, "It is . . . my hope that those who gave us victory and peace may also find ways and means by which liberty and democratic government may be restored in Spain."

During the hundreds of sessions to follow these questions would be discussed at length.

Molotov Bombshell

◈ Early in the course of the United Nations assemblies the Russian delegate, V. M. Molotov, tossed a bombshell into the gathering by a proposal for disarmament which, somehow, bristled with apparent animosity, chiefly directed at the United States. Nor was the proposal accompanied by the statement that the nations should submit to inspection to see that disarmament was actually being carried out. Such inspection has always been opposed by the Soviet. The main object of Mr. Molotov's concern, however, was the atomic bomb, and he proposed a plan to outlaw the weapon and destroy the stock on hand. Mr. Baruch, of the United States, who had previously submitted a plan for atomic control, said that the Russian plan was acceptable, or would be, if provisions for compulsion were added, so that it would not remain merely a statement "of pious intent". There must be, according to Mr. Baruch, an arrangement to see that every nation carried out the agreement. Final conclusions were still a long way off.

Pope Appeals to Laity

◈ As the United Nations assembled in New York a conclave of Catholic dignitaries met in Boston. It was the National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The pope addressed them by radio, and stressed among other things the fact that the weakness and ignorance of its own people perilled the Roman Catholic organization. Said he: "The laity must lend their valiant co-operation and deem it their sacred duty to equip themselves so that they may be able to explain at least simple catechisms to their inquiring children." It seems almost as if the pope had heard of the Glad Nations Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses at Cleveland, Ohio, this year, and of some of the things there considered.

Communists Attend Mass

◈ "Reds Attend Mass," said the papers, but it was not a "red mass" they attended. The "red mass" is reserved for members of the legal profession. However, the Communists, or their representatives, did attend "mass", believe it or not. They came in response to a special invitation from St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. Similar invitations had been addressed to representatives of the other fifty nations at the United Nations Assembly. It caused somewhat

of a stir when the "Reds" actually came, i.e., N. V. Novikov, the Russian ambassador, and Andrei V. Vishinsky, vice foreign minister. After the performance they were greeted at the door by assistants of Cardinal Spellman, who officiated in the absence of the cardinal. Meanwhile the cardinal himself has warned the U.S. on Communism in another anti-Communist article, appearing this time in *Cosmopolitan* Magazine. Said Spellman, "Every Communist is a potential enemy of the United States and only the batblind can fail to be aware of the Communist invasion of our country." Viewed in the light of the cardinal's attitude his invitation to the Communists to attend his cathedral is noteworthy.

"We Won't Pay It"

◆ The last two weeks of October witnessed decontrol of numerous commodities, following the removal of controls from meats, which prepared the way. Meat prices went sky-high, and American housewives began to assert themselves in refusing to pay the exorbitant and unnecessary increases. The Price Decontrol Board reduced its staff. Meat production went up to an all-time high, reaching a total of 484,000,000 pounds in the first full week without curbs. Prices dropped slightly as the public began to register resistance. There apparently was no danger they would drop very much.

End of U. S. Maritime Strike

◈ The complicated maritime strike and the resulting tie-up of shipping broke when a two-coast referendum (Atlantic and Gulf), resulted in the unions' backing a pact with operators in a four to one vote. The unions won 15-percent pay increases and increases in overtime to $1.60 an hour, and other concessions.

Locomotive for Furnace

◈ After doing without heat and hot water for weeks workers in the Federal Building of Pittsburgh, paralyzed by the power strike, obtained relief when a locomotive was connected with the heating system. The 27-day power strike ended on October 28.

Elections in Europe

◈ German elections in Berlin and other regions revealed an anti-Russian trend in October. Berlin's vote of 1,945,981 gave but a fifth of the total vote to the Socialist Unity party, backed by the Soviets. The Social Democratic party polled almost fifty percent of the total, while the Christian Democratic Union took 22 percent. The Liberal Democrats came last, with 9 percent.

In Bulgaria the Communists were far in the lead, in the national assembly elections. The *Soviet Union had rejected* a United States request that the three-power Allied Control Commission take measures to guarantee free balloting in these elections, which took place on October 27. As 4,000,000 votes prepared to name the first Republican government in the history of the country, Geirgo Dimitrow, head of the central committee of the Bulgarian Communist party and leader of the Fatherland Front bloc warned opposition parties not to vote against the coalition. He said such a vote would be traitorous, adding, "It is worth reminding them of Drahn Milchailovitch's fate."

In Rumania the government was accused of following a program that would prevent a free and fair election November 19, by "intimidation of individuals" and by other means. The accusation came from the State Department of the United States. Britain sent a similar communication.

Unpopular Franco

◈ As Bishop Gregonio Modrego Casaus, of Barcelona, Spain, arrived by plane to attend the Boston Conference of Roman Catholic clergy, insistent demands were being made upon the United Nations at New York to take action with regard to Franco Spain. A cable sent to the security council in the name of 400,000 Bulgarian trade unionists demanded sanctions against Franco's government, stating there could be no security in the world as long as he imposed his rule on Spain. Spanish exiles, too, urged the United Nations to act against Franco. The Socialist foreign minister of Italy, Pietro Nenni, was called upon in hundreds of telegrams to sever relations with Generalissimo Franco immediately. In an effort to open action on Spain in the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Polish representative, backed by Molotov, moved to drop the deadlocked Franco case from the agenda, in order that it might be possible to bring it up in another form. Those who continue in defense of Franco place themselves in exceedingly bad company.

The Queen Elizabeth

◈ The Queen Elizabeth, the world's largest liner, made its maiden crossing of the Atlantic as a passenger ship, leaving Southampton October 16. The 83,673-ton boat was turned into a troopship at the beginning of the war, carrying a total of 811,324 members of the armed forces during the six years. It carried a total of 2,249 travelers on its initial passenger crossing, among them delegates to the United Nations Assembly.

International Jurists

◈ The formation of an International Association of Jurists to promote international law and defend civil liberties was approved October 26 by a resolution passed by the International Jurists Congress at Paris. Suggestion that such an association be organized came from Martin Popper, of the U. S. National Lawyers Guild. The resolution provides that the seat of the association is to be in Paris and another secretariat in New York.

Preparing for Depression

◆ Britain plans to be ready in the event of a threat of depression. The plans include blueprints of projects in the way of buildings, railways, forests, ports, airfields, parks and industrial plants. Herbert Morrison, lord president of the council, said, "Full employment is not enough. We must also secure a greater output of goods and services all around if we are to have a decent standard of life."

Truce in Indonesia

◈ Sutan Sjahiir, premier of the unrecognized Republic of Indonesia, shook hands with Prof. Willem Schermerhorn, chairman of the Dutch Commission-General, after agreement to a truce at a meeting in Batavia. Nevertheless, the merchants of Amsterdam, who for three hundred years have acquired personal fortunes and wealth for the Netherlands from the rich trade with the East Indies, were not altogether at ease about the approaching settlement. Fifteen percent of the national income of the Netherlands was derived from Indonesia in the past.

About the same time (October 28) the Dutch army made its first entry into Sumatra, with its rich oil and ruhber areas. These troops came to take the place of British Indian troops, who are leaving. The change-over was the first test of the truce between the Dutch and the Indonesians. The Dutch troops will protect important refineries and other installations, including the Standard Vacuum Oil Company's $1,000,000 establishment at Palembang.

Jews in the News

◆ The desperation of the Jews in seeking some solution of their age-long problem continues to keep them in the news.

President Truman in recent weeks addressed urgent entreaties to both the United Kingdom and the king of Saudi Arabia that 100,000 Jewish refugees be admitted into Palestine, which the Zionists seek to obtain as a national home.

Arthur H. Sulzherger, publisher of the New York *Times*, urged that the Zionist policy of putting statehood of Palestine for themselves first and refuge for Jews second be reversed.

An effort in the opposite direction appeared in a paid advertisement in the *Times* from the "Political Action Committee for Palestine" which is urgent in pressing "the recognition by the United Nations of European and Palestinian Jewry as an ethno-political entity". Such Jews would then give up their citizenship in other lands. The problem would continue in some form.

Meanwhile Jewish terrorists in Palestine continue their violence and lawlessness in attacks upon British officials and public utilities. They are condemned by some of the more moderate Jews, who realize that the weapon of violence may at any moment he employed against the Jews by the more numerous Arabs, and the Jews would be without defense.

Double Trouble in India

◈ Religious riots swept the Noakhali district of Bengal about the middle of October. They were even worse than the earlier Calcutta riots in which 5,000 were killed. Looting, arson, desecration of religious shrines and killiugs followed one another in an unprecedented upsurge of religious enthusiasm. Ten thousand villagers were reported to have been forcibly converted from Hinduism and made to eat forbidden food. Small villages were burned, including the inhabitants. The disturbances spread over an area of 200 square miles. When the Moslems get religiously worked up the results are harrowing. Even the pundit Jawaharlal, chief minister of India's interim government, was attacked and wounded, though not seriously. His party was showered with cow dung. Both be and the leader of the Moslem League, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, had long interviews with Lord Wavell at New Delhi, at different times. Gandhi's railway car was stoned, but he was unhurt.

A renewed outbreak of violence at Calcutta took place in late October. Thirty fires were started and transportation was paralyzed. India's government assembly, however, opened without disturbance on October 28 and the delegates managed to maintain pulite relations, though representing the strongly antagonistic Hindus and Moslems.

Kuomintang and Communists

◆ The Kuomintang (Central Government) and the Communists of China continued at variance and negotations made no progress. October 16 the latest effort toward breaking the deadlock was made by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He proposed an immediate truce and a discussion between the rival factions on the subject of reorganizing the government and the armies of the opposing groups to bring them together. He submitted an eight-point peace bid, which included: (1) Restoration of communications; (2) settling of disagreements; (3) redisposition of troops in Manchuria according to a fixed schedule; (4) government and Communist troops to continue as at present until agreement for redistribution is reached; (5) decisions by the steering committee of the multi-party Political Consultative Conference to confirm understanding reached by the five-man committee headed by Dr. Stuart; (6) questions of local government, excluding Manchuria, to be settled by the newly organized State Council; (7) the Constitutional Draft Committee to be convened at once and submit a draft to the National Assembly; (8) the Communist party to participate in the National Assembly by delegates.

The Communist Central Executive Committee rejected the peace offer.

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