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Happened in Massachusetts



Lady gets off train at nightfall at a little railway station in Massachusetts, asks how she can get on to her further destination, and trainman tells her the last bus has gone and she cannot go on till the next day. Lady, disturbed, asks, "But where will I spend the night? I can't sleep on the ground." Trainman replies, "Oh, that is all right; you can sleep with the station agent." Lady responds, "What? What do you take me for? I am a lady"; and trainman finishes conversation with the information, "So is the station agent."

Positive Identification

It was just about midnight while the "Twentieth Century Limited" was speeding through the country that an absent-minded college professor left his berth in the sleeper to get a drink of ice water. Returning, he was hopelessly lost in trying to find his berth.

"Don't you remember the number of your berth?" asked the conductor.

"I'm—er—afraid not," was the reply.

"Well, haven't you any idea where it was?"

"Why, uh—oh, yes, to be sure." The professor brightened perceptibly. "I did notice one time this afternoon that the window looked out upon a little lake!"—*Labor*.

The Day of Finer Feeling

"In heathen tribes, where skulls were thick, did primal passions rage;

They had a system sure and quick to cure the blight of age.

When one grew old and youth had fled, and time had sapped his vim

They simply popped him on the head—which was the last of him.

But now, in our enlightened age, we're made of finer stuff,

And so we look with righteous rage on means so crude and rough.

So when our men grow old and gray and bent and short of breath,

We simply take their jobs away and let them starve to death."—*London (Ont.) News*.

Looking the Other Way

The Statue of Liberty, very appropriately, has her back to Jersey City.

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

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Burma and the Burmese



BURMA, the land of golden pagodas (temples) and perpetual spring, has always been counted as part of India, but from April, 1937, it was politically separated from India. The population totals about 15,000,000, and is a mixed one, consisting of well-to-do Europeans, Burmans, Indians of assorted castes and creeds, Chinese, Karens, Shans, Kachins, Chins, Palaungs, Arakanese, Jews and Japanese, a regular Babel of castes, creeds and dialects. Such is the East!

The European is enjoying Edenic conditions; hence it is hard to approach him. Generally speaking, he is snobbish. The Indian dreams of national independence and hates western control. Often we are told very insultingly, "We Indians do not need Christianity; we practice it. Go preach to the western nations!" Such acts as the conquest of Abyssinia, the war in Spain, etc., are often pitched against "Christendom", and properly so. After the political, financial and ecclesiastical conspiracy against democracy as manifested at Munich, who could have any confidence in "Christendom's" rulers?

The Buddhist Burmese are not lovers of reading. They are people for fun and frolic and feasting. Their festivals are full of enjoyment and feasting. One of such, the water festival, is an occasion when all Buddhist Burmans crowd the street in cars or on the sidewalks and throw water at one another. They seldom hesitate to give those other than

Burmans a share of the dousing. For three days they rage wild in the streets as the waves did in Jonah's case.

Another very popular festival is the "light" festival. At this time paper lanterns are lighted around Buddhist homes, hung in rows and in various shapes and designs, which at night turns the whole town into a panorama. Huge paper balloons are sent up, too, and the belief is that the home whose balloon reaches the sky will

enjoy prosperity during the ensuing year, the contrary being the case if it gets burnt.

A great deal of dancing goes on by dancers possessed at the moment by "gnats"—spirits. But their greatest enjoyment at this feast is in being able to talk to their females in obscene language, without anyone's taking offense; all of them love it so. One of the most sickening aspects

of humanity is the glee with which it moves gutterward and drags its fellows along.

I was told that some time ago the deputy commissioner of a certain town, who 'did not believe in people being possessed', had the privilege, during the feast, of seeing his own wife, with whom he went to see the celebrations, possessed and dancing with the rest. It was indeed very humiliating to the Englishman.

Burmese women are experts at witchcraft. Often when they fall seriously ill they make a vow promising to marry the "gnat" if they get cured. This they are known to do. At certain times the spirits get possession of their bodies and the females behave just as with a



Tough-looking god in Rangoon

human husband, even conversing and preparing food for the invisible hubby. The final end of all such victims is usually disastrous.

In every Buddhist home one sees an altar in which is placed a bronze statue of Buddha. Around the altar little saucers of rice, fruit, etc., are placed as an offering to the spirits, lest they become annoyed and bring misfortune upon the household. Recently I was called to a rich Chinese home, to treat an old man. As I entered the drawing-room, I saw a large table on which were a number of plates containing rice and fruits of different varieties. Quite thoughtlessly I said, "Since your breakfast is ready, I'll wait." "No, no, come in," said they. "This is only an offering."

The Buddhist monks, Apongyis, dressed in yellow robes, and with heads shaved, every morning in numbers, and in single file, march along to the various Buddhist homes. At each home some eatables are put into the large bowls they carry with them. That's all their work for the day. They are not supposed to eat after noon. You in America can see plainly that this is a racket, but we here can see that your religious rackets in America, though less crude, are more cruel.

The older monks among them are greatly revered. They indulge in spiritism and fortune-telling and in selling charms. A friend who was staying at a Burmese home while out for a shoot was told that the charm around the neck of his host was to protect him from murder. He even challenged his guest to shoot at him, so great a faith had he in it. My friend, of course, had brains enough not to comply

with such a request, but in order to prove to the man how foolish he was, he asked him to hang the charm around the neck of a rooster, and it was done. He fired, and the rooster was dead. Were they not amazed! Not only that, but very wroth with the old monk who had sold them the charm. When they next met, the monk cleverly appeased the anger by inducing him to believe that it was intended to protect him and none other; no, sir, not even his wife.

To this country belong the Kamalays (maidens) with the elongated necks, which are thus made by means of rings, which are added around their necks year by year. It is a common thing to see little children and girls with "salaes" (cigars) eight inches long and about an inch in diameter, made from special leaves and pith, with very little tobacco added, sticking out of their mouths.

Another widespread habit among the natives is to chew a leaf

(betel leaf) on which they spread a little live lime, "cutch," and bits of a certain nut. The result is that their mouths are stained a dark red on account of the "cutch". This chewing naturally accumulates a lot of spittle in their mouths, which they do not swallow, but spit just wherever they are. One hardly finds a stairway or street pavement that does not bear red patches. It is nauseating, I assure you, but in time one has to get accustomed to all this.

It helps one to bear it when he reflects how patiently Jesus bore with the fallen and degraded all about Him nineteen centuries ago.

Passing by the streets, in the heart of the
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A maid of Burma



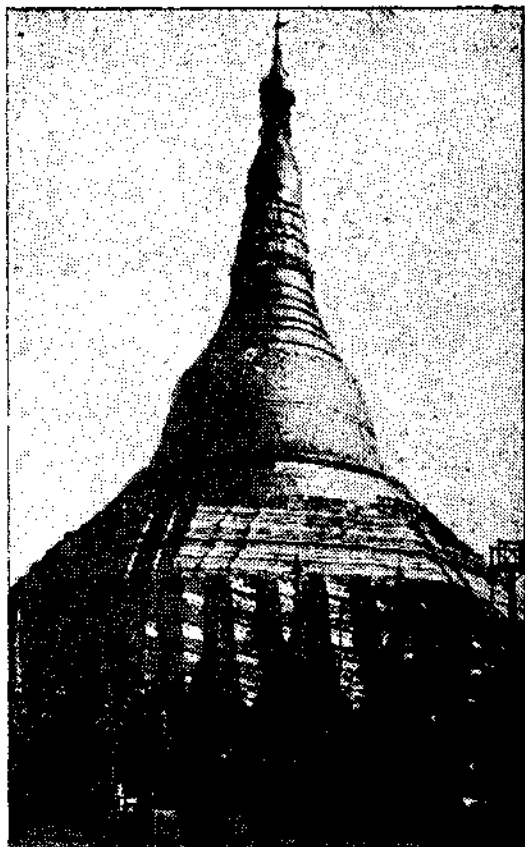
A Buddhist god in Burma

town at eventide in dry weather, one sees numbers of Indian coolies sleeping upon the pavements. That is their bedroom and bed. It is most amazing how some of them can subsist on four or five annas (about 9 cents) a day for food, etc.

It is very interesting to hear the many and peculiar ways English words are pronounced.

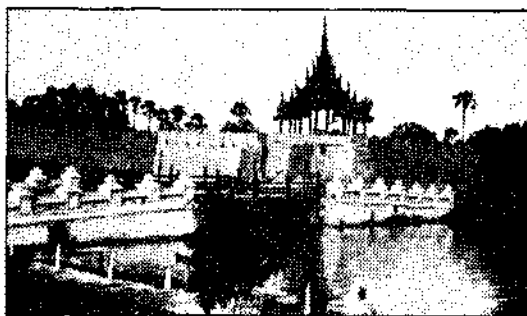


Kami girls, Arakan tribes



Shwe Dagon pagoda, Rangoon

In Rangoon it is interesting to hear the numerous street calls. For instance, if you heard "Ee-ee-oh" or "Yap-bathool" you may know it is the man who buys empty bottles. Some are mere articulations and not words of any language. Others sing as they call out, "Argiah,



Bridge over moat and West Gate,
Fort Dufferen, Mandalay

Argiah, Halve'wallah," which means, "Is come, is come, the halva seller." Halva is a kind of Indian sweet. Quite frequently beggars are seen going about singing pathetic songs.

Burma has a very peculiar fruit, the dureau. This fruit has a thick, thorny skin, and large seeds covered with a butter-like substance which is the only part that is eatable. Westerners who advise that the skins of all fruits should be eaten should come and have a bite of the dureau skin, or skins of other tropical fruits, and I doubt if they would sing the same song. Before it is peeled off it has an offensive odor, but once eaten it tastes delicious. Animals relish it. It is wholesome indeed.

Rangoon, which is the largest city in Burma, forms its capital. Its population is slightly in excess of 400,000. Its chief attraction for tourists is the artificial riding woods between clear lakes and the Shwe Dagon pagoda. This pagoda is the largest Buddhist temple, and the whole of the outside is covered with gold leaf, which glitters in the sunlight, making it an unavoidable sight for travelers.

Mandalay, about 150,000, about 400 miles to the north of Rangoon, was the capital in the time of the Burmese kings. Tourists visit it to see the palace of the Burmese kings. It stands inside a fort which is again surrounded by a moat. Another attraction is the Mignon bell, which is made of iron, and the base of which is about twelve feet in diameter.

Burma is well provided with railways and motor roads. Railway fares are fairly high; so is the cost of petrol and lodging.

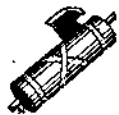
The climate of Burma is not a favorable one. We have a spell of rainy weather from the end of May to October. When the monsoons are over the cold weather sets in and keeps on till February, after which the temperature gradually increases till the heat is almost unbearable in March and April. The heavy rains then come on again, and, though a hindrance in many ways, are also a boon, as they help to overcome the intense heat. —Basil X. Tsatos, Burma. (See page 8.)

Prison Life in Zamboanga

◆ The Zamboanga prison farm, in the southern Philippine Islands, occupies 3,000 acres, and has between 1,000 and 2,000 prisoners and a few guards. There have been no escapes in four years. Several prisoners live with their families, and in some instances they have asked not to be released when their time was up. As in other U. S. prisons, there are movies,

a library, a brass band, a stringed orchestra, athletics and night classes, with opportunities for learning something about various trades. Nevertheless, the chances are that if you were an inmate of Zamboanga you would wish to be elsewhere. Prison life is unnatural for either man or beast. (See *The Watchtower* of December 1, 1938.)

Freedom of Speech in Malaya



Efforts persist to bring the whole world into subjection to the foreign power now so boastful in every land. An amendment, the purpose of which is self-evident to every reader of this magazine, came before the Legislative Council of Malaya, containing the following familiar language:

Whoever by words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representations or otherwise, promotes or attempts to promote feelings of enmity or hatred between different classes of the public, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description which may extend to two years, or with fine or with both.

The *Singapore Sunday Tribune* inquires innocently why there should be any reason for enacting legislation to suppress offenses which do not exist. It does not see the real objective, which is to shut the mouths of those exposing religion for what it is, the meanest, most cowardly, dishonorable, despicable racket ever inaugurated or maintained in the earth.

In the Building of Singapore

◆ In the building of the £20,000,000 base at Singapore thirty-four miles of piles were driven through mud to the solid strata, and six million cubic yards of hills were moved. The result is the strongest naval base in the world, with docks, sidings, fuel oil reservoirs, airdromes, roads and other ancillary features necessary to make Singapore the seventh seaport of the world.

Singapore Island is 26 miles long by 14 miles wide, and is connected with the Malay Peninsula by a causeway $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long. The naval base on the island occupies six square miles, and has $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles of water frontage, 5,000 feet of wharf walls, and a drydock that can take care of a vessel 1,000 feet long, 130 feet wide, and drawing 35 feet of water. There have been 8,000,000 cubic yards of excavation, 5,000,000 cubic yards of dredging, and a placing of 1,000,000 cubic yards of concrete. The work has taken fifteen years, with two more to finish it in all its parts.

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Objected to Being Flogged



At Rawalpindi, India, Kiroo, a night watchman, was arrested, charged with theft. The constable had no evidence, so he tried by the usual third-degree methods to get a confession, whereupon Kiroo killed him, and the High Court justified him, as it was a clear case of self-defense. Then the police got after him again. Kiroo was hung head downward, flogged, caned and kicked and slapped, whereupon he had the police inspector, the head constable and two other constables brought into court for cruelty, and white men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders corroborated his testimony. Seems that the best thing to do with this man Kiroo is to let him alone and respect his manliness and spunk. This Hitler stuff leaves a bad taste in the mouth.

Created Man to Take Him to Heaven

♦ A little paragraph in the Madras (India) *Mail* refers to a sermon by the "Right Reverend" H. Pakenham Walsh, at the local Anglican cathedral. Reverend Walsh explained that God created man so as to eventually make him perfect and take him to heaven:

God placed powers of love, holiness and understanding in man so that man may know Him, love Him, serve Him and attain everlasting happiness with Him in heaven.

According to that bright idea Lucifer was only doing the decent thing when he started off with Adam and Eve and inaugurated the campaign of lying, poverty, dishonor, disgrace, shame, murder, war, racketeering and religion now known as "civilization". Man wants to get happiness by getting out of it at all costs. It is a wholly false story, but it is not a bad canvass.

The Result of Fifteen Years' Work

♦ Sir William Mitchell Ramsay, an unbeliever, set out on an extended trip to prove the Bible a fraud. After fifteen years of expedition through Bible lands to unearth evidence against the truthfulness of the Scriptures he wrote a book entitled *St. Paul the Traveler and Roman Citizen*. At page 238 he said, "The narrative never makes a false step amid all the many details; the New Testament is unique in vivid truthfulness. Luke is a safe guide." —B. X. Tsatos, Burma.

The Bayadere Nuns of India

♦ The League of Nations issued a report on the bayadere nuns of India. These women are religious prostitutes. Sometimes called pagoda girls, or dancers, or nautch girls, their business is to look after certain features of the religious business as has been done from the days of Nimrod, and is still done. These prostitutes or "nuns" never marry, and their daughters follow in their mothers' footsteps. The same report shows that girls often marry in India at the age of 7 or less, and if and when their husbands die they become slaves of their husband's folks, have the hardest and meanest tasks to perform, and receive but one meal a day. Do the people need more religion? India has plenty of it.

Havoc Caused by Insects

♦ In an address to the Science Congress, Calcutta, Mohammed Afzai Hussain claimed that there are not less than 2,500,000 existing species of insects in India, and that a single one of these, the ox warble fly, causes an annual loss to the country's hide industry of \$5,625,000. Over a hundred million of the people suffer from malaria every year, and over a million die from its effects, or rather from the effects of the anopheles insects which cause it.

Amnesty for Indian Rebels

♦ The British Government has done wisely and well in granting amnesty to hundreds of men and women in Indian jails for years as agitators, also in withdrawing pending cases against such, and in granting freedom of action to some 200 political associations hitherto banned. It is hard to agitate successfully against any government that shows such a democratic spirit—so opposite in every way to that shown by Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini and Franco.

"Let Us Prey"

♦ An Indian subscriber in Bombay writes that some time back, at a public meeting, one of his comrades said that the white rulers of "Christendom" pray once a week upon their knees and the other six days prey upon the dark men, women and children of other lands whom they have enslaved for commercial purposes.



Kingdom Privileges in Burma



The Kingdom work which was once supervised in Burma by the Bombay, India, office has since the spring of 1938 been under the Australian office. India alone is a territory vast enough for the Indian office to supervise; so, for the sake of convenience, the work will from now on be conducted from the depot at Singapore, which is under the Australian office.

Even in Burma the Lord has men on His side. Some of them shared in the 1918 persecutions. During the past few years all the principal towns in Burma have been visited and much literature has been placed with the people. Thanks to Jehovah, we have had no inter-

ference from the enemy, excepting a lengthy article which appeared in three issues of the local Catholic paper, and some pulpit denunciations. The Hierarchy has many in official positions throughout Burma.

On account of the assumed superiority of most Europeans out here, we get our best hearing with the Indians, and place much literature with the Tamils and Telugus, many of whom are Christians.

Among the Burmese there are very few so-called "Christians". The church-goers here are very afraid of their priests. They worship the priests more than the Creator, who alone is worthy of all praise and honor. They are slow in every respect. Recently a Church of England priest advised his flock not to listen to Jehovah's witnesses, as they make much use of the "Old Testament", which, he says, is now out of date and, besides, was written by imperfect and sinful men. Well, too bad for

this "HOLY" clergyman! He forgets that it was the "Old Testament" that Christ called the "truth". Another clergyman said that the Bible is a book no more inspired than a newspaper.

Not long ago a great joke was played upon Roman Catholic people who own radios. They jumped for joy when it was announced that the death of Rutherford had occurred. "Aha! dead at last," said some. Their joy did not last long; for on the following day the press account showed that it was Lord Rutherford, and not Judge Rutherford. What a joke!

Another joke was played on a simple but staunch Roman Catholic. His son-in-law gave him a few *Cure* booklets to distribute in church on Sunday, telling him that the booklets were specially written for Roman Catholics. He did so, and got away with it.

In all there are about twenty-five active witnesses and a few Jonadabs in Burma.—Basil X. Tsatos, Burma.



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers, Istanbul, Turkey

Witnessing to the Albanian Princesses

◆ When the Albanian princesses came to Boston, two of us from the Albanian unit of the Boston company of Jehovah's

witnesses called at their hotel and presented them with a message of God's kingdom. They received us very kindly. After brief customary greetings we asked to have our message read, to which request they readily gave consent. There were nine of us in audience, including the Albanian ambassador to the United States. The princesses and all present gave close attention as the following testimony was read in Albanian.

TESTIMONY

As witnesses of Jehovah God it is our privilege and duty to testify concerning God's kingdom as we have opportunity and in the presence of any person. Having just begun a campaign of witnessing among the Albanian people of this section by means of discourses as well as literature, it seemed proper likewise to present a message to your R.H. on the occasion of your visit to Boston.

God's kingdom or government with Christ as King is of the greatest importance. This government of righteousness is now about to be fully

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established and it is the only hope and the only solution to every problem that confronts the world today, be it economic, political, social, cultural, or whatever it be.

The nations are in great distress at this time and the conditions are growing worse, exactly in fulfillment of a prophetic statement uttered by Jesus concerning the present time, to wit: 'Upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, men's hearts failing them for fear of what they see coming upon them.' What is more, we read in the Bible that Armageddon, the greatest war of all time, is rapidly approaching and at that time all the nations of the earth shall be supplanted by the kingdom of righteousness and peace of Jesus Christ. It shall endure forever and it will be for the common good. It will result in the complete vindication of Jehovah's name.

The benefits and blessings of this kingdom will be so grand as to be indescribable; and briefly they are as follows: Life everlasting with all the blessings incident thereto, such as health, happiness, prosperity, peace, joy and contentment. The Lord has promised that even 'those who are in their graves will hear his voice and return therefrom'. These words are true; for they are not the words of any man. They are found in the Bible, the inspired Word of God.

In accordance with the Lord's commandments this Kingdom message has been preached over all the earth as a warning to all people of good will, and upward of 250,000,000 books have been placed in the hands of the different peoples, translated in more than seventy languages, one of them the Albanian language. It has also been proclaimed through the radio for many years in many languages, in the Albanian language as well. We are glad to inform you that this message has also been proclaimed in Albania for many years and tens of thousands of books have been placed in the hands of the officials and the people of Albania for their enlightenment and comfort. However, at times, in certain parts of Albania this work is op-

posed and hindered, and the Roman Catholic clergy are back of it because the Bible exposes religion as a means of the Devil to turn the people away from God and from a knowledge of his purpose. Therefore it is our desire that your R.H. use your influence that this witness work go on freely in that land. Do so, and we are confident that the Lord will remember it to your everlasting good.

We shall be pleased to deliver to you, through the ambassador, some of our Bible literature so that you may have first-hand information as to the cause of the evil conditions existing today, as well as for the only remedy.

When that part of the message that had to do with the opposition of our work by the Hierarchy was read the princesses looked at one another as to indicate that something very significant was called to their attention and as though to make a mental note, and so it was; for they later promised that they would take the matter up with their brother, King Zog.

At the conclusion of our message the ambassador, Mr. Konitza, turning to the princesses, reiterated by saying, "It is their wish that you use your influence that their preaching go on unmolested in Albania."

At the same time he went on to say that "theirs is a 'new' faith, and they believe that the world [present world organization] will soon come to an end and after that Christ shall reign and then even the dead will be resurrected".

We thought it was very good indeed of the ambassador to comment as he did. Incidentally, Mr. Konitza is not at all unfamiliar with the Kingdom message, because a witness, prior to his coming into the truth years ago, knew him well in connection with Albania's cause for independence, and had on several occasions discussed the truth with him and had placed much of the literature with the present Albanian envoy. Owing to a rule of the palace, literature could not be placed directly with the princesses, but it was suggested by the ambassador that it be forwarded through him, which we did the very next day, including the above testimony.—A. L. B.



Crossing a river in Greece

If Your Name Were Maloney

◆ Suppose your name was Maloney, and you were a district attorney, and a Roman Catholic, and a good subject of the pope, and you did not know much about the American right of free speech, and you did not understand that the United States is a government of the people, and you thought the pope should be the real governor.

And suppose WBBR broadcast a series of articles from *Consolation* entitled "Jesuitized Germany", and did broadcast one section thereof, and suppose it heated up the Jesuit brethren at Fordham University, and suppose those same brethren, by their spokesman, "Reverend Father" Cox, scorched the telephone wires to WBBR demanding an immediate copy of the script.

And then suppose you got on the wire and applied all the heat you could muster. And suppose you also demanded an immediate copy of the script. And suppose your demand eventually came to a cool-headed American attorney who replied to your heated demand. And suppose you did not get the copy which you might have had if you had made your request like a gentleman, instead of like an Irish Catholic politician. And suppose it was indicated to you that you had been a little remiss in your politeness.

And then suppose another section of the broadcast was put on the air, and your permission was not asked, and not needed. And suppose you knew that you had no right and no power to interfere, because it was none of your business. And suppose WBBR sent word to "Reverend Father" Cox and his friends to listen in. And suppose the stage was all set for trouble.

And suppose the editor of *Consolation* was all ready for a ride in the black wagon (either the Black Maria or the undertaker's wagon) and you knew in your heart that you had tried to pull off a big bluff and could not get away with it, and suppose WBBR then made a monkey of you publicly over the air, and suppose everybody laughed at you because you had barked up the wrong tree,

Wouldn't It Make You Mad?

To make the above suppositions clear to the average reader, there now follows the introduction (written for WBBR by Judge Ruth-erford, by special request) to the broadcast of Part 2 of "Jesuitized Germany":

"This station broadcasts strictly in the public interest, public convenience and public necessity as the radio law provides. It does not indulge in personalities nor permit its copy to be censored by individuals but tells the truth as God has commanded.

"The present conditions that exist in Germany are so contrary to the fundamental principles of America and so despicable in the eyes of honest men, and threats and activities of some to Hitlerize America are such that this radio station deems it of great public interest, convenience and necessity to inform its audience of the facts. There is a studied effort in America, prosecuted now with vigor by certain religionists and politicians, to control the American people as Germany is now controlled, and the American people should be thoroughly warned.

"The 'Consolation' magazine is devoted to the publication of facts. Its representative regularly broadcasts from this station facts of importance. Last week its representative broadcast concerning the 'Jesuitized Germany', and then the fireworks began.

"A phone call from someone who identified himself as 'Father Cox' of the Fordham University, informed the station that he had all the Jesuits of that college present to listen to the afore-mentioned broadcast and he demanded that a copy of the broadcast be sent him, and expressed himself in anger and declared his purpose to file a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission.

"If the Jesuits wish to take the station before the Federal Communications Commission, that will be fine. We will welcome an opportunity to lay before the Federal Communications Commission, in the interests of the public, the un-American conduct of the Jesuits and the Hierarchy to prevent the people from hearing the truth by radio.

"Then came immediately another call from someone who identified himself as Mr. Maloney, United States district attorney, who demanded the name of the one who broadcast the speech. He was told that a representative of 'Consolation' magazine was the person and that this station did not indulge in personalities.

"He then exploded angrily with the words: 'It is not customary for the district attorney's office to bicker for official information it demands.' Asked if he was calling officially as the district attorney, he replied: 'Certainly!' He then demanded a delivery immediately of a transcript of the broadcast to his office.

"This station, knowing that the district attorney has nothing whatsoever to do with the radio, and also knowing that high public officials by law are the servants and not the bosses of the people, it seemed strange that such a high official would make that unusual demand. We concluded, therefore, it must be that someone else was misrepresenting that important and distinguished public official. So it may be that it was not Mr. Maloney who called the station, but that someone used his name and his high office. Probably the Jesuits at the college induced someone to misrepresent Mr. Maloney.

"Regardless of who it was, such an unusual demand and threat is in full keeping with the practice of Jesuits and others of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. They have bluffed almost every radio station in the land and seemingly have been able to get away with it. They feel their 'great importance' and like to frighten the people by threatening official action by government officials. This station does not like to be bluffed, not even by such distinguished officials as the district attorney.

"Bluffing is the extent to which the Hierarchy and the Jesuits may now go, since they have no authority to censor radio programs. The action of those Jesuits, however, is strong proof of what would take place in America if the Catholic Hierarchy-Nazi-Jesuit combine got control of this country. This makes it doubly necessary to warn the American people, and hence our broadcast is much more than usual of public interest, necessity and convenience.

"Don't you think the American people should hear the facts about Jesuitized Germany? We think so; and since this station is operated in the interests of the people, and to the honor of Jehovah God, and not to please some private religio-political concern, we must go on telling the truth to the public. So now you will be pleased to listen again to the editor of 'Consolation'."

(To be continued)

Best to Be Stupid (?)



Mrs. Ethel Taranovich, 34, housewife, New York city, had the odd misfortune to find a loaded revolver on the seat of a bus. As a law-abiding citizen she reported the matter to the first policeman and he took her to the station-house. There the highly intelligent Detective Tutt and Lieutenant Dallas placed Mrs. Taranovich under arrest, put her in a patrol wagon, took her to headquarters, had her photographed, fingerprinted and locked up for the night. The next day the owner of the gun displayed a permit which he had held for twenty years; he is the owner of an apartment house. He got out of the bus and accidentally left the gun behind him. The magistrate was sorry the police were so stupid as to abuse a person who was trying to help them. If you were Mrs. Taranovich and you found another gun, what would you do? It is fortunate that not every policeman and detective is as stupid as the ones in this story. But there are far too many of them.

Nazism in Practice

◆ Charles Weiss, 21-year-old cripple, is editor of an anti-Communist, anti-Fascist and anti-Nazi publication in New York styled *Uncle Sam*. While he was alone four towering men entered his office, laid a swastika flag on his desk and demanded that he kiss it. When he refused they tore American flags from the wall, beat him with the flag staffs, kicked him in the groin, broke a chair on his head, tore away his coat and shirt, scratched a swastika on his back and chest, and left him unconscious with his skull fractured. This is a true picture of Fascism in practice. Think it over.

Peekskill on the Carpet

◆ Rip van Winkle's descendants must still be living in Peekskill. A judge there apparently had not heard about the decision of the Supreme Court that freedom of the press implies the right to distribute printed matter, and the governor of the state had to call the mayor of the city to Albany to tell him that Peekskill is still in the United States. Two weeks later a postcard was delivered that was mailed in the city twenty-one years earlier and reached its destination by the somewhat leisurely speed of one block every seven years.

As in a Glass, Darkly

◆ As in a glass, darkly, one can see a complete capsule picture of our somewhat scattered civilization from a certain point on the East River today. The point is the newly opened Wall Street seaplane ramp, where financial district men come in each morning in their private planes.

Within five blocks of this point we find: (a) seaplanes, almost an end-product of modern technology; (b) kerosene lamps, still used in New York dwellings which have yet to reap the benefits of electricity; (c) the financial center of the world, the Exchange, the Sub-Treasury; (d) clotheslines flapping between tenements shadowed by skyscrapers, (e) high-speed elevators, (f) toiletless apartments.

The old and the new mingle in a provocative manner. It takes a year for some modern inventions to go round the world, and a century to travel three blocks in New York.—*New York Post*.

One-Fourth on Government Rolls

◆ A survey of New York city shows that 2,200,000 persons are on Federal, state or city pay rolls, either as jobholders or as recipients of some form of relief. Washington relief officials state that Mayor La Guardia, admittedly New York's best mayor in a lifetime, is managing the relief work in the big city better than it is being handled in any other American metropolis.

World's Largest Incinerator

◆ Until recently bathers within fifty miles of New York had to dodge the garbage of the big city, towed out to sea and dumped from the fleet of scows used for the purpose. Now the garbage is burned in the world's biggest incinerator and supplies enough heat to consume itself and manufacture a large amount of electricity besides.

Sweet Mystery of Love

◆ At Niagara Falls in midwinter a year ago a homeless black-and-white mongrel dog stood guard three days and two nights over the body of its mate, killed by an automobile. He dragged the body to a vacant lot, ignoring hunger, bitter cold and stinging sleet, licking the dead dog's face until it was carried off to be cremated.

Market for Scrap Iron



International Murderers are much cheered by the news from Shanghai. One of the little children slain on the streets of Shanghai was killed by shrapnel made of scrap iron imported from the United States. There is a big market. In the first eleven months of the undeclared war 100,000 Japanese soldiers, 450,000 Chinese soldiers and 200,000 Chinese civilians were slain, 1,700,000 more were wounded, and 30,000,000 Chinese were made homeless and destitute. In the Japanese raids on Canton 8,000 persons were slain, but business is good for International Murderers, Inc., and more goods are being shipped from America to help the Japanese overrun China than in any other like period in history. The Murderers feel that it is all right to supply arms to the Japanese to destroy the Chinese Republic, and to supply arms to Germany to destroy the Spanish Republic, so long as there is money in it.



A glorious future awaits you, children

Plenty of Armories

◆ A copyrighted article in the Portland (Oreg.) *News Telegram* states that 925 armories are either being built now or are projected to be built in the United States at a cost of \$65,000,000. The article states:

Though this construction work is a major feature of the WPA's activities, there has not been a single publicity release on the subject. Even in the state lists—where the various projects are itemized in detail—the word “armory” is not to be found. They are merely listed as “federal buildings”.

When these armories are all built, and all equipped with the latest machine guns and tear and gas bombs, who do you suppose will

have them in charge, and who will control the United States? What do you bet that the Hierarchy has plans of every one of them?

Three Times as Foolish

◆ Everybody admits that the great men of the world were foolish, in 1913, in spending some four billion dollars of the people's money in getting ready to butcher their fellow men. But hold. In 1937 the same great men expended

nearly three times as much for the same purpose. This raises a nice question in mathematics. If the smartest men in the world admit that in 24 years they have become three times as foolish as they were when they were plain idiots, back in 1913, how many years will it be before the common people wake up to the fact that these so-called “higher powers” are the representatives of the Devil and that the only hope of man is in the kingdom for which Jesus taught His disciples to pray?

Pinnacle of Twentieth Century

◆ The Twentieth Century continues to shine

triumphant in its great achievements. The latest word is that if you get caught in a gas attack, and have no other protection handy from the so-called “higher powers” of Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, Stalin, et al., you may live if you breathe through a cloth soaked with urine, and so fulfill Isaiah 36:12. Fine business; fine civilization. On the level, now, could you, down in your heart, blame the Creator if He blotted out the whole works? Man has descended, due to his devilish religions, which dishonor God and man, to depths lower than ever reached by the brute beasts. Aryans? Christians? Civilized? Decent? Bah!

CONSOLATION

New England

The Fastest Human on Legs



So far as records exist, the fastest human on legs is Glenn Cunningham, of Kansas, whose mile in 4:04.4 at Dartmouth College is two seconds under the previous record, made last year by Syb Wooderson, of England. Cunningham's quarters were done in 58.5, 64, 61.7 and 60.2 seconds, respectively.

Fifteen Off Relief in Woburn

◆ Suspecting that relief money was being spent for booze, and suspecting correctly, the mayor of Woburn, Massachusetts, walked into the front door of ten booze joints in his city and found fifteen men and women, receiving relief from the city, who yet had plenty of money to drink intoxicating liquors at the city's expense. They were dropped from the relief rolls, and many others will follow. Some

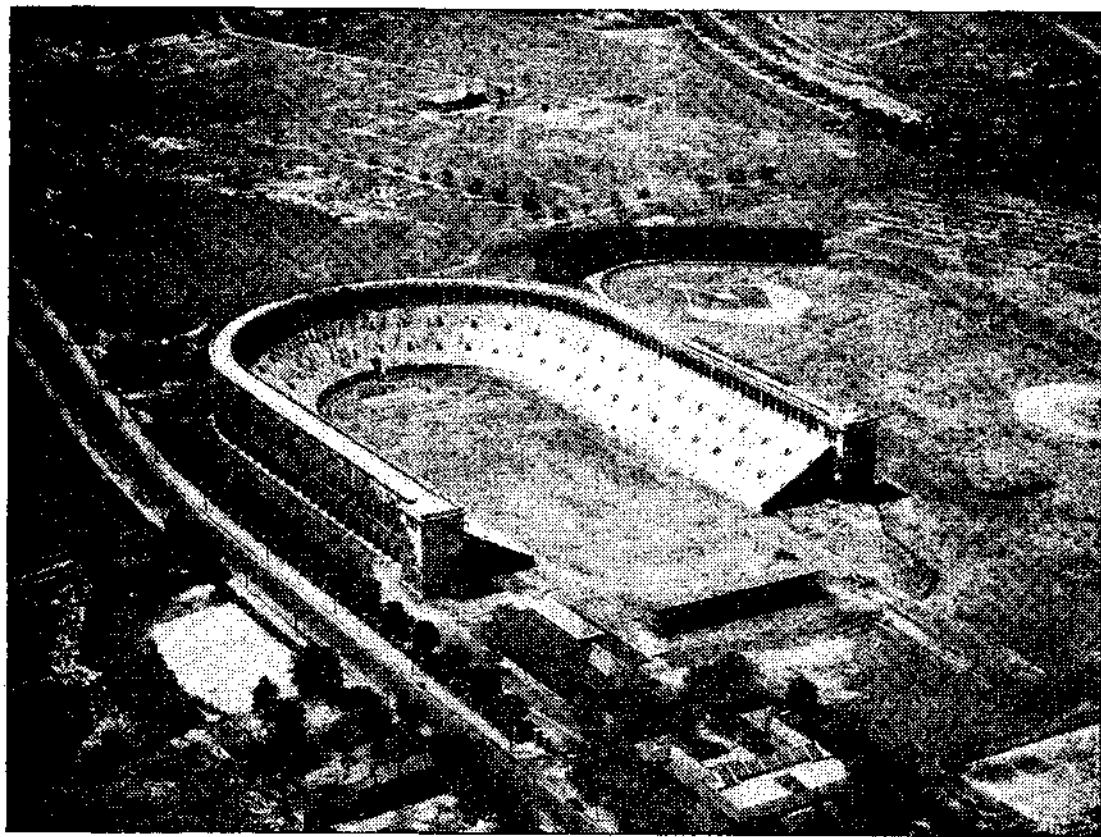
of these men and women have children who have no shoes on their feet. The wonderful idea of handing out money by the shovelful is not so wonderful after all.

Earthquakes in New England

◆ In New England and New York three quite serious earthquakes occurred in the seventeenth century, five in the eighteenth century, seven in the nineteenth century, and, so far, there have been six in the twentieth century, in 1904, 1914, 1918, 1925, 1929, and 1931.

New Use for Praties

◆ M. J. Brought, Connecticut, says he has a cat so fond of raw potatoes that he begs to go into the cellar to eat them, if he can find none in the kitchen. It is your turn next.



Harvard stadium, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Pennsylvania

Popularizing a Murderer



It is a hard job to popularize a murderer, but it can be done, and is being done. It ought to be a well-paying business, if the murderer happens to be the dictator of some 80,000,000 people. The German efficiency experts have taken more than 100,000 pictures of Hitler. In thousands of these he is shown with children, fondling them, smiling upon them. These postcards sell well and help maintain the delusion in Germany that they have something besides a mere gangster at the helm. In its December 6, 1937, issue *Life* had nine of these pictures. Joseph E. Bolden, a citizen of Pennsylvania, thought he knew why they were published, and wrote *Life*:

Accept my congratulations on the profound perception and keen insight registered on page 7, December 6 issue of *Life*. I refer to the third line of the second paragraph under the title "This is Jugend um Hitler". Quote: "he (Hitler) is genuinely fond of children." I am grateful that you put that in, because few people would believe it otherwise. In the next issue, to stop the mouths of whatever carping critics may yet remain of your subscribers, it would be an excellent idea to show equally lovely pictures of Hitler, the lover of Free Speech, consoling the bereft children of Nazi-murdered political opponents; Hitler the Tolerant, weeping bitter tears over the pitiful fate of the children of Jehovah's witnesses in prison and concentration camp, and dying daily from brutal treatment with other harmless minorities; Hitler the author of the Brotherhood of Man, bewailing the cruel destiny of Jewish children orphaned by storm troopers and crazed populace. By all means let us have more of these sublime records of Hitler the Bigot, Hitler the Fool, Hitler the Murderer, Hitler the Tyrant, Hitler the Madman, and we will rejoice in the glorious humanities of this new age.

Life came back crying that they had said at the outset that the photographs were propaganda pictures and they thought that made their position clear. But it did not satisfy Bolden, and he concluded the correspondence thus:

Your letter of December 21 is a not too interesting example of reiteration; that is all. The editors of *Life* must be very young and pubescent to believe that its readers are all simple-minded. I will only remind you that labeling something propaganda does not pull its teeth, especially when the label is wrapped in the silly and syrupy language generally found on the editorial page of a woman's magazine.

William Penn, Heil Hitler! ?????

◆ "We take the position that the flag represents all of our people and the country itself and that all people here should be willing to display their respect, love and devotion in an outward manner for America, through the salute to the flag.

"Church and State are separate in this country, consequently the religious belief of anyone is not sufficient reason to make exceptions. . . . We are fearful if officials fail to take a definite stand in this matter, indifference and disrespect will grow continually.

"Why not issue an order that all school children must display proper respect for the national anthem, including saluting the flag?" —Patriotic Order of Sons of America of Pennsylvania. [*Patriotic* ? ? ? ?—Ed.]

Natural Gas Under Pittsburgh

◆ Natural gas is so plentiful under Pittsburgh that in almost any place within the city limits where a well is drilled gas is likely to come out along with the water, and in many places when water is pumped the pump will spit fire if a match is touched to the spout. In one place in the Pittsburgh area it was necessary to close a school until the water tank could be removed to the roof, as it was feared the mixture of gas in the water pipes might cause an explosion similar to the catastrophe in New London, Texas, in which several hundred little folks lost their lives.

Some Tall Plants

◆ In one issue *The Pennsylvania Farmer* presents letters from subscribers describing plants grown on their places: a leaf of tobacco 37 inches by 23 inches; a dahlia 9½ feet tall, with 20 blooms and buds; a tomato plant 9 feet high; a hollyhock 9 feet 10 inches in height; and an apple tree that for twelve years in succession averaged 55 bushels of apples per year. Next!

Communists Rent a Hall in Philadelphia

◆ Judge Alessandrini, in Philadelphia, acting on a writ of mandamus, ruled that trustees of the Municipal Convention Hall must rent the building to the Communists for a Lenin memorial meeting. It was a common-sense decision. The judge said truly that it is a dangerous thing to prevent a meeting.

CONSOLATION

Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana

Clover Splint Coal Corporation

◆ Having admitted in open court that it is one of the twenty corporations and forty-four persons indicted by the United States Government for a conspiracy to commit violence, to deprive union members of their rights to organize, the Clover Splint Coal Corporation really admitted guilt for all the defendants, for the reign of terror in Harlan County, Kentucky. The general superintendent of the Black Mountain Coal Corporation also admitted that he was present when the defendants met and agreed on their policy of murder, beatings, kidnappings and torture.

The Silly Van Sweringens

◆ The silly Van Sweringens (Cleveland milkmen, real estate operators and railroad busters) failed, and should have failed. Their estate of 600 acres is a vast park with some 50 buildings on it. The main house has three dining rooms. The main table in the big dining room has 84 legs. It cost \$300 a month to supply the big house with its hot water. There is a barber shop, a laundry that would be big enough for a small city, and a swimming pool big enough for a big club.

Sixteen Persons in Two Beds

◆ In the richest country in the world, in a two-room farmhouse near Wabash, Indiana, sixteen persons, a father, mother, twelve children, a son-in-law and a new-born grandchild, slept in two beds or on the floor, and on a cold night last winter the 24-day-old baby was suffocated and died. Both fathers were unemployed.

Amherst Does It Twice

◆ For the second time Amherst, Ohio, sent its electricity consumers its December bills marked "Paid". The board of public welfare had a surplus of \$3,275 at the end of the year, and they thought the people would appreciate dividends on their municipally owned plant; and they thought right.

Let Them Live

◆ Mice can be caught fast with the humane one-mouse steel-wire-spring trap. They should not be treated cruelly. If we can put up with a mouse or more, let them live.—W. G. Reasor, Kentucky. [See *Watchtower* of Dec. 1.—Ed.]

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"Post Vaccination Paralysis"

◆ At East Palestine, Ohio, Mrs. Ralph W. Heck, 40 years of age, had a pet dog that she thought was mad. It was probably nothing of the kind. But, anyway, the lady was encouraged to take the Pasteur treatment for hydrophobia. It killed her. She died, leaving her husband and three daughters. The physicians stated that the cause of death was "post vaccination paralysis", but added that this should not deter others from taking the rabies treatment.

Interesting Situation at Niles

◆ That was an interesting situation at Niles, Ohio, where, for over three weeks, 278 workers did not dare leave the Republic Steel plant, and the only way they could get food was to have an airplane fly overhead and drop the food in a net. The workers claimed that C.I.O. men even tried to shoot down the plane. Such methods of winning a strike do not look good, and are not good.

Care of the Insane in Indiana

◆ At Madison State Hospital (for the insane) four guards instructed one of the patients to cut the lawn, which he did, but moved too slowly to suit them. The four attendants jumped on him, crushed his chest and killed him. A check of the patient's record showed he had not been unruly during the ten years in which he was in the asylum.

Proud of His Baby Daughter

◆ Proud of his baby daughter, Robert Brice, of Evansville, Indiana, sat on a bed beside her, and struck a match to light a cigarette. It happened that there were gasoline fumes in the room; these exploded when the match was lit, and the little newcomer in the world was so badly burned that her recovery was doubtful. What a price for a cigarette!

Rushville's Educated Cow

◆ Rushville, Indiana, has an educated cow. In some manner unknown it learned to hook one horn over a pump handle and to work the pump handle up and down until the tub beneath the spout is filled with water. Sometimes, when unusually thirsty the cow licks up some of the water as it falls from the spout at each stroke.

In the Northwest

The Nunn-Bush Shoe Company

◆ The Nunn-Bush Shoe Company, Milwaukee, has a sensible and practical plan of giving every employee a pay check once a week, no matter what the condition of business. All pay into a wage fund. Each has a drawing account. As business improves the drawing account is subject to improvement. As slack times come on the amount is reduced, but the worker always has something coming in. In three years in which the plan operated the annual income of the average worker rose from \$1,008 to \$1,385. Eleven hundred men and women are employed, and only one person was discharged in three years. New employees are taken on probation, and may be discharged in six months by a vote of the employees.

Up-to-Date Fergus Falls

◆ Up-to-date Fergus Falls, Minnesota, distributes electricity to its citizens at a cost of about one-third of what neighboring towns pay. Even that was making money too fast for the city-owned plant; so electricity for the month of February, 1937, was furnished free.

Coming Out for the C.I.O.

◆ The Roman Hierarchy is gradually coming out and recognizing the C.I.O. Thus, Archbishop Edward Mooney, of Detroit, rebuking Coughlin for reproaching the C.I.O., makes the statement:

No Catholic Church authority has ever asserted that the C.I.O. is incompatible with Catholicity.

\$24,000 to Keep Still

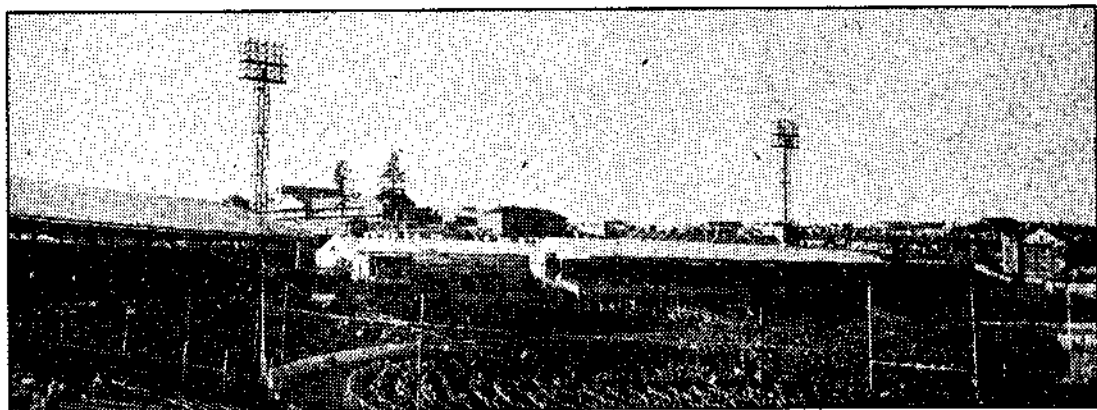
◆ Now Congress is interested, and the people of Iowa are interested, because an eminent citizen, with a good knowledge of the advantages to the public of public-owned utilities, is found to have received \$24,000 in the last five years simply to keep his mouth shut and not tell the people of Fort Dodge and vicinity anything that "may be regarded by the United Light and Power Co. as being inimical or against the interest or property of the said company or any of its subsidiaries". The worst of it is that the people of Fort Dodge are thus compelled to pay for the privilege of keeping themselves in ignorance of what would be for their benefit.

Getting Down to Business

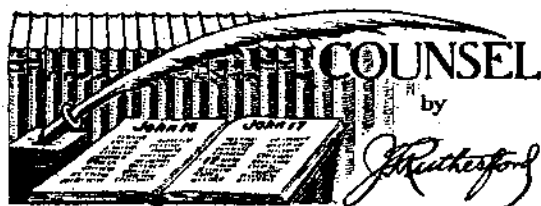
◆ Getting down to business, seven Methodist ministers at Rolfe, Iowa, engaged in a corn-husking contest. The "Reverend" Harold Dayton, Dickens, Iowa, won by husking 1,240 pounds (17.7 bushels net) in 60 minutes. He was clocked at 30 ears to the minute, one every two seconds; a good record.

The Glass Schoolhouse at Elkader

◆ The glass schoolhouse at Elkader, Iowa, is built of glass blocks eight inches square and four inches thick. Made with an irregular or lens surface, the blocks keep out glare and heat, but admit 75 percent of the light. There are only four windows in the building, and no window shades.



Audience of 25,000 listening to Judge Rutherford at Sydney, Australia



Catholic Action

WHAT is known as "Catholic Action" is a world-wide movement originating in the mind of the present-day pope to further the interests of the political religious organization known as the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Many persons do not understand exactly what "Catholic Action" means or what is its purpose. This magazine has heretofore called attention to the strangle-hold that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has on Australia. In defining "Catholic Action" a publication recently issued by the Legislative Committee of the Loyal Orange Institution of New Zealand has this to say: "'Catholic Action' is a movement inaugurated by Pope Pius XI directed to be extended to every country to advance the interests of the Roman Catholic Church, not as a Christian spiritual institution, but as a political organization to dominate governments, to control the making and administration of the law by securing the election to the legislature and local authorities of Romanists or non-Romanists who will favor that Church and by the appointment of Romanists to the principal offices in the Civil Service, in local bodies' administration and in all public bodies. Further, business houses, factories, trade unions, sports bodies, etc., are all included in the ambit of this papal organization."

A short time ago the archbishop of Australia addressed the "Catholic Action Guild" at Sydney, and, amongst other things, he said with reference to New South Wales: "The public service today is in the grip of the Roman Catholic Church. It is 63-percent Roman Catholic. The applicants for positions are 92-percent Catholic, and within the next five years it is the demand of the Holy Father that the civil service shall be 100-percent Roman Catholic." Continuing his speech, the archbishop further stated that every department of the transportation, both road and rail, in each section is splendidly organized, that the Police

and Postal departments have their particular attention in the organization; and then he gave the instruction that where a vacancy occurs the Catholic must be placed a step higher, and further said: "Care must be taken that no suspicion can be raised as to the number of Catholics as against non-Catholics."

No one has ever denied the Catholics the right to preach their doctrines, but when that organization is turned from religious to political action wholly, then it is time for the people to awaken to the danger. For many years the Hierarchy have had their covetous eyes on the United States. That organization is fully determined to gain complete control of the political affairs of the United States of America. For several years the Watch Tower publications have been calling the people's attention to the ambitious efforts of the Hierarchy to gain control of and rule America. Probably now, since the secular press is publishing daily as a matter of news the activities of the Hierarchy in conjunction with the leading politicians of America, such may have a tendency to open the eyes of some people to the real danger. The Protestant clergy seem to have gone completely to sleep. They give no heed to the warning, and at least give their silent support to Catholic Action.

In the political administrative departments of the nation and of every state the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has placed its trusted agents and representatives. These men are first for the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and secondarily for whatsoever state or government they represent. In practically every metropolitan newspaper in America there are trusted agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy who keep the Hierarchy officials duly informed as to what is going on and see to it that the publication of things derogatory to the Hierarchy is reduced to the minimum. There has never before been such an organized effort put forth by any people under the sun to get control of the entire earth.

Fascists, Nazis and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy are working together, the Hierarchy occupying the place of spiritual overlord and a kind of super-government over the others. This combine first grabbed Italy, then Germany. It carried on an unholy war in destroying Abyssinia. For two years it has been prosecuting a revolution in Spain. And the efforts of such organization are extended to every part of the earth.

Two years ago I called attention to the peo-

ple of Switzerland that the 'Fascists, Nazis and Hierarchy combine would grab Switzerland. That statement so incensed the Hierarchy that they caused the police to announce the rule that no alien could make a speech hereafter in Switzerland unless he first filed a copy of it with the Police Department. Now, on the 5th of November, 1938, the New York *Post* carries a double-column headline as follows: "Switzerland Is Ripe for Picking by Nazis." Amongst other things, the *Post* says: "It is an open secret that the Swiss army officers corps contains numerous Nazi sympathizers. They argue that Switzerland was once a part of Germany and that modern conditions have deprived it of any economic reason for independent existence." "It is rumored that there is an agreement between Hitler and Mussolini giving German-Switzerland to Hitler and the canton Tessin and the southern part of Graubunden to Italy, mak-

ing the Lake of Geneva the border between the two Fascist nations. Switzerland is ripe for the picking and Berlin knows it. . . . There are enough Nazi spies and Nazi propagandists in Switzerland to create a temporary reign of terror whenever the signal is given. After that the same old program: intervention to defend the 130,000 Reich Germans living in Switzerland."

Catholic Action is stronger in Switzerland today than at any other time since the time of William Tell. The republic is completely doomed. This result has been brought about by Catholic Action in Switzerland.

It appears that America will not awaken to the danger until it is too late and a Fascist Hierarchy dictator will rule this nation. Such is the aim of Catholic Action, and many of the leading politicians of America are working hand in glove with the Hierarchy to accomplish this result.

Natural Phenomena

Epsilon Aurigae

◆ For 49 years suspected of existence, Epsilon Aurigae, a partly cold star which now gives off only infra-red rays, has been partly located. At last, instruments and use of infra-red-sensitive materials completed the task of location and brought to light the astonishing fact that here is a sun so large that if it were hollow and earth's sun were placed at its center, the planets Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus could keep right on revolving within the shell and only Neptune and Pluto would be outside. Uranus is only 1,782,000,000 miles from the sun, but this new star has itself a radius of approximately 2,000,000,000 miles. "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"—Psalm 8:4.

Colors of the Seas

◆ The Red sea is red because of billions of microscopic algae held in suspension. The Dead sea is bluest of all blue seas because the blue rays of sunlight are not absorbed by the water, while the red rays are absorbed. The Mediterranean is bluer than the Atlantic, for the same reason. The waters around the Poles are green because less salty than those nearer the equator; hence the edges of the Gulf Stream are clearly discernible. The Yel-

low sea is yellow because of the sediment brought down by the Yellow river. The Saguenay river in Canada seems black because it flows between high cliffs which shut out much of the sunlight.

An Opalized Forest

◆ A beautiful new forest of opalized trees was located in Jefferson county, Oregon. Dozens of the ancient denuded trees, petrified, opalized, are standing in a vertical position.

Hunting a Big Meteorite

◆ Scientists from the University of Texas are digging for a huge meteorite which made a hole twenty-four feet wide and twenty-eight feet deep, near Menard, in the Lone Star State, when it finished its independent travel through the skies, late in August, 1938.

Largest Sun Spots Ever Observed

◆ Two giant sun spots, visible to the naked eye, were noted by the observers recently, and are the largest ever seen. These spots, tornadoes in the sun's atmosphere, were to be seen with a smoked glass in the upper right segment of the sun just before sunset. The sunspot cycle develops every 11.13 years.

The Proposed Division of Palestine

◆ The proposed division of Palestine pleased nobody. The Jews were to get a national home in Palestine, but without Jerusalem, their ancient capital. They would be given a state the size of Delaware, and no more than ten to fifteen miles wide in many places, with Arabs on all their borders and 225,000 Arabs in their state itself. And the two largest Jewish commercial concerns, the potash works on the Dead sea and the power station at Tiberias, would be in Arabian lands entirely. The suggestion has been made that this proposed division, entirely unacceptable to great numbers of Americans, is Solomon's plan, without Solomon's wisdom. The baby is actually being divided, but after it is divided nobody wants it. The Jews and Arabs would both do better to get along together. They must do so sometime; why not now?

Oldest Alphabetical Script

◆ The murder by Arabs of James Leslie Starkey, noted archaeologist, near the ancient city of Lachish, Palestine, brought into public view some very interesting facts. It establishes that the oldest alphabetical script was that used by the Israelites from the time of Moses; that the Phoenicians got their script from the Hebrews; that many of the most prominent Israelites mentioned in the Scriptures in the days of Jeremiah, and back to the days of King Saul, were well known in Lachish; and that the so-called "Higher Criticism of the Bible" is left without a leg to stand on.

Ezion-Geber Now a Half Mile Inland

◆ American archaeologists definitely located the port of Ezion-Geber, mentioned in 1 Kings 9:26-28, but in the centuries since Solomon and Hiram used it for a naval base the sands drifted in until it is now a half mile from the sea. Among other treasures recovered were even some of the ropes used to moor King Solomon's ships. These were found well preserved, buried in the desert sands.

Floods in Palestine

◆ It seems odd to read of floods in Palestine and Syria, commonly thought of as more or less desert lands. Fifteen were drowned near Beersheba, on the edge of the desert wherein the children of Israel wandered for forty years.

The Hittite Palace at Teij Tainat

◆ The Syrian expedition of the University of Chicago, under the field direction of Dr. Calvin W. McEwan, unearthed at Teij Tainat, in North Syria, the remains of what is believed to be the porch of an ancient Hittite palace. The carving and general construction of the columns show that at that date (about 800 B.C.) men were remarkably skilled in architecture and sculpture and as far removed from the mythical monkey as men are today, or perhaps a bit farther.

Jews Benefit Arabs in Palestine

◆ The Jews in Palestine own less than 10 percent of the land, but pay 60 percent of the taxes. Before the World War 20,000 Arabs emigrated from Palestine each year. Since the Jews have brought in agricultural and industrial development 250,000 Arabs have come into Palestine to share in the prosperity. The growth of the Arab population of Palestine is greater than in any other Arab country, but there is such jealousy of the Jews that the lives of the latter are in constant danger.

The Present Jerusalem

◆ The present Jerusalem, covering fifteen times the area of the ancient city, has 70,000 Jews, 23,000 Moslems and 21,000 Christians. It is a modern city of gardens, factories, schools, synagogues, hospitals and colleges.

The Jerusalem of Jesus' day was razed to the ground, and the place is now no more sacred than Jerusalem, Arkansas. Let the professed Christians, Jews and Moslems fight over it all they want to.

Palestine Becomes a Desirable Land

◆ In the last sixteen years the Arab population increased from 600,000 to over 900,000, and for the first time in their lives the Arabs are living in a country that has railroads, electricity, fine homes, hospitals, schools and broadcasting stations. Due to the draining of marshes, the land is more healthful than in generations.

Total Wealth of Jews in Palestine

◆ The total national wealth of the Jewish settlement in Palestine is calculated at \$400,000,000, of which one-tenth was supplied by the Jews of the United States.



Great Religionists: Catherine de Medici

EVENTS that occurred several hundred years ago possess an unreality that historians can hardly enliven. Perhaps the most unbelievable of these recorded events are the unspeakable horrors of the rack, the garrote, the torture tweezers, and the stake, as means to "convert to God and to the pope". Among *Consolation* readers are many who know something of the agonies of life. There are some who have helplessly witnessed a sufferer with acute toothache; others have observed a loved one undergoing the racking labor pains; and more have yearned to give anodyne for a wounded comrade, to a brave woman contorted in the spasm of kidney colic or enduring the tearing of the internals from gallstone, or for the many terrible sufferings which through accident or peradventure afflict humanity. In order, then, to bring the Inquisition accurately to mind, picture, if possible, hundreds of years and millions of victims actually unnecessarily tortured by horrors worse than these sufferings; pitiable victims whose cries were muffled by the thick walls of the Inquisition chamber; crippled men, women over eighty years old, mothers large with child so that the torturing device must be increased to accommodate the swelling abdomen; all these terrors were used to scourge the "heretic", who was anyone with wealth or possessions coveted by the Hierarchy.

Among the inhuman machines employed to "convert heretics" was the iron horse, whose backbone formed the blade of a knife; the naked victims were mounted astride, and, to assist the process of slitting, weights on the legs pulled the agonized sufferer downward, bisecting his body from crotch to head. Thus this organization did its work. As foul as a buzzard's breath, it was even worse than a vulture in this; that it slew as well as devoured its victims; and worse than a hawk in that even the falcon accords its prey the decency of a quick death; but the Inquisition tormented to death, then ravened upon the substance of the murdered! And even on top of

this they added further crime: the name of Christ, who spent a part of His ministry healing the afflicted, was given and called upon this monster of robbery, rape and murder!

At this point it seems appropriate to introduce Catherine de Medici, one of the actors upon this stage of blood. Catherine de Medici, queen of Henry II of France, was born in Florence, Italy, in 1519. "She was the only daughter of Lorenzo de Medici, Duke of Urbino, and the niece of Pope Clement VII." (*Encyclopedia Americana*, Vol. 6, page 55) "She was the mother of four sons, of whom three became kings of France in her own lifetime. . . . Catherine was equally gifted with beauty and talents . . . When the death of [her husband] Henry II in 1559 made her mistress of herself, she plunged her children in a whirl of pleasures, partly to enervate them by dissipation, partly from a natural inclination toward prodigality; and in the midst of these extravagances cruel and bloody measures were executed, the memory of which still makes men shudder." (*Ency. Americana*, same page) It was in the reign of her second son, Charles IX, that she maneuvered the Massacre of St. Bartholomew; but this was not the only one in the years of civil war which harrowed her thirty years' sway; the Protestant Huguenots were slain also in the Vassy Massacre, which, according to *The Catholic Encyclopedia* (Vol. III, page 443), "opened the first religious war."

In order to properly place Catherine de Medici in the stream of history, a few of her contemporaries are named. Her rulership was more or less contemporary with the reign of Queen Elizabeth of England; her own daughter Elizabeth was married to Philip II of Spain after the death of his wife "Bloody Queen Mary". Besides being inculcated with the villainous "principles" of Catholicism prevalent throughout most of Europe at the time, and ably led by her uncle, Pope Clement VII, she was a friend of the infamous Duke of Alva who ravaged Europe in the pope's name.

The full narration of the crimes of this woman can be but briefly hinted at in this sketch. But the words of numerous authorities on the Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day will serve to place before the student's mind the caliber of work that may always be expected from religionists. Catherine was an exponent of the brand of religion advocated by the Duke of Alva, who "stained his reputation as a general by new cruelties, his exe-

cutioners shedding more blood than his soldiers"; and of the pope who "presented [Alva] with a consecrated hat and sword, a distinction previously conferred only on princes". (*Ency. Americana*, Vol. I, page 458) "The Massacre of St. Bartholomew was her work." (*Ency. Am.*)

This horrible slaughter was purposed to annihilate all Protestant opposition with which Catherine had been temporizing for some years. To accomplish her purpose she had the assistance of the Guises, the Catholic ducal house, and, of course, the "blessing" of the pope. "The idea of putting to death Coligny and a few Huguenot chiefs by sudden arrest and trial for treason had been pressed upon her again and again from Rome and Spain and by some of the ultra Catholics like Nevers, Montpensier, and Mouluc. . . . The Duke of Guise was her instrument." To carry out the plot her son the king must be made to act. On this the historian writes: "Seven witnesses who were in Paris at the time agreed that his mother [Catherine] and oldest brother, the Duke of Anjou, were the chief agents in

persuading Charles IX to consent to the ugliest deed that stains the history of any modern European nation." "Catherine afterwards claimed that the deed had been done for the glory of God and the honor of the church." (All quotations in this paragraph from Paul Van Dyke's *Catherine de Medici*, Vol. II, pages 83-88.)

After a cabal with the Guises and the king and several Catholic prelates it was decided to wipe out all the Huguenots of importance, most of whom were in Paris at the time. (August, 1572) The slaughter began with Admiral Coligny, who lay on a bed, wounded by a Catholic traitor. After his murder the Duke of Guise who had been entrusted with the commission asked that his body be thrown

down for recognition. "It is he, I know him," he said, and kicked him in the face, and mounted and rode off." (*Catherine de Medici and The Lost Revolution*, page 460)

Murder then went rampant. "It is impossible to draw an exact and ordered picture of those terrible hours when murder spread with the dawn from the palace through the slums of the city, until the corpses of the King's wedding guests lay piled in front of his door and, as an observer wrote, 'blood ran down the gutters like water after a heavy rain.'" (Van Dyke's *Catherine de Medici*, Vol. II, page 89) Then the "mob of Paris rose and killed every living creature suspected of heresy upon whom they could lay their hands". (Same, p. 90) "By the King's orders the massacre was extended through the whole kingdom. . . . This horrible slaughter continued over 40 days; the victims are calculated at from 10,000 to 100,000. . . . At Rome the massacre was given out as a victory over a great Huguenot conspiracy against the King; it was for this reason that the Pope ordered the 'Te Deum' to be chanted and a medal



Why, Inki!

struck commemorating the event." (*Encyclopedia Americana*, Vol. 3, page 292)

Knowing the avarice of the Rome of that day and this day and every day, the Massacre of St. Bartholomew is more understandable in the light of the system which was then practiced by the Inquisitioners generally. On this the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Vol. 14, page 590, regarding the confiscation of the property of heretics, states: "From the point of view of its economic history the importance of the confiscation is supreme. . . . In the kingdom of France there was a special official . . . whose duty it was to collect the personal property of heretics and to incorporate their landed estates in the royal domain. . . . Soon the Papacy managed to gain

a share of the spoils, even outside the states of the church, as is shown by the bulls *ad extirpanda* of Innocent IV and Alexander IX [both popes], and henceforth the inquisitors had in varying proportions a direct interest in these spoliations. . . . In . . . France, Italy and Germany, the property of those convicted of heresy was shared between the lay and ecclesiastical authorities. . . . Confiscation was indeed most profitable to the [Catholic] secular princes, and there is no doubt that the hope of considerable gain was what induced many princes to uphold the inquisitorial administration. . . . Any contract entered into with a heretic was void. . . . Posthumous trials were frequent . . . sentences were pronounced after death of 89 persons during a period of 115 years. But not only was their property confiscated and their heirs disinherited; they were subject to still further penalties. Frederick II [pope] extended to heresy the application of the Roman law disqualifying from holding office and even included under its operation the children and grandchildren of the guilty man."

Net result, the Papacy was enriched; much of the great wealth and power it now uses to squelch freedom of speech and press and to prosecute wars of aggression was accumulated from the property of murdered innocents. Thus one of the chief motives of the Massacre of St. Bartholomew is made clear; a motive which historians have generally overlooked.

Now a few more commentaries about the notorious religionist Catherine de Medici. "She went about crying 'Peace', where there was no peace." "She deceived [the Huguenots] by fine words . . . while all the time she was weaving their destruction." "About virtue she did not care at all." (Edith Sicel's *Later Years of Catherine de Medici*, pages 426, 427) "At her death France was in a state of complete dismemberment." (*Encyclopedia Americana*, Vol. 6, page 55)

There is but one reason to harrow our readers with a review of these events of past history: it is to point out the similarity of the ancient inquisitors and the pope's modern allies and to clarify the similar motives behind the depredations of the perpetual inquisition. A United Press dispatch of November 10, 1938, carried by the San Diego *Sun* has the headlines "Nazis Round Up Jews; Mobs Burn Temples". Horrible Jewish per-

secutions were described as retaliation for the shooting of a German embassy secretary in Paris. Such wholesale murder and attack is made to appear in its real dress by the headlines of the same paper on November 12, 1938: "Jews Must Pay \$406,000,000. Nazis Levy Fine as Reprisal for Killing." Thus is made clear the motives of the pope's present inquisition.

In a previous article it was remarked that Priest Patrick O'Brien stated that the Catholics are ready prepared in America for 1940, and speaks of Roosevelt as the Catholics' choice; Dr. E. Boyd Barrett, in his exposé *Rome Stoops to Conquer*, makes the aims of Catholic Action in America certain. An Associated Press dispatch carried by the Los Angeles *Times* of October 17, describing the Catholic Eucharistic Congress in New Orleans, states: "Tomorrow night at a reception in the City Auditorium Postmaster General Farley, representing President Roosevelt—will speak." Is it not apparent that America is heading for Catholicism, Fascism and hence for a Papal dictatorship, or totalitarian rule, like Germany's? Let Americans remember that when they subscribe to this order of tyranny not only do they get Catholicism, but they get the inquisition and the end of all truth. Motto of Rome: ONCE THE INQUISITION ALWAYS THE INQUISITION. The leopard never changes its spots!

This is the third in a series of biographies comparing the ancient and the modern Inquisition. The previous sketches brought out the facts that: first, the present supporters and allies of the pope, such as Hitler, Mussolini, and Franco, in their fiendish destruction of freedom and life, had their example and model in such Roman Catholic Inquisitioners as "Bloody Mary" and Torquemada; second, the ancient Catholic Inquisition, practiced ostensibly for the purpose of cleaning out heresy, was actually carried on to enrich the "Holy Office", the Hierarchy and the pope; third, the Inquisition, such as the dispossession of Jews and the torture and death of others in the Hierarchy-ridden countries of Germany and Italy *today*, has for its purpose the same objective of robbery; lastly, the Inquisition will never cease until the Roman Catholic Hierarchy ceases. The motto of Rome is repeated: ONCE THE INQUISITION ALWAYS THE INQUISITION. The leopard never changes its spots!

(To be continued)

President of the U. S. A.

"Let Us Have the Courage"



"Let us have the courage to stop borrowing to meet continuing deficits. Stop the deficits!"—Roosevelt at Albany, July 30, 1932.

"It is my pledge and promise that this dangerous kind of (deficit) financing shall be stopped and that rigid government economy shall be forced by a stern and unremitting administration policy of living within our income."—Roosevelt at St. Louis, October 21, 1932.

Following are the official Treasury figures, by fiscal years, for the Roosevelt deficits (excess of government expenditures over receipts) except for that for 1939, which is taken from the president's revised estimate published yesterday. This deficit of over \$4,000,000,000 he said in his budget message of last January would be less than \$950,000,000.

1934 ... \$3,989,496,035	1937 ... 2,811,318,310
1935 ... 3,585,779,384	1938 ... 1,524,713,050
1936 ... 4,763,841,643	1939 ... 4,084,887,600

"Revenues must cover expenses by one means or another. Any government, like any family, can for a year spend a little more than it earns. But you and I know a continuation of that habit means the poorhouse."—Roosevelt at Albany, July 30, 1932.

Following are the official Treasury figures showing by fiscal years the national debt after the last year of the Hoover administration, which ended in March, 1933, and for each Roosevelt year thereafter. The 1939 figure is taken from the president's estimate published yesterday:

1933 ... \$22,538,672,164	1937 ... 36,424,613,732
1934 ... 27,053,141,414	1938 ... 37,164,740,315
1935 ... 28,700,892,624	1939 ... 41,249,627,195
1936 ... 33,778,543,494	

—Los Angeles Times-Mirror, July 14, 1938.

"From Immigrants and Revolutionists"

◆ President Roosevelt was in a fine humor when he addressed the Daughters of the American Revolution the other day.

"I thought of preaching on a text, but I won't," he said. "I will only give you the text and won't preach on it.

"I think I can afford to give you the text because it so happens—through no fault of my own—that I am descended from a number

of people who came over on the Mayflower. More than that, my ancestors on both sides—and when you go back four generations, or five generations, it means 32 or 64 of them—every single one of them, without exception, was in this land in 1776. And there was only one Tory among them.

"And so the text is this: Remember that all of us, you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists."

A good text for the Daughters, but not a bad text for the rest of us.—Labor.

Precocious Jimmy Roosevelt

◆ A legitimate man smells out a chance to sell some business and buy the little woman a string of beads for her pretty white throat and goes tearing around with his fountain pen uncapped, only to be told that the job is pledged to some sacred cow of the administration in power. That annoys him and he wants to blow the whistle, but always loses his nerve in fear that any power which is able to buffalo a big fat client might be able to run him clear out of town. So he takes it out in beating his wife or kicking his dog.—Westbrook Pegler, in the New York World-Telegram. [It seems from Pegler's articles that he has some doubts as to the ethics of a president's son's being his secretary and doing a big insurance business at the same time.]

President Well Guarded

◆ The president is well guarded, and should be, and every honest American will be glad that it is so. When he takes a city ride in an automobile four alert motor cops are in their machines on each side, front and back of the car which carries him, and on the running board of that car are two secret service men alert for any danger. A car follows him carrying four other capable Federal men, two of whom are charged with special attention to overhead dangers along the route. And that car also has motor escort.

Glad to Have the Orders

◆ Britain paid in gold for the 400 planes she bought in America. American Big Business would be delighted to have orders for 4,000 or 40,000 planes, paid for in the same way, and could make deliveries at a rate that would surely surprise Hitler and Mussolini.

Making It Too Beautiful



When Hitler went back to Germany he described his visit to Italy by saying, "It was too beautiful." That seems to have been the impression created upon the Mohammedans by

Mussolini's propaganda spread throughout the Moslem world by radio. He was going to be their protector and blessing. After waiting a few years they decided they had been lied to, with the result that in Ethiopia they have joined up with the Coptic Christians in doing all possible to rid the country of the foe that has drenched the country with poison gas and not hesitated to burn alive in their huts people who were supposed to have been guilty of firing upon the Italian troops.

Officiousness in Gold Coast

◆ Experienced witnesses of Jehovah, readers of *Consolation*, will have little difficulty guessing what strange influence it was that led the officials of the British Gold Coast, West Africa, to expel from their territory W. R. Brown, many years representative in the also British colony of Nigeria, West Africa, of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. After expulsion from the allegedly Protestant Gold Coast colony, Mr. Brown was received without question into the allegedly Roman Catholic French colony of Dahomey. It is strange, but true, that agents of the Hierarchy in Protestant lands are often far more unreasonable than those in lands where the people, from long experience, know more about their methods. But they won't be able to get away with it much longer.

Wives at \$4.50 Apiece

◆ Up in the extreme northeastern corner of the Belgian Congo, near the border line of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, is a village by the name of Dungu, in the tribe of the Zandes. A missionary returned from there after twenty years' experience states that the present price of good wives in Dungu is \$4.50 each; that it is not unusual for a Zandes buck to size up a couple as to their health and good looks and to make a bargain with them for the first girl baby that is borne to them. Payments are made on installments, and if payments are not made regularly as agreed the girl's parents or brothers reclaim her.

Child Labor in Kenya

◆ The Manchester *Guardian* is authority for the statement that though children in Spanish colonies in Africa must be fifteen before they may be recruited for certain kinds of work, and the children in Portuguese and French colonies must be respectively fifteen and fourteen years of age, yet in Kenya, which is under British rule, they may be recruited at ten years of age, and if the child for any reason breaks the contract which has been made for it (as by flight, for instance) it is liable to fine or imprisonment, as are also its parents. The age was formerly twelve.

Bombed Their Own Troops

◆ In one of the numerous insurrections occurring in Ethiopia, the Italian authorities sent their own native Eritrean troops to rout the invaders. The Ethiopians got word of the advance and moved their own camp several miles away during the night. When the Eritreans arrived at the former place they found it vacant and made their own camp there. Early in the morning Italian bombers appeared over them and bombed and machine-gunned them for two hours. Hundreds of the Eritrean troops were killed, and the others fled.

The Useful Baobab Tree

◆ One of the trees most useful to man is the baobab, the trunk of which sometimes grows to 30 feet in diameter. As the wood is remarkably soft, natives of Africa sometimes hollow out the tree, which then makes a fine home. The tree produces a fruit from which is obtained a very cooling drink containing citrate of magnesia. The leaves, made into food by a pounding process, constitute a staple diet article in many places. Clothing material is obtained from the fibers of the bark. The wood is too soft to be formed into timber.

Sausage Tree of Central Africa

◆ The so-called "sausage tree" of Central Africa bears a fruit used for food, drink and clothing. The fruit may be eaten either raw or cooked; when the pulp is squeezed and fermented it makes a delicious drink; and the dried fibrous meat of the fruit makes excellent sandals, bath mats and carpets. What a wonderful place this earth is bound to be under its new King and Ruler!

Education Not Important

◆ With the emphasis that is placed on war and unquestioning obedience to "der fuchrer", education assumes a place of minor importance in the Nazi scheme of things, particularly education that broadens the mind and enlarges the sympathies.

Student enrollment at German universities decreased 28 percent in five years of Nazi control. Of the professors 1,684 were dismissed as not being down to the Nazi standard. The present rector of the University of Berlin worked in a slaughterhouse for 37 years, a grimly ironical fact.

In spite of the fact that Nazi schools are reported to be taking the place of Roman Catholic schools in Austria and 3,000 nun teachers in Germany have reputedly been replaced with Nazi instructors, Johan Bireher, professor of religion in Vienna College, expressed the opinion of his fellow priests to the number of four hundred, gathered together for the same purpose, when he issued the statement:

There is no conflict between the principles of National Socialism and the Catholic Church. There is no reason why a good German Catholic priest cannot also be a good National Socialist.

Reports of the Nazi decree closing the Innsbruck Theological College do not assign a reason. Some ninety Roman Catholic bishops now living in all parts of the world received their training there.

Catholic annuals and calendars must now be submitted to Nazi censors before publication.

German and Japanese Synthetic Wool

◆ German synthetic wool, made of wood fiber, waterproof, crimped and dyed, was mixed with natural wool fifty-fifty and only ten out of sixty wool growers were able to discern from superficial observation that it was not all natural. One factory near Leipzig is now turning out eighty-five tons of the synthetic wool daily, and there is nothing to prevent a thousand factories' doing the same thing. Australian wool growers are alarmed, and justly so.

Japanese imitation wool serge, 50 inches wide, difficult to distinguish from Australian serge of the best quality, sold in Sydney for slightly above one-third the price of the genuine article.

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Demons Shoving Germany to Ruin

◆ The fact that Hitler is possessed by demons is beginning to be realized, as shown in the following:

In olden times, when certain men hustled and hurried themselves and all over whom they exercised control down the path to destruction, the ancients very wisely held that they were possessed by demons.

The ancients knew, too, that the demons could not take possession unless they were invited in.

The outstanding example of demoniac possession in our times is a man named Hitler. The demons have possession of him and his, and are hurrying him and his to destruction. He cannot, if he would, stop them now.

The demons of fear, of force, of brutality, of faithlessness, of pride and mass insanity are shoving Hitler and Germany to destruction.

Hitler and Germany invited them in, but they cannot politely ask them to leave. It is too late for that.

Demons have no reverse gear.—The Vancouver Sun.

Liquidating All Jewish Business

◆ All private Jewish banking houses in Germany have been liquidated or taken over by Aryans, and the same process is under way with the insurance companies. Out of a total of 2,000 Jewish clothing firms, 900 were Aryanized in less than a year, while another 900, it is stated, will probably be liquidated entirely. Hereafter, Jews may sell only to Jews.

The "Lim'es" Fortifications

◆ In his speech at Nuremberg Hitler stated that there were 278,000 workmen engaged in building the Siegfried ["Lim'es"] line, the most gigantic fortifications of all time, and that they would be ready before winter. They contain 17,000 forts or defense works of reinforced concrete, which, if placed together, would stretch for ten miles.

Profitable Surgery

◆ *Ken* magazine tells how a Vienna surgeon saved his roll at the time he escaped from the Heil Hitler madhouse. He changed his fortune to the highest denomination bills available, folded them in a sterile pouch, slit a narrow wound in his leg, inserted the pouch, sewed up the incision, and as soon as he got into Switzerland reversed the process.

China and Japan

The Sinking of the Panay



On Sunday, December 12, 1937, the United States gunboat Panay, lying at anchor in Nanking, realized that the city would soon be attacked by the Japanese, and started to move upstream with nearly all the Americans in the city on board. At 9:30 in the morning of that day a Japanese lieutenant and party of soldiers boarded the ship, getting full facts as to its nationality and destination. Four hours later the boat was bombed, machine-gunned and sunk. Three days later Japanese citizens in Tokyo halted Americans in the streets or called at their offices to express their regret at the hasty and needless destruction of life. The essential fact is that the Japanese government has no control over the Japanese army or navy, but the latter are amenable only to the emperor, supposed to be a direct descendant of one of the gods. It is manifest that the Japanese people, as a people, do not wish war with America. The Panay was convoying three Standard Oil tankers at the time it was sunk.

Cut Off Her Own Hair

◆ Many striking things happened in Japan to show the innate politeness of the Japanese people, at the time of the Panay incident. One dramatic incident happened at the American embassy when a woman came in, expressing her regret and sympathy in a trembling voice, and suddenly whipped out a pair of shears and cut off her hair, to show that she really meant what she said. It was a typically Japanese move, somewhat akin to the custom of hara-kiri, where a man who has been mortally offended by a fellow citizen commits suicide by disemboweling himself on the man's doorstep, to express his deep regret at the occurrence.

China's Military Highway

◆ China's great military highway, being built by a million laborers to connect western China with Soviet Russia, was probably started too late to accomplish its intended purpose of bringing China and Russia within two weeks of each other, by automobile truck. But the road will probably be completed in due course, and if no war supplies stream into China over it, it will nevertheless be of real value

and importance in the better days that will follow the present evil ones.

Bowing Slightly to Baal



In *World Christianity* Missionary Horace Underwood makes it clear that he doesn't believe in prostrating himself before Baal; all he would do would be to bend politely, just a little, just enough to get by. The Japs in Korea put pressure on all Koreans to join in "patriotic" exercises at Shinto shrines. The Presbyterians, to their credit, flatly refused, and their schools were closed as a consequence. But Horace and other missionaries from the northern parts of the United States kept their schools open. They did it, so Horace says, by "making a slight inclination of the head and body" when the command was given to salute. Horace probably never read the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, and if he did he thought it was only folklore and not worth remembering or imitating. His idea seems to be, Why lose your job when you can keep the good long green coming in by a judicious, medium-sized bending of your head and body?

3,000 Worms to the Pound

◆ It takes 3,000 silkworms to make a pound of silk, and it is estimated to have taken 220,000,000,000 worms to produce the 73,000,000 pounds of raw silk which Japan exported in 1935. Three-fourths of this went to the United States. The silkworm eats fifty times its own weight in fresh mulberry leaves, but, after attaining full size (about three inches long), begins the weaving of its beautiful shroud which afterwards encases milady's lovely form, or some of it.

Burning Up Japanese Boys

◆ War consists of burning up boys in their teens and early twenties, to get out of their bodies the last ounce of energy possible. In their operations in China the Japanese soldiers are being given energy tablets for this purpose, and in some instances the soldier inhales oxygen provided in small tubes and released into a rubber-silk bag. Mere murder machines are men whose minds are poisoned by propaganda, their blood by serums, and their lungs and nerves by this latest bedevilment.

By Trail and Stream and Garden Path—A Sled Ride



"NOW, I'll pull you on the sled," offered Bunny, as Buddy turned the sled around at the top of the hill.

"I'm too heavy," Buddy explained.

"But we go easy on the snow."

"Not uphill, we don't. Let's ride down once more, then go into the house."

"All right," agreed Bunny. Quickly she sat down behind her brother and wound her chubby little arms around his neck.

"No, Bunny. You sit in front of me."

"But we go so fast I shut my eyes," Bunny declared.

"Just the same, you must sit here where I can hold on to you."

"Oh, all right." Bunny slipped into place and the sled started on its downward journey. Faster and faster it flew. Bunny held her breath and shut her eyes.



All at once Buddy knew he couldn't stop the sled in time. He was glad Bunny always shut her eyes. Pulling hard on the left rope and pushing with his right foot, he turned the sled sharply and guided it down over a small bank, turning over at last in a soft snow drift.

Not until the snow began tumbling all about her did Bunny know that this ride was any different from the others they'd taken that day.

"Are you hurt?" Buddy asked anxiously, crawling out of a hole into which he had fallen.

But Bunny didn't answer. She was stooping over, peering into the hole from which her brother had crawled. "What is it?" she asked.

"What is what?" asked Buddy, puzzled.

"That little round thing."

Buddy followed the tip of Bunny's tiny finger. There in a little hollow filled with dead leaves and grass, and slightly protected by an overhanging rock, lay a small furry thing. It was of a reddish-brown color with black and white stripes down its back. Just now it was huddled in a far corner of the hollow, rolling its soft brown eyes about in fright.

"A chipmunk!" Buddy cried. "Bunny, it's a

chipmunk. We've come tumbling right through the roof of his winter home, and he doesn't like it. Poor thing! he's frightened half to death."

"How do you know it's a—a—one of those things?" Bunny wanted to know.

"Because I've seen many of them during the summer. And in the fall, too."

"What's he doing here?"

"This is where he's staying while it is too cold to run about. Jane told me all about chipmunks one day when we were out in the woods."

"Tell me," Bunny begged, eagerly.

"Well," Buddy began proudly, "they gather things to eat in the fall—nuts and acorns and things. They carry them in little pockets in their cheeks, as squirrels do."

"Do they get tired?" Bunny interrupted.

"How would I know that? Anyway, they make a nice winter home under the ground. They have two rooms—one to sleep in and one to put food in."

"Don't they have a room to eat in?"

"No, of course not. They make little tunnels from their rooms so they can go outside without anyone finding their home."

"I see a tunnel," Bunny said.

Sticking out her little feet, she was just ready to slide down into the chipmunk's bedroom when Buddy grabbed her. "I see it now," he said. "You don't need to go down."

Bunny looked disappointed. "I want to find the room where he puts nuts."

"Maybe we can see it from up here," said Buddy.

The room was not hard to find—simply another hollow, filled with the things a chipmunk likes and can store away. Shells here and there had been brushed into the leaves.

The chipmunk, finding that no one was going to hurt him, had taken a step or two forward and was gazing up at the two children, a little curious about the uninvited guests.

Finding some sturdy sticks and a few flat stones, Buddy set about to mend the broken house, piling on top of it what clods of frozen earth he could find, and leaving the tunnel free. Snow over it all soon hid from sight the little home down under the ground.

"I'm glad we fell over," Bunny sighed.

—Finis! Grace Estep.



British Comment

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The Political Situation

● The recent crisis in Europe, and which brought Britain to the verge of war with Germany, has let loose a multitude of voices. There is a growing amount of criticism of the Munich agreement. Many of the critics are party politicians, sincere in their beliefs. They not only criticize the agreement which put Czechoslovakia into Hitler's hands, but the policy of the Government which, they say, allowed the crisis to develop; they aver that had their party been in power the trouble could not have happened. Some who are merely party politicians, whether for or against the government, are seeking to make gain out of the crisis. The Communists, who are not numerous, but active and assertive, take the chance of pushing their theory and their war against capitalism. On the other hand, some energetic and influential members of Mr. Chamberlain's own (Tory) party went so far as to engage a firm of publicity agents to boost Mr. Chamberlain, while the going was good. Naturally Mr. Chamberlain squashed the business as soon as he heard of it. But that the political situation in Britain is totally changed by reason of the recent events is admitted by all. British people will be compelled to a different manner of life: there will be less liberty for the individual, and more general restrictions in business and for the community. It is realized that as a nation it can no longer afford to wait to take action when a danger or a crisis arises, but must be prepared for aggression. The advocates of conscription for the army and navy are already making themselves heard; and there are the milder but very insistent cries for registration of the man (and woman) power of the people, and for some kind of regimentation. The premier has promised that conscription shall not come about during this present Parliament; but it is "in the air", and the war clouds gather quickly.

It is now admitted that London was very badly prepared to resist an enemy air raid. About 100 anti-aircraft guns were hastily got into position, but it has been openly stated

that only 50 of these were fit to be called effective. Paris, which perhaps rightly was considered to be more exposed to air raids, had more than 500 such guns ready in position. It is also now admitted that there was much muddling in the hurried attempts to get the people fitted with gas masks. The trenches and underground shelters dug in the parks are to remain; the shelters are to be better prepared than the hasty work allowed for, and there will be little outward sign of the upheavals made. It was a relief to the people to see the sandbags removed from the government offices and the public buildings, and there was a general settling down, with the heartfelt desire that normal life would be resumed. What has become of the gas masks is not easy to say: perhaps because of hope for the future, or because of having little faith in the ability of the masks to give protection, many of them were destroyed or cast into the nearest dustbin. It was reported that in one section of Paddington district no less than 173 masks were found in the refuse cans. Probably the Air Raid authorities will try to keep up precaution demonstrations so as to keep the people alive to the need, for the plain fact is that there is now no "front line trench" as in the last war. The front line is the homes of the people, and to such a case has the world been brought by their break from "the everlasting covenant", which God established for the rule of mankind after the Flood.

The crisis and the Munich agreement have thrown the politics of a great part of Europe and of Britain into the melting pot. Germany stands where it did, but is greatly strengthened both in material matters and in prestige; the others must adjust themselves to the facts, and Britain is greatly affected in its domestic life and foreign policy. Hitherto France has for a long time taken the position of being the dominant continental power, always expectant of Britain's aid, and somewhat aggressive in the expectancy because of Britain's need to have a friendly power on the south side of the English Channel. Now France has dropped to a lower place in national estimates; for Germany, at present backed by Italy, can assert herself in Central and Western European affairs. In consequence both Britain and France must review both their military and economic changed situation. It may reasonably be presumed that Germany will for a time be kept busy with the harvesting of the rich material resources into which its victory over

Czechoslovakia has opened the way. Already this business is well attended to, for Germany's need was great and the harvest ready for the reaping. It is not likely that Germany will trouble the French Maginot line, at tremendous cost in men and material, while it has the much more profitable occupation of gathering in riches from the central and south-eastern countries of Europe and at no expense to itself.

II Duce and His Empire

● Although at the present II Duce is Hitler's "very dear friend", it by no means follows that he will allow Hitler to determine his course of action or to thwart his purposeful policy. No doubt Mussolini wants to maneuver Britain into such a position as will enable him to make a good bargain for himself at Britain's expense; yet, with his newly gained empire to consider, he can hardly afford to get into an aggressive dispute with Britain. While it is true that the national interests of the British Empire and those of France would be very seriously threatened or impaired by the Mediterranean's becoming impassable as a means of vital communication, it is also true that the same would affect Italy's communications with Abyssinia. If the Mediterranean and Red seas were closed to Italy's shipping, Abyssinia would certainly be lost to Italy.

Hong Kong and Japan

● The unexpected fall of Canton to Japan, only nine days after the Japs landed on the coast 150 miles from the city, and the consequent control gained over southern China, is attributed by some French newspapers to a measure of complaisance on the part of the British. Perhaps they are not very far from the truth in this suggestion, and it may be that there is a measure of truth also in the constant suggestions that the British Government favors the Berlin-Rome-Japanese-Fascist combination. The moves in the political world are in themselves no particular concern of Jehovah's witnesses, of those who are true and faithful disciples of Christ; but as this is the day of Jehovah's judgment of the nations, having placed His Son as King in His holy hill of Zion, according to His Word, in the second Psalm; and as this great King is now maneuvering the forces of evil that they may be

revealed in their opposition to God and to righteousness, these things are watched with interest by the faithful witnesses to God and the establishment of His kingdom, and the destruction at Armageddon. And all the time there comes confirmation of the instruction given them from the Scriptures, and of the warning given to the nations, and particularly so in respect to the warning to the world by Judge Rutherford in his speech so recently. Then and in London he warned all who would hear of the combined forces of totalitarian states and religion who by force and subtility would make the attempt to put all the world under their control, and against God and His King.

Confirmation

● In his public speech in London on September 11 Judge Rutherford stated that the totalitarian monster prefigured by Goliath [See top of p. 18.], and already striding about Europe, would get Switzerland into its clutches. The Geneva correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, writing on October 23, reports the Swiss as being much disturbed by reason of a strong German hint (published in a German journal and supposedly "inspired") which says in effect that Germany is determined to have the economic hegemony of the continent, and that it will be to the hurt of Switzerland if that country does not go into the German economic orbit. The pincers which closed on Czechoslovakia will surely squeeze Switzerland.

Tumult of Voices

● One commentator says of the many voices venting opinions about the crisis, its causes and its outcome, "Never before was there such an uproar of opinions. The infernal racket stuns reason. There has been nothing like it since Babel"; and in irony, and contempt of the actions of the politicians and their backers during the past twenty years, says, "Twenty years after the last shot (of the great war) and the cheering, victory goes to the vanquished. After spending one million lives, and 8,000 millions sterling, what has one to show for it? Free gas masks! That is all!" He adds, writing of Hitler and his spell over the German people, "We know all we need of his military power: the newsreels have shown us these Wagnerian properties of his. What we never knew before this was the dread of war in the minds of his people. Now we know it is there,

an unpremeditated outcome of the visit of Mr. Chamberlain. Hitler realized this, to his one great surprise. The repressed desire for peace, and to be let alone, was freed in the German people. For once the multitude could shout loud for a reason which at other times has put Germans in concentration camps. The Germans were not like that in 1914." He concludes: "Nationalism is an infectious disease of the mind, sure to bring disaster . . . and its propagandists are morally no better than those engaged in an underhand traffic in drugs."

These are plain words. Undoubtedly the German people do not now want war, however much in 1914 they were ready for the glory of conquest. Nor do the peoples of earth want war. It is ambitious men, whether moved by desire for power or wealth, that bring wars between the peoples, made helpless victims of their schemes. But the futility of the measures for peace, after the wickedness and devastation of war, and the root causes of wars are things which neither leaders nor the people will consider. That God has in His Word stated that all human creatures are born out of harmony with Him and His righteousness is something they will not accept. The world's great "triumph", the League of Nations, took no account of God, and consequently ignored the passions of men, except to agree that disputes should be carried to it. As Judge Rutherford has so clearly stated, and so often reiterated the fact, those clergymen who proclaimed that the League was 'the expression on earth of the kingdom of heaven' were traitors to their vows and to Jehovah God; for they led the peoples to expect that salvation from war, and peace and happiness, can be got through man's own efforts, apart from the will of the Creator as expressed in His Word. Such clergymen were like Esau: they sold their birthright for present gain, and now, like Esau, they are outcasts from the covenant and must take their place with those whom they have called "pagans".

Beating the Air

● There cannot have been any time like the present when Paul's words about 'beating the air' were so manifestly fulfilled. The writer above quoted speaks of the tumult of opinions. He writes of the political affairs, but there is a tumult of voices amongst the religionists, particularly noticeable amongst non-conform-

ists. Rome stays put, except in its ever-pressing activity to further its interests; and the Church of England is static: it set stuck, and has remained so. Non-conformity has to justify its existence, and at present it is beating the air rather energetically. They are concerned for themselves; for their structures are in danger of collapse, or of being overturned by the winds of the present troubles. There is no way of escape for them: they started to run in the mad race of the modern critics, while making some show of retaining their evangelistic style, and now they have no message for the people who cry for light and assurance.

The Bishops

● The Church of England has had a custom of holding a congress each year, but of late years the practice has been irregular. The congress has no authority, but it gives the clergy a chance of seeing an archbishop and some bishops, and of listening to selected speakers. At one recently held the crisis was much in the mind of the speakers. What was said revealed that some of the leaders see very clearly that the existence of the churches is threatened by the rise of the totalitarian states. The totalitarian government does not allow freedom of worship of God any more than it allows freedom of action and expression to a trade or other union of workmen. In Germany a minister or priest must both say "Heil Hitler" and take an oath of allegiance to him. He must "worship God" through Hitler. The totalitarian government demands obedience to the state as if it stood in the place of God, and in Germany the form of "Christianity" allowed places Hitler in the same relation as Christ; for as Christ Jesus expresses the will of God, so does Hitler express the will of the state. It is in this claim that the pope sees a competitor. Hitlerism and the Papacy make the same claim. In the meantime Hitler has made such a bold claim for supremacy as to excite the pope. The underground channels which exist are yet to be fully disclosed. Judge Rutherford has shown that the pope has been in concordance with Hitler, who is yet a member of the Roman Catholic Church; and he has also shown from the Scriptures that this totalitarian monster will have the support of religionists. Undoubtedly the bishops will line up with the Papacy when their crisis draws closer on.

South Sea — Cover Design for This Number

THE South Sea islands are interesting and intriguing places. The people who live on these isolated bits of earth have few cares (or had, until the white man came along). There is an abundance of nourishing food available and a genial climate. Among the various fruit trees is the remarkable breadfruit tree, which alone would suffice to feed the natives. Another interesting feature of these unique islands is that there are few or no land animals on them, feathered creatures being generally the only occupants besides man.

The islands of the South Sea, which is another term for the southern Pacific, are so numerous as to be practically numberless. As they lie within the tropics, the inhabitants, a fine-looking race for the most part, have little need for clothing, and not a great deal of need for work, although many of them are industrious and active. Their moral standards, too, are generally high, and they are courteous and considerate in their dealings with one another and with strangers.

Among the many groups of islands found in the southern Pacific may be mentioned the

Friendly islands, the Solomon islands, the New Hebrides, the Fiji islands, the Samoa islands, the Gilbert islands, the Society islands, the Marquesas and Paumotu islands, the Tubuai islands, and many other groups, too numerous to mention here.

Many of these islands appear to be no more than immense coral reefs, while others are of volcanic origin, having been thrown up from the ocean by active volcanoes. It is believed that many that appear to be merely coral reefs have a volcanic foundation, or are the tops of mountains, submerged and covered with coral. Indeed, the entire system of the Pacific islands may be viewed as a series of mountain groups and ranges, partly submerged, though in many cases the mountains extend above the ocean level to a great height.

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