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Appetizers

Mussolini as Ridiculous as Ever

◆ Mussolini is asininely ridiculous. When he visited Libya he had everything fixed up to crash the headlines in great shape. He had hardly landed before a bull rushed for him, and if General Balbo had not grabbed it by the horns the world would have been the gainer. He timed his visit so as to get a great flood of glory from the achievements of the Italian troops in Spain, under the general Bergonzoli, first to enter Addis Ababa at the head of a tank column. The Spanish women licked the Italian men to a frazzle. Mussolini, so it is alleged, demanded that Bergonzoli put many of his officers to death; so he committed suicide instead, and the Sawdust Caesar hastened back to the Imperial City, into which, in the "march on Rome", he came by sleeping car, on invitation from the king.

Dr. Norris Is Sore

◆ Dr. Foxley Norris, dean of Westminster Abbey, is sore because the Reverend C. G. Holland, vicar of Ewell, Surrey, wrote, in a "church" magazine, objecting to the turnstiles and tills used at the time of the coronation. Dr. Norris wants to know, if a guy in the religious business can't get back his money for cleaning up every night after big crowds have been running over his show place all day, who can. Reverend Holland should shame himself for pinning the bug on Reverend Norris like that. And don't ask how Holland gets his. It is enough for you to know that he gets it. Meantime the farms are shrieking for both.

The Hitler Circus

◆ When Hitler puts on one of his circus acts he has before him a row of buttons which he presses as part of the show. One button, by means of a searchlight, draws attention to the Nazi flag, another to the audience, another to himself, so that his body guard may know when to clap, stamp and "heil". There is a button for photographers, and if they fail to get the exact scene required they do time in a concentration camp.

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

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A Chat from Karachi, India *By G. B. Garrard, Pioneer*

(Karachi is 500 miles northwest of Bombay, at the head of the Arabian Sea.)

TAKING advantage of the lull in battle—there is yet an hour before we go out on service again—I am getting down to it. Owing to the added zest we had been getting recently due to introducing the *G.A.* [now *Consolation*] I had had it in mind to write. Often when returning from battle we get such joy that we feel like letting off steam a bit, and a letter (if we are not too tired) is a good substitute for a chat in our circumstances.

Among the Jerry-Purana Wallas

You mustn't mind this typewriter. It does some funny tricks sometimes, and, believe me, it has seen its day, and by rights should be ready for the jerry-purana walla, as the rag-and-bone merchant is called here. However, catch pioneers giving away such useful luxuries!

At present I am up here in Karachi (250,000 population), and have been with Pioneer Vanderbeek, working it for some two months, during which time we have managed to place about 2,000 pieces of literature. The Lord has surely been very bountiful in His blessings. In addition to this there have been 22 new subscribers for the *G.A.*, which is a record for us.

I was here in 1933. When meeting many of those who took literature then, we ask if they have read them and whether they would like more, and some say they have only glanced through them, etc., but have been too busy—really an excuse for not having interested themselves. At first they are not interested in getting further literature. So out comes the *G.A.*, and after pointing out the underhand methods of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy's

engineering for world control through Fascism, and other things of general interest that may be appearing in the *G.A.*, I suggest that they subscribe for the journal; and this often arouses their interest, and they agree to subscribe.

Having quickened this interest, then I urge them to take the latest of Judge Rutherford's works, together with his side of the proposed debate which the Roman Catholic Hierarchy funked accepting, and to determine for themselves as to what true Christianity involves and what the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and allied religions really are.

In most cases they take the *Riches* and one or two booklets, including *Uncovered* and *Protection*. In one or two cases where I have returned already they have expressed their appreciation of *Riches* and *Uncovered*. I am here referring particularly to business folks. In India, in order to see the European men-folk and many of the Indians in the big cities it is sometimes almost impossible to do so in their private residences.

We do appreciate *The Golden Age* with its fearless exposing of the harlot's activities. It's a real treat to hear Van (my companion—he used to be a ship's officer) give his deep nautical chuckles as he goes into tucks over the various tit-bits in the *G.A.* Yes, it is fine. It is hard for some of the Indians to understand, as many are so unfamiliar with events in America, etc., but there are many issues that I am sure they will appreciate.

But THE great thing that we appreciate in the field here is *Uncovered*, with its predecessor *Riches*. These two pieces are some of the finest weapons that we have for our warfare.

Where some cannot afford to contribute for *Riches* they can at least take *Uncovered*.

Is *Uncovered* doing a work, and a strange one at that? I guess some of these Catholic priests are cursing that booklet up hill and down dale. Opposition to their "church" they can meet by kidding their folks that it's Communist, but exposure from the Word of the Almighty God is devastating and sweeping away their lies. *Uncovered* has let the light in on their racket, pucca.

Pucca of Jerry-Purana Wallas

This uncovering will surely begin to sap their revenue in course of time, and with the great multitude now growing stronger and taking their stand, they will feel the hand of Jehovah in His strange work. The fools who say in their hearts, 'There is no God who sees us,' even as they sweep on to their zenith of power, when they will feel safe and secure from opposition, cannot stop His work of exposing their hiding place built on lies.

When they say "Peace and safety", at the brink of Armageddon, and then get their premonition of trouble even as a woman in the pangs of childbirth, may they remember the strange work Jehovah did during their ruthless ascent to power and realize that they are known as frauds, liars and hypocrites both by their lovers and by the Catholic population upon whose backs they have ridden; and may they remember the burden of the message which Jehovah commanded His servants to bear before them of His righteous judgment, that His first act (again strange to some) in Armageddon would be to destroy that city which they had built called "Babylon", symbolic of their wicked organization.

We are having a right royal time of it here. We have joined in the obedience to the command to "rise up against [the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and 'daughters'] in battle", and are simply rejoicing in the thrills of battle, meeting many Roman Catholics who appreciate the truth and the books, even though they are getting sermons not to take them, and having notices put upon the "church" door.

The more they oppose, the more energy we will put into it; and if they think that we will

tire of it, and reason that it's best to let us get on with it, as they cannot contest the truth, then we get them both ways; for, whichever way they work to oppose, we get on with it.

At the Stuttering Old Typewriter Again

I've had one or two cuts at finishing this letter since starting. Guess you'll have to take a day off to get through it; it's a pity to lumber up your w.p.b. with it; however, it affords me a bit of pleasure in writing, so hope you don't mind.

Another month finished. Van and I had a very satisfactory month's work. We managed to place 173 volumes, 1,149 booklets, and 35 vernacular booklets, and, in addition, the G.A. subscriptions. We are finding many of the Catholics are quite tolerant and ready to listen but dread taking the books for fear of the priests; but after a few home truths as to why the priests don't wish them to read, some of them pluck up courage. We let them see that "Protestants" who know their Bible are more responsible than those Catholics who don't.

It's the fear of being ostracized or excommunicated. In India—probably above most other places—religion spells social status, because it means that one belongs to a community. It's not so bad in the big cities. The truth will soon set them free from such fears.

One call last week brought me in contact with a Catholic. He had been at a friend's house when a priest had been talking with them and had mentioned Judge Rutherford. Don't know what was said, but can guess what the religious fraud said; anyway, this gentleman said he wanted to read the books to find out all about it. I've got to see him tomorrow, to find whether he will take any of the books.

[*Later.* At a sacrifice to himself he is taking all books and booklets by degrees. May the Lord open his eyes that he may take his stand.]

Down in Goa the papers have carried notices that anyone having various books by Judge Rutherford would be excommunicated. What a bunch of mean and unmanly scallywags! Remember the blind man who was healed at the pool of Siloam, that when the man told the

religious fellows where to get off they excommunicated him (John 9:34, *margin*), and his parents before that had feared being put out of the synagogue by the "Jews". Isn't that the same cowardly action of the clergy in these days towards those who desire to have their eyes open and to "see"? "We'll excommunicate you!"

Cheers of the Fighters

Cheers! We have just received the "Uncovered", etc., records and look forward to good results from use of these. Fine advent, the phonograph and records. While giving the lectures at a European's house a week or two back a friend of his turned up, and after hearing the lectures this friend took all the volumes, all the booklets, and subscribed for *The Watchtower* and *The Golden Age*. Wasn't that a cheering result?

What has got those folks who are a bit upset over the G.A. cartoons? I think they are grand! What is the difference between reading a thing in characters which we call type and seeing a thing in sketch? They both do the same thing—convey an idea and knowledge to the mind.

It is something like those who objected to the picture in *Light*, Book Two. John saw or was informed about a harlot being stripped, and said so in so many words. The illustration showed a woman being stripped, and further conveyed to the mind what the author had been writing in words. Moreover the picture conveyed the meaning in prophecy.

It reminds me of the type we sometimes meet, who in all seeming sincerity say that the Bible should not be read in certain parts because the authors state things which they consider too indecent to mention. Such is foolish reasoning. However, I guess the few who have written complaints about the cartoons are *very* few in number.

Your giving publicity to the Salter affair [*The G.A.* No. 460] will surely do a good work; for it will put the faithful on guard more than ever (2 Timothy 3:9) and let all would-be traitors see that publicity follows any similar course.

It is very despicable, betraying a fiduciary

trust so willfully, and then turning round on Judge Rutherford like that; happily the Lord showed that such things must be expected, and we can continue knowing that His organization invisible has a check on all these things. Jesus said that 'offenses must come, but woe be to those by whom they come'.

From his letter in the *Tower* Judge Rutherford shows that these things do not deter him one iota from following that course of loyalty and devotion in faithfulness to Jehovah. The Lord must love him for his faithfulness.

We have only just received our G.A. No. 460. A fellow who gets it into his head that he is of great importance and therefore the Lord has a special work for him more than likely has a big kink. Many mad folks believe they are somebody else or some special kind of creature. Lust for power like that shows a carnal mind, and it is just what those who are of the world seek; those who seek the wisdom of this world desire it; and we are told that 'if any man among us seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise', otherwise this satanic temptation will draw one away and cause the lust to conceive and bring forth sin unto death. It is better to become a fool for Christ's sake and bear His reproaches and thus gain the wisdom that comes from above.

Best Antidote for a Swelled Head

If anyone has the idea that he is so important that the Lord has a special work in store for him it would be well for him to ask for pioneer territory in New Jersey, or let him volunteer for the Irish Free State, or work some of the countries of Continental Europe, say a year or two dodging the *concierges* in Paris, etc., or smuggle himself in a tin trunk into Germany and do the important work of spreading the gospel of the Kingdom there, where our brethren carry on so bravely.

Or, perhaps it won't do any harm for him to volunteer for two or three years for a country like India, or any similar tropical country. Let him get at least two or three summers here, and give him some big cities to work with a push bike, and let him get his hours in if pos-

sible under a tropical sun; or put him in charge of a house-car, traveling over the plains, getting up at 6:00 a.m. and often working under the blazing sun, and feeling pleased if he finds his daily work is finished by 8:30 or 9:00 p.m., keeping the bus in running order, away from signs of modern civilization sometimes; or give him the business houses to work, in the big cities, during the heat of the day, wearing a collar and tie, with all the underclothes soaked with sweat; or let him go to the Bombay office and observe the branch servant working every day, barring Sunday afternoon, from about 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with about two hours for meals, etc., carrying on single-handed generally, with office work, packing, transcription machine work, phonograph work, studies, and door-to-door witnessing, plus any "overtime" (in a stewing humidity all the year round, mostly).

Let him have at least two or three summers here, and if this doesn't knock the nonsense out of his head I don't know what would. If after that he really had the Kingdom and organization instructions at heart he would end up with a sane outlook, realizing that he in himself amounts to nothing. He would then be one of the happiest men alive, because he had got on with the work he was told to do; and I bet that of his own volition he wouldn't want to swap jobs with any man or covet the position occupied by another for anything, for the simple reason that he would be rejoicing at being faithful *where he was sent*.

He would realize in a humble way that although he had not perhaps reached the point of overcoming by resisting to the blood, he had at least overcome that far, and could give thanks for the victory in overcoming hitherto through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The alternative would be that he wouldn't stick it. It is just what some dreamers who dream dreams of the time when the Lord will use them because of their great (self-imagined) importance cannot realize—that it is better to obey than to sacrifice.

Jesus Hid Not His Face—Isaiah 50:6

When we see the way in which Jesus and His apostles humbled themselves to obey God's

commandments and instructions, and the way in which His remnant, our fellow servants, likewise lay down their lives as living sacrifices, and read of the sterling example set by Judge Rutherford and others who are so very dear to us, it makes one sick to read of others so lazy, and when deliberate treachery comes into it.

Our covenant is to look to ourselves to see that we fulfill our commitments, and work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. When remembering David's statement, "Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar," I realize how good the Lord is to bring us into His organization and give us the instructions which enable this to be done.

We are living sacrifices, and where we might perhaps go barging off at a tangent we find ourselves brought in line obeying instructions from the [Watch Tower] Society; this gives us great joy. We are duly presented as sacrifices inasmuch as we are carrying out the orders or obeying the commandments received from the Head, which we agreed to do.

Well, I hope you don't mind all this rigmarole—but, as I said, it's a good substitute for a chat.

Demons Deceive Hindu Boy

◆ Demons deceived a seven-year-old boy in India into thinking he is a reincarnation of a dead sheik. He went to a village he had never been in, called every one by the right name, recited the *Koran*, which he had never read, and unearthed coins which he claimed that he hid from his wife when he was the sheik Nuruddin. The account says that "he met and recognized his fifty-five-year-old 'wife', his 'sons' and 'daughters', and asked them questions of an intimate family nature". In the dispatches there is no indication on the part of the public or the press of any understanding that this is all the work of devils, out to discredit the God of the Bible. The sheik Nuruddin is stone dead, and well the devils know that to be the truth. The clergy know that, too, and if they would but tell the truth about it humanity would have some knowledge of facts with which to meet such phenomena.

From a Hindu Army Service Clerk

◆ I have studied very carefully the book *Riches* by Judge Rutherford. I find that his works are straightforward, correct and proved by the Bible. His teachings are quite new to us, but so up to the mark as to demand that they be followed forthwith. Under the circumstances I would be very much obliged to know how I can become a member of this Society.

As regards myself, I am a retired head clerk of the India Army Service Corps, and a Roman Catholic for about 33 years. To my utter astonishment and bewilderment, I have now found the correct doctrine, and certainly now, and henceforth, all that is useless shall be quit forthwith.

Silver and gold have I none, being one of the Lord's poor, but what I have I place at the disposal of the Society. The solemn truth should be pointed out forcibly, and the wrongs done to the poor and uninformed should be corrected as soon as practicable by every one who knows of them.

Few here can read English, and the pamphlets in Urdu explain only certain subjects, but works like *Riches* it is important should be translated into Urdu as soon as possible. If permission is granted to me to translate this work into Urdu I will certainly make efforts to do so, or along with any other person or persons. No charge will be made, and all clerical labor will be done by me. In case the Society has already arranged this otherwise, then well and good, but, in any event, I am under orders and desire to be counted a coworker of the Society from now henceforth.—Walter Mahtab Khan.

Presence of Mind Saves 40

◆ At a movie fire in Hyderabad, India, 60 women were caught in a balcony, with no way of escape. One of the purdah women leaped to her feet, took off her veil, tied it to the balcony and bade her sisters to slide down it to safety. Forty were thus saved, including the woman herself.

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From a Hindu Watch Repairer

◆ A Hindu watch repairer, a former Roman Catholic, now rejoices in the truth, because of the book *Riches*. From his far-off home in India B. J. Kutino wrote to the Bombay Watch Tower branch office:

I, the undersigned, until now spent all my life (which is a gift from Jehovah the eternal) in ignorance, owing to the fact that my elders, as well as myself, were in the Devil's organization. But how can I stay any more in it, after knowing of the truth as you have brought it to me? So, brethren, help me, now, to give the good news about God and His works to my fellow men.

It is now some days since I had the privilege of obtaining some of your publications from the hands of Brother Abhistekam, who gave me good advice as to how to find out God and walk in ways pleasing to Him. He also gave me information as to how you are helping many people who are really in need of help.

Brethren, I do not know how many of you are engaged in this work, but I know you are very few, as you are teaching what is right. I would like to co-operate with you, but I really do not know much about God's holy Word; I was not free to look into the wonderful works of Jehovah, as I was kept in darkness by the leaders of my Roman Catholic church, and also by my elders. But now, after reading the book *Riches*, I know that I am no more to be a babe in their hands, and I will no longer hear their worthless words.

Hindu Miners Get 12c a Day

◆ Workers in Hindu coal mines now receive not more than 5 annas (12c) a day, which is half what they received six years ago. But they now spend for drink twice what they did then, and the Government has fixed it so they can get four to five times as much liquor for a given sum. Result: The coal miners now drink eight to ten times as much liquor as formerly and have absolutely nothing to live upon at any time in the week except two meals of rice a day, with a little dal (Hindu split peas). To get one bound book telling about God's kingdom, earth's only hope, necessitates that the Hindu give up his entire earnings for two whole days. Yet some of them do it.

Demonism Advertised in *Daily Eagle*

◆ The Brooklyn *Daily Eagle*, which, under a former management, showed great animosity against Jehovah's people, recently published a five-column article advertising the claims of the demons that reincarnation is going on in various parts of the world. The dispatch, sent from Ceylon by the special correspondent of the *Eagle*, narrates the story of the demonized girl Kumari Shanti Devi, of Delhi, who claims to have previously died in childbirth. She "identified" her former 'husband' and wanted to return to him. The demons had told her all the outstanding circumstances of his life.

The *Eagle*, nonplussed, also told of a bride in Budapest who, with her husband, visited the castle where, she claimed, she had been murdered in a previous "incarnation". At length the room was found, locked tightly for years. She told where the key would be found. The room was opened and there lay the skeleton, and by its side a rusty dagger. When she saw it she fainted. These stories, retailed by the *Eagle*, must be strange mental food for it and for its readers. No explanation is offered except reincarnation, which is opposed by every word of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Female Swastika in Litigation

◆ At Fort William, Bengal, two Hindus made a metal female swastika of eight different metals piled on top of one another, set it up in a room and began worshipping it. Later, land was dedicated to the idol by a deed and litigation arose. The High Court finally decided that the idol was to get only the property specified in the deed, but was to get the income from another part. Of course a priest does all the monkey business for the idol, like burning incense, making offerings and getting his hooks on the cash.

Jesuits Back in Portuguese India

◆ Pursuant to their course of conquering the entire world for the Roman Hierarchy, the Jesuits are returning in power to Goa, Portuguese India, from which, for the good of the country, they were expelled 200 years ago. A new seminary, to house 500, is being built.

The Moneylenders of India

◆ India's moneylenders are down to even as low a level as those of New York city or Brooklyn. A report in the Manchester *Guardian*, after citing recent forcing down of wages, and Government attempts to boost its revenues from drink and opium, prefaces its description of streets or public sewers three feet wide and single-room tenements for five persons, with the following:

Indebtedness is another widespread evil, and wherever I went it was the same report: almost everyone in debt, 75 to 150 percent being the usual rate of interest, though in a recent case the incredibly high figure of 2,300 percent was mentioned. The Kabuli or the Marwari moneylender still flourishes in every center of industry, whatever legislation may be introduced or intended to put down the evil. The workers cannot do without loans, and, strangely, perhaps, there is among them a fairly high code of honor in regard to loans. To supplement it the Kabuli, naturally endowed with a stronger physique than the men of the plains, is never without his big stick, the "lathi", which he does not hesitate to use when gentler methods prove ineffective.

The Sorrows of India

◆ The Indian correspondent of the Manchester *Guardian*, summing up a few of the many sorrows of the Hindu people, says:

In India there are in a year fifty to a hundred million cases of malaria alone; and hookworm, tuberculosis and venereal disease all count their victims by the million, not to mention other ailments. The worst forms of exploitation of labor go without any legislative check whatever. Children of five and six work for ten to twelve hours a day in beedy (the indigenous cigarette) factories, with no holidays, on two or three shillings a month.

500 Fire-Walkers in Ceylon

◆ Demonism is getting ever bolder. At Colombo, Ceylon, 500 persons, including a woman, walked across red-hot coals without showing any traces of burns. The demons understand methods of insulating flesh from hot surfaces. This knowledge is common to all the angels, good and bad. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were insulated against harm in the furnace heated seven times as hot as was usual. —Daniel 3.

Marquette's Inducement to Tourists

◆ The municipality of Marquette, Michigan, acting with wisdom to make the city attractive to tourists, serves electricity for the tourist camp, spring water, a fine community hall and tables, electricity for cooking, cold and hot water shower bath, and a fine park for camping, all for 25c per day; 50c for three days; \$1 per week. With commercial light rates 5c per kilowatt-hour, and cooking rates only 1c per kw-h, the Marquette municipal plant last year made a profit of over \$100,000.

How to Save Gasoline

◆ Rules for saving gasoline, put out by the Pontiac Motor Company, are, to accelerate gently, keep the foot steady, hold the car in second gear no longer than necessary, try to coast to a gradual stop, keep tires inflated, avoid long idling of engine, test spark plugs frequently, keep car and crankcase well lubricated, keep radiator filled, watch the pointer of the seasonal control on the intake and manifold heater and have the motor tuned up every 5,000 miles.

Modern Roadbuilding

◆ A mile of new road a day is made by the road-building machine of the Barber-Green Company of Rockford, Illinois. Of course, this is possible only in sandy, flat, dry regions. The desert sand is picked up and carried by elevators to a platform where fine stone, stone dust and liquid asphalt are added and mixed. The mixture is spread out mechanically and the machine moves slowly forward on a road twenty feet wide made by itself.

All-Canadian Route

◆ The Canadian Government has again announced the All-Canadian Route—Winnipeg to Vancouver—but explains that there is still a gap, known as the "Big Bend" highway between Golden, B.C., and Revelstoke, B.C. (90 miles), over which the automobiles are carried by rail.

"Alcohol Drivers" in Illinois

◆ Eighty percent of the fatal automobile accidents in Illinois in 1936 were attributed to "alcohol drivers" and 6 percent to "alcohol pedestrians". The figures which bring these items to light also show that though traffic deaths in the United States were at a new high of 37,800, fatal injuries in the home were 700 in excess of even that high figure. So the conclusion arises that, after all, home is the most dangerous place, and the most likely causes of injuries are falling down stairs, slipping in the bathtub, electric shocks, scaldings, poisonings, burns and cuts from kitchen utensils.

The World's Greatest Bridge

◆ The \$77,000,000 bridge over San Francisco Bay is $8\frac{1}{4}$ miles over water and 3 miles over land, rising to a height of 216 feet. Twenty-four men were killed, and 1,157 injured, in the three years in which the bridge was in construction. It is expected to pay for itself in twenty years. The cables of the bridge, $28\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick, weigh a ton for every foot. Each is made up of 17,464 wires about as thick as a lead pencil. Four of the towers are as large as the Woolworth Building. A fifth contains enough concrete to build the Empire State Building.

A Modern Marvel

◆ The Golden Gate bridge, 4,200 feet between piers, has the longest span and the tallest towers of any bridge ever built by man. Each of the 746-foot towers is the equivalent of a sixty-story building. Over 100,000 tons of steel were used in the construction of the bridge.

Disloyal French Troops in Morocco

◆ *The Week*, privately circulated London newspaper, usually extremely accurate, declares that in French Morocco are many French troops who openly declare their intention to follow in France Franco's course in Spain.

France

The French Fascist Law

◆ The French Fascist law that "any writer who insults the heads of foreign governments or their foreign ministers is liable to fine and imprisonment" was slipped into the government's proposals by the then Premier Laval without his colleagues' knowing anything whatever of it. This indicates a crooked, and probably Jesuit, origin of the "emergency" law or rule, and ends a free press in France.

The world is going Fascist (Catholic-Action-wise) by leaps and bounds.

A Horror Story Made to Order

◆ Without a word of truth in the story the *Daily Mail's* correspondent in Paris was ordered to fix up and send to London what was published there in Lord Rothermere's *Sunday Dispatch* with a triple banner line across the front page to the effect that France was in chaos, tourists were afraid for their lives, France had gone Bolshevik, etc. The correspondent, when reproved by the French Government for sending out such manifest and complete falsehoods, admitted that he had been ordered by Lord Rothermere to send the story.

The Maginot Line

◆ The Maginot line of forts between France and Germany costs France £40,000,000 a year, but she feels that she can afford it, ever since she welched on her repayments to the United States of money loaned since the World War ended. The line contains 300 forts, extending to 80 feet beneath the ground, stored with food and wine sufficient to last ten years. On

the surface are the nests for machine guns and heavy guns which can be fired by radio. On the next floor down are the living quarters, equipped with all comforts and conveniences, including movies and soft drink parlors. The fourth floor down contains the railroads which emerge on the surface 60 miles behind the lines. The store rooms are on the third floor down. Elevator service is provided at all the forts.

France Wants Larger Population

◆ France wants a larger population, for the reason that the German population is growing and the French population is shrinking. The French Government now bestows doweries of \$600 on good girls of the poorer classes, between the ages of 21 and 30, provided they marry within three years after the dowery is assigned. Reduced railway fares are given to large families. Public employees are awarded increases in their pay

with every increase in their families.

French Disgusted with Their Newspapers

◆ The French, disgusted with their newspapers, are trying to see what can be done to make them less venal. Up till now it has been easy for anybody with money to purchase what should not be for sale at any price. Influential newspapers of Paris received subsidies from munition makers. In the midst of the World War Germany bought one of the four largest papers in the city. News is colored to suit the views of the proprietors—and that is common in Hearstdom, too.



Waiting for a favorable opportunity

Mass Hypnotism in the Lille Refinery

◆ In the first attack of mass hypnotism in the Lille (France) sugar refinery, four hundred women were working in a large well-aired room when one woman fell unconscious. There was no gas emanation to cause the collapse. In a few moments 200 women were in convulsions; some fainted; some tore the clothing and scratched the faces of others. All the women affected were between the ages of 16 and 20.

Mass Faintings in France

◆ Mass faintings occurred at Lille, France, all among girls 16 to 20 years of age. In the first instance 200 girls fell to the floor while older workers in the same sugar refinery were unaffected. Ten days later 70 more girls swooned while a physician was endeavoring to explain to them how not to do so. The cause of the faintings is unknown. Quite probably it is mass hypnotism, another form of demonism.

Protestant Burial Places in France

◆ In the Protestant districts in central France, around Poitou and Saintonge, for many generations, the dead are buried on the farms where they were born, and where they lived and loved and worked and hoped. There are few tombstones. The burial lots are the size of a room, fifty yards from the house, with enclosing hedges and a cypress tree at each corner.

The Labor Government in France

◆ The Labor government in France has given the workers a 40-hour week, collective labor contracts, paid vacations, ample damages for discharge, compulsory arbitration governmentally supervised, minimum wages, recognition of workers' rights to organize, and the right to strike. Sit-down strikes have been declared illegal, but have taken place.

The Black Legion in France

◆ France reports the discovery there of a secret order named the Order of the Sword which much resembles the Black Legion of Michigan, and may have the same paternity.

More Workers on French Railways

◆ French railways are now on a 40-hour-week basis, thus providing employment for 60,000 additional workers. Train and engine service employees must have a 40-hour rest period once every seven days, and every railway employee must have at least ten Sundays or legal holidays a year.

Does Anybody Believe This?

◆ In the latter part of the year 1935, at Dinan, France, it is alleged that rain fell which actually tasted like wine. The explanation offered is that minute bits of fruit were caught up by winds passing over the vineyards, underwent fermentation in the heated upper air, and fell as rain.

Located Nearly 6 in 100 of Those Slain

◆ By trinkets found on their persons, or other means, 17,000 soldiers were identified out of the 300,000 buried in Douaumont cemetery, France, where the 400,000 killed at Verdun largely lie. Recently 100,000 ex-soldiers of 16 nations met at these graves swearing to preserve the peace.

Stoned to Death Because of His Hair

◆ At Lyon, France, eight-year-old Paul Gignoux was stoned to death by fifteen small boys and girls, none of them over ten years of age, all because his mother had refused to cut his hair. Very evidently demons were at the bottom of this.

French Stand by Their Government

◆ The French people stand by their Socialist government. Not since 1871 have they rushed to the defense of their country as in their subscriptions to the 10,500,000,000-franc loan. The oversubscription was so great that many banks had to turn part of the crowds away.

Sunday Work in Quarry

◆ At a Catholic school at Souillac, France, on Sunday, October 20, sixteen pupils were being punished by forced work in a stone quarry; there was a slippage of rock and five of the little folks were killed, one of them being literally cut in two.

The Rebel Bombardment of Durango

The Rebel bombardment of Durango, Spain, was arranged for the hour of the morning mass. The Basque population of that city was solidly for the regularly elected republican government. It is also solidly Roman Catholic, and hence went to morning mass. The special targets were the churches. The Rebels flew 12 large bombers over Durango three times at intervals of fifteen minutes, bombing the churches and machine-gunning the worshipers. Sixty were slain and 150 injured; 25 bodies were recovered from one church; 12 nuns were slain in one convent. The pope wants Franco to win, and no doubt secretly chuckled over what happened at Durango.

Shooting at Tortured Children

Just to have it in the record as to what it was that the pope rejoiced about when he heard of the fall of Malaga, the following is a physician's story of what he saw on the 100-mile march of the children that streamed out of the doomed city on their way to Almeria:

I saw thousands of children, many of them barefooted and clad in a single garment, old men and women, staggering along. Some of them gave up and lay down by the roadside to wait for death. The children had bloodstained rags wrapped around their arms and legs. There were children without shoes. Their feet were swollen to twice their size. This terrible journey by foot took most of them five days, with barely any food, and with cruisers shooting from the sea and Rebel warplanes bombing the road.

The Catholic Transcript says, "Franco's

God is the God of the Catholics." This truthful statement, made by this Hartford (Conn.) paper, contains grim humor of which the editor who made the statement knows not.

Setting the Government an Example

Setting the United States Government an example of courage and honesty, 98 American writers joined in a manifesto in which they said:

We cannot keep silent when war becomes a slaughter of the unarmed, the innocent and the helpless. Specifically, we condemn the murder of women, children and other unarmed non-combatants by the military faction which with its foreign allies is making war on the legally and democratically elected republican government of Spain. We condemn the deliberate bombing of hospitals, playgrounds, orphan asylums, relief stations and breadlines, and the cowardly and cruel bombardment of Madrid.



"A murderer from the beginning"

The Courage of Madrid

The courage of Madrid is the talk of the world. After the city was assailed by airplanes for one year, street cars were running as usual, motor traffic was dense, market gardeners were busy as ever, the town was regularly cleaned, the water supply was abundant and excellent, the people were in excellent health and they did not wish to leave. The normal population of the city, 1,200,000, was increased by 300,000 refugees from territory overrun by the Hierarchy's Moorish army under Franco.

What It Was Ambrose Blessed

As everybody knows, Ambrose Ratti, present pope of Rome, went out of his way to bless the Moorish, Italian and German army of Franco the Butcher. Just to have it in the record as to what it was he blessed, the following is a translation of a statement made by the Madrid College of Lawyers regarding the conduct of Franco's troops:

"In many of these villages women would form long queues outside the baker shops, and the Fascist airmen were pleased to drop bombs on these crowds of defenseless women. Many pregnant women were forced to drink a mixture of castor oil and petrol. One of these in Algeciras, whose husband they discovered had fled to Gibraltar, was made to drink a large quantity of the stuff and then allowed to join her husband. She died the next day.

"When our forces retook the town of Moron —on a wall in the town (they found) the following vile inscription written: 'We shall die, but your wives will give birth to Fascists.' At the other places the workmen's wives' hair was cut off and they were forced to dance naked in the public squares.

"At Caspe (Aragon) a captain Negrete and the lieutenant under him shot the mother, the sister, whose husband was in the Civil guard, the widow and the four-year-old daughter, of the mayor Latorra, whom they had already shot some time previously. The same fate befell the lawyer Alejandro Blanco. The rebels made a parapet of the children and wives of the men of the Left in the district when they fired from the balconies in the square of the town.

"When the insurgents captured Navalmeral de la Mata the Moorish troops showed the utmost

savagery, killing the inhabitants and plundering the houses. The elements of the extreme Right, since they possessed the best furniture, were the worst affected. Many women who had been praying for the arrival of the Fascists were raped and killed."

Franco Behind His Schedule

Said Heywood Brown, one of the most distinguished columnists in America:

It seems curious to me that here in America there should be any question as to our sympathy with the Loyalists of Spain. They are making as gallant a stand as modern history affords. Time is on the side of the defenders of Madrid. Each day they manage to cling to their precarious position makes good the faith that liberty is truly more powerful than tyrants. No matter what the outcome of the siege may be, Fascism has had its answer from free men. Franco was to walk proudly into power while all the trains ran on time. He is behind his schedule.

The dead workers of Spain and those who still fight on beneath the shadow have made no vain sacrifice.



Living examples of the mind of the Roman Hierarchy

Aunt Eulalie Lost Her Pile

Alfonso's aunt, the Infanta Eulalie, "ain't what she used to be, many long years ago." She is 73 now and has even less sense than she had when she was banished from Spain by Alfonso for having written a book in which she told too much about the way things are done by royalty. However, she is good-hearted, after a fashion; for she cheerfully gave up her fortune to help Alfonso collect \$10,000,000 to aid Franco. She thinks Franco will surely win and then she will get her money back. It looks now as if all she will get will be a few promissory notes not worth the paper they are written on.

By Trail and Stream and Garden Path - (On Beauty and Kindness)

(Contributed)

"JANE, look at that sunset—deep, flaming, boundless. Isn't it splendid!"

"Yes, Sally. It's vast and—grand. And look, over there in that pale turquoise streak is a star as clean and clear as if it had just been washed in a cool shower."

"And the dark-limbed trees! Even when they have no green or golden leaves, they are beautiful."

"Especially at dusk, Sally. Notice that feathery elm against the sunset. It looks like a great vase made by the Creator to hold the endless flowers of the firmament, stars, moons, sunrises and sunsets, clouds and rains."

"The glory, the sweep of it! And to think that some poor ignoramus thinks it all 'just happened'!"

"How quickly the landscape changes! Only yesterday, it seems, the woods were brightly colored and the sky was a brilliant blue."

"It reminds me of the poem we learned:

'A golden leaf flew past me like a yellow bird—
'And suddenly 'twas fall, though nothing stirred.

'A brown leaf rattled harshly on the drear earth-bed—
'To mutter that the autumn hush had softly fled.'"

"Jane, listen. Someone's coming across the field from the upper road."

"It's Tony and his little boy, Joe. Good evening, Tony."

"Hallo, Miss Jane!"

"Sally, do you know Tony and Joe?"

"Oh, yes. I've seen Tony often on his way to work. And Joe used to be our newsboy."

"Look!" Jane interrupted. Down a tiny "road" scarcely an inch wide hurried a wee brown meadow mouse, carrying food to her home for the winter store.

Tony stooped and picked up a stone. "Watch, so I hit him."

"Tony! Don't do that! It's mean! Why should you hit her? She's not bothering you."

"He's no good, these mouses. He's come in my house."

"No, Tony. Field mice don't like people. They live out in the open away from houses."

"He's no good. When I work on farm for

my brother, John, I find these bad things in his field. I put much grass on him, get match, and—poof!—he's burn up."

"Tony! That's cruel! It's wrong to be cruel to anything, even if it is something useless—or even harmful."

"Flies are no good, are they, Jane?" asked Joe.

"No, Joe."

"They should be killed, shouldn't they?"

"Of course!"

"I knew it. I catch flies—lots of 'em. I pull off their wings. They look awful funny rolling around without any wings."

"Oh, Joe! How could you? Listen, Joe."

"Can you imagine Jesus hurting anything? In God's arrangement there will be no place for cruelty. Why, twice in the book of Isaiah—once in the eleventh and once in the sixty-fifth chapter—it says, 'They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain.'"

"There are different kinds of cruelty. Some people who wouldn't hurt an animal will let men and women and tiny children starve so that they may make money for themselves. But whatever kind of cruelty it may be, it is certainly not pleasing to God."

"Dictators are cruel—that is why the Devil can use them. Big business is cruel, and the men controlling it are tools for the Devil."

"Don't you see, Joe? Tony? It's so wrong—so very wrong—to hurt any living thing needlessly, or to kill anything in a cruel manner."

Yantorny Knew How to Make Shoes

◆ The world can afford to consider for a minute Pierre Yantorny, Italian shoemaker, who spent a large part of his life learning how to make shoes, and his later years in taking orders from select customers of not less than five pairs of shoes at a time, at the fixed price of \$300 per pair. If he decided that any pair was not a perfect fit, he destroyed it, no matter how well the customer was pleased. He spent more than forty years in Paris, the acknowledged prize shoemaker of the world.

New York and Massachusetts

"Satisfaktionsfaehig"

◆ Mayor La Guardia, of New York city, went to some pains to explain his using the term "not *satisfaktionsfähig*" in a public address as referring to Adolf Hitler; that the term means "a person so low in social standing that a gentleman could have no dealing with him" and that the German government was perfectly correct in interpreting the term as meaning that Hitler is "a man without honor". All this seems regular and perfectly O.K. all round. Adolf Hitler has shown, over and over again, that he is "*satisfaktionsfähig*" and is fully entitled to the Payette degree of "D.B."

Too Many Efficiency Experts

◆ Testimony adduced in New York showed 12 nurses in Bellevue hospital required to take care of 2,000 patients. In another municipal hospital 19 babies died out of 50 assigned to one nurse, simply because it was physically impossible for her to feed and otherwise care for that number of infants. Meantime, there are millions of honest and capable women who are out of work. New York has too many efficiency experts that are cramped in their style for lack of good, old-fashioned horse sense.

New York No Asylum for Poverty

◆ The Altoona *Mirror* contains pictures of four lovely children deported from New York state to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, because their father, having moved to the metropolis in order to get work, was unable to obtain it. This is believed to be the first time in the United States that children have been deported from one state to another because of the failure of a parent to find work.

New York's State Insurance Fund

◆ New York's state insurance fund, for holding the avarice of private insurance companies in check, works well. In 1935 the state fund wrote 28.6 percent of the total premiums in the state for industrial compensation, at a saving to the policyholders of about \$3,000,000 and to the taxpayers of about \$145,000.

No Communist Ticket in New York State

◆ In the 1936 elections the Communist party polled so few votes in New York state (less than 50,000) that it lost its right to a place on the ticket in the 1937 elections. And in spite of all this the Roman Hierarchy is flooding newspapers, radio and every other means of publicity with the most awful prognostications of what will happen right away unless Communism is curbed. The whole thing is a camouflage, a smoke screen, a blind. What the American people have to fear is the seizure of all their liberties by the Hierarchy, not by Communism.

"Relief Investigators"

◆ In New York city three "Relief Investigators", Louis B. Starr, Joseph Fisher and Harry Safran, were held on the sworn testimony of seventeen witnesses that they conspired together to defraud homeless men of part of their relief clothing vouchers. One wonders just how it happened that men of this stripe managed to get themselves put in position of "Investigators". It is like appointing a bank robber to become a bank inspector. But just how would the robber go about it to get the job as an inspector?

Cause for Thanksgiving

◆ The first Thanksgiving Day proclamation in the American colonies was by the Dutch governor of New York in the early winter of 1637. It was in celebration of the slaughter of 700 men, women and children of the Pequot Indian tribe, and the burning of their homes, without a scream or a groan on the part of those who went into death. Most of the early Thanksgiving Days were for acts of similar bloody victory over those whose lands the whites came to possess.

Massachusetts Acts to End Age Stigma

◆ Age discriminations in Massachusetts must end. A new law authorizes the Commissioner of Labor to advertise in newspapers circulated in the Commonwealth the names of employers discriminating against persons over 45 years of age.

Pumping a River 1,633 Feet up Hill

◆ A river, and a very large one too, will soon be flowing from the Colorado river at Parker, Arizona, up five vertical hills respectively 290, 318, 147, 438 and 440 feet high, one above the other, until finally, at Hayfield, California, the bed of the stream is 1,807 feet above sea level and 1,357 feet above the place where it started. The river flows through 92 miles of tunnel through the solid rock, one of the tunnels being 13 miles in length. All in all, the Colorado Aqueduct passes through 340 miles until its waters are lost in the Pacific ocean at Santa Monica—unless they are first used to water the garden spot of creation, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Fullerton, Long Beach, Torrance, Compton, Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, San Marino and their environs. This project, involving an expenditure of \$283,000,000, is having the help and co-operation of the federal government. *Public Ownership* (127 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.) carries details and beautiful maps and pictures of the work in its June, 1936, issue.

Proposed Union of Church and State

◆ The Los Angeles *Times* proposes for California and for the United States a union of church and state, whereby the state and perchance the federal government will certify the credentials of every person claiming to be an ordained minister of the gospel. The hand of the Devil is plainly to be seen in this whole matter. It started by a spiritist crook ordaining ministers and even bishops at from \$10 to \$40 each. As a matter of fact, the human ordination of every one of the 207 varieties of clergymen is worth nothing at all, and the state could not guarantee any of them.

Surveyors Did the Trick

◆ Surveyors spent two weeks establishing the fact that at a rumhole the bar was situated in Nevada and the tables in California. Then arrests were made for transporting liquor from one state to another without securing an importer's license.

Judge Who Sentenced Tom Mooney

◆ Judge Franklin A. Griffin, who presided at the trial of Tom Mooney, and sentenced him on the perjured testimony of Oxman the cattle dealer, says:

In the face of this demonstrated perjury, in light of its willful presentation to the jury trying Mooney, and in view of the willful suppression, at the time, of all evidence favorable to him, no fair-minded person who will familiarize himself with the details of the truth of the Mooney case will now deny that Mooney is entitled to be pardoned.

California Headed Toward Bankruptcy

◆ For its state and local governments in 1935 the people of California expended \$468,000,000. The state's share of the Federal expenditures was \$432,000,000; total \$900,000,000. For each person in the state gainfully employed, that is an average of \$360, and is more than the combined gross value of all the farm crops, livestock, oil, gold, minerals and lumber produced in the state that year. Meantime, Mooney is still in prison and still innocent.

New Kink in Los Angeles' Cop Business

◆ The cop business gets more and more complicated. In Los Angeles the cops drawing their pay from the city also drew \$1,100 for acting as strike guards at furniture plants, and when the furniture companies overlooked the donations their attention was called to it by their protectors.

When Tom Mooney Was Desperately Ill

◆ When Tom Mooney, as innocent of the Preparedness Day bombing as you are, was a desperately ill man, in San Quentin prison, he was denied the food the doctor prescribed, and was put in a cell where the man before him died of syphilis.

The Area of Los Angeles

◆ The area of Los Angeles is 24 square miles larger than the combined area of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

Your Questions Answered

By *W. Rutherford*

QUESTION: Who is the greatest public enemy?

Answer: Satan the Devil is God's opposer and man's worst enemy, and his religious agents who operate the various religious systems are the worst enemies amongst men. They are the worst because they reproach the name of God and lead the people into error and darkness. While keeping the people in ignorance of the truth religionists operate the most destructive and devastating racket that has ever been practiced. For more than five thousand years religion has been the chief instrument used by the Devil to deceive the people. Today religion is apparently a refined way of carrying on a racket by which the people are robbed of their money, their peace of mind, and their hope for the future. Into the religious organizations are drawn many persons who are induced to believe that such religious organizations are necessary for the welfare of mankind, and thus many good, honest people are deceived by religion and are caused to act as the Devil's agents, and consequently they are the enemies of themselves and enemies of their fellow men. By means of religion the Devil has caused the people to become very superstitious, and by means of politics he has caused the people to submit to the theories advanced by religionists and to be governed by selfish men, and by means of commerce he has caused the people to be robbed of their hard earnings by men who have bestowed no labor upon the great wealth that they use. For these reasons here assigned the religious leaders are the greatest public enemies to be found amongst the people.

Question: Is the real choice of the people today one of choosing Fascism as against Communism, or vice versa, or as against democracy, or as against what?

Answer: The emphatic answer to that ques-

tion is No. Fascism, Communism, Nazism, and so-called "democracy" are all organized and operated by the same selfish and wicked element composed of religion, politics, and commerce, and all are against the real interests of the people. All of such organizations have been brought forth under the subtle supervision of the Devil. Now the time has come for the people to be informed of the truth, and they must choose between wicked rulers amongst men and Christ Jesus, the righteous Ruler. It is utterly impossible for any political organization, whether the same be Communism, Fascism, or Roman Catholicism, to bring any lasting relief to the people. This is necessarily true because all of such organizations have been brought forward by the Devil. The only hope for the human race is the kingdom of God under Christ Jesus, and all those who are informed of the truth and who accept and obey it will receive the blessings of the Lord, including that of life everlasting. That which is of greatest importance to man is life. The brief period of existence that man now enjoys is filled with sorrow. Under the righteous reign of Christ Jesus the obedient ones will be brought up to a state of perfection and live for ever on earth. Concerning Jehovah the Father and Christ Jesus the Son and His kingdom it is written: "The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3: 35, 36) Thus it is seen that those who choose Christ Jesus as their Lord, Redeemer, and Master, and obey Him, have life; the others have not. God caused His prophet to write in His Word, the Bible, the following for the instruction of men who desire to choose the right way: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread [for such things as prayers to be said by Catholic priests upon the pretext that such prayers will get your loved ones out of

'purgatory', or save you some time in 'purgatory']? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him [Christ Jesus] for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people." (Isaiah 55: 1-4) Under the command of the Lord Jehovah God, His

witnesses are now going through the earth to inform the people of the great change that is taking place, namely, that Satan's organization has reached a climax and that the kingdom of God under Christ is here. To these men and women, who do not practice religion but who are true Christians following Christ Jesus, Jehovah God gives this command, to wit: "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people."—Isaiah 62: 10.

Statement and Protest

JEHOVAH'S witnesses in convention assembled at Columbus, Ohio, acknowledging their gratitude to Almighty God for the privilege of giving witness to His name, do declare as follows:

Nineteen centuries ago Jesus declared it His mission and purpose in coming into the world to give testimony to the truth. All Christians, footstep followers of Jesus, are commissioned and directed to give witness unto the truth from place to place and house to house. (Isaiah 61: 1, 2; Matthew 10: 7, 12; 24: 14; 1 Corinthians 9: 16) For any government, local, state or national, to interfere with such proclamation of the truth either by application of existing laws, enactment of new legislation, or unlawful action of public officers under color of law, is to defy the supremacy of God's law and impotently oppose the purposes of the Most High.

On May 17, 1936, Jehovah's witnesses in pursuance of the aforementioned commands to preach the gospel, visited the residents of the city of Lagrange, Ga., at their homes to give testimony to the Kingdom message of Almighty God. While so engaged and while violating no law they were arrested by police officers of the city and 176 of them were incarcerated in prison. This unlawful and malicious interference was conducted under the direction of city officials, particularly the mayor, chief of police and city attorney. Those three officers conspired and schemed together to carry forward their unlawful purpose and

were instigated thereto by religious leaders both Catholic and Protestant, and as a result thereof they committed the following wicked, illegal, malicious and barbarous acts against Jehovah's witnesses:

1. Unlawfully arrested and imprisoned 176 who had violated no law.
2. Incarcerated men and women in the same room.
3. Assaulted, beat and struck many of Jehovah's witnesses.
4. Instigated and directed a mob of lawless toughs and thugs to assault, beat up, kidnap and deny the right of assembly and petition to Jehovah's witnesses.
5. By the use of legal trickery and technicalities caused 78 Christian people to be convicted of violating a local commercial ordinance; caused many of them to labor as common criminals on the chain gang; imposed cruel and unusual punishments upon them, such as long and arduous hours of labor, serving them with rotten and wormy food in filthy jail surroundings; afflicted them with violent threats, abuse and torture.

These acts were not done in the interest of law and order, but for the definite and specific purpose of preventing Jehovah's witnesses from bringing to the people of Lagrange the message of God's kingdom as set forth in His Word, the Bible. In so doing, the officials of

Lagrange have acted as tools and agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in its program to eradicate Christianity and the true worship of Jehovah God from the face of the earth.

Such malfeasance of office we vigorously protest against, and denounce this unlawful, vicious and wicked persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. The actions of Lagrange officials are contrary to the law of God, which is supreme and above all laws made by human creatures. They are violative of the fundamental law of the land as inscribed by Federal and State constitutions. They are opposed to the spirit of freedom and liberty which has abounded in the United States from its birth to this present time. The name of Lagrange has become a stench in the nostrils of decent people as a result of the malicious acts of the tyrants who manage its affairs. Any municipality that will permit and acquiesce in the malignant persecution of Christian people is a menace and a danger to the freedom of the state.

Jehovah's witnesses have covenanted with Jehovah God to obey His commands to preach the gospel of the Kingdom to all nations and peoples. Regardless of the unwarranted opposition of this unholy trinity of Lagrange dictators, they will continue to serve Jehovah God in Lagrange as in other portions of the earth. Their reliance and confidence is in Almighty God, who has declared that all who oppose Jehovah God and Christ Jesus are wicked and will in due time be destroyed.—Psalm 145: 20.

The Roman Catholic Hierarchy, their public press, and their fanatical agents wrongfully and maliciously accuse Jehovah's witnesses of being allied with Communists and other subversive organizations, well knowing that such charge is wholly untrue. For more than half a century last past Jehovah's witnesses have consistently given testimony concerning the name and the kingdom of Almighty God under Christ Jesus and never one word uttered or act done by them has had any reference to political affairs or could be properly construed as having reference thereto. Their interest is not in the politics of this world, and certainly in no political party. Their sole and only in-

terest is to inform the people of God's kingdom under Christ Jesus, which is the only hope of the human race, as plainly declared in God's Word, the Bible.

It is the religious organizations headed by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy that are devoted to politics and are now in a conspiracy to seize complete control of the United States and rule it by a dictator in like manner as Germany is now ruled. We warn the people who love liberty and righteousness against this vicious encroachment of the religio-political power operating from the Vatican, Rome.

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Statement and Protest be sent to the officers and residents of the city of Lagrange, to the governor of the state of Georgia, and to all members of the chief lawmaking body of the state.

Hindu Temples Open to All

◆ In Travancore the maharajah has ruled that hereafter all classes of Hindus may worship in the state-controlled Hindu temples. As India has 2,000 castes, this is considered a very important step toward the abolishment of castes and the essential unification of the Hindu people. To date it has been much to the interest of the British rulers to have the caste system retained.

Haggai Was Overlooked

◆ In the printing of the first Bible, at the Gutenberg press, the heading of the prophet Haggai was overlooked, so that the two chapters are classified as belonging to Zephaniah. There are now 45 copies of this first Bible, most of them imperfect. The work is in two volumes. A perfect copy is held as worth \$125,000.

Good for the Real New Jersey Patriots

◆ New Jersey has some real patriots, and they are in the American Legion. The executive committee of the New Jersey department of the Legion rejected enforced flag salutes as Fascistic in nature and impractical in effect.

Britain

Eden's Love for Fascism

The *New Times* and *Ethiopia News*, referring to Anthony Eden's love for Fascism, or Nazism, or Catholic Action (all one and the same thing) said:

From well-informed sources we learn that veritable consternation was occasioned among the representatives of the British dominions and some of the democratic small states of Europe by the almost ostentatious brotherliness displayed by Mr. Eden during the coronation festivities towards the representatives of Rome and Berlin. On one occasion he was seen to fold them both in a jolly embrace, which was not extended to the representatives of any other powers.

Little Basques in Hysterics

When the news was broadcast in the camp of the Basque children in England that the capital of their country, Bilbao, had fallen to the Hierarchy, the little folks went into hysterics, and hundreds of them attacked the camp officials who attempted to calm them. This reminds one of the foolish attacks made upon Jehovah's witnesses in various places because they persist in telling the people the truth about the Hierarchy, and about the kingdom of God as the only hope of man.

9,000,000 Gas Masks in Britain

Britain now has 9,000,000 gas masks and looks forward hopefully to the time when there will be one on hand for every man, woman and child in the country. That will be a great day for Britain when the whole population can go to church wearing gas masks, and the clergy can preach their sermons through them,

explaining how this is all part of Christ's kingdom, and how the world is constantly growing better, as a result of their efforts.

Demand for Old Iron in Britain

Britain is in a fever of preparation for another world war, and as a consequence the iron and steel business is on the boom. It is calculated that 12,000,000 tons a year are needed to keep up with the present pace. Accordingly, British home owners are encouraged to scour their homes for old iron that can be worked up into cannon.

Britain a Hive of Industry

Once again Britain is a hive of industry, building three times as much shipping as Germany, four times as much as Japan, and six times as much as either the United States or Holland, which come next on

the list. Many millions of dollars are being poured into airplane manufacture; there are 100 military airdromes, 75 training centers, and at least 70,000 airmen ready to try it out with Italy, Germany, both together, or anybody else that wants to try.

Excommunicated for Being Decent

For some reason it is supposed to be out of order for a Roman Catholic priest to be decently joined in marriage to a nun, which accounts for the papal bull from the archbishop of Westminster's house excommunicating the "Reverend Father" Count Barry Shafto de la Feld, now of Bristol, England, for so far forgetting the rules as to marry the nun who was formerly Miss Doreen Lucy Smith.



Eden makes Britain restless, unhappy and tending to shoot somebody

China

Mui Tsai Slaves in Shanghai

◆ Rather than kill their little girl babies, for whom they are unable to provide, it is the custom of the very poor, all over China, to sell the little ones as slaves to those who are able to have such luxuries. It is estimated that there were not less than 20,000 of these little girl slaves in the city of Shanghai alone. The abuse of these little girls is common, and great numbers of them are forced into prostitution, but if the slave owners are respectable people they are supposed, when the child reaches maturity, to see that she is honorably married, and to provide some dowry.

Breaking the News Piously

◆ When the Japanese army invaded China's ancient capital, now called Peiping, planes flying overhead dropped leaflets informing the Chinese, "The Japanese army has driven out your wicked rulers." That is pretty good. Hereafter, when burglars are engaged in their work of opening bank vaults, and helping themselves to the contents, it will be in order for them to distribute tracts in the neighborhood that they are helping the people to get rid of their wicked bankers. When people are being cleaned and trimmed, they like to feel that it is in a good cause.

China Will Blot Out Opium

◆ Steadfastly handicapped by the acts of so-called "civilized" nations China has been trying to get rid of opium for more than half a century. Now she has legislation calling for cessation of poppy-growing by 1940; and to encourage addicts and dope sellers to reform, she is executing them as rapidly as discovered. In one province, in the year 1935 executions numbered 620.

Mui Tsai (Child Slavery) in Hong Kong

◆ Although the British authorities are trying to wipe it out, British women insist that mui tsai (child slavery) exists in Hong Kong and Burma. Little Chinese girls, bought for money, live at the mercy of their employers.

Canton to Paris by Rail

◆ China's trunk-line railroad from Canton in the south to Peiping in the north has been completed, and it is now possible to go all the way from Canton to Paris by rail. In addition to this great forward step in transportation, the last ten years have seen 50,000 miles of highways opened to motor traffic. Side by side with the progress China is making, the Devil is doing what he can to destroy the liberties of her people through Japan.

Kidnaping a Premier

◆ The Chinese General Chang, feeling that China needed a housecleaning to prevent its absorption piecemeal by Japan, kidnaped the premier of the country, held him two weeks, and then flew back to the capital with him, confessing his guilt, but declaring his patriotic intentions toward China. Where else in the world could such an event take place?

China a Land of Sorrows

◆ What with floods, earthquakes, famines, volcanic eruptions throwing out streams of lava three miles wide, and Japan constantly snarling and tearing at its flanks, poor old China is a land of sorrows. Its only hope is in earth's new deal, after Armageddon, when nothing that is wicked will be permitted to operate or even to continue to exist.

The Dismemberment of China

◆ The dismemberment of China proceeds. Manchuria, inner Mongolia and North China are ruled by Japan, outer Mongolia by Russia, and Tibet by Britain. Who will be the eventual controller of Chinese Turkestan (Sinkiang) is yet to be settled between the three powers just named, with the odds in favor of Japan.

Watermelon Stands Aside for Ice Cream

◆ The Chinese have discovered that they like ice cream better in the summer than the watermelons which have engaged so much of their attention in the hot months. Ice cream is now to be had in all flavors and in almost all parts of the country, even in the small towns.

The Oslo and Baltic Nations

Progressive Norway

◆ Progressive Norway is so far ahead of the United States that there is no comparison. She has had state workmen's insurance for 43 years and owned all her own railways for 47 years. Over her state-owned telephone lines a 15-minute conversation for a distance of 430 miles costs 12 cents. The interest on farm mortgages is 3 percent in the state banks. State-owned electric plants light the country from end to end, including the highways. State-owned hospitals provide free care for the poor. The schools are the best in the world. Norway has had state, fire, theft, tornado and marine insurance for 40 years, and unemployment insurance for 12 years, and has virtually no crime. Evidently the Scandinavian countries believe in doing things without too much balleyhoo. America makes much noise about progress and leadership, but she is definitely in the red, and the main quality for which it is noted seems to be more hot air than substantial and carefully planned, lasting progress. Norway's progress is real.

One Cause of Crime

◆ A Swedish citizen traveling in this country was asked by a newspaper reporter why his country was practically without crime. His reply was:

You never see comic strips of murders and crimes in Swedish newspapers, or hear radio plays on that subject in my country. No children are running around with toy pistols playing hold-up, and the American type of gangster and bawdy-house movies are not shown. People imitate what they see about them, and we try to keep their entertainment clean and wholesome.—Duluth *Publicity*.

Oslo Nation Tariff Agreements

◆ The Oslo nations (Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and Belgium) have entered into mutual agreements reducing or removing tariffs on many articles and canceling quotas and license restrictions on others. This ought to prove of benefit to all the powers involved.

The Silly Rules of Royalty

◆ The silly rules of royalty appear in Sweden, where two sons of King Gustav wed girls of their own choice, one the daughter of a Berlin businessman, the other the daughter of a Swedish businessman, and lost their royal status. The one who married a German commoner regains his royal status by a new law, but the one who married a Swedish commoner does not. Thus, in royal Sweden a German girl is superior to a Swedish girl; and, incidentally, the Swedish royal family is French.

Poverty Among Finnish Peasants

◆ Poverty among Finnish peasants became so great that several poor peasants recently killed several of their children, because unable to care for them. In one case a father and mother of seven children were given life imprisonment for murdering their four youngest. In another family of eleven, five children died under suspicious circumstances. Arsenic was found in the stomach of a girl of 19.

Gifts of Fertilizer

◆ The Latvian government, calculating that what their country needs is better soil conditions, suggested that friends of the country and its people could make gifts of fertilizers, and that such gifts would be appreciated. It has gone further and made up small bags of fertilizer, which are on general sale for the purpose specified.

Afforestation in Estonia

◆ Estonia made a very wise move, of permanent benefit to the country, when the Forestry department of the government co-operated with the citizenry to plant thousands of saplings in cities, towns, parks, esplanades and elsewhere.

Grass Meal for Human Food

◆ At Trondheim, Norway, grass is cut in the leaf stage, dried by electrically heated air, and then beaten into flour by rotating hammers. The resultant bread is said to be very good.

Eastern Europe

Yugoslavia an Inferno Now

◆ Yugoslavia has been turned into an inferno since the Roman Catholic Hierarchy gained control of the country. Tortures of prisoners include flogging, mutilation, the forcing of needles under fingernails, and the placing under the armpits of eggs taken from boiling water. Even children are imprisoned if they criticize either the government or the police.

Dispatches from Belgrade state that whenever Jehovah's witnesses are caught "their phonographs, records and pamphlets are confiscated and the owners imprisoned".

The police are too crooked for words. They beat up a procession of Greek priests and then gave out a statement that they had been putting down a Communist demonstration. The only truth in this statement is the blatant claim of the Roman Hierarchy that everything on earth that opposes it is "Communism".

Within a few minutes after the concordat with Rome was passed by the lower house, the patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church died from blood poisoning. He had been active in opposing the concordat which puts the Roman Church, with 30 percent of the population, in a more favorable position than the Orthodox Church, which claims 50 percent. The rumor is current in Serbia that he was poisoned to get rid of him. This is supported by the fact that his two brothers became mysteriously and dreadfully ill at the same time and their lives were feared for. When it was learned that the patriarch would not survive the night, the three readings of the treaty required by law were rushed through in ten minutes.

The concordat obligates the government to see to it that the children of mixed marriages are brought up Roman Catholics, no matter what changes may take place in the religion of the parents. Lawbreakers among the clergy may be tried by the clergy themselves. Where Roman Catholics are in a majority in a school, all the children in that school are to be taught the Roman Catholic "faith".

All members of the government that voted for the concordat were excommunicated by the

Orthodox Church, rendering all their subsequent acts constitutionally illegal.

The essential fact out of all this devilish situation is that the master of police of Yugoslavia, "Reverend Father" Koroshetz, is a Roman Catholic, as might be expected.

Lilliput Land in Hungary

◆ The 40,000 midgets of the world are considering the establishment in Hungary of a land of their own, some ten miles each way, in which they will be the only residents. They purpose to use Shetland ponies instead of horses, goats instead of cows, and will have no large dogs. They will have little houses, with staircases they can climb, diminutive bathroom fixtures, and everything built to their necessities. The able projector of the enterprise is Julius Gont, 3 feet 4 inches high.

Suffering of Jews in Poland

◆ Of the 3,000,000 Jews in Poland one-half are today in need of assistance and only one-third the total number have employment of any kind. In many places 30 percent of the Jews have had to ask for alms in order to get anything to eat and 75 percent of the Jewish traders are in such straits that they had to borrow money to buy their trading licenses.

Pontificated at an Altar 45 Feet High

◆ A dispatch from Poznan, Poland, explains that when the Papal legate at a church show there pontificated, he pontificated at an altar 45 feet high. Betcha neither Peter nor any of the other apostles ever pontificated like that. The show in Poznan was spoiled by a thunderstorm. At its close everybody was all wet, if not before.

The Cave Dwellers of Borsod, Hungary

◆ For generations thousands of Hungarians in the county of Borsod lived in caves together with their cattle and poultry. Into these homes no rays of sunlight ever penetrated. Model villages have now been built in the vicinity, and the caves blown up with dynamite.

An Amusing Experience in Brazil *By A. P. Andrade, Pioneer*

RECENTLY it was my privilege to conduct a study meeting in the home of a newly interested couple. One of the features was so amusing and interesting that I am passing it on so you may have a good laugh, too.

The man of the house had recently fallen out with the Baptist "church", which caused quite a disturbance amongst the "principals". Having learned that study meetings were being held in the home of this "erring brother", one of the preachers delegated himself to call at his home, and it was meeting night.

At 7:45 the "Dr." arrived and, having introduced himself to the ones present by presenting his card, he immediately proceeded to take over the meeting as a matter of course. He opened up by asking each one individually as to denominational affiliations. He received from one the answer that he was a Baptist but was at present studying with the Watch Tower people, as he wanted the truth. Another stated that he had been with the Salvation Army but was positive that he had at last found the truth. Lastly I was asked and I responded that I did not believe in religion or denominations, but belonged to the true church.

The "Dr." then cleared his throat rather noisily with a few 'H'ms' thrown in and proceeded with the statement that before continuing he would like to be assured that we accepted the whole Bible and that during the meeting we would stick closely to the question matter being entertained.

During the preliminaries I quietly opened my phonograph and slipped on a male quartet, and promptly at 8 p.m. I called the meeting to order, introducing the song, to be followed by thirty minutes study on "Rebellion", then thirty minutes on "Riches".

At the conclusion of the song, the "Reverend" said, "I see you have some beautiful 'hymns' recorded," and before he had a chance to continue, a brother was called upon to ask the Lord's blessing. Things were now moving smoothly and at a merry clip.

Immediately began the recorded lecture "Rebellion", and then the "Dr.'s" tempera-

ture began to rise. For four and a half minutes he squirmed, shuffled, coughed, grunted, and constantly cleared his throat. Finally, when the lecture came to a close, he gave out a loud bellow, demanding to know what this was all about.

I then distributed copies of the *Luz da Verdade*, containing a Portuguese translation of the lecture, to each one and called on one of the brethren to read the opening paragraph. I also assured the preacher that his question would be answered as the meeting progressed. After the paragraph was read, questions were invited.

One asked the question as to the reason why Jehovah permitted the Devil to continue after the rebellion. The "Dr." broke in then, loudly saying that the question was blasphemy and that nobody has the right to question God. I took it for granted that he was asking a question, so turned the same over to the meeting for answers. Several expressed that they believed it all right to ask such questions.

I then referred to Exodus 9:16, which was read, and closed the discussion with the statement that inasmuch as Jehovah deemed it necessary and profitable to record the reason for this permission, that fact invites grounds also for question by the creature. The one who had first asked the question stated that he was satisfied with the answers given.

Up sprang the "Dr.", demanding his hat, saying that he could not and would not meet with devils, loudly proclaiming that the meeting was nothing less than a union of witchcraft workers, and "that man [referring to me] is the chief devil and wizard". Then pointing to the phonograph, he loudly denounced the same as the deadliest of cobras and a fetish box.

One of the ladies spoke up, saying to the "Reverend": "I have known you heretofore as a kind, pleasing and holy man, but you have manifested here the spirit much like Satan himself. My eyes are at last opened." Poor "Doctor"; that was just too much. He stomped out, and the meeting continued.

Hitler Régime Nearing Oblivion

A BRITISH magazine, *The Banker*, shows that the Hitler régime is doomed. In an article on "The Results of the First Four Years of Nazi Rule" it makes the following statements:

Hitler chose guns instead of butter, and "as the rearmament program draws to a close, unemployment and undernourishment must be the lot of the German people. . . . He has mortgaged the future and depleted the resources inherited from the past. . . . Germany is paying the price—a steady decline in the people's standard of living. . . . When Hitler came into power, Germany had less than 5,000 officials for "economic control". Now there are over 50,000. The German business man is directly controlled by at least six authorities, plus a host of minor authorities. . . . Prices have shot skyward, 50 percent on meats and up to 300 percent on some foods. . . .

Germany's economic ills have been accentuated by an extravagance unequaled in almost any other country. There is no check on Nazi party expenditures. The million Storm Troopers have cost \$800,000,000 since the Nazis got power. The Gestapo secret police number 25,000, plus clerical employes, and nobody knows what they cost. The Labor Front, which replaced the old trade unions, has 55,000 officials—many times more than the unions ever had. All German workers give up 6 percent of their pay in "voluntary" contributions—\$720,000,000 a year—and have no control over expenditure of this money. What the Nazis do with it is one of the greatest mysteries.

The Measure of Nazi Depravity

The measure of Nazi depravity is pretty well illustrated by an article in the *Stettiner General-Anzeiger* wherein the imprisonment of three of Jehovah's witnesses for being faithful to their God was sandwiched in between two stories, one of a Jew for wearing pants that looked too much like those of the Hitler

Youth spittoon-cleaners, and the other of the conviction of two men for the form of sex crimes that is all the Nazi rage. The object of the Nazi rag, of course, was to drag the name of decent and honest, upright, Christian people in the dust by putting them in bad company.

Flag Worship

Herr Baldur von Shirach, leader of the Hitler Youth movement, in a speech at Hamburg, Germany, set the Nazi flag up as an object of worship, in the following pronouncement:

Our youth have always seen in their flag something more than the symbol of a mass organization with millions of members. They have regarded it as an emblem of the divine, and the visible sign of the Providence which led us to power and victory.



Courtesy New York *World-Telegram*
and Rollin Kirby, cartoonist

Dare Not Even Send Out Stamps

In their desperation, the Hitler gang have ordered that no valuables of the value of more than 10s. may be sent out of Germany, under penalty of death. In carrying out this law, it has been decided that rare postage stamps are valuables, arrests have been made and deaths are possible for such a seemingly harmless thing as sending a handful of used postage stamps out of the madhouse.

Lands in Hands of Church

The Nazi party headquarters issued statistics showing that 27 percent of all German lands are in the hands of churches and large landholders. About 2,470,000 acres are owned by the religious organizations, and the Nazis are now demanding that this acreage be surrendered to the state, for the benefit of the poor.

In the Lichtenburg Concentration Camp

◆ In the Lichtenburg concentration camp, three recaptured prisoners were beaten to death. In the coldest weather those most offensive to the Nazi régime were confined to dark cells, deprived of wash water for four weeks, and compelled to lie on stone with only a filthy horseblanket to cover them. Further details are from the *Manchester Guardian*:

The prison camp he found worse than Lichtenburg. Flogging was not among the official punishments, but there were, he writes, all the more unofficial assaults. The prisoners were struck in the face, and they often showed wounds from bayonet blows. It is characteristic that in one case the doctor took rather seriously a wound more than eight inches long—till he knew the cause. His customary comment on these wounds was: "You cannot have behaved as you should." If the guard was dissatisfied with the condition of a dormitory, the prisoners had to stand in the open, in their shirts, for two hours—usually in rain. The result, during my time in the camp, says my friend, was 36 deaths from pneumonia. Sick men who collapsed at their work on the moors were left lying in the rain till evening. The usual result was death.

Punishment for insufficient work and for "malingering" was three to six months in the punishment company. Here the prisoners had to cart sand through the wet earth of the moor from dawn to dark without pause. They were more mishandled than any others, and to get some respite from these horrors prisoners would allow a full lorry to crush one of their feet or otherwise get themselves so seriously injured that, for a time at least, even the guards could not get work out of them. Two prisoners were shot. The cause of death was entered as "internal hemorrhage".

Prisoners receive 25 pfennig (say about 3d.) daily as payment, and are allowed to spend 20 pfennig in the canteen. If we bought margarine we received an inferior quality but paid the highest price. The canteen officer is allowed to make money out of his job. The sum accumulated from the 5 pfennig retained by the authorities is supposed to be handed to the prisoners on leaving. The State is also required by law to pay the fare home of the prisoners. What actually happens is that the retained sums are used by the State towards the payment of the fares. State expenditure grows in another way, for the camps along the Dutch frontier have had their guards doubled. Saturday and Sunday were supposed to be used for keeping the camp in order, but actually we worked on every Saturday and on some Sundays on the moor. For this extra work we received nothing,

though the department responsible for the moor drainage paid for it. At times the guards got prisoners to steal for them. If they were caught they were punished, and were in addition beaten by the guard.

In summer we rose at three o'clock, and dug on the moor (usually standing in water), with intervals of ten minutes for breakfast and thirty minutes for dinner, till six o'clock in the evening. If any man were considered lazy he had to do "exercise"—i.e., throw himself down and spring up again quickly till he was exhausted, and then go on with his work. (Cf. my report on Lichtenburg in your issue of April 28, 1936.) If a guard chose to be dissatisfied with a whole company its members were hunted round the camp square till they collapsed. The guards would often amuse themselves in this fashion, as the bad and insufficient food weakened us. Those who could not do the work were punished by being made to stand at attention for two to six hours with face turned towards sun, rain, or snow. If such an "offender" fell down he was beaten. If, owing to exhaustion, a man repeatedly attracted the attention of the guard he was condemned for six months to the punishment company. The standpoint was: "The fewer of you that return to freedom the better. Most of you ought to be shot as enemies of the State. That would be best."

The guards liked to show us off to their relatives, and even motor loads of the "Strength Through Joy" organization were brought to admire the educational methods of the Third Reich. The people of the district hated the guards, however, who did not dare to go alone amongst them. To prevent the truth from becoming known, care is taken now to condemn no foreigner to punishment in these camps.

The German Freedom Party

◆ The German Freedom Party distributed by mail thousands or hundreds of thousands of manifestoes inquiring why Hitler is spending billions of money in armaments, why help is being given to Franco, why so many foreign papers are barred from Germany, why the people are punished for listening to foreign radio stations, why the Nazi leaders spend so much money on themselves, and why the Hitler government has such a poor standing abroad that for a year past it has tried without success to obtain loans in England, France, the United States, or Belgium. If the authors are found they will be put to death, along with the printers and publishers.

Hierarchy Prosperity in Nazi-land

◆ *Das Schwarze Korps* (The Black Corps), the official organ of the Nazi "Schutzstaffeln" (Black Shirts), in issue of June 10, 1937, publishes the following quite eloquent statistics:

	In 1918	In 1935
Settlements of male orders	388	622
Male members of the orders	7,592	15,337
Settlements of female orders	6,655	7,891
Female members of the orders	71,661	92,269

To this the Nazi paper adds:

Is it not outrageous to speak of church persecutions, in face of these numbers? . . . This progress of the Roman church has experienced no interruption since 1933, but, on the contrary, a tremendous increase. Whereas before 1933 every 2.76th day some new church position or congregation was established [in pre-Nazi Germany], the church can achieve such successes after 1933 every 1.26th day. That means, that in the days of the Center party [Catholic party of the German parliament] there was established every third day an ecclesiastical position of support, whereas now, under the national-socialistic régime which is allegedly "inimical to the church", this is being done almost daily!

Streicher Wants Them Guillotined

◆ It would be hard to think of any creature for whom *Consolation* has less esteem than it has for Julius Streicher, Hitler's Jew-baiter, but it could hardly fail to notice his demand that the Roman priests guilty of sex crimes should be guillotined. He told it to 200,000 persons, and it must have made somebody sweat, for the very same day word came out from Vatican City that there will be no diplomatic break with Germany, even though all the parochial schools of Bavaria have been changed into secular schools. Mr. Ratti has sense enough to know that he is in a hot spot, and that it is best not to get too fresh with a man that is insane and has 70,000,000 people behind him that will do anything he wishes, and dare do nothing else.

Reich Support of the Churches

◆ Despite the family fight between the Reich and the churches, the Reich in the past four years paid out \$56,000,000 from the public treasury for the support of these various ecclesiastical organizations. The salary of the much-advertised Cardinal Faulhaber is \$11,600 a year. Not bad pay, eh?

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German Jews Law-Abiding

◆ The Reich Statistical Bureau published the information that in the first quarter of 1936 there were 40,487 Germans convicted of murder, robbery, arson, criminal assault, receiving stolen goods, counterfeiting, abortion, felonious assault, blackmail, extortion, theft, embezzlement and perjury. Of the 40,487 convicted, 40,381 were the 'pure Aryans' about which one hears so much, and only 106 were Jews, or less than one-fifth of one percent of the total. How many of this number were fairly tried is unknown. The figures show an appalling amount of crime in Germany, and disclose that the hated Jews are the most law-abiding citizens in the land, excepting only Jehovah's witnesses, who commit no crimes at all. Of the foregoing convictions there were no Jews at all convicted of the crimes of robbery, arson, criminal assault or counterfeiting; all the honors in these categories went to the 'pure Aryans'.

Penalty for Saying Too Much

◆ The business of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is entirely political and therefore entirely commercial. It is not the least tiny bit interested in God—hates Him in fact—and delights in persecuting those who love Him. Occasionally its bedfellows in politics act mean; they could not do otherwise, for they are mean. It is of no use to argue with a mean person, to try to show him what is right, or what he has promised, or anything else. The Hierarchy, therefore, has erred in having too much to say to and about Hitler. Now he is retaliating with the information that the revenues of the Catholic church in Bavaria are to be reduced to one-third what they were. In four years last past these revenues were 140,000,000 marks (\$33,300,000)—a great burden on the taxpayers, and one for which they received nothing at all.

What Thoughts of Cruelty Can Do

◆ What thoughts of cruelty can do to a human face is shown in the new six-pfennig stamp of the "Deutsches Reich". The hero is Herr Hitler; the stamp was issued to commemorate his 48th birthday.

Lankwitz and Gatow

◆ According to John Dickson, Chicago *Tribune* correspondent, early in November of 1936, in Lankwitz, near Berlin, 600 men left their barracks allegedly "to participate in secret maneuvers to test new German anti-aircraft guns", and Christmas packages, in order to reach them, had to be small and had to be mailed not later than December 4. From Gatow, also near Berlin, and one of the centers of military aviation, 500 men left for "secret artillery practice". No German dares say that these men are in Spain, fighting the Spanish Republic, but everybody with any sense knows that is where they are.

Political Imprisonment in Germany

◆ The first year of Nazi rule in Germany witnessed prison sentences for political reasons running to 5,645 years; the next year (1934), to 9,619 years; the third year, to 12,092 years; and last year, to 17,249 years. At that rate, inside of a generation everybody in Germany would be in prison for life, including the Nazi partisans themselves, and if Hitler lived that long all he would have to do would be to strut up and down before a mirror calling out "Heil Hitler" all day long until the happy day that his wind gave out.

Expects a Free Germany to Reappear

◆ Gerhart H. Seger, editor of *Neue Volkszeitung*, is of the opinion that Hitler will run to the end of his rope and that liberty will reappear. In a letter to the *New York Times*, asserting that the land is now in a state of complete terrorization, he said:

Without being able to commit myself to any prophecy as far as time is concerned, I have no doubt that a free Germany will reappear. I know that a Germany where books are burned instead of read is not the real Germany.

Did Not Dare Publish the Truth

◆ It is an interesting fact that when the three Russian airmen flew from Moscow to California, it was forbidden to mention the event in any German newspaper. The Nazi leaders did not dare permit the German people to know of the real capabilities of the Russian army.

Germany's Best Technicians in Spain

◆ One of the Manchester *Guardian's* own correspondents lately in Spain reports that Germany's best technicians are there aiding Franco, and not only giving him advice, but orders, as it is now well known that he cannot win without their aid. The account says:

Now no military move is made without the approval of Germany and Italy. The destruction of Madrid is the result of the advice of the Germans and Italians, who considered it to be a military necessity. Germany and Italy had arranged to recognize Franco's government when Madrid had been conquered; but in face of the failure at Madrid and in their eagerness for direct political and military intervention in Spain's internal affairs they precipitated the recognition.

German Catholic Plea to Protestants

◆ Throughout the Catholic churches of Germany a plea has been made to the Lutherans and other Protestants to stand firm against what they term "Anti-Christ", meaning by that the new Nazi faith springing up in Germany. The plea flatters the Lutherans as being Christians, saying:

All Christians must stand together and not be diverted from the struggle against the Anti-Christ.

Displaced German Scholars

◆ Of 800 German scholars, exiled from their native land because of disapproval of the Nazi régime, 774 have been able to find employment in other lands, 464 of them in good permanent positions. There are still some 800 dismissed scholars in Germany itself. For these and for their dependents the future seems very dark.

Teaching Children to Hate Jehovah

◆ A new German textbook, written by Fritz Fink, a Nuremberg school counselor, and placed in the hands of all German school-teachers in the fall of 1937, requires teachers to dishonor the name of Jehovah wherever it appears in history, literature or current events.

Reich Bombers en Route to Spain

◆ On the night of January 27 several heavy German bombers passed over Innsbruck, Austria, en route to Spain, and Innsbruck reports that such night flying of such planes, in the same direction, is an often-recurring feature.

In Whisper Land

◆ In Whisper Land the entire nation is divided into blocks, with a block assistant for each three or four houses, sometimes only one house. Each family must answer 35 questions. Among these are the organizations to which each member of the family belongs, with rank attained therein; the denominational organization to which the children belong and the medals and decorations they have received; the newspapers read; the type of radio used; and whether the family owns a Swastika flag. One whisper on the wrong side of the ledger lands the unfortunate one in a prison camp. This is Nazism (Catholic Action) in actual practice in Germany.

Nazism and the German Worker

◆ Frank Knox, Chicago newspaper publisher, referring to the fact that in Germany in 1936 a skilled worker received but \$45 a month, while the average was only \$31.09, summed up thus the fulfillment of the high promises made by Hitler:

The status of the German worker, once free, highly intelligent, well paid and a self-respecting member of society, is that of a miserably paid wage serf of the government.

Hypocrites Try to Cover Their Tracks

◆ Hypocrites and murderers never like to be shown up for what they are, and so when 42 of Jehovah's witnesses were sent to prison from Berlin, for terms ranging from four to eighteen months, the judge on the bench, acting in his capacity as office boy for the Hitler crowd, went out of his way to say that these were not sentenced for their religious views, but for their attitude to the state.

Hitler a Gift from God (?)

◆ The depths to which boot-licking can go was reached at Oxford, England, when Bishop Otto Melle declared that Adolf Hitler is a gift from God, intended to rescue Germany's 67,000,000 from the depths of despair. Needless to add, Bishop Melle is a German Methodist bishop and doing all possible to make a hit with Adolf.

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Life in German Labor Camps

◆ Life in German labor camps has some good features, though it is severe enough. Every youth must serve six months at some form of hard manual labor. In summer the rising hour is 5:30. After physical training and a substantial breakfast there are seven hours of work, broken by a lunch period of 30 minutes. On return to camp (always by bicycle) there is dinner, compulsory rest for one hour, and after that hobbies, games and manual training in wood or metals until supper at 7:30. Songs and recreation last until bedtime, at 9:30.

"The Eyes of the Blind Shall See"

◆ On May 2 of this year, Pastor Alberti, of Chemnitz, Germany, once for a time interned in a Nazi concentration camp, prayed publicly from the pulpit for Jehovah's witnesses. At that occasion he said:

"The Bible Students are our storm troops. They are true followers of Christ and suffer for His name's sake. We will yet come into the same condition."

Another leading clergyman, Jankowitz, of the Riesengebirge, Germany, recently had the courage of conviction to declare publicly that the literature of Jehovah's witnesses contains the truth and is therefore to be highly recommended to every Christian who believes in the Bible. (From the German G.A. of August 1, 1937.)

Eight Years for Listening to Radio

◆ At Altona, Germany, a woman was sentenced to eight years in prison for listening in on her radio to the secret shortwave station Freedom. Some acquaintances who had been invited in, and who did not know that they would hear these forbidden broadcasts, were sentenced to six months each.

A Child's Primer in Germany

◆ The authoress Dorothy Thompson, expressing her hatred of the Nazi tyranny, said:

They are publishing a child's primer today, designed to teach little tots how to think of Jews and how to treat them if ever they should meet one. If a Gentile child sees a Jewish child, he is to thumb his nose at him (the illustrations show how), push him off the street and otherwise maltreat him.

Miscellany

Thanks, Awfully!

◆ The Lord Jesus Christ warned, "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 6:1) But nothing that Jesus said would have any weight with the "Reverend Father" James R. Cox, Pittsburgh, Pa. At hand some of his advertising matter, telling about how to take a gamble on the Kentucky Derby under the auspices of his "church". The back page tells about his "charities" thus:

From November 10, 1930, to June 1, 1936—Meals served 2,839,012; baskets of food given 760,341; medical cases cared for at clinic 2,369; barber shop, shaves 18,123, hair cuts 39,224; gallons of milk given 21,071; tons of coal given 2,210; infants layettes 9,289; among the many items given the men were 7,758 suits of clothes, 18,463 pairs of shoes, 28,674 shirts, 5,109 overcoats; dresses, coats, shoes, undergarments and sweaters were supplied the ladies.

Five Sets of Police Officers

◆ "Jersey justice" is so complicated, and Jersey politics are also so complicated, that at the entrance to the Holland Tunnel there are five sets of police officers on duty at one and the same time. On account of the excessive duplication of police departments, the cost for police protection in New Jersey is the highest in the United States for cities of corresponding size groups, and in many instances is twice as high. In the five counties of Hudson, Essex, Union, Bergen and Passaic there are 140 separate police departments in an area the total dimensions of which are only 20 by 35 miles.

No Extra Charge for Air Mail in France

◆ Concluding, and wisely too, that in this day air mails are reasonable and necessary, and for the good of all the people, France has abandoned all extra charge for air-mail service, and will give all first-class mail air service where that will be possible and whereby earlier delivery will thus be possible.

How to Land Your Children in Heaven

◆ Some parents do considerable worrying about whether or not their children will land in heaven, but it seems that all that is quite unnecessary. All that is necessary is to steal enough natural gas to blow up your house, as was done by the school trustees at New London, Texas, and away they go and everything is lovely. The Old Town High School "Spectator" puts it thus:

A major disaster has occurred. In New London, Texas, last week the students were gathered together in one of the finest school buildings. School was about to be dismissed, and no doubt thoughts of pleasure were flashing through the minds of all. Crash! The gates of heaven rolled wide, the glory of God shone out, and without hesitation 455 boys, girls and teachers trooped happily through into the Land of the Great Adventure, into the New World filled with the radiance of God and His Angels.

Comparing Lewis and Green

◆ Heywood Broun, columnist, tells of a reporter assigned to get answers from John L. Lewis and William Green to certain questions affecting labor policies. He got his interview with Lewis in 20 minutes, and it was all finished business. When he tried to contact Mr. Green he ran the gauntlet of three secretaries and was finally told to come for his interview at 1:10 p.m. a week from the next Wednesday. When he came on the dot he was kept waiting 3½ hours and then Mr. Green refused to answer any of his questions. And perhaps that is one of the reasons why the American Federation of Labor is now being taken for a ride.

Not Worth a Nickel

◆ A man offers a list of 1,671 names of persons, many of whom, so he says, are Catholics, who have given not less than \$100, and from that up to \$25,000, to various charities. *Consolation* does not want the list, and, as a matter of fact, wouldn't take it as a gift, let alone pay the \$15 for it which it is supposed to bring. Others solicit money; this office, never.

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La Guardia the Best Mayor

◆ The claim is made and seems fairly substantiated that La Guardia is the best mayor New York has had in a generation. He balanced the budget, abolished useless political jobs, put home relief on a business basis, broke slot-machine and other crime rackets, cut 40 percent out of the city's fire losses, had the big utilities reassessed honestly, reduced the accident rate, built 18 miles of new subways, built beautiful low-rent projects for 10,000 people, tore down 2,000 old tenements, built the great Triborough bridge, 235 playgrounds, 90 parks, 4 sewage plants, 2 incinerators, 54 public schools, and 11 health centers, built the largest piers, and is now building the largest airport in the world for the use of the transatlantic and transcontinental air lines.

Hoboken Has Plenty of Money

◆ Hoboken has plenty of money to waste on locking up and feeding Jehovah's witnesses, but not enough to feed the children of its hungry poor; hence the touching newspaper story (and true, too) of the little three-year-

old child that died from chewing the paint from his crib, chairs and walls. The youngster was all right while the family was getting \$11.40 every two weeks to live on, but when the relief was cut off and he tried to find food in the paint he gradually contracted lead poisoning and died.

Monessen in Trouble Some More

◆ Monessen is in trouble; not again, but yet. Alderman Lowers was held for court on charges of getting money from the county for jail commitments and releases when the defendants never had been arrested. Serves Monessen right, for standing for such a contaminator of the atmosphere as Mayor Gold.

League of Hypocrites at Geneva

◆ The League of Hypocrites at Geneva is getting ready to wipe Ethiopia off the slate. The first step is for Britain and France to change their representatives at Addis Ababa to the status of consuls, and this has already been done. Coal has been found in Ethiopia and the harpies are gathering for the feast.

Special Edition for Late Subscribers

◆ When we returned from the convention there were hundreds of subscriptions in the mail for the *Ohio State Journal* Convention report, and a few are still coming in.

◆ In order not to disappoint these persons, arrangements were made with the *Ohio State Journal* to print a Jehovah's witnesses edition of everything that the newspaper carried about the convention. This 8-page newspaper is being mailed to all these subscribers. A few thousand extra copies were printed while it was on the press. Anyone desiring this compact news report of the convention can still get it as long as they last. Thirty-five cents will cover the expense of printing this special edition.

◆ Send your orders to the Watch Tower, Brooklyn, N.Y., within the next month, please. Three copies will be mailed to any one address for one dollar.

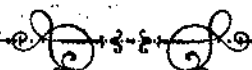
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