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Freedom of the mind is the supreme freedom with which no authority, other than the individual's own, can be permitted to interfere.

—I. M. Denfeld.

ATTENTION! TEXANS!! ATTENTION!

To: All citizens of the State of Texas; the governor of the State of Texas; the Supreme Court; all members of the Texas legislature, both House and Senate; all district and/or county attorneys within the state of Texas; the Internal Securities Division, Texas State Department of Public Safety.

SUBJECT

Subversive activities of the Vatican State, Roman Catholic Church Hierarchy and Catholic Action, *et al.*, in the United States of America, including Texas; necessitating and requiring immediate action by the proper and responsible state officials against such insidious, nefarious, theocratic, totalitarian subversives under the provisions of the Texas "Subversive Control Law," S.B. No. 4, Vernon's Ann. civ. St., Art. 6889-3A, as enacted by the first called session of the 53rd Legislature in April, 1954, and such other legal and proper measures as may be required due to the present perilous situation, in order to successfully defend our free, constitutional, American way of life from the barbarian evils of Catholicism, communism, fascism and all other systems of tyranny over the minds and bodies of mankind.

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States of America, some of whom are also native-born Texans, present the following documented charges against the Vatican State, the Roman Catholic Church Hierarchy, and Catholic Action, *et al.*, in order that immediate legal action be taken by the proper and responsible officials of the State of Texas against the afore named subversives.

CHARGES

(1.) The Vatican State stands before the world as a secular, political state, ruled as a dictatorship by a secular ruler, an Italian politician and despot—the Pope in Rome, at present Eugenio Pacelli, alias Pope Pius XII—and under his direction the Roman Catholic Church Hierarchy. It includes a leadership and an organizational population extending throughout the world. Within the United States it constitutes a "state within a state," in Texas "a state within a state within a state." Its doctrines and dogmas diametrically opposed to, and enemies of, our American and Texan concepts of democracy and freedom.

(2.) This alien dominated leadership, including its member-

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ship in the United States, including Texas—cardinals, archbishops, bishops and priests—is bound by an oath of personal loyalty to the head of this political dictatorship, the Pope in Rome, and must obey his absolute orders, even though such orders conflict with the Constitution of the United States as they do in most if not all instances.

(3.) This foreign dominated dictatorship has openly declared war upon the godless Constitution of our secular republic, the United States of America, and the safeguards of liberty established there-in by the freethinking founding fathers of our great nation, such as Jefferson, Washington, Paine, Franklin, Madison, Adams, etc. In two major pronouncements, which constitute the "Catholic Action Party Line" of this barbarian, medievalist, theocratic, totalitarian, secular political state—the "Syllabus of Errors" of Pope Pius IX, and the "Encyclicals" of Pope Leo XIII—every freedom written into our Declaration of Independence, our godless Constitution and Bill of Rights is condemned, point by point. Every member of the R. C. Hierarchy, including those in Texas and other of the United States, is bound by his oath to the Vatican to like condemnation of our U.S. Constitution, etc., thus aligning himself as an enemy of the United States, including the State of Texas.

(4.) Through the R. C. Hierarchy, the absolute orders of this alien, totalitarian, political ruler are carried down to every Roman Catholic in all of the United States, who must, knowingly or unknowingly, become party to the subversion of our U. S. Constitution and secular republic. Roman Catholics, indoctrinated from birth in the medieval philosophies of spiritual and mental dictatorship, find it an easy step to readily accept political dictatorship. Witness the authentic fact that the largest communist party in Europe outside of Russia is in Catholic Italy, home of the Vatican, and many of the "iron curtain countries" were strong-holds of Catholicism, the evil twin of communism upon which many communist techniques and methods are based and from which they were learned and derived.

(5.) Every member of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, including those in all of the United States, has further sworn undying enmity toward all "heretics," every non-Catholic individual and government being included in the long-established pronouncements of the Vatican as being "heretical." This applies to every non-Catholic public official in the U. S., from the President on down. The so-called "heretics" must, in the traditional practice of the "Spanish Inquisition," be rooted out by force and violence, which is the accepted and long practiced technique of the Vatican.

(6.) The Vatican, and its alien dominated Roman Catholic Hierarchy in all of the United States, has established hostile, militant, subversive and even semi-military organizations including courts within our United States borders, their members likewise sworn to personal loyalty to the Pope in Rome or coming under the domination of this foreign political dictator, and are pledged to undermine and subvert our free, democratic institutions—the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Knights of Columbus, etc. It has infiltrated members of these subversive organizations, and other collaborationists and fellow-travelers indoctrinated in its anti-American ideologies, into public office, from lowest to highest on both state and national levels, to undermine and subvert our secular republic and institutions from within. It functions under its own Roman Catholic Canon Law, and where inconsistent as it is in most if not

all instances, ignores and/or violates our American law.

(7.) This foreign, secular, political Roman Catholic Hierarchy injects itself into both foreign and domestic affairs of the United States, a standard practice of the Vatican which has a centuries-old record of interference in the external and internal affairs of other political states; and, of ruthless, barbarian violence toward those who disagree with its "totalitarian party line." It has caused more blood to flow in its political wars, hypocritically launched in the name of Jesus Christ—the so-called Prince of Peace—but actually to promote its political ascendancy, than was true even of Islam which openly spread religion by the sword. Its cruelty toward its own adherents was clearly displayed in the tortures of the "Inquisition."

(7-A.) In our day we have the historic examples of the Vatican backing Franco in Spain, who imported Arabs from Africa to kill Catholics in Spain; of its backing of Mussolini in his rape of Ethiopia; and, of its backing of Hitler, *et al.*, in his bloody attempted conquest of the world. Since 1492 it has participated aggressively in the affairs of the Latin-American countries, being directly responsible for the vast majority of wars in those areas. It was one of the evil forces behind the violence in Guatemala.

(7-B.) The Vatican has never hesitated to resort to ruthless, barbarian international violence to gain its ends. It is one of the originators of "The End Justifies the Means," which was borrowed from it by its brother totalitarian and evil twin—the Kremlin. The Vatican insists, and history proves that it is a secular state, but when called to account for its political acts of violence it has taken refuge behind the smoke screen of "religious persecution", thus playing both ends against the middle.

(7-C.) Through Cardinal Spellman the voice of the Vatican in the United States, it has been a champion of Senator Joseph McCarthy (a member of the subversive Knights of Columbus, trained and (mis-) educated in Catholic Jesuit schools, and thus drawing his inspiration from the totalitarian Vatican rather than from our U.S. Constitution), in his subversive program undermining our U.S. Constitution and of creating dissention and disunity from one end of the United States, including Texas, to the other. It has persisted, repeatedly, in invading the prerogatives of the United States, and the states there-of, by gaining, contrary to and in violation of our U.S. Constitution, special illegal privileges for its Parochial schools, and in the face of repeated decisions of our United States Supreme Court, each such violation becomes another overt act against our godless Constitution of the United States of America.

(8.) The Vatican is motivated by its age-old ambition to establish a World Theocracy, a religious-political dictatorship with the Pope as its head, by any and all means and methods including brutal, bloody, barbarian, ruthless force and violence in and on any and all levels and areas of the world, including the United States and the subdivisions there-of such as Texas. Because of the fear of the Vatican's political and religious barbarianism and ruthlessness—a spirit captured and used by other ecclesiastical organizations—our Founding Fathers left their homes in Europe in order to escape from religious degradation, persecution, bigotry, fanaticism, wars and blood baths of that area and to establish freedom of and from religion in the New World of America. To prevent future religious dictatorship and ecclesiastical-political domination, which are the worst frauds and tyrannies ever perpetuated upon gullible, supersti-

tious, ignorant people, our freethinking Founding Fathers wrote these profound liberal principles of freedom into our charters of liberty.

(9.) The Vatican and its Hierarchy in the United States, including Texas, stand in open enmity toward our U. S. constitutional concepts of freedom of and from religion. They deny religious tolerance where Roman Catholicism is forced upon the people as the State Religion (as is the case in Spain, Portugal, Bolivia, Columbia and other parts of Latin America), and inflict reprisals including imprisonment, torture and murder against members of other religious faiths and/or those who profess no faith. It is the centuries-old ambition of the Vatican, openly declared and vigorously promoted by fair means and foul, mostly foul, to turn the United States, a secular republic including the state of Texas, into a Theocratic Roman Catholic Nation, with Catholicism as the official state religion with no others tolerated. Thus, its ambitions constitute an ever-present, dire, barbarian threat against freedom of and from religion as well as all other freedoms established under the godless Constitution of our great Nation.

Whenever its subversive political acts are challenged, it takes refuge behind the shield of freedom of and from religion granted by our godless Constitution which it is attempting to destroy; and, which freedom the Vatican denies to non-Catholics in those nations which have Catholicism forced upon them as the official state religion.

(10.) This alien, totalitarian, secular, political Hierarchy of the Vatican possesses fabulous wealth in the United States, billions upon billions of dollars, but permits no scrutiny of its financial records by public authority. It extracts huge sums illegally each year from the American taxpayers, Texas included. This wealth is used to maintain in luxury a foreign, totalitarian political ruler, the Pope at Rome, and a theocratic system of tyranny, in violation of our U.S. Constitution. And is expended in the United States, including Texas, to teach its subversive, anti-American dogmas and doctrines in its parochial schools and other institutions being contrary to, and enemies of, our U. S. Constitution and American Way of Life. Under the hypocritical guise of being a religious organization and serving humanitarian purposes, it pays **NOT ONE CENT OF TAXES** on vast sums of this wealth and this income, thereby adding this extra tax burden to the shoulders of non-Catholic taxpayers--we thus witness the amazing spectacle of American taxpayers, including Texans, paying state and federal taxes to finance the Catholic subversion of their own free democratic, non-Catholic institutions.

(11.) The barbarian, totalitarian, secular, political ambitions of the Vatican constitute an ever-present dire threat to the peace and security of the United States, including Texas, and the entire world. While hypocritically pretending to preach world peace, good will among mankind, the Vatican has engaged openly in a campaign to incite to World War III with atomic and hydrogen bombs, using the wealth, weapons, planes, man and woman power including soldiers of the United States and other non-Catholic nations to further its (the Vatican's) subversive, nefarious, totalitarian, enslaving machinations; while (it, the Vatican) well knowing that such a war must and would result in the annihilation of the world civilization which would include the destruction of the United States, including Texas, and the principal if not all nations on earth as well as the killing of the vast majority of all peoples on earth. *Thus, by*

its own acts, the Roman Catholic Vatican establishes itself as a world-wide criminal. And one of, if not the most inhuman, insidious, brutal, barbarian dangerous enemies of all time against humanity.

SUMMARY

(A.) The above charges are voluminously and conclusively documented. As presented above, they represent in briefest outline the present danger to our secular republic, the United States of America, from the subversive, theocratic, totalitarian power of the Vatican and its Roman Catholic Hierarchy. These have made no attempt at concealment of their barbaric purposes, but have and are operating openly and arrogantly in their nefarious campaign to subvert our United States Constitution, our secular republic and our free, democratic, American Way of Life.

(B.) We are deeply concerned, and rightly so, over the dangers of Kremlin subversion of our free institutions. But, as the communists are ambitious of establishing a world government of communism, a dictatorship under the control of the Kremlin, so is the Roman Catholic Hierarchy ambitious of establishing a world theocracy, a religious-political dictatorship under the control of the Vatican. The communists in the United States number far less than one hundred thousand who are under constant attack and have been driven underground where they are kept under continual surveillance by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other U.S. government departments and agencies. While the Vatican adherents and fellow-travelers, *in this nation who number several million*, operate openly and arrogantly as well as insidiously to destroy our U.S. Constitution and our free institutions. Yet NO ACTION has been taken by responsible public officials, many of whom are "Catholic Action Party" members—fellow-travelers, hypocrites, liars and traitors—to protect and defend our U. S. Constitution, secular republic and free democratic, American Way of Life against this powerful, treacherous, theocratic, totalitarian Vatican dictatorship which has declared and wages ceaseless war against our freedoms. If the Kremlin were to wage its campaigns as openly, an atomic bomb would be dropped on Moscow in short order. (Perhaps one on the Vatican is long over due.) But this other dictatorship, equally dangerous if not more so to our free American Way of Life, has been welcomed by many of our public officials, on both states and national levels, who are either ignorant, gullible, misinformed, misled dupes or traitors or, as in some cases all of the given descriptions.

(C.) Not only do high public officials, state and national, refuse or otherwise not act to check, expose and defeat this subversive Catholic Vatican force, but they also actually fraternize privately and publicly with its agents, lend them the prestige of their high offices, and illegally and traitorously, give aid and comfort to a declared enemy. Many officials of the United States, including Texas, in violation of Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 8, of our U. S. Constitution, have accepted papal decorations and "honors"—as in the case of Senator Patrick A. McCarran, a "Catholic Action Party" member masquerading as a Democrat—unquestionably being influenced in their judgments and actions in favor of the theocratic and totalitarian Vatican, with its centuries-long sordid, black and bloody record of humbuggery, chicanery, fraud, forgeries, corruptions, subversions and its barbaric oppression, repression, suppression, im-

prisonment, torture, burning and murdering of those who fought its despotism, tyranny and totalitarianism.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1.) That the proper and responsible public officials, included among those to whom this communication is addressed, *immediately* take the required and vitally necessary legal actions to bring the above mentioned Roman Catholic Vatican subversives in the State of Texas before the proper courts to answer for their traitorous actions and crimes. That the Texas Subversive Control Law (S.B. No. 4, First Called Session, 53rd Legislature) be immediately invoked against said subversives, and, that any other legal measures be taken immediately that may be necessary to bring said subversives before the Bar of Justice. Also, that should it be necessary to enact additional laws to properly control, expose and defeat such subversives, a special session of the Texas Legislature shall be immediately called for such purpose. Such legal action to be immediately taken against the Roman Catholic Church Hierarchy, Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Dominicans, Franciscans, Benedictines, Paulists, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Legion of "Decency," Holy Name Societies, Hibernians, and all other confraternities of the Vatican, Roman Catholic Church, Catholic Action, *et al.*

(2.) That a special committee of the Texas Legislature, composed of members from both House and Senate, be immediately appointed to bring to light, and to fully publicize, the full sordid records of overt and covert subversive activities of the Vatican and the Kremlin and their agents, fellow-travelers and front organizations.

(3.) That representatives of the Vatican in the State of Texas, including all who have taken an oath of loyalty to this foreign political-ecclesiastical ruler be required to register, along with their brother totalitarian subversives—the communists—as agents of a foreign, enemy government. That their status be brought to the immediate attention of the proper and responsible, U. S. Government officials in order that necessary legal action be taken to cancel the citizenship in the United States of such persons, as being inconsistent with their oath to a foreign secular government and/or ruler. That this or a similar procedure also be followed in regard to such persons who are not U. S. citizens, in order that they may be promptly deported.

(4.) That all officials, elected or appointed to public office in the State of Texas, be required to reject, openly and publicly, all loyalties to any foreign government and/or ruler, including Vatican and Kremlin, otherwise to be disqualified for public office. That those holding such offices at present who are disqualified under the above procedure, be immediately discharged and/or impeached.

(5.) That the right to tax exemption be revoked of any eleemosynary institution of a sectarian character unless such institution qualifies for tax exemption by presenting its books for auditing, and such audit shall establish that no funds pertaining to said institution shall have been transferred to any foreign secular state, its rulers, or to the American, including Texas, agents thereof, or shall have been used for the purchase of newspaper publishing firms, commercial use real property, or any other type commercial investment to underwrite any campaign for sectarian tax-exemption, or to subvert and/or nullify any provision of the Constitution

of the United States of America and/or the constitution of the State of Texas.

(6.) That in bringing such subversives to justice, that no question of their religious beliefs or their lack of such beliefs be raised; as religion or lack of it is NOT a part of the legal issue. The U. S. constitutional principle of freedom of and from religion shall NOT BE VIOLATED. It is NO CONCERN of the state as to whether a person believes in a hundred gods, one god or NO god.

(7.) That all possible means be utilized to inform all Americans, including Texans, and particularly the lay members of the various Roman Catholic organizations, who may not be aware of the dangers to our American freedoms from the totalitarian philosophies of the Vatican, of the authentic facts of this sinister, monstrous, theocratic threat to our U.S. Constitution and secular republic, the United States of America. In many cases said Roman Catholic laymen and women are to be more pitied than censored, although without their blind support the Vatican could not exist, for they are as a rule only additional victims and slaves of barbaric Catholicism with its centuries-old systems of brain-washing, enforced mental blindness and mis-education. It is sincerely hoped that these pitiful, uninformed and misled dupes will awaken to the authentic facts and mend their ways before it may be necessary to proceed against them, also, under the provisions of S.B. No. 4 (Texas Subversive Control Law) in order to stop their support and assistance of the alien Vatican and Pope. The latter receiving a very large percentage of their annual income and support from their gullible, duped followers in the United States, including Texas.

Very Sincerely,

The Grand Lodge: Confederacy of South-West Freethinkers' Associations of America (Incorporated).

By DEAN FIELD, Executive Director.

DOCUMENTATION

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QUOTATIONS

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES:

"Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . . No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification for any office of public trust under the United States."

GEORGE WASHINGTON; Treaty with Tripoli, 1797: "The government of the United States of America is NOT in any sense, founded upon the Christian religion."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: "When a religion is good, I conceive it will support itself; and when it does not support itself, and God does

not take care to support it so that its professors are obliged to call for help of the civil power, 'tis a sign, I apprehend of its being a bad one. . . . The Convention (the United States Constitutional Convention) except for three or four persons thought prayers unnecessary . . . Lighthouses are more helpful than churches. . . . He (Rev. Whitefield) us'd, indeed, sometimes to pray for my conversion, but never had the satisfaction of believing that his prayers were heard."

THOMAS JEFFERSON: "In every country and in every age the priest has been hostile to liberty. . . . The priest is always in alliance with the despot. . . . I have recently been examining all the known superstitions of the world, and do not find in our particular superstition (Christianity) one redeeming feature. They are all alike, founded upon fables and mythologies."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: "The United States Government must not undertake to run the churches. When an individual in a church, or out of it, becomes dangerous to the public interest, he must be checked. . . . There was the strangest combination of church influence against me. It was concluded that no Christian ought to vote for me because I belong to no church. . . . I never tire of reading (Thomas) Paine."

GENERAL MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE: "It is my opinion that, if the liberties of this country are destroyed, it will be by the subtilty of the Roman Catholic, Jesuits; they are the most crafty, dangerous enemies of civil and religious liberty."

"MANUAL OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH," 48th edition, Imprimatur-Cardinal D. J. Dougherty of Philadelphia, Pa.: Question 114. Why is the church superior to the state? Answer. Because the end to which the (Roman Catholic) Church tends is the noblest of all. Question 117. What more should the state do than respect the rights and liberty of the (Roman Catholic) Church? Answer. The state should also aid, protect, and defend the (Roman Catholic) Church. Question 119. What, then, is the principal obligations of the heads of state? Answer. Their principal obligations is to practice the Catholic religion themselves, and, as they are in power, to protect and defend it. Question 122. May the state separate itself from the (Roman Catholic) Church? Answer. No. Because it may not withdraw itself from the supreme rule of Christ. Question 123. What name is given to the doctrine that the state has neither the right nor the duty to be united to the (Roman Catholic) Church? Answer. This doctrine is called liberalism. It is founded principally on the fact that modern society rests on liberty of conscience and worship, on liberty of speech and of the press. Question 124. Why is Liberalism to be condemned? Answer. Because it denies all subordination of the state to the (Roman Catholic) Church."

"SAPIENTIOE CHRISTIANOE"—Pope Leo XIII: "... if the laws of the state are manifestly at variance with the divine law, containing enactments hurtful to the (Roman Catholic) Church, or conveying injunctions adverse to the duties imposed by (the Roman Catholic) religion, or if they violate in the person of the supreme pontiff (Pope) the authority of Jesus Christ, then truly, to resist becomes a positive duty, to obey, a crime (for Catholics)."

ELEXIUS M. LEPICIER, "De Stabilitate Progressu Dogmatis," *Libreria Pontificia*, Rome, 1910, Page 104: Question. Should heretics be tolerated? Answer. As soon as anyone makes a public profession of heresy and endeavors to pervert others by word or example, not

only should he suffer the greatest excommunication, but also he should be justly put to death, lest he should destroy very many by his pestilential contagion."

POPE URBAN VII: "Every species of heretic is consigned to the very lowest depths of Hell, in the name of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

ST. FULGENTIUS, Catholic authority: "Hold most firmly and doubt not that not only all pagans, but also all Jews, heretics, and schismatics (Protestants included) who depart from this present life outside the Catholic Church, are about to go into eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels."

FROM THE OATH OF ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS: "Heretics, schismatics, and rebels to our said Lord (the Pope) or his aforesaid successors, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose."

FATHER FRANCIS J. CONNELL, Catholic University, author of "Freedom of Worship" (1944): "... so far as God's Law is concerned, no one has a real right to accept any religion save the Catholic religion, or to be a member of any church save the Catholic Church, or to practice any form of divine worship save that commanded or sanctioned by the Catholic Church."

FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, Sunday, Aug. 1, 1954 via Associated Press: "Cardinal Scores Establishment of Protestant Camp In Spain. Pedro Cardinal Segura, Archbishop of Sevilla, delivered a violent attack on Protestants Saturday and demanded a halt to propaganda from them which he said was 'reaching most alarming proportions.'"

The outspoken prelate dictated a pastoral admonition Friday by telephone from Cuenca, where he is vacationing, and it was published in Saturday's press.

He said he was particularly alarmed over news of the establishment of a summer camp for Protestants at San Lucar de Barrameda, in his diocese. He said this was a violation of the Spanish Bill of Rights which forbids public worship by non-Catholics. He demanded that the authorities close the camp.

He spoke of "the insidious methods being used by these sworn enemies of our sacred religion to seduce the unwary and attract new proselytes to their ill-famed sect."

"Protestantism has been, is and will always be the heretical rebellion against the true church and against the vicar of Christ, the fertile source of all evil and the aid and fomentor of all wildness."

S. D. PHELAN, *editor*, The Western (R. C.) Watchman, 1912: "We of the Roman Catholic Church are ready to go to the death for the church. Tell us that we think more of the church than we do of the United States. Of Course we do! Tell us that in the conflict between the church and the civil government we take the side of the church. Of course we do! Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the church, we would say: 'To Hell with the government of the United States!' and if the church and all of the governments of the world were at war, we would say: 'To Hell with all of the governments of the world!' Why? THE POPE IS THE RULER OF THE WORLD!"

HILLAIRE BELLOC, Roman Catholic author, October 1, 1938: "The necessary conflict between the state and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy must still take place in the United States."

CARDINAL MANNING, "Essays on Religion and Literature," page

403: "The (Roman Catholic) Church has a right in virtue of her divine commission, to require of everyone to accept her doctrine."

FROM THE PURPORTED KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OATH, U. S. Congressional Record, Feb. 15, 1913, Page 3216: "I, declare and swear that his Holiness, the Pope . . . hath power to depose kings, princes, states, commonwealths, and governments, and they may be safely destroyed. . . . I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due any heretical king, prince, or state, named Protestant or liberal, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers. . . . I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage a relentless war, secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Masons, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth . . . that I will, in voting, always vote for a K.C. in preference to a Protestant, especially a Mason, and I will leave my party to do so."

SAMUEL J. FOLEY, a Romanist and district attorney of Bronx County, New York, speaking to the "Holy (Roman Catholic) Name Society of New York City Fire Department." April 28, 1938: "I try to live as a Catholic and administer my job as a Catholic."

THE TABLET, official Catholic Diocesan paper of Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1938: "Heresy is an awful crime and those who start a heresy are more guilty than they who are traitors to civil government. If the state has the right to punish treason with death, the principle is the same that concedes to the Spiritual Authority (Vatican and Roman Catholic Church) the power of life and death over the arch-traitors to truth . . . (Roman Catholic Church claims it is the one and only depository of truth and that all else is error and heretical)."

K. M. WHITTEN, president—Friendship Liberal League, Philadelphia, Pa.: "(Referring to the above). Here it is claimed that a rebellion against the Pope and bishops is far worse than against the government of the United States, yet the United States Constitution does not concede any power whatsoever to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy to say what is truth and to murder anyone who disagrees with them. Nor does it give the Catholic people any right to HINDER, EVEN BY DEATH, as they are now doing in Spain, Portugal, Columbia and elsewhere, Protestants or Infidels from thinking and talking as they please. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy are reaching for this particular power in the United States and the only thing between non-Catholics and death now at Catholic hands, is that the 'Catholic peoples are not strong enough' YET."

FATHER HARVEY, St. Peters Roman Catholic Church, New Brunswick, N. J. (N. Y. Herald, May 7, 1901): "I do not doubt, if they were strong enough, that the Catholic people would hinder, even by death if necessary, the spread of heretical errors (all non-Catholic views) among the people, and I say rightly so."

GUISEPPE GARIBALDI, Italian patriot and soldier: "The Papacy is the most horrible plague that my country (Italy) is afflicted with. Eighteen centuries of falsehood and persecution have rendered that plague intolerable. . . . The Vatican is a dagger at the heart of Italy."

DALLAS TIMES HERALD, Sunday, July 4, 1954: "Mr. (Vick) Clesi toured the country (Italy) 'from top to toe' with his wife, (Catholic) Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haggard, Sr. . . . The communists there today were the Fascists of yesterday and (Roman Catholic) priests told me 75 per

cent of the communists are regular (Catholic) churchgoers,' he (Clesi) said."

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, 82nd Congress, Oct. 20, 1951: "The real issue in this country is not whether we shall yield to communist totalitarianism—we are well aware of its dangers to freedom and are prepared to resist them—but the chief single issue is whether we shall compromise with a clerical totalitarianism which parades as the only enemy of communism, and is now selfishly exploiting America's fear of communism with evil results to freedom.

... In Italy, Spain, Portugal, and in the Balkan States, the light of religious liberty burns low for all except members of the State Church, and even for them economic liberty was dead until resurrected by aid from the United States. The (Roman Catholic) Church which boasts of control and dominance of a nation for centuries, which has crowned and deposed kings at will, and which is today the real voice of Italy is hard put to absolve itself of the responsibility for creating a vacuum at the heart of liberty. Praying for peace in public . . . does not alter the fact that 10,000,000 citizens in Italy, the center of Roman Catholicism, voted communist.

... The same great American Newspaper (New York Times, Aug. 2, 1951) that tells of communist repressions in Indochina relates the contents of a repressive Pastoral Letter issued by the Roman (Catholic) bishops of Argentina, denying Catholics the right to vote for any candidate who favors church-state separation, and freedom of worship to all creeds. (Catholic) Cardinal Capello, who heads the (Roman Catholic) Hierarchy in Argentina, has been an ardent supporter of the Peron dictatorship. . . . A leading correspondent of the New York Times shocked Americans with a series of articles on Roman Catholic persecution of religious minorities in Spain. Columbia, a land once known for liberal and democratic policy, lies under a cloud as a state-favored (Roman Catholic) Church constantly harasses Protestants in the smaller rural areas. . . . A Religious News Service dispatch tells of a 50-year struggle to build a Protestant hospital in Naples, Italy, which ended in failure, it is charged, because a Roman Catholic mayor swore he would never sign a permit for any Protestant hospital. The very same week, the Roman Catholic lobby in Washington, helped secure the passage in the (United States) House of Representatives of a bill providing outright grants (in violation of the United States Constitution) to denominational hospitals in the District of Columbia, with approximately \$4,000,000 slated to be used for the construction of a new Roman Catholic hospital in the Nation's capitol. . . . In the United States the ocean of freedom we once knew is at low tide.

... Our concern grows out of our knowledge that the Roman (Catholic) Church has been highly successful in *forcing its will* upon other nations with disastrous results to freedom. . . . It is generally known who attacks the public schools as "godless" and "secular." The (Vatican, whose centuries-long policy is to (mis-) educate the few and keep the masses in ignorance) purpose is to discredit public education and deprive it of needed support. . . . Leaders in the National Education Association assert that the Roman (Catholic) Hierarchy has stacked the Committee on Education in the (United States) House of Representatives against federal aid for 25 years. . . . We live too close to Mexico and Quebec (Canada) not to realize the disastrous results of these tactics to both education and morality. . . . A new feature has been injected into the (Roman

Catholic) campaign against public schools. Now, it is asserted that every little red school house has a little red teacher. As they behold this vicious (Vatican) assault on the public schools, thinking Americans must oppose the payment of (state and federal) tax funds to support a (Vatican) school system whose (mis-) educational policy emanates, not from this country, but from an 'infallible' divine who sits on a throne in Rome. . . . (Roman Catholic) Bishop John F. Noll of Indiana (editor of our Sunday Visitor), published a pamphlet called 'Our National Enemy No. 1,' and identified the 'enemy' as the public school. . . . The (Roman Catholic) Jesuit weekly, 'America,' in an editorial Oct. 3, 1925, declared: 'That the Catholic and non-Catholic school systems are absolutely irreconcilable is an indisputable fact.' . . . Canon 1374 of Canon Law, 'Catholic children shall not attend non-Catholic, indifferent schools, schools that are mixed, that is to say, schools open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. The bishop of the diocese *only* has the right (desires of the parents and children are not considered by these theocratic dictators), in harmony with the instructions of the (un-)Holy See, to decide under what circumstances and with what safeguards to prevent loss of (Roman Catholic) faith, it may be tolerated that Catholic children go to such schools.' . . . Father Paul L. Blakely, Society of Jesus (Jesuits), in a pamphlet entitled 'May An American Oppose the Public School?' published in 1937 under the Imprimatur of Patrick Cardinal Hayes, proclaimed: 'Our first duty to the public school is NOT to pay taxes for its maintenance. . . . The first duty of every Catholic father is to keep his children out of it. . . . Discussion is at an end. The obligations imposed by obedience (to Roman Catholic Vatican, Church and Hierarchy) are alone to be considered.' . . . Free Americans disapprove boycotts of newspapers, magazines, books, movies (almost all now illegally censored by Catholic Action), and businessmen to suppress free discussion. The Roman (Catholic) Hierarchy uses the boycott as a means of controlling the press, the radio, and free speech. . . . Free Americans view with alarm the persecution of non-Catholics in predominately Catholic countries. The Roman Hierarchy condones (and encourages) the situation by pointing to the 'overwhelming majority' of Roman Catholics in the populations of those (Vatican dominated) countries. In other words they preach (and practice) the doctrine that majorities have the right to oppress minorities. If we were to apply that doctrine over here, Catholics would be persecuted. But we reject this doctrine wholeheartedly—fortunately for Catholics as well as non-Catholics."

DR. JOHN A. MACKAY, president of Princeton Theological Seminary: "In countries which have come under the complete control of Roman (Catholic) Clericalism or Soviet (communist) Imperialism, countries such as Spain or Rumania, freedom is dead."

SIMON BOLIVAR, greatest of South American liberators: "There existed a religious fanaticism; which, hypocritically directed by the (Roman Catholic) clergy, was bent upon confusing the public spirit with its selfish viewpoints and partisan interests, for it was fearful of losing its hold upon the superstitious populace."

AMERICA, National Roman Catholic Jesuit Weekly Review, Jan. 4, 1941: "In themselves, all forms of Protestantism are unjustified. They should not exist. Both heresy and schism are of the 'world, the flesh, and the devil,' forces radically opposed to the Catholic Church and with which all who profess to be Catholics should be in opposition. . . . (Jan. 25, 1941): If the (Spanish) war be judged by

what is at stake, the future of the (Roman Catholic) Church in Spain, it is certainly a (Vatican-Catholic) crusade. . . . (May 17, 1941): How we Catholics have loathed and despised this Lucifer civilization, this Rationalist creation of those little men who refused to bend the knee or bow the head in submission to a higher (Roman Catholic) authority. . . . Today American Catholics are being asked to shed their blood for that particular kind of secularist civilization which they have been heroically repudiating for four centuries. This civilization is now called democracy, and the suggestion is being made that we send Yanks to Europe to defend it. In reality, is it worth defending? . . . The salvation of American democracy depends upon two things: staying out of the war in Europe and starting the (Roman Catholic) Christian Revolution NOW. . . . Leadership in this crisis will come NOT FROM THE LAITY. It will not come from the bottom of the Catholic pyramid. IT WILL COME ONLY FROM THE TOP, FROM THE HIERARCHY. THE (ROMAN CATHOLIC) CHRISTIAN REVOLUTION will begin when we (the Pope and Hierarchy) decide to cut loose from the existing social order, rather than be buried with it, and release the DYNAMITE that is stored up in the (barbaric Catholic) Christian Gospel." . . . On page 463 of "America" for Feb. 1, 1941, there is a statement that this Roman Catholic Jesuit magazine "has well deserved the encomiums of three sovereign Pontiffs, and the commendation of the present (Un-) Holy Father (Eugenic Pacelli, alias Pope Pius XII, of the Bloody Hands), when he was Papal Secretary of State." Hence "America" magazine has the Vatican's approval. . . . "America," Nov. 30, 1940: "Can a Catholic become a Methodist, a Presbyterian, a Mohammedan, an Atheist, and yet remain a good Catholic all the time? He can, if he is on the job of training a Catholic Evidence Guildman (training another subversive Vatican agent) for the task of meeting objections from the pavement."

Excepts From the Oath of Faith For Converts to Catholicism:

"I believe all the articles that she (the R. C. Church) proposes to my belief, and I reject and condemn all that she rejects and condemns, and I am ready to observe all that she commands me. . . . I believe: The Primacy not only of honor, but also of Jurisdiction of the Roman Pontiff. . . and everything else that has been defined, and declared by the sacred Canons, and by the General Councils, and particularly by the Holy Council of Trent. . . I detest and adjure ever error, heresy, and sect opposed to said Holy Catholic and Apostolic Roman Church. So help me God." The foregoing must be accepted and signed in writing by converts to Catholicism.

Excepts From Said R. C. Councils,

Fourth Council of Lateran—3rd Chapter: "We excommunicate and anathematize every heresy. . . . so they publicly take oath for the defense of the (R. C.) faith, that they will study in good earnest to exterminate, to their utmost power, from lands subject to their jurisdiction, all Heretics denoted by the (R. C.) Church. . . and the Catholics that taking the Badge of the Cross shall gird themselves for the exterminating of Heretics. . . . (shall be granted certain indulgences" The Council of Trent states in many places that Heretics (all non-Catholics) may and should be put to death. We quote from chapter XXI: "It is a benefit to obstinate Heretics to remove them from this life; for the longer they live the more

errors (anything non-Catholic) they invent, the more persons they mislead; and the greater damnation do they store up to themselves."

HAROLD L. ICKES, in his diary "The Inside Struggle," Vol. II: "He (President Franklin D. Roosevelt) said frankly that to raise the (Spanish) Embargo would mean the loss of every Catholic vote next fall and that the Democratic members of Congress were jittery about it and didn't want it done. This was the cat that actually was in the bag, and it is the mangiest scabbiest cat ever. This proves up to the hilt what so many people have been saying, namely, that the Catholic minorities in Britain and America have been dictating the international policy toward Spain."

G. DE CHAMPLAIN, San Diego, Cal., former Roman Catholic Priest: "Rome has blown up by gunpowder, bored with hot irons, shot, poisoned, stabbed, stoned, impaled, baked in ovens, buried alive, roasted on spits, starved, suspended by the hands, feet and hair, stuffed and hacked with axes, scalped, pulled out tongues and committed other atrocities too numerous and nauseous to mention. . . . Attention! Subdued Rome is a lamb. Treated on an equal she is a Fox. When in Authority she is a Tiger. And it is her proud boast SHE NEVER CHANGES."

EDITORIAL FROM THE CLARION, Brisbane, Australia, Sept. 4, 1953: "Let us make it quite clear that the organization called the Roman Catholic Church is not only a so-called Christian or spiritual organization. And it must always be remembered that the master-minds directing every move of this organization reside at the Vatican. The R. C. Church has what one might call two faces. First there is the so-called religious face—churches, priests, nuns, and other institutions; Secondly there is the political face or power, which is also the Vatican. . . . But the two are really one, at the head of both stands the Pope, who is not only the Supreme Religious Ruler and Dictator, but also the Supreme head of the Vatican, in its quality of a world wide diplomatic-political centre and an independent sovereign state."

GEORGE SELDES, American newspaperman and author of "The Catholic Crisis:" "In the 1938 issues of his weekly 'Social Justice,' Father Coughlin (after whose name appear the words 'By permission of His Ecclesiastical Superior') showed himself to be the leading anti-Semite in America. He now outdoes the Silver Shirts, the American Vigilant Federation and various Ku Kluxers. . . ."

TIME MAGAZINE, Sept. 14, 1936: "Father Coughlin is an outstanding (Catholic) churchman and his voice. . . is the voice of God.—Catholic Bishop Gallagher."

FATHER CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, Christian Front Contest: "Fascism guarantees free elections. Fascism recognizes private ownership of property. Fascism permits free exercise of religion."

EXCERPTS FROM VATICAN AND COLUMBIA TREATY, Jan. 29, 1953: "Art 12: No one shall be named for a job in the civil government in mission territory who is not known to be friendly and sympathetic to the work of Catholic Missions. A complaint by a Priest shall be grounds for dismissal of a government official in mission territory."

CARDINAL BARONTUS, 1538-1607, Italian Ecclesiastical and Librarian of the Vatican Library, Author of *Annales Ecclesiastici*: "The

Popes were monsters who installed themselves on the throne of Christendom by Simony and murder."

JOHN WILLIAM DRAPER, American scientist and historian: "How can the church be received as a trustworthy guide in the invisible, which falls into so many errors in the visible?"

THOMAS EDISON, American inventor and scientist: "I do Not believe that any type of Religion should ever be allowed to be introduced into the public schools of the United States. . . . Religion is all bunk."

SIGMUND FREUD, Jewish Psychiatrist: "The Catholic Church so far has been the implacable enemy of all freedom of thought."

BISHOP GALLAGHER, Catholic bishop of Detroit, Michigan: "One-fifth of the people of Michigan are Catholic, but fifty per cent of the boys in the Industrial School for (juvenile delinquent) Boys at Lansing are Catholic."

JAMES A. GARFIELD, Twentieth president of the United States: "The divorce between church and state ought to be absolute. It ought to be so absolute that no church property anywhere, in any state, or in any nation, should be exempt from equal taxation; for if you exempt the property of any church organization, to that extent you impose a tax upon the whole community."

THOMAS JEFFERSON, Third president of U. S. A.: "It is wicked and tyrannical to compel any man to support a religion in which he does not believe."

ULYSSES S. GRANT, American general, eighteenth president of U. S. A.: "Resolve that not one dollar of public money shall be appropriated to the support of any sectarian school. Keep the church and state forever separate. . . . I would suggest the taxation of all property equally, whether church or corporation. . . No sectarian tenets should be taught in any school supported by state or national tax."

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS, 1936: The Express is not antagonistic to the churches. . . but it does not believe in exempting sectarian property from taxation in a land of alleged religious liberty at the expense of men who regard the church as a brake on the wheels of progress, an incubus on civilization, the preservation of antique ignorance, the storehouse of foolish superstition. It does not approve of the church posing as an almoner while the thin purse of labor is annually mulct to make it a present of several millions. Let it be just before it attempts to be generous. Let it assume its due proportion of the public burdens, and perchance there will not be so much need of its dole. The church should not profit at the expense of the poor (as it always has—D.F.) it certainly should not fatten at the cost of those who (for good reasons—D. F.) despise it."

HARPERS MAGAZINE, Editorial, Feb. 1934: "Its fate is a warning to us not to trust representatives of organized Religion with law making and the use of police powers. . . (R. C.) Torquemada had the police power in Spain and he made it a Hell."

ELLEN HAYES, American educator: "To preserve any faith by the

maintenance of ignorance is sufficient indictment of the faith itself and those who thus secure its permanence."

WILLIAM HOWITT, English author: "Priestcraft is one of the greatest curses that has afflicted the earth."

POPE INNOCENT III, Hero of the Albigensian Massacre and The Fourth Crusade, who denounced Magna Charta—First democratic charter of Europe—as a "Diabolical Document" and bade the barons lay down their arms under penalty of excommunication (instructions to his bishops): "Use against Heretics the spiritual sword of excommunication, and if this does not prove effective, use the material sword."

EXPOSE, Vol. 3, No. 6, May 1954: "Di Maggio loses ticket to heaven for marrying Marilyn Monroe. Catholic publications were hard-put this month to convince their young readers that Joe Di Maggio was a sinner (heretic). Although 'Our Sunday Visiter' had already carried the information that baseball hero Di Maggio has incurred automatic excommunication from the (R. C.) church by his marriage to Marilyn Monroe, it became necessary for Father Conroy to repeat it 'in answer to many letters we have received from young admirers.'

'We regret the whole affair just as much as you do,' Father Conroy told his readers. He wasn't able to report whether or not Di Maggio regretted the affair. Conroy added: 'Joe may say that his private life is his own—but that isn't true' (R. C. Church claims full authority over lives of all people, especially Catholics.—D. F.) . . . The Council (National Council of Catholic Men) condemned Monroe as a 'wiggler' and explaining the excommunication, pointed out that Di Maggio was already married to actress Dorothy Arnold (from whom he was civilly divorced. The R. C. Church does not recognize either civil marriage or divorce. —D. F.)

THE SOUTH-WEST FREETHINKERS' NEWS, June 1954: "O'Dwyer Ignores Civil Divorce Action. In Mexico City last summer, CATHOLIC William O'Dwyer, ex-Mayor of New York City and ex-Ambassador to Mexico, refused to recognize a civil divorce granted his estranged wife, the former Sloan Simpson of Dallas, Texas, who said, 'I knew nothing about this development. I am quite surprised. . . AS A CATHOLIC, NATURALLY THE CHURCH COMES BEFORE THE STATE FOR ME and I thought we were getting a church annulment of our marriage.' While William O'Dwyer said, 'As a CATHOLIC, I do not recognize this (civil) divorce action. . . I do not want to complicate my situation as a CATHOLIC and I am not going to take further part (in the civil divorce action).'

When Catholics are public officials, sworn to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States, there is no doubt that their Loyalties are to the church and its Canon Laws; they have no intention of defending and upholding the U. S. Constitution when it is in conflict with Catholic Church Laws, as it is in most if not all cases. One CAN-NOT in good faith serve both Vatican and our Secular Republic, the U. S. A."

POPE LEO XIII, Encyclical of Nov. 1, 1885: "All Catholics must make themselves felt as active elements in daily political life in the countries where they live. They must penetrate, wherever possible, in the administration of civil affairs. . . . All Catholics should do all in their power to cause the constitution of states and

legislation to be modeled on the principles of the true (R. C. Church.)"

WILLIAM E. H. LECKY, Irish historian: "Whenever the clergy were at the elbow of the civil arm, no matter whether they were Catholic or Protestant persecution was the result. . . . The Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind. . . . Fierce invectives against women form a conspicuous and grotesque portion of the writings of the church fathers."

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON, American author and leader in America movement for emancipation, equal rights and betterment of women: "The Bible and the church have been the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of Women's Emancipation. . . . The whole tone of church teaching in regard to women is, to the last degree, contemptuous and degrading. . . . The Christian Church has throughout the ages used its influence in opposition to the freedom of woman. . . . The religious superstition of women perpetrate their bondage more than all other adverse influences. . . . How can any woman believe that a loving and merciful God would, in one breath, command Eve to multiply and replenish the earth, and in the next produce a curse on her maternity? . . . Out of the Doctrine of original sin grew the crimes and miseries of ascetism, celibacy and witchcraft; woman becoming the helpless victim of all these delusions. . . . The memory of my own sufferings has prevented me from ever shadowing any soul with the superstitions of the Christian Religion. . . . To NO form of religion is woman indebted for one impulse of freedom, as all alike have taught her inferiority and subjection."

MRS. SUSAN B. ANTHONY, MRS. GAGE AND MRS. ELIZABETH CADY STANTON: "Throughout this protected and disgraceful assault on American Womanhood the Clergy baptised each new insult and act of injustice in the name of the Christian Religion, and uniformly asked God's blessing on proceedings that would have put to shame an assembly of Hottentots."

THOMAS B. MACAULAY, English statesman and historian: "The church is the handmaid of tyranny and the steady enemy of liberty."

ANDREW D. WHITE, American historian, educator and diplomatist: "The principal weapons of the church are two epithets: 'Infidel' and 'Atheist.' They have been used against almost every man who has ever done anything new for his fellowmen. The list of those who have been denounced as Infidel and Atheist includes almost all great men of science—general scholars, inventors, philanthropists."

COL. ROBERT G. INGERSOLL, American patriot orator, Republican, author, humanitarian: "Have all the clergymen, monks, friars, ministers, bishops, priests, cardinals and popes from the day of Pentecost to the last election, done as much for human liberty as Thomas Paine? As much for science as Charles Darwin? What would the world be if Infidels had never been?"

EMILE ZOLA, French author: "Civilization will not attain its perfection until the last stone from the last church falls on the last Priest!"

I. M. DENFELD, American Freethinker: "The Vatican, with its medieval, barbaric and nefarious system of humbuggery and slavery,

is an extremely vicious, insidious and very malignant cancer consuming the vitals of humanity and the world. Its complete surgical removal may be somewhat painful to some, but nevertheless, it is an immediate and absolute necessity if the free and democratic institutions of the world are to survive. Let all who value human life, liberty, justice, democracy, peace, and pursuit of happiness, **JOIN TOGETHER NOW** to remove this sinister despotic monster—The Vatican—and its foul offspring—Catholicism—from the face of the earth. . . .

The Vatican and its Roman Catholic Hierarchy and church have been parasites, vampires and zombies for centuries. Let us of the 20th century proceed promptly to bury them in our time, **ONCE AND FOR ALL !!!!!**

7-30-54—Dean Field.

THE END AND THE MEANS

Dr. Ira D. Cardiff

Out of Christianity there has grown a multitude of subsidiary organizations whose general purpose has been to further the interests of their parent church. The initial motives, at least, of most of these have been altruistic and beneficent, in character—especially is this true if one holds to the doctrine that Christianity itself is good, is a beneficial factor in human society. Also there is no denying that at some time or other any or all of these societies may have made contributions of some value to human welfare.

Of such, probably the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) of the Roman Catholic Church is the strongest and most influential—also one of the largest numerically. It arose in the sixteenth century, grew quite rapidly and spread, more or less, to the four corners of the earth. Wherever it went, it actively engaged in politics and business as well as religion. The order became very wealthy and influential. Its chief activity centered upon wealthy women. In addition to husbanding the spiritual welfare of these affluent dames, the Jesuits aided them in writing their last wills and testaments. Thus these ladies were relieved of the bother and worry of worldly affairs in their declining years—also relieved in other respects.

The ethical standards of this order may be most succinctly portrayed by its leading precept: "The end justifies the means." The ultimate result of a morality based upon such a doctrine can better be imagined than experienced. In the execution of this policy, a number of high government officials met untimely ends, and several Popes are reported to have abruptly abandoned their pontificates to join the Choir Invisible.

Before the order was a hundred years old, several nations had placed a ban upon the order and its members, and by the latter part of the nineteenth century, practically every country on earth, except the United States, had expelled the Jesuits.

What stronger condemnation could one imagine, what indictment more terrible could one conceive than this—**BANNED BY ALL NATIONS**—men without a country—the chief arm of the "only true church" completely outlawed! Does not this tell us volumes about the church?

In view of such an historical record, need we be surprised at

the reaction of China and some other nations today toward Christianity? One can appreciate the attitude of representatives from "heathen" nations as exemplified by the following:

"Krishnalal Shridharani, Indian writer, and Dr. Bingham Dai, Chinese Professor at Duke University, objected to the Christian missionaries sent to their countries. Mr. Shridharani demanded that "the entire missionary movement should be stopped because it implies a holier-than-thou attitude, creating great conflicts in the East." Dr. Dai argued that "there is nothing more alien to the typical Chinese mind than the Christian teachings regarding sin and redemption, the supernatural in general and Christology in particular." Both speakers also objected to the repeated Christian claim that we are in this war to save 'Christian civilization.' Dr. Dai said of this: 'If the listeners should take these pronouncements literally, I wonder how they would think of the 400,000,000 heathen Chinese allies, for they are fighting neither for the Christian civilization nor the Buddhist civilization, nor even the Confucian civilization; they fight only for humanity—for freedom and equality of all men. The same may be said of the other millions of Hindus and Mahomedans in the Orient who will find it equally difficult to understand the Christian twist of the common war aims of the United Nations.'*

* From a press report of the Fourth Annual Conference of Science, Philosophy and Religion, held at Columbia University, Sept. 9th to 13th 1943.

The following may be substantiated by photostatic copies of the original letters, at cost. Original letters are in our possession.
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July 10, 1953

Rev. Edward M. Gallagher
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St. Francis' Home
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Dear Rev. Gallagher:

It has come to my attention that you have been known to make a statement as follows,

"If one of its members goes wrong it (the Catholic Church) has a right to cut him off, to excommunicate him, and if need be burn him at the stake."

Will you please confirm or deny that you made such a statement, and if you did make such a statement I would appreciate an explanation of your reasoning and/or authority.

Being a non-Catholic, such a report makes me want to have the straight of it from the one purported to have said the above.

Sincerely,

(signed) Raywood Frazier

Rev. Edward M. Gallagher, Chaplain
St. Anthony Boys' Home
1080 W. Indian School Road
Albuquerque, New Mexico

July 17, 1953

Dear Mr. Frazier:

Answering yours of the 10th, the Catholic Church is a perfect society (cf. Catholic Encyclopedia s v Church Vol. III P 758). As such it has a right to protect itself.

Canon 2214, 1 of the Code of Canon Law reads (translated into English) "The Church has the innate and proper right, independent of human authority, to punish her guilty subjects with both spiritual and temporal penalties." The Council of Trent (Session XIII Ch 1) urged ordinaries against hasty and rash use of extremely severe penalties. I have no record of what I say or write, but the quotation in your letter is a true statement.

Sincerely,

(signed) Edward M. Gallagher

ANY QUESTIONS?

The following poem appeared in the April, 1951 issue of the 'Christian Herald.'

GOD IN EVERYTHING

Geraldine Sanders

I see God in everything,
Padded foot and feathered wing,
In the sun that shines up high,
In the moon that lights the sky,
In the trees, the hills, the plains,
In the snow and in the rain,
In each bloom so fresh and sweet,
In the grass beneath our feet,
In the birds that nest and sing—
I see God in everything.

A reply to the above poem written by Blanche Lee Puccinelli follows below. Needless to say, this sensible reply has not (as yet) been acknowledged by any 'Christian' publication.

GOD IN EVERYTHING?

Do you see God in all these things—
In cripples' feet and broken wings,
In sun-stroke death from the sun on high,
In lethal lightening from the sky,
That kills man and beast on hill and plain?
In poisonous blooms so often sweet,
Wild-life that dies in ice and sleet?
In birds of prey that never sing,
In reptiles with their deadly sting?
Deformed babies born deaf and blind,

Many born diseased of mind;
War, famine, crime, disease,
Who created things like these?
Who made Satan, created Hell;
Who created God? Please tell!
Why can't God make all evils cease,
And bring to earth a lasting peace?

AN HISTORIC BETRAYAL

IN OPEN CONTEMPT FOR THE LAW

First in the Everson decision (330 US 1) and later reaffirmed by citation and direct quotation in the McCollum decision (333 US 203), the United States Supreme Court has written a *minimum definition* of the meaning and intent of the First Amendment, in the following words:

"The 'establishment of religion' clause of the First Amendment means at least this: Neither a state nor the Federal Government can . . . pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another. Neither can force nor influence a person . . . to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion. No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to teach or practice religion. Neither a state nor the Federal Government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organizations or groups, or vice versa.

Postal officials have often and openly declared their belief in the propaganda value of postage stamp designs and inscriptions. Many previous United States postage stamps have been deliberately designed for secular propaganda purposes. The Postmaster General's public announcement that "The inscription 'In God We Trust' symbolizes the spiritual foundations on which our Government was built" is not only **FALSE HISTORY**, but is also a public declaration of the propaganda purpose of the inscription **IN OPEN AND WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE PLAIN MEANING AND INTENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS OF THIS NATION**,—presumably at the behest of religious organizations or groups participating in the exercise of purely governmental functions and decisions,—in the following respects:

1. It is intended as governmental propaganda to falsely imply to the peoples of all lands that the United States was founded upon and is predominantly a Christian nation, thereby (through prestige and presumed example) influencing such peoples favorably toward and "aiding" that religion.

2. The lobbying pressures brought upon the Post Office Department by "religious organizations or groups" for the issuance of postage stamps bearing religious designs and inscriptions, constitute a clear "participation" of such "religious organizations or groups" in purely governmental functions *in violation of the law*.

3. Religious designs and inscriptions bear no necessary relationship whatever to the function postage stamps serve, and any emphasis placed thereon is clearly for propaganda purposes only.

4. The inscription "In God We Trust" is phraseology exclusively

Christian in usage and implications, and its use thereby "prefers one religion over another."

5. Governmental propaganda deliberately designed to "aid one religion" or to "aid all religions" is only an indirect method of governmental "participation" in the affairs of strictly "religious organizations or groups."

6. Taxes levied by the national government "in some amount, large or small" have been expended for labor, machinery, paper and ink used in the UNLAWFUL preparation and issuance of such postage stamps. Any claim that the costs thereof are ultimately recovered to the Post office Department has no bearing on the question of legality of the expenditures in the first instance, and is entirely beside the point.

Whenever the highest public officials of any democratic constitutional government "openly or secretly" connive with private groups to willfully violate the constitutional laws upon which their government was founded, or by evasive reasoning seek to disregard their plain intent,—by what moral right are such officials entitled to look askance of private citizens who also choose to ignore or violate laws not to their liking??? Are not such public officials "birds of a feather" in spirit with the criminals they affect to despise???

JOHN H. LATTA

Warr Acres P.O.

June 24, 1954.

Representative Chauncey W. Reed of Ill., Chairman,
House Committee on Judiciary,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Reed:

Subject: House Joint Resolution 289
proposed Constitutional Amend-
ment on Christian Precepts.

This Resolution has been referred to your Committee. I do not find any record that it has as yet been accorded a hearing. I ask you to hold this letter; and, if and when this Resolution comes up for hearing, to be kind enough to have the letter read to your Committee at the hearing in *opposition* to the Resolution, as I shall not be able to attend such hearing in person. (Note: this is the companion Resolution to S. J. Res. 87, a hearing on which was held before the Senate Committee on Judiciary on May 13, 1954.)

SECTION 1.

Section 1 of the Resolution provides that "This Nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ. . ." This is vague in meaning, and subversive of religious liberty, of our policy of Separation of church and state, and of our entire system of government, as will be apparent from the analysis presented below.

SECTION 1 (a) "authority. . . of Jesus Christ."

As Jesus Christ is no longer living, He cannot of Himself assert any "authority." This can be done only through human agencies

which must act in His behalf. These human agencies must be our duly constituted government; but as our government possesses no codified religious information, it would of necessity have to rely upon the leaders of the various Christian sects for information as to the nature of this "authority" of Jesus Christ which is to be devoutly recognized, and as to what steps would be necessary to establish this devout recognition. These leaders would in most cases be the clergy, who are the ones professionally qualified to speak authoritatively about religion. As the clergy would thus instruct our government on these matters, this would change our democratic form of government into a theocracy, where the clergy, not the people, would dictate what was to be law.

Even this solution would bring its complications because there are more than 250 recognized Christian sects, each with a different concept of the precise extent and nature of the "authority" of Jesus Christ, and how it should be devoutly recognized. As a decision would have to be made as to which of these concepts were the correct one, the Supreme Court would ultimately be called upon to decide this point. The concept adjudged to be correct would be that advanced by some one of the many sects, and thus the doctrine of that sect would be established as the one legally valid, thus providing an "establishment of religion" in contravention of and nullification of the First Amendment.

Still further complication would arise in that the clergy of some sects claim to be the direct representatives of God on earth, and the only lineal spiritual descendants of Jesus Christ and the only legitimate heirs to his "authority". Perhaps the largest and best known of these sects is the Roman Catholic sect, whose Pope Leo XIII, deemed by some to be the most eminent pontiff of modern times, proclaimed in his encyclical "The Reunion of Christendom": *"We (the pope) hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty. . ."* It is the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church that it was founded by Jesus Christ, that the Apostle Peter was entrusted with its authority and leadership, which he has passed down through the successive popes to the present occupant of the papal throne.

Thus the Roman Catholic claim is that the pope in his person, as the representative of God and the vicar of Christ, alone possesses on this earth the "authority" of God and Jesus Christ and the sole right to exercise that "authority." While such claim would not be binding upon any present Supreme Court in its ruling, nevertheless if and when the Roman Catholic Church should secure as its adherents the majority of the electorate of the United States—a by no means impossible contingency when present rate of growth of that Church is considered, a Supreme Court favorable to its doctrines would eventually be inevitable. A Supreme Court finding in favor of the papal claim would thus act to constitute the pope as the supreme head of our government, based on our Constitutional recognition of the "authority" of Jesus Christ and the pope's then legally incontestable claim to sole exercise of the "authority." This would completely nullify the system of authority, checks and balances set up in our Constitution, and be a direct combination of church and state.

SECTION 1 (b) "law of Jesus Christ."

As to the question of the "law of Jesus Christ," this must be determined by reference to the New Testament. Immediately we are

confronted with this problem: *which* translation or edition of the New Testament shall be taken as official? While these do not vary greatly, they are sufficiently different so that many Christian sects will not accept or use those accepted and used by others. Here again the Supreme Court would have to decide, thus "establishing" the claims of one sect over another.

Jesus Christ is credited with many teachings in the New Testament, and as "Ruler of nations" as stated in the proposed Amendment, and so recognized by us, His word would be our supreme law. We could not adopt some of His teachings and discard others, as we would be committed devoutly to recognize His law. Thus, under the proposed Amendment we would immediately recognize *all* of His teachings as law of our land. If they conflict in any way with our present laws, the "law of Jesus Christ" would control. While some of the "law of Jesus Christ" is currently accepted by all as consistent with our legal code, our present day living and ethical conduct, other parts differ radically and would be unacceptable, impractical and unworkable. I list below just a few of the latter, referring to their source in the books of the New Testament, with suggestions as to the consequences of their adoption:

A. equal pay for unequal work, Matthew 20, 1-16; this would be grossly unfair to labor;

B. corporal punishment for unfaithful servants, Luke 12, 47; this is a primitive practice at present outlawed;

C. a man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery, Matthew 5, 32; this conflicts with our present marriage laws;

D. no oath may be taken, Matthew 5, 34-37; oaths (or the equivalent affirmations) are now required by our courts;

E. prayer can be conducted only in secret, Matthew, 6, 5, 6; this is interference by state with religious practices;

F. planning for the future is forbidden, Matthew 6, 25, 34; this would result in economic chaos;

G. the followers of Jesus are required to abandon their families, Luke 14, 26; this would result in social chaos;

H. the rich are condemned merely because they are rich, Luke 6, 24; this is class discrimination;

I. the followers of Jesus are communists, Acts 2, 44, 45, 4, 32, 34, 35; acting on this example our democratic republic would be converted into a theocratic communistic state.

The above list, intended only to be illustrative and by no means complete, shows that recognition of the "law of Jesus Christ" would result in mistreating labor, in changing our marriage laws, in disrupting our court procedure, in interfering with religious practices, in bringing about economic and social chaos, in class discrimination, and in changing our democracy into theocratic communism.

Furthermore, the Roman Catholic Church possesses a complete set of laws known as "Canon Law," which is binding upon its adherents. These laws, of course, were not proposed and passed upon democratically by the lay members of the Roman Catholic Church; they were decreed from above by ecclesiastical authority, claimed to stem from the "authority" of Jesus Christ. Thus were the pope, under the circumstances postulated previously herein as possibly flowing from the proposed Constitutional Amendment, to come into

supreme power in the United States, the authoritarian Canon Law would replace any other law in the United States which might conflict therewith, thus abrogating much of our present legal code. This would, under the conditions postulated, automatically occur under the terms of the proposed Amendment, without requiring any further Amendment to the Constitution.

SECTION 2.

This Section purports to prevent interpretation of Section 1 so as not to establish any particular ecclesiastical organization or to change any of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. A consideration of the analysis of Section 1 above makes it evident that it would be impossible to enforce Section 1 without nullifying Section 2; or to enforce Section 2 without nullifying Section 1.

SECTION 3.

This Section purports to protect the rights of those "citizens whose religious scruples prevent them from giving unqualified allegiance to the Constitution as herein amended," by according Congress the "power, in such cases as it may deem proper, to provide a suitable oath or affirmation" for such citizens. This is not a protection for those who are dissenters because of "religious scruples," but rather only a permissive right to Congress, which it may or may not exercise, or in any event, will exercise only "in such cases as it may deem proper." This completely destroys the equality of all our citizens before the law and leaves it to the whim of Congress, at will, and under changing conditions, to grant or fail to grant such relief. In effect, This Section of the Resolution does not amend our Constitution, it nullifies, if indeed it does not completely abrogate, all Sections and Amendments relating to religious rights and freedoms.

And finally, this Section is utterly confused. It speaks of providing a "suitable oath or affirmation" for dissenters. But swearing or affirming to uphold the Constitution is only one small phase of the situation created by the proposed Amendment. As explained in the analysis of Section 1, our entire legal structure would be profoundly changed. Merely by providing a suitable substitute oath or affirmation, how could we possibly arrange matters so that whole sections of our citizenry which dissented should not be subject to portions of our legal code based on the proposed Amendment, which portions would necessarily permeate our entire national existence?

CONCLUSION

I do not pretend that the above is by any means a complete analysis of the proposed Amendment, or its effect; but I submit that enough has been brought out to convince reasonable men that this Resolution should be rejected by whatever legal procedure is the proper one, and promptly consigned to the oblivion it so justly deserves.

HRR:fb

Very sincerely yours,
Harold R. Rafton

THE CHRISTIAN church has opposed every major social reform in its history, including abolition of slavery and child labor.

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President;

This morning I picked up my paper and read that our President had signed a bill including in the, Oath of Allegiance to the Flag, the words "UNDER GOD." This would lead the American people to believe our President has solved the one riddle which has perplexed man from his earliest days. Yes our President surely must know beyond a shadow of a doubt that there is a GOD. He must have evidence that is undisputable and beyond question. This is the evidence that man has toiled in vain to secure since he became a thinking creature. Mr. President shouldn't you make known to the thousands upon thousands of good loyal Americans who are not convinced, your evidence, that a GOD exists? Should you be able to do this you would not only be the GREATEST AMERICAN THAT EVER LIVED but THE GREATEST MAN OF ALL TIMES, however should you fail you can only be considered as THE PRESIDENT WITH THE GREATEST AFFINITY FOR FAIRY STORIES that ever occupied the White House.

May I humbly and sincerely request that in the very near future you share with me your POSITIVE KNOWLEDGE THAT A GOD EXISTS.

Most respectfully
Virgil McClain

Squirrel Island, Maine
13 July 1954

Immigration and Naturalization Service,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The following news item appeared in the Portland, Maine, *Press Herald* of July 7th, 1954:

"Nuns' Prayers Heard, Bill OK'd By House.

Washington, July 6 (AP)—A bill for whose passage nine Italian nuns have been praying for four years cleared the House by unanimous approval today and went to the Senate.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Morano (R-Conn), would allow the nuns, now stationed at Stamford, Conn., to remain permanently in the United States.

They entered this country in 1948 and were originally required to leave in 1950, but were granted a deportation stay while legislation in their behalf was prepared.

Morano said the nuns have prayed almost constantly since 1950 for members of Congress, for himself as author of the bill and for the House Judiciary Committee which approved it."

From this news item I get the impression that the nine Catholic women have been allowed to remain in this Country for four years "while legislation in their behalf was prepared."

Did it take four years to prepare a bill to provide permanent residence in the United States for these nine women? Is your de-

partment under the influence of an Italian dictator? And can this dictator, by the exercise of this "influence" ship as many Catholics as he desires, to this Country?

I shall appreciate having any explanation you care to make, justifying the apparent un-American activities of your department.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Hughes,
Pope of the Bad Lands.

P. S. If I, as the first American Pope, want to import nine non-quota women, can I make the same kind of a deal that you made with the other Pope?

F. C. H.

WHAT SPIRIT MR. PREACHER ???

Co-operativeness or being co-operative is a Positive Attitude. The Spirit of Co-Operation is The SPIRIT Of The CO-OPERATIVE ATTITUDE. The SPIRIT OF LOVE, GOODWILL, CONSCIENCE, FRIENDSHIP And BROTHERHOOD, along with Two Thousand other English Words expressing ATTITUDINAL CONCEPTS, follow the above Example and are, by virtue of their psychological mysteriousness and the custom and usage of Language, SPIRITS OF ATTITUDE. NO SPIRIT EXISTS OTHER THAN SPIRITS OF ATTITUDE, AS THERE IS NO SUPERNATURAL. . . . People, who Pretend to be Spiritual Educators and Champions of TRUTH And HONESTY, should be at least Honest Enough to occasionally admit the Above FACTS to their Congregations, not covertly suppress them.

Texas University and other reputable Colleges tell us that Propaganda Liars thrive best in ill-defined and ambiguous situations. Although there are over twenty different meanings of the word Spirit listed in the larger dictionaries, Preachers jump from one sense of the word to another until even they don't know what they are talking about; they never tell their congregations about the SPIRIT of ATTITUDE as an honest definition of the terms would EXPOSE the clergy as the frauds, swindlers and humbuggers that they are. Sometimes the clergy camouflage samples of the SPIRIT of ATTITUDE as exhibits of their Non-Existent supernatural spirit; a good example of the old substitution swindle.

Social Psychology tells us that ATTITUDES are most important in human relations and that understanding and ATTITUDINAL insight is needed today MORE THAN EVER. Parents might just as well let their children walk blindfolded among rattlesnakes as to let the clergy blind them for LIFE as to the NATURE of ATTITUDINAL SPIRIT. By paralyzing the moral conscience, the clergy are directly responsible for most CRIME and DELINQUENCY in the world; Their own God would disown them if there was one. The "Biggest Story (LIE) Ever Told" was "HATCHED" in the hay-day of ill-definition and gross ignorance. ISN'T RELIGIOUS BAMBOOZLERY WONDERFUL????

INHUMAN RIGHTS

In the United States we know the Bill of Rights. Christians, American and otherwise, do not know about the "Bill of Inhuman Rights" which is promulgated in God's Word, the Holy Bible. Preachers are so negligent that they do not expound this important part of Holy Writ. It deals with food supply, an important ingredient in our every-day living. In the Bible, God tells us how to get a low-cost lunch or bedtime snack. See Isaiah 9:20, which reads as follows:

"And he shall snatch on the right hand and be hungry;
and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be
satisfied: **THEY SHALL EAT EVERY MAN THE FLESH
OF HIS OWN ARM.**"

For full-meal directions, see Leviticus 26:29. You will find:

**"AND YE SHALL EAT THE FLESH OF YOUR SONS, AND
THE FLESH OF YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL YE EAT."**

See also Deuteronomy 28:53,55.

By eating our own children, God has given us a way to end juvenile delinquency. In eating one of your kids, if you do not consume the entire body at one meal, be sure to store the uneaten parts in a refrigerator so that they won't spoil. Christians, being "an holy people unto the Lord thy God," are cautioned not to eat spoiled meat. They may "sell it unto an alien." (Deuteronomy 14:21. The flesh of spoiled children is not necessarily spoiled meat. We must obey the Word of God. Hallelujah!! Praise the Lord for giving us fat, good-eating children.

The Christian religion has a wonderful appeal to moronic screwballs, savages and cannibals. It is a great help to racketeers in separating money from persons afflicted with infantile paralysis of the head.

Frank C. Hughes,
Pope of the Bad Lands.

Squirrel Island, Maine
17 July, 1954.

P. S. Other food orders of the kind Heavenly Father: It shall be an "abomination unto you" (this means sure hell-fire) to eat lobsters, clams, crabs, scallops and oysters. Also on the black list are pork chops, mule, owl, mouse and bat. (Leviticus 11:1-12). Highly recommended by Jehovah are grasshoppers and beetles. (Leviticus 11:22). Some nutrition experts say that these insects are exceedingly good brain food for persons of retarded mentality and I join God in recommending grasshoppers and beetles as a steady diet for all Christians, but I can not go along with Jesus in his advice to nit-wit followers: "Take up snakes and drink deadly poisons." (Mark 16:18)

F. C. H.

(How many religionists today following the eating habits advocated in Ezekiel 4:12?)

The Editor

BOBBY GREENLEASE & GOD

By Joseph Lewis

Bobby Greenlease is Dead!

This was the headline in the newspapers recently which gripped in sorrow and anguish the hearts of the peoples of the civilized world. What made this announcement so tragic? It was because Bobby Greenlease was an innocent six year old child. He had committed no wrong, and his death was not caused by one of the innumerable diseases which so often take the lives of young children.

What made his death so tragic was the fact that he had been kidnapped, beaten unmercifully, frightened beyond his childhood endurance, and then heartlessly shot to death. Why, might you ask, in view of the millions of children who die early in life, should Bobby Greenlease's death be of particular significance to me?

I will tell you.

It is because Bobby Greenlease came from a very religious home, and I want to prove that religion has no value and that a belief in God is useless.

Bobby Greenlease was a wanted child. He was idolized by parents late in their years and given every loving care that they could indulge.

They thanked their God for having "given" them little Bobby, and in appreciation they surrounded him with every religious ceremony, as a gesture of both their devotion, and as an added protection for the child. In addition, they taught him to perform his religious duties faithfully under the firm belief that god would protect him from evil. When Bobby was old enough to attend school he was sent to an exclusive parochial school—The French Institute of Notre Dame de Sion, in Kansas City, Missouri. This school is staffed by Nuns—women who have given up their normal associations of life to become "Brides of Christ." Catholics hold them in greater reverence than other women. They consider them sacrosanct and their persons, holy. Because of their devotion to the religious life it is believed that nuns are in constant communion with God. When not engaged in other work they count their beads, repeat the rosary and constantly move their lips in murmuring prayer.

At this parochial school—The Institute of Notre Dame de Sion—the children are taught that their first duty is to God, and that praying to God is their most important and foremost obligation. It is a duty that must not be neglected. They are also taught that their prayers to God will be answered. They are taught, and they firmly believe, that their belief in God and their prayers to him, is a Shield of Protection.

On that fateful October 6th, when Bobby Greenlease left home for school, it was inconceivable to those who loved him, that they would never see him again alive. He was doomed to be brutally murdered by two savage hyenas who had slipped through the process of evolution and appeared among us in human form.

When Bobby arrived at school he, with the other children, went through the ritual of praying, as the first duty of the day, before beginning their class studies. Within a few hours, a woman

who represented herself as his Aunt, called for Bobby and requested one of the Nuns to bring the child to her. Before complying with this request, the nun suggested to this female mad dog that she should go into the Chapel and pray while the child was being brought to her.

The woman is reported as saying that she did pray, and had hoped that God had heard her prayer. This woman was Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady and she came to the school for the sole purpose to participate in the kidnapping and murder of Bobby Greenlease.

Now I ask: where was God?

Why, I ask again, when this Heady woman went into the Chapel to pray, did God not, then and there, stop her in her tracks before she could commit this horrible and outrageous murder?

The mockery of it all is that the Heady woman, bent on this most heinous of crimes, said she prayed and felt the better for it!

Why, I must again ask, did not God rebuke her for her murderous mission, since he, and he alone, is supposed to know all secret intentions?

Failing in this why did God permit this nun—this Bride of Christ—to give to this strange woman, an innocent and helpless child entrusted to her care? Of what purpose was her devotion and sacrifice to religion, of what value were her prayers if at this vital moment, God betrayed her by utter silence? If she claims that she heard the voice of God on other occasions, why did he fail her now at this most critical of all moments? When, oh when, was God's help so urgently needed as when that nun took Bobby's little innocent hand and led him to his doom.

Oh false God!

Bobby had a private nurse, and the nun should have been aware that if the child was wanted, an utterly strange woman would not be sent for him.

The nun now blames herself for her failure to exercise proper discretion. She should blame her God for having permitted her to commit the tragic error; for being responsible for giving little Bobby to his abductor. What a glorious opportunity was this for God to prove his existence and to show his mercy!

One of the nuns of the school has added insult to injury by making the statement that little Bobby's death will not be in vain because she says, "It has made people think. It has made them love their children the more."

What a monstrous perversion! You heartless creature, who never had a child, who knows not the affection between parent and offspring, you know not what you say. You deserve a public rebuke for this insolence, and I hope this serves its purpose.

Do parents need such a tragedy to make them love their children?

Did Robert Greenlease need such a tragedy to pour the fullness of his love upon his young son?

Shame upon you, nun, whatever your name may be, for casting such an insult upon all parents who love their children. Is

it any wonder that we hate a religion that teaches such perversity of the mind and that has such a hideous concept of a God!

The newspapers printed pictures of the nun and Bobby's school-mates kneeling in prayer, before a crucifix, for his safe return. Never was there a more useless and humiliating gesture. Praying for Bobby alive and having him returned dead is the cruelest kind of mockery—and proves the futility of prayers. For "... the Moving Finger writes and having writ moves on. Not all your piety not wit shall lure it back, nor all your tears wash out a line of it."

To make matters worse, Carl Austin Hall, the male hyena of this pair of kidnappers has confessed that he had plotted Bobby's murder, two years previously while serving a term in prison for a criminal act for which he had been convicted.

While bent upon this crime, why did not God enter his mind and disabuse it of his murderous plot?

Where was God and what did he do?

For two long years this man had plotted this irreparable crime.

When this savage stood with clenched fists to strike down this helpless child, and not satisfied then put a bullet in his brain, why did not God stay his murderous hand?

If God cannot help us to avoid the tragedies of life, of what value is He when we are dead? If he is impotent to the living, he is impotent to the dead!

One thing is certain and that is that Man is going to do what God failed to do, and that is to make the perpetrators of this foul and diabolical deed pay with their lives so they can never again commit such a crime.

Bobby Greenlease is dead. His beaten little body lies in its coffin. He is about to be buried. To add further insult to injury, the priest, who conducted the services, tells the parents whose agonizing hearts are bursting with grief, that he cannot pray for Bobby's "soul" because Bobby had not taken his first Communion. Such nonsense is called the Consolation of Religion. I offer to the bereaved parents whatever consolation, if they can be consoled, this thought might bring—and that is—that there is no further suffering beyond the grave. Don't believe that horrible doctrine called Hell and Purgatory. They are inventions of the perverted minds of priests to torment the living.

Do you want me to tell you why God did not save the life of little Bobby Greenlease—there is no God!

Away with the myth of Heaven;

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WHY JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ???

Don't Force Your Child Into A Life Of Crime!!!

A statistical survey of prisons reported in his book, "RELIGION AND ROGUERY," by Franklin Steiner shows that the Catholic, 15 per cent of the United States population provide over 42 per cent of American convicts. The Protestant Sects, 30 per cent of the U. S. population provide over 40 per cent of our prisons' inmates (with the Baptist providing the largest per centage of any Protestant Cult). The Jewish 3 per cent of U. S. population provide 6 per cent of our prisons' inmates. NON-Church-Goers, over 50 per cent of the United States population, provide less than 12 per cent of our prisons' inmates. And of the millions of native-born Agnostics and Atheists, less than 1/4 of 1 per cent of our prisons' inmates are from their ranks. Other surveys by criminologists record only slight differences in specific localities. Religion, contrary to the false, preposterous, and erroneous claims of the clergy does NOT produce high moral and ethical standards. The clergy and their henchmen have ulterior motives, otherwise they would cease their LIES to the PUBLIC in regard to this VITAL MATTER. The AUTHENTIC FACTS, recorded in HISTORY for all to see, show that the more intense the Religion of any period and area, and the more intense the dogmatic belief, the greater has been the cruelty and chaos and the worse has been the state of affairs.

The Catholic world makes the statement that Catholic youth are more certain to receive religious instruction than are young Protestants. Yet, where we find the "most insistence on the certainty of original sin, of hell, and of other 'truths' related to these," we find most delinquency. A further break-down of the figures show that as we advance toward the more liberal modernists we find proportionately less criminality until we come to the Unitarians, Universalists, Humanists, Secularists, Freethinkers, Agnostics and Atheists WHO ARE RARELY EVER FOUND IN OUR PRISONS.

Psychologically, the gullible victim of Jewish-Christian Theology is led to believe that through so-called "original sin" he has an inborn tendency to evil. Thus, he is inclined to excuse himself when he yields to temptation. Also, he is urged to pray to a PROCESS and rely on "god's help" which never comes; as all of the 1700 some-odd gods created by mankind are the result of dementia praecox, etc. Finally, the gullible, unthinking victim is assured that despite the NATURAL principle and law of CAUSE and EFFECT, all his "sins" will receive "divine forgiveness" merely by believing, as it is "faith," not works, that secures "salvation."

SECULAR EDUCATION, teaching each person to do his or her own ANALYTICAL THINKING ON ALL SUBJECTS, emphasizing self-reliance, social responsibility, belief in mankind, and good results that follow good behavior, much more effectively DEVELOPS good character, morals and ethics REGARDLESS of what the clergy and their henchmen preposterously, falsely and erroneously claim to the contrary. FACTS ARE FACTS!!!

All well informed AMERICANS are well aware of the organized religious' "TOTALITARIAN CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE" invoked by the clergy and their henchmen in order to prevent the newspapers, magazines, radio and T-V stations of this GREAT SECULAR

REPUBLIC, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, from publishing and broadcasting, and the general PUBLIC from reading and/or hearing, the well-proven AUTHENTIC FACTS in regard to the above and other related matters which are of Vital Importance to every AMERICAN who believes in FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF PRESS, RADIO, AND T-V; and last but not least, FREEDOM OF AND FROM RELIGION!!!! (D. F.)
(4-30-54)

GREAT SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES IN STRANGE CONTRAST TO PROFOUND STUPIDITY OF RELIGIOUS BELIEVERS

To the casual thinker, one of the strangest contrasts known is the great advance of scientific knowledge during the last century as against the almost unbelievable superstition, stupidity and lack of reasoning capacity on the part of the great mass of believing religionists who have advanced little beyond the superstitions of the ignorant Stone Age tribesmen who originated most religions.

In spite of lack of proof, the believers still think there is a God, that Jesus actually lived and was born of a virgin, who was immaculately conceived, and whose body was floated off to an imaginary heaven in the skies. They think that prayers will stop sickness, prevent them from dying from rattlesnake bites, stop wars, bring rain, make them rich and heal cripples. In spite of the denials of science that children are born of virgins, that bodies do not float skyward unassisted by mechanical means, in spite of religious fanatics dying from snake bite, of sickness growing by leaps and bounds, while prayers are said by more people than ever, that droughts continue in prayerful communities and that war is ever present, these deluded, unreasoning dupes of the priest continue to hand out their hard-earned money in payment for more propaganda intended to still further exploit the mentally helpless herds of believers.

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