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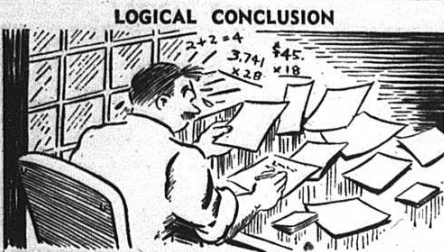
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series of articles on censorship
of propaganda)

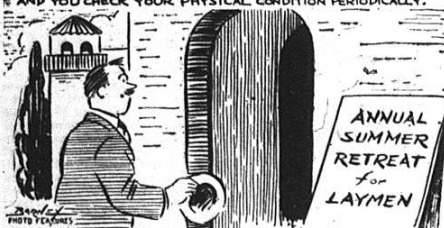
AMERICANS have always
liked to think of censorship
of propaganda as curses from
which they were blessedly free.
Every American newspaperman
knows that our own press,
our own radio and our own
own documents are becoming
more and more bridled, and in-
creasingly susceptible to propa-
ganda influence.

Long before the present emer-
gency gave rise to the govern-
ment request that certain kinds
of information be withheld "for
the public good," news media in
the United States began showing
healthy manifestations of the
same scourges.

Although the peacetime cen-
sorship, born of a reluctance to
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YOU CHECK YOUR FINANCIAL CONDITION REGULARLY---



National Conscience No Longer Demands Respect For God's And Nation's Laws

Our Record Of Crime, Corrupt Politics And General Dishonesty Destroying Democracy

BY THE REV. JOSEPH A. VAUGHAN, S. J., Ph. D.

Is Democracy Dead?

We are all shouting to preserve democracy. Do any of us ever ponder what we ourselves individually are doing to destroy democracy? People of their own accord band together into a state, write their own constitution, and agree to observe of their own accord the laws they themselves have enacted. We call it a democracy. It is. The law making is voluntary; the law observance must be voluntary. That's democracy. If the law making and law observance are dictated from above, we have a dictatorship. That's totalitarianism.

Last year I proposed a question to a group of my students. Do most Americans observe laws because they want to, because they find order, peace and happiness and prosperity of society sufficient reward, or do most Americans observe laws because they fear punishment?

"Get Away With Anything You Can"

The students stood three to one for the second answer. Fear of punishment, they contended, not love of peace and order is the motive behind law observance. Get away with anything you can.

Grant that this is true, and democracy is already dead in America. We are living under a dictatorship, the dictator being the traffic officer on the corner, the police judge, the Mayor, Governor or President, or whoever it is that makes us observe the laws. Grant all the above, and each one of us individually is doing what Hitler is doing on a national scale, and more recently on an international scale. If you want something, take it. But don't get caught. When condemning Hitler, let us reflect on ourselves. Does spontaneous or voluntary respect for law and the rights of our

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Right Or Wrong

Vatican Paper's Warning
Red Propaganda Here
In China Pagan?
111,747 Converts

THE VATICAN NEWS-
paper, Osservatore Romano,
displays a warning against a
surge of Communist propa-
ganda, now that Russia has
been attacked by Germany. Rus-
sians, says the Vatican paper, has
left aside here and there its
anti-religious propaganda, but
in the firm intention of bring-
ing it out again when the pres-
ent trouble passes away.

The paper says: "It is un-
deniable and is shown here and
there that anti-religious thought
of propaganda have been put
aside, folded up and laid away
in a wardrobe for another
season."

It is also undeniable, as ex-
perience has shown in every
other time in contemporary
history, that at the first appear-
ance of the rainbow this con-
trary grows up again like a
weed amid grain in the spring."

The Vatican paper also com-
ments on the Russian Constitu-
tion, which "guarantees" reli-
gion.
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NO TEACHING WORTH THE NAME IF IT DOES NOT HAVE MORAL AND ETHICAL END

Dr. Mackensie, President of the ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES
AND PREPARATORY SCHOOLS OF THE MIDDLE STATES, speaking
before that organization in June, 1897, observed that,
Democracy rests in a peculiar sense upon morality as well as
upon intelligence.

He quoted approvingly President Gilman as suggesting that,
Two or three of our leading universities agree upon the scope
and character of moral and religious instruction of the nation's
schools.

Dr. Mackensie believed that if the American electorate is willing
to entrust to "ward politicians and their bosses" their various material
interests, men who are concerned about the moral welfare of the en-
tire citizenry of the nation might be vested with power to correct the
unbalanced public school curriculum. He quoted Milton as declaring
that,

I believe no teaching is worth the name if it does not have a
moral and ethical end. There are only two things to study—man
and nature! There is only one Person to study, the CREATOR OF
MAN AND NATURE—God. Herein lies the path and goal of educa-
tion.

Thirty years after the exclusion of religion from public education,
or in the summer of 1871, Governor Brown, of Missouri, addressing the
Convention of the Teachers National Association, observed:

It is very customary in declamations to pronounce that educa-
tion is the great safeguard of republics against the decay of virtue
and the reign of immorality, yet the facts scarcely bear out the pro-
position. . . . Nowadays, certainly, your prime rascals are educated
rascals, and it is at least doubtful whether education in itself, as now
represented and confined merely to the acquisition of knowledge, has
any tendency to mitigate the vicious elements of human nature.

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OPPORTUNITY to be great
comes but to few men.
That is, to be great in the eyes
of the world.

But what does that matter?
It is a good thing to look at the
world through the eyes of St. John.
He did not rave or rant violently
about it.

He simply disclaimed it, in com-
mon sense and reason, when he
said:

"The things of the world pass
away."
And, Christian that he was,
strove only for the things of
Heaven.

Where fame is not temporal, but
eternal.
Where greatness is real, not ap-
parent.

And the opportunity for this
comes to every man.
Not once, but a thousand times
a year.

To do and dare, for the glory of
God and Kingdom of Heaven.
But this striving is done.
Not by bruising force, but by
gentleness.

Not by pushing and elbowing,
but by patience and kindness.
Not by lung power, but by
silence and meditation.

Not by a swaggering presence,
but by "Christ living in you."
To such warriors of God, oppor-
tunity is never lacking.

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THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

A reader in Washington, D.C., sends us an article taken from the Times-Herald for July 15th, written by Helen Essary, who tells an interesting story of the efforts which Lord Halifax, English Ambassador to the United States, makes to attend church every morning. Miss Essary tells us that shortly after his arrival in Washington the British Ambassador looked for a place where he could attend daily services in an Anglican or High Episcopal Church. He found a little church nearby which had services at seven and nine o'clock. Lord Halifax thought seven o'clock too early and nine o'clock too late, so endeavored to have the pastor, the Rev. Dubois, provide an 8 o'clock "mass." The Rev. Dubois was unable to do that, and for sometime Lord Halifax and Mrs. Halifax travelled across town to attend services at St. Paul's

Right Or Wrong

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gious freedom, but which also insists on the annihilation of the Church and God in mind. The paper asks why constitutions must assume on equal terms freedom of religion and freedom of fighting it, and, if possible, "annihilating it."

In the United States Communist propaganda has also been intensified, and is now given space in even the most reputable publications.

The movies are also doing their share in spreading such propaganda. A. de Bernardi, Jr., dramatic critic of the Denver Post, tells us that two films have already been released. They are "Soviet Frontiers on the Danube" and "The Red Army." These have already shown in New York theatres and have been condemned by the American Trade Press critics as films which "extol throughout the virtues of Communism" and which will appeal "only to those houses whose audiences are supporters of the Russian form of government." Other such films, de Bernardi adds, are also ready for distribution. All of them, he says, "have the same intent and purpose—to convert America to Communism."

"If any American is so idealistic or stupid or simple-minded as to believe that the Communists have any feeling of sincere appreciation for the proposed United States aid to Russia," de Bernardi continues, "let him be disillusioned at once. One of the cardinal tenets of Communist philosophy is to utilize the assets of a country—any

The State is supreme. The dictator is god."

De Bernardi further points out the fact that whatever profits are derived from the showing of the motion pictures to which he refers will be spent in an effort to "destroy the United States, irrespective of the outcome of the Russian-German war."

MOST OF US IN THE UNITED STATES are inclined to look upon China as a pagan nation. And indeed it is that, but, even in the midst of paganism, of war and poverty, Catholic missionaries are making progress which should put us in the United States to shame. Statistics just published by the Sinological Bureau at Zikawei disclose that the number of adult converts baptized in China during the year 1939-40 was 111,747. Compare this to the 76,000 converts gained in the United States during the same year!

The number of Catholics in all of China is now slightly more than 325,000 — in a population of more than 400,000,000.

A great deal of the credit due Catholics for conversions in China is due to the laity. For example, late reports from Aikiap'o, a part of the Hankow Vicariate, give high praise for the zeal of a "new Christian" and his share in converting more than a hundred of his fellow townsmen.

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The question you ask has been asked many times, although in recent years, in this paper, we have recourse to the best of our scholars or exegetes, when applying the text from the Revelation to Nero, the arch-persecutor of Christianity in the first century. To give color to their action, enemies of the Pope, the text is interpreted as being not at all in the manner that the Pope's name is inscribed with the words "CARUS FILII DEI", and that letters in the text were translated into Roman numerals, and would equal 666.

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to me and said: "What the heck is he talking about? Do you know? What does he mean by a conscience?"

This from a medical man who deals in human lives. Let not therefore the medical profession take umbrage at the fact that I have included medical men in my list of indictments.

Conscience Tells What Is Right And Wrong

Conscience is nought but the intellect or intelligence judging that a proposed act is right or wrong. When a man is properly educated, this judgment will generally be correct. A man of courage will follow his conscience, no matter what the difficulties or sacrifice. A coward will take the line of least resistance.

Pontius Pilate on account of his cowardice has been called the scurfiest figure of history. He knew and declared that Christ was innocent. His conscience dictated freedom. But Pilate was a coward: He compromised with his conscience, and not alone but three times. "He's a Jew — I'll send Him to Herod to be judged. But if He is innocent, why not release Him?" Herod sent Christ back. "I'll destroy democracy. I'll let Him go. But I'll innocent why accuse Him?" This scheme too failed. "At the Passover a prisoner should be freed."

I'll set Him alongside that foulest murderer in the prison, Barabbas—surely they will choose to free Jesus." And so this third compromise with his conscience failed, and Jesus was crucified. The scurfiest gesture of wringing his hands of the blood of an innocent man did not wash away his cowardice.

No Compromise With Conscience

Let us not compromise with our conscience. If we know a thing is right, do it. If we know it is wrong, avoid it. And when we are shouting to preserve democracy, let us ask ourselves what we individually may or may not be doing to destroy democracy. Our forefathers gathered of their own accord at Philadelphia, set up a state, wrote a Constitution and laws, and they freely pledged themselves to preserve democracy—not through fear of punishment—but out of love for the order, peace and prosperity those laws would bring to society.

Observe those olden laws, respect the unwritten laws which involve the rights of others, do this voluntarily of your own accord because you love peace and order, and you will preserve democracy. If you violate those laws, you turn the rights of others, set on the slogan "Do whatever you can if you can get away with it," and you destroy democracy.

The only alternative to a dictatorship is a dictatorship. Hitler may try to impose one on us from without, though I doubt his ability to do so; let us be careful we do not force one on ourselves from within.

Secular Paper Says Peace The Result Of Righteousness

It is suggested by an interventionist paper that St. Augustine's classical definition of peace ("The tranquility of order") should be interpreted as placing "order" and "justice" ahead of righteousness! That utterly pagan concept would have saddened St. Augustine. Try to get either real "order" or real "justice" without first achieving righteousness! It can't be done. But place righteousness first, and the other glorious attributes come as logical consequences. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these (other) things shall be added unto you."

Peace is an ingredient rather than a by-product of righteousness. When any imperialist power offers "peace" to an adversary, that power does not refer to a genuine peace. It speaks of the unrighteousness-peace and "order" of conquest and enslavement.

There is no righteousness either in Hitler or in Hitlerism wherever it may manifest its vicious attributes of faithlessness, promise-breaking, power-politics, cynicism, opportunism, Machiavellian ambition, the worship of might, and the cultivation of hatreds. There are well-meaning individuals who cannot comprehend these truths. Fortunately, however, four out of every five Americans have signified that they do comprehend. — Fort Wayne News-Sentinel.

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men exist in America? Is it a necessary requisite for enduring democracy. Make the best of our prisons — we have 1,000 inside the walls, enemies society, enemies of democracy, and women who refused to accept by force a national dictatorship. And that prison record, might add, is the worst in the world. And outside the prison walls, there are perhaps another 1,000 that should be within, men and women who so far have managed to get away with it.

You Don't Watch Out!

For confirmation, take up the orders Friday for July and the article entitled "The Paper that Will Gyp You if You Don't Watch Out." The author, himself expert mechanic, together with companion, rolled all over the country in a mechanically perfect road hand car. It stopped near garages, disconnected a couple of spark plugs, and then limped in for repairs. He quotations on all sorts of new "necessary" parts. The national investigation revealed that these repairmen, who charge often and parts not needed, are three percent of the population, for suckers who they never see again and treated accordingly.

It is too bad one has to pick on garages. It would be interesting to send experts out there to check, if possible what is in the clothing world, the shoe construction and public relations, yes and in the banking, medical and medical world.

These laws—Oh they will tell you there is nothing but petty nagging; if you are caught you get the punishment, if you are caught you have done nothing wrong. And so, zoom through congested areas, ignore speed limits, run signs and traffic lights—anything you don't get caught on; hedge on sobriety, make contracts, whether social or marriage contracts; play gambling laws—such tactics surely put an end to democracy and call for some sort of dictatorship.

Are We Proud Of This Picture?

The garbage stench in New York, gangsterism in Chicago, corrupt politicians in Kansas City and elsewhere, labor tyranny in San Francisco, political payoff in Los Angeles, and wide-spread bribery, private absorption of public funds, profligate bank-gambling with trust money, job-purchasing, questionable public works, and crime in general—all this is a mockery of that spontaneous respect for law demanded in a true democracy. I wonder if Mussolini's fourth repetition of the world conscience my neighbor, a perfect stranger whom I later identified as a Doctor of Medicine, turned

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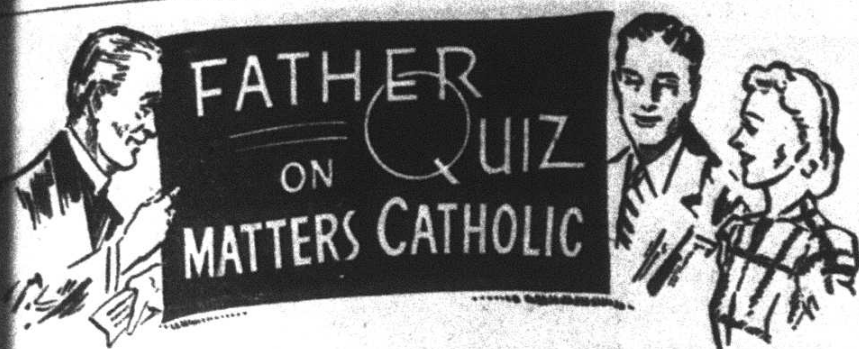
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