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In last month's LIBERAL it was announced that F.L.L. had decided to purchase a property for its headquarters to be known as the "Thomas Paine Memorial Center. Shortly after an appeal letter was sent to everyone whose address we had asking for contributions.

The response has been generous. We had a little more than \$8,000 on hand to apply on the purchase of a \$20,000 building. As of this date, June 18th, we now have received an additional \$1602.50 bringing the total of the fund to \$10,002.50.

Since the transfer of the title, etc. cannot be accomplished for some weeks yet, we are hoping that additional donations may accumulate enough to cover a cash purchase thus making it unnecessary to carry a mortgage debt. We are very happy about the whole matter.

But even more pleasing is the many letters we have received from all over the country from our readers and friends. Without exception they express approval of our efforts and promise continued

support. One longtime subscriber and associate member of the League, Dr. P.J.Cerasoli, of Brooklyn, N.Y. drove to Philadelphia to see us. He was shown the property we are negotiating for and was so pleased that he made a contribution of \$100 on the spot and pledged four more donations of similar amounts. He says he challenges all other members and readers who are financially able to do so, to match him, dollar for dollar.

It is impossible to write letters of acknowledgement to all who contributed, we cannot even write an individual reply to all who wrote us word of praise and encouragement. Let this be a collective answer to everyone-- we promise to continue to give our best efforts to the best of all causes, Freethought and Rationalism.

And last, but far from least we thank those of our readers, many grown old and in straitened financial circumstances, who out of their small resources contributed their mite. Thanks a million. Your dollar will buy as many bricks as anyone else's dollar. If all

gave proportionately our problem would disappear.

Next issue we will give further news. If you haven't contributed yet and can do so, do it now.

VISIONS

Three years ago five parochial school girls imagined they saw a vision of the Virgin Mary in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. The dailies, finding it a good space filler, gave the story a big play. The Hierarchy clamped a lid on the matter and the children were silenced. But this didn't deter the superstitious dupes. They flocked to the spot by the thousands leaving articles of "religious junk" as Archbishop Cushing recently termed them. The authorities fenced off a small area and kept order. The matter slowly died out and recently a truckload of rosaries, plaster statues, votive candles in white and red cups, crucifixes, crutches, eyeglasses, half dozen small tables on which the statues and votive candles were placed and removed. And, last but not least \$6,423.45 which had been left there, apparently by persons who sought to buy favors. Signs were placed directing that "No furniture, no fresh or artificial flowers, figurines or similar objects are to be left in the area." What disposition was made of the truckload of junk was not stated but a judge gave an opinion that the cash be used to build a park shelter with benches, which has been done. Only a few people now visit the area, most likely from curiosity?

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POOR POPE

The alleged fear of His Satannic Majesty for Holy Water is equalled by the real fear of the Pope that a peace may be arranged between the leading nations of the world that will make no provision for the restoration of the vast wealth his Church has lost. What this amounts to in total can be imagined when it is stated that in small country Czecho-Slovakia, alone, the Church owned 407,715 acres, or approximately 637 square miles. In Hungary and Poland and in China and eastern countries they owned perhaps thousands of additional square miles. In addition they had vast industrial holdings. No wonder the Pope recently "warned the world" against the "lures of an insidious peace," and of offers to promote peace by establishing economic relations or exchanging technical information with countries dominated by "materialism." In short, the Pope would keep us at war forever, unless his organization is restored to its position of pomp and power, regardless of the interests of the masses of people in all lands. Just what the future holds we cannot predict but we are very, very doubtful indeed that there will ever be a restoration of the status quo ante.

When Pastor Geo. P. Crist, Jr., was found guilty of Heresy by the Northwest Synod of the United Lutheran Church and read out of the Lutheran Church he was offered the pulpit of a Unitarian Church. He declined saying, "I'm still goofy enough to think that I'm a Lutheran." We agree that's goofy enough.

PRISON CHAPLAINS

The following letter is a reply sent to the D. of J. by one of our readers. We are sure that every reader will be glad to know that the spiritual needs of our criminal class are well taken care of. Our only criticism is that it looks like the R.C. inmates are oversupplied with Chaplains, unless they are all out of proportion to their number in the general population and that even though there are only a few Jews, as stated there certainly ought to be at least a few Rabbis on the payroll. There's a lot of them we feel sure, who could use the job.

United States Department of Justice
Bureau of Prisons
Washington 25

Mr. Robert J. Nagorski
South Ridge Road
R. D. 2
Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Nagorski:

This is in reply to your letter of November 21, 1956, requesting more information on our chaplaincy position.

Of the twenty-nine full-time chaplaincy positions we now have, fourteen are Catholic and fifteen are Protestant. We have no full-time Jewish chaplains because of the very small number of Jewish inmates in our institutions. We do, however, make arrangements for part-time Jewish chaplaincy services. In some of our small institutions where we have no resident chaplain, we also employ ministers from the local community on a part-time basis, and only one of these is a Negro.

We hope this will furnish you with the information you want.

Very truly yours,
Benjamin Frank
Superintendent, Vocational
Education and Training

BIGOTRY?

Dale Francis, a former Protestant minister, now converted to Catholicism, is more fervent in his new faith than many of those born into it. He writes strongly on all subjects and frequently hurls the term "bigot" at those who cannot see the value of substituting the authority of the Roman Church for that of American civil authority. For example: In Arizona a priest placed signs around his parish school warning motorists to go slow to avoid danger to the children. A controversy arose with the highway commission who claimed signs were not necessary and ordered them taken down. An editorial in a Protestant paper saying that civil law was superior to the priest's law is soundly denounced by Mr. Francis and termed the "Ultimate in Bigotry". Now, anyone with eyes to see knows that city authorities and state authorities always put warning signs around school areas, regardless of whether public or private schools. Therefore, it should be quite evident to anyone with commonsense that this controversy is one between the civil authorities and the priest as to the location and number of signs. Now the American idea is that civil authority governs this matter, but the Roman idea is that in a controversy the Church is superior to the state. Mr. Francis, turned Catholic evidently accepts the Roman viewpoint.

EDITORIAL

Recently the Religious editor of the Associated Press interviewed two well known Atheists, both of whom are leaders of organizations. Presumably they were unaware of each other's statements, but their conclusions were almost identical. In effect they said that the Freethought movement, meaning their respective organizations, was dying. The reasons being (1) Repressive religious laws and discriminations no longer exist, there's nothing for Freethinkers to battle against. (2) Freethinkers will not organize, they are too independent minded. (3) We no longer have any prominent orators. What they seem not to know is 1-That we are in grave danger today of a revival of Clericalism which must be fought to a finish if we are to be Freethinkers. 2-That the Freethinkers and Rationalists of today are strongly organization minded, and 3- We have just as good writers and speakers now as we ever had. If anyone doubts this, we offer the F.L.L. and its supporters in proof. Take a look at the response we are getting to our Paine Center Fund! Actual paid subscribers to the LIBERAL steadily increase. We fear these oldtimers have

grown weary in well-doing and have lost their hold on realities. They let other hands take the tiller and chart the course, while they ease into rockingchairs.

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STEALING THE SYMBOLS OF AMERICANISM

BARRY VERSUS JONES

By K. M. Whitten

Section 1, Barry.

As a part of their general plan to bring the United States under the domination of the Papacy the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in America is attempting to rewrite history piecemeal. Already the history books used in the R.C. parochial schools differ greatly from those used in the public schools. Despite the fact that all the great leaders in the 13 British colonies were Protestants, Deists, or Free-thinkers, and members of a secret society, the Masons, condemned by the pope, this is played down and great emphasis is placed on the two or three Catholics who played minor roles.

Just as Stalin's stooges rewrote a perverted history of the Russian Revolution in which the name of Trotsky, the co-leader with Lenin, was replaced with that of the minor character Stalin, so the stooges of the pope are attempting to rewrite a perverted history of the American Revolution, substituting a minor character Captain John Barry, in the place of the world renowned hero of our infant navy, John Paul Jones. By this falsification of history they hope to create a myth that Roman Catholics played an important part in founding the United States and

that Romanism is not a later importation, but is traditionally American. In recent years they are even trying to jettison the word "Roman" in all their advertising propaganda, notwithstanding that the official name of their organization is the "Holy Catholic Apostolic Roman Church."

Let's look at the record, as their Happy-Warrior-almost-president was wont to say.

THE GREAT BUILDUP

In Independence Square in Philadelphia, hard by the old Provincial Statehouse where the Declaration of Independence was signed stands a statue of a naval officer of the Revolution, Captain John Barry. On its pedestal is carved the legend:

COMMODORE JOHN BARRY, U.S.N.

Father of the Navy of the United States.

Born in Wexford, Ireland, 1745, Died in Philadelphia, 1803

Presented to the City of Philadelphia by

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, 1907

Each year on the anniversary of Barry's birth a parade wends its way to this monument and a number of speakers, among whom priestly garb

holds prominence, pour forth paeans of praise to the memory of this otherwise almost unknown man. Roman Catholic politicians, mostly, of course, of Irish descent extoll him as the greatest hero of the American Revolution and dub him the "Father of the American Navy." Then the parade, led by the clergy in their vestments, proceeds to nearby St. Mary's R.C. Church in whose yard Barry is buried, and a mass is sung in his memory.

Why all this ostentatious display? It is part of the plan to "Make America Catholic" --- a plan long in the hatching. A century ago Orestes Brownson, one of their first writers in this country said in his REVIEW. "It is the intention of the Pope to possess this country." This has been continually reiterated ever since.

Although Spanish and French adventurers accompanied by their priests explored and took possession of vast areas of the Western hemisphere it is a fact that the settlement and development of the area which became the 15 British colonies, and afterward the United States, was accomplished almost entirely by Protestants from the British Isles. The pre-Revolutionary Irish settlers were to a man North Of Ireland non-Catholics. Only in one colony, Maryland, was there any discernable number of papists and even before the Revolution they were in a minority. In the first census of the U.S. taken in 1790, the population was about 3,500,000. Estimates by the R.C. Bishop in Britain, whose authority still covered the faithful in the new nation only 30,000 adherents, less than one per cent. This was probably an exaggeration as there were only about 10 or 12 priests in

the country. Heavy Catholic immigration from Ireland and Germany did not start until almost a half-century later. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, now completely Romanized, which erected the Barry statue, was founded in 1772 BY PROTESTANTS OF IRISH BIRTH OR DESCENT, such as Anthony Wayne and others. Only two or three of the founders were Roman Catholics.

Captain John Barry, who in the build-up is always called "Commodore" --- a higher rank which did not exist in the American navy in his lifetime, was a native of Wexford, Ireland. This region was held by the Danes for a long period and he may have been partly Scandinavian. He went to sea at an early age and for a decade or two just prior to the Revolution he had been captain of Merchant vessels trading from Philadelphia to the West Indies, then an important commerce. In the beginning of the war his ship was taken over by the Congress, fitted with guns and its command was given to another man. Later Congress was dissatisfied with conditions and formulated a building program of new naval vessels. To command them a list of 23 captains was drawn up, with Barry 7th on the list. His first naval command was the LEXINGTON 16-gun brig. In this ship he fought the British sloop EDWARD 8-guns, in the lower Delaware bay, capturing her. He was then given command of the EFFINGHAM, under construction at the time and he left the LEXINGTON to supervise the work, Before the EFFINGHAM was fully equipped the British had captured Philadelphia and she was sunk to prevent her falling into their hands.

During the following winter while the British were quietly holding Philadelphia, Barry and his crew raised the **EFFINGHAM**. For this he was censured for having acted without orders to do so. He then took part of his crew in boats and and in the lower river captured a couple of British transports and a 20-gun schooner conveying them. He was compelled to abandon his prizes when a large British man-of-war appeared on the scene. The British later burned the **EFFINGHAM** and Barry was given command of the **RALEIGH**, which was lying at Boston. He put to sea in September and at noon on the first day out sighted two ships which turned out to be British. Barry tried to run away from this superior force but they pursued and he was forced to fight them. Unable to continue he beached his ship and he and some of his men made their way overland to Portsmouth, where a court of inquiry held him guiltless in the frigate's loss. He had now lost two ships and their being no other naval vessel available for him he took command of a privateer and cruised her in West Indian waters. Here he captured a British vessel without firing a shot, and returned to Philadelphia.

His next command was the **ALLIANCE** and his assignment was to carry a special ambassador to France. The trip was without incident and after landing his passenger he started on the return voyage immediately. He took two British ships as prizes and later encountered two small war vessels which he captured. He then returned home for repairs. It

WAS NEARLY A YEAR BEFORE HE WAS AT SEA AGAIN. He then took several French generals back home and went to the West Indies again. After an inconclusive battle with a British frigate he returned to Philadelphia as peace had been declared.

Fletcher Pratt in his history of the navy closes Barry's Revolutionary War activities thus: "Peace came soon later, Barry returned to Philadelphia, laid up his frigate and lived there in quiet comfort, telling many tales of his experiences in the old wars."

In 1783, at war's end the few ships of the Revolutionary navy which still afloat were sold and all captains were dismissed or retired. Among the latter was Barry. He seems not to have resumed his seafaring and little is heard of him for the next fifteen years.

THE NEW NAVY

In the late 1790's a new navy was planned and begun. France was at war with Britain and was seizing American merchant vessels trading with Britain or her colonies in the West Indies. Six ships were ordered built and six captains appointed to command them. Barry came from retirement and became senior captain, merely because of length of service, not on any determination of merit.

When three of the new ships were completed Barry was given command of the **UNITED STATES**; Nicholson, the **CONSTITUTION**, and Truxtun, the **CONSTELLATION**. John Adams, then President, issued the following order:

"Instructions to the commanders of armed vessels belonging to the United States: You are hereby authorized, instructed and directed to subdue, seize and take any armed vessels of the French Republic."

Besides these six ships a number of merchant vessels were acquired and, fitted with guns, became part of the naval outfit. Barry, in the UNITED STATES, took the first squadron out in the fall of 1798. Because of his seniority he was in command and became the "Commodore," a purely courtesy title having no official existence in the U.S. Navy. Officially, Barry's rank was never other than a captain. He had no authority over other captains except when sailing together. This squadron captured a dozen or more of French privateers which had been preying on American ships and then Barry took his ship and the CONSTITUTION home to refit. The command of the squadron passed to Captain Thomas Tingey, (who then became "Commodore.") who came out in the GANGES 23-guns.

Of Barry's career in the new navy Pratt says:

"Barry had not really done much; he commanded the liking of every man he met and the respect of most, BUT THE FACT WAS THAT HE HAD NO TALENT AS A FLAG OFFICER. His aimable paternalism gave good results only while men were under his eye, a fact of which he seems to have been vaguely conscious for he kept the ships of his squadron so close in hand as half to destroy their efficiency as cruisers. HE WOULD DO VERY WELL AS A SHIP

OFFICER, IN SHORT, BUT NOT IN COMMAND OF A FLEET."

But, if after refitting, he returned to The West Indies it must be in command of the fleet for he was the ranking officer of the navy. Secretary of the Navy Stoddert, faced with this difficulty solved it by having the refitting take a very long time which kept Barry ashore meanwhile until the trouble with France was settled.

Of the twenty-eight captains who had been commissioned, seventeen were dismissed, and two, Barry and Nicholson were retired on half-pay. This was in 1801, and Barry died two years later in 1803. He left no lasting impression on the naval service. His exploits were few and in no way outstanding. Some of them were disastrous, resulting in the loss of much needed ships. His bravery was not that of intelligently calculated risk but was the recklessness of an undisciplined mind, taking unreasonable chances resulting at times very badly as in the loss of the Raleigh.

This, then, is the story of the simple, uncultured seaman, a captain of merchantmen, transmuted in the crucible of war's conflagration into a naval officer. That he did best, faithfully and loyally cannot be gainsaid. But he was just one of many who did the same equally well or better. Permanent recognition must be based upon performance and facts in relation to one another at a given time and not on opinions or desires of later generations. To laud the record of Barry and omit those of his contemporaries, who were in every way his peers or

better is to employ a method commonly called "sticking the cards."

Only the dire need of the Hierarchy for Catholic heroes in their task of Americanizing Romanism has dragged Barry from his obscurity. The aimable "Commodore" would probably be amazed at the antics of the clerics and politicians who are today trying to boost him into the berth that history has rightfully assigned to the really great hero of the Revolutionary navy, Captain John Paul Jones.

(NOTE-Sources used and quoted in this article are: The Navy, A History, by Fletcher Pratt assisted by Captain D. W. Knox, U.S.N., head of the office of Naval Records and Library at Washington. A Short History of the U.S. Navy, by Geo. T. Clark, Rear-Admiral, U.S.N. The Story of Our Navy, by Wm. C. Stevens, Ph. D., Professor of English, U.S. Naval Academy. The Navy of the American Revolution by Paullin.)

(Section 2, John Paul Jones, will appear next issue.)

FREEDOM

Freedom is our most precious possession. And intellectual freedom in the public schools is essential to all freedom. Thus it is not surprising that a growing number of Indianapolis citizens are becoming increasingly concerned over what appears to be a very serious attack upon religious freedom taking place in our Indianapolis public schools.

Since September, 1955, all seventh and eighth grade pupils have been subjected to a program of "religious education" which is arbitrarily slanted, biased, weighted, distorted, colored and prejudicially worded heavily in favor of the traditional religious orthodoxies. Although Dr. Shibley has hastened to assure us that the schools are not teaching religion, but only "about" it, this pretty distinction is seldom obvious in the Social Studies Study Guide and Supplement which teachers use to present these materials.

But as the above charges are extremely serious, involving the most sensitive feelings of the public school officials, teachers, pupils, parents and all other

Indianapolis citizens, the need for objectivity in our analysis demand that the Study Guide be allowed to speak for itself. Thus we must note that out of 197 pages of printed material in the Study Guide (excluding bibliographies and lists of visual education materials), 21.4% of the pages deal entirely with religion, while an additional 23.3% deal at least partially with religious matters. Thus roughly one third of the matter contained in the Study Guide deals directly with religion. And how does it do this?

Nine pages are devoted exclusively to church membership statistics of questionable significance. The guide also contains lists of pious platitudes which can be found on public buildings and monuments and in the speeches of politicians (which seldom express their true feelings). Other materials mention the Church affiliations of some early figures in our history, carefully selected only for their propaganda value. Still other material, in great abundance, greatly magnifies and distorts the influence of religion in the development of our republic. Other materials grossly exaggerate the contributions of the churches to the evolution of religious

freedom. For instance, pupils are taught that religious freedom came from within the churches, whereas, in reality, very nearly the opposite is true.

The objectivity of these "religious instruction" materials is further impaired by their failure to deal with non-traditional, non-theological, and non-institutional religion. Moreover, no mention whatever is made of the tremendous impact of science and reason upon man's "religious" thinking. Pupils are completely sheltered from any knowledge of the intolerance, ignorance, suffering, injustice and culture lag for which organized religion has been and still is responsible.

The above comments, however, can only hint at the frighteningly narrow, subjective and sectarian character of the program. I would urge that more citizens examine the Study Guide and Supplement themselves. These may be obtained from the public schools' Instruction Center, 1644 Roosevelt Ave. Indianapolis Ind. for \$4.00

A careful critical analysis of this "religious education" program in the light of our historical struggle for religious freedom would most certainly reveal that the present program is a flagrant, though perhaps not entirely wilful, violation of the principle of Separation of State and Church set up by the First Amendment and made applicable to all levels of government by the Fourteenth.

It's your freedom, Citizens of Indianapolis. Will you permit it to be eroded until it is gone, or will you stand and defend it? We must face and answer this question - now.

Edd Doerr
Field Representative
American Humanist Association

OLD STUFF

Although the general run-of-the-mill believers in Christianity think that there is something unique and original in it; that somehow it is different from all the religions that preceded it, the inescapable fact is that it is a hodge-podge of rites, rituals, symbols, postures, incantations, invocations, prayers and what have you, each and every one of which had been developed through the ages. Holy water, anointing the sick, eating one's god, confession, burning incense, ringing bells, anything and everything that could be mentioned as part of one or more Christian sects' rigamarole was done by their predecessors. When you see some vestmented priest or preacher going through his rites you are merely viewing the modern version of what was practiced with equal fervor since the dawn of history. Even the crackpots who shout and gibber on our city streets are merely the counterparts of the pagan and Hebrew "prophets", such as Jerimiah and others who yelled their way through ancient cities threatening, word for word the same hell and damnation. As the French say, "The more it changes, the more its the same old bunk."

And Mark Twain writing on the respective demerits of various religions says: "They all did their best to kill the chiefest ambitions of the human rare and the earliest incidents in its history, but only the Christian civilization has scored a triumph to be proud of."

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THE SCHOOL ISSUE

By K. M. Whitten

Two recent court decisions, one by the highest court of Kentucky and the other by a similar court in California have struck hard blows against the wall of separation of State and Church. In Kentucky the decision permits garbed nuns to teach in public schools. In California the decision upholds the twisting of a law that exempted religious and charitable buildings and land from taxation so that it now includes parochial schools.

The Kentucky decision held that it was constitutional for habit-wearing religious to teach in the public schools "so long as they do not inject religion or the dogma of their church" into their work. But one judge who dissented from the majority opinion held that to wear a nun's habit in the classroom is to create a religious atmosphere. He said: "Religious habits have a subtle influence upon the tender minds being taught and trained by the sisters. In and of themselves they proclaim the Catholic Church and the presentative character of the teachers in the school room. They silently promulgate sectarianism. Indeed, these good women are the Catholic Church in action in the most fertile field - the impressionable minds of children." He said, however, that he would not deny the Sisters the right to teach in public schools if they changed their religious habits for secular clothing.

An appeal has been taken from this decision by those opposed to it and

the State Attorney General's office has asked that the appeal be dismissed. The appeal asking the court to reconsider its decision says: "We sincerely believe the wearing of distinctive religious garb and the use of a religious name in the classroom is a breach of the wall of separation between Church and State. If the decision is reaffirmed on appeal this case should be taken to the U.S. Supreme Court. Perhaps it will be. It certainly would be if F.L.L. had the funds to uphold such a move.

In California the Supreme Court has ruled by 4 to 3 that it is constitutional to grant tax exemptions to schools operated by religious denominations. The high court held that benefits to a religious group serve a public purpose and that church schools come under the exemption for charitable organizations. In this case there was also a dissenting opinion. It says "to construe the Constitutional provision to encompass educational purposes in addition to religious, hospital or charitable purposes. . . . does violence to the meaning of the language used in the constitutional provision.

Religious schools were never tax-exempt before in California. Several years ago a resolution was quietly slipped through the Legislature declaring they should be given exemption. Later this resolution was put to a referendum vote and despite the fact that every influence the R.C. Hier-

archy could exert it barely passed. It was then appealed to the lower courts and ruled against. Now the Supreme Court has reversed this and the R.C. authorities will be given a yearly gift of over a million dollars, with which to build more schools or other schools or other uses.

What do these decisions mean to Rationalists? Well, to some they will mean discouragement. They will feel that there's no use continuing the fight, like the summer soldiers that Paine spoke of. But to those who have real intestinal fortitude it will mean that the fight will have to be intensified, that more than ever we must exert ourselves to prevent further drift towards Clericalism in the U.S. and to recover the ground already lost.

Lecky, the great English historian writing about the deadening effects or religious superstitions on men's minds says: "In a word, there is scarcely a disposition that marks the love of abstract truth, and scarcely a rule which reason teaches as essential for its attainment, that theologians did not, for centuries, stigmatize as offensive to the Almighty. By destroying every book that could generate discussion, by diffusing through every field of knowledge a spirit of boundless credulity, and, above all, BY PERSECUTING WITH ATROCIOUS CRUELTY those who differed from their opinions, they succeeded for a long period in almost arresting the action of the European mind, and in persuading men that a critical, impartial, and enquiring spirit was the worst form of vice."

Oh yes, there's a great revival of religion. The Catholic religion's news service reported recently that in the city of Toulouse, France, an ancient stronghold of the faith, only 13% of Catholics attend Mass on Sundays. With 87% of the people so indifferent that they won't even attend the "central event of the whole faith, although absence without grave reason is a mortal sin, with a penalty of eternal damnation to hell-fire, there's little hope for survival of popery.

How silly the taboos of various religions are is perfectly illustrated by the two following instances. In Palestine the orthodox Jewish Rabbis are trying to get the government to pass a law to prohibit the slaughter of pigs. In India the Hindu Priests, or whatever these particular shamans are called, are trying to get the government to pass a law to prohibit the slaughter of cows. Why? Because the Rabbis say the pig is unholy and the Hindus say the cow is holy. See if you can tie this one for plain or fancy goodness.

We recently reported the case of a curate being fined for spanking one of his young lady communicants. Comes now the news that in McConnellsville, Ohio, a school teacher, a graduate of Bob Jones Evangelistic College, has been fired for spanking five, (yes, five), of his girl students. He is under \$500 bond on a charge of assault and battery. He is also charge by the school board of teaching Bible subjects in the school, contrary to state law.

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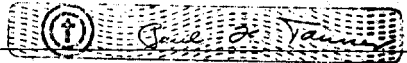
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"Freedom of religion now appears safe for any man who holds any variety of faith, at least when it does not make it immoral for him to go to war. But what about the atheist or agnostic? The men of fluid beliefs who participated in the Constitution intended to protect him too. Although a churchman myself, I regard it as vital to our national life that a man's right to hold public office should never be affected by what he believes about his relation to the totality of being. The law may remain as now, but in practice atheists and agnostics are sometimes virtually ineligible as candidates for election or appointment to public office. Though no statute is likely to require church membership as a qualification for teachers in public schools, the same result can conceivably be attained by determined school committees." — Zechariah Chafee, Jr., Harvard University law professor, writing on "The Encroachments on Freedom" in "The Atlantic," May. (Professor Chafee's book, "The Blessings of Liberty," has just been published by Lippincott.)

Hon. Wayne Morse
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Morse:

I understand the purport of House Joint Resolution No. 396 is to establish a national motto, "In God We Trust."

Nothing is more manifest than the fact that we as a nation do not trust in God. No argument is necessary on this point. You, of course, are quite cognizant of the fact. Such a motto simply serves to advertise to the world our national hypocrisy, and serves to make of our legislators a laughing stock.

I sincerely trust that you will use your utmost influence to defeat this in the Senate.

Very respectfully,
IRA D. CARDIFF

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CHURCH AND STATE

RELIGIOUS NOTES

The Librarian of the Kilgore, Texas, public library says that the books most often stolen from the library are those on religion. . . . The self-styled Rt. Rev. Dr. James F. Jones, Dominion Ruler of the Church of Universal Triumph, who operates in Detroit, Mich., is thinking of moving his "heaven" to New York. Just why is not made clear, but it may be the result of persecution by those nasty Detroit police who claim that the "Prophet" as he is popularly known is a little too peculiar in his lovemaking. Father Devine, who operates in the New York area, as far as we know, has not been quoted on his attitude about this rival invading his territory. . . . The Church now says that upon closer investigation the "weeping madonna" at New Castle, England, is a phony, BUT the weeper at a laborer's cottage in Sicily is the real McCoy and her tears are genuine. The Archbishop of the diocese is planning to have a shrine built so the faithful can bring their cash thither. Apparently the British Bishop felt that he dared not risk putting the stamp of approval on such obviously superstitious nonsense at this time. In the U.S. too, approval has been withheld from apparitions of the Virgin. The reason being, of course, that criticism and ridicule would be too great. . . . At a convention of Inter-American Catholic Action Association in Mexico were gathered delegates from the U.S., Canada, and seven Latin American countries. The Catholic Messenger's story says that "Many American delegates (Latin Amer.) painted a gloomy picture of the starvation wages, government controlled labor unions, and employer apathy in their countries."

Several centuries of Catholic rule has kept the masses of people in these countries in this condition. The natives were kept isolated from the world, not even taught the Spanish language, yet knowledge of the better life that could be theirs has seeped through and discontent is life. So, faced with the possibility that these masses will turn to the Communists for leadership and wipe out the Church, at long last they are trying to get a few concessions from the Spanish rulers, and still hold their grip on the people. It's a tight race. . . . A similar situation now exists in southern U.S. After going along with the white rulers, segregating Negro Catholics in Churches and parochial schools, making no protest, counseling obedience, now that the Negroes are developing strong organizational efforts the Church is all for equality, even to allowing colored communicants to receive the wafer at the same church building. And lest we be accused of bias it is in order to say that the various protestant denomination are also trying to flipflop themselves to the same situation. . . . In Cleveland, Ohio, a childless couple prayed ten years for a baby and nothing happened. Why? Because they were not addressing their prayers to the right saint. But about a year ago they were in some way, not specified, directed to St. Gerard Majella who took their petition under advisement and has now shown his approval by giving them a ten pound boy. The proud father, Loreto Cianfarani, is quoted in the Cleveland Universe Bulletin as saying, "Gee, some of those other saints are awfully slow." Of course he comes from a very superstitious group, still he has had the advantage of living in America. It is difficult to grasp the

mind processes that bring about the idea of shopping around among the saints until one is found that will take on the job. . . . The CHURCH-MAN, a protestant religious magazine says that Romanism is so strong in Quebec that the leading Montreal dailies will not accept any advertisements for protestant church services. That procedure may be the next stop here. . . . Rev. Edw. P. Hauck, preaching at R.C. St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, (in political circles known as The Powerhouse) explains that the Church nowadays imposes light penances is because heavier penances tend to make many sinners unwilling to confess. In other words, when people were more ignorant and more firmly believers in the fires of hell and the power of the priest save them, they were willing to endure severe penalties. But, alas, the age of faith is gone and even a large number of the faithful are so weak in their faith that they have to be let down easy or they may quit altogether. This situation has also resulted in having Mass said in the afternoons, too, so that persons whose faith is so weak that they won't get up early on Sunday may go later. In short, if Mahomet will not come to the mountain the mountain will come to him.

One of the interesting letters in the *Cleveland Press*, April 26th, written by an ex-Congressman, a R.C. named Sweeney gives Ohio's governor, Frank Lausche a going over for relating that he stepped into a Presbyterian church to meditate and there found inspiration. Sweeney is incensed that, with plenty of R.C. churches all around, where he could have meditated in the Real Presence, Lausche chose to go into a heretical edifice where the One True Religion is defied and defiled. Sweeney says that it confirms his suspicion that Lausche "has been for some time working both sides of the religious boulevard for political purposes." This is in reference to Lausche's hopes that he may be selected as a compromise candidate for the Presidency of the U.S. and is trying to minimize his being a Catholic. Sweeney continues and says "Lausche has as much of a chance to be president or vice-president of the U.S. as I have to be ambassador to Mars." We agree that there is little chance of electing a R.C. to the presidency at this time but newspaper discussion of such matters is a part of the plan of the Hierarchy to get the people of the U.S. softened up to the idea that it would be all right some day later to have an agent of the Pope in the presidential chair, instead of at present having only agents surrounding the president.

THE RATIONALIST PRESS

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FOR LUCRETIVS

That easy trust in a life immortal, such as our simple fathers knew,
 Where is it now? In what dim ether, losing its essence, has it fled?
 Call in vain, for your faith has vanished; swift on the wings of your
 doubt it flew;
 Beat on the ground like some Greek woman, calling the spirits of the dead!

"Ah, if men knew," said once Lucretius, "death for the end of all their
 cares,
 How could the wiles of priestcraft trick them, lure them on for its sordid
 gain?
 Clasp thou my hand, O mighty Roman! Now they turn in their hidden snares;
 Soon will they tear their way to freedom, earn their peace through their
 grief and pain.

But thou art gone; there is no more of thee: one thou art with meadow and
 stream;

Last night thou didst shine in the drifting moonlight, sigh in the wind
 that shuddered by

O wind, O moon! Can you never tell him, the old world wakes from its
 cheating dream—

Tell it to him who lives one with nature, even as too one day shall I?

I shall ride forth on the crested ocean, I shall be part of the Noonday gold.
 Why will you not find peace, my brothers, learning at last what cannot be—
 Hail the truth that is new each morning, old as no tale that has yet been
 told?....

O dream-fed sleepers! The good brown mother—she is your immortality!

Miriam Allen deFord

(Originally published in The Open Court)

PENSIONS

Men and women working for corporations which have pension plans are in some instances cheated out of part of their retirement pay. For example: In some cases the employer deducts from the payments of retirement pay the amount the employee gets from the U.S. Social Security. If, for example, the employee gets S.S. of \$100 per month and is supposed to get \$125 per month from the employer says that since he paid half

as much into the S.S. as did the employee, the employer is entitled to half of the payments, \$50 per month, and deducts that from the \$125 before paying it. If the employer's payments were \$20 or \$30 per year it will in this case receive \$600 per year in return. Actually this should be received by the employee, why should he share his pension with the employer? Injustices such as this are fuel for the fires of discontent.

REVOLT AGAINST FRANCO

In the late thirties Franco, with the aid of Hitler and Mussolini, overthrew the Liberal Republican government of Spain and established a dictatorship by butchering his opponents. Of course, a concordat was established which restored all the rights and privileges of the R.C. Hierarchy and the Bishops have given all out support to Franco. Conditions in the country have not improved and despite repressive laws which make strikes illegal there have been a number of them recently, involving many thousands of workers. Spanish workers have been largely hostile to the Church for many years as is true in various other European countries, and "worker priests" have been trying to win them back. Now fifty priests in the Basque provinces where the strikes are occurring have signed a letter to their Bishop asking him to permit them to preach support of the strikes in their sermons. The Bishop has refused and news dispatched say that "anticlericalism" among these industrial workers is "truly alarming." The letter relates that for years the workers have reaped nothing but disillusion and that their demands are just and should be remedied. Church attendance has fallen to 10 to 15 per cent of what it was a few years ago in what always were strong R.C. areas and economic hardships have left "hatred and bitterness immeasurably greater than before, a situation that provides an excellent breeding ground for communism and for increasing hostility toward the Church."

The U.S. has been pouring millions of dollars into Spain in an effort to bolster Franco's tottering regime. This has been largely because of

R.C. influence in our government. The result of this stupid policy will be that if the Spanish situation flames into an actual revolution we will again be on the side of the oppressors and the workers will have no one to aid them but the Communists. The working masses all over the world will not fail to see this. Let's hope that Senator George will in his new job be able to inject some realism into our foreign policy despite Dulles.

PUSHED ASIDE ?

A "national church agency," not further identified is complaining that religious programs should religious programs should be given a "better spot" i.e. air time when more people would be likely to listen. The broadcasting interests reply that "if the religious programs had more audience-pulling power, we would give them a better spot." Which means in plain English that far more people would rather look or listen to George Gobel or Schnozzle Duranty than the Rev. Mr. Whoosis.

THE WALT WHITMAN BRIDGE

As far as known the Bridge Commissioners have not rescinded their decision to name the huge Delaware river bridge, now under construction, after the poet Whitman. Pressure has been put on them by R.C. priests and lay organizations to change the name to one of their group. Captain John Barry, naval officer in the Revolution, and Joyce Kilmer, minor poet, killed in the first World war are offered as candidates for the honor in place of Whitman. It does not seem likely that any change will be made, but who knows?

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Dangers Besetting Great Men

Throughout my long and almost extinguished career I have, until now, never felt the need of a cyclone-cellar, bomb-shelter, St. Christopher's Medal or good-luck charms of any denomination. However, I have suddenly been awakened to the dangers suffered by prominence especially when the prominence places one dangerously close to becoming President of these United States.

On Thursday evening, May 24th, 1956, while we were waiting for a train at the Grand Central Station in New York City, a voice from outer space came bursting forth from the loud-speaker ensemble. We were ordered to leave immediately as they had information that a bomb had been placed in the station. After we had got out in no time flat, all lockers were searched. We were not taken into the confidence of the Police Department so we don't know whether a bomb was found or not.

I have no idea who placed the bomb, if any, but I am a bit suspicious of both the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Missouri Snod, and the Ladies' Improvement Association of Squirrel Island.

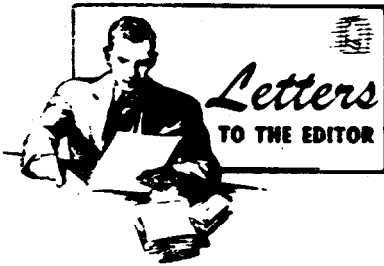
Frank C. Hughes,
Squirrel Island, Maine

It hardly seems possible but a R. C. priest in Denver, Colo. is quoted in a U.P. dispatch as having told a convention of the Catholic Family Life Bureau, in session there that more than one third of the U.S. Catholics marry non-Catholics. And that six out of ten who enter into these mixed marriages are lost to the Church. If this is true it's no wonder that the Hierarchy tries all possible to discourage their young men and women from dating non-Catholics.

Alberta DeMoss, of 7406 Bertha Ave., in Parma, Ohio, would like to hear from freethinkers living in her area.

A check up on the body is important. A check up on the mind, the directive agent, is even more so.

Soren Dahl



Editor:

Indeed, Sherman and I are "thrilled" to receive your wonderful news, and hasten to send you and your faithful and brave colleagues our heartiest congratulations!

The Thomas Paine Memorial Center is a splendid name.....We certainly want to attend the Grand Opening and will do so if at all feasible I enclose a donation toward the project.

Sherman and I are both regular and enthusiastic readers of the LIBERAL. It is a fine organ of the freethought cause.

Eva Ingersoll Wakefield.

Ed. Note:

Mrs. Eva Ingersoll Wakefield, the granddaughter of Robert G. Ingersoll recently donated a handsome bust of the Colonel to the League. It will occupy a niche in our new home.

Not only will the works of Paine be sponsored, but those of Ingersoll as well. The Center will be a cultural Center and all worthwhile literature will be displayed.

Editor:

Was really glad to get your letter and the privilege to donate to the world's greatest cause.

Enclosed find donation and will send another when you are ready to knock off the final mortgage. This is truly a start in the right direction and we dare not lose, we must win out over the forces of reaction. My best wishes for your constructive efforts in this right direction.

C. Gerhardtstein

Editor:

Being a former resident of Philadelphia practically all of my life, I consider it my hometown and am proud that it will be the first city in America to house such a worthy institution. Best wishes to the future of the F.L.L.

Henry Sykora

Editor:

You scum. You dare defy God. May you burn in Hell forever. If I had my way I would burn you and your kind with pleasure. You -----.

Mrs. Mary Kearns

Ed. Note:

If Mary Kearns had given her address we would turn her letter over to the P.O. for action. As it is we just file it away for future reference.

Editor:

Many years ago we used to attend meetings of the society on Spring Garden St. We feel very proud that the Thomas Paine Center has at last become a reality, from such humble beginnings---new proof of the fact, that more people are becoming thinkers and less, believers.

Also, advise us of your commercial advertising rate in THE LIBERAL, as we would like a half page to advertise our apartments, situated directly on the ocean, with private beach, in Pompano Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Moore.

Ed. Note:

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Editor:

May God help you, the Christians say. But we will say let us help ourselves.

This is wonderful news. I enclose a donation towards the Center. Glory be to you. Let's wear that crown on this earth, not wait 'til we are dead.

Frank Cummings.

Editor:

Enclosed you will find check for the Paine Center.

I am somewhat confused over this situation. I was under the impression that all funds raised for the Thomas Paine Memorial by your organization and that of Joseph Lewis, Age of Reason, was to be combined. I know that I sent a check now and then to Age of Reason for that purpose. Kindly explain this please. Kindest regards and best of luck.

Col. Will E. Estill

Ed. Note:

The confusion of the writer of the above note is probably caused by the fact that a few years ago Joseph Lewis, publisher of the monthly magazine, "Age of Reason" and President of "The Freethinkers of America," was soliciting funds to buy a property in New York City, to be a Thomas Paine memorial of some kind. As far as we know this project never became a reality, nor can we say what disposition was made of any fund that might have been collected, other than that none of it was ever given to the Paine Fund of F.L.L. Mr. Lewis very recently has been quoted by the Religious Editor of the Associated Press as saying that interest in the Freethought movement was lagging and the article further said that Mr. Lewis' organization had decreased almost to non-existence. F.L.L. has many times offered to cooperate with all Freethought and Rationalist organizations, including the Freethinkers of America, but we have never received any answer from Mr. Lewis. So far as we know, Mr. Lewis does not cooperate with any other organization.

RELIGIOUS METHODS

When the aristocrats were sitting firmly in Europe, bolstered by their armed forces, the Church dignitaries, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, etc., were all part of that ruling group, socially, economically, and politically. They taught submission to the peasants, promising them that later on in heaven they too would be in the upper brackets, but that it was God's will that they should occupy lower stations here. Now that the vast majority of the working class no longer pay any attention to that bunk and are thinking in terms of revolt and overthrow of the rulers, the Clerics are planning a flip-flop that they hope will win them the favor of the masses. Even in Spain, perhaps the most reactionary Hierarchy, of them all, one finds signs of this trend. Bishop Herrera of Malaga, is out now with a pastoral letter criticizing the upper classes, telling them they are lacking in justice and charity, and that the possession of the nation's wealth by a few while the masses live in poverty and misery is a daily scandal. It's the old game of trying to play both ends against the middle. If the upper classes institute some reforms that ease the lives of the masses the Church can claim credit. If they don't and the masses take over the Church will jump on the bandwagon and claim that they always wanted justice for the workers, etc. It's a pretty play if they can make it.

CHURCH PILLARS

Wm. V. Bradley, president of the most Catholic and most corrupt labor union in the United States, the International

Longshoremen's Association has just fined and given a jail sentence for "willfully and deliberately" flouting a court order. Bradley recently succeeded another pillar of the Holy Church under whose reign graft, murder and mayhem were commonplace, everyday occurrences on the New York waterfront. Ryan, former president of the I.L.A. when charged in court with mishandling of the Association's funds claimed that he used a lot of money cleaning the communists out of the organization. This, of course, rendered impossible the usual claim that everything wrong was the work of the Reds. No, the union was ruled by members of the One True Church, many of whom were ex-convicts.

A good estimate of what the people of Korea think of American backed Syngman Rhee, is shown in the recent popular vote for the presidency of that country. Despite all the financial and military support given to Rhee; despite wholesale jailing and killing of his opponents by the controlled police; despite preventing opposition voters from entering the polling places, Rhee was able to get only 55% of the people's vote. Now, anyone familiar with the methods of American political gangs knows that far more than 5% of the votes are stolen by the "ins." Rhee lived in America for years and knows the score. No wonder the "gooks" want Americans to go home.

Loyalty to petrified opinion never yet broke a chain or freed a human soul.

----Mark Twain

BOOK REVIEW

AT THIS, THE ROCK, by Professor Roy P. Lingle, 40pp. card cover, \$1.00 Rationalist Press, Phila.

This booklet is a reprint of a number of articles which were written for the LIBERAL and is sub-titled, "By-products of a study on the mystery of Petra, the Rock City of Arabia. Petra is one of the world's greatest mysteries. Situated in a mountainous region in South-west Trans-Jordan, with vast temples, storehouses, cisterns and mausoleums carved into the solid rock, it was at the beginning of the Christian era a very important point on the caravan trade routes from Damascus and the Mediterranean Sea. But even then it was ancient with a lost history.

Professor Lingle believes that Jesus was a historical character and was of the royal line of the Petrean monarchs. He bears down hard on the claims of the Church of Rome that it has totalitarian powers over mankind because of the alleged designation of Peter as "the Rock" on which the Church stands. Many readers of the LIBERAL who read these articles as they appeared in various issues will want this collected reprint. Greatly expanded, with added notes on Dr. Schweitzer and containing half a dozen excellent cuts of the wonderful facades of the huge buildings cut into the solid rock cliffs. A booklet that every freethinker will want to read and discuss with his fellow "religionists." Order from the Secretary.

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You may die happy if you believe that "You shall have eternal life in the sky when you die,

But,

You will have missed the great truth "Now is the day of salvation,"
Death is to be overcome, not accepted.

By increasing the understanding, the state of consciousness,

Of the truth of Being, existence, or the situation,

"There is nothing to lose but your chains"—

You false, foolish, and inconsistent conceptions,

There is a greater happiness and eternal life to gain.

The One, Two, Three, of the Universe,
by Soren Dahl.

Order from the League or directly from the author, at Round Mountain, Calif.

Mrs. Hattie Freeman Dodson, Secretary of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City has been sentenced to seven months imprisonment and fined \$9,000 for income tax evasion. She is, of course, a very religious lady or she wouldn't be an officer in the church. She was also secretary to Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, her pastor, who is also Rep. Adam Powell, Member of Congress from N.Y. City's Harlem section. There was some talk that she didn't collect all the salary she was supposed to get, but that she "kicked back" to her boss with it. This, however, is merely a rumor, and Rev. Rep. Powell says it a base canard invented by his enemies to ruin his amendment to the federal school aid bill.

THE SPOKEN WORD

Ob, a word is a gem, or a stone, or a song,

*Or a flame, or a two-edged sword,
Or a rose in bloom, or a sweet perfume,
Or a drop of gall, is a word.*

*You may choose your words, like a brilliant judge,
And polish them up with art,
But the words that sway, and stir and stay,*

Are kind words that come from the heart.

The peddling of dope, especially to minors, has become so widespread that it is a terrible menace to humanity. Youngsters, having been induced to the habit by peddlers become addicts and commit a vast number of crimes to get money for drugs. It is now proposed to make peddling a capital crime the same as murder. And that's what it is.

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