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WAR PREPAREDNESS

To the Editor: Some two or three weeks ago, several of our local clergymen stepped out of their pulpits, by request, and became editors-for-a-day. The Eccentric, from preaching the gospel they turned for the moment to advising the laity regarding certain national problems, particularly as to our attitude toward preparedness and war.

While the writer has not been invited to step out of his layman's role and assume the pulpit for the purpose of advising these clergymen regarding certain glaring delinquencies of their own on this subject, I trust they will forgive my intrusion. They may find heroic in the reasons why more people do not attend church.

These editorials were quite disappointing for they seemed to be extra voices in the nation-wide chorus for "Peace and Disarmament" propagating more liberal than anything we heard during the World War—a propaganda paid for and circulated by the greatest subversive anti-Christian group in the world—a group that counted one of the very phrases used in one of the editorials—"the will to peace."

In taking votes among our college students, and in soliciting expressions of opinion from newspaper readers, it is noticeable that either gross carelessness or cunning, devilish intent is shown in the way in which the question is asked:

Do you believe in war? No, do you believe that the United States should build armaments for the benefit of the munitions market? No.

Do you believe that we ought ever again to go to war to protect foreign investments of the big bankers? No.

If we did go to war would you enlist? With the previous "build-up" questions, what could the final answer be but "no"?

And then we are told, under sentimental headings, that American men will no longer fight for their country.

Are boys and men and women ever asked, if our country were attacked by a ruthless foreign foe, and defenseless women and children, the sick and aged, were being killed and our great cities being destroyed, would the men of the list, would the women be willing to let them go? How different the answers would be!

I have before me as I write the names of 15 subversive propaganda organizations operating within our borders—and it is but a partial list. Their shiny tentacles have reached into the committee rooms of many of our most respected service organizations, men including the Federal Council of Churches, the W. C. T. U., the League of Women Voters, National Board of Y. W. C. A., the Y. M. C. A., and the American Association of University Women.

Most of us are familiar with the communizing of college students through the National Student League.

To go directly into the subject in hand, there still remains then the question of military preparedness sufficient for defense of our own borders. According to the views expressed by the majority of our ministers, such preparedness they consider a move toward war, and they object to it on the ground that it is contrary to the teachings of Jesus. When did Jesus ever teach it?

On the contrary, did He depend upon the Gospel of Love when He drove the money-changers from the steps of the temple? No. He used force—He used a weapon which inflicted harm. They wouldn't have understood Love.

Jesus did say something, however, which might lead some of our ministers included to a more thorough study of our Bibles. It gives us a very definite answer to this question of national defense.

When He was asked about the old Law, He answered: "I cannot do to destroy the law and the prophets, but to fulfill." What did He mean?

Let's turn to our Bibles and find out. We find that there are five great Books of the Law—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

After the exodus at Sinai, the Lord, through Moses, set up the Ten Commandments for the guidance of the individual citizen of the Kingdom of Israel—this is for the personal salvation.

Then, for the Nation of Israel, numbering at that time well over two million souls, He set up a Constitution, Laws and Judgments for the guidance of the Nation. This constituted the national salvation. He instructed His priests to teach both.

The organized Christian church has failed 50 per cent by its neglect to teach the national salvation—the Law for the nation, and which Jesus said He came to fulfill.

In these five Law Books is the divine system of economics, including the children of Israel, lived and prospered exceedingly for nearly a thousand years. Included are certain laws, laws, laws, laws, laws for military defense and service.

Instructions for military defense will be found in Numbers, beginning with Chapter I, where the Lord orders Moses to register and number the fighting men of Israel. It is to be done on the first day of the month, on the first day of the second month, in the second year of their going out of the land of Egypt.

He was ordered to register for conscription just as we are in the United States during the World War.

Numbers 1:2 "Take ye the sum. So, after all, Dear Old Eccen-

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of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the names, every male by their poll: From twenty years old and upward I will number them: and every man that is able to go to war in Israel; thou and Aaron shall number them by their names.

There were registered for military service, 603,550 in all.

Chapter II:—"Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of the father's house."

What stronger admonition for us to stand prepared by our own standard—the American flag—the ensign of our father's house?

Following along in this chapter we find a prescribed military formation which my father, the British "hollow square" about the ark.

"The army is then instructed as to marching formation under their appointed captains. Silver bugles are used, and the march is according to Chapter X. One blast was the call for the battalion on the east side of the ark; two blasts for the unit, two blasts for the south, three for the west and at four blasts the north battalion were to go hindmost with their standards." Strangely, too, these trumpets were to be blown by the priests.

That the Lord also taught the strategy is shown in Chapter XII where, upon approaching the land of Canaan, He ordered them to send a reconnoitering party to report the enemy position. They were gone 40 days.

Again in Chapter XXXI the Lord ordered Moses to take 1,000 men of each tribe—12,000 in all—and Moses chose men to "arm themselves unto the war against the Midianites."

That they slew the Midianites and brought back captives and spoils is sufficient evidence that these 12,000 men had been trained in the art of war.

The Lord intended—probably through compulsory military service by means of organization similar to our Citizens Training Camp—yes, even in R. O. T. C.'s name, some other appropriate name.

Read also Joshua VIII where the Lord instructs him how to lay an ambush for the army of Ai.

Military knowledge was essential to the preservation of God's nation, for the heritage of Israel is ours.

The Biblical Law Book were the source of original English law as one will readily see in reading them. The New Testament Law was later contaminated by the Babylonian law of the Romans and are suffering now for this contamination.

When American manhood, is called upon to render unto "Caesar" the things which are Caesar's—when the United States calls for volunteers for drafts our men for defense—are they to obey Jesus' admonition to "render unto Caesar" as provided for under the divine law, or are they to obey the propagandists—the enemies of our country?

We Anglo-Saxon-etic Christian people are Israel, the people whom God promised should reign as a nation as long as the sun and stars shone. There are volumes of proof of it, in the Bible and outside of it, if one cares to lay aside preconceived notions and prejudices and do a little independent studying. This however, is another story.

If we are not Israel, let's stop praying to the God of Israel and singing hymns to Him.

If we don't know, why not make an attempt to find out?

Throwing away the Old Testament is but the answer of a petulant child. With it must go the Ten Commandments and four-fifths of the new, leaving Jesus nothing to fulfill.

Ignorance of the law cannot excuse us.

What are we going to do about it? HARVEY E. WHALEN, 403 Greenwood avenue.

MEMORIES 209 West Dutton Street, THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

Dear Old Friend, Yes, you are an old friend, dear to my heart!

When I read an editorial by a "guest editor," Joseph A. Sturgeon, editor and publisher of The Birmingham Record, in last week's issue, a mention of you, Dear Eccentric, brought a tear to my eyes and a tug or two at my very heart!

My Robert Kihnehart, in her book "My Story," quotes the very beginning from "The Road-mender":

"To look backward for a while is to refresh the eye, to restore it, and to render it the more fit for its prime function of looking forward."

Dear old friend, I know this quotation is contrary to modern teachings of mind-act, and psychologists ban it, too, because they say we shouldn't carry our memories as we do old clothes.

There is much to be said on both sides of this question. Some of us have hung onto our old clothes for so long we have positively grown to love them—and most of us have done this because we have run out of the public view—and some of the public have grabbed a glimpse of them and put 'em back on!

So, after all, Dear Old Eccen-

BUSINESS BRIEFS

AN INNOVATION A new type of permanent waving is to be introduced by Miss Beauty Salon of the Powder Puff Beauty Salon. The new process which is called Zotos waving, requires no electricity or machinery. All hair is contained in Zotos Vapet pads, which are chemically treated. Concerning the new method, Miss Larsen says: "Commodorogists who saw the demonstration waiting at the American Commodore Convention at the Book Cadillac in Detroit recently are highly enthused about it."

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—William Axler, of Axler's Head Laundry and Dry Cleaners: "Business certainly seems to be picking up. Our business now is double what it was this time last year."

BODY-BUILDERS A gymnasium to be fully equipped with punching bags, rowing machine, medicine ball and a place for ring tennis is planned by George A. Watts, masseur, of the Birmingham Studio of Body Culture. The gymnasium will be installed on the second floor of the studio, where Mr. Watts will teach fencing also. Mr. Watts has taught wrestling for two years at Detroit City College and for one year at Adrian, and was once freshman fencing champion at the University of Michigan, enjoys sport as a hobby as well as a profession. He has done a fair amount of hunting, and once killed a full grown mountain lion with a six-shooter.

STORK ACTIVE—Frank Mulholland is convinced that Birmingham is a principal stop on the stork's itinerary. The demand for baby's clothes and accessories has shown a decided increase during the past few months, he says.

OPENS STUDIO—J. Wells Chilton has reopened photographic studios in the LeVinson Building and is specializing in home portraiture. Mr. Chilton formerly had a studio in the Barbour Building in Bloomfield Hills, and later moved to the location which he has now reopened.

WAITING LIST—An unusual condition is reported.

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ed at the Birmingham and Klingensmith sales office on South Woodward avenue. With 1934 production of permanent waving ready a month under way, they are ready a waiting list for deliveries of the new model.

Returning recently from a week's business trip to New York City, Alfred J. LaBelle, of LaBelle's book store, president of the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association, reports unmistakable signs of an encouraging upturn in business in the East. "All of the big New York stores seem to be doing a good business," he said. "The crowds in some of them on Saturdays are similar to those at Christmas time. There is plenty of merchandise obtainable, at least in our lines. There are plenty of buyers, too, and good-sized orders are reported."

It is believed that the big day of April 4, 1934, at 8 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, and said LaBelle, is hereby announced for having said party.

It is further believed that the party should be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three consecutive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

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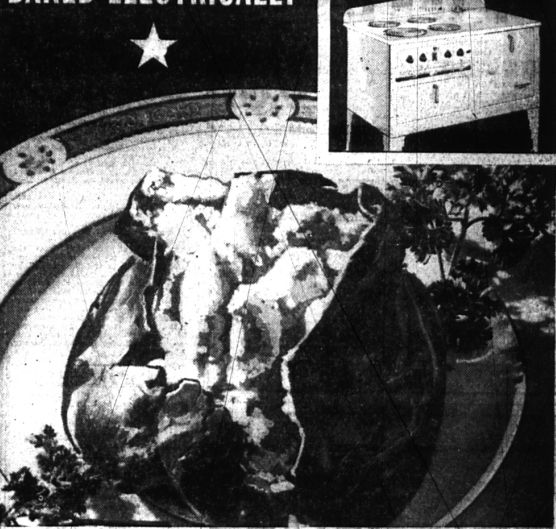
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