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Patriotism and blacklists, 1928.

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"PATRIOTISM AND BLACKLISTS."

WHAT IS THE TRUE MEASURE  
OF AN AMERICAN?"

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER.

THE TEMPLE, SUNDAY MORNING,

APRIL 29, 1928, CLEVELAND, O.

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Recently patrioteering has entered upon a new phase,--that of blacklisting political heretics. This is a milder form of persecution than that which was adopted by the now discredited and shamefully exposed order of the klan. The art of tarring and feathering those whose political views are regarded as unorthodox, and of horse-whipping them, has yielded to the more urbane and genteel art of blacklisting.

The procedure involved in blacklisting is as follows: certain self-appointed monitors of Americanism, self-elected guardians of patriotism, determine beforehand what is good for America and what is not. These opinions of these groups, touching any and every policy of government--it may be our international relations; it may be our national defense; it may be our immigration policy, or what not,--these opinions of these groups become, because of the particular custodial relationship of these groups towards Americanism, the only sanctioned and authoritative American opinion. All other judgments and all other views become automatically un-American and unpatriotic; and those who entertain these contrary and opposing views are then hunted out and branded, excommunicated, as it were, and the story of their political crime is then sent to all affiliated bodies, or all those bodies which they are desirous of influencing, with the warning and the admonition that these people are to be avoided. They are



dangerous; they are not to be listened to; their books are not to be read; their meetings are not to be attended. Certainly they are not to be invited to meetings of these respective organizations, for their opinions are poison to the innocent minds of American citizens.

Now these satraps of patriotism are seemingly not very proud of their handiwork, of their activities, for, like unto that hooded order, they, too, carry on their activities in secret; surreptitiously, if not courageously. They stab in the dark until they are dragged into the light and exposed.

Two agencies have been particularly active in recent years in this patriotic ritual of censorship and inquisition and expurgation, all in the name of unadulterated Americanism. One is the Reserve Officers Training Corps, and the other is the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Reserve Officers Training Corps, working through its national fraternity, called "Scabbard and Blade," a very symbolic and a very significant name, reminiscent of the rattling sabre of the Hohenzollerns,--the Officers Training Corps drafted a list of these undesirable men and women in American public life, whose voices should forever be silenced, who are a menace to our free institutions, and broadcasted that list.

Among those included in this list of honor (or dishonor) are Senator William E. Borah, chairman of our Foreign Relations Committee. His particular crime



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which brought down upon him this anathema, are, first, that he favored recognition of Soviet Russia; that he advocated the release of political prisoners; that he addressed meetings of the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization devoted to the safeguarding of free speech in the United States. In this list is included the name of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, and her crime was that she was very aggressive in the advocacy of woman's suffrage. The name of Jane Addams of course appears in this list; and the "Scabbard and Blade" calls Jane Addams "the most dangerous woman in America." Jane Addams, the most resplendent type of American womanhood, the glory of American womanhood, a path finder in social welfare, a benefactor of humanity, a name that will glow in the annals of America long after the very memory of this "Scabbard and Blade" will have been forgotten.

Another one included is Dr. Henry Stone Coffin, president of the Union Theological Seminary. His sin was that he was one of the group of clergymen who signed a protest against the Espionage Act. John Dewey, to be sure, is also included, because he taught in the new school of social research; because he signed a protest against the infamous Lusk law; because he is an advanced liberal,-- John Dewey, the greatest living American philosopher, a pioneer in the realm of education, a world leader of men,-- he, too, has been singled out for distinction in this blacklist. W. E. Dubois, editor of "The Crisis," is also



damned. His sin is that he toured the country to build up a friendly sentiment towards the Negro. Professor Francis B. Sayre, son-in-law of President Wilson, now on the faculty of Harvard Law School, is also included because he wrote a number of pro-labor articles. And of course Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of The Nation. He is blacklisted, with two double black lines under his name, because he is the editor of that most radical publication, "The Nation," one of the few truly fearless and informative magazines in the United States.

And the "Scabbard and Blade" paid me the high compliment of including my name in this list of heretics, and my particular crime seems to have been that I heartily indorsed the World Court, and that I, from time to time, was guilty of defending the cause of organized labor.

The other organization busily engaged in drafting blacklists, the Daughters of the American Revolution, that organization made up a list which includes some of these names and others, and not only the names of individuals but the names of organizations,--the Young Women's Christian Association is included; the International League for Peace and Freedom; the Council of Jewish Women. In fact, every individual of prominence and every organization of effectiveness which may not enthusiastically endorse the naval program of the Navy Department is proscribed. Some valiant souls, some members of the Daughters of the



American Revolution, in whom the spirit of the American Revolution is still alive, fought valiantly at the last conclave of this organization in Washington to urge this organization to disavow these blacklists, but without success. They were overwhelmed, completely beaten; in fact, they were hissed, and they were made to feel that they were outsiders and enemies and bolsheviks.

Now, to be sure, the Reserve Officers Training Corps is a military organization, and very little of liberalism and of the American spirit can be looked for there. They are our American fascists, our irrepressible yunkers. Every nation has them, and naturally they are impatient with those who advocate peace. They have vested interests in war, and advocates of peace and disarmament are their natural enemies. What is a little surprising, and more than a little disheartening, is to find an organization like the Daughters of the American Revolution, bearing such an honorable name, and presumably having an honorable history, to permit itself to become the ladies' auxiliary of the American fascists; to become a tool in the hands of fire eaters in the Navy Department. In so doing they have aligned themselves with the forces of reaction in this land which are hindering the progress not alone of America but of mankind, forces which mankind will have to curb if it is to advance at all.

Again, by its action this organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution, went on record as



favoring a patriotism which is built on the gibbet, a patriotism which is built on the pillory, a patriotism built on suppression and prohibition and on a refined drawing-room terrorism; not a patriotism built on education and on the free exchange of ideas. To have to resort to an index expurgatorius is a terrible confession of weakness and a lack of confidence in one's own position.

Truth! Truth never required the faggot and the stake and witch hunting to prove it or to spread it. All that truth requires is a chance to be heard, and the ultimate victory belongs to it. If this organization is convinced that its program is a sound one; that competitive naval armament and a three-quarters of a billion of dollars naval program are the surest ways to peace and security, then by all means let them present their thesis to the public; let it be discussed; let the pros and the cons be heard, and let them have sufficient confidence in the soundness of their position to permit the contrary views, not merely to permit but to welcome the contrary views to be heard. An idea which must depend upon a black-list is a lie.

The action of these organizations is really not of great moment. Neither the organizations nor these particular acts are at all consequential, and the American people has, because of its native common sense and sound judgment and good humor, laughed them out of court. But the actions are, nevertheless, indicative of the means and



the agencies which are being employed in this land to thwart, to check the work of peace and to discredit those who are devoting themselves to the cause of peace and to other liberalizing, emancipating ideals of the human race.

And this action is indicative of yet another thing of which I should like to speak,--of the attitude of mind on the part of certain persons to regard patriotism and Americanism as a sort of a private monopoly. Their views, their judgments, their opinions, become ipso facto American and patriotic, and all contrary views become anathema, un-American, unpatriotic. These persons who arrogate to themselves this exclusive use of the term "patriotic" belong, as a rule, to the older and the wealthier and the class conscious groups in the United States. They are a minority; they have vested interests; they are conservative. Many of them are reactionary. Some of them claim blood kinship with the Fathers of the American Revolution; and yet very little of the spirit of these revolutionists of America has survived in these, their descendents.

I venture to say that the Fathers of the Revolution, if they appeared today on the scene, would be the first to be persecuted by these, the sons and daughters of the American Revolution. For all the staid, conservative elements in '76, or nearly all, were Tories. They sided with King George; they hated the American Revolution; they jeered and denounced the revolutionists; they called



them the scum of the earth, sedition mongers, anarchists. Fifty thousand of these staid, conservative, influential Americans of '76 actually fought in the British ranks. It was the rebel and the liberal and the non-conformist who founded America; the radical, if you will; the disloyalist, if you will. And their descendants today, still boasting of the heritage, are attempting to destroy the very spirit which actuated their revolutionary ancestors.

The War gave the professional patrioteer in the United States his great opportunity, and he strutted across the face of this land, pompous, self-important, armed with usurped authority, to pursue and to destroy anyone whose patriotism did not conform to the canons of patriotism adopted by this professional patrioteer. Anyone, for example, who dared even to question the idealistic motives, the ineffable altruistic aims of the Allies in the War, was at once branded as disloyal and un-American. Anyone who dared to sympathize with the struggling masses of Russia and with their new experiment in self-government, was at once cursed as an anarchist and a disrupter and an enemy of America. Palmerism was abroad in the land. Every citizen spied upon every other citizen. Men and women were impriscned and detained and deported; and an urge of witch-hunting in the name of patriotism.

And patriotism was that which some military official or some member of the State Department declared it to be. It was an ugly and an unpleasant era in American



life, due, of course, to the hysteria of the War; but it was, nevertheless, ugly and discreditable, and these organizations who are today attempting to single out men to damn them, to muzzle them, because of their particular views which happen to differ from their orthodox views, are continuing this ugly, discreditable, miserable war psychosis among us.

What is patriotism? Patriotism is not a mysterious, esoteric science whose recondite meaning is revealed only to the elite and to the initiated. What is patriotism? Why, patriotism is nothing more or nothing less than what the simple phrase "Love of one's country" signifies. A man who is devoted to his country; who seeks its welfare; who works for its prosperity, is a patriot. He need not at all endorse every policy of government; he need not at all subscribe to the infallible wisdom of the State Department or the War Department, or even of the President of the United States. He may believe that his country is totally and completely in the wrong in a given instance and still be a patriot. He may be a conservative; he may be a liberal; he may be a radical; he may be a capitalist; he may be a socialist; he may be, if Lincoln is to be believed, even a revolutionist and still be a patriot.

And a man or woman may be a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps and the Daughters of the American Revolution and still not be a patriot. For the test of patriotism is not whether one subscribes to one



policy or another, but whether, in so doing, that individual is prompted by love of country or by selfish motives; whether that individual is seeking the augmentation of his land and the welfare of his people, or whether he is seeking personal aggrandizement. I venture to say that there is more patriotism in the so-called radicals of America, or of any country for that matter, than among the international bankers and profiteers.

Who is an American? What is the measure of a true American? An American is not necessarily a conformist; an American is not necessarily one who moves with the alignment of a piston in a machine,--this vast machine of commercialism which we have built up and which makes such ruthless exaction of all of us, of discipline and conformity and acquiescence and single-mindedness. Not at all. An American may be an extreme individualist, a non-conformist, an intellectual rebel, if you will, and still be a true, perhaps a truer, American. An American is one who lives in America, native or naturalized, and who loves America and who works for its prosperity; whose life and thought and conduct are inspired by those motifs which inspired that immortal document, the Declaration of Independence; who believes profoundly and manifests his faith in action that all men are created equal; that men do possess inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that government is established for the people and not the people for government; that man is superior to the state; that man



has a right to experiment with new ideas and new forms of human organization and new modes of conduct and thought.

The man who believes in these principles of American democracy, and practices them, that man is an American. The reactionary, the racialist, the exponent of racial superiorities, the exploiter of his fellowmen, the Know-nothing, the man who would like to stratify American society into classes and castes, the snob,--that man is not an American, quite regardless of how far he can trace back his native ancestry, or how furiously he waves the Stars and Stripes.

We must free ourselves from the war psychology, when we were dragooned into thinking alike and acting alike and speaking alike. We must regain each his freedom, his intellectual freedom, his spiritual autonomy. We must insist that the first qualifications of a free government is the readiness and the willingness with which it permits its citizens to live their own lives and to express themselves freely and fully. Democracy is too firmly rooted in the logic of human life, it is too strongly intrenched in the rationality of existence, to need censorship and inquisitions and witch-hunting and Palmerism to support it. Dictatorships require those agencies because dictatorships are inherently fallacious. At the core of every dictatorship is a cancer who destroys it ultimately.

Democracy is sound, firm, intellectually strong, and all that it needs, as truth needs, is a chance



to be heard and express itself through avenues of free and unchecked public opinion, channels of intercommunication among men; free forums, free pulpits, free press, free schools, the right of assembly, and democracy is safe and secure. It need not intrench itself behind the bulwarks of such miserable blacklists in order to protect itself.

I want to read a phrase or two from the greatest American, Abraham Lincoln. I suspect that Abraham Lincoln, too, would have been put on the blacklist; for if you read Abraham Lincoln--and very few people, unfortunately, read him--you will find in him the real essence of that radical, revolutionary America which paved the new highway for humanity; which destroyed old traditions and respectable, antiquated notions, and launched into the world bristling ideas, dynamic ideas, which made people uncomfortable but which proved a cleansing and a healing for mankind.

Abraham Lincoln understood America. He knew that America is more than a territory, and more than a history, and more than an aggregate of millions of people. He knew that America was an ideal, or a set of ideals. It was a new mode of living and thinking, a new aspiration. It was something which the suppressed and the submerged masses of the world through the ages wanted to be and could not. It was a passionate hope of the masses of the earth to whom America was summarized in that immortal document, the Declaration of Independence.



I want to read this phrase or two. This is part of an address which he delivered in 1858 to a group of newly naturalized American citizens.

"We are now a mighty nation," said Lincoln. "We are about 30 millions of people." Today he would have said, "We are about 110 millions of people." "And we own and inhabit about one-fifteenth part of the dry land of the whole earth. We run our memory back over the pages of history for about 82 years (today he would have said 152 years), and we discover that we were then a very small people in point of numbers, vastly inferior to what we are now and a vastly less extent of country, with vastly less of everything desirable among men. We look upon the change as exceedingly advantageous to us and to our posterity, and we fix upon something that happened away back as in some way or other being connected with the rise of prosperity. We find a race of men living in that day whom we claim as our fathers and grandfathers. They were iron men; they fought for the principles that they were contending for, and we understood that by what they then did it has followed that the degree of prosperity which we now enjoy has come to us. We hold this annual celebration (the Fourth of July) to remind ourselves of all the good done in this process of time, of how it was done and who did it, and how we are historically connected with it. And we go from these meetings in better humor with ourselves, we feel more attached the one to the other, and more firmly bound to the country than anybody.



"In every way we are better men in the age, the race and country in which we live for these celebrations. But after we have done all this we are not yet reached the whole. There is something else connected with it. We have besides these, men descended by blood from our ancestors. We have among us perhaps half of our people who are not descendants of all of these men. They are men who have come from Europe--German, Irish, French, Scandanavian, (today he would have added Italian, Pole and Hungarian)--men that have come from Europe themselves, or whose ancestors have come hither and settled here, finding themselves our equals in all things. If they look back through this history to trace their connection with those days by blood, they find they have none; they cannot carry themselves back unto that glorious epoch and make themselves feel that they are part of us; but when they look through that old Declaration of Independence, they find that those old men said 'that we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal,' and then they feel that that moral sentiment taught in that day evidences their relation to those men; that it is the father of all moral principle in them, and that they have a right to claim it as though they were blood of the blood and flesh of the flesh of the men who wrote that Declaration. And so they are. That is the electric cord in that Declaration that links the hearts of patriotic and liberty loving men together, that will link those patriotic hearts as long as the love of freedom exists



in the minds of men throughout the world."

The electric cord which links all Americans together is a moral principle, a devotion to the ideals enunciated in that superb and magnificent document; the supreme manifestation of the freedom-loving soul of man; equality of all men; the inalienable rights of all men, rights which neither the state nor the majority can deprive them of; rights which are theirs by virtue of being men, children of God; rights which have come to them from God himself, and not given nor to be taken back by society.

That is America; that is patriotism. All else is pseudo-patriotism, misleading, harmful, destructive. The true patriot is the man who will today, in wholeheartedness and single mindedness, sign the Declaration of Independence.

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# 'FASCISTS,' SILVER BRANDS R. O. T. C.

## D. A. R. Called Auxiliary of "Junkers" in Reply to "Blacklisting."

Rabbi A. H. Silver of the Temple, in a sermon yesterday morning on "Patriotism and Blacklists," branded the Reserve Officers Training Corps as the "American Fascists, our irrepressible Junkers" and the Daughters of the American Revolution as the "ladies' auxiliary of these American Fascists—a tool in the hands of the militarists and the fire-eaters of the Navy Department."

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"They are indicative, however, of the means and agencies which are being employed by interested groups in an effort to thwart the cause of peace and to discredit those who are advocating it. They are indicative, too, of an attitude on the part of some persons to regard patriotism and American loyalty as private monopolies."

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THE TEMPLE, SUNDAY, APRIL

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The Reserve Officers Training Corps which is responsible for one of the blacklists is a military organization and one should not look for liberalism and the spirit of America there. They are the American Fascists, our irrepressible Junkers. They are naturally impatient with all those who advocate peace for they have vested interests in war.

But one is a little surprised and more than a little disappointed to find an organization like the D. A. R. which bears such an honorable name, becoming the Ladies' Auxiliary of these American Fascists - a tool in the hands of the militarists and the fire-eaters in the Navy Department.

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What is Patriotism? It is not a mysterious esoteric science whose recondite meaning is revealed only to the elite and the initiated. It is nothing more or less than that which is implied in the simple phrase "love of country". The man who is devoted to the best interests of his country - who seeks its well-being and works for its prosperity - is a patriot. Patriotism does not at all mean that a citizen must endorse every policy of his government or believe in the infallible wisdom of the State Department or the War Department or even of the President of the United States. A citizen may believe his government to be totally and completely



in the wrong at times and still be a patriot. He may be a conservative, a liberal or a radical, a capitalist or a socialist and still be a patriot. Again one may be a member of the D. A. R. or of The Reserve Officers Training Corps and still not be a patriot. The test is not whether one subscribes to this or that policy of government, but whether in so doing one is actuated by motives of love of country or love of self - whether one desires to serve his country or to exploit it. I venture to say that you will find more patriotism among the so-called radicals of our land than among our international bankers.

Who is an American? Not necessarily the conformist who moves with the alignment of a piston in a machine - the great efficient machine of commercialism which we have built up and which makes such ruthless demands of uniformity, acquiescence and single-mindedness. An American is anyone who lives in America, native or naturalized, who loves this land, loves its free institutions, labors to uphold and to perfect them and carries into his life and conduct the heroic motifs of American democracy; - that all men are created equal; that they possess inalienable rights; that government is created for the people not the people for government; that man is superior to the State and that he is free to experiment with new ideas, new forms of human organization, new motifs of thought and conduct.

Reactionaries, racialists, know-nothings, defenders of caste are not according to the genius of this land, Americans, quite regardless of how far they can trace back their native ancestry or how furiously they waive the Stars and Stripes.



*Sermon 274*

# *The* TEMPLE BULLETIN

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Minister of Religious Education



SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1928

10:30 A. M.

RABBI SILVER

will speak on

"PATRIOTISM AND BLACKLISTS"

WHAT IS THE TRUE MEASURE  
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Services will be broadcast over WTAM

Friday Evening Service

5:30 to 6:10

Sabbath Morning Service

11:00 to 12:00



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## ***The Musical Program for Sunday, April 29, 1928***

Mr. Beymer will play the following organ numbers:

Prelude:

Processional .....Urteaga  
Gavotte .....Martini  
Claire de Lune (Moonlight)....  
.....Karg Elert

Postlude:

Prelude and Fugue in E minor..  
.....Bach

Albert Downing, tenor, will sing the solo "Eili, Eili." (Traditional.)

## ***Broadcasting***

For the next three weeks the Sunday services of the Temple will be broadcast over WTAM. This Sunday morning Rabbi Silver will discuss "Patriotism and Blacklists" and will dwell upon the recent action of the D. A. R., The Officers' Reserve Corps and other "Patriotic" organizations blacklisting those leaders of thought in America whose opinions they disapproved of.

## ***Addresses of the Rabbis***

On Wednesday last Rabbi Silver addressed The Canadian Conference of Social Workers at Montreal. During the next two weeks he is scheduled to address a meeting under the auspices of The American Peace Society; The Women's Council for Promotion of Peace; The Cleveland School of Education; The National Congress of Parents and Teachers; The Students and Faculty

of Applied Social Sciences of Western Reserve University. On May 14th he will open The Community Chest Campaign of the City of Rochester, New York.

Last week Rabbi Feuer addressed a Campaign Meeting of the Bureau of Jewish Education. He is scheduled to deliver an address before the Connecticut Parent-Teacher Association which will hold its Annual Conference in Cleveland; to occupy the pulpit of the Temple at Canton, Ohio, and to speak before the Jewish Community of Lorain, Ohio.

## ***Temple Religious School Report for the Week***

Total enrollment, including the High School—1342.

Number of pupils, Kindergarten to the 9th grade, incl.—1224.

Average attendance for the week—91%.

The following classes had 100% attendance for the week: 5D, Anna Pogust; 6D, Helen Wertheimer; 7B, Rose Moss; 8E, Helen Tronstein; 9A, Gertrude Woldman; 9C, Ada Krause; 9D, Seville Fink; 9E, Edith Ruben and 2B, (High School) Selma Markowitz.

## ***The Sunshine Fund***

The Sunshine Fund Collection for the week amounted to \$35.07.

## ***"Ask Me Another" Contest***

The finals for the second group of contestants in the Temple Junior High School "Ask Me Another" Contest were held on Saturday, April 21st. This contest was even better than the first one in that of the twelve children who participated nine could not be spelled down. All of them will receive some recognition from the Temple for their excellent work. They were: Edith Bonhard; Ruth Caspary; Robert Devay; Anabel Edelstein; Constance Epstein; Elliot Glicksberg; John Goldsmith; Mildred Heller and Charles Schwartz.



# "BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE TEMPLE"

An Evening of Humor and Good Fellowship

## THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

(Celebrating the 78th anniversary of our congregation)

Saturday Evening  
May 19th, 1928

8:00 P. M.  
Hollenden Hotel  
Ball Room

TICKETS MAY BE PROCURED AT THE TEMPLE OFFICE

Reservations are \$2.00 per person.

### TEMPLE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

May 9, 1928

Mahler Hall

2:30 P. M.

#### *Speaker*

JOHN COWPER POWYS

English Essayist and Critic  
will talk on

"THE ART OF SELF CULTURE"

MUSICAL PROGRAM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY EVENING

May 9, 1928

Mahler Hall

8:15 P. M.

#### *Program*

A DRAMATIC SATIRE

(written by members of the club)

MUSIC

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS



## ***Temple Alumni Association***

### **Annual Meeting**

The Temple Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday evening, May 13th. The meeting will begin with a dinner in Mahler Hall. Immediately following the dinner there will be the annual business meeting and the election of officers and members of the Board for the coming year.

A program of sketches and singing is being prepared by members of the Association as the evening's entertainment. A dance will follow the program.

### ***The Temple Wishes to Acknowledge with Thanks the Following Contributions:***

#### ***To the Floral Fund***

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| Mrs. Herman G. Devay    | In memory of Parents, Fannie and Philip Brown  |
| Miss Fannie C. Eisenman | In memory of Mother, Mrs. Caroline R. Eisenman |

#### ***To the Library Fund***

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| Mr. and Mrs. Max Greenhut | In honor of the birth of Daniel Jeremy Silver |
| Hilda Blum                | In memory of Stella Berkeley Friedman         |

#### ***To the Scholarship Fund***

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| Mrs. Louis Littman                            | In honor of the birth of Daniel Jeremy Silver  |
| Mrs. Fannie L. Morris and Miss Minnie Levison | In memory of mother, Celia Levison   |
| Mrs. Ida Marks                                | In memory of husband, Mr. Marks  |
| Mrs. G. J. Federman                           | In memory of father, Philip Teller   |
| Mr. G. J. Federman                            | In memory of father, Jacob Federman  |
| Mrs. Sarah Lichtig                            | In honor of mother, Mrs. Fanny Grossman's 84th birthday, and in memory of father, Louis Grossman |
| Mrs. Hammot Desenberg                         | In memory of husband, Louis Desenberg  |

### ***In Memoriam***

We record with deep sorrow the death of

**Mr. Louis Goodman**  
and

**Mr. Sigmund Shlesinger**

during the past week and extend the condolences of the congregation to their bereaved families.

## ***Out-of-Town College Girls and Boys***

Families of the Temple who have sons and daughters attending school out of the city or whose children are contemplating attending some out-of-town school next year are requested to send their names to the Temple Office and the College which they are going to attend.

The Temple Women's Association would like to have this information as soon as possible.



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1. Recently professional patriotism - This is a middle -

2. The procedure is as follows: monitors - guards -  
- determine - whatever opinion - <sup>all of the</sup> straightway branded  
- The spokesman, the contrary - hunted - full  
description - admonition -

3. These satraps - proud - send - instructions - Staff.

4. The Agencies have been paid. action - ritual  
Censorship - at behest - ~~offer~~

Reserve Officers Training Corps.  
- "Scalbard & Blade" - Hohenzollern -  
- drafted a list - unceremonious - shrewd - menace  
(read)

6. D. A. R. drafted list - Not only Frederick -  
- naval program. Valiant South - hushed

7. To be sure the Reserve Officers - military <sup>liberalism</sup> -  
Am. - fascists - respectable quarters -  
Impatience with peace - little surprised

D. A. R. = Ladies Auxiliary.

- By so doing - aligned with forces, leeches  
- delay.

8. Again by its action given record  
favoring a faturation built upon the  
rabbit and the policy - repression - refused  
- Resort to "Index Expurgatorius" - confession.  
- Truth - If competitive naval armament -  
- An idea which depends on Haldane is a lie.



9. Action not of great moment - Congressional  
launched - Dedication - thwart - discredit.  
- Indication of attitude to regard - monopoly  
- Whatever person they hold is "pro facto" -

(1) These persons belong to older, wealthier  
class - conscious - Claim blood-kinship  
- would persecute them -

(2) Stand & convention. Am. in '76 was  
tories - sided with King James - hated -  
HAB. sedition money - 50,000 -  
1/3 - The liberals, rebels etc. - &  
their descendants -

10. Was such perfect patriotism his spontaneity.  
Further - to pursue old way - Any one  
who questions aims - sympathy for  
Russia - Palmerin - not unprincipled -  
only. But was whatsoever - ugly -  
- These continue .

11. What is Patriotism? Not mysterious  
- whose reconcile meaning - The man who  
is devoted - <sup>needs</sup> - A man not mean that a citizen  
must exalt - a belief in infallible wisdom  
- Totally wrong - May be conservative -  
- May be D.A.R. The test - Roosevelt  
+ Mr. Baughman -

12. Who is an Am. - conformist - lives on Am.  
nation is naturally - "instincts" - free to express  
- Reactionaries - himself







~~they~~ <sup>report + then</sup> ~~came~~ on their work in secret, unsuspected  
of all enemies - They stalked in the dark. until  
they were dragged into the open and exposed.

4. Two <sup>seem to</sup> have been particularly active in  
this <sup>rank</sup> ritual of censorship, inquisition and  
expurgation at the behest of unadulterated  
Americanism. One is the Bureau of Treasury  
Corps, the other the D.A.R. The Bureau of  
Treasury Corps - which treats them as Nat. Fraternity  
Bureau as "Kabbah and Blade" - a very symbolic  
and significant name, by the way, - reminds one  
of the ~~market~~ <sup>market</sup> ~~first~~ <sup>first</sup> and the "attending sabre", The  
Hoytallens - has ~~listed~~ <sup>listed</sup> drafted a list  
of men & women in Am. who are utterly  
undesirable, whose voices should be silenced  
forever, whose activities are a menace to  
our free institutions. Among these ~~black~~  
are included.

① Senator Borah William E. Borah. His crimes  
are ① Fanned revolution, Russia ② advocated u.  
less & pol. prisoners ③ addressed meeting of Am.  
Anti Slavery Union.

② Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt - Woman  
Suffrage movement.

③ Jane Addams - "The most dangerous  
woman in America" - The most resplendent  
type of Am. womanhood - a pathfinder in Social  
Welfare. A Benefactor, Humanity. A  
name which will shine in the annals of  
great nations long after the <sup>new</sup> name, this species  
of. will have been forgotten.

④ Mr. Henry Sloane Coffin (Pres. Union Theol.  
Seminary) - One of a group of clergymen who  
signed a protest against the Espionage Act.



(5) John Dewey - Bec. he taught in the New School of Social Research - Bec. he signed a protest against the Just Law - Bec. he is an advanced liberal. - The posturing Am. philosopher - a pioneer in Education - A world leader of men -

(6) W.E. Burghardt DuBois - Editor, The Crisis. Bec. he turned the country to build up a friendly sentiment toward the Negro.

(7) Senator George W. Norris - (of Nebraska) because he joined an investigation of a blast at an Illinois Steel Co. plant.

(8) Prof. Francis B. Sayre (son-in-law of Pres. Wilson, now in faculty of Harvard Law School) bec. he wrote a number of powerful articles.

(9) Oswald Garrison Villard - bec. he is editor of that most radical publication The Nation - one of the few truly fearless and independent magazines in America. <sup>Am. would be poorer for the absence of such men from its ranks. They are the best & best of Am.</sup> These scoundrels & scoundrels paid me the high compliment of including my name in the list of heretics. My particular crime was the hearty endorsement which I gave the World Court, and my defense of organized labor.

5. The Mass. Branch, the W. A. R. drafted a list of its men, including some of those mentioned and many others. Not only were needs & exonerations created but up - as well. The Y. W. C. A. the Women's Inter League for Peace & Freedom; the League for



The Ford Hall Forum naval program, the navy keeps  
women and keeps other fell temples the base  
in fact all those who may be suspected to be opposed to the intervention.  
A few courageous souls in whom the spirit  
of the Am. Rev. still alive joy at valiantly at  
the recent Nat. Councils & D.D.H. to <sup>have the way</sup> ~~disarm~~  
~~these~~ Black lists. They were completely overwhelmed  
by the and defeated. In fact they were hissed-  
and unable to feel that they were enemies  
and Bolsheviks.

6. To be sure the Reserve Officer Training Corps is  
a military one, and one should not look  
for liberation <sup>there</sup>. ~~the same idea~~ They are the  
Am. Fascists, the most irrepressible Junkers.  
We can also readily understand their im-  
pulsiveness with all those who work for Peace.  
They have vested interests in War. Peace  
makes us their natural Enemies.  
But one is a <sup>little</sup> surprised and more than a  
little disappointed <sup>to find</sup> that an org. such as the  
A. A. R. - bearing such an honorable name  
and presumably having an honorable  
history such becoming the Lackey Corp, the  
Am. Fascists - a tool in the hands of militants  
and the few <sup>patrons</sup> ~~leaders~~ are the Navy itself? ~~By~~  
By no doing doing ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~there~~ has aligned  
itself with these purposes & reactions <sup>which</sup> ~~is~~  
delay mankind's progress, and <sup>without influence</sup> ~~without~~ <sup>with any progress</sup> ~~will~~  
will have to wait if it is to ~~advance~~.

7. Again ~~it has~~ <sup>by its action</sup> it has gone  
on record as favoring a paternalistic limit  
on the ghetto and the pillory - on repression.  
<sup>prohibition</sup> ~~and on~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~repression~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~drawing-room~~ <sup>repression</sup>  
rather than in education and the free  
& open exchange of views & opinions. This  
vest to an "Index Expurgatorium" is a



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Patristics & Blacklists

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What Is the true  
Measure of an American





terrible confession of weakness and of a lack  
of confidence in our own position. For a truth  
never needed, the fact that it was the race  
to ~~measure it~~ <sup>prove it - or to spread it</sup>. Truth triumphs in spite  
of these. Truth only requires a chance to  
be heard, and its ultimate victory is  
assured. If competition arrangement is the  
way to peace & security, if a 3/4, which  
Dallas Naval program is the best way of  
winning the peace, Am. of the world -  
then let that thesis be presented to the  
Am. people let it be argued, let the  
pros & cons be heard - and the advocate  
have sufficient confidence in the medium  
of their proposition to permit contrary  
opinion to be heard - a idea which  
must depend upon a blacklist is a lie.

8. The action, this action is not a great  
moment. Neither the ag. nor their activities  
are consequential - ~~they are the Am. people~~  
~~them out of court~~ - These blacklists, however,  
as indications, now, the means & agencies  
which are being employed by interested  
groups to thwart the cause of peace, and  
to discredit those who are devoting efforts to  
it - and to all other emancipating ideals of  
the race. They are indications, too, of  
~~the a frame of mind~~ <sup>an attitude</sup> as the fact, some  
~~persons & groups~~ <sup>people</sup> which induces them to regard  
Nationalism & Am. loyalty as private  
monopolies. Whatever opinion they hold  
an "if so be" Am. & patriotic. All  
contrary opinion are anathema. Unkind  
& unfair. These persons as a rule belong







Can we ~~also~~ request 7 requests  
with the Bureau on Rev. War Award or  
a Merchant —

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whatever move was official, a the State itself, declared it  
to be. It was an ugly period in our history -  
three years during & immediately following the war -  
- wound of the war hysteria, doubters, but  
it was nevertheless ugly and disreputable.  
One org. who go about in an official manner  
branching over & up, as unpat. are continuing,  
that ugly, disreputable was psychosis.

10. What is Patriotism? It is not a mysterious,  
esoteric science. ~~the~~ whose recrudescence  
is revealed only to the elite and the initiated.  
It is nothing more or less than what is implied  
in the simple phrase, love & country. The man  
who is devoted to the best interests of his country,  
<sup>who</sup> seeks its well-being, & works for its prosperity,  
is a patriot. - It ~~that~~ does not at all  
mean that a citizen must endorse every  
policy, his part, or believe in the infallible  
wisdom of the State itself, or the War itself,  
or even of the President, the S. A citizen may  
believe his part to be totally & completely  
in the <sup>at times</sup> wrong & still be a patriot. A  
citizen may be a Curmudgeon, & believe  
in a radical, a capitalist or a socialist,  
yes, a citizen may even be a reluctant  
if he is to be believed and still  
be a patriot. Again a <sup>man</sup> may be  
a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps  
or the D. A. C. and not be a patriot.  
The test is not whether a citizen subscribes  
to this policy or that, but whether in so  
doing he is actuated by motives of love &  
country or selfish interests - whether he  
wishes to serve his country, or to exploit it.  
I venture to say that there were patriots



in every country  
among the so-called radicals than among  
the international bankers ~~in every country~~  
and professors — (M)

11. Who is an American? Why are we who live in America, ~~the~~ natives & naturalized, who love this land, love its free institutions, ~~with~~ labor to uphold and perfect them; carries into his life and conduct the heroic motifs, the immortal Declaration of Independence: that all men are created equal, that all men possess unalienable rights to life, liberty, & the pursuit of happiness; that government is created for the people, not the people for government; that man is superior to the State; that man is free to experiment with new ideas, new forms of human organization, new modes of thought & conduct - That

man is an American  
 a devoted "superior" Pol. Econ  
 Reacher and racist Tories, exploiters  
 depends of class, caste & left & right, & prep. no thing  
 their mind, are not, by this definition,  
 Americans, quite regardless, how far  
 they can trace back their Am. ancestry  
 and how <sup>presently</sup> ~~firmly~~ they made the stars &  
 stripes —



Then he is not necessarily a conformist  
who moves with the alignment of a piston  
in a machine - the great efficient machine  
of commercialism which we have built  
up, and which makes such ruthless  
demands of discipline, uniformity and  
~~similarity~~ <sup>acquiescence and single-mindedness</sup>; a non-conformist,  
an individualist, a spiritual rebel  
can be an American -

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