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Intellectual pinks and conservative blues, 1935.

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INTELLECTUAL PINKS AND CONSERVATIVE BLUES

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The Report indulges in would be humor at the expense of the pink reformers who would "hasten the coming of the bright and shining better world that can be a reality the day after tomorrow or just next week or the week after." But the real spokesmen of prosperity around the ^{corner} ~~world~~ have not been the social workers, educators or ministers, but big business, ^{and} the high pressure salesmen of American capitalism who prophesied a chicken in every workingman's pot and two cars in his garage. A few months before the final collapse in 1929, Mr. Herbert Hoover, himself, prize spokesman of the ancient regime built on rugged individualism, declared:

"We in America today are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land. The poorhouse is vanishing from among us. We have not yet reached the goal, but given a chance to go forward with the policies of the last eight years, and we shall soon, with the help of God, be within sight of the day when poverty shall be banished from the land." It is with such messianic policies that the wise and conservative leaders of American business beguiled the masses of our people and covered up the iniquities of that system which was driving them helplessly to the brink of an economic abyss.

The report states that the sensitive stomachs of the well-fed Conservative Blues of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce are not "nauseated" by the reds in our community for their number and activities are ~~xxx~~ unimportant, but by those editors, professors and ministers who are consumed with a "burning ardor to reform the world, completely and at once." They are not "nauseated" by the

sight of those financial who wrecked the banks in Cleveland and some of whom are undoubtedly still members of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce because none of them has yet been sent to Atlanta. They are not "nauseated" by wizzardly brothers who inhabit the same ivory tower where the Chamber makes its headquarters and who helped so mightily in wrecking this fair city of ours. The Insulls do not "nauseate" them. But those progressive Americans ^{do "nauseate" them} who, heartsick at the debauch of our economic life by financial racketeers and profoundly moved by the sight of millions of unemployed forced to the degradation of the dole in a land of plenty, would seek a better and juster economic order for the benefit of the many and at the expense of those plutocrats and benefactors of special privilege whose spokesmen the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce has always been.

Who really favors the autocratic state besides communists? Who established Fascism in Germany, Austria, Italy? Not the democrats or the socialists but big business and the privileged classes. And big business in America will show ^{no} no scruples at all in establishing a Fascist regime in this country and in destroying our American institutions when hard pressed.

The report piously talks of the love of the American people for liberty and free speech and in the next breath it would deny academic freedom to those teachers whose economic views the Chamber of Commerce does not approve. Its anxiety for free speech voices itself in a demand for the ~~rigid~~ rigorous enforcement of the state syndicalism law -- a war-time measure for peace-time.

Woodrow Wilson once defined the radical as the man who goes too far, the conservative as the man who does not go far enough, the reactionary as who won't go at all, and the progressive as the man who recognizes new facts and adjusts policies to these new facts. Today belongs to the ^{progressives} ~~progressives~~ who will

recognize the new facts in our economic life and who will work for the new adjustment of national policies to meet these facts. If he fails, tomorrow will belong to the reactionaries -- the American Fascists who will ~~ix~~ try at all cost to preserve the old order. The day after tomorrow will belong to the real red radical.

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce would have rendered a much greater service to the community and the nation if, instead of indulging in a comic opera stunt, it had indicated to our citizens how best they can advance those progressive measures which would make the reactionary and the radical unnecessary in American life.



Sermon #425

INTELLECTUAL PINKS AND CONSERVATIVE BLUES
Comments on the Report of the "Secret Seven" of the Cleveland
Chamber of Commerce

By
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

At
The Temple

On
Sunday morning, February 17, 1935

Our community was informed two weeks ago of the self-appointed guardian of our civic security, the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored an investigation conducted by seven very secret people. And after five years of very secretive and expert sleuthing, these "Secret Seven" were at last able to submit their ten page report which indicates the extent of the red menace in our midst.

The report which was probably intended to hit the community like a bomb shell and to terrify all the good citizens of our city into an economic orthodoxy acceptable to the Chamber of Commerce actually exploded in the midst of a gale of laughter and even the friends of the Chamber were compelled to hang their heads in embarrassed silence. The newspapers of our city indulged themselves and their readers in a delightful burlesque of the report which added a much needed gaiety to the depressive times. And the whole town turned out in a merrymaking manhunt for these elusive individuals who for five years have been foot-printing and finger-printing without anyone having detected them.

I tried to obtain the full copy of their report both from the Public Library and from the Chamber of Commerce itself but without success. So we must content ourselves with abstracts which appeared in the local papers. The abstract is revealing not only of the mentality of the "Secret Seven" who carried on the investigation, but of the people who sponsored this.

At the very outset one is moved to ask why such an investigation needs to be carried on by non-governmental, by private individuals. Why

wasn't this work left to our municipal and state authorities who are charged legally with the responsibility of the security of our people. In fact while these "Secret Seven" were snooping around our community, our Federal Government did actually carry on a nation-wide investigation of the subversive activities which was carried on under the leadership of Mr. McCormack. Why the special investigation on the part of the Chamber of Commerce? Is our government broken down? Has it been lax in its investigations? Are the Secret Service men and the Department of Justice less proficient and competent than these "Secret Seven"?

The answer to these questions is to be found in the report itself. Any legally constituted investigation in this city would have resulted in the kind of findings which would not be particularly helpful to the Chamber of Commerce itself. It would have investigated the actual cases of violence or attempts to overthrow the government. And the gentlemen of the Chamber of Commerce knew, as we all know, that such instances are very rare and that the menace of the communists are largely in the minds of a few perverted reactionaries. The report, itself, dismissed as unimportant the situation in Cleveland. "The situation as to radicalism in this city is no worse than in most cities of the country at this time." In fact, it is better than in a number of large cities, and far better than in a few large cities, notably the eastern textile centers, certain cities in the northwest and certain cities on the Pacific Coast."

The Chamber of Commerce knew all that. They were out to expose not the communists who do not menace them. They were out to expose

all liberals and progressives and all those folks who are advocates of peace or who are looking for a better and juster economic order for the benefit of the masses of our people, for the benefit of the average American and at the expense of the plutocrat.

Most of the printed report is a bitter and shameless attack upon these people -- not upon the communists -- but an attack which is cunningly devised to paint all liberals and progressives with the red brush of Lenin and to cast suspicion on every piece of legislation which tends to maintain the status quo by involving them in a red network of Bolshevism. That, of course, was the favorite device of all reactionaries. Instead of educating people to judge proposals on their own merits, the reactionary sets about rather to arouse an emotional resistance to these measures. An emotional complex is far more serviceable to a reactionary -- to arouse the passions of people and then to keep them from thinking rationally on any economic issue. This report of the "Secret Seven" is not not the only act of this type sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. A few months ago the Chamber of Commerce brought to this city a notorious woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of the book, "The Red Network", in which every American progressive or liberal is named and discredited and tied up with a red conspiracy. Every one of them is mentioned by name and bunched together with communists and bolsheviks so as to give the unthinking masses the impression that all these people are probably secretly working for the violent overthrow of our government.

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"They are always eloquent orators, whose impassioned denunciations of our present form of government are not the result of ignorance...but the result of a burning ardor to reform the world, completely and at once.

"Are they Communists? Certainly not. They will deny it truthfully. Reformers they admit themselves to be, and they subtly convey the impression of their willingness that blood shall be spilled, if necessary, their own if need be to hasten the coming of the bright and shining better world that can be a reality the day after tomorrow, or just next week, or the week after that, if all of us will take away the power of the wicked capitalist and establish the power of the virtuous state -- the state whose sole motive shall be social justice.

"The effect of their logic and eloquence upon immature minds is electrical.

"These eloquent prophets of the Better Day speak under the most respectable sponsorship. It is educated sponsorship. It is religious sponsorship. It is the sponsorship of institutions of higher learning. It is the sponsorship of certain Protestant clergymen, Jewish rabbis and Catholic priests. It is the sponsorship of civic organizations vouched for by prominent trustees....of dinner coats and evening gowns.

"This type of person, in progressively increasing numbers, has been present in every revolution of the 'masses against the classes' -- from Athens and Rome to Paris and Moscow. Those of us who are nauseated by their naive acceptance of fantastic formulas have an ironical interest in the fact that if a revolution really did come, they would, by historical precedent, be among the first victims of the firing squad."

So it isn't the reds, really, who nauseate the sensitive stomachs of the well-fed Conservative Blues, for their numbers and activities are not at all important. It is the "eloquent prophets of the Better Day, these naive folk who so readily accept fantastic formulas", who believe in "the coming of the bright and shining better world that can be a reality the day after tomorrow, or just next week, or the week after that." These members of the Chamber of Commerce are not nauseated by the financial bandits who wrecked the banks in Cleveland and some of whom are undoubtedly still members of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce because none of them have yet been sent to Atlanta. They are not any longer nauseated by those who in high power helped to wreck this fair town. The Insulls don't nauseate them. The Eatons don't nauseate them. But it is these school teachers and professors and social workers and priests and ministers and rabbis and liberals generally, who are heartsick at the debauch of our economic life by financial racketeers and big business men, at the ten to fifteen millions of people out of work, degraded to the indignity of the dole -- it is these people who are heartsick at the debauch of government at the hands of special privilege -- these people who do not think of the United States as a universal grab bag -- it is these people who nauseate the sensitive stomachs

of the Conservative Blues of the Chamber of Commerce. With wisdom of ages -- these people think that better day is coming just the day after tomorrow or next week.

But strangely enough, the gentlemen who up to 1929 dangled before the eyes of the American people the messianic day of the abolishment of all poverty, of the hicken in every workingman's pot and two cars in his garage, were not the rabbis or the social workers or the educators, but the high pressure salesmen of American capitalism and the big business. In 1928, a few months before the disaster of '29, Mr. Herbert Hoover, himself, certainly the prime spokesman of that great regime built on rugged individualism had this to say to the American people: "We in America today are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land. The poorhouse is vanishing from among us. We have not yet reached the goal, but given a chance to go forward with the policies of the last eight years, and we shall soon, with the help of God, be within sight of the day when poverty shall be banished from the land."

It is with these Messianic promises that wise Conservative leaders beguiled the American people and covered up the iniquities of the old order, which was driving the American people to the brink of an economic abyss.

This report of the "Secret Seven" in a would be humor at the expense of the pink reformers would like to bring about this "Better Day" by taking away the power of the wicked capitalist and establishing the power of the virtuous state. It is as if the reformer, the liberal is anxious to build

up the power of the state at the expense of the individual while these defenders of the old order are of state function and power. But who turned to the state when the present system seemed to be breaking down? Who ran to Washington for a hand-out? Who dipped into the public kiln? Did the rabbis and social workers? We didn't even have a look in. Bankers, broken down railroads, shipping industries, aeroplane companies -- everyone who had a broken down business or thought he had to get a subsidy -- every one ran to Washington and asked for money. The state evidently is all right when you want to mulch it. When industry has ten to fifteen million people that it can no longer employ, then it is alright to take these people and lay them on the altar of government and ask the state to help them. That is alright. When the state wants to step in to supervise big business so as to avert a disaster -- then it is a menace, then it is no good.

Who really favors autocratic state, my friends, when you come to think of it? Who really wants a dictatorial state? Why, big business. Who established dictatorships in Austria, Germany and Italy? Not the democrats or the socialists. Who destroyed all the democratic institutions? Why the big industrialists, the financiers. And big business in America will show no scruples at all in establishing a Fascist regime in this country and in destroying our American institutions when hard pressed. It will scrap the whole democratic system and establish ruthless dictatorship. Don't think for a moment that it isn't possible. ... Attempt of Smedley Butler laughed at. But so was Hitler's first putsch in Europe a laughing affair.

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of this subject that the great mass of the American people look for their happiness to the self-respect engendered by honest work and self-sacrificing thrift, to the joys of family life, to disinterested friendship freedom of religious and ethical belief, and liberty of thought and speech."

According to the rule which I suppose these gentlemen would like to see established in our education in Cleveland, those people who in the teaching of history, economics, sociology, tell their children that everything is perfect in this world of ours -- those teachers are advocates of academic freedom. But those who dare to set their children thinking and searching -- those teachers are abusing their privileges. The anxiety of the Chamber of Commerce for free speech in our community does express itself not to interfere with free platform on the Public Square which Mayor Davis is anxious to remove because free speech interferes with him too. - interference with state syndicalism law -- a war time measure in peace.

This document, my friends, if one reads it with intelligence, is an outright Fascist document couched in the honeyed words of sweet Americanisms. Its closing argument is most revealing: "In the event of a serious insurrection, Cleveland's state of preparedness is complete." Force is the last resort of the radical. Whether this report referred to the legally constituted authorities, of our police force, or to the national guard one does not know. Perhaps these "Secret Seven" had some information. "But we are prepared." Against whom? My friends, these Bourbons, like all the Bourbons of old have learned nothing and have forgotten nothing. Disraeli once said that "Conservatism is a barren thing, an unhappy cross-breed, the mule of politics that engenders nothing."

In this day of upheaval and prejudice, the Chamber of Commerce of Cleveland has nothing to offer for ameliorating the economic life of our people but stale slogans, admonishment, threats. They are bankrupt of ideas, these people. They have become real obstructionists. They are even now attempting to stifle the New Deal. They are lost intellectually. They are frightfully confused. They don't know how to hold what they have. They have become desperate and when desperate, people see and do foolish things. They will not learn the simple lesson that Henry George tried to teach his generation: "So long as all the increased wealth which modern progress brings, goes but to build up great fortunes, to increase luxury, and make sharper the contrast between the House of Have and the House of Want, progress is not real and cannot be permanent."

And those who are learning this lesson and are working in their own sphere of influence for a juster distribution of our national income so as to make possible real progress for our people -- these people are denounced as radicals and intellectual 'pinks'. Attempts are made to undermine them, to defeat them, to destroy them. Some will undoubtedly be defeated and demolished. I know a man who was pried loose from the public school system in Cleveland because -- liberal attitude. He is one of the finest men of our city. The story of human progress in the world has been from scaffold to scaffold and from stake to stake....

I think it was Woodrow Wilson who defined the terms reactionary, conservative, radical and progressive. He regarded the radical as the man who goes too far, the conservative as the man who does not go far enough, the reactionary as the man who won't go at all and the progressive as the man who recognizes new facts and adjusts policies to these new

facts.

And this is the day of the progressive. For new facts have appeared on the national horizon -- new economic, political and social facts. These five years of depression are facts. The breakdown of our economic system in the years before 1929 is a fact. The ten million unemployed is a fact. The discontent and restlessness of our people is a fact. This is the day for the progressive and if the progressives lose out, then tomorrow will be the day for the reactionary -- the American Fascist who will try to save the system by suppression or dissent, by handing down rules from the top like Mussolini, Hitler, Schussnik. They will lose out, because all dictatorships are losing on economic grounds.

And then will come the day after tomorrow. Then will come the day of the real red radical. So the folks of the Chamber of Commerce if they had intelligence would be pledging the support of the people in the organization not behind a comic opera or burlesque but behind those measures which the administration in Washington is endeavoring to put through to diminish unemployment, to neutralize the evils of our present economic system, to curb the iniquitous speculation, to distribute more equitably social good so that our people would be a contented, thrifty, peace-loving, happy people.

That, I am afraid, is too much to ask from any Chamber of Commerce.

Yours, WILL ROGERS.

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'SECRET 7' HERE HITS CITY'S 'PINKS'

C. of C. Group Undismayed by Communists; Pre- pared for Revolt.

Cleveland's intellectual "pinks"—some in dinner coats and evening gowns; some editors, clergymen, economists, professors, social workers, lawyers and even judges—were the principal targets of a "Secret Seven" whose activities over the last five years were disclosed last night with issuance of a ten-page report made to its sponsor, the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

Discussing revolutionary tendencies within the community, the report singled out as the most dangerous elements these reformers, who were described as champions of "the virtuous state, whose sole motive shall be social justice." It recommended rigid enforcement of the Ohio criminal syndicalism law and further legislation of like purpose in the state and nation.

It dismissed the factors of Communist demonstrations and activities as unimportant, except so far as Communists are impregnating American Federation of Labor groups with their revolutionary germs by "boring from within" the locals.

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U. S. Transients Quit Jobs at Lake Front in 'Strike' P

Demanding 60 cents a hour, 30 hours a week, or \$18 a week in place of the present rate of \$1 a week cash, the transients now cared for by the U. S. Transients Bureau here yesterday and today were frightened off their jobs at the lake front d

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Release by the White House of correspondence between the president and Charlton Ogden, labor union counsel, regarding the board apparently was a reply to the federation's demand that the board be abolished because, the federation said, its employee election of collective bargaining were illegal.

The White House action was interpreted further as a defense of Donald R. Richberg, emergency council director, who has been bitterly lambasted by labor for his part in the code renewal.

Ogburn's letter asking abolition of the board was dated Jan. 28, three days before the code was renewed. The reply went into the mail yesterday.

William Green, president of the A. F. of L., also wrote a letter to the president regarding labor's proposals for the renewed code.

From those two, the president said last Friday, he got an ample understanding of labor's position.

Before he received Mr. Roosevelt's letter, Ogburn also asked NRA's administrative board to toss out the Wolman board's election returns so far, and to abolish the board as illegal. Ogburn said tonight he would file the same petition with the

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Roosevelt Moves to Outlaw Power Holding Companies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Legislation designed to eliminate public utility holding companies within five years was agreed upon tentatively today at a White House conference.

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Pinks Increasing.

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The report, however, said Cleveland was fully prepared for any insurrection that might be anticipated.

Not So Bad Here.

The situation as to radicalism in this city is no worse than in most of the large cities of the country at this time," it continued. "In fact, it is better than in a number of large cities, and far better than in a few large cities, notably the eastern textile centers, certain cities in the northwest and certain cities on the Pacific coast."

"While there is no probability of a serious insurrection in Cleveland, your committee believes that the Chamber of Commerce may wish to know what the state of preparedness of the city of Cleveland is, in the event of a serious insurrection. On this subject your committee is fully informed. Cleveland's state of preparedness is complete."

The report, submitted under the title "Committee on Subversive Activities," did not disclose personnel of the "Secret Seven," which has been known only by the Chamber presidents over the last five years, although the executive committees had been informed of the committee's activity.

The only inkling as to participants in compilation of its data and such

investigations as have been made came in concluding paragraphs, expressing appreciation for "the invaluable services rendered to the committee by the manager of the Associated Industries (William Frew Long) and his staff, in certain activities of the committee," and acknowledgment of co-operation from Munson Havens, executive secretary of the Chamber, and members of the Chamber staff.

"One of the most subversive groups in Cleveland is composed of a few members of the teaching profession," the report charged. "Though few in number, their influence is far-reaching. They characterize themselves by the vague and innocuous term of 'liberals' and profess belief in various degrees of socialism, from pale pink to Bolshevik red * * * Their vociferous demand for 'academic freedom' is as characteristic as the Communists' reference to themselves as 'workers.'"

Characterizing the instruction of the immature and ignorant by "visionary and impractical" teachers as "one of the most significantly discouraging facts with reference to the local situation," the report charged that such teaching is an abuse of academic freedom and actually in the interest of the international Communist movement, "whether the intent of the liberal educator is to go half way or all the way on the road to violent revolution."

"World-Wide."

"While subversive activities have their localized phenomena, these are nation-wide and world-wide and have no essential local differences," the report went on.

"It should never be forgotten, in the consideration of this subject, that the great mass of the American people look for their happiness to the self-respect engendered by honest work and self-sacrificing thrift, to the joys of family life, to disinterested friendship, freedom of religious and ethical belief, and liberty of thought and speech."

"The proportion of our people who are beguiled into a belief that individual happiness can come from subservience to the state is relatively small. The great mass of our people realize, either by education or by instinct, or by ancestral tradition, that the state is a group of selfish and often unscrupulous politicians, and that the greater its powers are, the less liberty its people have."

A group of specific recommendations by the Chamber's secret committee included numerous legislative acts and vigorous enforcement of those now on the statute books, particularly the state syndicalism law, which the Chamber committed itself to defend against any further attempts by "radicals and their pink sympathizers" to repeal it.

"Today this law is a dead letter," the report charged. "Public authorities ignore it. Your committee believes it should be rigorously enforced. If Communist speakers or 'pinks' can make addresses that are in strict observance of that law no one should object. But we wish any public authority had the courage to prevent, forcibly if necessary, any speaker who violates that law—on a public or private rostrum—no matter how respectable its environment."

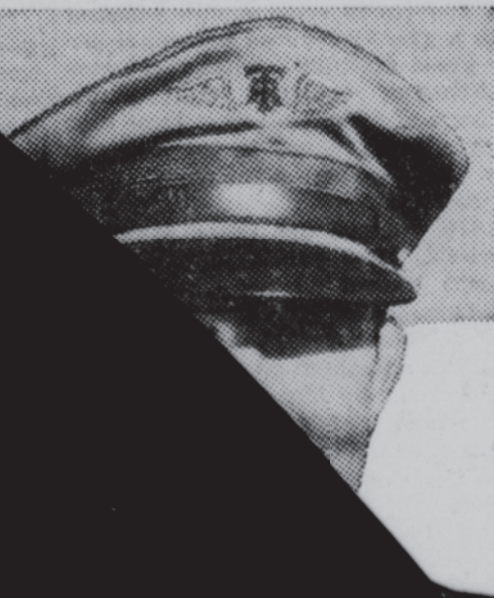
Would Close Mails.

As it stands on the books, the law makes any printed or spoken advocacy of doctrines inciting reform by terrorism or violence, or participation in any assemblage for that purpose, a felony, punishable by imprisonment up to ten years.

Federal legislation closing the mails to Communist and other literature advocating overthrow of the laws or government by violence, barring Communists from citizenship by naturalization and provisions for special penalties for any attempts to incite disaffection or insubordination among armed forces of the nation was advocated.

Protesting the Department of Justice's policy in practically discontinuing its investigations of Communist activities in the period since the World War, the Chamber committee and its board urged that the department's staff, which on last inquiry was confined to one Communist investigator, be expanded, and special attention be given to sources of income of the Communist party in the United States and the party's affiliation with the Internationale.

ABOLISH FIRE CAPTAINCY





"Hey you, come back here. That bird ain't been weighed y

Look for Your Answer Here

Valentine Day, and Its Probable Origin

The Saint.

Will you please give some information on the origin of Valentine Day? F. C. P.
New Philadelphia, O.

The majority of the authorities on the subject are agreed that the connection of the usual customs of St. Valentine's Day with the saint of that name is largely accidental—or at least that nothing in the history of the saint himself had anything to do with the modern Valentine Day.

St. Valentine was a Roman of the second or third century, who became a Christian, a priest, and then a bishop. Imprisoned for his preaching, he is said to have restored the sight of the blind daughter of his jailer. The jailer was thus won over to Christianity, but Valentine was nevertheless presently put to death, on Feb. 14, in the year 207—or, in some accounts, on Feb. 14, 269. At any rate, Feb. 14 became the day sacred to Valentine in the calendar of the saints.

It so happens that Feb. 15 was the date of the annual Roman festival, the Lupercal. A pagan festival of fruitfulness and fertility, a number of customs which developed around it suggest the modern associations of Valentine Day. One was a sort of a lottery in which young men drew from a box the names of their young women partners for the occasion. This sort of choosing of Valentines survived in France and England for many centuries after. In the sixteenth century St. Francis de Sales attempted to break up the custom. In 1667 it is mentioned in Samuel Pepy's diary.

In winning the pagan masses over to Christianity, the early missionaries of the church sought not to root out all of their original customs and celebrations, but often simply adapted them to Christian forms. This was evidently the case with Valentine Day.

Guest's Middle Name.

To settle a dispute, will you please tell what the initial "A." stands for in Edgar A. Guest's name? E. R. W.
Canton, O.

It stands for Albert, according to Who's Who in America.

A Poem.

Where may we purchase the song "Ohio," by Lida Keck-Wiggins? R. F. K.
Warren, O.

The poem has not been set to music, neither has it been adopted by the state. It is owned by Dr. J. L. Clifton of Ohio State University.

Beethoven.

Please give the correct pronunciation of Beethoven. G. N.
Lakewood, O.
"Ba-to-ven," with long "a," long "o," and accent on the first syllable.

Guess Again.

Answers to these questions will be found in the Want Ad Section.

1. What building in New York now stands on the site of the old Waldorf-Astoria?
2. Which is farther west, Reno, or Los Angeles, Cal?

Keep Well or Get

BY ROYAL S. COPELAND

Quinsy Sore Throat.

This is the time of the year when victims of diseased and enlarged tonsils are subject to repeated attacks of tonsillitis. These persons are especially susceptible to "quinsy sore throat."

This is a painful infection of the tonsil. It is really an abscess formation in the diseased tonsil or in the tissues adjacent to the tonsil.

The sufferer complains of considerable pain and swelling on one side of the throat. This persists for several days. As the soreness grows more intense, talking and swallowing become extremely difficult.

Very often the mouth can be opened just partially and even this is painfully accomplished. The breath has a very unpleasant odor. Although there is no actual stiffness of the neck, the patient keeps turning his head in his efforts to lessen the pain.

The disturbance is often confused with some infection of the ear, because the sufferer complains of throbbing and pains in this organ. But this is "referred pain," apparently in the ear when it is actually due to the inflammation and swelling caused by the abscess in the throat. In severe cases high fever, headache and general discomfort are present.

As in the case of any other abscess within the body, the cure of quinsy sore throat depends on drainage of the accumulated pus. Naturally, most persons dread operation even though it is a simple one. Hop-



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The Plain Dealer P

"The Decent Thing."

Editor Plain Dealer—Sir: On Jan. 31, I read an article sponsored by the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce committee advocating a change amounting to \$1,500,000 less in the bonds to be voted some time in February by the voters of Cleveland.

I wonder if they realize that civic pride has caused those employed by the city to continue working in the face of 25 per cent. cuts, layoffs, etc. with a steady rise in rents and food-stuff amounting to another 20 per cent.; that their property as well as others' has been protected by the fire and police departments working with a greatly reduced personnel under great difficulty. That the water department, municipal light plant, garbage and ash collection have also done a lion's share in keeping the city functioning somewhere near normal.

As a reward for these general services these public spirited citizens(?) known as the Chamber of Commerce, alias the Citizens' Committee, alias the American Plan who had no constructive work called upon by Mayor Sawyer to devise a means of bettering the city of its financial condition with the same wages.

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best means Cleveland crisis is to the cities restored al

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"We in America today are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land. The problem is vanishing from among us. We have not yet reached the goal, but given a chance to go forward with the policies, the last 8 years, and we shall soon , with the help of God, be within sight of the day when poverty shall be banished from the land ."

"So long as all the increased wealth which modern progress brings, goes but to build up great fortunes, to increase luxury, and make sharper the contrast between the Have , Have and the Have not , progress is not real and cannot be permanent!" Henry George.

1- Our comm. was informed 2 weeks - self appointed -
After 5 yrs of very secretive - at last able to submit a 10 -
the Report which was probably intended to hit ^{transfer in} exploded
Even friends -
The newspapers - devastating bursts - adding a welcome
The whole Town - elusive-mysterious - finger-printed

2)- Tried to obtain full copy -
On basis of abstract - revealing

3) At the every outset one is moved to question -
Why should not legally constituted authorities
In fact such an investigation - the comment -
Why the special - not asked to assume.
Has our Govt. broken down? Lax? Secret Service?

4) The answer -
Activities of Com. dismissed as "important"
The situation in Cleveland as to "radicalism" - better -
Chamberlain every one else knew that!
Out to expose not Communists - liberals, progressives
who are calling for
Most of the printed Report - bitter, shameless attack
upon them - carefully devised to paint -
and to prejudice all - involving them - and untruth

5) Favorable device

Instead of educating - to judge - arouse emotional
similes link -

✓ An emot. complex is far more serviceable
Arouse passions - & people will stop thinking rationally
That is hope of all fascists - just hope -

6) C.C. pursuing such course - "let network" -

7) Let me read (Just)

8) No, it is not kids who "nauseate" sensitive stomachs -
of the well-fed Conservative Blues

But these "eloquent prophets, the Better Day"
who are so "naive" - accept "fantastic formulas"
who fondly believe "that bright & shiny better world is just"
where eloquence is so electrical upon unwary minds

(A) of course - gentlemen, (- not "nauseated" financial
bandits)

✓ not nauseated by the "wizardly brothers"
these eloquent prophets ^{of am. high finance} ~~the Better Day~~ who were brubbling
but teachers - heart-sick - debanching
grab. bag -

9) Our investigators - sapience - lecture -
"a day after to-morrow or next week"

10 - But early expectation of Kingdom -
Didn't they prophesy a chicken
wont of Herbert Hoover - ancient regime built on
(Just)

It is with such meretricious promises - beguiled -
- covered up iniquities -

11. Report indulges under-the-humour at expense - "fruit" reformer
But who turned to State?

Who ran to Washington - for a hand-out?

Who helped Es?

The State evidently is all right - to be under!
- 10-15 millions - personal liberty!

12) Who really favors an autocratic state besides
communists? Why, the Business!

1. Forster

2. Am. big business will show no scruples
abortive attempts - Smoot Butler! Heller!
Pangable!

13/ Pious talk - liberty, that - Free Speech (Just)
But - "teachers" (Just)

"Academic freedom" as dangerous as Communism -
The rule, laid down by Ch. - seems to be -

14/ Anxiety for free speech - Publicly - "State Syndicalism Law"

15/ It is a Fascist document - couched -

It is an anti-Cong. Labor document -

Its closing argument most revealing (Just)

Force! What force not indicated! -

Fascist mentality + firmness!

16/ No, these Bourbons -

+ Conservatism - Disraeli - "is a barren thing, an unhappy
cross-breed, the rule of politics that expends nothing."

+ In this day of upheavals - has nothing to offer
state slogans - adventures - threats

+ Bankrupt ideas - simple obstructionism

Now something New Deal - Buying down

17/ The will not learn - Henry George (Just)

Those who will learn - denounce - "radical" - denigrate

It will not! - Some will be defeated -

"Every step of progress the world has made has been
+ from scuffled to scuffled, and from stale to stale"
(Wendell Phillips)

18. W. L. Wilson defined - Radical - Core - heart - Progress -
- recog. new facts - adjust policies -