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Age of dictators, 1934.

1. Why dictators?

2. War-makes dictators

" is never democratic -
Languished -

After War - revived - Spelt doom

Democracy thrives - propitious

Napoleon - Feudalism -

Lenin - Mussolini - Hitler -

Clamor for - ready to rally

When world crumbles - Messiah - Apoc

3 - How sharp - 100 yrs -

4. Their Objective differ - Technique
Russia - Italy - Nazis

5. What they have in common

① Suppress all freedom -
imprison mind - isolate

② Education

③ Literature

④ Inalienable Rights

6. My Interview with Mussolini - State - Incl.

7. Makes man small -

Brunsen

Religion - , Intel -

Checking life - Vietnam -

6. Fas - Nazism - revert - Fr. Rev.

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity

Outreached

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(1) Woman - Von Pahlen -

7. There can be no compromise - Either man is
supreme -

8. Nazism - most Medieval - Racism

"All men are created free & Equal"

Untermenschen - Herrenmasse

Liberty - anti-cipated (Read) 69

Race - citizenship (11) 92

All cultural etc. produced -

Jesus - Bible - Christianity -

Noble Prize - Patristism -

"German descent -

In name, this ~~was~~ racialism -

~~the ~~same~~ thing~~

Even Christian Churches

More menacing >

9. Contrast - attitude of Religion

"Have we not all one

~~of the same color~~

One Adam

10. Fas. & Nazism inevitably made for
Chaos, Nat - total Racialism

Denial - for Toleration

No Compromise

11. War - idealization

Armed Camp

Youth

indoctrinate ~~the~~

Over-crowding

was in 1945

12. Between these 2 armies

Handicraft - chaos - must tolerate

13. Masaryk

14. 3 Great Alchemists

15. The success of Dict - has not been such

16. Perhaps the way is, after all - democr.
and evolution

(3) Drift to Dictatorship

1. Why dictators? Why war which was to make - at least 17 countries

2. Answer - War makes dictators - we have been at war since 1914 - (1) Imperialist War (2) Economic war.

(a) War is never democ. in its temper - made possible by utmost submission to authority - unquestioning obedience - Criticism is treason - no free press - right of dissent democ. languished.

(b) After war - democ. for a time revived - but econ. chaos & world material grievances, misery of defeated people - soon spelt doom of democ. in many countries.

(c) Democ. thrives in peace and order - There was no peace anarchy - Such times are propitious for 'men on horse back' - dictators.

(1) Napoleon - French Revolution

(2) Feudalism emerged out of chaos following collapse

(3) Democ. govts. had failed to give - security, work, bread - new cabinets - govts - elections - lost faith in Parliamentary govt.

(4) Clamor for emergency action - ready to rally

(5) When worlds are crumbling men expect the Messiah. Apocalyptic mood - Lenin - Mussolini - Hitler -

3. How sharp the line is drawn - Capitalism Socialism
(1) For more > 1000 years -

4. Objectives ^{vast} different - Techniques same. - ~~different~~

1. Bolsheviks set example - Strategy - doctrine - ideology - style - word - tactics - slogans - propaganda - organization -

2. Mussolini promised - State-cap. corporate social. - wid socialism to private property

3. Hitler - nothing new - simply appropriated - "Führer Testament" - "Resurrection of Jews" - "racism"

5. Suppress all freedom - imprison mind - isolate - never know what world is thinking -

① In place of education - propaganda - dogma - instead of questioning - all truth already known .

② Literature - criticism of life - sales-talks - Administration - for party doctrine + purposes

③ No inalienable rights . State Party

Interview ✓ Mussolini - "Beyond the State - nothing"

✓ "Here as in Russia, we are advocates of the collective significance of life and we wish to develop this at the cost of individualism"

④ Obedient servants - not bother their heads - Man made
Small
— 1, 2, 3 —
Sanctity —
— Bismarck said of Bismarck: "He had made
Germany great and the Germans small"

⑤ Fas. + Nazism - Pre-Fr. Revolution - revert -
liberty - fraternity - equality -

(a) Woman - Kitchen - "should exhaust"
— Von Papen —

⑥ Nazism most Medieval - "Racialism" -

"all men are created equal" -

all Aryans - "Untermenschen" - disenfranchised

— "All cultural values, arts, science, the
and technical, have been produced by Aryans"
and Jesus? ... Bible? ... Churches

notable huge number -

① Adam - no man! -

② Opposed to Mosaic Law!

⑦ War-idealization - (quote)

① heightened apprehensive -

② Europe armed camps -

③ Youth - 16 years old -

④ Over crowding -

כלל אלה ומה דאם
בדי פאסיר

דא וקאן אהרן זי זאלען
אין גארן אלגא - באלד
אין ווייטלעך פאר
פאר אים איהרע
באלד - ס'האט
היינט געט
איהרע

1914

5- Between these 2 armies .

1. Handicapt -

2- Must tolerate opposite parties

6. Quite possible -

The World War will be known.

7. Masaryk - intervention - pathway -

W. passing thru crisis.

8. 3 great democracies }

9. Success of 1919. under Trial - untested

② Italy - Roads - land reclamation - ports -
was it necessary? spy system - prison.

③ Russia - new socialized economy -
but was it necessary -

10. Perhaps the way ^{3 way} of democ. + evolution is better?
~~autocratic~~ ^{autocracy} > autocracy + revolution.

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First Presbyterian Church

The Circle • Buffalo, New York

Organized February 2, 1812

January 14, 1934



Ralph Blake Hindman
Minister

William E. McLennan
Emeritus Minister of Social Service

Say not, "the days are evil; who's to blame?"
And fold the hands, and acquiesce; for shame!
Stand up! Speak out, and bravely, in God's name!
Be Strong!

—Maltbie Davenport Babcock

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

There will be no announcement of the hymns

Organ Prelude

Choral Introit: O day of rest and gladness

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The Call to Worship:

Minister and People responsively

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together.
Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.
Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

The Choir

The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

The Prayer of Invocation

The Anthem: In Him we live

Baumgartner

O that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come into His presence! I would seek unto God and unto God would I commit my cause. Why standest Thou afar off, O Lord? Why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble? O that I knew where I might find Him!

Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find the Almighty unto perfection? Behold, God is great and we know Him not. He doeth great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without number. With Him is wisdom and strength: He hath counsel and understanding: In His hand is the soul of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.

O that I knew where I might find Him!
God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshipped with men's hands as though He needed anything. Seeing He giveth to all, life, and breath, and all things, and hath made of one blood all nations of men that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, though He be not far from every one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being.

The Psalter: Selection 6

The Gloria Patri

The Scripture Lesson: Matthew xii:1-21

Hymn: Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

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Prayer, with The Lord's Prayer

The Offertory: Great Lord of life

Hemery

The Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

Hymn: A mighty fortress is our God

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(omit stanza three)

The Sermon: The Gospel for the Discouraged

Text: A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. Matthew xii:20.

Prayer and Choral Response

Benediction and a Moment of Silence

Organ Recessional

The Community Vesper Service

Five o'clock

Organ: First Sonata for Organ
Allegro ma non troppo—Andante

Borowski

The Prayer and Choral Response (Congregation seated)

Choir Selections

Duet: Let us all with gladsome voice *Handel-Milligan*
Anthem: The Good Shepherd *Jennings*
Tenor aria: If with all your hearts *Mendelssohn*
Anthem: Seek Him that maketh the seven stars *Rogers*

The Offertory: Evening Song *Bairstow*

The Address: The Age of Dictators

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
Cleveland, Ohio

Rabbi Silver has been at The Temple in Cleveland since 1917. He was born in Lithuania; received his A.B. from the University of Cincinnati in 1915; rabbi, Hebrew Union College, 1915, D.D., 1925; and Litt. D. from Western Reserve in 1928. Rabbi Silver has devoted much time to organizations dealing with matters bearing upon human welfare. Last September he returned from a year spent in Europe, where he observed at first hand many of the political, economic, and social movements of the day.

Prayer and Choral Amen

Postlude

In the Future

Jan. 21—A Musical Vesper Service under the direction of Clara Foss Wallace. All the selections will be by American composers, and will include a cantata, entitled, *The Woman of Sychar*, by Stoughton. It is the story of the meeting of Jesus and the woman at the well.

Jan. 28—"New Times, New Morals," Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, Professor of Geology, Harvard University. Dr. Mather has been our speaker on several occasions and always brings a vital and challenging message. In announcing this topic, he says he "will comment on the so-called scientific basis for the ethics which may be workable under the new conditions of the modern day."

Feb. 4—"Austria—The Front Line Trench of Civilization," Rt. Hon. Wdgewood Benn, former member of British Parliament, London, England.

Feb. 11—"Abraham Lincoln," Ralph Blake Hindman.

Feb. 18—"Interracial Cooperation or Conflict, Which?", Dr. George E. Haynes, Sociologist, Executive Secretary of the Department of Race Relations, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Feb. 25—David Seabury, Consulting Psychologist, New York.

Mar. 4—Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of Applied Christianity, Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Mar. 11—John W. Pontius, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Buffalo.

Announcements

SUNDAY

- 9:45—Intermediate and Senior departments—Church School.
10:00—The Adult Bible Class.
11:00—Beginners, Primary and Junior departments.
11:00—Morning Worship.
5:00—Community Vesper Service.
6:30—The High School group.
6:30—The Foursquares.

MONDAY

- 6:30—The Church School staff dinner meeting.

TUESDAY

- 11-12—Mr. Hindman's conference hour.
2:00—Woman's Circle, sewing.
3:00—Woman's Circle monthly meeting.
6:00—The Board of Deacons dinner meeting at the Tudor Arms.

The Board of Deacons have a dinner meeting at the Tudor Arms, Tuesday evening from six to eight o'clock.

Young people of college age are invited to meet with the Foursquares on the second floor of the parish house immediately after the vesper service. Rabbi Silver will be the guest.

"The Hope of the World," Harry Emerson Fosdick's recent book, is to be considered by the Women's Evening Club discussion group Thursday evening. Mr. Hindman is the leader.

The High School group of young people meet this evening in the parish house from six-thirty to eight o'clock. A program, directed by Mrs. Karl Wilhelm, is to be presented by members of the group.

Baptisms (October 1st to January 1st) by Mr. Hindman: Brenda Boocock, daughter of William R. and Brenda H. Boocock; Dan Norman Butt, son of Denton and Hope N. Butt; Florence, and Robert Nelson Larkin, children of James Crate and Florence W. Larkin. By Dr. McLennan: Martha Phoebe Haines, daughter of Alfred G. and Martha H. Haines.

Rev. J. Elmer Russell of Auburn, New York, will be the guest and speaker at a dinner for the Church

WEDNESDAY

- 11-12—Mr. Hindman's conference hour.
4:00—Girl Scouts, Troop 5.

THURSDAY

- 11-12—Mr. Hindman's conference hour.
8:00—Women's Evening Club discussion group.

FRIDAY

- 11-12—Mr. Hindman's conference hour.
7:30—Boy Scouts, Troop 52.
8:00—Choir rehearsal.

SATURDAY

- 11-12—Mr. Hindman's conference hour.

School Staff and Session's Committee on Religious Education, Monday at six-thirty. Following the address there will be an informal discussion.

Dr. Frank L. Janeway is to speak before the Woman's Circle Tuesday at three o'clock. The address will be in reference to his Work and Experiences as a General Presbyterian. Mrs. H. B. Stimson and Mrs. Risley Tucker invite women of the congregation to be their guests for tea at four-thirty.

The weekly sewing meeting of the Circle will begin at two o'clock.

Amplifiers that have been in temporary use in our church auditorium the past few weeks have now been installed as permanent equipment. By means of small microphones on the reading desk and on the pulpit, the speaker's voice is carried to inclined sounding boards so placed in the gallery that the sound waves are redirected, overcoming to a great degree the reverberations which previously made it difficult to hear in all parts of the auditorium. Four pews are fitted with small acousticons, connected with the microphones, for the use of those who have defective hearing. Persons desiring to use these acousticons should speak to one of the ushers.