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A THOMAS PAINE CENTER

At the May monthly business meeting of F.L.L. a momentous decision was made by the members. It was decided to proceed at once to purchase a property for the proposed Thomas Paine Center. After an inspection of the property and a discussion all present voted to go ahead.

There was no dissent as to the need of a home and headquarters for the League. The only difference of opinion was whether with only \$8,000 on hand we could get anything which would serve our purpose. Whether it was better to wait until we had a larger sum in hand enabling us to have all we want or to compromise on a smaller place which would meet part of our desires and later perhaps be able to build our dream house, if and when more funds become available.

A three story dwelling

We have been given a sixty day option on the property at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. It is a three story building, originally a dwelling, but with the first floor now converted into a store front and extended forward twenty feet to the building line. It would be fully suitable for a bookstore for the League. The two upper

floors could be used for League offices, and meeting room for forum, with a couple of guest rooms for visiting members and friends on the third floor. There will be room also for our library which now comprises approximately two thousand volumes.

Our problem now is to get a mortgage for the remaining \$12,000 needed after we invest our \$8,000.

Besides the bookstore on the first floor there is room for business meetings of the League and shelves for our books for sale. A most important feature is that we will also have room for the chore of addressing and wrapping the LIBERAL each month which we now have to do in crowded quarters in a member's house.

Establish a business headquarters

We hope all our readers will understand that we are not actuated by any selfish or personal motives in our program. We do not contemplate establishing a pleasant and comfortable clubhouse for our leisure hours. We want to establish a business headquarters for the League's activities. A utilitarian industrial plant for the dissemination of scientific knowledge about the world in which we live.

A place from which can spread a Rationalist view of nature and a Secular form of organization of the society in which we live. We want to do our share in breaking down the ancient ideas of mans' dependence on imaginary supernatural gods and make clear the fact that he is the master of his fate. That whether we fare ill or well in the future will not be determined by the whims or fancies of the gods but depends entirely on our own ability to utilize the natural resources of our planet and our common sense in organizing the society in which we live.

A worthy program

This is a worthy program. It does not originate with F.L.L. Humanitarians and men of good will have striven for this ideal for centuries. Despite all that priests and kings could do to enslave the minds and bodies of men they could not kill ideas. Always there were rebels against dogmas and taboos.

The group of men who founded this nation were the greatest advocates of human liberty that ever gathered for the purpose of writing a charter of liberty for mankind. In the constitution they wrote they carefully provided for the separation of State and Church. They lived close in time to the days when warring sects of Christians tortured and butchered each other in their insane ideas of pleasing their gods. They provided for the rights of everyone to believe as he saw fit.

Secularization of government

This secularization of government and society has never pleased fanatical religionists and they have never ceased to try to break it down. During the past few years there has been a

terrific propaganda campaign to get religious teaching into the public schools. Completely ignoring the fact that the secular public school system was brought into being for the express purpose of getting away from the hitherto existing privately owned schools mostly run by churches, the R.C. Hierarchy is demanding that public funds be given to their parochial schools. All this in complete disregard of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the McCollum vs. Champaign School District which forbade any use of public school facilities for teaching religion.

Unless this tendency is strongly combatted by a vigorous secularist movement it will win point after point and religious freedom will be a thing of the past in America.

There should be a Rationalist and Secularist organization in every city. Each should have its own building containing offices, meeting halls, library, social facilities, etc. The way to accomplish this is to make a start somewhere. That is what we are doing in Philadelphia and we not only need help, we deserve it.

Become a reality

F.L.L. is affiliated with the American Rational Federation. Two of the other societies in the Federation already have their own homes, St. Louis and Milwaukee. Philadelphia will be third. The greatest hindrance to the progress of the Rationalist movement has been the attitude that "it can't be done." Well, even if it can't let's do it anyhow.

The next issue of the LIBERAL will give further details of progress. We are hoping that we will be able to inform our readers and members that the matter is definitely settled

and that at last the Philadelphia Thomas Paine Center is no longer a dream, but has become a reality.

THE UNIQUE QUALITY OF TRUTH

When the old scholar heard that Truth was in the country, he decided to find her, as he had devoted his life to studying her in all her forms. He set out immediately, and at last he came upon the cottage in the mountains where Truth lived alone. He knocked on the door, and Truth asked what he wanted. The scholar explained who he was, adding that he had always wanted to know her, and had wondered a thousand times what she really was like.

Truth came to the door soon afterwards, and the scholar saw that the pictures he had formed of her in his imagination were wrong: He had thought of Truth as a gigantic woman with flowing hair who sat nobly on a white horse, or, at the very least, as a sculptured, heroic figure with a wide white brow and untroubled eyes. In reality, Truth was nothing at all like that; instead she was merely a small shapeless old woman who seemed made of some quivering substance that resembled india rubber.

"All right," said the old lady in a resigned voice. "What do you want to know?"

"I want to know what you are."

The old lady thought, shook her head, and answered, "That I don't know, I couldn't tell you to save my life."

"Then have you any special quality that makes you individual?" asked the scholar. "Surely you must have some characteristic that is uniquely yours."

"As a matter of fact, I have," said

the old lady; then seeing the question on the scholar's lips, she added. "I'll show you what I mean. It's easier than trying to explain."

The shapeless old woman began to bounce like a rubber ball, up and down on her doorstep, getting a little higher each time she struck the floor. When she was high enough for her purpose, she seized the woodwork above her door and held on; then she said, "Take hold of my legs and walk back the way you came and when you know what my unique quality is, shout and let me know."

The old scholar did as he was told, racking his brains in an effort to determine what quality it was that distinguished Truth. When he reached the road, he turned around, and there in the distance was Truth still clinging to the woodwork above her door.

"Don't you see by this time?" she shouted. "Don't you understand now what my particular quality is?"

"Yes," said the old scholar. "Yes, I do."

"Then turn my legs loose and go on home," said Truth in a small, petulant voice.

A WILLIAM MARCH OMNIBUS
pp. 148 f.

In Pittsburgh, Pa. a thirteen-year-old boy was held for the grand jury for beating to death another of his same age. He says that the dead boy, who was much larger than himself was always bullying him and that he had complained about this to the nuns at St. Ann's School where they both were pupils. They both were altar boys!

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EDITORIAL

During the past year we have learned from several sources that a former hill-billy preacher, who now claims he is a Rationalist, has been spreading derogatory stories about Friendship Liberal League. One charge he makes is that the money donated to League for building the Paine Center has not been properly conserved. There is, of course, no basis for such a charge nor has this character ever been in a position to know anything that would give the slightest semblance of truth to his statements. Apparently he has carried his soul-saving fervor from his hell fire preaching days into his rationalism. He is a prolific letter writer but his spelling and composition betray his complete illiteracy. Such expressions as "Last winter I written four letters" -- "a telegram telling him he was being rob in fact had been rob." "Proibly" and "Allso" are samples of his spelling. This crackpot seems to be associated with a couple of others who seem to feel they have a mission to "purify" everyone else. Anyone who has donated to our Paine fund will soon be able to see concrete results in the property we are about to purchase. F.L.L. does not intend to get embroiled in petty bickering with anyone. We have a job to do.

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THE CASE OF PADRE TONDI, S.J.

By Percy G. Roy

On the 21st of April, 1952, Professor Alighiero Tondi, Deputy Prefect of the Department for Higher Religious Education, of the Pontifical Gregorian University seceded from the Order of the Jesuits and joined the Italian Communist Party.

Startling as this conversion may be - and it needs a lot of individual courage and unflinching conviction to thus challenge a formidable body of the repute of the S.J. - the case has a piquancy of its own, since P. Tondi was not just an ordinary priest who fell out with his church. Born in 1908, in Rome, he became an architect and noted painter. When he entered the Society of Jesus, he was assigned the special task to study Marxism. He frequently contributed to papers such as "Ecclesia" and the Catholic Encyclopaedia.

When in April, 1948, De Gasperi became unpopular even with his masters in the Hierarchy, and his Christian Democratic Party appeared to be a dubious asset of Catholic reaction, Luigi Gedda, Chairman of the Italian Branch of Catholic Action, commissioned P. Tondi to bring about a rapprochement between the Neo-Fascists, Monarchists and Catholic Action. Later the Vatican decided that, instead of forming a new party of clerico-fascism, all these splinters ought to be fused into De Gasperi's party. Seeing, at first hand, all these unscrupulous machinations and flirtations between all sections of the reaction to perpetuate

poverty and ignorance among the broad masses for selfish reasons, the go-between stunned the various participants by bringing the goings-on to the notice of the public. (Vaticano e Neofascismo). It is easy to imagine the violent outcry of the Italian hierarchy and their fascist friends at this unexpected defection and they did their very best to decry as a hallucinating lunatic the man who, by studying Marxism on their behest had turned Marxist himself.

In an interview granted to the paper "Il Paese", Prof. Tondi said:

"You may like to know the sort of influence Jesuitism has had on my mental condition - I was 28 when, on February 7th, 1936, I entered the Order of Jesus. At that time I had already obtained a degree, had a position and was mentally mature. All this, together with my disposition, made it unlikely for me to become an easy prey to insinuations. However, I too could not exist in aloofness, but asked assistance and some propping-up on the part of the men surrounding me in the face of problems I found too hard to master on my own. Yet, this was not only useless, but even dangerous. It is noteworthy that there can be no friendship among Jesuits; each has to think and act for himself, and there is nobody you may trust. As you probably know, each member of the Order is under strict obligation to report immediately to the higher Authorities any fellow-brother who appears to have any

pangs of conscience, doubt or mental vacillation. Confidence is of danger, you are living in an atmosphere of uncessant suspicion, since it is the aim of the Order to stabilize, with all means, the world-supremacy of the Vatican. You can imagine that in this surrounding your ego becomes crippled and you feel utterly lonely.

"When my first doubts cropped up I approached professors of the Gregorian University; they, nothing to offer but the usual, all too well-known answers that, being entirely unsatisfactory to me had caused my inquiries in the first place. When I bored deeper still, the result was of evil. First they became angry, then suspicious and cautious. Why did I not allow myself to be convinced? I HAD to be convinced. What was wanting was prayers, and I ought to offer a good deal of prayers to alleviate attacks which were of the devil's. Intellectual qualms had to be silenced by sheer will power.

"At last I gave up, I even tried auto-suggestion and told myself that I did not understand anything. But how can you combat for any length of time imperturbable logic?

"Hypocrisy is rampant in the Order, and there is not a trace of human warmth, hardly of humanity. Their sick members are poorly nursed, even neglected. Reports and disrepute never leave the track of traditional formula. But life is sumptuous, so is repast. There are gorgeous estates. P. Lombardi, whilst preaching on social justice with individual sacrifice, lives on his own estate Villa Malta, which is second to no royal domain. Yet the poor receive 10 Lire (three halfpence) a day, and that not even daily.

"It was painful for me when I had to notice myself the incredible alliance of the highest representatives of the Church with the Fascists, the adventurers of moribund capitalism. It went to prove that they no longer rely on the Cross, but on U.S. rearmament and warmongering" (My abbreviated translations).

Although Signor Tondi still is a deist, he no longer believes in organized religion and its Bible. The Church for him is something historically developed and hence doomed to give way to other forms of social necessity. "True is only that which can be proved and tallies with facts." When he had to admit that the teachings of the Church were at variance with her actions and detrimental to the happiness of the people at large, his explanation at first was that this was due to human weakness and insufficiency. "Then I saw that I was wrong. It is not human nature which is to be blamed, but the incongruity and absurdity of the doctrine. If a suit does not fit you, you must not blame your body but the tailor."

*In Vatican City. Founded by Ignatius Loyola and Francis Borgia, confirmed by Gregory VIII in 1582 for ecclesiastical studies and administered by the Society of Jesus.

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F.L.L. Radio Broadcast, April 29 1956

Station WMLV, Millville, N.J.

In recent weeks there has been some easing of the war tensions that have baunted the American people for a decade. Apparently the leaders of the powerful nations have realized that warfare with the terrible weapons now possessed by them would result in nothing but destruction with no one winning anything. Therefore there are sincere efforts being made to arrange some kind of agreement which will at least ensure an armed truce with limitations of armaments. It is to be earnestly hoped that such a situation can be attained and that it will lead to further moves looking toward eventual, complete peace for all mankind.

But mere wishes for peace will not bring it. Before there can be any lasting peace the injustices that are now causing discontent in so many troubled lands must be ended. The peoples of these areas, now living in poverty and misery so intense that millions of them are constantly hungry from birth to death, are in determined revolt to end such conditions.

We Americans live in a highly industrialized country. The bounteous natural resources of our continent are transformed by our marvelously productive factories into thousands of commodities that ease our toil. Our fertile soil produces plenty of food for all. Many of us take it for granted that this condition exists everywhere. This is not true. Hundreds of millions of people are living under most primitive con-

ditions, not as well off as the beasts in the forests of their native land.

This is largely the result of Colonialism. In many parts of the earth Europeans, English, French, Dutch, Belgian, in particular, invaded many countries and forced their rule onto the native peoples. The only interest these foreigners had was greed for wealth. By force of arms and oppressive laws the natives were reduced to virtual slavery, with no political rights.

Today these peoples are in revolt. For years their European masters were able to keep them in ignorance; education was denied them. They knew nothing of the outside world. European missionaries preached submission to them, telling them they would be rewarded later in Heaven if they were good slaves now.

The war years brought changes. Soldiers from far away lands came among them with tales of far better ways of life than they knew. Many natives had employment opportunities that took them overseas and they saw that life could be far happier and comfortable for all.

The Colonial masters attempted to meet this upsurge of their oppressed slaves with further military force, instead of instituting reforms. They spread a world-wide propaganda that all the trouble was caused by a few Communist agitators. This charge has been refuted time after time by men who have gone to these troubled lands and

observed the situation. Time limitations prevent naming or quoting at length what they have said about the terrible conditions they met. One of the most notable of these men is U.S. Supreme Court Justice Douglas, who said that men were fighting for food and better living for their families and that the masses knew nothing about Karl Marx or Communism.

Many years ago a similar condition prevailed in France. The peasantry lived in abject poverty, while the aristocrats taxed them to provide money for their luxuries. In 1789, the revolt that had been smouldering for a century broke forth. Thomas Paine, who had been one of the great leaders of the American Revolution, went to France in the cause of liberty. Just as in America, he used his pen to set forth the evils that existed, and just as in America, his flaming words gave men heart and courage to struggle against great odds.

Paine saw that the basic evil was that some men claimed to own the land and compelled the people living on it to give them most of the fruits of their labor. On the one hand were those who lived in luxury and idleness, on the other were the masses living in poverty despite their heavy toil. Paine denounced this. He said, "It is wrong to say God made rich and poor; He made only male and female; and He gave them the earth for their inheritance." He said there should be no poverty where men were willing to work and nature had provided fertile land to supply their wants.

"The first principle of civilization," he wrote, "ought to have been, and ought still to be, that the condition of every person born into the world, after a state of civilization commences,

ought not to be worse than if he had been born before that period. But the fact is that the condition of millions, in every country in Europe, is far worse than if they had been born before civilization began."

These words are just as true today, and as applicable, as they were when that great Liberal wrote them. When the Europeans, the British in India, the French in Indo-China and Africa; the Dutch in the East Indies; the Belgians in the Congo; came to these lands did they bring the blessings and advantages of civilization to the natives? Did those who were born into the white man's civilization enjoy its advantages? Not at all. They became merely the white man's beast of burden. The white masters declared that the land that had belonged to the natives since the beginning of the race was no longer theirs. It now belonged to the foreigners and they must pay tribute to live on it. Great estates of thousands of acres became the property of the foreigners and the only natives allowed on them were those who would work for the new owners. One example that can be mentioned is that of the British and Dutch in South Africa. They seized the region in which the diamond fields were located and have taken billions of dollars of wealth from there. All the rightful owners, the natives, ever got was a wage sufficient to keep them alive enough to continue to toil for their masters. None of the benefits and luxuries of the white man's civilization reached them. No Despotism that the Communists can erect can be worse than that which the natives have suffered for hundreds of years.

These injustices must be remedied or there will be no peace. The voice of

Thomas Paine, coming to us down the years must be heard. His premise that "The first principle of civilization ought to have been, and ought still to be, that the condition of every person born into the world, after a state of civilization commences, ought not to be worse than if he had been born before that period."

We are living in a world of turmoil. There can be no real peace until there is real justice. If America is to keep the freedoms that the men who founded our nation bequeathed to us, it must take the lead all over the globe in helping oppressed and distressed peoples achieve these freedoms also. It is very clear now that any tendency to support reactionary elements maintain the old ways will result in disaster.

Progressive elements in Asia in particular should be helped. We have on hand tremendous stores of foodstuffs, much of which will be spoiled if not used soon. Instead of trying to make allies in a military sense we should make all peoples our friends by feeding them, teaching them how to grow more food and sending them technical experts to train them in our modern techniques of mass production and distribution.

If Thomas Paine were with us now to apply his principles as he expounded them in his writings; in his *Rights of Man*, in which he upheld the right of the people to govern themselves; in his *Agrarian Justice*, in which he upheld the rights of the people to the land in which they were born, and on which they labor; in his various writings in which he denounced all forms of despotism, dictatorship and enslavement, whether Clerical or political, mental or physical, this world would be a far better place for all of us.

Dishonest propaganda has deceived millions of Americans into believing that any criticism of things as they are is suspect,--- that dissent is disloyalty. That Liberals who insist that our rights of free speech, press and assemblage be not destroyed are Communists. These rights, guaranteed in our Constitution must not be denied to the least of men. All avenues of information, including both radio and television should be available for the presentation of ideas. The best way to arrive at correct conclusions is to consider the facts. If the writings of Thomas Paine were as well known to the people of America today as they were in 1776 and the principles he enunciated were made the rules of conduct between individuals and nations there would be no need for atom bombs or death dealing aerial machines.

Friendship Liberal League stands for the principles of Liberalism which were held not only by Paine and Jefferson but also by most of the men who formed this nation. Upon these principles we grew and prospered. Always there were individuals or groups that sought for special privilege and who had to be fought. It is so today. We invite all those who feel as we do, that Liberty and Justice is for all and special privilege for none, to join us in the preservation of our own liberties at home and to extend them to all the peoples of the earth, regardless of race, color or creed.

Milwaukee church treasurer, Robert Fisk is charged with embezzling \$4,488 and maybe more, say the trustees. Of course he was a good religious man or he would not have been treasurer.

NON-SENSE

Have you heard persons make the remark that priests are all well educated, intelligent men? Have you heard anyone say that Bishop Sheen is brilliant? If so, listen to the following answer which the brilliant bishop gave to the question, "What is an angel?" We quote his answer from the San Francisco Chronicle, Feb. 5, 1956.

"As I have said on my TV program, Life Is Worth Living, the word angel is taken from a Greek word, ANGELOS, which means messenger. An angel is a creature far below God in dignity and yet far above man, purely spiritual, possessed of an intellect and will, but without a body. The theme song of an angel is, 'I Ain't Got No Body.' The angelic intelligence is quite different from the human intelligence. God pours his ideas intellectually into angels and physically into things. We recover the ideas that God put into things, thanks to our intellect working on sensible experiences. We, therefore, have to unwrap the ideas. An angel never has to wait till a package is unwrapped; it knows already what is in things. An angel knows more science than Einstein, more baseball than Leo Durocher, and more jokes than Bob Hope. There are, however, certain limitations to angelic knowledge. An angel does not know future events; an angel does not know the mysteries of grace, unless God reveals them; and finally an angel does not know the secrets of the heart and the motivations of the will. Only God and the psychiatrist know these -- or at least some psychiatrists so presume. There are angels near us to guide us and protect us, but we do not invoke them. It is not later than we think. It

is a bigger world than we think."

Now, think of several men who are classed by everyone as "brilliant." Sheen mentions one, Einstein. Edison, Burbank, Darwin are several more. Can you possibly imagine any of them mouthing such inane drivel as the above? Can you imagine any reasonably intelligent person saying or believing such childish nonsense? Of course not. The whole truth is that the good bishop is not a "brilliant" man. He is an ignorant fanatic who has never outgrown the superstitions that his Irish parents mumbled to him in his childhood. They probably believed in banshees and leprechauns too along with the angels. Whether the Bishop does or not he is shrewd enough to not tell anyone.

No. Believers in supernatural nonsense are not brilliant, whether clergy or laity. God's angels, "messengers" were imagined into existence by men who knew nothing of modern communication, whether physical by radio or mental by telepathy. They thought that these messengers were necessary to carry instructions from Jehovah to mortals, as in the case of telling Mary she would become a virgin mother and reassuring the doubtful Joseph that he had not been cuckolded. Such nonsense is stupid, not brilliant.

A minister in South Carolina has admitted, the police say, that he killed his wife by putting rat poison in her feed. He says that she nagged him and accused him of "running around." His 19-year-old son says his pa preached a sermon the Sunday before his ma died saying that someone was in the church that day who would never be there again. The next day the holy man began fixing his wife's diet as she got sick then.

NEWS RELEASE

from the AMERICAN RATIONALIST FEDERATION, 2218 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis 6, Missouri

With the affiliation of the League for Religious Freedom of New York and the Freie Gemeinde of St. Louis, the youngest as well as the oldest freethought societies in America have joined forces with the American Rationalist Federation. Our New York friends changed their former name which caused confusion with POAU. At its first meeting it adopted a resolution setting forth its position about the teaching of religion along strictly orthodox lines of what is called "morals and spiritual values".

The Freie Gemeinde of St. Louis was founded in 1850 growing out of an earlier organization in Hermann, Mo. which started in 1837. The Freie Gemeinde has played during its long existence an important part in the intellectual life of St. Louis and Missouri. It will be remembered that the Freie Gemeinde was host to the International Congress for Progressive Thought and the 27th Annual Congress of the American Secular Union and Freethought Federation in 1904. Among the prominent speakers at that occasion were: Jayaputra Grairo of India, Philip Rappaport, Judge C. B. Waite, E. M. Mac Donald and Dr. Roberts. Ernst Haeckel, foremost European proponent of evolution and famous writer on scientific and freethought subjects (Riddle of the Universe, Wonders of Life, and others) sent to this Congress, his famous 30 theses towards a monistic concept of the world.

The nine charter member groups of the American Rationalist Federation are: Freisinnige Gemeinde of Chicago,

Freie Gemeinde of Milwaukee, Jefferson Freethought Society of Milwaukee, Pioneers of Independent Thought of Chicago, Czech Rationalist Federation of Chicago, Friendship Liberal League of Philadelphia, League for Religious Freedom of New York City, Freie Gemeinde of St. Louis, Rationalist Society of St. Louis.

 CHRISTIANITY

by Dr. E. L. Dwight Turner

In nearly 2000 years Christianity has become one of the chief religions of the world. These years have been marked largely by persecution, wars, bloodshed, injustice, hatred and bigotry. Of course, not all persons professing this cult have been guilty of these faults, but many have been guilty--and still are. So, on the whole, the record of Christianity has been nothing to brag about or to be proud of.

Bigotry is not a minor fault of human beings. It hinders progress. It dwarfs human intelligence. It is very widespread in orthodox Christianity. Until very recently different denominations hated one another and doomed all unbelievers to everlasting hell. Most Catholics still hate Protestants, and vice versa.

There seems to be something wrong with the Christian churches, and if so we must look elsewhere for social and moral reforms. Have Christian churches, in the main, taken rational steps to prevent wars? They have not. The churches of the South advocated slavery. If Jesus and his chosen followers (if they lived according to the Bible record) should now appear in our fashionable churches, he and they would be thrown out as "reds".

McCarthy as a leading representative of the "one and only" Church would have an even bigger job on his hands to suppress the "reds" and (what he wants most) to put an end to free speech, especially against his church.

From the time that Constantine proclaimed Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire, the Church pursued a wantonly aggressive policy. Gibbon in his *DECLINE AND FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE*, chapter 47, relates how the head of the Christian Church in Alexandria, Cyril, who later was sainted, went about his work in the wholesale slaughtering of the Jews. There were others who refused to become Christians. They, too, were slaughtered.

Gibbon tells us what happened to Hypatia, the beautiful and talented daughter of Theon the mathematician. Cyril planned for her butchery. Gibbon says: "She was torn from her chariot, stripped naked, dragged to the church and was inhumanly butchered by the hands of Peter the reader; her flesh was scraped from her bones with a sharp oyster shell and her quivering limbs were delivered to the flames."

We all know about the horrors of the Holy Inquisition. And we are also familiar with the history of the "Dark Ages," which lasted for centuries, during which the "one and only" Church was in full control -- and progress was at a standstill.

We remember also the horrors of the "Thirty Years' War," which was strictly a war among Christians themselves; and, as I said earlier, the Church, in the main, is still doing nothing, in a practical way, to prevent war -- even World War III which, in this atomic and bacterial age, could mean the end of civilization.

K. OF C. OATH

Once in a while a reader writes to ask us about the "K. of C. Oath" which was printed in the Congressional Record years ago. The K. of C. has always contended that this "oath" is a fabrication. We have no knowledge as to whether it is genuine or not. The fact that it appeared in the Congressional Record does not authenticate it. It first appeared in a political campaign in a district adjacent to Philadelphia. A R.C. candidate for Congress (a member of the K.C.) claimed it was false and was being anonymously circulated to discredit him. We advise all of our readers to have nothing to do with distributing any copies of it as they may be sued for libel by the K. of C. There is so much genuine material that shows the incompatibility of Romanism and Americanism that it is harmful to use anything doubtful.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

More and more Protestant leaders are beginning to see that the public schools are not the places for the teaching of religion. A prominent Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Dr. W. B. Mc Alpin, of New York City is one of the latest to declare his opposition to any mixing of State and Church in our state school systems. His remarks were apropos the recent development of a program to teach moral and spiritual values in the N.Y. public schools, whatever that may mean. The R.C. Hierarchy are for the program while there has been growing opposition in both Jewish and Protestant quarters. The whole thing in a nutshell is that it is another scheme to bootleg religious superstitions into our educational systems.

KILLGALLEN AND TUCKER

Dorothy Killgallen, a columnist made some uncomplimentary remarks about the R.C. priest who accompanied the Prince of Monaco to America to help him find a wife who would be of the faith and have beau coup argent. We did not read Dottie's remarks but surmise that she hit at the match-making role of Father Tucker. She drew a vitriolic denunciation from a high ranking Philadelphia Clergyman who did not like her comments. Or it may be that she made some comparison between the three-ring circus wedding of Grace Kelly and the comic opera royal parasite and that quiet, decent, modest affair in which the ex-President of the U.S. gave his daughter in marriage. The thing that intrigued us most was the row of medals on the frock of the holy man. Could these be the reward from the prince to his confessor for special indulgences or such like?

ODDITIES

In Pennsylvania there are several sects the members of which are descendants of Germans who came here in colonial times. They live mostly in rural communities and try to keep all their ancient ideas alive. They grow long hair and beards and wear dark plain clothes. Some refuse to

use buttons, substituting hooks and eyes. They have been in conflict for years with the school authorities wanting their children to have only a minimum of schooling and to work on their farms at an early age. The State authorities have capitulated to them now after a long controversy and in the name of religion they will have their way. It surely is remarkable how many screwball ideas can be wrapped up in religious packages.

GOD'S WILL

In Baltimore, Md. a ten-year-old altar boy died of burns received when his cassock caught fire while he was lighting candles at St. Edward's Church. Things such as this are what puzzles Rationalists. Here was a little lad who was dutifully doing what his patents had taught him was God's work. He had a guardian angel, supposed to keep vigilant watch over him. Assuming that St. Edward has some interest in his church he could have protected the poor kid who was serving him. Not one finger was lifted by all the Hosts of Heaven in the child's behalf. If some commercial employer had assigned this child to such a hazardous job he would be lucky to escape lynching but in this zany superstitious setup in which we live anything disguised as "religion" is beyond the civil law. It's God's will.

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WHY EVIL?

By *Esther Weissman*

Many have asked - Whence evil? - The notables among these questioners are St. Augustine and Spinoza. Augustine in his "Confessions" asks - "Whence evil?" and his answer to this question is, that further than the question he dare not go. His not daring to answer is easily understood; as a deist he could not answer, because - If the deists are right and a God does exist, this God is the source and creator of all that there is. Evil is; therefore, God is the source and creator of all the evil that there is. But no deist will admit this perfectly logical conclusion. Some lesser minds, when confronted with the question - Whence evil? - come out with the childish explanation - The devil. But the devil too, if such there is, is God's creation - Who brought the devil into being? Who maintains him in his being? Thus we see that Whether evil comes through the agency of a devil, or not, whichever way - It is God, if a God there is, who is responsible for all the evil that there is.

Spinoza too asks - Whence evil? - ("Ethics") and as a deist wanting to save his deity's face, he gives an answer that is unfounded and silly for anyone, let alone a philosopher. Says he, "God had so much of everything." First, How did Spinoza know what, or how much God had? Second, Assuming for the given moment that God did have so much of everything: that means that God created that much of everything, and if he created it, he is responsible for the being of it; there was no other creator, or was there? In plainer words, it is God, if a God there is, who created all the evil that there is, and what is more:

he maintains all the evil as is. From the above we logically conclude, that the proper question about evil should be, not "Whence evil?", But "Why evil?" And I challenge any believer and all of them together to answer this question.

SHAKESPEARE

An ancient tomb was opened recently in an English Church in an effort to find out whether Shakespeare wrote the plays accredited to him. The openers claim that Marlowe wrote them but the news dispatches do not make it clear whether they expected to prove it by finding one or the gentleman in the tomb. If so they had their pains for nothing as the tomb is to have been found empty. The Pope had better luck last year when he had a tomb opened. There were several bones in it which were positively identified as those of St. Peter, although no information was given as to how the identification was authenticated.

FLYING SAUCERS

Quite a number of persons and books are claiming so called "flying saucers" are really space ships from other planets. Several book writers claim that they have been taken onto these vessels and describe their experiences in detail. However, none of these writers tell us anything that a fiction writer who never saw a space ship or an inhabitant of Venus or Mars could not have evoked from his fertile imagination without traveling any further than the nearest taproom. These books leave us cold although we certainly do not take a dogmatic position that interplanetary travel may not be accomplished some day.

Can A Roman Catholic Be Loyal to the Constitution of the United States?

"If the Pope directed the Roman Catholics of this country (U.S.A.) to overthrow the Constitution... they would be bound to obey."
(Brownson's Review)

"All legislation (in the United States) must be governed by the will of God, as unerringly indicated by the Pope."
(Fr. Hecker, founder of the Paulist Order)

"The Pope can absolve subjects from the oath of allegiance which they have taken to a bad prince."
(From the 55th Letter of the 2nd Book of Gregory VII's Epistles)

"The Pope has the right to pronounce sentence of deposition against any sovereign."
(Brownson's Review)

"The death sentence is a necessary and efficacious means for the (Catholic) Church to attain its ends."
(From a book of Canon Law, approved by Pope Leo XIII)

"Catholic Action itself is an army involved in a holy war for (Catholic) religion."
(Manual of Catholic Action, Luigi Civardi, translated by C. C. Martindale, S.J., 1935)

"Individual liberty in reality is only a deadly anarchy."
(Pope Pius XII, April 6, 1951)

"It is quite unlawful to demand, to defend, or to grant unconditional freedom of thought, of speech, of writing, or of worship."
(Pope Leo XIII, encyclical, "Human Liberty")

"No man is free to embrace and profess that religion which he believes to be true"... "the (Catholic) Church has the power of employing force and (of exercising) direct and indirect temporal powers"... "the ecclesiastical power has a right to exercise its authority independent of the toleration or assent of the civil government."
(Syllabus of Errors of Pope Pius IX)

"All Catholics, therefore, are bound to accept the Syllabus (of Errors of Pius IX)."
(Catholic Encyclopedia)

"We care nothing for the opinions of Catholics...when they are not in agreement with the views of the Vatican."
(Western Watchman, Sept. 21, 1911)

"No Catholic may positively and unconditionally approve of the policy of separation of Church and State."
(Msgr. O'Toole, Catholic University of America, 1939)

"The real glory attached to being a citizen of the U.S.A. is that it always comes second. Being a Catholic comes first."
(Commonweal, December 2, 1949)

"IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE POPE TO POSSESS THIS COUNTRY (U.S.A.)"
(Brownson's Review)

These official statements from authoritative Roman Catholic sources are quoted from the 70 pages and more than 500 items in CATHOLIC WORDS AND ACTIONS, compiled by Raywood

Frazier, all fully documented.

What the Roman Catholic Church has done in other countries where it is in power confirms that it means what what it says. Note what is happening in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala, and in our own State of New Mexico.

ROME NEVER CHANGES. The violences and subversions it has perpetrated elsewhere throughout the world through its Hierarchy and its mentally-conditioned followers, are already happening here through deliberate planning under the direction of the pope himself.

Unless and until every Roman Catholic repudiates all political allegiance to the Pope who, as is clearly proven above, is a self declared enemy of our free institutions and our government, he is not qualified to hold public office in the United States by reason of a conflict of political loyalties. Moreover, under the Mc Carran Act, he is not qualified to even retain his citizenship in the United States.

Recently the Whig-Clio society at Princeton University, a student body, decided they wanted to hear a talk on world affairs by Alger Hiss, former higher echelon member of the Roosevelt Administration. Father Hugh Halton a R.C. priest decided that the talk should not be allowed. Now, just what authority a R.C. priest has at the Presbyterian Princeton University is not clear. Unless one accepts the thesis that the Pope and his representatives have a God-given mandate to rule all mankind. Apparently the Princeton authorities and the student body don't recognize the holy man's mandate. The talk was held.

A preacher of the Angelican Church, Rev. G.S.Crookshank, of St. Andrews Church, London, says he is "appalled and often sickened" by the misbehavior of participants and friends at weddings. He says that grooms sit in front pews while awaiting the bride and smoke cigars and that frequently both bride and groom are "laced up" with strong drinks before services, while there are catcalls from the audience during the ceremony. Boy, Oh boy! What a jolly affair a British church wedding must be. No wonder so few people prefer the drab lifelessness of a civil wedding.

In Richmond Va., a woman gave birth to quadruplets and the father is so thrilled about it that he has named them all Mary, "in gratitude to the Blessed Mother." Two things seem rather puzzling in this deal, (1) how the Blessed Mother cooperated and, (2) how the parents and later the school teachers are going to keep track of them in one grade.

Expelling Protestants in Italy, however, seems to have struck a snag. Texas missionaries there have been vigorously preaching Protestantism and their leaders have been harrassed and their churches closed by the police. Now, a dispatch to the N.Y. Times says, the police have reversed their policy and are actually protecting them. In the town of Aprilia, a mob attacked Protestant services being held in a large room and the police routed the rioters who, says the Times, were incited by the local priest's sermon identifying the missionaries with the Devil.

If our zeal were true and genuine we should be much more angry with a sinner than a heretic.

---Addison

ARE THE U. S. TRADE UNIONS UNDER ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY?

By Blanche Lee Puccinelli

Not only is our public school system deliberately being destroyed by the U.S. Roman Catholic Hierarchy and their subversive laymen agents, but the American trade unions are now practically dominated by these self-styled loyal Americans, subjects and agents of a foreign power, the ruler of every Roman Catholic on earth, Pope Pacelli.

I learned from James Morton Freeman's pamphlet NO FRIEND OF LABOR, the following:

The Xavier Labor School in New York City was founded in 1935 by Jesuit James B. Carey; by 1948 it had grown into some 100 Catholic labor schools established in every industrial city in the U.S.A. Jesuits directed 24 of them, 32 by diocesan authorities. The rest sponsored by Catholic fraternal organizations, colleges and the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists (ACTU).

At present time the Secretary of Labor, James P. Mitchell, is Roman Catholic. The AFL President, George Meany is Roman Catholic. Other Catholics who have held, still hold high places in labor unions in USA: Joseph P. Ryan was made "lifetime president" of the International Longshoreman's Association, AFL. Then there's A.C. Tuohy, Maurice Tobin, William Green, AFL, Philip Murray, CIO.

As to CIO President, Walter Reuther, being a Roman Catholic, we leave it up to you to decide after reading the statement made by Reuther, and quoted by Ralph Novak, Secretary Treasury for the Newspaper Guild,

CIO, published March 4, 1948, Reuther said:

"My economic philosophy comes from the Papal encyclicals." Novak added: "Walter Reuther is pushing that plan harder than we are pushing ourselves." "That plan", of course, is the Papal encyclicals.

In April, 1952, Converted Catholic Magazine, Angelo Vallo pointed out that the CIO was then 60 percent Catholic, and the Transport Union of the CIO was 90 percent Roman Catholic. He said that "through direction of the Roman Catholic clergy, reporting directly to the Pope, the the Roman Church is taking over the the American Trade Unions."

The R C newspaper, The PILOT, Oct. 23, 1954, published Archbishop Cushing's address delivered at the seventh Constitutional Convention of Utility Workers of America, CIO, on October 21, at Sheraton Plaza, Boston, as follows:

"While begging God's blessings on your deliberations during this Convention, I take the opportunity of commending you for your continued efforts to keep clean your leadership and your organization from every taint of disloyal, anti-religious communism.

"Your actions have not been without self-interest. You have recognized that the present day Red, as the agent of an alien power, is an enemy of your nation, (my emphasis) and of the national traditions which have enabled the labor movement to prosper here in America...

"Both as a citizen and as a spokesman for morality I would like to remind you of your solemn obligation to vote, to use your great privilege of participating in the choice of those whom you wish to serve as

your rulers...

"Recent registrations in this locality and throughout the country are depressing. That is the essential work; the work of debate, practically speaking is secondary, find out the truth. Propagate the truth. Explain the truth. Defend the truth. But in a democracy, you must not forget to vote for the truth. (Since the Church of Rome claims to teach only the truth, Archbishop Cushing means that the Catholics are to propagate CATHOLICISM--BLP).

"The record of labor in the formation of both National and State policy has, by and large, been admirable. I have in mind the sense of moral responsibility, entirely apart from self-interest, which you have revealed in your public position and practical action on relief of all kinds at home and abroad, on displaced person ARMAMENTS, on housing, on health and EDUCATIONAL matters..." (My emphasis--BLP)

Since the CIO has been taken over by the Romans it is only natural that Cushing, and the entire hierarchy would be so well pleased with the great advancements made by Catholics in such "admirable" things the re-armament of Nazi-Fascist Adenauer, West Germany, and the almost total destruction of our public school system, and the huge advancement made in the erection of hospitals, and parochial schools throughout America, and all tax-free.

What gall the R C Hierarchy have in declaring that political and religious organizations that do not follow the Papal encyclicals are "agents of an alien power, are enemies of your nation and of the nation and of the national traditions which have enabled the labor movement to prosper here in America."

Every citizen of America, non-Catholic and Catholic alike, should, by now, know that the Church of Rome is an alien power; irreconcilable with democracy; a huge capitalistic-political organization operating in the guise of "true Christian" religion.

Archbishop Cushing said that he speaks as CITIZENS OF THE VATICAN STATE, ROME, ITALY. Their American citizenship is secondary. All Roman Catholics are subjects of the Pope, all must first pay allegiance to him, and recognize FIRST-PAPAL LAWS. Their nation's laws are utterly ignored when such laws conflict with their sacred and holy Papal laws.

While on the subject of Papal laws, the Church of Rome has, for decades, been trying to force down the throats of non-Americans her Good Friday closing law.

The following item on this pagan Good Friday closing papal law was published in The PILOT, Oct. 23, 1954:

"San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 21--(NC)-- A resolution petitioning the U.S. Congress to enact legislation making Good Friday a legal holiday throughout the nation was adopted at the first state convention of Texas Holy Name Societies in the Plaza Hotel here."

Now, just let any non-Catholic make a protest against such legislation that would run against the USA law of strict separation of State and Church, the good non-Catholic citizen will be branded as a "Godless Communist, and "agent of an alien RED power." etc.,etc.

For the love of TRUE DEMOCRACY, aren't there enough alive, alert and active Protestants, Jews, and non-religious people in America with

fortitude enough to stand up like men and women, loyal citizens, and fight this alien ROMAN CATHOLIC power that is bent on destroying the human rights of every citizen?

The Fascist Church of Rome has for too long been riding us with boots and spurs. Remove their boots and spurs, put the Church of Rome in her place; force her to abide by and uphold USA laws, or get of USA, and stay OUT.

ETHICS

The LIBERAL has often commented on the tremendous waste of the taxpayers' money entailed in the printing in the Congressional Record, by various Congressmen, of all kinds of religious propaganda, principally R.C. Among the greatest of these zealous propagandists has been the Hon. Thomas J. Lane, a member of the House of Representatives from Massachusetts. This great patriot who is so concerned about the welfare of the U.S. and how the Pope and Archbishop Cushing can save us from the terrible menace of Communism has, however, not been doing his share when it comes to providing the money necessary for military defense. He recently pleaded guilty to a charge of evading the payment of income tax during 1949-50-51 to the tune of \$38,542. He paid a fine of \$10,000 and is now serving a sentence of four months in the Federal Correctional institution at Danbury, Conn. Some years ago another sterling R.C. patriot, the Hon. J. Parnell Thomas, of N.J. (who changed his name from Feeney) was a guest at the same big house his offense being that he appropriated salary money which Uncle Sam allowed him for office help.

The Hon.(?) Thomas J. Lane, however, is not going to take any salary from the H. of R. while he is in the clink he says, but he is expected to be a candidate for reelection in the September elections in Massachusetts. He will probably be elected too, if he runs. Political morality has reached an all time low in New England since the R.C. Hierarchy has taken over the land of the "Pilgrims pride." Only a couple years ago another great R.C. patriot named Curry collected his salary as Mayor of Boston while he did his time in the pokey for using the mails in some gyp game. If we remember correctly he came out and resumed his office too. Just how this can be reconciled with the continuously repeated claims of the Hierarchy that the products of their church and parochial schools are far better citizens than the pupils of the "godless" public schools is to us a mysterious as is how the transubstantiation is effected when the priest says "Hocus pocus" or more correctly "Hoc est mia corpus." That great expounder of the faith Mr. Dale Francis, (who's subscription to the LIBERAL has just been renewed by the N.C.W.C.) is invited to tell our readers how it is done. We'll give him ample space if he asks for it.

MORE ETHICS

The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell is the pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church which is located in the Harlem section of New York City. This area is almost entirely populated by Negroes and the Rev. Mr. Powell did not fail to see the political possibilities of the situation. Why shouldn't the Negroes have their own representative in the U.S. Congress? There being no

good reason why they shouldn't, Mr. Powell got himself elected. All of which is strictly legitimate so far. But now it begins to look like Rev. Adam sort of put off his ecclesiastical robes when he became Rep. Adam, (one letter seems to have made a big moral change) and donned the toga. According to newspaper accounts Mrs. Hattie Freeman Dodson, secretary of Rev. Powell's Abyssinian Baptist Church became also Rep. Powell's Congressional secretary, with an additional salary paid by Uncle Sam. This too is quite legitimate so far. But now Mrs. Dodson is on trial charged with evading payment of income taxes. She claims that she never got the salary which Uncle Sam provides for a secretary to each Congressman. Her claim is that Congressman Powell appropriated, it, (a la Feeney-Parnell) and that all she got was a refund from the tax office. It will be quite interesting to hear the reverend gentleman's side of the story if he is indicted. Until then, of course, he is entitled to the benefit of the mantle of innocence. The only point we wish to draw is this: The claims of religionists, whether R.C. or Protestant, that a belief in the supernatural makes people better citizens is just plain nonsense. The Rationalist idea that if children were that the right way to live is to be honest with your fellowmen; to do right because it is right, without hope of reward or fear of punishment, is a far better way of life morally and practically, too.

Some people are always getting burnt up over trifles. Don't waste ten dollars worth of time and energy over some ten cent annoyance.

IN GOD WE TRUST

A joint resolution is pending in the U.S. Congress to make "In God we trust" the National Motto. Backers of this plan make the usual claim that this nation was founded by religious men and that this is a Christian Nation. It never seems to occur to these simpletons that if the Founding Fathers had placed their trust in God they would have said so. Instead of expressing any such sentiment these men devised a motto which clearly shows their faith was in themselves and that it was the union of the states which was their strength and protection. "E pluribus unum" one from many was freely translated by the people into "in union there is strength." If the founders had wanted God in their affairs they could have put him in the constitution and said so. Why do it now?

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HETRODOX MORALS

by George E. Wagner

NOTE. Two events prompted me to write these lines: A friend in introducing me to a very orthodox gentleman stated that, although I did not believe in much of anything, I was a pretty good fellow.

The following insulting sling I found a number of years ago in one of the prominent weekly magazines.

"My neighbor tells me there is no god; I give him his dinner; this much I owe him. I keep my eyes on my spoons; this much I owe to myself."

You explain, oh my friend, though I hold to no creed,

That my morals are good and my ideals high;

That You find me unselfish in thought, word and deed.

Although you seem doubtful of why.

You grant I am honest, and true, and sincere;

Both thoughtful and kind as a friend; Live a life that is worthy, although without fear

Of penalties after its end.

You concede me a merit of some special kind

That I act not unseemly and rude, Since certain beliefs reside not in my mind

With which yours is sincerely imbued.

Do you feel I would love you, my neighbor, the less

Because in our faiths we do not agree?

But no; if I help you to bear some distress

What you believe has not prompted me.

Because I love Esau, forgiving and just,

Who requited with kindness a wrong, Is mine greater praise if I'm true to a trust,

Or love my friend truly and long?

Or since I hate Jacob, the rascal and liar,

Defrauding a blessing, deserving a curse,

Can you not understand why I have no desire

To cheat you or pilfer your purse?

Because I revolt at the blood of a cross,

Is it surprising that I should abhor The murder and torture and horrible loss

Of youth in an unholy war?

I hope that you hold not your fellow so low,

So abjectly selfish, or sunken so deep

That no seeds of kindness would he ever sow

If he hoped for no harvest to reap.

Because that no lash in the future I fear,

I hope you suspect no evil design Against you, yourself, or aught you hold dear,

Or envy of what is not mine.

I owe my scant virtues to none of these things,

But to love for the noble and true, The kindness I show you, oh friend, solely springs

From the love that I hold just for you.

 BOOKS

PREFACE TO EMPATHY, by David A. Stewart. 160 pp. cloth, \$3.75 Philosophical Library, New York City, N.Y.

The author tries to show that ethics, esthetics and psychology have a common ground in the act of empathy. To be empathic is what it means to be or become a person. Knowing in empathy is distinguished from science, but not opposed to it. Recovery from alcoholism seem to illustrate the stages of an empathic act. The author is chief psychologist at the Bell Clinic, Toronto.

The One, Two, Three of the Universe, by Soren Dahl, 16 page pamphlet, \$1.00 William Frederick Press, New York.

Dr. Dahl, though belonging to no particular religious or political belief, is interested in "the all." In his search for the ultimate truth or end, he arrives at some very interesting observations. His approach to the problem of death is indeed novel, and he shows it is in reality only a part of the whole. By his reasoning, the theory of God as being the ultimate end, will fade out in time with countless millions still to go. Inconsistent conceptions and false reasoning must in the end fail and be replaced by the "real" or the truth.

One of the thought provoking booklets which come to our attention every once in a while. Order from the secretary.

Alice in Bibleland, by George Wills, 54 pp. cloth, Philosophical Library, N.Y. \$2.75

Presented in dialogue form, in seven conversations, this book tells of a young girls dilemma when trying to understand the Holy Bible. Her brother,

Peter, a young seminary student, and a grandmother who seems to think that reading the Bible is a must, get into some animated discussions when frank and honest questions are asked by the young Alice which prove embarrassing to grandma and Peter tries to smooth over the rough spots as best he can and yet hold the prestige that a young student holds. Alice seems to win the arguments easily and causes no end of mental anguish to her grandmother. A good book for the religious-minded as a breakdown from religious orthodoxy.

Toynbee and History, Edited by M.F. Ashley Montagu. 385pp. cloth, \$5.00 Porter Sargent, 11 Beacon St. Boston.

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A tavernkeeper fired four bullets into an intruder he caught in his tavern and killed the man. But, he did not let the man die in sin. He got a cup of water and baptized him using the correct R.C. formula. A Catholic priest, says the news item, explained that a person in danger of death can be baptized by a layman, making the dying person eligible for Heaven.

James Edward Inwood of La Crescenta, Calif. told police that he met two "faith healers" on a street corner who promised to cure his physical and spiritual illness by patting his body. During the patting they relieved him of his wallet containing \$35 but the item does not state whether they also relieved him of his illness.

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