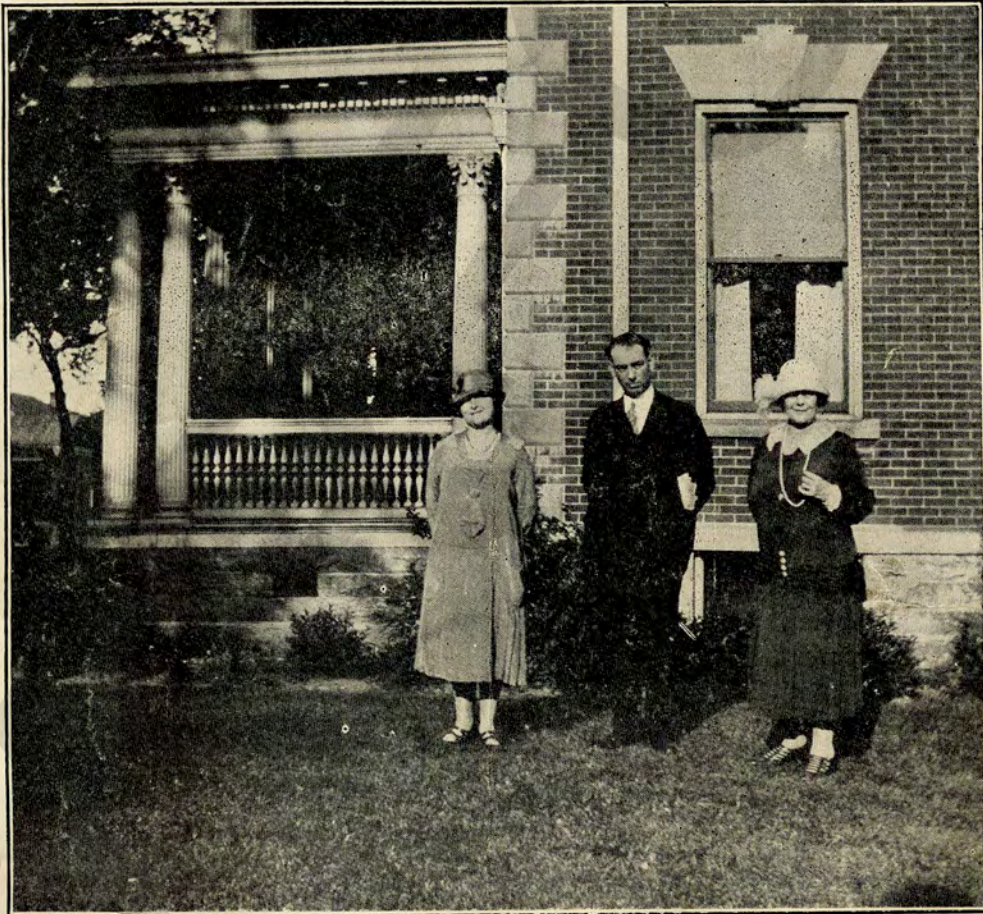


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The K. A. P. Delegates From California,

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A Prayer for Patriotism

ALMIGHTY Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and Giver of all good, we return our heartfelt thanks that we are permitted again to meet each other here for work in the glorious cause of a true American National spirit—the spirit of '76, bringing all hearts into unity today. Endow us with prudence and wisdom in our counsels as a body, that our work may be good and acceptable in Thy sight, and that our influence may tell for true Americanism, with hatred toward none, with charity for all; with determination to weed out disloyalty in every form.

And, when we are called to cease our patriotic endeavors, may we enter the Paradise not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, and receive that welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

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EDITORIAL - - - By The Editor

TO ALL LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Dear Brother :

Because of the activity of the Knights of Columbus, at their recent National Convention, in demanding intervention by the State Dept. of the United States Government in the Mexican situation, I am this morning asking every Local President in the United States to immediately appoint a committee, and place as many on this committee as will work, in securing signatures to a petition which will read in the following manner:

"We, the undersigned Citizens of the United States of America petition and demand from the State Department of the United States of America a "HANDS OFF POLICY" in the Mexican situation.

We furthermore denounce as UnAmerican the recent attitude taken by the Knights of Columbus, at their National Convention, wherein they demanded that the State Department take steps to quietly and openly bring pressure to bear on the great State of Mexico not to enforce its Constitution.

We furthermore petition and demand that the embargo on Arms be left exactly as it is today along the Mexican border, and we shall take any attempt by the State Department to intervene in behalf of the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico as an intentional offence and insult to the ninety million Protestants in the United States of America."

Signed.....

Everyday President will be authorized to furnish as many committees or as many individuals as possible with a petition headed by the above Declaration.

We shall announce the name of the organization that is able to secure the most signatures in their community for this petition and as the National President I will ask every local President to immediately write this office and inform us if you have taken steps to comply with this request. When the petitions are completed each local will see that they are mailed direct to Calvin Coolidge, President, United States of America, White House, Washington, D. C.

A letter from the local President stating how many signatures they secured is all that will be necessary. If the local President is wise he will see to it that every Protestant Sunday School class in his county receives a blank petition and we will flood

the White House with this protest in a manner that will certainly get recognition. Please attend to this immediately.

I also want to urge every local President to get his National Home Fund Raising Committee to work. This is a serious proposition and some of you local Presidents have not been giving it the attention it merits. Just because you do not happen to live in the shadow of the National Home is no reason why you should not concern yourself about it. Every local has members that could loan to it the amount of your quota, or it could probably be borrowed at a bank if all of you would sign the note. You all insisted on a Democratic organization and now that you have it you must likewise expect to help share the burden and responsibilities of this organization. Your National Convention voted to purchase this Home and ask every member for \$3.00 to pay for it, and in view of the fact that scarcely any of you paid to become a member of this organization, this is indeed a small sum of money to invest in this great movement.

Hot weather should not keep you from working. Rome never sleeps, and we cannot sleep either if we ever accomplish the big things in this organization that we must accomplish. Let every man and woman carry their own responsibility and not let anyone man or woman carry it for you as has been done the past three months. As the leader of that local always see to it that you have carried out your duty to your office and have obtained some real results during the year you were in office. You as the President are the main-spring in that local and everything depends upon you. The attitude of a local in doing the work assigned them is usually a reflection of the attitude of the local President.

The two vital factors I am appealing to you today to take an interest in immediately are this petition to the President of the United States of America and the raising of your quota on the Home Fund, if you have not already done so. Please respond with real co-operation.

Fraternally,

S. H. Bemenderfer, Nat'l President, K. A. P.

THE TRUTH ABOUT MEXICO

By J. W. KELLY

General Delegate of The Mexican Federation of Labor

(Written Especially For The K. A. P. Magazine)

IN order to understand the present difficulty in Mexico, it is necessary to consider the Historical, Racial and Political conditions that were factors in the creation of the Reform Laws of 1857 and 1917.

The present religious difficulties of the Mexican Government are the outcome of their efforts to separate the State from the Church. There is no desire to interfere with religion except where religion interferes with the State. It is directed against a Church Hierarchy made up of foreign priests, largely Spaniards, the hereditary enemies of the Mexican people. There is no friction between the people and what might be termed the "low class" priests; these latter are the native Mexican priests. They have been cruelly exploited by the foreign clerics, who appropriate all the fat livings and sinecures, with the results that the Mexican Padre makes scarcely enough to live on. Out of this class came Hidalgo, the George Washington of Mexico, and also Morelos, another of the country's great fathers. Both were priests of small parishes, both were excommunicated and executed, but they are the great heroes of Mexico.

For over three hundred years the Church exercised a complete dominion over Mexico, without trying to launch a movement of progress that would place Mexico among the nations enjoying modern standards of life. In spite of the great political sway exercised by the Church, it never supported a constructive movement for the people.

The conversion of the ancient Mexican people from the worship of their great soter, the fair-haired god "Quetzalcoatl" to Christianity was not voluntary. It took four bloody battles to persuade the Aztecs and kindred tribes to embrace the white man's God.

Quetzalcoatl had taught them the arts of peace and kindness, the giving of bread, fruits and perfumes as offerings, inculcating in them the doctrines of half restraint, self abnegation and charity. The Spaniards soon introduced the opposite of these virtues and proved that they were neither the Fair God nor his descendants.

Among the early missionaries were men of kindness, sincerity and resolution. Tacto, Gaona, Focher, Gante, Witte and Daciano deserted high honors and lucrative posts to pioneer in an unsettled land in order to teach the Indian how to be Christians. Men like Las Casas attempted to protect him from the brutality of the Viceroy and Colonial legislation, but their efforts were blocked by the Institutionalism of the regular Clergy who had settled down on the backs of the people.

The Church had acquired great tracts of land, its wealth increased, its temples became more sumptuous, the robes of its priests more bejeweled, its altars more ostentatious and glittering.

In the records of the Ayuntamiento (City Council) of Mexico City may be noted the alarm at the dangerous increase in clerical riches. Bishops excommunicated Viceroy, Viceroy exiled Bishops, both of which procedures usually created riots and bloodshed and resulting in beheadings.

The Church was a great property holder; it stood with the exploiters and aristocracy as against the Indian, and as usual, when possessed of unlimited power it became extremely intolerant. In 1571 the Inquisition was established in Mexico. From that day terror began among the inhabitants! Woe to the sharpers, witches and sorcerers! Fear swept over all, and that frightful secrecy with the tribunal surrounded itself contributed greatly to increase the terror. (Luis Gonzales Obregon in Mexico Viejo.)

Along with their growth in power crept in corruption and degeneracy. The priests haunted the wine shops and cheap theatres and openly flaunted their women on the streets. For over three hundred years the Mexican people lived under practically unrestrained domination of Roman Catholicism. That Church had it within its power to write the history of Mexico as it would, and in fact did write it. The Church had the opportunity to show what it could do with the good native stock in a country with unlimited natural resources. It could have taught the Indian to read and write; to build comfortable, clean and sanitary houses; it could have preached the gospel of truth, honesty, chastity and set an example of high moral Christian conduct; it could have developed a "Civil society" cultured and adorned with all the arts of civilization. It done none of these things, it did however, destroy a wonderful primitive civilization. It developed and fostered a degrader, horrible system of peonage and slavery, to which in comparison black slavery was a bed of roses, and it discouraged any efforts on the part of the Indians to education or higher moral standards.

As far back as the middle of the last century, it became apparent that popular government would have no chance in Mexico as long as the Catholic Church was intrenched in a position of power in State affairs, dominating economic life and monopolizing the great opinion-forming agencies. The issue then, as it is now, was a struggle between the ideas of the thir-

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A Real Protestant Broadcasting Station

WHAP Defies Its Critics, Says Propoganda Will Continue

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W . H . A . P .
New York
9 West 96th Street

Mr. David Kievet,
Paterson, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Kievet:

We learn with great pleasure that the Alexander Hamilton Chapter No. 17, of the Knights of American Protestantism, are in sympathy with our efforts to stand for genuine American Protestantism, and we extend our kind greetings to the members of your order.

It is upon such efforts as yours and ours that the future safety and welfare of America depends. The great heritage of freedom which was won for us by the heroic Pilgrim Fathers and Mothers and the Colonial patriots of Washington's time, can only be held by us if we fight, defend and preserve what our forebears established. Every American must be an evangelist for the spread of militant and fearless opposition to the ambitions of political Romanism in America.

With every good wish, we are
Sincerely yours,
Franklin Ford, Studio Manager

New York—Despite threats to silence station WHAP, admittedly founded to preach anti-Catholic propaganda, the broad-casting station, at 9 West Ninety-sixth street, will be maintained.

This was the ultimatum of Franklin Ford, announcer and mouthpiece for Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist, who has put half a million dollars into the aerial, and for Mr. and Mrs. William H. Taylor, disciples of Mrs. Stetson, representing the remainder of the financial backing.

The ether-attack upon Catholic principles will be ignored by the Catholic church was the statement yesterday of Patrick F. Scanlon, editor of The Tablet, an official Catholic publication of Brooklyn.

Ford issued a verbal fiat declaring that the station "not only talks against the Catholic church's political interests, but against the principles of Catholicism."

"It is not only the political side of Catholicism of which we are intolerant," he said. "We are against the Catholics. Of course, we put on entertainment features, music, readings, and the usual radio en-

tertainment, but our primary purpose is to teach the dangers of Catholicism to the nation."

The license for the station, maintained in the pretty brown-stone house in W. 96th St., was obtained in November, 1925, with a 200-meter wave length, by the William H. Taylor Finance Corporation. When the free-for-all grab of wave lengths opened WHAP jumped to a 351-meter audience.

But the license, according to Scanlon, was obtained by misrepresentation. "When they asked for a license they stated that they wanted to preach Americanism and high ideals," he said.

"We condemn the station because it is broadcasting falsehood and prejustice, and gives no opportunity for the Catholics to come back at these things. There have been instances of the use of unauthentic statements and misquotations from WHAP. The letter broadcasted as coming from the pen of the late Theodore Roosevelt is an example. That alleged attack upon the Catholics was repudiated by Roosevelt within two weeks after its publication."

Mr. Stetson, guardian of the station, refused to see reporters, referring them all to Franklin Ford.

K. A. P. Associate Membership

The K. A. P., at its National Convention June 14, 15 and 16th has provided for the Constitutional Amendment permitting you to be an Associate Member of this great National Protestant, Patriotic Movement without being connected with some local organization wherein your identity might become known. All you have to do to make application for an Associate Membership in this National Organization of K. A. P. is to fill in your name and address on the blank below and forward same with \$5.00 to P. O. Box 11, Muncie, Indiana. In return they will mail you the K. A. P. Magazine for one year and mail to your address an official Bulletin once a month, describing our great National work. You will also be given a membership card which you may present to the President of some of our local organizations, and if they choose to invite you to their meetings this will be their privilege. This card will also admit you to our National Convention after we have thoroughly investigated and find you to be a real Patriot.

There is no excuse now for not supporting this great Protestant, Patriotic organization, whether you live where there is a local organization or not, and we should have, by the end of this year, at least 100,000 Associate members, or Subscribing members, as we call them, assisting us to put this great National Movement over. Fill out this blank and send \$5.00 to P. O. Box 11, Muncie, Indiana, at once, and get as many more to do this as you possibly can. This may be a step towards a wonderful local organization in your community if you later decide to cooperate in that way. We will not reveal your identity to our local organizations in that vicinity unless you request it.

Sign this blank below immediately if you want to see the Patriotic movement promoted.

cut out and mail today

I hereby apply for membership in the Knights of American Protestantism and inclose \$5.00 as my annual membership dues, \$1.50 of which is for a year's subscription to 'The K. A. P. Magazine.

Name

St. No.

CityState

Do you want your identity revealed?

What Church do you belong to.....



Interesting News from Chapters

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Hon. Mr. Bemenderfer
Dear Patriot:

Your very kind letter is at hand asking my help as a correspondent. I will gladly give you the best I can as every moment of my life is given up to this work. Where I will fail to meet your requests is in being mild instead of radical. I am so intensely aroused over the loss of our nation that I could not fail to be very radical. I am a psychic subject and feel intensely the agonies our ancestors passed through in giving us such a perfect country and constitution. Now in the space of one short one hundred and fifty years the traitor politicians have permitted the alien enemy to grasp its control and make our laws a failure to punish the enemy.

There is no doubt but men sold their votes in both houses of congress. That made it possible for them from first to last to be a solid majority, and they had been practicing that method the past four congresses but they had never been so bold and defiant of the U. S. Treasury. Beside the majority of senators the alien enemy had the same strong hold on Mellen and Coolidge who could have saved the treasury from being robbed. They would not do so because they were a part of the alien's enemy's pliant tools. After the entire congress had worked in secrecy giving out mere fragments for the Press Despatch, now we are told that congressmen are boasting that they disbursed seventeen billions of dollars belonging to the treasury, and that much of it went to the small nations in Europe and to Italy's war debt. That statement does not bring any peace to our minds as it yet narrows it all down to Vatican management in which they probably get a greater portion out of those war debts for Vatican use, and all the war was scheduled by the Vatican, and the political traitors in the United States Congress knew where every dollar would go. With the Vatican freedom from debt and the way of taking money from all nations of the world, they will be able to hold non-Catholic nations in peonage. We notice it continually all over America by the cad plight of the farmers. It is like drowning, they are going under debts they can never pay, and before ten years is past black Catholic immigrants will occupy almost every acre in America. Very likely the white Americans will lie in soldiers graves by trying to save the country for themselves and their children. War always goes to the victor who holds the money bags and the alien army always lay hold of the money.

There is constant complaint of cities, counties, states, and the nation, of doubling up large salaries but leaving the lower salaries with large expenditures for families, struggling how to keep out of debt. I am watching Lowden and Brookhart very closely. One of them could save America if elected in 1928. No doubt Brookhart would consent to serve Lowden, but Lowden will be no second for any one. The question of transportation is against him as, being a Pullman son-in-law will hit him hard

as it did McAdoo under Wilson.

Al Smith and Mellen do not appear very well together although both are Jesuits and Tammany's men, but both want to be first. It appears unbelievable that two prominent Jesuits could be nominated and elected in what has been a Protestant nation. With the Catholics' six million votes (and everybody knows they are illegal votes) they could easily elect their men because of the split parties who will think they have as good a chance and will be unwilling to give up to each other, like Roosevelt and Taft made a split party and let Wilson in. The Jesuits understand how to encourage several more splits in the five distinct parties outside of the Catholic. Their solid organization always wins for them.

Today in the precarious condition of France we see the shrewdest work ever done by Jesuits. In order to defeat Edouard Herriot, Mussolini sent thousands of his faceit over to Paris, trained to hiss and riot to break up the Protestant patriotic work of Herriot who is the only one who could save France. The Vatican did this to cripple France utterly. The Vatican can make the terms to allow France to go on. It is the most complicated national affair in history and the Jesuits did it.

Dr. M. M.,

THORNTOWN, INDIANA

My dear K. A. P. Worker:

My, how I miss you good K. A. P. women and how I long to be in your meetings but as I do not often have that privilege nor the opportunity of talking to you I shall let Uncle Sam carry my message as I still want to stand shoulder to shoulder with you in this great work.

July is America's great month, the birth month of our republic. It is a busy month, when Nature opens her boundless resources of sun and air and teeming earth. But we are not too busy to be patriotic and the growing life about us but warms our glowing hearts the more. This is not a time for banked fires and inaction but a time to stir the fires and go forward. We all face the same task of helping to keep America Protestant. We all use the same Book as a light on our pathway; we all love and follow the same Leader Jesus Christ, our Lord and with Him there is no failure. Let us then each in her place and with our hands in His, Onward Go.

The attention of the world is now on the observance of our 150th National Anniversary in Philadelphia. When we think of the wonderful progress of a century and a half we can but think of that which made such progress and achievement possible. When we think of how our Freedom has been purchased by the blood of human sacrifice, we can but wonder at the indifference to the Protestant call of today.

The signers of the Declaration pledged life, fortune and honor to support the principles of Liberty and Justice. If they who drafted the Declaration came back to us today and asked for an accounting of our Stewardship under the Freedom they so

painfully established and defined, could we, you and I say, that we have kept the faith with them and been true to the trust we have received at their hands? One hundred and fifty years ago they labored, sacrificed and died to Make America Protestant, today the task before us is to Keep America Protestant. The task demands in 1926 the same consecration of our energies and powers that was required of the men and women in '76. Let us as true Americans hold the banner high.

The Third Annual Convention of the K. A. P. will be the great Fraternal organization in America and then we can look back with pride and be glad that we were among those who blazed the way for success and victory.

Repeating the words of our National President when he said, "Sacrifice must be our foundation. Service must be our policy and as long as we go forward with that policy tell me who can prevent our ultimate victory." Yes, through sacrifice and service, victory will be ours. Let me admonish you to be faithful and keep your Chapter Auxiliary to the front, attend every meeting, let nothing but sickness keep you away for in that way you each will share the strength of the other.

If you do not know when the next regular meeting is to be, call your President or Secretary and plan to be there and make this the best meeting you have had.

May God's blessing be upon you and our K. A. P., organization and may it be a power for good in our community.

Yours in the work of the K. A. P.,
A. R. G.

BOONE, IOWA

Mr. Orion Norcross, Nat'l Sec'y K. A. P.,
Muncie, Ind.
Brother Norcross:

Could any who have begun to weaken in this great cause, been in attendance at the Open Air Rally held jointly by the local Units of Boone, Spirits would of been raised and all shoulders would of been placed against the wheel and the good wagon K. of A. P. would have received a shove that would have carried it joyfully onward.

Since the hot days have set in, we have been experiencing that feeling of fallen attendance, so that the faithful few have been hard put to think of ways and means to get the members out.

This open air rally was decided upon and last Tuesday night, August 3, 1926, in one of the prettiest spots in rural Iowa, under the canopy of God's theatre, a get together meeting was held. No business was transacted.

This was in the same spot where we listened to a National Representative of the old I. K. of A., though the crowd was not so large, the same enthusiasm was there and the writer believes that great good was accomplished.

The Ladies of Hawkeye Unit No. 1, State of Iowa, came with well filled baskets and

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PETER THE SPLINTER

A Reply to The Enclosed Advertisement Published In a St. Louis
Daily Newspaper

By FREDERICK D. RAYMOND,
National Representative of New York State

WHEN one seeks to investigate the Catholic religion he seeks to perform an impossible task, for the simple reason there is no such religion. The word catholic means universal, and a religion to be catholic or universal must be practiced by all and found in all places. This cannot be truly said of any religion. There is a religion, having its center in the city of Rome, Italy, which bases much of its absurd claims on Matt. 16-18, and claims to be the universal or catholic religion.

It is my purpose to investigate this religion on at least one of its claims, namely that based on the above passage. A study of the teachings of Christ reveals a very careful and direct focussing of His gospel on Himself. He begins by preaching the kingdom and calling on men to repent. As time passes he becomes more personal crying out "come unto me;" a little later in Galilee He very distinctly offers Himself as the bread of life, at last giving Himself for His cause.

It is illogical to believe He would thus through His ministry have sought to center men's thoughts and hopes on Himself when in reality their hopes must rest on another. It is equally unreasonable to believe that that had He intended to shift that hope from Himself to another He would have sought to do so by only a single short sentence uttered in an obscure place and to His disciples alone and never in any way have intimated that fact to any of His other followers and to the multitude in whose minds He had for years been seeking to plant the thought that their hopes were centered in Him. Rome, when she asks men to accept Peter in the place of Christ, asks us to accept a single passage interpreted as she interprets it in the

face of all the rest of the teachings of Christ, that the hope of the world rests in Him and Him alone. This passage, even if it could not be interpreted in a much more reasonable way than it is interpreted by Rome, would still not be strong enough to sustain the weight of the doctrine which Rome seeks to build up on it. The fact is that even her interpretation of this passage is incorrect and forced.

In reply to the question of Jesus as to who they thought He was, Peter replies, "thou art Christ the son of the living God." To this Jesus replied, "Thou art Petros (Peter a splinter of stone) upon this Petra (bed rock) I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

In simple language what Christ evidently said was "Thou art right Peter (Petros a splinter of stone) and upon this Petra (bed rock) I will build my church" etc.

History confirms this position. The church of Rome as such has never individual members and groups of such may have in the past been persecuted but never the church as such. There is no evidence that from its founding the gates of hell, the powers of darkness have even sought its overthrow.

The Christian church early as a church was called on to meet opposi-

tion and the attacks from the powers of darkness. These failing the evil one sought as ever to attack it from the inside. This is evident in the groath of false teachings of which the one under examination is a sample and pagan practices. As a result of these the day came when evidence of the church as the early fathers knew it was well nigh absent.

At last by means of the reformation, out of the darkness which had well nigh destroyed His church it

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(Adv. Reprinted from St. Louis Daily)

CATHOLIC RELIGION SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED

You claim your religion is true; we claim ours is true. What shall we do? INVESTIGATE, Religion is a fact; facts are stubborn things; hence it is not surprising there are differences of opinion. There is a way of being certain about our facts; test them. It is inconceivable God would make religion such a vital thing, and leave us in the dark about it. Be sure of this. WE HAVE INVESTIGATED THE CATHOLIC RELIGION AND WE KNOW IT TO BE TRUE.

When you start a society or a company do you desire it to fail? So also, when CHRIST ESTABLISHED THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, He did not wish it to fail. He took good care to guarantee the continuation of HIS CHURCH and to provide that it would last forever and teach only the truth. See Matt. 16-18.

"THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT
PREVAIL AGAINST IT."

Stensen, Father of Modern Geology, was a
Catholic Bishop

These ads inserted daily and paid for by a native St. Louis Catholic business man who believes in his religion.



PATRIOTIC FRATERNALISM and the PROTESTANT CHURCH

A Study of The Relationship Between The K. A. P. and The Protestant Minister

By FRED'K D. RAYMOND

At the third National Convention of The Knights of American Protestantism the following resolutions were unanimously presented by the resolution committee and adopted by the convention as an expression of its opinion and attitude.

It having been brought to the attention of the National Convention of the Knights of American Protestantism that there is a growing tendency to hold up the protestant ministry and church to ridicule on the screen, the stage, the public lecture platform and in the public press, and desiring to express our disapproval of this subtle attack upon the best in our representatives, our speakers and our members, not we recognize it as a fact that today, as in the past, the protestant ministry and church form a great bulwark against the rising tide of lawlessness, immorality and despotism in our land.

Therefore be it resolved: that we protest against this un-American, destructive policy and council our civic life, we hereby go on record as declaring that only to refrain from expressions of such a character, but to seek in every way to show their disapproval of such expressions on the part of others.

Be it further resolved: that recognizing the protestant church as the right arm of that militant army of which we today form the left arm, which is pressing back the powers of darkness and seeking to bring the reign of the spirit of Christ among all men, we hereby pledge to both the Protestant Church and ministry our hearty co-operation.

As the author of the above resolution the writer has been requested to develop the thought contained therein and point out the attitude which he feels should be maintained toward both the church and ministry on the part of good Knights of American Protestantism.

As we seek to do this it is necessary, if the object desired is to be gained, that we approach our study in the greatest spirit of mutual confidence and respect. I want you who read these articles to think of me as one of you who is seeking in this way to do his part to advance our common cause. If you do not always agree with the author you will remember that he is honestly seeking to find a way to bring about what is best for us all and that all that is said is with a sincere wish to achieve that end. At least give him the benefit of believing he is speaking from honest motives and remain his friend, as he will remain yours even if we cannot always agree on all points.

For our part we are going to see you as a group of honest earnest men and women often extremely busy, and giving of your time, thought and money for our common cause. I am going to think of you as often opposed, and at other times ignored, by those who should be your closest allies and friends. I know how some of you have been encouraged as some minister has for a time appeared to come to your aid in the long hard fight in which you are engaged, only to prove unworthy of your confidence and trust. I know how their failure has added to the burden which you have had to bear and added to the difficulty of your task. I know some times you have been used and then betrayed by dishonest, self seeking ministers.

I know as few of you can know the heart ache which comes from aiding another as he enters the sacred calling of the ministry only to see him later take the downward path of selfishness which leads him to dishonor and perhaps destruction. I know as few of you can know, the pain of breaking the friendships of the years with fellow ministers, whom you have learned to love, as they turned from the path-way of honesty at the call of preferment. I know of the rank cowardise, selfishness, immorality and all-round rottenness among ministers. Some of you could no doubt give me examples of unworthiness among ministers in special cases, but they would not show me anything I do not already know about, among them.

There are cowards, liars, thieves, immoral characters, selfish self seekers, treacherous double dealers among the ministers, but friend, in spite of all of this I believe that the vast majority of protestant ministers are sound at heart. They are seeking for the right, and when they find the right they will go through fire and flood to do the right. Thank God that in K. A. P. we don't have to deal with the former, when once the mask is off, but because we sometimes have to shut the gate, let's not fail to keep on the lookout for the latter class and welcome them with open arms. Yes, let us do more than that, let us go out in the highway and byway and seek them out and compell them to enter the service of our land under the banner of the K. A. P.

I would not be at all surprised if we discovered before the battle for protestantism went much beyond the present stage that we, with decent men in the ministry, would have to smash a great protestant ecclesiastical machine before we can ever get at the Pope's machine in this country. Mind you, we do

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MINUTES of K. A. P. CONVENTION

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 16, 1926

The session was called to order by Mr. Bemenderfer the National President in the Auditorium at 2:00 P. M. All joined in singing America and saluting the Flag. Prayer was offered by Rev. Day, III.

The National Secretary satisfied himself as to the proper qualifications of all attending this business assembly, and so reported to the National President.

Mrs. Grace Fox, California, pledged her support of her state to the National Officers.

Mrs. Grave W. Titlow, National Director, Ohio, spoke of the debt we owe our National Officers for their untiring and faithful services and pledged her support in all their decisions.

Rev. F. D. Raymond, New York, submitted the recommendations of the Resolution Committee, which were adopted by the Convention. The Resolution follow:—

RESOLUTIONS

"It having been brought to the attention of the National Convention of the K. A. P. assembled in the National Home, Muncie, Indiana, that there is a growing tendency to hold up to ridicule, the Protestant Church and Ministry, upon the stage, the screen and the public lecture platform, and recognizing the fact that today, as in the past, the Protestant Church and Ministry form a great bulwark against the rising tide of lawlessness, immorality and despotism in our land,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we go on record as protesting against this un-American destructive policy and counsel our representatives, our speakers and our members, not only to refrain from expressions of such a character, but to seek in every way to show their disapproval of such expressions on the part of others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that recognizing the Protestant Church as the right arm of that militant army, of which we today form the left arm, which is pressing back the power of darkness and seeking to bring the rule of the Spirit of Christ among men, hereby pledge to both the Protestant Church and Ministry our hearty Cooperation."

RESOLUTIONS

"The K. A. P. in National Convention assembled at Muncie, Indiana, desiring to express our disapproval of the failure on the part of the otherwise good citizens to properly support individuals and organizations which are seeking to bring about a more stringent enforcement of all laws and to formally serve notice both upon the enemies of our Constitution and our Government, that we intend to spend and be spent in the Crusade against Lawlessness, hereby RESOLVE, that we counsel our members to in every way show to those who disparage our Constitution and Laws and who under any pretext, or in any way,

become party to their violation and their disapproval. We refuse to recognize any individual who places appetite or desire above their duty to obey the laws of our land, Mucipal, State or National.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we advise the Chapters to place themselves squarely behind Local, State and National Organizations which are honestly seeking for stringent enforcement of Law, and wherever such Organizations are not functioning, to themselves take a militant attitude towards lawlessness in their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our utter contempt and disapproval of the action of Alfred E. Smith, at present occupying the executive mansion of the State of New York, in leading that State, to in effect, secede from the Union, by the repeal of the Mullen-Gage Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ge on record as disapproving the submitting to the electorate of any State or of the Nation, through so-called referendum on Prohibition, the question as to whether they shall or shall not obey the Law constitutionally enacted by the National Congress, and support the Constitution and all its amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to our various Chapters, the Press Association and National Law Enforcement bodies."

RESOLUTIONS

"It having been made to appear to us, through the Reports in the Press, of the condition in Mexico, that the attitude of President Calles towards the enemies of their Government, is such as would meet our approval,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to President Calles of Mexico, our appreciation and hearty approval of the attitude taken by him which we believe is that which should be taken by our own Government under similar conditions."

RESOLUTIONS

"The K. A. P. in National Convention assembled at Muncie, Indiana, desiring to express our recognition of the faithful, efficient services rendered to our Cause by Rev. J. U. W—— as National Chairman of the Educational Committee for the past year, hereby resolve that we instruct our Secretary to extend to Rev. W—— our hearty approval of his attitude and our heartfelt sympathy for him in his bereavement."

RESOLUTIONS

"As we approach the close of this, the Third and most successful National Convention of our Order we are sensible of a growing appreciation of the fact that both our comfort, our pleasure and the inspiration we have received from this Convention are large

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Educational Department

THIS department is one of the big features of The K A P Magazine which is edited by four members of the Educational Committee, appointed by the National President and approved by the Board of Directors. This committee was provided for at the Second convention and represents the East, West, South and Great Lake Districts. It is the desire of the President that these articles be mailed not later than the tenth of the month to insure insertion.

"DESSERTS FOR DINNER"

"Pro Patria"

(To be served only with 'American Meals')

FORWARD:—

The 'dessert' is the last course at the table of meat. It is an open question whether the 'dessert' aids or hurts digestion, rounds off a meal or spoils it, nevertheless, most people indulge in 'desserts', enjoy the morsels and tid-bits, and it is hoped that these "Desserts For Dinner" may find a regular place in the menu of American Meals.

DESSERT NUMBER ELEVEN

"Pageant of the Eucharist"

1. The Cardinals wear a Ring Of Authority. Did Christ ever wear such a ring or authorize a use of such a means of recognized authority?
2. Would you trace "Pageantry" to the humble Christ or to Roman Paginism?
3. Why do you think the American Press in New York and Chicago allowed the Eucharistic Congress to push the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial off the front page of publicity?
4. Does the 'Real Presence' of Jesus depend upon priestly magic o'er a wafer or upon a sincere heart and life open to Christ's admittance?
5. Can Protestants learn anything in matters of organization and unity of purpose from the Catholics?

DESSERT NUMBER ELEVEN

The Chicago Pageant of the Eucharist

Chicago is just at the climax of its greatest experience with pomp and circumstance. The Eucharistic Congress, which began last Sunday and is closing today, has been a blaze of ostentatious display such as has scarce been equaled in all the history of the Western world. Certainly it is the greatest of all exhibitions in the name of religion ever given in America.

The press-agentry of the Congress has been superb. No World's Fair has had better service from its publicity experts, or more generous treatment from the newspapers.

The Philadelphia Sesquicentennial, by comparison, has been exploited on the scale of a third-rate Uncle Tom's Cabin tent show.

Fifteen Cardinals, scores of bishops, thousands of priests and nuns, a specially built pullman train, a jewelled monstrosity comparable only to the choicest glories in the treasuries of Kings; color, action, music

pageantry like that at the outset of the most pretentious of the Crusades—what more could lavish expenditure, consummate executive ability and mass action on a colossal scale provide to make the event unforgettable?

And what is the one thing which the Roman Catholic Church would tell the world by all this staggering total of paraded power and wealth, this vast advertisement of a Church's skill in showmanship?

That Jesus Christ, the World's Redeemer, is present, in body and divinity, in the consecrated wafer "just as He was actually living and present at Bethlehem and Calvary."

To the thoughtful world outside the Roman fold this is sheer superstition; a fetishism not made any more attractive at its center by all its outlay of gold and silver and precious stones and noble music and banner's gleaming in the sun.

To the Roman Catholic, the spectacle has undoubtedly been a reason for churchly pride. It has probably won back to church attendance many Catholics who had abandoned the practice of their faith. To some devout minds it must have brought new conviction that the doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the mass is true.

Some Protestants may have gazed on one or other of the public functions of the congress with a certain wistful envy: "Why can't we get such public attention as they do?"

But others, surely, have been more discerning. They realize that through wealth and organizing aptitude and obedience to authority can produce this mighty display, not all the princes of the church in all their opulent robes can make Jesus Christ a participant in a ceremonial that is foreign to his spirit and purpose.

The congress has been a magnificent advertisement of the church—vastly showy, and thrilling to ear and heart with the sound of ten thousand singing voices. But though it has glorified the church, how can an event patterned after a Caesar's triumph demonstrate the advent into Chicago the Son of Man?

If He had really come this week, in living, bodily form, would the marching thousands, or the massed multitudes of dazzled spectators, have recognized him amid all that calculated gorgeousness? Would He have been at the head of the parade? He did make a triumphal entry once; but the church of that day was not represented in the procession.

And the question here suggested is not one for Catholics alone. Doubtless thousands of Protestants,

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

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who were not at all convinced that what they watched was such a tribute to Jesus Christ as He would approve, stopped short of asking how their own churches most eagerly seek to honor Him. We Protestants must admit that we have no such genius for ecclesiastical window-dressing as the Eucharistic Congress disclosed. But we are not far behind in other forms practical benevolence.

And it is not a mere academic question, to ask whether we make a closer approach to the real presence of Jesus Christ, in some of our activities, than do the Roman Catholics in their worship of what seems to be no more than a bit of bread.

For Christ, says Paul to the Corinthians, is not in ceremonial, nor in gifts to the poor, nor in knowledge, nor in priestly mysteries. Where love is, Christ is. They who, whether Catholic or Protestant, reveal Him in the outgoings of a life of simple goodness need elevate no host that men may discern him. He is shown forth in their lives.

And this is the eucharist the world hungers for: this the perpetual sacrifice at which Christ is truly present, the feast of love which is kept forever by those who have named His Name.

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DESSERT NUMBER TWELVE

INTRODUCTION: Have someone define the American Principle on Separation of Church and State.

Question No. 1. Where would you draw the line on Church Authority?

2. Where would you draw the line on State Authority?

These two questions are enough for an evening discussion if adequately interpreted.

J. H. W. National Director Education

DESSERT NUMBER TWELVE

"Catholic Church Calls A Strike"

As I write this article, to the very hour of composition: this century is witnessing a "Revival Of Medieval Practice."

There is a date worth of memorizing for every student of history. It is August First, 1926.

This date should be of particular interest to every American, because the events connected therewith are taking place in a next-door neighbor's country (Mexico) and furthermore America is being appealed to in the situation for help.

The cause of the Religious trouble down in Mexico seems to lie in the fact that President Calles

is determined to break the power of the Catholic Church as a Political Organization. In other words he wants the Priests to Attend To Their Spiritual Functions and Take Their Hands Off Civic Supremacy. And the Priests with their Hierarchical Leaders will not do so.

So the retaliation of the Roman Catholic Church takes form—First—in an Economic Boycott under the name of a National League for the Defense of Religious Freedom, this economic boycott was launched. It failed! The next attack came in a Pastoral letter issued the latter part of July under the signatures of archbishops and bishops. The letter announced that beginning Sunday August 1st, 1926, no priests would officiate at religious ceremonies in the Catholic Churches throughout Mexico. Now that is serious, and also humorous, besides being full of possibilities.

If there was any way of Keeping The Priests On Strike for a generation in Mexico—the next generation would not need Priests for guidance. It also seems to be a Mighty Queer Method to obtain Religious Liberty to Rob Their Own People of spiritual ministrations.

The possibilities are such that the Catholic people barred from worship, led on by superstition, ignorance, and misplaced devotion may turn into a 'howling mob of fanatics' capable of doing much damage to property and life. Anyway, President Calles is not asleep or unaware of the hierarchial treachery. The "Department of The Interior" of Mexico has ordered an investigation of the Pastoral Letter, which was issued by the archbishops and bishops. It is the intention of Calles to find out whether such a letter violates the Constitution. If so—it looks as if some Catholic Leaders will be cited for contempt; and if facts justify, some startling arrests may be made.

In a statement recently issued by President Calles it is worth more than passing consideration to observe his Clear Cut Ideas and High Standing Principles. He says:

"The purpose of the Catholic agitators will fail and will give definite evidence of their lack of strength because Mexican economic life is independent of groups of agitators and neither industry nor commerce is dependent upon these responsible for this ridiculous economic boycott movement."

Another statement: "What can the government of any country do, when a social group, religious or otherwise, publicly rejects the fundamental laws, announces its attention to fight such laws and incites the people to repudiate the Constitution?"

A third statement: "I know that it is very hard for the people of the United States to understand that there are wicked elements who attempt to 'Cover Their Political Ambitions Under The Cloak Of Religion.'" I envy the United States in that respect, and I know that the churches of the United States distinguish between religious and political conduct. But in Mexico, from the time of independence to the present, the Catholic Church has been a Constant Political Problem.

J. H. W.

National Director Education



CONVENTION REPORT

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ly due to the efforts, personal sacrifice and loyalty of those who have had positions upon our program and in other ways been active in carrying forward the work of the Convention.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we spread on the Minutes of this Convention, this expression of our thanks to those men and women who have entertained and thrilled us in the various addresses which they have delivered before this Convention, to the Militant Patriotic Press, which has so loyally supported in its columns the preparations for the Convention, to the Press of Muncie, the Mayor and the Citizens of this city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize the fact that without the faithful performance of the duties of those who have not been in the public eye, this Convention could not have been the success that it has been, we therefore extend our thanks to the National force of our wonderful home."

The Mexican question was thoroughly discussed, which revealed that religious workers of all creeds, who do not obey the laws of Mexico must leave that country.

Mr. L. L. Brown, Chairman of the National Home Committee, talked regarding the Home and suggested various ways to raise the Home Fund quota.

Mrs. Grace Fox, California, temporary chairman of the Educational Committee, presented a splendid program to be carried out this year. The Happiness, Prosperity, Service and Power of a Nation is in direct proportion to the intelligence of its people and the aim of this organization for the coming year is to educate the people on the facts of history and politics that are so vital to this Protestant movement. She urged that the K. A. P. Magazine be sold in every community and the profits sent to National Home Fund. Report adopted as presented.

Program for Educational Department

1. Specialize on the characters and incidents embodied in our ritual, together with cuts of our continental patriots.

2. Study of our Constitution of the U. S. A. by the question and answer method. Encourage instructive discussion. Short lesson. Juvenile instruction.

3. Instructions (in the most simple manner) on important bills before Congress. Exercise our franchise by numerous resolutions or protests. Names addresses to whom sent.

4. Important news of the press.

5. Serial story (short) of the American Indian, prepared by Chief White Eagle.

6. Serial story (short) relative to suppressed facts and incidents of American History.

7. Sale and propagation of our National Magazine to Membership and non-membership.

15c per copy to public—news stand—call.

10c in bundle lots of 10 or more.

Profit 5c per copy

20 copies to each local. \$1.00 profit.

100 Locals—\$100.00 per month—Better Magazine. Eventually a weekly Magazine.

8. Patriotic Library.

9. School Citizenship test. Cash or Honor.

10. Study Program,

a. President,—Vive President

b. Senators

c. Representatives

d. Negro Problem, conversion of Negroes to Papacy

e. Papacy and Educational Bill

f. Papacy and Immigration Bill

g. Papacy and Aviation

h. Papacy and Army and Navy

i. Papacy and Shipping Board

j. Papacy and School Text Book Propaganda

Respectfully submitted, Educational Committee

Mrs. Fox, California, was appointed Director of the Educational Department in the Western States. She was very proud to have the honor of taking a program of the work of this Department to Mrs. Kitzelman, wife of the former owner of our National Home, who is now in California.

Mr. R. E. Casselman, New York, presented the report of the Finance and Auditing Committee, which was accepted by the delegates. Report follows:

To Officers and Members of the Third Annual Convention, K. A. P.

Greetings:—

We, your Finance Committee, hereby wish to submit our findings regarding the financial condition of your Organization, and the condition of the Books and Records.

1st. We find the Books and Records kept in a very comprehensive manner.

2nd. We, as a committee do hereby wish to approve the general statement made and submitted by your National Secretary, Captain Norcross. (Report elsewhere in the minutes). We have checked the amounts therein contained and find same to be correct as to the amounts and divisions. Copy of which report is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

Editor's Note—Report was published in July issue.

3rd. Mr. L. L. Brown, Chairman of the Home Committee, having made a separate report of the Building Fund, this committee wishes to report, that aside from the building indebtedness, we find no indebtedness other than current bills.

4th. Other than the balance of \$127.60, shown by Mr. L. L. Brown's report as on hand in the building fund, we find a balance of \$740.99 on hand in the current expense fund.

5th. This committee recommends that the rate of Per Capita Tax of \$2.00 for men and \$1.00 for

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PATRIOTIC FRATERNALISM

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not say that this is a fact, but that it may be found to be a fact.

We have had occasion, within a very few weeks, to severely call a protestant minister to task publicly because he had deliberately misrepresented a situation touching the patriotic movement for no other apparent reason than he believed that by so doing he would gain favor with those in position to advance him. The number of this kind of men in the ministry will have to be greatly reduced before the church or ministry can really function.

As we write there lays before us a pamphlet containing copies of letters commending a certain magazine. These letters are signed by the names of some so called leading ministers, some of them pastors of large city churches. The magazine they are endorsing is one the trail of which can be found in every dive in the land. It is our opinion that men who will lend themselves to this kind of a thing even to the extent of writing a letter which the publisher can publish as an endorsement should be driven, not alone out of the ministry, but from the presence of decent people. Because there are such men in the ministry, we must not lose sight of that other fact that there are more men who are as clean in thought

and life as the new fallen snow, and that they are by away in the majority.

When the writer first entered the ministry a dear brother who had seen many men come and go, took us into his study and talked to us like a father. Some things he said we believe we never shall forget in this life. One of them was this, "son, as you travel along the path you are entering you will be confronted by some temptations which will, if you are not careful, overcome you. Let me give you my formula for overcoming, watch and pray." As we look back over the years which intervene, we are conscious of the fact that we could often have been as many of those we condemn had it not been for this advice. As a result of this it may appear that we are not as stinging in our denunciation of the bad ministers as some may desire us to be, but we are always mindful of our common humanity.

Thus far we have been simply seeking to make it sure that you who read these articles shall get our view point, and that we understand your view point to the end that we shall better understand each other as we go along, and in the end be found standing together for the honor of the protestant church and ministry, the advancement of our cause.

When you see an old man amiable, mild, equable, content, and good-humored, be sure that in his youth he has been just, generous, and forbearing. In his end he does not lament the past, nor dread the future; he is like the evening of a fine day.—Arabic Proverb.

WHAT IS PATRIOTISM?

Are we Patriotic just because we make speeches and celebrate Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays?

Are we Patriotic just because we decorate the graves of our Veterans on Decoration Day?

Are we Patriotic just because we hang out the Flag on the 14th of June, and make a noise on the 4th of July?

Are we Patriotic just because we happened to be called as a soldier in some war our country was in?

Are we Patriotic just because we bought a few Liberty Bonds?

Are we Patriotic if we are elected to office and fail to do our duty?

Are we Patriotic if we stay at home and fail to help elect good men to make and enforce our laws?

Are we Patriotic if we know the law is being

violated and we do not try to help bring the criminal to justice?

Are we Patriotic if we try to keep from sitting on a jury to give a criminal his just dues?

Are we Patriotic if we violate or encourage the violation of the Constitution just because we do not like some of the laws?

Are we Patriotic if we as Preachers and professing Christians fail to use all our influence to help the officers clean up the vice in our County and State?

Donald R. Mellett, of the Canton, Ohio, Daily News, who was slain for his war on vice, has given us one of the best demonstrations of Patriotism we have ever known and should be classed with our martyred Presidents and fallen soldiers.

R. W. H.



Our Independence Jeopardized

By HENRY J. SPERLING, Jr.

Although it is a little late for any more articles on Independence Day, I am writing this with the express purpose of impressing it on the minds and perhaps opening the eyes of some people into whose hands is given a K. A. P. Magazine and those who doubt that immediate action is necessary on the part of every Protestant, whether a K. A. P. member or not. The following address was read at the Independence Day Exercises given by the Choir of the West Baptist Church, Vineland, N. J., which was written by me and read at the exercises by Rev. J. S. Teasdale, pastor of the church.

The month of July, 1926, commemorates the 150th anniversary of the signing of that immortal document known as the Declaration of Independence, in whose honor the Sesqui-centennial is dedicated.

We surely owe a debt of gratitude to our American fore-fathers who so nobly defended themselves in the early colonial days, who endured many hardships, trials and tribulations that they could leave behind, a land of Liberty and Freedom.

Can one imagine what our Pilgrim fathers undertook when they made their way to our shore, across that great expanse of water and finally landed on that dark desolate December morn. They had no homes, schools or churches, had to endure the attacks of many wild animals and Indian tribes; but composed of a constructive nature, soon overcome these obstacles. Trusting in God for his guidance and strength and for his ever present enlightening light they overcame each and every difficulty as it arose. These determined people left for their Posterity the good example of their righteousness and the love of Country and home. These early Patriots were the foundation in this Country of True Protestantism.

As time went on this band of Pilgrims was joined by others until there were on these American shores thirteen colonies. As these colonies prospered the mother country exacted taxes and unjust laws, without the consent of her subjects. Seeing that things could not go on this way, these thirteen colonies declared themselves Free and Independent States and on July 4th, 1776, John Hancock, President of the Second Continental Congress, signed that immortal document, as penned by Thomas Jefferson, known as the Declaration of Independence.

We are here to do honor to the signers of that Document, and the Document itself. In most audiences there are more than 75 per cent of the listeners who are only Patriotic while they are listening to a Patriotic Celebration and many speeches; but fail to realize what a sacrifice was made, that they may today enjoy Liberty and Freedom. They are too self-centered to pay any attention to the conditions that are existing in our Country at the present time, thereby failing to see that Our Independence is Jeopardized and almost falling into the hands of our enemies.

If you read the various papers and magazines of

True American Patriotism, and then reflect on what you were reading, you will no doubt see that the enemies are within our boundaries, that is, the foreign and un-American element, and they will enmesh and ensnare you and all other Protestants, who do not heed the signs of the times and get to work at once, with might and main in the cause of True Protestantism and better Americanism. While Protestants are being lulled to sleep by the song of Toleration, that iniquitous and vicious arch-enemy the Roman Hierarchy is getting a strange hold on Our Country.

I implore upon all you people who are listening to this short article, that you make a sincere effort to do your share as all true Patriots should and not leave it all to a few Real Americans. The time has come when we and the other millions of Protestants, who are divided into two Hundred and thirty-three different denominations, cults and sects, should band themselves together under one banner of Unity, and as true Christian Soldiers, ever onward march, thus leaving for the countless millions yet unborn a Watchtower to True Americanism and better Protestantism. We cannot leave all this work on the shoulders of a few Loyal Patriots as Brother Billy Parker and Brother William Lloyd Cark and other great Anti-Catholic Lecturers, who have dedicated their lives to the cause of True Americanism and 100 percent Protestantism. Owing to the fact that the Protestant people have fallen down on their job entrusted to their care and the fact that the conditions are getting bad instead of better, Brother W. L. Clark, who has been shot at and stoned more than once, has appealed to his friends and co-Patriots to aid him in financing a Church on Wheels in which this fearless leader will tour the American States in his endeavor to arouse the masses from their sleepy stupor.

Any person, persons, societies, lodges, fraternities, clubs or organizations, who are based on the Constitution of the United States of America who fails to live up to its American Principals or Policies, are yellow, a menace to our Glorious Flag and Country. Are you one of these? I hope not.

Come on all you indifferent Protestants, get to work now, and show your true Spirit of Seventy-six and aid in the cause of your following. Be a cog in that machine of True Americanism. There are many good Protestants, who fear to assist in this work owing to their narrow religious tendencies. The Scriptures say, "O, Ye of little Faith." Do you know what that means? Did you ever stop to think that you may be more acceptable to your Lord and Master if you would do your best to serve your Country better?

In closing this address will hope that each and everyone of you will be better Americans and Truer Protestants next Independence Day, and extending to you an invitation to join the "Knights of American Protestantism," and aid this True Democratic Organization to "Keep American Protestant."



INTERESTING NEWS

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at 7 P. M. all fell in line and plates were filled from the pleasant bantering back and forth, it was like a great family reunion.

After the appetites had been appeased and the ladies had cleared up the serving table a ball game was arranged between the men folks, and as the writer had left his adding machine at home, the score was lost sight of.

At 7:45 a halt was called for the purpose of listening to the speaker of the evening, as the Indians were want to gather under the same trees at Council time, so did these faithful and loyal patriots.

Our speaker who is our Official Chaplain and who is also a minister of the Gospel, gave to us a most interesting and inspiring address, the subject, "Whats in a Name," was so well and capably handled that all realized that Knights of American Protestantism was the best name of all.

He pulled apart and dissected the words Klan and Independent and showed that those two words could have no part in such an organization as ours. Then taking our present name he showed by words just what each one of them stood for, so vividly did he point his words that no doubt was left in the minds of those listeners.

How well this outside rally told for future attendance, only time can tell, but it is the thought of many in attendance, great good was caused.

Your in the fight to stay,
J. E. S., Local Correspondent Daniel Boone
Unit No. 1, State of Iowa.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

To all members of K. A. P., Greetings:

We are having some fine meetings each week here in Springfield, O. Our new officers have been installed and we are continuing with our work.

Our new President is one of those women who appoints you to do something and will not take "no" for an answer, and then makes you believe you like the "job" she has appointed you to do. All other Presidents take notice and do likewise, and all members help your presidents to accomplish what they undertake for the good of the order.

We have been having penny socials and will have another Friday, August 6, before our meeting. We had a Lawn Fete Saturday evening July 31, and we made good. The Lord surely was with us as it threatened rain most of the day but it held off until we were packed and ready to leave for our homes, when it began to rain.

A friend (not a member) kindly loaned us his truck to haul our tables back and forth to the grounds; he refused to accept any pay. That is what I call a real friend. Our National Secretary with his family attended our Lawn Fete and spent Sunday with friends in our city.

All locals get busy and get in your quota on Home Fund, you can do it if you try. If Springfield, O., can do it, all other locals can also. Get busy! Do your part! Correspondent Liberty Auxiliary No. 2, K. A. P., Springfield, O.

BATAVIA, NEW YORK

Dear Sir:

As corresponding secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary No. 4 of K. A. P. of Batavia, I have been asked to write and tell you what we are doing. The last Monday night of every month has been chosen for birthday night. Everyone who has a birthday in that month are treated to candy by the rest of the members and those having a birthday also get a ten cent present.

We are selling candy to raise money to send to the National Home.

Sincerely yours,
Batavia Women Corresponding Sec'y

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Recently True Blue Chapter No. 4, Springfield, Ill., celebrated the 2nd anniversary of the granting of their Charter in this organization. As the meeting was closing the Vice-President brought to the platform a huge cake, with True Blue No. 4-2nd anniversary-K. A. P., inscribed on it, and with two candles on it. With fitting words the President lighted the candles, and asked the Worthy Master to come forward. Then each member stood and with their hand on their heart, took anew the pledge of K. A. P. and vowed to "carry on." The ceremony closed with a beautiful prayer by one of the members. I am sure that no one left the room that night who was not impressed with a newer sense of responsibility. The delicious cake and lemonade was served to those present.

Correspondent

CONVENTION REPORT

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women and Juniors, per member, be maintained for the coming year.

6th. We would also recommend that a copy of this report, with copy of building fund report and report from National Secretary be furnished to each organization in good standing. Respectfully submitted, The Committee

Mr. C. T. Kamper, New York, gave the report of the National program committee, its main object to educate the children of our nation to the high ideals and principles of Americanism and Protestantism and that our National and State officers furnish information to all locals regarding all political candidates.

National Program Committee

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE YEARS WORK.

1. That a program be given out regarding the education of the children. This will deal with School

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PETER THE SPLINTER

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emerged again bearing His open word in its hand. Again this church, His church, as before was subjected to persecution and all manner of opposition but it only grows the stronger by means of such.

The gates of hell can not prevail against His church founded on the bed rock of truth, the truth that Jesus was indeed the Christ the very Son of the living God.



Within the Organizations

by the Staff
Correspondents

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Mr. Jas. S. Vance,
General Manager,
The Fellowship Forum,
Washington, D. C.,
Dear Sir:

I received your letter asking me to tell you why my name is no longer on your list of subscribers. You asked me to be frank and tell you plainly the reason. Well that is one thing that they give me credit with being able to do and I think if you will look back over your records, if you keep any, you will find a letter from me telling you why I do not care for your paper, dated at the time my subscription expired.

When I subscribed for "The Fellowship Forum" it was a Masonic paper and a real American paper, but when you stooped so low as to get on the pay roll of a man like Hiram Wesley Evans, a man who in my opinion is a worse traitor to Protestantism and Americanism than ever Benedict Arnold was, I do not care to waste my time reading such a paper. I told you in a letter once before that I'm a member of the Masonic order, also was the first man in Clarke County, Ohio, to join the Klan, but it didn't take a short time to find out that an American could not stay in "Hiram's" order very long for he had no use for any man who had brains enough to think and speak for himself. Whenever I have to be dictated to by a man like Evans I would just as soon be ordered around by the Pope and kiss his toe. The only difference is one knows that the Pope is a Catholic and you don't expect anything better, and the other pretends to be a Protestant and sold out to the Catholics.

Any man who believes that a Protestant organization can exist very long with Catholics in the lineup of National officers surely is lacking brains. In this section of the country we had to contend with such men "not true Americans"—as Evans, Walter Bossert who is connected with the Catholics, Andy Biggerstaff who never knew there was such a thing as truth or principle, D. C. Stephenson who is at the present time just where he belongs and should have been long before he was sent there, and many more just such men I could name for you. Now when your paper joined the ranks of such men I do not care to waste my time reading it. If this isn't plain enough for you, come to see me and I can emphasize it more.

I would like to ask just one favor of you, please print this in your columns so others can know why I have quit your paper.

Yours truly,

John Titlow

P. S. I have never lost sight of true Americanism and Protestantism and I'm a regular subscriber to "Billy Parkers New Menace," Wm. Loyd Clark's Rail Splitter and the K.

A. P. Magazine. You should read all of these American papers.

John Titlow

WATERLIET, MICHIGAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in K. A. P.:

In the little town of Waterliet, Mich., located about 12 miles east of Benton Harbor on Lake Michigan, I have been spending the past summer. I have been interesting myself in physical as well as mental training, particularly among boys and girls, and I have had the opportunity to also teach them true Patriotism.

I can plainly see that we are making splendid progress in K. A. P. in the United States and I sincerely trust that our members will remain loyal to this great organization and learn to live it each day. Let every one of us get back of this K. A. P. Magazine and order ten of these each month and distribute them to our friends and neighbors, and if all of our members would do this each month think of what it would mean.

I am today ordering ten K. A. P. Magazines and will ask it to be a standing order. My wife and I are Associate Members of your National organization since we do not live close to a local organization, but I am certainly willing to do my bit to make the K. A. P. Magazine truly a National paper and I sincerely trust in the years to come that we will find it in every Protestant home in America, as this paper is badly needed in the Protestant homes of today.

The K. A. P. organization is putting a back-bone into these Protestant Preachers and Churches where most of them have been wearing wish-bones and I am going to support this movement in every way possible. Let me ask every one of the readers of the magazine to send in a standing order of ten magazines a month and thus become a member of this Boosters Club.

Sincerely,

J. J. Holmes

RELIGIOUS LIBERALISM

The man who sets out blithely to reinterpret Christianity to modern men in modern terms must measure well the responsibility he assumes. If out of the religious controversies that scar and mar our time we reap only spiritual barrenness, the liberal can not lay all the blame at the door of the liberalists.

In religion, as in politics, the right to criticize implies the responsibility to create.

A single critic may be critical without being creative and still serve greatly his generation; there is always need of the man who does nothing but growl ever and burn away the obsolete and the obnoxious in our ideas and our institutions; old buildings must be wrecked before new buildings can be erected on the same site; and it is sometimes asking too much to ask the wrecker of the old to be also the architect of the new; but while a single critic may be relieved of the responsibility of always putting something equally good in the place of the thing he casts out, a whole critical movement must be constructive as well as destructive, creative as well as critical, else it falls short of its purpose.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Mr. Calvin Coolidge
President of the United States.
Mr. Kellogg
Secretary of State.
Washington D. C.,
Gentlemen:

The "Patriotic Americans" wish to compliment you on the attitude you have taken at the present time toward our Sister Republic Mexico, in that you hold the present trouble in Mexico as an "Internal Affair," and that you will not relax the embargo on arms.

At this time I wish to brand the resolution forwarded to you by the Supervisors of San Francisco, Calif., as uncalled for and MOST UNAMERICAN, "Cancelling our Recognition."

What right has ANY church to rebel against the laws of the land

The Roman Catholic Church has had full swing in Mexico for years and years and what is the result; corruption, vice, exploitation, ignorance, superstition, and the natives reduced to slavery, with barely enough to eat.

Miss Carmen de Balasco says "I am a devout Catholic, and yet I think that President Calles is RIGHT. I think he is trying to bring about the eventual separation of the church from politics and government and that he is on the right track. The whole system of education is designed to rear the women in ABSOLUTE IGNORANCE." (S. F. Ex. 8-2-26)

Miss DeBlasco a member of the Roman Catholic church and a resident of Mexico condemns the educational system of the Roman Catholic church, and the connection of Church and State. When Mexico's own people condemn the Catholic Church, I think it high time that any outside influence be nipped in the bud.

I believe at this time, that the Hughes Latin-American policy with the consent of President Calles, should again be put in force and the ports of Mexico again blockaded to prohibit arms going to Mexican revolutionists, fanned to a burning fever by representatives of the Roman Catholic Church.

Every honorable and high-minded American will support this protest and demand that not a single dollar of this Government's money shall be spent, and not a single soldier of the United States shall ever be sent south of the Rio Grande to terrorize Mexico into submission to her ancient slave master, the Roman Catholic Church.

Fraternally yours,

Dr. W. H. Innis.

MORE BIBLES IN THE SCHOOLS MEAN FEWER BOYS IN PENITENTIARIES

The Bible is forbidden, by law, in the schools of California, but required in the penitentiaries. If we had more Bibles in the schools we would have fewer boys and girls in the jails and penitentiaries. An investigation just completed by the sheriff shows that 40 per cent of all prisoners booked in the jail in Los Angeles during the fiscal year closing June 30, were below the age of 25 years. Of the 12,292 prisoners jailed, 5,158 were young men and women under 25, and 2,328 were children under the law, boys under 21 and girls under 18.



Is There Religious Persecution in Mexico?

By GONZALO BAEZ CAMARGO

Vice-President and Professor of History, Institute and Normal School, Puebla, Mexico

Some More Facts About The Situation in Mexico

We are pleased to quote in the K. A. P., an article contained in the Western Advocate of August 19th, which will give you the comprehensive view of the situation. Please read it carefully so you will be able to understand the situation.

THE Mexican government respects the religious beliefs of everybody. No creed, rite, or sect is persecuted on account of its religious views. No individual is troubled on account of creeds. As long as their practices do not infringe on morality or trample the rights of a third person, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Mormons, Mohammedans, or whoever they may be, can hold whatever religious beliefs they like best and practice whatever ceremonies seem best to them, without government troubling them in the least. In this the government does nothing more than fulfill the Mexican laws, which grant, insure, and defend absolute liberty of thought and conscience. Article Six of the General Constitution of the Republic says:

"The expression of ideas will not be subject to any judicial or administrative inquiry, except in the event it attacks morality, the rights of a third party, leads to crime, or disturbs the public order."

"And Article Twenty-four:

"Every man is free to profess the religious beliefs he desires and to practice the ceremonies, devotions, and other acts of his sect, either in the churches or in his private residence, when such practice does not constitute a transgression of the law."

And Article One Hundred and Thirty:

"Congress may not enact laws establishing or prohibiting any religion whatsoever."

According to the spirit of this law the Mexican state is thoroughly non-sectarian. It does not forbid nor protect any one religion. Whenever the Roman Church in Mexico has been able to influence the Mexican legislative body, she has hastened to do so in order to secure the declaration of the Roman Catholic apostolic faith as the state religion to the exclusion of all others, and also to obtain the official engaging of civil power in the strengthening of that church and the prohibiting and the persecution of any other. Article Four of the Constitution of 1824, for instance, reads as follows:

"The religion of the Mexican nation is and will be perpetually the Roman Catholic apostolic religion. The nation protects it by wise and just laws and prohibits the exercise of any other."

But the present Constitution grants liberty of conscience, and everything ought to know what is a fact of history: that this liberty is a liberal conquest snatched from the Catholic clergy at the cost of blood and tremendous sacrifice.

Neither the government nor the law, then, persecutes any religion. Let it be understood that the only religious persecution existing in Mexico has been

inaugurated by the Roman Church itself against free thought, Judaism, Masonry, Protestantism, and against whatever community that does not think as she thinks. Anyone who knows the story of the terrible Inquisition in Mexico cannot honestly doubt it. Its archives are kept in the National Museum. Even in recent times, when it is no longer possible to commit such atrocities under the protection of the government, the Roman Catholic Church has taken advantage of the fanaticism and ignorance she so tenaciously fosters in the masses to incite them to crime, "in behalf of God and religion." Almost every time a religious mob has killed or wounded, stoned or burned, a human being, the excitement has had its root in a Catholic pulpit.

In brief, the Mexican laws nationalize ecclesiastical wealth, prescribe the number of priests and ministers, forbid the exercise of the ministry to non-Mexicans, forbid religious teaching in primary schools. In a country like the United States, where problems and conditions differ greatly from ours, it will seem difficult to understand such laws as these. But the conduct and proceedings of Romanism in Mexico and in Latin countries have not been hitherto the same as in the United States. What I am saying here has reference to Mexican Romanism, and not to Romanism in general.

In four hundred years of Mexican history the clergy has never resigned itself to the exercise of a merely religious or moral power. At all times it has coveted the domination of national politics and control of the government. Since the times of Father Olmedo, counsellor of the conqueror, Hernan Cortes, up to the present epoch, its ambition has been direct or indirect political omnipotence. To grasp this control of the government, this kind of ecclesiastical imperialism, Rome has not hesitated to form a political party and meddle directly in the national affairs; and of late years, when this open attitude has not been possible, it has been ready to back with its money and its influence every political party, every revolution and every coup d'etat which it considered favorable to its designs.

Unfortunately the political juggling of the clergy in Mexico has been disastrous for the country. No honest and patriotic student can read without a heart-ache the bloody pages of our history written by the clerical group. So long as the clergy restricted itself to the beneficent and Christian work of evangelization, it was able to produce saintly and beloved char-

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teenth century and the twentieth century, and the issue could not be evaded. The Church systemically opposed the idea of religious toleration, freedom of thought, free expression of the Press, Equality before the Law, Civil marriage and registrations, foreign colonization, free education, religious freedom and finally they have always opposed the Government of Mexico on the ground that it has failed to designate the Roman Catholic Church as the Church of the State.

In 1810 when the revolution under Hidalgo and Morales broke out, ninety per cent of the people were enslaved; the Church was against that revolution, as they have been against any movement for the emancipation of the peon, but after the success of the War of Independence if the Church still held sway and continued to support the forces of reaction. After the Revolution of 1854, when various rulers came into authority, the Church held its power, the rulers bent to the will of the Church, and her history is a continuous interference with the Government and an invitation to foreign powers to intervene in the affairs of Mexico.

The Church and her Spanish priests were back of the treachery of Santa Ana; back of Iturbide when he declared himself Emperor of Mexico. They invited the Triple Alliance to come to Mexico, and Maximilian was sent, backed by the troops of Napoleon the Third. The Church was back of the Victoriana Huerta rebellion against the Constitution, and the assassination of Madero. There has never been a reactionary movement in Mexico which the Church has not backed, which it did not sanction and to which it did not give material help.

It is very regrettable, in discussing what it called the religious question in Mexico, that it should not be kept on a high basis of intellectual discussion. The attempt to create prejudice by calling the present Government of Mexico "Red Bolshevik" or "Radical" is indecent as well as absurd. As a matter of fact, the present Government of Mexico refuses to take orders from either Rome or Moscow.

Just as the Government has served notice on Rome that it will not allow its policy to be dictated by the Hierarchy, so it has served notice on Moscow that it would not allow Mexico to be used as a field of operation against the United States or its institutions. For this, it was denounced by Moscow as it is now being denounced by Rome.

Hard and brutal as these facts are, they must be faced. After nearly four hundred years of the "Beneficent" (?) presence of the Catholic Church in Mexico, we find that the Church was the bulwark of ex-

ploitation and peonage; that nearly one half of the available agricultural lands were in its control, and the balance under the control of favored sons of the Church. The world today is called upon to view a nation of people that are ninety per cent illiterate; a nation absolutely devoid of any modern ideas of progress and using the methods and tools of the fourteenth century; a nation where up to the present change of administration, there were no schools, no hospitals, no homes for the aged, no orphan asylums nor any evidence of the work of mercy of which we now hear so much from the American Catholic pulpits.

The leaders among the Mexican people have learned from bitter experience, that no real freedom for the people could be established until the Hierarchy was deprived of the temporal power which they had exercised during more than three centuries of misrule. The Constitution of 1857 based on that of the United States endeavored to recover from the Hierarchy its ill-gotten gains and power, and the Reform Laws of 1859 were further steps toward this end. Both of these were amplified in scope in the Constitution adopted in 1917. From these facts, it can be readily understood that what is called the "Religious Question," but which should more properly be called the "Hierarchy Question" is a problem covering a long period of years and is not in any sense, a new problem at all.

The history of these years is the story of the efforts of the Hierarchy to control the destinies of Mexico, with disastrous results to the aspirations of that people. Its continued opposition to modern ideas and its violations of the laws and abuse of power are all a matter of record and have been fairly dealt with by other writers, free from the natural prejudice that comes to those that take part in a struggle, where their sentiments, one way or the other, are intensely engaged.

When the great Revolution was ended in the election of President Alvaro Obregon, the hierarchy at once put itself in opposition to the attempt to bring about a new social era, an era in which the producing classes should have the first claim on the attentions of the Government. Steadily driven back by the firmness of Obregon, they rallied again when President Plutarco E. Calles took the Presidential chair by the suffrage of the Mexican people. Both of these Administrations have determined that the Hierarchy must obey the laws set down in the Mexican Constitution.

The people of Mexico are pledged to Calles because he stands for Reform. It elected him to the Presidency and gave him the mandate to settle once and for all the question as to whether Mexico would continue to be bound by a political Hierarchy, or be allowed to develop into a nation of equal social and intellectual standing with other nations. The Calles

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT VINELAND, N. J.

Hon. Signor P. E. Calles—
President of Republic of Mexico
Hon. Cabinet Members—
Members of President Calles' Official Staff
Hon. Members of Congress—
Members of Mexico's Congress
Hon. Leaders of—
Mexico's Federation of Labor
The Hon. People—
Citizens of the Republic of Mexico
Nat'l Headquarters
Knights of American Protestantism
P. O. Box 11,
Muncie, Ind.,
United States of America.
Gentlemen:

Vineland K. A. P. Chapter No. 12, Knights of American Protestantism, located at Vineland, N. J., has this day spread on its minutes the following resolutions:

Whereas, we the members of Vineland K. A. P., wish to heartily commend and congratulate you, the Hon. President of the Republic of Mexico and his Officials in the stand you are taking in defending the laws and upholding the Constitution of your Country, and

Whereas, we know that the Government of your Country and our Country are menaced by that Political Monstrosity known as the Roman Hierarchy, and

Whereas, the Citizens of your Country have been held in ignorance hundreds of years by these inhuman invaders, who respect neither God nor Mammon, and

Whereas, we have sent resolutions to the President and Cabinet of the United States of America, urging them to refrain from interfering with the Government of our Sister Nation, Mexico, in attempting to maintain its laws, since our Country does not according to our Monroe Doctrine want any other Nation interfering with our Government and laws, and

Whereas, we are in thorough accord with your Government's efforts to throw off the Domination of a foreign power and would deeply deplore any act of our Government which would interfere with your Government in carrying out its just policies, and

Resolved, that we, the members of the Vineland K. A. P. Chapter No. 12 sincerely hope that you will

* NOTICE *
* We wish to state that Jose W. *
* Kelly, who is author of the ar- *
* ticle, "The Truth About Mex- *
* ico," will speak upon the Mexi- *
* can question to Civic Clubs, *
* Churches, Unions, or other or- *
* ganizations without charge. *
* Mr. Kelly is on his way east *
* and all Chapters who wish to *
* be enlightened on Mexico *
* should get in touch with Mr. *
* Kelly through his address, *
* Route No. 2, Box 276, Haw- *
* thorne, California. *

accomplish your purpose, and that you succeed in driving from Mexico, all Roman Catholic Priests, Nunnery Sisters, and all the people of your Country who have not relinquished all their allegiance to the Pope of Rome, who are not in your Country for Religious and Spiritual uplift, but for Political reasons, to use their influence and efforts for burglarizing all available Mexican funds to enrich the Popish Vatican. We hope that you will be able to put an end to the power of Roman Catholicism in your Country, even if Military Expulsion is necessary to work out your own salvation.

Adopted August 2nd at Vineland N. J.

Albert Proeser, President
Henry J. Sperling Jr., Secretary.
Vineland K. A. P. Chapter No. 12
Knights of American Protestantism

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WHY I RESIGNED FROM THE W. K. K. K.

After sixteen months membership in the W. K. K. K. I resigned because I found it to be unchristian in many ways. The officials exercise great power over the members by threatening banishment for offenses, unscrupulous members, slander, tell falsehoods about christian members of the order and those who are slandered are not given a hearing and cannot defend themselves. This has been done in my case by Roman Catholic sympathizers. My true friends tell me that the Major Kleagle, has led them to believe that I was banished from the order but I was not. Saturday night, July 31st, I took my robe, written resignation, with dues card attached, handed it to the secretary in the Klavern and asked her to read it, then I went home and this is where I made a great mistake. I should have remained and resigned in person for I have been told that my resignation was not read and that the officials in charge told of my banishment which in an absolute falsehood. Now. I am told, someone unknown has been telephoning my personal friends, warning them that unless they renounce my friendship they will be subject to banishment. This is power, is it not?

Anyone wishing to interview me regarding true existing conditions within the W. K. K. K. which I can prove, will find me at home, 201 Tennessee Ave., N. E., Washington D. C.

Edith Campbell Harvey, not representative K. A. P. in District of Columbia.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Greetings:
Enclosed find check from Liberty Auxiliary No. 1, K. A. P., Springfield, Ohio, for thirty-five copies of our own magazine for September. August issue was fine. I would like to see it beat by another organization our size.

Mrs. O. S. G., Treas.





Within the Organizations

by the Staff
Correspondents

ATLANTIC CITY

As per request by National Headquarters, that each Chapter appoint a Correspondent for the K. A. P. Magazine, Atlantic City Chapter No. 14 has chosen me for the job.

I do not know why, but if the readers of the Magazine can stand it I can and will endeavor to make it snappy and interesting.

To start off we go on record as being of the opinion that a monthly message from each Chapter is one grand idea, as it puts everyone up to the minute on who's who in K. A. P. work, and how each Chapter is progressing, and through what means they employ for the furtherment of the movement.

We here in A. C. are hot weather lads, our weekly attendance stays the same as it did during the colder months. No, we are not void of all feeling, but weather doesn't come to please everyone, so we keep on regardless of little inconveniences such as high temperature.

The report brought back from the Convention by Brother Beloise, has made us more determined than ever to back our National Officers to the limit. It is a pleasure to feel that no matter what the case may be, our present National Officers are capa-

ble of handing it, without the curse of the day entering into it, that of graft.

We are blessed with members willing to sacrifice, and the word "selfish" is unknown amongst us, that is saying plenty, but anyone doubting, can pay us a visit and be convinced.

Our allotted space is about used up, but before ending let me tell you that we have regular visiting nights when we are either with some other chapter or they with us, and the closer relationship promoted by these visits are well worth the effort.

Greetings to all Chapters from Atlantic County.

B. M.

ELMWOOD, ILLINOIS

We were well pleased with the interesting report our delegates made on their return from the K. A. P. Convention, in Muncie, Indiana. Since we heard the fine report, it makes us all want to work harder than ever for the great American cause.

The Ladies initiated a fine class at their last meeting in July.

The men gave an ice cream social August 13 and although the weather was bad, it was well attended and every one enjoyed the evening. We were pleased to have some of our Peoria Brothers and Sisters attend the social.

We are all looking forward to the big annual Labor Day meeting which will be held all day, southeast of Elmwood at the same location as last year. Each and all are invited to come and enjoy the occasion. There will be speaking by Rev. Day and other noted speakers. A program will be given after which there will be various amusements. Basket supper as usual.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Watch City Chapter No. 18 and Martha Washington Auxiliary held a joint party August 6. Bunco and other games were played; all having a good time. We also made \$10.00 for our local. August 21st Martha Washington Auxiliary held an ice cream social which netted them a fair profit. About September 11 we will have a family picnic. K. A. P. is coming slow but sure.

J. H.

BELLWOOD NO. 20, BELL, CALIF.

We are a small band of loyal and enthusiastic women. We think that the K. A. P. is just about the finest order ever founded. Beginning in September we will devote one evening each month to the study club program as outlined in the K. A. P. magazine.

In addition to the regular floor work given in the ritual, a drill team has been organized, which, clothed in scarlet robes and stepping with military precision to accompaniment of music, adds greatly to the beauty and effectiveness of putting on the regular floor work.

We meet every Wednesday evening and the last meeting of the month is given over to a social meeting with the men's chapter K. A. P. After a literary and musical program the remainder of the evening is given over to dancing and sociability. Refreshments are always served. We occasionally have a special meeting in addition to our regular chapter work.

Fraternalty yours,

Mrs. A.

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acters like the Friars Pedro de Gante and Bartolome de las Casas, the friends, teachers, and leaders of the Government has done more for the people in its few years of existence than the Roman Catholic Church has accomplished for the peons in hundreds of years. Religion is not responsible for the wretched conditions of the peons, but the Roman Catholic Church is responsible. The Government has established four short term agricultural schools which are attended by 3,200 sons of peons. It has established thousands of free schools scattered in every State of the Republic; roads are being built; sanitation introduced; indus-

tries being established; agriculture stimulated; orphans, homes, hospitals, and charitable institutions have been established and put in full operation.

Man's inalienable right to freedom, free speech and free press are more than a theory in Mexico now. They are gradually becoming an accomplished fact, and from this struggle Mexico will emerge as another nation who has thrown off the domination of the Church over the State. The Church will never again become a dominant power in Mexico, the sceptre has passed into other hands—the hands of "the People and Government of Mexico."

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Indians. But its political plottings have not been able to produce more than traitors and conspirators to the fatherland, such as Archbishop Pelagio Antonio de Labastida y Davalos, the instigator of the French intervention. Of course, we have great and honored priests in our history: Hidalgo, Matamoros, and

Morelos, the leaders of the war for independence. But the Roman clergy, being allies of the Spanish oppression, called Hidalgo "the great Lutheran and Heretic," excommunicated him and deprived him of his priestly vestment; and the same thing was done to Matamoros and Morelos.

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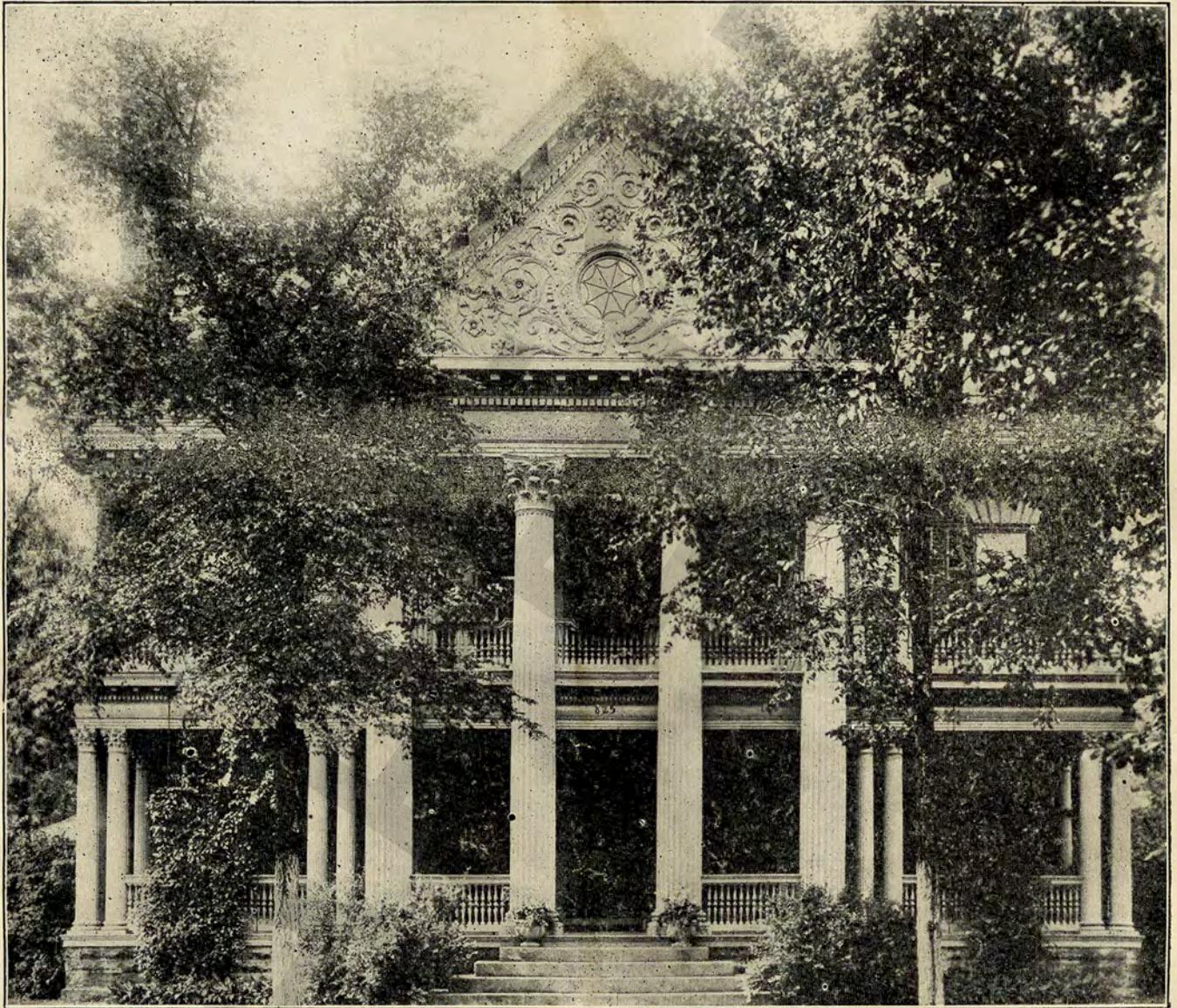
Place On News Stands

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Para poder comprender las actuales dificultades - de México, se necesita tomar en consideración las condiciones Históricas, Raciales y Polítcas que sirvie-- ron de agentes en la creación de las Leyes de Reforma en 1857 y 1917.

La actual controversia religiosa del Gobierno mexicano no es sino la consecuencia de sus esfuerzos -- para separar a la Iglesia del Estado. No tiene nin-- gún deseo de intervenir en las cuestiones religiosas, excepto en los casos en que la religión interviene en los asuntos de Estado, y está dirigida contra la Je-- rarquía compuesta de sacerdotes extranjeros, en su ma yoría españoles, enemigos por herencia del pueblo mexicano. Entre el pueblo y lo que podría llamarse sacerdotes de "baja categoría" o "pobres" no existe nin-- guna fricción o disgusto; estos han sido cruelmente - explotados por el clero extranjero, quien se ha apro-- piado todos los beneficios y lo mejor de lo mejor, -- con el resultado de que el "padre" mexicano escasamen-- te gana para vivir. De entre estos surgió Hidalgo, - el Washington mexicano, y también Morelos, otro de -- los grandes "padres" del país. Ambos eran párrocos -

de pequeñas parroquias, ambos fueron excomulgados y - fusilados, pero hoy son los grandes heroes de México.

Por más de trescientos años, la Iglesia ejerció - dominio completo sobre México, sin lanzar un solo movimiento de progreso que colocara a México entre las naciones que gozan de standards modernos de vida. Apesar del poder político ejercido por la Iglesia, esta nunca apoyó ningún movimiento constructivo en pro del pueblo.

La conversión de los antiguos méxicas del culto a su gran "soter" el rubio dios "Quetzalcoatl" al cristianismo, no fué voluntaria; se necesitaron cuatro sangrientas batallas para persuadir a los aztecas y tribus similares a que abrazaran la fé del Dios de los blancos.

Quetzalcoatl les había enseñado las artes de la paz y la bondad, las ofrendas de pan, frutas, perfumes y flores, les había inculcado las doctrinas de caridad, abnegación y dominio propio, pero los españoles pronto les enseñaron lo contrario a estas virtudes y les probaron que ellos no eran el rubio dios ni sus descendientes.

Entre los primeros misioneros había hombres bondadosos, sinceros y resueltos. Tacto, Gaona, Focher, Gante, Witte y Daciano abandonaron los puestos lucrativos y los grandes honores para venirse a tierras incultas y desconocidas a enseñar a los indios a ser --

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cristianos. Hubo hombres como Las Casas, que pretendieron proteger al indio contra la brutalidad de los virreyes y de la legislación colonial, pero sus esfuerzos fueron obstruidos por el "institucionalismo" del alto Clero que se había sentado sobre las espaldas del pueblo.

La Iglesia había adquirido grandes fajas de tierra, sus riquezas aumentaban, sus templos eran cada día más suntuosos, las vestiduras de sus sacerdotes más llenas de joyas y sus altares más ostentosos y más deslumbrantes.

En los archivos del Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de México, se encuentran documentos que denotan la alarma ante el aumento peligroso de las riquezas del clero. Los obispos excomulgaban a los virreyes y estos, a su vez, desterraban a los obispos, procedimientos ambos que generalmente producían tumultos y derramamiento de sangre y terminaban con decapitaciones.

La Iglesia era gran propietaria; y estaba siempre del lado de los explotadores y de la aristocracia y en contra de los indios, y como de costumbre, cuando se encontraba investida de poder ilimitado se volvía extremadamente intolerante. En 1571 se estableció la Inquisición en México. Desde ese día comenzó el terror entre sus habitantes! ¡Ay de las brujas, fulleros y hechiceros! El temor se extendía sobre todos, y el terrible sigilo de que se rodeaba el tribunal *aumentaba ese terror*

Según fué aumentando su poder vino la degenera--

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ción y la depravación. Los sacerdotes visitaban las cantinas y los teatros baratos y paseaban descaradamente a sus concubinas por las calles. Por más de -- trescientos años el pueblo mexicano vivió prácticamente bajo la dominación licenciosa e ilimitada del Clero Romano. Esa Iglesia tuvo en su poder la facultad para escribir la Historia de México a su antojo, y -- así lo hizo. La iglesia tuvo la oportunidad de demostrar lo que se puede hacer con los nativos de un país donde hay recursos naturales sin límite. Pudo haber enseñado a los indios a leer y a escribir; a construir habitaciones higiénicas; pudo haberles predicado el Evangelio de la Verdad, que enseña la honradez y la castidad, y ponerles el ejemplo de alta moralidad y cristiana conducta; pudo haber desarrollado una "sociedad Civil" culta y adornada con todas las artes de la civilización, pero no hizo nada de eso, al contrario, destruyó su civilización primitiva que era maravillosa, y desarrolló y fomentó el degradante y horroroso sistema del peonaje y la esclavitud, que comparado con la esclavitud de los negros, resultaba que éstos últimos descansaban sobre lechos de rosas, pues -- frustraba todo esfuerzo de parte de los indios para educarse y obtener un standard moral más elevado.

A mediados del siglo pasado, se vió claramente -- que el gobierno popular nunca tendría una oportunidad para gobernar libremente en México, mientras la Iglesia católica permaneciera atrincherada en su poder en las cuestiones de Estado, dominando la vida económica

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y monopolizando las grandes agencias formadoras de la opinión, y el hecho de entonces, como el de ahora, ~~es~~ ~~fué~~ la lucha entre las ideas del siglo diecisiete y las del siglo veinte, y las consecuencias no pueden evadirse. La iglesia sistemáticamente se opuso a la idea de la tolerancia religiosa, de la libertad de -- pensamiento, de prensa, de la igualdad ante la Ley, -- del matrimonio y registro civil, de la colonización -- extranjera, de la educación pública, de la libertad -- de cultos y finalmente siempre se ha opuesto y ha obstruccionado al Gobierno de México, basándose en que -- el Gobierno nunca ha querido designar a la Iglesia católica como la Iglesia del Estado.

En 1810, cuando la revolución dirigida por Hidalgo y por Morelos, empezó, el noventa por ciento de la población no eran sino esclavos; la iglesia se opuso a la revolución, como se ha opuesto a todo movimiento de emancipación del peón, pero después del triunfo de la Guerra de Independencia, la iglesia dedicó su po-- der a apoyar a las fuerzas de la reacción. Después de la Revolución de 1854, cuando varios gobernantes llegaron al poder, la iglesia conservó su dominio, y los gobernantes tuvieron que inclinarse a su voluntad, -- siendo su historia una continua intromisión en los -- asuntos políticos, hasta llegar a invitar a los poderes extranjeros para que intervinieran en ellos.

La iglesia con sus sacerdotes españoles respaldó la traición de Santa Ana; respaldó a Iturbide cuando-

se declaró Emperador de México; invitó a la Triple -- Alianza para que viniera a México, y Maximiliano fué-- enviado, respaldado por las fuerzas de Napoleón Terce-- ro. La Iglesia respaldó la rebelión de Victoriano -- Huerta contra la Constitución, y el asesinato de Made-- ro. No ha habido en México un solo movimiento reac-- cionario que no haya respaldado la iglesia, sancionán-- dolo y prestándole ayuda material.

Es de lamentarse que, al discutir lo que han dado en llamar cuestion religiosa de México, no se haga so-- bre una base intelectual elevada. La pretención de -- crear prejuicios llamando al actual Gobierno de Méxi-- co "Bolchevique Rojo" o "Radical" es indecente a la -- vez que absurda. La verdad es que el Gobierno de Mé-- xico se rehusa a recibir órdenes tanto de Roma como -- de Moscou.

Así como ha notificado a Roma que no permitirá -- que su política sea dictada por la Jerarquía, de la -- misma manera a notificado a Moscou que no permitirá -- que México sea usado como campo de sus operaciones en -- contra de los Estados Unidos y sus instituciones. Por -- esto fué denunciado por Moscou como ahora es denuncia-- do por Roma.

A pesar de lo rudos y brutales que son estos he-- chos, hay que hacerles frente. Después de cerca de -- cuatrocientos años de la "benéfica"(?) presencia de -- la iglesia católica en México, nos damos cuenta de -- que ella ha sido el báluarte de la explotación y el --

peonaje; que casi la mitad de los terrenos de agricultura estaban bajo su control, y el resto bajo el control de los hijos favoritos de la misma iglesia. Hoy se llama la atención al mundo para que vea el noventa por ciento de los habitantes de una nación enteramente analfabetas y la nación enteramente desprovista de ideas modernas de progreso y haciendo uso de los métodos y herramientas del siglo catorce; una nación que, hasta su actual cambio de administración, no contaba con escuelas, ni hospitales, ni orfanatorios, ni asilos para ancianos, ni ninguna evidencia de esas obras de misericordia de que tanto hablan en los pulpitos católicos de los Estados Unidos.

Los líderes mexicanos han aprendido por amarga experiencia, que ninguna libertad digna de ese nombre, -- podría lograrse para el pueblo hasta que la Jerarquía fuera privada de su poder temporal ejercido durante -- más de tres siglos de desórdenes. La Constitución de 1857, basada en la de los Estados Unidos se esforzaba en arrancar de manos de la Jerarquía sus ganancias -- mal habidas y su poder, y las Leyes de Reforma de --- 1859 no eran sino otra medida para alcanzar este fin. Ambas fueron ampliadas en sus designios en la Constitución adoptada en 1917. Por lo ya expresado, fácilmente se comprende que la llamada "cuestión religiosa" que más bien debiera llamarse "Cuestión Jerárquica" -- es un problema que abarca un largo periodo, y que de ninguna manera es un problema nuevo.

La historia de estos años es la historia de los esfuerzos de la Jerarquía para controlar los destinos de México, con desastrosos resultados para las aspiraciones de esa gente. Su constante oposición a las ideas modernas y su violación a las leyes y abuso de su poder, son asuntos conocidos, que han sido tratados ya por otros autores, libres de los prejuicios que dominan a aquellos que han tomado parte en la lucha y cuyos sentimientos, de un modo o de otro, están intensamente empeñados.

Cuando la gran Revolución terminó con la elección del Presidente Obregón, la jerarquía desde luego comenzó a obstruccionar el esfuerzo para establecer una nueva era, -era en que las clases productoras tuvieran el primer derecho a las atenciones del Gobierno; pero constantemente rechazada por la firmeza de Obregón, -volvieron a rehacerse cuando el Presidente Calles ocupó la silla Presidencial por el sufragio del pueblo mexicano. Ambas administraciones han decidido que la Jerarquía debe obedecer las leyes emanadas de la Constitución mexicana.

El pueblo de México se adhiere a Calles porque su programa es de reformas, y lo eligió como mandatario, para que de una vez por todas arregle la cuestión de si México debe continuar atado a la Jerarquía política, o se le debe permitir que se desarrolle en una nación con igual representación social e intelectual -- que las otras naciones. Calles, como los Frailes de

Pedro de Gante y Bartolomé de las Casas, y los amigos, maestros y líderes del Gobierno, han hecho más por el pueblo en unos años de existencia que la Iglesia católica romana hizo en cientos de años por los peones.-- La religión no es responsable de la miserable condición de los peones, es la iglesia católica romana la única responsable. El Gobierno ha establecido cuatro escuelas de agricultura de cortos periodos de estudios, a las que asisten 3,200 hijos de peones. Ha establecido miles de escuelas públicas esparcidas en cada Estado de la República; está construyendo caminos; introduciendo la higiene, estableciendo industrias; estimulando la agricultura, y ha establecido orfanatorios, hospitales e instituciones de beneficencia que ya están funcionando.

El derecho inalienable del hombre a la libertad, y a la libertad de palabra y de prensa son algo más -- que una teoría en México ahora. Gradualmente se va -- convirtiendo en un hecho consumado, y de esta lucha, -- México surgirá como una nueva nación que ha desechado la dominación de la Iglesia sobre el Estado. Nunca -- más volverá la Iglesia a recuperar su poder dominante -- en México, el cetro ha pasado a otras manos -- a las -- del pueblo y Gobierno de México."
