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"IT'S YOUR SOULS WE WANT"

— By Lewis Milligan —

I HAVE BEEN READING a book entitled "It's Your Souls We Want," by Stewart W. Herman, Jr., in which the author tells the story of the "Nazi assault on Christianity." Mr. Herman is an American of German descent and is an ordained Lutheran minister. He graduated from the University of Strasbourg, Germany in 1935, and was called to the pastorate of the American Church in Berlin in 1936. He remained in the German Capital until December, 1941, joining the United States Embassy staff in 1939. He was interned with the Embassy for five months and was released in 1942.

These facts are important because they give authority to the information contained in the book, and to the author's judgments on Nazism and on the German people generally. Throughout the book Mr. Herman seems to be struggling between his natural regard for the German people and his hatred for Nazism, of which he thinks the people have become the victims. The title, "It's Your Souls We Want," sums up the aim and purpose of the Nazi leaders. National Socialism was to take the place of Christianity; it was to be the national religion, with Adolf Hitler as the messiah and "Mein Kampf" as the sacred scripture.

A "30-Point Church Plan" was drawn up. Point 14 reads: "The National Church declares that it, and therefore to the German nation, it has been decided that the Fuehrer's Mein Kampf is the greatest of all documents. It is conscious that this book not only contains the greatest, but that it embodies the purest and truest ethics for the present and future life of the nation." Point 15 forbids "the Bible or other Christian publications being imported into Germany." Point 16 reads: "On the altars there must be nothing but Mein Kampf (to the German nation and therefore to God the most sacred book) and to the left of the altar a sword."

These are just a few of the points, and if they were not authentically documented, it would be hard to believe that such blasphemy was

possible, much less that it would have been tolerated by a civilized people. It is true that a large proportion of the German people, and especially the youth of Germany, were educated and trained in accordance with Nazi dogmas as presented in Mein Kampf. But even though the German people as a whole did not accept Nazism as a religion, Mr. Herman admits that they were generally impressed by the personal power of Hitler and the success of the Nazi Party in putting the nation on a strong industrial and military basis. They hailed Hitler as a political leader and rejoiced over the early victories, although many of the older people feared for the future and hoped that Hitler would be able to secure an armistice after the fall of France in order to gain time to prepare for a final war of world conquest.

But the thing that struck me most in reading this book was the fact that Nazism was promoted in the form of a religion. The Nazi Party leaders realized the value of this, for there is nothing that takes a deeper hold upon both the individual and the nation than a religious movement. The rising generation of Germany were actually "baptized" from childhood into this new National Church and their souls and bodies were dedicated to the cause of the Nazi Party "from the cradle to the grave" — and the grave was not far off for millions of them.

I received a letter the other day from a United Church minister, in which he contended that there should be no "cleavage between what is called the spiritual and the secular." He said that Jesus was a "doctor, a physician, a man (temple court exhibition) and even a candidate for political office (triumphant entry into Jerusalem)." The implication is that Jesus tried to set up a sort of Socialist State in Jerusalem. Assuming that was true, and assuming that Jesus had succeeded in establishing a Utopia in Palestine, how long would it have lasted? And where would Christianity have been today? Jesus would have been remembered, if remembered at all, as a little local political agitator, of whom there were many in those times posing as political-religious messiahs. He would have been remembered merely as an unsuccessful Hitler.

To liken Jesus to a policeman because he drove the money changers out of the Temple is entirely to miss the meaning of that incident. The money changers were men who turned religion into a business, and mixed the spiritual with the secular. Not many years ago a Methodist minister joined the Provincial Police in order to help enforce Prohibition. He shot a bootlegger dead at Windsor. He thus dragged himself and his religion in the mire, and he did harm to the cause of temperance than the bootlegger would have done, if he had let him live.

This brings me back to moral of Mr. Herman's book, as I see it, and it is this: When political movement takes on the form of a religion, or when a religion becomes political, the product is fanaticism. The inevitable result is war.

Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

Henry Wallace says, "If we are aggressive Russia will be forced to prepare a defence against us."

F. K. Sandwell, in "Saturday Night," says, "Because Russia is aggressive we must prepare a defence against her."

With so many "ifs" aggravating the situation we are almost bound to get into war with Russia sooner or later.

In the minds of thirty-eight per cent of the people of Canada, money is the biggest factor to happiness. At least that is the finding of the latest Gallup poll conducted by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion. Health and spiritual factors are secondary. That 38 per cent have a dismal future ahead of them.

There must be a lot of people in this community who remember the old store and Post Office at Marlboro that was later operated by the late Jimmy Robb. The building, that was the rendezvous of the town, has been sold and will be moved to Gagetown. This establishment was a link with the past and will bring back many pleasant memories to those who used to patronize this little country store.

Building costs have advanced terrifically in the past few years, but we venture to say that very few people have increased the insurance coverage on their homes accordingly. It is not pleasant to pay higher insurance premiums, but at the same time it would be even more unpleasant to find, in case of fire, that your insurance would only rebuild half the house you now have. We don't mind giving a little free publicity to the insurance agencies because we think it would be in the interests of all readers to check up on this point.

Speaking in the United Church on Monday evening, Dr. Bob McClure, Christian missionary in China, told of travelling from Doral Airport at Montreal to the Far East entrusting his safety in the hands of a 19 year old pilot, who two years before had been denied the use of his father's automobile because of doubt in the father's mind of his ability to drive it. Yet three years later the same lad had been entrusted with eighteen cars in comparison to the former vehicles he had been denied the use of.

Speaking of this same McClure, it was rather thrilling to see the expression on his face when he spoke of his father's automobile. After all they had been classmates at the University of Toronto — some years ago.

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News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

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Amos and Lorne Porter, who were visiting the Provincial Penitentiary at this week at Goderich, with Margaret Bigger, of Hamilton, spent the week-end with her. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Biggar, of Erietta, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slaght, of Villa Nova, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Swine, of Erietta. The week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Fleming, of Erietta, was also a busy one. The annual sale of the Ladies' Aid, held at the home of Mrs. Biggar on Thursday afternoon, was a success.

Friends of Mr. Wm. Skinner, the Erie district will be interested to hear that he was married last week. The ceremony took place in the Knox Church on Tuesday afternoon.

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"Of Thee I Sing"

MONDAY AND TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 22

"Adventure"

Clark Gable, Greer Garson

Colored Cartoon —

"Mouse in Manhattan"

NEWS OF THE DAY

WEDNES. AND THURS. OCTOBER 23, 24

"The Well-Groomed Bride"

Ray Milland, Olivia de Havilland

March of Time —

"Nightclub Boom"

Sport Reel —

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ANGELICAN CHURCH

Squadron Leader Rev. John M. Cameron, Rector

18th Sunday after Trinity.

NANTICOKE - Christ Church.

10 a.m., Children's Day Service.

Object sermon.

11.30 a.m., Children's Day Service.

Object sermon. Presenting prizes to the Sunday School for attendance and work.

1.30 p.m., Holy Communion.

FRESHWATER CHURCHES

Rev. W. H. Fuller, Th.B., Minister

Knox, Jarvis:

10.00 a.m., Sunday School.

11.00 a.m., Morning Worship.

No evening service because of the absence of the Wesley United Church.

Chalmers, Walpole:

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