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MISLEADING CREEDS OF AMERICANISM THE UNSAFE COURSE OF PRESENT DAY FEUDALISM

AMERICANS generally agree that there is plenty of work to be done in America today to iron out our social, economic and political differences to make this nation the real home of a contented people dealing out justice and a square deal to everybody, native and foreign born, without going abroad anywhere to find something with which to occupy our time. We possess fountains of latent talents that may be pressed into service everywhere to mold this young nation of unexcelled opportunities. It should therefore be a national concern to see that no one within the length and breadth of our land has a moment to waste on spreading discord, strife and intolerance.

The virile American consciousness has either taken a vacation, gone to sleep, or something has happened to it, because alien forms of dangerous agitation are now taking shape leading the American people from their accustomed road of fair dealings into the path of suspicion, hatred and group agitation, ancient paths that countless old world nations have taken and followed to their doom.

It is nothing strange today to hear a man, foreign born or native born, with an air of courage, proclaim himself a bolshevist, an I. W. W., a Marxian socialist, or a revolutionist of one shade or another. The discordant medley runs the cycle from the men performing the menial tasks in camp, factory and mill to the degree-collecting college graduates, fresh from some sociological institute of twisted common sense. What either extremist is lacking in sound American reasoning is usually offset by a weathercock intelligence, and equally reliable, as a guide to a reasoning befitting a man claiming to be an American.

Not entirely satisfied with these modern social and political expressions a vast number of our people very

recently sought a new diversion, delving into the metaphysical taking up the study of a new thin-air problem called the philosophy of psycho-analysis. Returning shortly to earth again, to more matter of fact surroundings, these unsettled elements, always ready for an innovation, have taken up a new diversion with plenty of excitement for almost any kind of twisted mentality. This newest of all American fads and fancies consist chiefly in chasing the ghost of old world religious and racial intolerance. From an innocent beginning this new fad has developed into an equally profitable and powerful movement having shown almost remarkable possibilities to outdistance its ancient antecedents. That those who are heading this new agitation are making the most out of it no one is here to gainsay who has had an opportunity to observe the contortions, twists and quirks our body politic has suffered since these intangible doctrines of a mental state called an Invisible Empire were presented to the American people.

That this movement is running true to form may be deduced from the fact that much phantom hocus pocus and spectral shrouding is one of the characteristics for which this movement as an apparition of ancient feudalism is best known.

As a result of having brought forth the ghost of these medieval idiosyncracies, thousands of men and women in all walks of life have largely become alienated from interests of vast importance to themselves and their fellowmen, in their scramble for "a place in the sun" as apostles of this new movement which because of its peculiar kind of secrecy may be enlarged upon to the extent of any man's capacity of imagination. This spirit of feudalistic patriotism, having invaded many fields where the people of America form-