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## "NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS"

### OUR REPLY TO "SIR" JOE SCOTT

"Sir" Joe Scott, knighted by the Pope for services to the Roman hierarchy in America, now is trying, in a letter presented in this issue, to defend the anarchistic utterances in his reckless speech before a gaping crowd of admiring Romans in the Portland Hotel on Washington's Birthday.

Good citizens generally rejoice over "Sir" Joe's foolish speech, for it confirmed everything the Klansmen have said about the Roman Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus, and proved out of the mouth of the KC's chief Western official that the Pope's followers are, as they themselves declare, Catholics first and Americans afterward. Thus forewarned, the Oregon authorities will know how to deal with those who defy the law.

Mr. Scott's letter makes his offense worse, since it reiterates his anarchistic utterances. It is also filled with rank falsehood and absurdity. It is a surprising piece of work, being the best that Mr. Scott could do, because until now even Klansmen had supposed him to be a man of mental calibre higher than the average. His letter fails to sustain his newspaper reputation. He is merely a cheap propagandist and aimless mud-slinger.

"Lawless Kluxers," says Mr. Scott. That's false! The Klansmen are the most law-abiding citizens in the country. They are under the most sacred and solemn obligation to obey the laws and to assist when necessary in their enforcement. They are obeying the laws and they are assisting everywhere in law enforcement.

"Lawless Kluxers, who in defiance of the constitutional rights of their fellow-citizens attempt to be a law unto themselves. For them I have nothing but disgust," says "Sir" Joe. He is a plain liar. He knows quite well that the Klansmen are exerting themselves, everywhere, to protect every citizen, even every Roman, every negro and every Jew, every citizen and every alien, in the enjoyment of every constitutional right. He is disgusted because the Klansmen challenge the Roman treason which places their church above our Constitution.

"Wretched people who blackguard the Knights of Columbus and spread broadcast the fake fourth degree oath," says "Sir" Joe, speaking of the great majority of the people of Oregon. False again. No Klansman is blackguarding the K. of C. It is an un-American organization, because it places "Catholic" citizenship above American citizenship and the Pope above everything. No one is spreading the fourth degree oath. The Western American has spurned it as publicity, time and again. Why publish such a thing, even if it were true, which the KC's now deny? It were silly to expose these half-baked aliens for something which they threaten to do, or promise or swear to do, with libraries full of historical facts, describing the hideous atrocities of the Roman church through hundreds of years and down to date, all available at any time for publication and undeniably true. The publication of alleged fourth degree oaths, containing alleged threats to commit atrocities, would be a foolish waste of space. Volumes of atrocity facts are ready at hand in every library, and countless living witnesses are ready to testify to the infamous character of the political Romanism which the Ku Klux Klan is successfully combatting.

"Sir" Joe says his "blood boiled with some of the spirit of Theodore Roosevelt." Bah! Mere twaddle. His blood didn't boil. He merely shot off his mouth. He mistakes gas explosion and gall diffusion for blood-boiling. If he had any of the Roosevelt spirit he wouldn't be gadding about the country telling lies on the Ku Klux Klan, but would join with the Klansmen in their effort to Americanize the millions of superstitious, ignorant and depraved aliens who have swarmed into our country since the Civil War.

Now consider this outlaw's reiteration of his anarchy: "The way to test a law, which is fundamentally in violation of the Constitution, as I regard the Oregon law to be, is to refuse to obey it." He might have quoted further from his lawless Portland speech—that the Oregon authorities couldn't build jails "large enough and OFTEN enough" to hold the rebels, of the Pope when an attempt is made to enforce the law. That's what "Sir" Joe said. "OFTEN enough!" Meaning, if words mean anything, that the Pope's black-robed soldiers will destroy

the Oregon falls faster than they can be built. By fire, or by dynamite? Which does "Sir" Joe mean? Are the Pope's adherents so reckless as to wield the torch? How will the wholesale destruction be accomplished?

"OFTEN enough," says "Sir" Joe. For that he ought to be indicted and prosecuted. Our jails have been filled with "wobblers" and others whose offenses were trivial in comparison to that of "Sir" Joe. Why isn't he indicted? Why is he allowed to run loose? The Klansmen demand his indictment for that threat and his prosecution to the limit of the law. The penalty in his case should be far greater than that imposed upon an ignorant, homeless and moneyless man. Is the Pope's "Sir" Knight above the Oregon laws—the syndicalism law in particular? Why is "Sir" Joe a privileged character? Is there a law for one man which does not fit another? Why isn't "Sir" Joe in jail?

"Sir" Joe poses as a lawyer. Does the Bar Association approve of his anarchistic statement that the way to test a law is to refuse obedience to it, after it has been passed by a great majority of the people, referring in this case to a beneficent law designed solely for the improvement and protection of the public schools, for the advancement of vital Americanism?

"Sir" Joe asks a question: "Do you believe that the government of this country should be limited to the people of the Protestant faith?" The answer is, we do—just as long as the Romans worship the Pope, just as long as they put "Catholic citizenship" above American citizenship, just as long as they regard the voice of the Italian Pontiff as the voice of God. We believe they are a menace in politics, a growing danger to American institutions. We believe in Washington's motto: "Put none but AMERICANS on guard." Not "Irish" Americans, or any other hyphenates, but AMERICANS. To hell with the hyphen!

"Sir" Joe tries to justify his anarchistic utterances by referring to a California law regulating newspapers, which was a "deadletter" for 18 years until it was repealed. There's no comparison, no analogy, and if there were, two wrongs don't make a right. The way to test a law is to enforce it; to have it adjudicated in the courts; to have it obeyed until it is set aside. Upon this basis rests all of our institutions of liberty.

"I was privileged to be up in front in the summer of 1918 over in France," prattles "Sir" Joe. What was he doing there? Not as a soldier? Wasn't he there as a kind of K-C supervisor, as an agent of the Pope, looking after the welfare of his brethren? He leaves the inference that he was up front with a rifle, fighting as a soldier for the American cause.

"Sir" Joe falls back upon the familiar plea, so disgustingly common in such controversies, that his father was a Scotch Presbyterian, and that he married the daughter of a thirty-second degree Mason. What have they to do with "Sir" Joe's anarchistic utterances? Many a "wobbly" of lesser degree had a Presbyterian father and a Masonic father-in-law. Would "Sir" Joe's father and his Masonic father-in-law be proud of his anarchistic mouthings? Wouldn't they feel ashamed of relationship with a man who proclaimed his defiance of the laws of the land—of his opposition to one of the best laws ever put on the statute books—the public school law of Oregon?

"Sir" Joe whines of the "right of every man to worship God according to his conscience; the right of a father to control the religious education of his children, both of which fundamental principles are attacked under this Oregon law." Nonsense and falsehood! The Oregon law simply requires children between ages eight and sixteen to attend the great American public school, where they learn true Americanism without any religious folderol or superstitious nonsense. Let the Romans teach their papal stuff to their children in church and home, if they wish, but never again will they be able to establish their peculiar school system in Oregon. The law does not attack nor invade in any way the right to worship God according to conscience, nor does it prevent in any way the religious education of the Roman's children. It simply requires all normal children between ages eight and sixteen to attend the public school. The law was absolutely necessary, if Oregon were to have an American citizenship, pure and undefiled.

"When you remove God out of the hearts of our children," whines "Sir" Joe, "and take away the right of parental authority, you are sowing the seeds of bolshevism." Rot and utter nonsense! "Sir" Joe and his ilk aren't worrying about God and the parents, but rather about the authority of the Pope, whether the children shall grow up, like their elders, filled with superstition and ignorance and crazy ideas of Americanism—hyphenated and half-baked citizens, placing their duty to the Pope above their allegiance to America.

It is a wonder "Sir" Joe didn't refer to that other excellent Oregon law, recently adopted, forbidding the "sisters of misery" to teach in our public schools arrayed in their garb of servitude. That's a good law, too, and it is going to be enforced in Oregon.

"Here's hoping that you will help to bring back Oregon into the United States," says "Sir" Joe in conclusion. What was he drinking, to utter such an insufferable and impudent insult to the people of this great State? Oregon leads the nation! It stands highest in morality, in intelligence, with the least illiteracy of all the States, with the greatest mileage of good roads and with everything else that goes to make a grand and glorious commonwealth.

We have given Joe Scott space for his letter of defense, and we have answered it. We want to be fair and patient and kind, but we must be Americans, without compromise and without remorse.

To hell with the hyphen!

### SELF-PRESERVATION EXPLAINS IT

It is but natural that the Roman Catholics should fight the Klan and the public schools, which stand for Americanism, pure and undefiled. Self-preservation is said to be the first law of nature. The rulers of the papal system know quite well that education of the right kind is fatal to them. They therefore are fighting with every weapon at their command to prevent the destruction of their ages-old institution of bigotry, ignorance and superstition.

## PROCLAIM WAR ON FEAR IN ALL ITS FORMS

To a "Protestant" Critic:

You know you are safe from exposure in writing me a nasty letter marked "personal and confidential," because you know that all newspaper men worthy of their profession adhere strictly to their lofty ethics. But, have you no othies, O enemy? Have you no shame, no pride of manhood? Do you think it manly to send an insulting letter to a newspaper editor, marked "personal and confidential," for the purpose of showing a copy of it to your alien friends, thus to curry favor with them?

You are one of those curs, O enemy, who joins a Protestant Order for the purpose of betraying it for money. You belong to the tribe of Judas. I have a scientific, clinical curiosity to know how it feels to be a cowardly cur—how it feels to fear the puny animal called Man, and why one man should fear another. Come to see me. I'll lock the doors and we will have an interview that will dissolve your grudge and satisfy my curiosity. This is your guarantee of safety from physical punishment. You are as safe as a woman, a child, a cripple, or a fool—poor, cowardly Judas, pitiable victim of cupidity and fear.

In this day and time the fear-stricken creatures of the tribe of Judas use every opportunity to misrepresent the Klan, to which they are not eligible by reason of lack of manhood, in order to curry favor with the Klan's opponents, these opponents being either uninformed fools or fanatical subjects of the Roman Pope. Down in Utah many Gentile men of the tribe of Judas curry favor in the same manner and for the same reason with the Mormon hierarchy, "bending the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning." Poor, pitiable, degenerate Judas! Poor victim of selfishness and fear.

The Klansmen are strangers to fear in all its forms. They are combatting with all their strength this frightful world-wide curse. They are opposing, by a concentration of the positive qualities, the negative effects of fear, cowardice, selfishness, ignorance and superstition.

The Klansmen respect every man's religion, whatever it may be, though he worship an elephant, a snake, a hump-backed cow, a wooden image, or a golden calf. They concede the fact that millions of good people are members of the Roman Catholic church, but they recognize the peril of political Romanism, and they warn all good Catholics that their church, like the Mormon hierarchy under Brigham Young, is a political institution in religious disguise. They demand a reformation, and in this they have the secret support of thousands of Catholics, including hundreds of Catholic priests. The church is going to reform. A tremendous change is imminent. In this country it is going to be thoroughly Americanized. Twenty years from now the American Catholic will render homage to no foreign potentate. The priests will be married men, or eligible to matrimony. The service institutions will be public and open. No tribute will be paid to foreign rulers. The parochial school will have been abolished, and all will have joined in a mighty effort to overcome the seven devils of evil and misfortune—to spread the blessings of education and religion throughout America and the world—to make our magnificent country a paradise of comfort and contentment.

Our opponents unfairly whine about the secrecy of the "hooded" Klan. The Order's work necessarily is secret, like that of every other estimable fraternity. Publicity would defeat its beneficent purposes. There is no hood, no mask, except in the lodge-room, where it is used occasionally as part of an ancient ritual.

The Klansmen in their lodge work wear snow-white robes. The Knights of Columbus wear black gowns and a black cowl. Which is preferable, white or black, and which is symbolical of purity in principle and purpose? Which is most thoroughly American?

The Knights of Columbus, making war upon the Klan, is composed exclusively of Roman Catholics, every man devoted to the foreign Pope and to his unholy program of political Romanism. A large percentage of them are foreign-born and adopted citizens. Consider their infernal impudence in warring upon the Klansmen, who are exclusively American in everything, with no foreign attachments whatsoever.

The K. of C. member seal themselves "Catholic citizens," and they place duty to the Pope above everything. The Klansmen are American citizens, sworn to defend and uphold the Constitution and all just laws, to defend and protect women and children, to shield the weak and assist the needy, to combat crime and promote prosperity. The Klansmen are champions of the public school, for this is the great bulwark of our liberty. The Catholics tolerate the public school only because they must, and they are opposed to it, in their hearts, because of their Roman

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## KLANTORIAL

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THE Imperial Night Hawk flew into my window the other day bringing a message of good cheer from the Imperial Palace. Welcome, little stranger to the ever growing circle of the Ku Klux Klan journals. I welcome you as a leader and a criterion to our Klan thoughts. May you inject into us that Klannishness we all seek, and may you foster well and faithfully the spirit that seeks to return America to its own.

I have felt for many moons that the order was in dire need of an official organ instead of a semi-official one. I often times was compelled to read between the lines in order to extract the information I so sorely desired. Now it is there, neatly printed and excellently edited.

A NENT the controversy between our leaders at Atlanta. It is a ticklish question for a Klansman who reveres Colonel Simmons as I do and who respects constituted authority as I do, to take sides. I believe there are more Klansmen in my fit than there are who are really having a decided stand in the controversy. Those who take the same view I do really are embarrassed. I take my Klankraft seriously, and not just simply as another lodge I belong to. It is a living, breathing thing to me.

The dear old Colonel says he created the Klan and it is his to do as he likes. Dr. Evans says he was chosen by the men who make up the Klan to direct its affairs according to their will. A father creates his son and guides him, by force if necessary, to the age when the state proclaims him his own man. Then the state claims him as its own and directs his action by constituted law. If the father still seeks to rule over him as in his tender years and bids him do things that are against the expressed will of those that make the law, who is wrong, the law or the father?

The cases seem parallel yet I am loath to take a side, even though I am a Klansman, sworn to uphold constituted law. The heart directs one way, the head another. Which shall I follow, the heart or the head?

DID YOU BUY THAT HAT YOU'RE WEARING FROM A KLANSMAN?

A CATHOLIC, a Jew and a negro set out in Chicago to give a fair trial to two firemen who were charged with the heinous crime of being Klansmen. One might as well seek sanity in an insane asylum, or silence in Congress.

How any one set of men could be as guilty of as many "organized crusades of crime" as our enemies accuse us of, is simply beyond my powers of comprehension. The very multiplicity of the acts they lay at our doors would seem to the fair-minded thinker to be sufficient proof of innocence.

IS THERE AN AMERICAN FLAG IN YOUR SCHOOL?

THE Travelers Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., has said it does not want Klansmen in its employ. That being the case, I am sure I do not want a policy with them. I have one, a small one, but I am going to give it up, although I have several years in on it. But there are others I can buy insurance from.

WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK YOUR E. C. THAT'S WHAT HE'S FOR.

HAVE you let your Congressman and Senator know how you stand on the seating of Senator Mayfield, of Texas? Your Senator must pass on this question when the Senate convenes in December and Senator Mayfield's seat depends on his vote. Tell the Senator just where you stand and impress it upon him. Remember that you elect the Senator and the Senator must seat or unseat Mayfield.

THE KU KLUX KLAN IS BIGGER THAN ANY MAN OR SET OF MEN IN IT.

JUDGE BARNETTE, in Louisiana, a Klan leader, tells Governor Parker the Klan will unmask if he will say PLEASE but it won't let him snatch the mask off. That's the talk. If Parker is as big a man as he makes himself out to be, he will say PLEASE in his nicest tone and accomplish what force and terrorism has been unable to do.

The Klan of the nation applauds the Yakima, Washington, brethren for their action in causing to be suppressed a moving picture produced by Jews and starring the Jew, Chaplin, in a story ridiculing and burlesquing the Protestant clergy. More action like this will increase the respect of the Protestant clergy for the Klan. That is a thing we all desire.