

LOVE IS REAL KEY TO AMERICAN SOUL GENUINE KLANKRAFT

Jew Laments Rising Spirit of Hate and This Journal Replies with Facts.

AMERICANS NOW AWAKENED

Negroes and Jews Making Fools of Themselves by Fighting the Klan.

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Dear Editor:

I arrived in Portland about two months ago. I am a retired business man, having been in the manufacturing business in New York most of my life. I came to America when I was a little fellow. I am a Jew. No better citizen of this country lives. I am American all through. I have respect for other countries, especially Great Britain because of her liberality, but America to me is the best country on earth. What more can an American say?

When I first came to Portland to visit some relatives, also Jewish people, not being familiar with the position of the Portland papers, I one day purchased a copy of The Western American. It appealed to me strongly, and since then I have been buying it every week, even a few extra copies which I have sent to Eastern friends, and mostly Jewish people.

I knew nothing of the Ku Klux Klan before coming to Portland, except what was printed in some New York papers and other periodicals, but I have taken the trouble to learn more about the organization, and now believe some of the printed matter I read

in the New York papers was what you refer to as propaganda. I KNOW the Catholic church from years of studying. I know it is the enemy of our country, or will be if we let it. I have had personal experience which makes me distrust that church, though I have some friends who are Roman Catholics whom I consider as one hundred per cent—but there are reasons why your Klan should be respected by all.

But, what I started out to write was, what I consider an unjust and terrible mistake your paper makes almost every week in referring contemptuously to Jews, holding them up to scorn by all Americans of the Protestant faith instead of teaching that brotherly love you had an editorial about a week or so ago. I have been trying to make up my mind to write you about this, but have hesitated, but I will now try to explain myself as best I can, knowing you will overlook my English mistakes and take the text, rather than the construction.

You several times refer to "love" as the conqueror of evil. Is that correct? And yet, what have the Jews done that is un-American? I know hundreds of Jews in New York, where the riffraff of the world is gathered, who are just as good citizens as you and I, who sent their sons to the late war, who gave their money, who worked in every channel of helpfulness, whose women did the same, who demonstrated in every way their sincerity in their Americanism, and I am only one who has hundreds of such friends. All over the United States they did the same.

Why should you hold up Jews, as a class, to ridicule and scorn and hate? In your city are numerous educated Jews who are just as good Americans as any, and yet as your paper you should make people hate them, I have many Gentile friends in New York who love me and I love them. Because they go to a church different from mine, I should not hate them. They have their right to enjoy such religion as they wish, even the Roman Catholic, but it is Jews I am writing about. Why hate the Jew? Why teach your members to hate the Jews, because you do it by your articles, even

though you claim not to recommend that, but you do it unconsciously, if not intentionally, through that peculiar psychology which Americans are subject to.

You have no occasion to hate the Jew. The Jew really wants to be loved by Gentiles. I know from my own life. I worked as a young boy until my dear father was able to send me to school for a year or so, until I felt ashamed on account of my age and size, but father wanted me to learn and taught me reading and writing, when he himself could not do much of either, by the aid of my school books and an old dictionary which he bought second hand, and with less than three years at school and what my father taught me, I have done pretty good in a way, but my father, who was no better than lots of Jewish people, always taught me also to make no differences in religion, to love everybody who was good and kind and honest, and I have really tried to be all that is good.

I have wanted the friendship and love of Gentiles, and Jews everywhere do, but the Gentiles are taught through propaganda to hate and despise us. Why, I never have been able to understand. My Jewish friends often speak of it, why they are looked down upon. We are human; we make mistakes, because many of us have not had the education that native-born Americans have; those of us who were unfortunate in some respects to be born in Europe, under terrible conditions, have not acquired those niceties of manner and correctness of language which Gentile Americans have had so easily at their command.

If you will kindly investigate, you will find Jews in this country of the third and fourth generation, and many of younger residence, who naturally have acquired Gentile habits of manner and expression, who would and should find place at the table and in the libraries and drawing rooms of the so-called best families.

Think it over, and try to teach your people to love us. Do not take a few instances of un-Americanism (which may possibly exist) as typical of ALL Jews, and you will be making better and more loving Americans. You surely have many so-called white people here in Portland who are not held up to scorn who are worse than the poorest "kike" I know of, but you don't teach hate for them.

You are justified in your treatment of the Roman Catholic church, but not the individual Catholic. We who read and who have studied conditions in this country and who keep abreast of the times on the other side of the water, know that they are better organized than most of us realize, but you cannot point to any disloyal organization of Jews anywhere in this country. You can point to Jewish profiteers, but they are no worse than Gentile profiteers. Many could not help profiting greatly during the war, but look at the Jewish contributions and you may understand better what I am driving at.

So, Mr. Editor, do not let your organization teach hate for the Jews, but rather educate your readers and your members all over the country to try to see the good side of Jews, and even the good side of some of the uneducated Jews. They will become better as the generations progress, if you and all editors will teach justice and mercy and honor, where honor is due, to the Jews as a class.

Henry Fordism is not a true principle. Henry Ford takes isolated cases, and builds up a bad case against the Jews, but he is unfair. He might as fairly recite exact parallel cases against many Eastern Gentile bankers and other large business interests. That is why Henry Ford is so unfair. I write this with much difficulty. I have not the facility of expression that I would like to possess, but my heart

I know is right. I know your paper is seriously and sincerely engaged, and generally on the right track, but for the good of the nation, for the betterment of inter-racial feeling, endeavor to lead your people along that path of true brotherly love you apparently really desire to teach. Have the Klan eliminate all reference to Jews which is unkind, and you will accomplish more. Were I able I would like to join your organization, but I respect your rules. Were I a native-born American, I would make application and debate with anyone in the world my worthiness and right to join.

Yours truly,
ISAAC FOLTZ,
A Portland Visitor.

While the editor of this journal was a bumpy-headed cub reporter, he was taught by Colonel Henry Watterson—one of his great heroes—that

"Ev'ry gate that bars to hate Will open wide to love."

General John B. Gordon and Henry Grady were teaching the same creative principle. They were striving to overcome the spirit of hate engendered by the war.

It was only a few years after the struggle between the States. The Southland still was in ruins. The rustle of the wings of the angels of death still echoed in every home.

Above all, the Southern youth was taught to be kind to the negroes and to the Jews. There was no question then of the loyalty of Roman Catholics, no idea of the hyphen and double allegiance. Some of the great Southern leaders were Roman Catholics. The sons of the pure white Protestant families, descendants of the lordly cavaliers, many of whom could boast (but did not) of royal or noble lineage, went to the public school together with the sons of Jewish and Irish immigrants, and they even fraternized with the sons of the despised carpet-baggers. They never did and never will tolerate social equality with negroes, however.

The prejudices, the feelings of suspicion, distrust and contempt, were latter-day products—the result of the hyphen and the double allegiance—the result of the peculiar and unnatural alliance between the Jews in general, or the spokesmen among them, and the cunning Jesuit leaders of political Romanism.

This journal never has taught hate and bigotry, neither has it condoned it. To the contrary, it has opposed at every step the spirit of intolerance on both sides of the controversy.

The Jew must divorce himself from his Jesuit parasite, and make clear to the Americans his natural aversion to the political Romanism which now threatens to destroy national tranquility and to undermine the liberties of our country.

We know full well that "ev'ry gate that bars to hate will open wide to love," but there must be a friendly response to the overtures from the Klan, which represents the pure white and true-hearted Americans of this country. The Catholics, Jews and negroes must cease their impudent, unfair and outrageous warfare upon the Klan, else they will find themselves entirely out of luck throughout America. If it is a fight they want, they can get it. Henry Ford and "fordism" have been roundly denounced in this journal.

The editor never loses a good opportunity to promote tolerance and harmony, when conditions justify it, and to tell the world, as far as he can, of the splendid contributions to liberty by the Jews, the Catholics and the negroes.

We are fighting for the welfare of the white race. We are fighting the damnable double allegiance—the infamous hyphen—the propaganda of the infernal Jesuits and also of the Asiatic aliens.

Considering everything, the question arises:

Are the Roman Catholics, the Jews, the negroes and the Asiatics really trying to stir up a civil war in this country? Are they challenging the American white man on his native heath? Do they dare to affront our vast majority? Do they appreciate the liberties and prosperity of America, or do they want to forfeit forever the heritage of liberty which has been shared with them most generously?

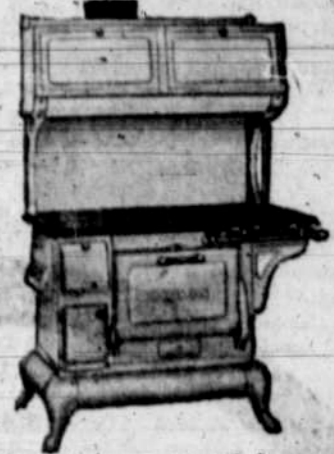
The Klan is patient, law-abiding, and in all things purely American. All persons who deny this fact are either ignorant critics or malicious liars. The Catholics, the Jews and the negroes have exclusive societies of their OWN, and yet they have the unparalleled impudence to war upon the Klan because it excludes THEM.

The Catholics are hyphenated, the Jews are being used as their mercenary tools, and the negroes are obsessed by an insane delusion of social equality. These classes of our population never will be allowed to dominate America. They find themselves now squarely confronted by the aroused white Americans, who are pure white and purely American, without any kind of hyphen or double allegiance. The Catholics, negroes and Jews are hurling themselves most foolishly against a moun-

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tain of solid granite. Let them cease making fools of themselves. Let the Jew proclaim his severance of servitude to the Roman Hierarchy, and let the negro keep his place—always and forever a subordinate and humble role among the ruling white people of America. This is straight talk, and the greatest kindness today is to speak the truth.
We appreciate and admire the noble sentiments so eloquently expressed in the letter given above. The Klan will meet every Jew and every Catholic halfway, and go the whole distance with them in co-operative efforts for the Americanization of the mongrel hordes which have invaded and almost ruined our country. If the Catholics, Jews and negroes had intelligent leadership, they now would be striving to conciliate the white Protestant native-born Americans, whose hospitality and generosity have been outraged and betrayed; they would be doing their utmost to abate the feeling of wrath that is rising in every State, and to cool the fighting blood of the Anglo-Sax-

COLORED RACES A MENACE TO U. S.

Dr. William Guthrie, department of economics of the College of New York, in speaking at the convention of the Wisconsin Bankers' Association, in Milwaukee, said:
"Unless immigration of other than whites is halted entirely, two generations will see the whites of the United States wiped out. Colored races rear families much faster than white families and we must protect the white race in this country."
With the Japs slowly but surely gaining control on the Pacific coast, and with ten million negroes in America, the above words bear a special significance. A New York negro paper a few months ago called on all negroes to fight politically, and if need be, physically. It is high time that white men are organizing.

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