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CIVIL LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY

According to the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and of the states wherein they reside."

Civil Liberty includes all the individual rights which we have under or against our government. Political liberty includes all privileges which are enjoyed by a citizen who shares in the work of the government.

Under our Constitution and the Bill of Rights many privileges and things were promised and vouched for, viz: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Press, Freedom of Thought, Religious Freedom, The Right of Franchise, Freedom of Action, Trial by Jury, the protection of Life, Liberty and Prosperity and many others not mentioned herein.

But, think how long and toilsome was the journey of man before he gained Civil Liberties and the ideals of Democracy! Before he was able to put it in practical form and make it operative for his benefit. Think of the age long periods when the mass of mankind had little in life to differentiate them from the beast of the field; when for a change to the vigilance and civic activities of indiman's mind was given nothing to feed upon, and his body only that which would make it useful to bear burdens; whom the tower of Siloam fell and slew, think ye, that when the soul had nothing to satisfy is aspiration, but was they were sinner above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? atrofied from disuse and had no aspirations. Think of the I tell you nay." hard and fast lives drawn about the individual life-confines which could not be passed. And then think how, less of races; we are bound then in private life to be alert little by little, by revolt of mind and body, by force of intellect and force of arms, by blood, by conflict and by way for its betterment or protection in order to preserve conquest, the masses of mankind broke down the barriers and reached the high ground of opportunity, became conscious of itself and emerged into a vital atmosphere where growth and expansion and aspiration were possible.

To think that we have lived to see and witness mech- in his book "The Outline of History". anized instruments of death and torture and destruction, manned and directed by madmen spitting fire and causing much simplified and universalized and better understood. cities to be destroyed, helpless and defenseless women and This will not be Christianity nor Islam nor Buddhism nor children maimed and killed. We have seen our beloved any such special form of religion, but religion itself pure Christian religion scoffed at, discarded and attempted to be set aside and a form of pagan worship substituted therefor. We have seen virtue and chastity challenged and fornication and bastardy substituted therefore with the sanction be turned by education, example and the circle of idea of of those in power; we have seen young and innocent virtuos girls selling their womanhood and in some cases sent by their parents-by order of the dictators-in order to bring into the world illegitimate offspring-as "War Fodder" against democracies of the world and to destroy our cherished liberties. We have heard the cry "Down with Democracies! Nazism must be Universal."

It therefore, behooves America, and the United States in particular, to give more attention to the Civil and Political Liberties of its citizens; to be fair and just to all mankind and that all men, in reality and truth and not superficially, be assured of "Fair Play". Let the doctrine of "Do unto others as you would have them do to you" prevail and that they will be allowed to enjoy and exercise those inaliable rights so near and dear to mankind.

And let us not forget that appeal to prejudice and pride delude men and cause them to fail to see their mistakes or act wisely. Let us also remember that if evil exist in the community, if injustice and oppression somewhere prevail the officers are only partially responsible. We cannot discharge the duties of citizenship by simply technically observing the law, or by finding fault without offering a remedy. We must mold public opinion which makes the law, direct public opinion which enforces it. We must above all things, and especially, members of my group, Negroes, perform all the full duties of citizenship before we condem for inefficiency or unjust action those in charge of our institutions under which we live. There is no need of the change in our American form of Government. It is the fairest, the best and the most cherished form of government that history ever knew. All needed is that the laws are properly, equitably and impartially



enforced fo rall races and creeds.

The call is less for a change in the institutions than vidual citizens or citizenship. "Those eighteen men upon

This is our government. We are its custodians—regardevery hour and exert our influence in every responsible our Civil Liberties and to insure us that the Ideals of Democracy will be protected, upheld and continued.

In order to understand what kind of Democracy we would enjoy I will quote certain passages of H. G. Wells,

"It will be based upon a common world religion, very and undefiled; the Eightfold Way, the Kingdom of Heaven, brotherhood, creative service, and self-forgetfulness.

Throughout the world men's thoughts and motives will ideals about them the obsession of self to the cheerful service of human knowledge, human power and human unity

The day may be close at hand when we shall no longer tear out the hearts of men, even for the sake of our national gods."

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH OF GOD 2518 N. Williams and Russell Rev. O. F. Brown, Pastor. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Morning Worship, 11 a. m. Evening Worship, 8 p. m.

BETHEL CHURCH, A. M. E. N. McMillen and Larrabee Portland, Oregon

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH (Episcopal) Vicar L. O. Stone N. E. Knott and Rodney Portland, Oregon 7:45 a. m., Communion Service 10 a. m. Church School 11 a. m., Morning Prayer Thursday 9 a. m. Communion Service.

The Church of God in Christ Working with All Nations Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Regular Services, 11 a. m. YPWW Services, 5 p. m. Evangelist Services, 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Friday night at 309 N. E. Hancock St. Week-day Services every Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Elder C. L. SIMMS, Pastor.

LITTLE FLOWER Inter-racial 21 N. E. Broadway Rev. Jerome M. Schmitz, Chapl. Miss Doris Reynolds, Catechist SERVICES: Sunday, Mass and Sermon: 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, Novena Devotions:

CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF THE

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8 o'clock p. m.

120 N. E. Russell St. New Masonic Hall. Morning services 11:30 a. m.; Evening services at 8 o'clock. Come thou with us and we will do thee good.

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Morning Service 11:45, Y. P. W. W. 6:30. Evening Service 8:00.

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH N. E. 74th and Glisan St. Rev. R. E. Donaldson, Minister SERVICES: Sunday School 10:30 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. Meeting 7 p. m.

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Elder Claud L. Lampkin, Pastor 2504 N. Williams Ave. ORDER OF SERVICES: Monday and Friday: Evangelistical Services 7:30. Wednesday

Bible Band 8:00. Sunday, Sunday School 10, Morning Service at 11:30. Y. P. W. W., 6:30. Evening Services :45.

Come One! Come All! Mrs. Lampkin, Reporter.

UNITED CHURCH MINISTRY

Force and Broadacres Vanport City Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Worship, 11 a. m. Worship, 8 p. m. Inter-Denominational Services. Rev. Leslie Denton, Minister.

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Rev. B. M. McSwain, Pastor. 120 S. W. Front Ave. Portland, Oregon. SERVICES: Morning Worship, 12 noon. Evening Worship at 8. Every Tuesday and Friday evening 8. Radio Broadcast every Sunday morning at 8 oo'colck over Station KWJJ.

HOUSE OF PRAYYER 2205 S. E. 10th Ave. SERVICES 8 a. m. Radio Broadcast. 10:30 a. m., Sunday School. 12 noon, Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m., Young Peoples Meet. 8 p. m., Evangelistic Services. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p. m., Evening worship.

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