

# Salem Ministers Ponder Question Of What Stand of Churches Would Be If War Should Come Tomorrow

Editor's Note: With European troubles bringing recurring threats of war across the seas, Americans are wondering: "Will we get in?" So The Statesman is asking a number of Salem ministers this question: "Under what circumstances, if any, should the churches of the United States sanction participation of the United States in a general European war?" Here are the first two of a series of answers to this question:

By ARNO Q. WENIGER  
Pastor Calvary Baptist Church  
War is a terrible monster. I hate it because it makes beasts out of men, it robs the home of its most precious jewels—the children; it impoverishes nations and peoples, and yet, I believe there are some things worse than war. The butchery and brutality such as has been practiced in Russia for the last decade and in central Europe by the in places of power and authority, with strong men and nations looking on and doing nothing about it, in my humble judgment, is a condition worse than war.



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It has been the writer's contention for years, and those to whom he has ministered have heard him say this upon more than one occasion, that the so-called Christian nations of the world—United States included, should have long ago banded themselves together and told Russia in no uncertain way to cease her persecution and oppression of the Christian peoples within her borders and be prepared to enforce this by resorting to arms if necessary.

Racial Hatred Bad  
The same attitude applies toward Hitler in Germany. Long ago he should have been stopped in his campaign of brutality and oppression of the Jewish people. The germination and promulgation of racial hatred such as has been and is being disseminated from Germany in sight of God is as bad as war.

War Satanic Business  
If the United States should go to war again, we should recognize war as a mean, base, satanic business. The mantle of the church of Christ should not be used as a cover for it. The church has no right to call men to follow Jesus and then send them from her altars to hate and kill. The pulpit is a place where God's love is made known to all men. It should never be used as a recruiting station for war nor for the expression of hatred against anyone, even our enemies. He who said, "Love your enemies," cannot be pleased with the words, "hate and kill them."

war. Many Christians, ministers and laymen who sanctioned the last World War repented their action and pledged that they would never sanction another. They renounced the war system, not only as inherently and utterly evil, but as sinful and un-Christian. Should churches give their sanction to that which is un-Christian?

Side With "Right"  
"No man liveth unto himself," we read in the Bible, and the same applies to a nation, especially in this day. Could the United States, one of the "singing nations of the world," allow herself into a shell and say, "let Europe fight her own battles," and counsel inaction when an immediate entrance into a European conflict upon the side of right and righteousness beyond doubt would bring to a speedy conclusion a war that might drag on for years, slaughtering millions of lives? I think not. The writer does not take a belligerent attitude toward this question but attempts to look at world conditions sanely and in the light of the Word of God. He states war but there are some things worse than war.

By LYNN A. WOOD  
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"Under what circumstances, if any, should the churches of the United States sanction participation of the United States in a general European war?"

It would be very difficult to answer this question as stated in the brief space allotted. The qualifying words, "under what circumstances, if any," call for hypothetical reasoning which leads to confusion. In practically any real situation truth and virtue are not on one side, falsehood and evil on the other. Certainly in the present European struggle this is true. Even the issue of democracy is washed out. This is seen by English and French betrayal of it in the cases of Spain and Czecho-Slovakia, and their present alliances with totalitarian powers.

Why not let ministers answer a question which is certainly within their field, namely: "Should the churches of the United States sanction the participation of this country in a general European war?" Let them speak for themselves and their churches! Most churches in their general assemblies have made pronouncements on the war question.

Answer Is "No"  
Should the churches sanction the entry of the United States in a general European war? The answer is "no." The spirit and method of war are diametrically opposed to the spirit of Jesus and His way of life. War is a denial and a betrayal of Jesus and His principles. Nay, further, it is practical atheism of the rankest kind.

The churches almost sold their birthright in the last World

## Caves Attract Motorloggers to Fort Rock



Above, two of the motorloggers examine rubble in the Indian cave; right, a view from inside the cave looking out.

The Venezuela-British Guiana boundary reported today that the 34-ton steamship France had exploded and sunk with the loss of all but one of her crew.

The lone survivor was washed ashore on the beach at Moruca river, from where the constable filed his brief report. He gave his name as Simmons and said the France, which was enroute from Trinidad to Georgetown, had sunk 33 miles off the mouth of the Demerara river, the report said.

The France, commanded by Capt. James Plumpton, carried 320 cases of dynamite and 600 drums of gasoline. The crew was believed to number between six and ten.

Report Ship Sunk, Crew All Drowned  
GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, May 27 (AP)—A police constable's message from an outpost on

## Good Highways and Fair Country Roads Lead to Fort Rock Region; Much of Interest Is Found There

This newspaper is co-operating with the Oregon State Motor association, and The Oregonian in presenting a series of motorlogs designed to stimulate travel in the Pacific northwest and enjoyment of Oregon's recreational areas. The following article is condensed from a full-page article appearing in The Oregonian May 28.

A half-day cruise by automobile from Bend and return took an Oregonian-Oregon Motor association motorlog party to the interesting Fort Rock country, 70 miles south of Bend, over good highways and far-from-bad country roads.

Highlights of the trip were Fort Rock, which stands alone and fort-like on the flat valley floor, once the bed of a huge lake, and an ancient Indian cave in another cinder cone a short distance from Fort Rock. Charred sandals, made from sagebrush bark, found in the cave last year, indicate that Indians lived there from 1000 to 3000 years before hot pumice was deposited over the area by volcanic action.

Scientific Interest  
Finds in this cave and two others in southeastern Oregon have given scientists important evidence in their attempts to fix the date when man first appeared on the American continent.

The party, escorted by Phil F. Brogan, Bend newspaperman and amateur geologist, also visited Lava butte, a few miles south of Bend, and Hole-in-the-Ground, a huge depression near Fort Rock which may have been made by a meteor striking the earth or by volcanic action.

Human interest was added to the motorlog by Miss Beatrice Menkenmaier, 20, who runs an 1800-acre ranch all alone at Fort Rock. Her parents are

both dead and Miss Menkenmaier keeps the ranch going and at the same time takes care of a 12-year-old brother. She favors shorts, rather than chaps, as apparel for the modern rancherette, and she was wearing them when the motorlog party arrived at her home.

From Portland the drive to Fort Rock is about 270 miles. The motorlog group made the trip to Bend from Portland, 200 miles, by moonlight the night before the Bend-Fort Rock cruise. Many snow-capped peaks were visible in the moonlight.

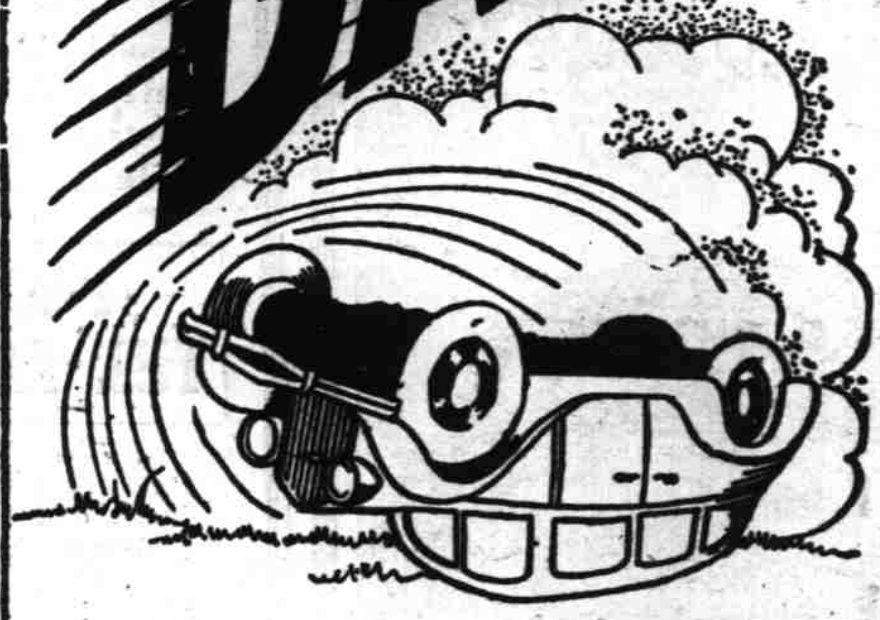
## Schmideke, Slack, Freed of Charges

SILVERTON—The case against Charles Schmideke, charged with dumping rubbish on road side, was dismissed Friday morning when testimony appeared that the alleged dumping was beyond the road's right-of-way and on the farm of young Schmideke. The defendant admitted he had dumped the material under discussion.

Harold L. Slack, tried on a jury trial, charged with larceny from bailie, was found not guilty. This case was transferred from the Salem court and drew considerable attention. Appearing as witnesses for the state were Vera Dowe, complaining witness, and Sophia Robertson, George Brauer and N. P. Webb. Witnessing for the defendant were Betty Slack, Harold Slack, Lucy Sigmore, Joe Moxley and M. J. Showers. Joe Felton was state's attorney and Weed, & Rohde defended Slack. Jurors were Mrs. A. P. Solie, Mrs. Dewey Allen, Mrs. A. B. Weisner, Birdie Hauck, S. P. Rose and John Wilson.

# CAPT. "BOB" WARD'S

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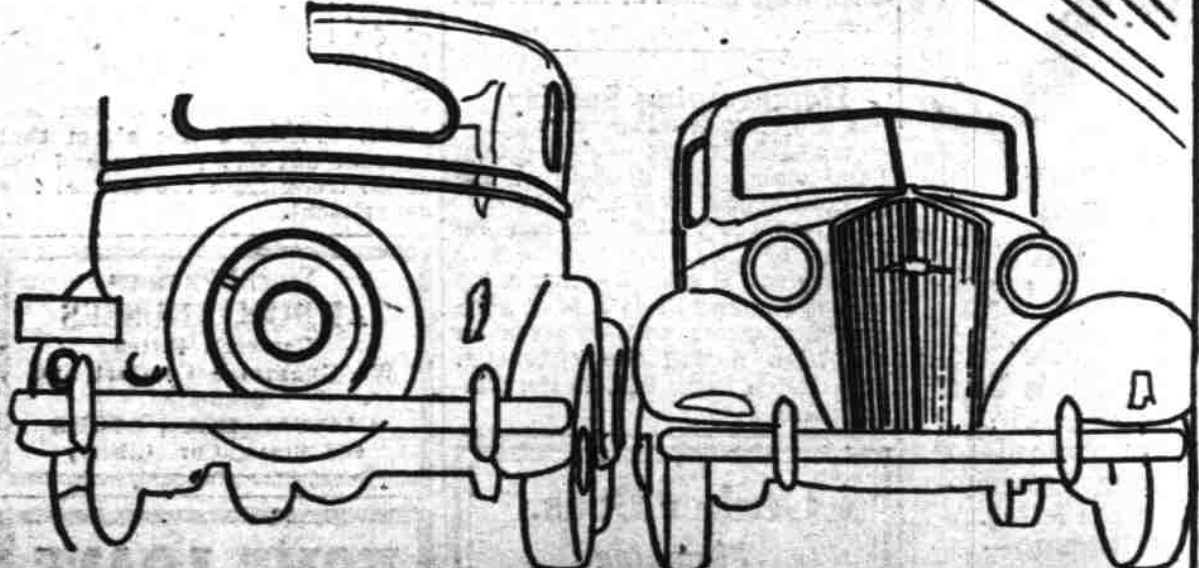
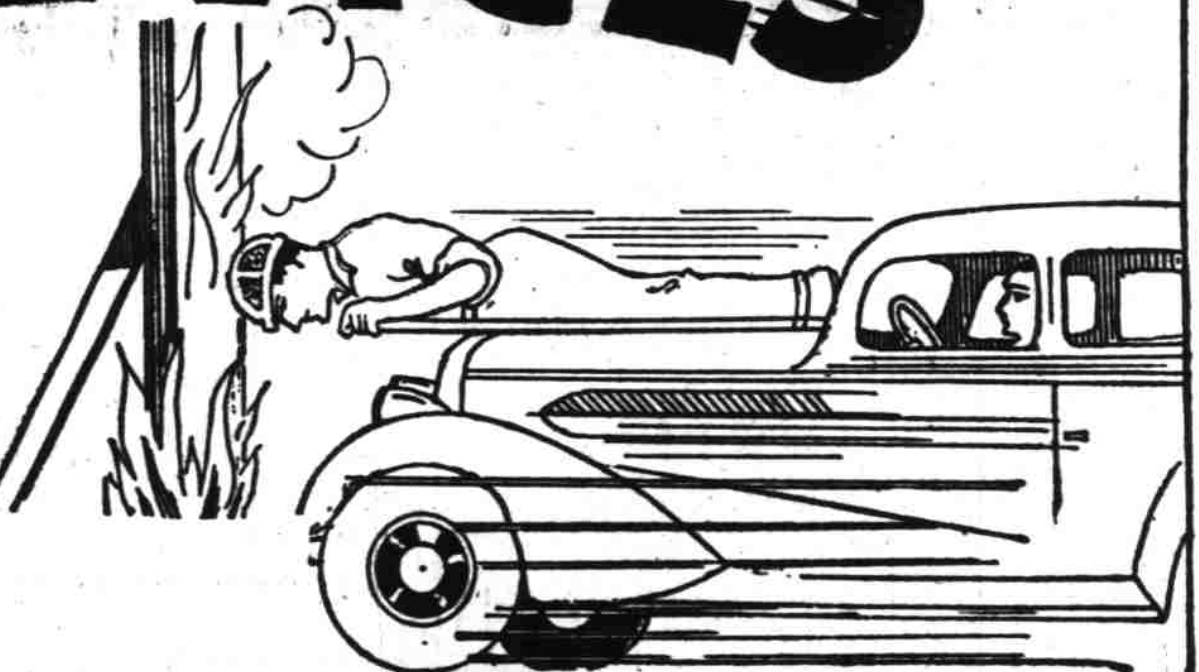
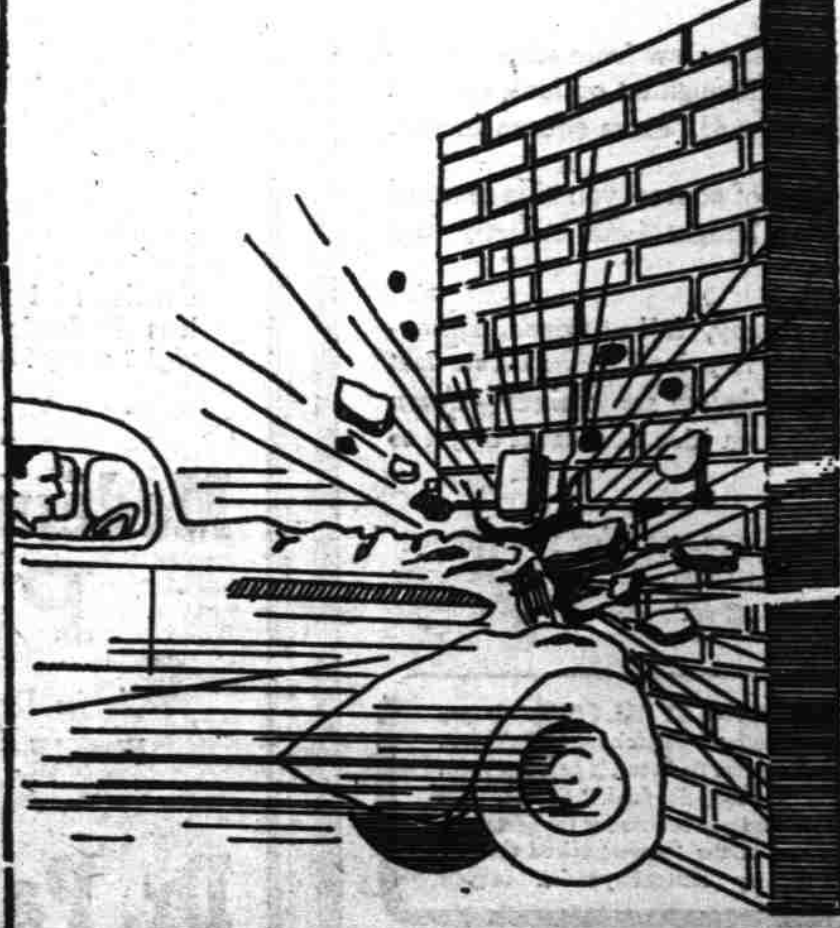
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