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"GUEST CONDUCTOR" KITS REID

The Advocate has invited Kits Reid, editor of the "Arrow Tips" column, regularly published in this paper to sit in the editorial chair this week, as a sort of "Guest Conductor". We are glad that we took that course, especially when we note the timeliness of her editorials. And here they are:

WILL FOSDICK BE GIVEN THE AIR?

SUGGESTED READING MATTER

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS—A CURSE TO CIVILIZATION

Have you been "listening in" on Harry Emerson Fosdick's "Vesper Hour" at 2 p. m. Sundays? Did you hear last Sunday's sermon? I have been wondering how long the falcaical Kings will allow him to stay on the air? When a preacher of international fame tells the parents of children that whatever happens to their religious life depends on their economic life and asks how we can expect the right kind of spiritual response when those children observe the social conditions of today—well, there is a lot of dynamite in that question. Fosdick speaks out of an intimate acquaintance with the social conditions which have produced the misery of today. He knows what war is—he knows what miseries the slums which are owned by the rich have brought—he knows all about the injustices of high profits out of low wages—he knows of the hypocrisy of the churches and tells us plainly that had the preachers in their pulpits preached and lived the gospel of Christ that there would have been no war; no starving millions; no necessity for an NRA. Tune in Sunday at 2 p. m. on Fosdick's Vesper Hour. I predict, however, that he will share the fate of that Catholic priest of Detroit, who told the truth about social conditions—(he is no longer on the air.)

I suggest that anyone who can spare fifteen cents, buy the November 22nd copy of "The Nation" and read "An Open Letter President Roosevelt Might Have Sent", written by Oswald Garrison Villard. It will be well worth the time it will require to go to the newsstands to purchase a copy. Or, failing the cash, go to the Public Library. But no, come to think of it, I was told last week that the library did not keep "The Nation" in its files. Of course, we do not know the social and industrial make-up of the members of the library board. The article is question is on page 585 and is thought provoking, which in these days is one of the major crimes. But get the copy even if it means one package of cigarettes less that day.

I've decided that organizations, fraternal or otherwise are the curse of this country. As manufacturers of opinion, they offer unequalled facilities for the propaganda, known as the "Kha-ki-Shirts", a Philadelphia organization, which has for its purpose, the spreading of Hitlerism in this country. But if here and there, we find a group, banded together in an organization, whose object is to spread terrorism and cruelty, we have scores more, which organized under the highest ideals, use the voting power of that organization to put into office some of the worst scoundrels in the community or to put over a measure framed solely in the interest of a member—we have it in Portland and the practice is not confined to the men's groups, as each of these has its "sisterhood". We can point with certainty of proof to the many women's organizations in Portland, born in the later years in which labor legislation for better wages and hours for women workers grew so rapidly—clubs and leagues born for no purpose than to spread in the minds of the women the undesirability of mixing in legislative work. It was a harrowing sight to

watch the way these so-called intelligent women fell for the flatter of the imported organizer whose expenses were paid by a group of women (in one instance) all employed by big financial interests in Wall street.

The ambition to control the thinking of women has penetrated even the latter groups organized as mothers in our schools. INDEPENDENT thinking is an unpopular thing these days—it has become the habit to think only as our "fraternity decides" or our "club resolves" or as "our order votes" or our "circle expresses itself". Out of this bondage of controlled thought this American nation expects to emerge into a better civilization. Will it do so?

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEATH CELL

On December 15, a petition will be filed with the Oregon Supreme Court, calling for a re-hearing of the case of Theodore Jordan.

Seven white men, secure in their positions, untouched by the storm of world events which buffet the masses will deliberate as to whether or not this young Negro should receive a fair trial.

These judges themselves gravely doubt the fairness of Jordan's trial, but after all, he is a Negro—his skin is black, and he is a worker—one of the millions whose existence has been at so little concern to officials of white America. But Jordan, waiting day after day in Oregon State Penitentiary, knows many things that protected white people ignore. He reads the newspapers—with their regular, meagre, accounts of lynchings of men of his race—and class. He says, "These things are not stealing up on me, without my suspecting and knowing them." What thinks? Jordan sees the lynchings that are taking place today—that took place yesterday—and will take place tomorrow, and he realizes that his death sentence is but a continuation of that grisly policy of rulers and their underlings, to terrify members of his race into submission.

"Again I wish to urge you to heed my warning and my plea," cries Jordan. Warning? Again Jordan understands that the brutalities inflicted upon Negroes will grow in number and intensity, unless! Yes, there is an unless. Unless Negro and white workers face the realization that only united effort and common action can stop lynchings be stopped. Jordan long ago realized that Negro workers can place no confidence in "justice" as interpreted by white courts, where Negroes are never permitted to serve on juries, even when the life of one of their race is at stake.

"I call upon every worker, individually and in their organizations of every character, and particularly members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to rally to my defense. This fight is a part of the larger struggle." Jordan is young. He is vital. He wants to live. But more than that, as he frequently stated both in letters and in conversation, he wants the fight against lynching of Negroes, against oppression and exploitation of the Black people, to be carried on through his case. Jordan is one life. Eventually, as he put it, he "will die, anyway." But there are 12 million or more Jordans in America. Their children are being born to be exploited and abused.

Jordan was born in the South. He attended Jim-Crow schools where the attack against Negroes is carried on by denying them educational advantages. He knows whereof he speaks and in knowing, he issues a call to all Negroes to put their weight behind the struggle for his life. The Advocate is proud to be able to carry this message to its readers, and to stress it with comment. We urge our readers, both white and Negro, to support the Jordan campaign being led by the International Labor Defense. We have tried to carry the facts of Jordan's case to our readers in the past, and shall continue to do so in the future, and in this era of increased suffering for our people, we cannot make our plea strong enough—to join in every fight against every instance of brutality against the Negro people. Advocate readers, a slogan has been raised by the International Labor Defense, JORDAN SHALL NOT HANG! Make it your slogan, and make it a symbol of protest against the oppression of the Negro race in America.

It is remarkable to what extremes

that the hates of men will go. Intolerance, the greatest breeder of hate, has taken a form in Germany that has burst the bonds of all reason and ventured on to soil which has caused the down grade of many nations. Religion is so ingrained in human nature that it is dangerous to force restrictions, yet the German Nazi's, in their racial hatred of the Jew, would do away entirely with the Old Testament and expurgate all passages in the New Testament relating to the Jew in any form. The passions of men are hard to fathom.

CHILD HEALTH

(By Homer A. Chamberlain—Oregon Tuberculosis Association)

Pity the poor defenseless child whose parents have not the wisdom or energy even though funds be meager, to feed him the needed balanced foods for his growth, for his protection against disease and dental defects. Pity the child who has not learned that germs may ride on the articles or soiled fingers he puts in his mouth or engages with his eyes. Pity the child that has not been freed from fears and superstitions of ignorant associates, fears that may bound him all his life.

Pity the child that is still unprotected against the wholly preventable diseases of diphtheria, typhoid, small pox and scarlet fever—protection that medical science can guarantee. Pity the child that has not been taught safety amongst the automobiles, matches, electricity and other hazards that modern life holds for him.

Do you need help in this? A child health education service maintained by the funds you give to buy Christmas Seals, has given just this help to parents and teachers for years as a part of the day-by-day service to the state of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association.

What difference does it make to bereaved parents whether their child died of tuberculosis or some equally avoidable cause? And since no specific preventive of tuberculosis has as yet been developed by medical science, with what better means than this same intelligence and wholesome caution may we fight tuberculosis, which kills more children under 15 years of age than any of the so-called childhood diseases? Truly child health education belongs in every home and school, and its support to every purse.

Pity, but also teach. Teach, but also help. Help other children whose parents won't or can't teach. Help spread this knowledge that is power, protection, safety and health. Christmas Seals provide the channel by which you may give help.

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modern life holds for him. Pity—but do more than pity! Teach him! He is in your keeping, parents, and he is in your keeping, teachers. Teach him, not through fear, but through knowledge. Not with "Don'ts" but with "Do's". Show him how, in the way his childish mind works, so he will be pleased and proud of his knowledge and profit from it.

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P. R. T.—Last August I lost my ring. Does the one I have in mind have it?

Ans: Your diamond ring is in the possession of a man at the present time. The girl friend to whom you loaned this ring in turn loaned it to another boy friend. You will not get the ring back. BE more careful in the future and don't loan your jewelry to friends.

B. S.—My husband wants me to just stay at home and slave under him when I am on a job he sits out near where I work and watches me like a cat after a rat and follows me all the time. Do you see any relief for me.

Ans: A separation will bring about relief between the two of you. It is better that you leave the town that you are in at the present time, should you decide on this course as your husband will make your life miserable should you stay where you are. You no longer love him so why continue to drag this thing out.

R. E. T.—I received your astrology books and I was well pleased. The answers to my questions have helped me a great deal. Will you please give me some information regarding your new lucky number dream book?....

Ans: My new Lucky Number Dream Books are now of the press. If you wish to get one simply send one dollar you to get out and begin making contact with people concerning a job. You will be repaid.

W. W.—I sent someone a letter. Please tell me did they receive it?

Ans: Your letter was not received by the person for whom it was intended. This special delivery letter was signed for by a person whose initials are R. D. This information can be checked at your local post office.

G. C.—The man that I am going with gives his wife money to pay on a bill. Does she pay it or not?

Ans: This man's wife has a perfect right to do as she pleases with her husband's money. She pays on this bill at intervals.

D. D. A.—I am anxious to know if my grandfather left any money and just where it is?

Ans: Your grandfather had little faith in banks. His small savings were buried near the spring where he got his drinking water. If you will send me a map, I shall be glad to work this out for you.

L. R. A.—A certain man and wife of acquaintance are having trouble, do you know a certain thing concerning the husband and want you to tell me should I reveal this or not?

Ans: This affair is none of your business. If you should meddle in this affair you will lose the friendship of both parties concerned.

V. V.—I am about to lose my home, will it?

Ans: A job will save your home for you. I see you at work within a few weeks and my advice now is for you to get out and begin making contact with people concerning a job. You will be repaid.

M. J.—A friend asked me to write you to find out if her mother or any of her relatives are living....

Ans: I get the impression of a sister who lives at the present time in New York City. In reference to her mother it is unfortunate but I cannot contact a clear vision in her case. I do not believe she is alive.

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VERBAL SNAPSHOTS

(By W. J. Wheaton)

One more "Noble Experiment" seems on the verge of collapse. The League of Nations, that theoretic phantasm for the abolition of war, is tottering. Italy, backed by Hungary has demanded the return of her delegates to the disarmament conference, and that Premier Mussolini will back the peace of Europe with the four power plan which will include Germany. On the face of things it now appears on the European horizon as though the old compact, which existed between Italy and Germany prior to the World War, will be renewed. The international complex of Europe make strange bed fellows.

Church bigotry has often been the cause of severe criticism of the Christian religion. Sect fanaticism has been the cause of much just censure. Not in the days of the inquisition alone but in the time of John Calvin. It has not been so long ago, as history runs, that men and women were burned in great numbers for failure to read the Bible in other than the Latin language. And yet you that read history will remember the case of Doctor Servetus, teacher of sound philosophy, who was burned while alive by John Calvin, and that happened in the Protestant country of Switzerland. Of course the burnings of Negroes here in the United States, by mobs just released from church services and led by the preacher with the bible under his arm; those happenings are to recent to become matters of history, but some day they will take place with chronicled massacre of the early Christians or the feeding of Christians to

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the Lions. None of it makes very nice reading and is the cause for many apologies by later generations.

The Negro teachers of North Carolina are making a fight for equal pay. The salary of a Negro teacher in that state is about one half the salary paid other teachers. The fight is being backed by the NAACP, which is more effectively combat the foe, have organized into a state association. The mass pressure is having a beneficial aspect on the situation. Pennsylvania has seen that greater success in combating injustice, arising from racial prejudices, has resulted greatly through the pressure brought to bear through state wide organization. Looking thru some old files of a column we used to furnish for the Los Angeles Journal, it was noticed that, more than three years ago, we advocated a state organization of the California branches of the NAACP. We learn that there is at present a move on foot for the organization of the branches for the formation of a state organization. It is a good move in the right direction.

All in spite of the half hearted support of some big industrialists and under cover adverse criticisms of big journals, the NRA is speeding merrily upward. Although it has been emphatically proclaimed that there is no intention of curbing the freedom of the Press there are some who insist on harping on "the freedom of the press." Big Business, with out or two exceptions, are not as patriotic as they should be, but then, this is a case where they are requested to share their prosperity with those who produce it. It was said of the late president Woodrow Wilson, that when a delegation of women suffragist threatened him with defeat for his stand against prohibition that he courteously but firmly bade them good day. This President, Roosevelt, has shown that he will not be dictated to, and it makes no difference how big the industrialist or how powerful the journals. The President is assured of the confidence and support of the proletariat, and, with the exception of a few renegades who will do any bidding for a stipend will do their best in giving him their aid.

National recovery is an economic, not a moral or a political issue. The politician who would place any barrier in the way of economic improvement and industrial stability deserves to be cast in the abyss of political oblivion. Human Misery should never be capitalized as a means for political preferment. If the leaders of the Republican party insist on attacking the measures enacted for the relief of the whole people it will find itself in a worse predicament than was encountered in 1932. Mr. Sanders and his ilk seem to think that a political party instead of being the creature of men is their creator. This falls elations, while not of a national scope, have proven how little men care for party titles. The years of depression might, after all, prove a boon. I have given men a woman time to think and ponder over governmental issues and to trash them out according to their own way of thinking. They have exarayed the professional politician and looked at his inner workings. To the average man neither the label of Democrat or Republican carry much weight. This is the day of the great invisible party; the independent voter who casts his vote according to his personal dictates. Those men and women are behind President Roosevelt.

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GOOD NEWS FOR SOME MEAN BAD NEWS FOR OTHERS

Good news for those having gas furnaces, but disappointment for a much larger number of householders who use gas for cooking and water heating, was contained in the decision handed down last week by Public Utility Commissioner Charles M. Thomas nearly a month after application for revision of rates had been filed by the Portland Gas and Coke Company.

The voluntary request of the gas company for sharp reductions in the rates for house heating was granted by the commissioner, with certain minor modifications, and beginning November 20th heating customers will pay an average of 20 per cent less for their fuel. Saving to be using large quantities of gas will be even greater, according to the schedule, with reductions of about one-third applying to the upper brackets.

Total annual savings to heating customers will be more than \$100,000 a year, figures compiled by the gas company indicate.

With the heating schedule, the gas company filed a revised cooking and water heating schedule which would have given substantial reductions in rates to customers using more than 2,500 cubic feet of gas per month. Customers using between 1,000 and 2,500 cubic feet of gas per month would have had their bills neither increased nor decreased, and those using less than 1,000 cubic feet would have had their bills increased one to 72 cents per month, depending upon the amount of gas consumed.

These small users, according to a study by the gas company, receive service at less than cost under present rates. Figures presented at a hearing on the proposed schedule showed it costs the company not less than \$1.80 per month to service a small user, exclusive of gas delivered.

To adjust this situation some what, the company proposed to increase the minimum charge from 75 cents to \$1.50 at the same time increasing the gas allowance from 300 cubic feet to 1,000 cubic feet or more than three times as much gas for the proposed initial charge.

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