

THE FOUR FREEDOMS AT HOME

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WORSHIP In Phoenix, Arizona, a minister was called on the telephone by a Reserve Army captain representing an American Legion Committee and told that there would be plain-clothes men stationed in his congregation on the following Sunday. If his sermon did not pass their approval, soldiers in two nearby fields would be forbidden to worship in his church. A similar threat by a Camp Commander in Denver, Colo., has the specific approval of the Adjutant General of the Army. The Christian Century comments: "This is just what happened in Germany," to Niemoller and the Confessional ministers.

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From Monett, Mo., the AP reports that there was so pitifully little to eat in the family of ten that a nineteen-year-old American boy-- George Walker Gordon-- starved himself to death that his younger brothers and sisters might eat.
From Chicago, Ill., the UP reports on the same date that exports of American food to Great Britain are increasing steadily. Department of Agriculture figures show totals of 1,650,000,000 pounds valued at \$200,000,000 in five months.

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No Frontiers
Nov 25 FEAR

"The whole business of invasion across the sea against ample land-based air power no longer is in the book of possibilities", according to Lieutenant Colonel Thomas R. Phillips, General Staff Corps, U. S. Army.

BLACKOUT!

More than the lights were blacked out in Syracuse on Sunday evening, December 21, 1941.

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In some sections of the city-- not all-- stern-faced young men, who would have looked well in uniform, called at every home armed with notebooks to secure information, give emphatic instructions and issue thinly-veiled threats of the consequences of violation. Back yards (private property) were patrolled to spot violators.

Without entering into argument as to the need or the purpose of the blackout, we suggest there is grave significance here for all lovers of traditional American freedoms. Have you read "The March of Fascism"?

BILL OF RIGHTS

Article IV. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

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CELEBRATION On December 15, the 150th anniversary of the Bill of Rights:
1. The President, supported by a galaxy of Hollywood stars, made a speech. 2. A judge in Topeka, Kansas, sentenced a mother to prison because her two sons, for religious reasons, refused to salute the flag.

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On Nov. 15, in Macon, Ga., Admiral William H. P. Blandy said: "If it should come about that any of these disloyal citizens ("misguided" labor leaders) shall approach you with any such suggestions (striking) I hope you will ride them out of town on a rail as if they were wearing swastikas on their sleeves." On Nov. 25, in reply to an inquiry from the Workers Defense League, Secretary Knox wrote: "With the sentiment thus expressed, I am in thoroughgoing accord."

The right to work is being denied many Jews for no other reason than that they are Jews. Employment agencies in every part of the country continue to advertise for "Christians only." This discrimination is part of the larger pattern against all minorities-- against Negroes, against foreign-born citizens, naturalized citizens and even Americans of native-born parentage. Such economic discrimination is not only contrary to the basic democratic principles upon which our country is founded but will, if continued, subvert and destroy these principles.

--MARY D. BRITTE in "Four Lights"

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