

TRUTH

**Shall It Be
Suppressed**

OR

**Will Congress
Protect
the People's
Rights**

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FOREWORD

One great issue before the American people is whether or not this shall continue to be a land of freedom of speech; or shall the people be like dumb, driven cattle? Read carefully this booklet and then write your congressman what you expect him to do to safeguard your interests.

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WARNING DECLARATION

JEHOVAH'S witnesses, duly assembled in convention at Atlanta, Georgia, as a testimony to the name of Jehovah and His kingdom, and for the aid of all persons who love righteousness, do here and now publicly express the following:

THAT the adversary, Satan, the Devil, persecuted Jesus Christ and his faithful apostles because they told the truth of and concerning the kingdom of God;

THAT in about the fourth century a religious organization under the name and title of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy became the chief instrument of Satan on earth in the endeavor to prevent the people from knowing the truth of and concerning God's kingdom; that from that time till now said religious organization has been and is the chief agency used by Satan to deceive the people and keep them in ignorance of God's gracious provision for their blessing;

THAT the said Roman Catholic Hierarchy has attempted to control all of the nations of "Christendom" and is now carrying on a subtle and deceptive campaign to gain complete control of the United States government, and in order to accomplish that wrongful purpose, and to keep the people in ignorance, the said Roman Catholic Hierarchy persecutes all persons who faithfully serve God and Christ Jesus and who bring to the people information of God's incoming kingdom; that to further its wrongful purpose

said Roman Catholic Hierarchy is now attempting to gain control of all the radio facilities and to suppress liberty of conscience, freedom of speech and freedom of press in the United States, and this it is doing while acting under such names as Fascists and Nazis, in the diffusion within the United States of subversive propaganda that is instigated from the seat of that foreign power at Vatican City, near Rome, all of which is contrary to the fundamental principles of the United States and against the law of God.

THEREFORE we warn all order-loving people against the aforesaid subtle campaign now being conducted and carried on by said Roman Catholic Hierarchy and its allies to deceive the people and gain control of the United States government, to control the facilities of the radio, and to destroy liberty of conscience, suppress freedom of speech, and the publication of the truth; and we call attention of all order-loving persons to the plain declaration of the scripture, that their only hope is to be found in the kingdom of God under Christ which is now at hand (Matthew 12:21) and that it is of paramount importance to all persons of good will that they gain a true and correct knowledge of and concerning God's kingdom as set forth in the Scriptures; that the greatest crisis of all time is now at hand and that Jehovah's kingdom under Christ is the one and only thing that can and will bring peace, prosperity, life, liberty and happiness to the people.

Passed, dated, Nov. 24, 1934.

SHALL THE TRUTH BE SUPPRESSED?

[Broadcast over Atlantic coast network, from WBBR,
Sunday, November 18, 1934, by Judge Rutherford]

LIBERTY of conscience, and freedom of speech and press, have ever been dear to the hearts of the true men of America. Love for those principles moved the men of the early days to build this nation. Today there is an organized and subtle movement to take away from the American people liberty of conscience and freedom of speech. The prime agency of that unrighteous movement operates from its headquarters in a foreign land. Already many Americans have fallen into its subtle snare.

In the early part of this year a petition signed by approximately two and one-half million American citizens was presented to the Congress, demanding that affirmative action be taken to prevent selfish organizations from interfering with the rights of the people in hearing what they desire to hear by means of radio. That was the greatest petition ever presented to Congress up to that time. A law was enacted creating the Federal Communications Commission, one section of which instructs that Commission to hear evidence concerning the radio broadcasting methods and to report to the Con-

gress not later than February 1935. Such hearing of testimony before that Commission was had in the month of October this year, and the official record thereof is now at Washington. The members of Congress are the servants of the people, and now the people are entitled to know what is contained in that official record, in order that they may instruct their congressmen at the next session thereof.

Jehovah's witnesses offered testimony before that Commission, which testimony constitutes a part of that official record. My speech on this occasion is to enable the people to gain some information concerning the situation, and therefore I shall quote from the official record. The substance of this testimony will be printed in booklet form and millions of copies thereof will be distributed amongst the people within a short time. If you desire a copy, write the station to which you are listening or to Watch Tower, Brooklyn, and you will receive a copy without charge. At their own expense Jehovah's witnesses are now bringing this program to you that you may get some of the truth of this matter.

One radio station* in this chain has threatened to cut off the program if any statement is made by the speaker which it would seem to that station should not be heard by the people. If that station does cut off the program, that will be evidence of an effort to suppress the truth. I shall say nothing about any person on this occasion except what appears in the official rec-

* See page 19.

ord at Washington; and all of such record the people have a right to hear.

The two major broadcasting corporations in America could broadcast to you all of that record with very small expense; and they should do so, but they will not. That may be considered as circumstantial evidence that they do not wish the people to hear all the truth that is in that record.

Because this matter involves the right of the people to speak and to hear the truth, and hence is of such vital importance, you should write your congressman, demanding that the entire official record of the aforesaid hearing before the Communications Commission, Broadcast Division, be printed at the expense of the government and freely distributed to the people. You are entitled to know the facts which your congressmen have required the Commission to report.

The aforementioned petition presented to Congress early in the year charges that the National Broadcasting Co., the Columbia Broadcasting System, and the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully, by threats, coercion and other improper influence, prevented many stations from broadcasting certain programs, thus depriving the stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear. The evidence offered in support of those charges shows not only that said two major chain-broadcasting companies refuse to permit their facilities to be hired and used by

Jehovah's witnesses, but that they attempt to prevent other radio stations not owned by them from accepting and broadcasting such programs. The evidence also shows that the Roman Catholic hierarchy has, during the past year, carried on a campaign of coercion by means of threats of boycott to prevent Jehovah's witnesses from using radio stations for broadcasting and have tried to induce many radio stations to refuse to broadcast programs offered to them in a legitimate way. Representatives of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, in giving testimony before the Congressional committee, charged that the aforesaid petition was obtained by fraud. From the official record I quote: "In keeping with Satan's methods of false representations the statement has been made and widely published by certain religious papers that the names signed to that petition were obtained by fraud and misrepresentation. I here brand that statement as a deliberate and infamous lie, which has been published for the purpose of prejudicing this Commission and the Congress. The petition was plainly printed, submitted to the people, and was voluntarily signed by those persons who did sign it."

The official record shows that the programs which are broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses are called "Watch Tower programs" and are devoted to explanations of the Bible concerning God's kingdom on earth, about which all the prophets foretold and for which Christ Jesus instructed his followers to constantly pray, and which kingdom is the only hope for distressed

humanity; that Jehovah's witnesses do not desire controversies with anyone, but they are earnestly endeavoring to give information to the people concerning God's kingdom because of its importance to them; that Satan the Devil is the great adversary of God and of his kingdom, and that such adversary uses selfish men whom he blinds to suppress the truth and to keep the people in ignorance thereof; that the people should be free to hear the message concerning God's kingdom and then determine for themselves what is for their own best interests.

The law governing broadcasting emphasizes the fact that radio stations must broadcast programs of public interest, convenience and necessity. The words *interest*, *convenience* and *necessity* should be clearly defined and the definitions thereof should be according to the highest authority. The presumption must be indulged that Congress used the words according to the definitions based upon the highest authority.

In this connection attention is called to the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Church vs. United States* (143 U. S. 457), in an opinion delivered by Mr. Justice Brewer, affirmatively held that the United States is a Christian nation. The highest courts of practically all of the states have followed that decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. No lawmaking body of the United States could now be heard to say that the United States is not a Christian nation, whether that claim is absolutely true or not.

That decision means that the government recognizes Christ Jesus as the Master Teacher and Jehovah the Most High as the supreme authority. Christ Jesus taught only the words of Jehovah God. Therefore the law of God as set forth in the inspired Scriptures takes precedence over man's law, because God is supreme. We therefore ask the Commission and Congress to give due and careful consideration to the definitions of the foregoing important words according to the meaning placed upon them by the supreme authority. The proper definition of these words will aid in determining the value of the testimony offered at this hearing.

INTEREST

According to the derivation of the word, *interest* means that which commands attention because of its importance and value. It does not mean merely that which entertains, but means that which is for the good or profit of those who hear it or receive it. Necessarily it follows, that which is of public interest is that which relates to man's peace, prosperity, happiness and his life. Since all these desirable things proceed from Jehovah God, that which is of public interest is Jehovah God's provision for mankind.

CONVENIENCE

Convenience means that which is necessary, proper, profitable and for the building up or improvement mentally, morally, spiritually and materially of the people. At Proverbs 30:8 the word *convenience* is used in this manner:

“Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me.” The original word from which the English word *convenience* is there derived means, “That which is good, righteous, and well for my person.”

NECESSITY

Necessity means that which is needful to meet a condition that exists. Where one is in stress or under constraint, *necessity* is that which meets his demands for his well-being or betterment, and hence is profitable to him.

The foregoing definitions, based on the highest authority, therefore, show that programs broadcast should be for the upbuilding of the public in things which they need, mentally, morally and spiritually, and which would advance them in the way of righteousness and best equip them to meet their life battles. It necessarily follows, then, that nothing could be of such public convenience, interest and necessity as that which is contained in God's Word.

It is written (2 Timothy 3:16, 17, *A.R.V.*): “Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.”

According to the foregoing definitions of the words *public interest*, *convenience* and *necessity* there are very few programs that are broadcast in the United States that meet the requirements of the law. It is certain that the

programs broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses come nearer meeting the legal requirements than any other, for the reason that a large portion of these programs are based upon and fully supported by the inspired Word of God.

Further the official record says: "Throughout the earth there is great opposition to the message delivered by Jehovah's witnesses concerning the kingdom of God. This Commission and Congress are entitled to know the reason therefor. Satan's method of opposition is to deceive and thereby blind men to the truth and cause them to vigorously oppose the truth. Satan's chief instrument used for this wrongful purpose is the religious organizations, their leaders and their allies."

HIERARCHY

The Roman Catholic hierarchy used threats and coercion, expressed through various newspapers and other publications, to compel many station owners and managers to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

Copies of such publications containing threats of boycott by agents of the Catholic hierarchy were freely used in many parts of the country to coerce owners and managers of broadcasting stations and allied business enterprises. Such action was taken to enforce pressure upon those stations by means of organized letter-writing and personal visits of individuals and groups spurred to act by direction of the Roman Catholic clergy.

As a result of the nation-wide opposition conducted by the organized clergy and of the subsequent action of members of the Federal Radio Commission in writing officially and specifically to hundreds of radio stations regarding the Watch Tower programs, many radio stations, induced by fear of losing their license, have broken their contracts with Jehovah's witnesses and decline to further broadcast their programs until the matter shall be definitely settled by Congress or its duly constituted authority.

The official record of the Congressional hearing, which purported to show the methods of operation between the Catholic hierarchy and its connection with the Federal Radio Commission to prevent radio stations from broadcasting Watch Tower programs, was mutilated, which mutilation tended to destroy the value of that testimony. The fact of the mutilation is not disputed. The question is, Who would be interested in destroying the record showing those connected with the Catholic hierarchy in their campaign against Jehovah's witnesses?

CENSORSHIP

The two major radio corporations have joined hands with the clergy, not only to censor programs, but to prevent such programs from being broadcast which might disturb the religious doctrines long held by some others, even though those doctrines are utterly erroneous. They have created what they call 'The National Church of the Air', and limited all religious broadcasting to Catholics and Protestants, rec-

ognized clergymen, and refuse to hire their facilities to anyone who tells the people what the Bible says on vital questions of the hour. A few men have assumed to tell the people what they may or may not hear.

Objections to programs of Jehovah's witnesses are that their programs "attack other religions" or other persons. That charge is not supported by the facts or the evidence submitted. Before the Commission Mr. Bellows, for opponents, testified: "I do not believe it is legitimate to hold the things that are dear to other people, things that they care about, things that men cherish in their hearts, up to public ridicule."

If a statement is broadcast, and which statement is fully supported by the Word of Jehovah God, that statement is not an attack upon men of the clergy profession, even though such statement of truth makes the doctrines held dear by the clergy to appear ridiculous in the eyes of other persons. A statement of truth, fully supported by the Word of God, is of the greatest public interest, convenience and necessity, even though such truth holds up some men to ridicule and contempt. On this point the scripture says (Romans 3:4): 'Let God be true, though it make all men liars.'

Religionists have, for more than a hundred years, held to doctrines which are clearly contrary to God's Word. If in the present time there is an advancement in the understanding of God's Word, then the people are entitled to hear it; but if private corporations are permit-

ted to determine that only those who advocate the ancient doctrines should be heard, then the people are prevented from hearing discussed that which is of interest, convenience and necessity to them.

As an illustration, the orthodox doctrine of both Catholics and Protestants is that when a man dies he is not in fact dead, but that he has an immortal soul that keeps on living, and if that person was wicked his soul is in purgatory or hell torment. The orthodox doctrine is that persons in purgatory, undergoing punishment, may have the duration of punishment lessened by the prayers of men who are living and who are practicing the Catholic religion. The Bible teaches that all who die are in the grave awaiting resurrection.

If the dead are not in purgatory but are in the grave, then certainly no man, regardless of whether he is a priest or holds any other position, could pray him out of purgatory or lessen his punishment in purgatory, and anyone who would teach the people that this could be done and would take money therefor, would be taking money under false pretenses.

Do this Commission and Congress wish to hold that repeating the plain statement of God's Word on this subject shall be construed as an "attack" on religionists? Will this Commission and Congress conclude that the broadcasting corporation systems and the Catholic hierarchy are justified in having these divine truths excluded from the people merely because the truths themselves "shock the religious suscepti-

bilities" of some persons? If so, is this regulatory power of the broadcasting facilities being exercised in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Congressional mandate? Manifestly it is these plain Bible truths, clearly stated and broadcast for the benefit of the common people that they might hear and understand, to which our opponents object, because these truths expose errors of long standing, which errors are 'cherished in the hearts' of some persons.

If our opponents' contention is correct, then it is more important to let the people go blindly on in the dark and not know of God's gracious provision for them than it is to tell the truth which might disturb some time-worn doctrine that is 'held dear to the hearts' of some persons.

Jehovah's witnesses have no fight with men, and whether any group of men is well thought of or little thought of is not material as far as this Commission is concerned.

In the light of the proper definition of public interest, convenience, and necessity, is it fitting and for the best interests of the people to know the truth as set forth in God's Word or to hold to the time-worn traditions of men which are 'cherished' by some persons? Such doctrines of men as are mentioned above, and which are contradicted by the Scriptures, are not of public interest, convenience and necessity, in this, that they do not tend to the betterment of the people; but the truth of God's Word is of public interest, convenience and necessity, for this reason, that it not only tends to lead but actually leads them into the light, builds them up materially, moral-

ly and spiritually, and shows them the way to eternal life. Here the words of Jesus are appropriate (John 17:3): "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

How can the people know these truths unless somebody tells them? and if our opponents are permitted to prevent the people from hearing, then Congress is permitting them to use the radio facilities *against* public interest, convenience and necessity.

Even though Jehovah's witnesses collectively may be in the minority when compared with the group of Catholics, Protestants, Jews and others named as our opponents, yet two and a half million American citizens have petitioned Congress that they might be privileged to hear the programs of Jehovah's witnesses, which they declare are of aid, comfort, benefit, interest, convenience and necessity to them.

Will Congress permit our opponents to deprive these millions of persons of the privilege and liberty of exercising their God-given rights and duties of proclaiming the truth in obedience to Jehovah's commandment merely because the proclamation of such divine truths "shocks the susceptibilities" of some who hold time-worn doctrines 'dear to their hearts'?

If Congress permits this condition to persist and continue, then our forefathers labored in vain to lay the foundations of the nation as a place of freedom to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of one's conscience.

Will this Commission and Congress desire to go on record as holding that if the unvarnished truth upsets some old and cherished doctrine, the truth should therefore not be told lest it disturb the sensibilities of those holding such doctrines?

Shall we assume that Congress meant that programs should be broadcast truly for the public interest, convenience and necessity, or shall they be broadcast to please the sensibilities of a few individuals or corporations?

This matter is squarely before this Commission, and will be before Congress. The lawmaking body must determine whether a few men will be permitted to set themselves up as duly qualified to edit and select programs and determine what the people shall or shall not hear, and thereby appoint themselves as the mental and spiritual guardians of the people.

Shall the people have a free hand and open forum to discuss and hear discussed vital questions and to determine for themselves what is for their welfare, or shall America continue to be a paternalism?

Would it not be more appropriate to follow the principles originally adopted by this nation, to allow every man freedom of conscience and freedom of speech? Also to follow the admonition of the great Teacher, Christ Jesus, to wit (Matthew 23: 8, 9): "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

In this Twentieth Century of enlightenment, does it not seem that the American people are so advanced in knowledge and education that they need no company of men to pose as or act as their "fathers"? This is not said to hold up men to ridicule, but because it is the plain unvarnished truth. The American people are entitled to know the truth.* Paternalism is foreign to American principles.

The mere fact that a plain statement of the truth as set forth in God's Word "shocks the religious susceptibilities" of some and appears to a few men as 'an attack upon the religious convictions of millions of radio listeners', is no reason whatsoever why that truth should be withheld from the people.

A most atrocious crime is committed in the land which shocks the susceptibilities of all order-loving persons. Yet these chain broadcasting systems do not hesitate to broadcast the details of that atrocious crime. If the theory that they have adopted with reference to "religious" broadcasts is correct, then nothing should be published that might shock someone else, regardless of how true it is.

Truth is eternal, and always bears the closest scrutiny and investigation, and could never be shaken or disturbed by any statement that any person or organization might make. Teachings of orthodox religion, and 'cherished' in the hearts of some men, have endured only a few centuries, and now in the light of God's Word

* At this point in the speech, when originally delivered, station WOL, Washington, D. C., cut off the program. See page 6.

it appears that these things so held are erroneous.

“The truth of Jehovah endureth for ever.” (Psalm 117:2, *A.R.V.*) Shall the eternal truth of God’s Word be denied to the people merely because the light from that Word plainly shows that previous doctrines might be disturbed? Of the two, which is of public interest, convenience and necessity?

A reference to the definition of these words hereinbefore set out will at once demonstrate that the truth, and the truth only, is of public interest, convenience and necessity. Error could never free anyone. It was the great Teacher, Christ Jesus, that declared (John 8:31, 32): “If ye continue in my word, . . . ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

In all the programs broadcast by Jehovah’s witnesses, not one person has been called by name and held up to ridicule. The record will bear out conclusively the truthfulness of this statement.

CONCLUSION

The truth which the great Jehovah God, the Creator of heaven and earth, has caused to be published and preserved for the benefit of the human race is of such paramount importance to all things else that it should have the widest publication of anything, particularly among the people who claim to constitute a Christian nation. To maintain the claim and past reputation of this nation the solemn duty devolves upon Congress to enact necessary laws to prevent all

interference with the open, free and wide publication by radio, and by all other means, of the truths set forth in the Word of Jehovah God.

By taking the side of those who oppose the message of God's Word, all so doing align themselves with the Devil. By opening the way for free, unhindered discussion and consideration of the truth of God's Word, those who so do, to that extent, place themselves on the side of Jehovah God.

It is written (Romans 6:16): 'Ye are the servants of him whom ye serve.' Let the Congress of the United States now choose to declare which side they take and whom they desire to serve.

NO MATTER WHAT CONGRESS DECIDES

it's still UP TO YOU to settle for yourself the issue: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." "If Jehovah be God, follow him." (Josh. 24: 15; 1 Ki. 18: 21, A.R.V.) Can you, then, afford to be without Judge Rutherford's latest and best book? It's entitled

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[Information by the PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION]

TO THE HONORABLE
F E D E R A L
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Broadcasting Division

Religion properly defined is a form of worship of a god based upon a ritual, creed or statement of belief. Religion may be educational to a degree and it may not be. It is often employed to keep people in ignorance concerning the truth. The PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION and associated corporations are not religious organizations but are formed and carried on for the purpose of informing the peoples in matters of most vital importance to them. These associations do not seek members, and practice no form of worship, but all of them endeavor to worship THE ALMIGHTY GOD in spirit and in truth.

The radio is not a human invention. It is God's creation permitted by Him to be brought into action in these last days for the enlightenment of the people. The proper use of the radio would be to honor Jehovah God, the Almighty Creator. While the Almighty God could, to be sure, confine the use of radio exclusively to His service, it pleases Him to permit men to exercise their free will at this time in the use thereof, thus giving men an opportunity to honor or to dishonor His name.

Satan, the great adversary of Jehovah God and who rules the present evil world, seeks to deceive all men and turn them away from the true God. A great responsibility therefore rests upon the men into whose hands the radio broadcasting control is committed to see to it that the people have a full and fair opportunity to hear the truth of God's Word, that they might freely determine for themselves what course to take.

Created and organized for the purpose of informing men concerning the vital truths as contained in the Word of God, commonly called the Bible, the PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION in the year 1923 built a radio station at New York known as WBBR and since February 24, 1924, has continuously operated

said radio station for the benefit of the people particularly in matters pertaining to the Word of God. For convenience and pleasure of the people it also broadcasts programs of world news, classical and semi-classical music (vocal and instrumental), pipe organ, dramatic presentations, and lectures on health, household and agricultural subjects. That station has never broadcast a program for hire. It does not engage in any commercial business. No member or associate thereof receives any pecuniary profit from the operation of the radio station or from any other part of its work.

That this Commission and Congress may have a clearer view of Jehovah's witnesses, their work, and why they appear here, we beg to submit the following further facts, to wit:

More than four thousand years ago Jehovah God, as stated in the Bible, promised to establish a righteous government upon this earth, with Christ Jesus as the invisible King. That promise is certain to be faithfully kept and performed. Two thousand years later, at the birth of Jesus, it was authoritatively declared that He should be Jehovah's instrument to bring peace on earth and good will toward men and this He would do at His coming and His Kingdom. The nations of the world are now in great perplexity and distress. The only hope for peace and prosperity, life and happiness among men is the Kingdom of God under Christ. For this reason that which is of greatest importance to the people just now is information and knowledge of and concerning Jehovah God and His Kingdom.

Several years ago careful and honest students of divine prophecy reached the conclusion that 1914 would mark the beginning of a great world change culminating later in the greatest time of tribulation ever on earth, which trouble will result in the overthrow of Satan and his unrighteous organization, and that such overthrow will be by the invisible armies of Jehovah, led by Christ Jesus; and that then will follow perpetual peace and prosperity on earth. The physical facts which began to come to pass in 1914, and which have come to pass since that date, fully support these conclusions.

Seeing some of the truths of God's Word, and having a keen desire to know more thereof, and a desire to be of help to their fellow-man in learning the truth, honest men and women from all religious denominations, and without regard to any creeds, came together and organized the aforesaid associations, the members of which are now known as Jehovah's witnesses. They have had but one objective, and that is to give information of and concerning these vital truths to the people who desire to hear and learn.

The main office of the organization of Jehovah's witnesses is at Brooklyn, New York, from which are directed the activities of branch offices in more than thirty-five different nations or countries of the earth. For the sole purpose of advertising the name of Jehovah God and His Kingdom these men and women have built printing plants, published and distributed great numbers of books and other literature, built and operated radio stations in different parts of the earth, and used other proper means to carry forward their work.

Christ Jesus is designated in the Scriptures as Jehovah's 'True and Faithful Witness'. When on earth He declared: 'For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear testimony to the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.' (John 18:37) The true followers of Christ Jesus therefore must be witnesses to the Name of Jehovah God, and His Word the Bible, because His Word is the truth.—John 17:17.

OPPOSITION

Throughout the earth there is great opposition to the message delivered by Jehovah's witnesses. This Commission and Congress are entitled to know the reason therefor.

Satan the Devil is the great adversary of Jehovah God and His Kingdom under Christ, and is also man's worst enemy. Satan's method of opposition to the truth as delivered by Jehovah's witnesses, according to the Scriptures and the facts, is to deceive and thereby blind men to the truth and cause them to vigorously oppose the truth. Satan's chief agents or instruments used for this wrongful purpose are religious organizations, and particularly the leaders thereof, as revealed by the Scriptures and the facts.—2 Corinthians 4:3, 4; John 8:44.

CONTROVERSIAL

Jehovah's witnesses have no controversy with men, although they are bitterly opposed by some men. The work of Jehovah's witnesses is to get the truth to the people. Necessarily the truth is controversial because it exposes error, and that was the sole reason why religionists opposed Jesus when He was on earth. It is the expressed will of God that a knowledge of the truth shall be brought to men. The proclamation of the truth provokes controversy, and this is proved by the Scriptures and the indisputable facts.—1 Timothy 2:2-6; John 15:19-21.

Because of the wrongful practices in the use of radio stations, and because of the unjust methods employed to prevent the people from hearing the message of truth by radio, a petition was circulated and signed by approximately two and

one-half million citizens of the United States and presented to the Seventy-third Congress. In keeping with Satan's methods of false representations the statement has been made and widely published by certain religious papers that the names signed to that petition were obtained by fraud and misrepresentation. I here brand that statement as a deliberate and infamous lie, which has been published for the purpose of prejudicing this Commission and the Congress. The petition was plainly printed, submitted to the people, and was voluntarily signed by those persons who did sign it. That petition and protest thus signed and filed is in words and figures, to wit:

To THE CONGRESS of the United States of America:
Greetings!

We, the undersigned people of the United States of America, capable of determining for ourselves what we wish to hear broadcast by radio, without censorship by the clergy or anyone else, hereby PROTEST to the Congress against certain wrongful interference with our rights.

The radio act provides, as we understand, for the broadcasting of that which is in the public interest.

The message of the true God, JEHOVAH, as expressed by Him in the prophecies of His Word (the Bible) and as now being given to the people of this nation by Judge Rutherford and others of JEHOVAH'S witnesses, is of interest to us. When broadcast, it is convenient for us to hear it in our homes and is necessary for our welfare. We are entitled to hear and desire to hear that message. We disapprove of every attempt to prevent our hearing it broadcast.

The National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message of truth, thus depriving stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of American citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear; and against this wrongful action we vigorously PROTEST.

Exercising the right guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States, we therefore respectfully petition the Congress to act at once to safeguard the inherent rights of the American people relative to the radio.

BROADCASTING METHODS

A brief résumé of methods employed and practiced by certain broadcasting corporations and others during the past ten years is here appropriate that a proper understanding may be had as to why there should be a change in the allocation of time and of broadcasting channels for the benefit of the people.

The programs broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses are designated Watch Tower programs. In July 1927, by courtesy of the president of the National Broadcasting Company, the chair facilities of that company were used to broadcast a Watch Tower program from Toronto, Canada. Much interest among the people was aroused and such a great demand for further nation-wide broadcasting of these programs that application

was made on behalf of Jehovah's witnesses to the National Broadcasting Company to hire its facilities at convenient times for broadcasting other Watch Tower programs. Although Jehovah's witnesses offered to pay the commercial rate for the use of such chain facilities, the applications were denied, and subsequent applications have been denied.

The chief reason for the denial of such applications has been and is the influence exercised over the National Broadcasting Company's officials by religious clergymen. Yielding to such influence of clergymen, the National Broadcasting Company made and promulgated a rule that no one shall use its facilities for broadcasting Bible talks except they be first approved by its religious advisory committee. Accordingly, that corporation has repeatedly refused to permit anyone to use its facilities to give to the people information on the Bible. It has restricted broadcasting of its so-called religious programs to certain Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew clergymen approved by its own Committee. Stated in other phrase, the National Broadcasting Company acts as the self-constituted religious guardian of the American people.

The motive for this manifest face-about change clearly appears. In view of the fact that the president of the National Broadcasting Company so courteously permitted the use of its facilities to Jehovah's witnesses on one occasion, its change of position is due, without doubt, to influence exercised over its officers by professional religionists, and hence against the interests of the American people.

The Columbia Broadcasting System, admittedly following the lead of the National Broadcasting Company, adopted and follows a similar method. Contrary to the Congressional mandate, both of these chain broadcasting companies have thus deprived the people of hearing that which is of public convenience, interest and necessity.

In order to meet the public demand, and in order to get this vital information to the people, Jehovah's witnesses were compelled at stated times to build up a private chain broadcasting arrangement.

Such chain broadcasting, thus privately established, has been accomplished by cooperation of the Bell Telephone organization. This private arrangement has entailed an unreasonable expense for Jehovah's witnesses. Such exorbitant cost and expense they have been compelled to bear during the past seven years, and in addition thereto they have been unnecessarily and unfairly excluded from many of the most desirable radio channels and stations in America.

During the past seven years, for private chain broadcasting of only 128 program hours, Jehovah's witnesses have been

required to pay more than \$600,000. Had these same programs been broadcast over the entire facilities of the National Broadcasting Company or the Columbia Broadcasting System at their highest commercial rate, the cost to Jehovah's witnesses would have been less than \$200,000.

Private citizens of America have thus been compelled to bear an unnecessary burden of more than \$400,000 because of the arbitrary and unwarranted course pursued by the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System. This large sum of money was voluntarily contributed by citizens of the United States who did so unselfishly and with no hope or prospect of receiving any pecuniary return therefor.

The opposition to Jehovah's witnesses by the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System did not stop with merely refusing their chain facilities, but they have gone further, in attempting to prevent and in preventing privately owned radio stations from taking and broadcasting the programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

The aforementioned broadcasting chain corporations deny interfering with privately owned stations and thus preventing them from broadcasting the chain programs of Jehovah's witnesses. Evidence produced at the Congressional hearings in 1934 shows that such denials are not supported by the facts.

The following quotation is taken from that record on pages 303-306:

"The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System have a virtual monopoly of effective large-scale broadcasting in the United States. This is accomplished, first, by outright ownership of certain powerful broadcasting stations, and, secondly, by what is known as preferential time contracts with independently owned stations. These contracts provide that whenever demanded by either chain such independently owned stations are required to yield time to the chain. Such contracts are generally made in writing, but with the N. B. C. this monopolistic control is effected by means of a 'general understanding' as between the respective independently owned stations and N. B. C. This agreement is said by N. B. C. to be not in writing in most cases."

"A vice president of Columbia Broadcasting System, Henry Bellows, testified, March 20, 1934, before the House Radio Committee that substantially all C. B. S. stock is owned and controlled by the Paley family. Like the N. B. C., C. B. S. also maintains a self-established censorship, admittedly dictated by Henry Bellows.

"In addition to stations owned by C. B. S. and its subsidiaries, it controls absolutely by contract most of the time of many independently owned stations. While its representative who testified before the House Radio Committee denied the existence of such control, the following excerpts from two contracts made by C. B. S. with a certain station are offered in evidence that such absolute control in fact exists:

"Agreement entered into by and between Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws

of the State of New York (hereinafter called "Columbia") and * * *

"* * * It is agreed that during the term of this contract the station will not permit the use of its facilities by any other broadcasting chain or network; and that it will not receive programs from or forward programs to any other station, group of stations, chain or network without the specific consent in writing of Columbia.

"* * * It is agreed that during the term of this contract the station will not, without the specific consent in writing of Columbia, permit the use of its facilities by any other broadcasting chain or network; that without such consent it will not receive programs from or forward programs to any other station, group of stations, chain or network; and that without such consent it will not, directly or indirectly, through an agency, representative, or otherwise, sell its facilities for use along with the facilities of any other station or stations as a group."

"For consideration of the chairman of the committee, it is respectfully suggested that C. B. S. be required to file for information of the committee a copy of its contract with stations."

It was the manifest intention of Congress, in enacting the radio law, that all radio facilities shall be used and operated in the interest of the public, and this is shown by the fact that the Radio Act repeatedly uses the terms "public convenience, interest and necessity".

The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System, taking advantage of the provisions of the law, have builded mighty chain broadcasting organizations. The presumption therefore must be indulged that these broadcasting chain facilities are to be used for public convenience, interest and necessity, and that hence it is not the prerogative of a religious censor committee to determine what the people shall or shall not hear on matters pertaining to the Word of Almighty God.

And now it appears that the high officials of the National Broadcasting Company and of the Columbia Broadcasting System have been and are working in conjunction with the managing director of the National Association of Broadcasters to impose upon independently owned stations, as far as possible, the recognition of the same improper rules and practices with respect to these matters that have been developed and followed by the two major chain broadcasting systems. In proof of this statement, reference is here made to the speech of Henry A. Bellows, delivered September 17, 1934, before the annual convention of the National Association of Broadcasters.

HIERARCHY

In 1933 the clergy, operating through their publications, and particularly Catholic newspapers, began an open, vigorous campaign against Jehovah's witnesses; and in order to prevent the people from hearing the message of Jehovah's Kingdom under

Christ, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and others employed threats and coercive and other improper means and influence to deter privately owned radio stations from taking and broadcasting programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

By the term Catholic Hierarchy as here used is meant, not the rank and file of the Catholic system, but the ruling power or group.

The abundant proof submitted to the House radio committee and the House commerce committee at the hearings aforementioned, and which is set forth in the printed record, establishes beyond all doubt that agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy used threats and coercion, expressed through various newspapers and other publications and various organized groups of their sympathizers, including the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the National Council of Catholic Men, the Knights of Columbus, and others, to compel many station owners and managers to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs of Jehovah's witnesses.

Additionally, it was proved conclusively that the Hierarchy's official representative, Henry Caravati, acting by authority and with approval of several archbishops and bishops of the Hierarchy, directly conferred about stopping Watch Tower broadcasts with one then a member of the Federal Radio Commission, a zealous Roman Catholic.

It was further proved beyond any question that following that conference with the Catholic member of the Radio Commission, and for many weeks thereafter, agents of the Hierarchy by their publications openly led their readers in all parts of the country to believe that the nation-wide campaign of the Catholic Hierarchy to force all radio stations to discontinue broadcasting Watch Tower programs was approved by and carried on with the knowledge and consent of the Federal Radio Commission.

Copies of such publications containing threats of boycott by agents of the Catholic Hierarchy were freely used in many parts of the country to coerce owners and managers of broadcasting stations and allied business enterprises. Such action was taken to enforce pressure upon those stations by means of organized letter writing and personal visits of individuals and groups spurred to act by direction of the Roman Catholic clergy. (See printed testimony, hearing on H. R. 7986, pages 35, 113-124. Also, hearing on H. R. 8301, pages 302, 303, 307-318.)

As a result of the nation-wide opposition conducted by the organized clergy and the subsequent action of members of the Federal Radio Commission in writing officially and specifically to hundreds of radio stations regarding the Watch Tower pro-

grams, many radio stations, induced by fear of losing their license, have broken their contracts with Jehovah's witnesses and decline to further broadcast their programs until the matter shall be definitely settled by Congress or its duly constituted authority.

Because of this organized opposition to the message of Jehovah's Kingdom, and because the people are thus being deprived of their just rights and privileges, the aforementioned petition was circulated, signed and filed with Congress; and in support of that petition the evidence was offered at the two Congressional hearings already mentioned.

Not content with its accomplishments up to the time of the Congressional hearings on this matter last spring, thereafter the Catholic Hierarchy through its official agents mutilated the official record, partially succeeding in destroying some of the proof presented to Congress. Obviously that was attempted to prevent members of Congress from identifying the Hierarchy's agents and their conduct.

As one example, mention is here made of the deliberate mutilation of certain evidence offered at the hearing on the Communications bill before the House commerce committee, and concerning which the clerk of that committee wrote to the Watch Tower representative at Washington. The clerk's letter is here quoted, and a photostatic copy submitted herewith as Exhibit D.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on
Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Washington, D. C.

June 13, 1934.

Mr. Anton Koerber,
1603 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Koerber:

Reference is made to your inquiry regarding the Chart on page 309 of the hearings before the Committee on the Federal Communications Commission. The chart upon this page you state should show a letter "S". I have checked this print with the original which was furnished by you, and which was sent to the Government Printing Office, and I note that the letter "S" on this chart was eliminated for some reason, it being plainly visible where the "S" was taken off the diagram.

Very truly yours,

ELTON J. LAYTON
Clerk.

In explanation of the letter of Mr. Layton, the following statement is made:

At the House hearing on the Communications bill a chart was offered in evidence for the purpose of showing the authoritative arrangement of the Catholic Hierarchy's organization and also to show that Mr. Henry Caravati was and is the executive agent of said religious organization and acting as executive secretary

and business secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men; also that the said Caravati is the one who conducted the propaganda throughout the United States against the Watch Tower programs and how this was done by him by direction of the higher officials of the Catholic Hierarchy.

Said chart and an explanation thereof appear at pages 308 and 309 of the hearings on H. R. 8301. On page 309, in the chart there shown, immediately following and below the letter "Q" the letter "S" appeared on the chart as originally made. This letter "S" directly located Mr. Caravati as the executive agent of the aforementioned Catholic organization and as the connecting link between the higher officials of the Catholic Hierarchy and the Catholic press and the Federal Radio Commission.

After this chart had been offered in evidence, approved by the committee for publication and delivered to the custody of the clerk thereof, a prominent Catholic who had appeared before the committee called at the office of the clerk of the House commerce committee and asked to see the record including this chart and went over the whole record before it was passed to the Government printer.

WORLD-WIDE OPPOSITION

It is due this Commission and Congress that information be submitted that the opposition to the use of the radio by Jehovah's witnesses is not confined to the United States. It is an opposition that extends throughout the nations of "Christendom", and it is on such a gigantic scale and so intricately formed and carried on that it is manifest that it could not emanate from a human mind, but that it is the product of the supermind of Satan himself, whom the Lord Jesus denounces as a liar and the father of lies and says that those who follow the methods of Satan are Satan's children.

In this connection we quote the words of Jesus addressed to the clergy in His day:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it."—John 8: 44.

As to the facts in support of these assertions we submit the following:

During the past six years in the northern part of New Jersey alone and within the jurisdiction of the Catholic bishop of Trenton there have been arrests of Jehovah's witnesses to the number of more than 700 men and women. These arrests have been upon charges of peddling and hawking and being dis-

orderly persons because walking through the streets and refusing to disclose their names.

The real facts are that the only "offensive" thing that these witnesses of Jehovah were doing was going about from house to house presenting the gospel of God's Kingdom to the people who were willing to hear, and in doing this they were following the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ and doing exactly as His apostles did, as stated in the Scriptures. (Matthew 10: 12, 13; Acts 20: 20) Upon a hearing of these cases in the magistrates' courts invariably a conviction resulted after a trial which was a farce and a disgrace to the judicial branch of the government. Upon appeal, the higher courts have held these convictions invalid and discharged the defendants and in many instances have held that the ordinances under which the arrests were made are inapplicable to such as Jehovah's witnesses. Regardless of these decisions of the higher courts the police continue to make arrests of harmless men and women for preaching the gospel.

In a number of instances where the Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey has held ordinances inapplicable to Jehovah's witnesses, the lawmaking bodies of certain cities, towns and villages, yielding to the improper influence of religious leaders, have declared their purpose to enact and have enacted ordinances for the express purpose of preventing Jehovah's witnesses from carrying on their work of preaching the gospel.

Only certain specially selected police officers are sent out to make these arrests of Jehovah's witnesses, and the statement has been made repeatedly by policemen that these specially selected officers are acting under the direction of the clergy who are back of all this persecution.

Since the hearings before the Congressional committees in the early part of 1934, Catholic newspapers have continued their assault upon Jehovah's witnesses.

In the Catholic stronghold of Quebec there has been open persecution, arrest and prosecution of Jehovah's witnesses.

In Australia, where Jehovah's witnesses have been using thirty-odd radio stations for some time, the Catholic press, at the instance of the clergy, have carried on a constant campaign of opposition.

In the *Catholic Freeman's Journal*, published and copyrighted throughout Australia, the following appeared on June 21, 1934:

"... What authority have these people? None whatever. God never invited them to be His witnesses, nor did He give them such a ridiculous message. Judge Rutherford's authority as an exponent of Scripture is nil. He betrays no sound scholarship whatever; knows nothing of any real principles of interpretation; and violates all logic and reason in the outpourings

of his warped imagination. Is the movement harmful or otherwise? It is harmful from almost every point of view. It is not in the least constructive. It is destructive, not only of Christianity, but of all lawful civil authority. There has been a lot of trouble in America over the broadcasted utterances of Judge Rutherford. The Radio Stations refused to hand his matter, and the Witnesses of Jehovah protested to the Radio Commission that, even though they were ready to pay for time, the Stations would not sell it to them. The case went to Congress in March last, and the McFadden bill was introduced in their favor. The Witnesses of Jehovah handed in petitions signed by 2,500,000 persons. But it was shown that the signatures were obtained under false pretences, that many were frank forgeries, and others the names of mere children. The McFadden bill, in favor of Rutherford, was defeated in Congress, and American Stations were justified in their refusal to waste people's time with the anti-political, anti-Christian, and insulting propaganda of Judge Rutherford. Thus you have the trend, gist, authority, and harmful character of Judge Rutherford's organization."

The foregoing is a sample of the mass of material which has emanated from the Catholic Hierarchy's business headquarters in Washington, D.C., known as the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and which has been published under the Hierarchy's supervision in hundreds of newspapers in the United States and other countries. The page from the *Catholic Freeman's Journal* containing the statement just quoted is offered herewith for the record, and marked Exhibit G.

This shows that the press is either woefully misinformed or willfully given to misrepresentation of the truth.

At the last session of the New Jersey legislature, in the Assembly there was introduced by an ardent Knight of Columbus a bill which, if enacted into law, would prevent any person from making any speech or comment within the state (regardless of whether that speech were true or false), criticizing any religion or that might have the tendency to hold up any religion or religious group to ridicule and contempt; and also would prohibit the use of radio stations, transcription machines, phonographs or any other means of conveying such message, and would make it a criminal offense for anyone to rent a hall to any person or group of persons to be used for such public address, either by a person or by any mechanical instrument.

This bill was quietly enacted in the Assembly, and when it came before the Senate the whole scheme was exposed and the bill died there.

In proof we submit herewith for the record a copy of a statement filed with the New Jersey Senate by Charles B. Hessler on behalf of Jehovah's witnesses, entitled "PROTEST", marked Exhibit H.

Manifestly the object of this proposed legislation was to prevent information in any form from reaching the people,

unless the same was first approved by the clergymen of certain religious organizations.

A proclamation was made by the Catholic Hierarchy that the year 1933 was a "holy year" during which prayers were made for peace and prosperity. That having failed, then the Catholic St. Joseph's Guild, on June 30, 1934, issued a call for a nation-wide prayer meeting to be engaged in by various religionists and the distinguished men of America, for peace and prosperity.

Jehovah's witnesses distributed a small leaflet announcing that a radio lecture would be delivered and broadcast on August 12, 1934, the purpose of which lecture was to inform the people as to the Bible teaching of and concerning public prayers for peace and prosperity. For the "heinous" offense of inviting the people to hear that lecture and subsequently for distributing free copies of such lecture, many of Jehovah's witnesses were arrested and thrown into jail at the instance of the clergy.

This is cited for the purpose of showing the studied effort to prevent the people from hearing the truth by means of radio and that this opposition to the truth is led by the clergy and is in keeping with their effort to influence this government to prevent anyone from using the radio except by the consent of "organized religion".

In France during the year 1933 the president of the Peoples Pulpit Association and its associate organizations was advertised to deliver certain public addresses over a chain of radio stations, the speech originating at station POSTE PARISIEN, Paris. A number of Catholics freely stated that they had been advised by the papal Hierarchy not to listen to such lectures and furthermore an attempt was made to have the radio stations cancel the contract for such broadcast.

A volume of evidence along this same line might well be submitted, but this is deemed sufficient to show that the opposition to the proclamation of the message of God's Word by Jehovah's witnesses emanates from Jehovah's great adversary, Satan, who opposed Christ Jesus when He was on earth and who has opposed every effort to proclaim the truth since. Said Jesus to His followers who are Jehovah's witnesses: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."—John 15: 19, 20.

The method of that great adversary, Satan the Devil, is to employ fraud and deceit to mislead the people, and in doing so he has blinded and misled millions of persons of good intent. Without a question of doubt organizations such as Fascists, Nazi, communists, are all carried forward at the instance and under the immediate direction of the organization of Jesuits, which organization is the secret service department of the Catholic Hierarchy.

The provision of the American Constitution relating to freedom of religion and freedom of speech has enabled this mighty organization, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, to expand its activities politically and otherwise to an extent not possible in a land of less freedom. That mighty institution has laid hold of the accouterments of freedom for its own ends and has flourished. It is not surprising in this day to see that this organization turns against the very arrangement or provision of freedom that enabled it to grow in this land.

Now it comes into the open and displays itself as the deadly foe of truth, equality and liberty, and employs threats and coercion to prevent the people from hearing what they are entitled to hear. It deems itself sufficiently entrenched now to show itself in its true colors and to begin to impose its will on the vast majority of the American people.

Let it be distinctly understood that by no means do all Catholics find themselves in accord with the policies, activities and objectives of the Hierarchy, which arrogates to itself the power to rule them. The Hierarchy's world-wide organization is in fact controlled and operated from a country foreign to America and where the fundamental principles of the American government are entirely ignored. Millions of good, honest Catholic people residing in the United States are not at all in sympathy with the coercive and boycott and other oppressive methods used by the Catholic Hierarchy to keep the people in ignorance of the truth of God's Word.

In all this opposition the Catholic clergy are ably supported by the Protestant and Hebrew clergymen.

Jehovah's witnesses desire to be clearly and distinctly understood that they have no controversy with clergymen as men. Each and every clergyman ought to have the right to worship his god and to practice his religion as the Constitution of the United States provides. These have no right, however, to act as censors of the speech or message of others nor to determine what the people may or may not hear.

Other citizens of the United States who do not believe that these gentlemen who are designated clergymen are pursuing the right course should also have the privilege of exercising their God-given rights to worship JEHOVAH God and serve

Him and His Kingdom and to make known the truths concerning the same to other people who want to hear. If such a rule is not invoked and followed in the United States, then this country ceases to be a nation of freedom of speech.

The practice of preventing or trying to prevent anyone from expressing his honest convictions is entirely contrary to God and His truth and righteousness. God does not attempt at any time to prevent any creature from freely expressing himself. Had God exercised His power to so prevent freedom of expression and activity, the Devil would never have been permitted to carry on as he has for thousands of years.

Concerning Satan, the adversary, JEHOVAH said: 'For this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that my witnesses may proclaim my name throughout all the earth.'—Exodus 9: 16, *Leeser*.

Since this matter has been brought before Congress and this Commission a serious obligation rests upon each one having to do therewith. It is my duty and obligation, therefore, to say to this Commission that each one of you must take the responsibility before God of choosing one side or the other of this question at issue: that is, to favor the open and free discussion of matters of such vital importance to the people as that contained in the Bible, and therefore to take your stand on JEHOVAH'S side; or, to favor the suppression of freedom of expression and thereby keep the people in ignorance of the truth and so align yourselves on the side of God's enemy, Satan.

The highest executive officer of the United States, in his inaugural address, with propriety quoted from the Bible the following text, to wit:

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."—Proverbs 29: 18.

The people can have no vision or understanding of God's gracious provision for them unless they receive information and knowledge concerning the same.

Jehovah's witnesses have entered into a solemn agreement with the Most High God to do His will, and upon them is laid the duty and obligation to bear this information to the people and call it to their attention. A failure or refusal on the part of such witnesses to bring this information to the attention of the people in obedience to God's commandment would mean their own annihilation.—Matthew 24: 14; Isaiah 43: 10-12; Acts 3: 20-23; Ezekiel 3: 17-20.

The influence of big religionists has precluded the newspapers from publishing the truth concerning JEHOVAH God and His Kingdom. The radio is the only means left whereby the American people can have the full opportunity to hear the whole

truth relative to any matter; hence Jehovah's witnesses must make an effort to carry this information to the people by radio.

In view of the facts we, as Jehovah's witnesses, could not consistently come here and ask that we be *permitted* to use the radio facilities to proclaim the message of God's Kingdom; but in the name of Jehovah God and in the interest of righteous-minded and free people we can and do consistently demand that a fair and equal opportunity to use the radio facilities be accorded to all persons or organizations and that there be no discrimination shown; and that no one shall be permitted to directly or indirectly interfere with the proper use thereof.

Having in mind the character of the organizations and the men that have wrongfully interfered with the use of radio facilities in the United States and other places, and judging the immediate future by the past, I am certain that the un-American and ungodly methods of interference will continue to be employed by organized religionists and others to prevent the free and proper use of the radio, unless Congress takes some positive action to prevent the same.

Since the matter has come before Congress and before this Commission, the questions are, Will the lawmaking branch of the American government wink at such improper interference and permit a group of religionists and other entrenched selfish interests to continue to exercise wrongful influence over the owners of radio stations and to deprive commercial radio stations of the privilege of earning a legitimate revenue, and at the same time prevent the American people from hearing and receiving proper information concerning matters of vital importance to them, or will Congress use its proper powers to safeguard the interest of the people?

Shall the lawmakers of the nation yield to the demands of selfish men, or shall they give heed to the commandment of Almighty God and permit the people to now have a fair opportunity to receive a knowledge of His truth?

Since the government has undertaken to regulate radio broadcasting, manifestly there should be some change in the law concerning broadcasting facilities and the manner of using the same, and this change should be made in the interest of the people.

By law Congress should provide that no person, group of persons, corporation or company shall either directly or indirectly interfere with or attempt to interfere with the owner or operator of any radio station in entering into contract or contracts with other persons looking to the broadcasting of their radio programs.

By law Congress should prevent the use of threats, boycott or other means of coercion by providing for adequate punish-

ment of offenders. American citizens should not have their liberties curtailed by any group of persons, and particularly when that group is directed by a foreign power.

Furthermore, persons, groups of persons, companies or corporations should not be permitted to arbitrarily determine that nothing shall be broadcast concerning the Bible until the text thereof first receives the approval of a board of censors made up of clergymen. Censorship is un-American and, above all, ungodly, and hence unrighteous.

Religionists should not be denied an opportunity to express their views by means of radio, nor should they be permitted to interfere with others' expressing themselves. Let all have a fair and equal show. If any group of persons is willing to contract and pay money for the use of radio facilities to broadcast its programs, and radio stations are willing to contract and undertake the broadcasting of such programs, then certainly no group of persons or organizations should have any right to interfere and should not be permitted to interfere.

Since the government has undertaken to regulate the use of broadcasting facilities for the benefit of the people, it should provide:

(1) That all organizations have an equal opportunity to employ the use of the radio and that none be excluded by reason of the views they hold.

(2) That every organization be free to give expression to its views without being subjected to censorship.

(3) That it be made a criminal offense, punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment, for any person, corporation, or other organization to willfully attempt to use or to actually use boycott, threats or other coercive measures to prevent a radio station from contracting with others for any programs or receiving and broadcasting any such programs; but that every radio station be left free to contract with anyone who is willing to meet its terms and pay for the use of facilities.

IMPORTANCE

Why is the message now being delivered by Jehovah's witnesses of such great importance to the people? With calmness and sobriety of mind, with malice toward none, and with knowledge based upon the plain and infallible Word of Jehovah God, and which is now fully supported by the physical facts well known to all persons who think, I make the following statement without expectation of successful contradiction and with the absolute certainty that the same is true, to wit:

That the world is face to face with the greatest tribulation that has ever afflicted humankind. All the floods that have ever swept over the earth; all the disasters that have befallen

mankind, resulting from earthquakes, cyclones, fires, famines, pestilence and war, all added together, will not equal the dreadful disaster that soon shall befall the nations of "Christendom". In the language of Jesus Christ, the greatest teacher that was ever on earth, that will be a time of tribulation such as the world has never known, and no, there shall never be another like it. At the conclusion of that tribulation there will be so many dead on the earth that the survivors will not be able to bury them.—Matthew 24: 21; Jeremiah 25: 33.

And why should such a great disaster come upon the world? Because Satan the Devil, in making his last and desperate attempt to determine the issue of supremacy in his favor, is gathering all nations to the battle of Armageddon, and all who side with Satan will perish in that conflict. The time is at hand when this great issue of supremacy must be settled. It will be settled by the armies of JEHOVAH GOD completely wrecking and destroying Satan's organization, both visible and invisible.

In this terrible trouble that is just ahead there is but one possible way for men to escape, and that way is plainly pointed out in the Bible, the Word of God, and at no other place. If a great hurricane were sweeping up the Atlantic coast, notice and information thereof would be flashed to every village, town and city along the way, and anyone who would cut the wires to prevent such message of truth from reaching the people would be denounced as a wicked criminal and subjected to severe punishment. It is of far greater importance that the peoples of the earth now be informed as to what the Word of God says about the approaching world trouble and the only way of escape. If, after receiving the information, anyone chooses to disregard the same, that is his responsibility. But woe unto the man, men or organizations that now attempt to keep the people in ignorance of the truth. God's great adversary, and who is the worst enemy of all men, namely, Satan the Devil, is the one using his agencies to keep the people in ignorance of what they so much need to know and understand. This Commission and the Congress to which its report must be made are charged with a grave responsibility toward mankind and before Almighty God.

The matters here for consideration involve the vital interest of millions of people. Above all, they involve the name of JEHOVAH GOD, the creator of radio. They should be determined without reference to fear of men, and with a sincere desire to do good unto all men as opportunity is afforded. Above all, the conclusions should give due credit and honor to the name of JEHOVAH GOD and to His Kingdom.

[Testimony and Brief by the Peoples Pulpit Association]

IN REBUTTAL
TO THE HONORABLE
F E D E R A L
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Broadcast Division

By permission of the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION the PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION, representing Jehovah's witnesses throughout the country, here submit a statement of points, facts and brief in rebuttal of testimony offered before this Commission during the hearing in the matter of Section 307 (c) of the Communications Act of 1934 on behalf of the National Broadcasting Company, Columbia Broadcasting System, National Association of Broadcasters, and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

EXPLANATORY

For the purpose of identifying the parties herein and in order that the Commission may more readily and clearly follow the statement herein made, the NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, the COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS, the SHEPARD BROADCASTING SERVICE, the ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY, and the Protestant and Hebrew clergy, are herein collectively designated as opponents of Jehovah's witnesses, and where the words "our opponents" appear hereinafter, they refer to the foregoing associations, corporations and persons collectively, which seek to restrict broadcasting by Jehovah's witnesses.

In order to give proper consideration to the testimony that has been offered reference should be made to the Communications Act of 1934 governing broadcasting stations. That Act emphasizes the fact that broadcasting should be for public interest, public convenience and public necessity.

DEFINITIONS

The words *interest*, *convenience* and *necessity* should be clearly defined, and the definitions thereof should be according to the highest authority. The presumption must be indulged that Congress used the words according to the definitions based upon the highest authority.

In this connection attention is called to the fact that the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Church vs. United States*, 143 U. S. 457, in an opinion delivered by Mr. Justice Brewer, affirmatively held that the United States is a Christian nation. The highest courts of practically all of the States have followed that decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. No lawmaking body of the United States could now be heard to say that the United States is not a Christian nation whether that claim is absolutely true or not.

That decision or conclusion necessarily means that the lawmaking and judicial branches of the United States government recognize Christ Jesus as the Master Teacher and Jehovah the Most High as the supreme authority. Christ Jesus taught only the words of Jehovah God. Therefore the law of God as set forth in the inspired Scriptures takes precedence over man's law, because God is supreme.

We therefore ask the Commission and Congress to give due and careful consideration to the definitions of the foregoing important words according to the meaning placed upon them by the supreme authority. The proper definition of these words will aid in determining the value of the testimony offered at this hearing.

INTEREST

According to the derivation of the word, *interest* means that which is different, and hence commanding attention because of its importance and value; it "stands between" and must be dealt with. In its subjective sense it means the giving of special attention to such object or objects of interest because such objects or things affect one for his good or profit and such object must be dealt with unavoidably. Its objective sense is, that which is profitable to the person. The one presenting the object or thing of interest is not the interesting thing, but the object itself is interesting. It does not mean merely that which entertains; but that which is of public interest means that which is for the good or profit of those who hear it or receive it. Necessarily it follows that that which is of public interest is that which relates to and affects man's peace, prosperity, happiness and his life. Since all these desirable things proceed from Jehovah God, that which is of public interest is Jehovah God's provision for mankind.

CONVENIENCE

Convenience means that which is necessary, proper, profitable and for the building up or improvement mentally, morally, spiritually and materially of the people. At Proverbs 30: 8 the word *convenience* is used in this manner: "Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me." The original word from which the English word *convenience* there used is derived means, "That which is good, righteous, and well for any person." The context also bears out this conclusion. The word *convenience* therefore means what God the Creator has provided by His statute or law for the best interest of man; that which is needful for his welfare. At Acts 24: 25 the word *convenience* is used, and the Greek word from which it is derived means: "That which is opportune, that which is reasonable, and hence for my good or welfare." At Romans 1: 28 the word *convenience* appears, and there means that which is fit or becoming and helpful in the way of righteousness, hence that which is fitting. At Ephesians 5: 4 the word appears, and there means the very opposite of foolish talk, jesting or filthiness. Its meaning is, that which is clean, instructive, helpful, and increasing to a better condition; that which is befitting for the good of the creature. At Philemon 8 the word appears, and there means fitting, upbuilding, helpful to one's moral and righteous advancement.

NECESSARY

The word *necessary* is used at Job 23: 12 and is derived from the same original word as *convenient* at Proverbs 30: 8, and the meaning is the same.

NECESSITY

This word means that which is needful to meet a condition that exists. Where one is in stress or under constraint necessity is that which meets his demands for his well-being or betterment, and hence is profitable to him. At Hebrews 7: 12 the word appears, and has the same meaning as that above stated. At Hebrews 8: 3 the word again appears, and there means that which is needful or necessary for one's well-being and for the purpose of meeting that which is required by the law of God.

The foregoing definitions, based on the highest authority, therefore show that programs broadcast should be for the upbuilding of the public in things which they need, mentally, morally and spiritually, and which would advance them in the way of righteousness and best equip them to meet their life

battles. It necessarily follows then that nothing could be of such public convenience, interest and necessity as that which is contained in God's Word.

Paul, who was a lawyer of distinction and, far above that, wrote under inspiration of God (and hence his words are a part of God's Word), stated the following: "Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."—2 Timothy 3: 16, 17, *R.V.*

According to the foregoing definitions of the words *public interest, convenience and necessity* there are very few programs that are broadcast in the United States that meet the requirements of the law. It is certain that the programs broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses come nearer meeting the legal requirements than any other, for the reason that a large portion of these programs is based upon and fully supported by the inspired Word of God.

ATTACKS

Various witnesses testifying before this Commission in behalf of certain interests, and who are opposed to giving Jehovah's witnesses equality of opportunity with others to use the broadcasting facilities, attempt to support their objections to Jehovah's witnesses upon the pretext that their programs attack other religions or other persons. That charge is not supported by the facts or the evidence submitted. Mr. H. A. Bellows, testifying in behalf of the Broadcasters' Association, quotes a paragraph from page forty-nine of a booklet entitled *Where Are the Dead?* and cites this as a reason why stations should not broadcast the programs of Jehovah's witnesses. The fact is that this booklet and the quotation from it, as above stated, have never been broadcast at any time.

It is wholly unfair to this Commission, to Congress, and to the other parties interested, to select an isolated paragraph in a publication which has not been broadcast and use that for the purpose of supporting the charge that Jehovah's witnesses by their programs are attacking others.

In the testimony of Mr. Frederic A. Willis, educational director of the Columbia Broadcasting System, he used these words: "We believe it is not in conformity with public interest, convenience or necessity to permit on any pretext whatsoever the use of radio facilities for attacks on the clergy or lay members as representing any denomination."

Not one word of testimony has been submitted here showing that any program broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses attacks the clergy or lay members of any denomination. The statement

of a truth as it exists is not an attack upon a person. If one political party advocates a doctrine that is detrimental to the people, and those representing opposite political views state what they understand to be the truth, and which is contradictory to the political party in power, that is not an attack upon individuals. If the clergy of any denomination are promulgating a doctrine that is contrary to God's Word, then that doctrine is the very opposite of public convenience, interest and necessity.

If a statement is broadcast, and which statement is fully supported by the Word of Jehovah God, that statement is not an attack upon men of the clergy profession even though such statement of truth makes the doctrines held dear by the clergy to appear ridiculous in the eyes of other persons. A statement of truth, fully supported by the Word of God, is of the greatest public interest, convenience and necessity even though it holds up some men to ridicule and contempt. On this point the scripture says: 'Let God be true though it make all men liars.'—Romans 3: 4, liberal translation.

The witness for the Columbia Broadcasting System, Mr. Willis, further said: "We allot a half-hour period for religious broadcasting each Sunday morning and afternoon. These periods are assigned to the major established faiths, namely, Protestant, Jewish and Catholic, Christian Science, Mormon and Dutch Reform. The outstanding denominations of the Protestant church are included in this group." Manifestly the purpose of the Broadcasting System here mentioned is to have various religious faiths indulge in such generalities as each one can endorse and each and every one of them refrain from discussing any controversial question as set forth in the Word of God.

Since this is designated by these radio chain corporations as 'The National Church of the Air', and they all broadcast practically the same thing, and since there is no part of the broadcast controversial and nothing they say discusses a question of God's Word which might be construed as controversial, then clearly there is no object in having all of these denominations on the air. Why not let one man do the whole thing? It appears from the witness' testimony that the speech broadcast by all of the denominations named by him is harmonious amongst themselves. Of necessity it follows that such speech is either erroneous or true; and since it is not fully supported by the Word of God, then necessarily the same must be erroneous; hence against public interest, convenience and necessity.

The Columbia Broadcasting System and its officers therefore assume the authority and responsibility of determining what is of public interest, convenience and necessity, and it is clear from their determination that they entirely avoid the true and correct meaning of those words.

In the testimony of Mr. M. H. Aylesworth before this Commission he expressed his great sorrow for the position that Judge Rutherford had taken in a broadcast over the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company from Toronto, Canada. His words are: "I only regret that the judge in this speech so challenged organized religion, so attacked the clergy. I won't attempt to read you excerpts from it; if I did I think it would shock you with your own beliefs."

A copy of the speech referred to, and which was broadcast, appears in the record heretofore filed before the Congressional Committee, to wit, report of hearings on H. R. 7986. By reference thereto it will be seen that there was no attack upon any individual. The speech contained quotations from clergymen themselves and by their own words showed their inconsistency with their creeds, and with the Scriptures, and this was called to the attention of the people, not as an attack upon men, but because it was of convenience and necessity and of interest to the people to know what the Word of God teaches upon these all-important subjects.

To complete the record of this hearing a full copy of the speech referred to by Mr. Aylesworth is herewith filed to be made a part of the record, and is marked Exhibit A.

If Congress permits private corporations to determine what is of interest, convenience and necessity for the people, and following the policy that they have adopted heretofore, the people would thereby be entirely prevented from hearing that which is most needful for their upbuilding and profit in righteousness and the way of living.

Shall the policy of the United States government be to permit a few private corporations of selfish interests to constitute themselves the guardians of the people, or shall the people have some rights to determine themselves as to what they shall do?

As an illustration, medical science has made tremendous progress during the past hundred years, but if the National Broadcasting Company should refuse to broadcast information about modern medical science because it offended those who hold to the views of a hundred years ago, that would be very detrimental to the public interest rather than for the benefit of the people.

Religionists have held to doctrines for more than a hundred years which are clearly contrary to God's Word. If in the present time there is an advancement in the understanding of God's Word, then the people are entitled to hear it; but if private corporations are permitted to determine that only those who advocate the ancient doctrines should be heard, then the people are prevented from hearing discussed that which is of interest, convenience and necessity to them.

The policy adopted and carried on by the two major broadcasting systems in America is not only a censorship, but completely prevents the people from hearing discussed that which is of the most vital importance to them.

It is manifestly unfair to this Commission, to Congress and to the public for these radio chain corporations to try to hide behind the statement that they refuse programs for broadcast because they are "attacks" upon others, whereas there is not one single instance in which any person has been attacked.

The question resolves itself into this: Shall the American people be privileged to hear and to determine for themselves what is for their welfare, or must this matter be determined by a few self-constituted judges of the people who clearly have little or no knowledge of what is truly of public interest, convenience and necessity?

To these associations "public interest, convenience and necessity" means that which results in gain to the broadcasting system or to the one who sponsors the programs, and not to the public. Admittedly the sustaining programs are broadcast by these chain systems for the purpose of building up an audience in order that they might then sell to a sponsor for a large profit the ears of that audience. It therefore conclusively appears that the large chain broadcasting systems, whose representatives have appeared before this Commission, are operated for private gain and not in the interest of the public.

In the testimony of Mr. Franklin Dunham for the National Broadcasting Company he says: "There is an axiom in education which I learned many years ago which says, 'Meet the child where he is and take him where you want him to go.' I think this only a variant of the older axiom, often attributed to Jesuit education, 'Give me the child until he is seven and I care not who trains him after that.'"

The position of the witness is utterly at variance with the axiom which he adopts. He would prevent the child from hearing anything except what was taught by certain religionists, and therefore prevent the child from learning anything else. If the proponents of such an axiom were consistent they would say, "Let the child hear what it desires. We have no fear of the result." The fact that they attempt to prevent not only the children but the people in general from hearing an open and free discussion of the inspired Word of God shows their utter inconsistency and that they do not believe the axiom which they claim to believe and which they advocate.

Mr. Henry A. Bellows in his testimony for the Broadcasters before this Commission on October 11 quoted with approval the following:

"The facilities of Station WJR, Detroit, have been used by the Methodist, Baptist, Christian Science, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Unity, Detroit Holiness Association, Catholic, Watch Tower (Judge Rutherford), and Lutheran churches. We have never exercised any censorship on any of these programs at any time."

If Mr. Bellows approves that statement, then he shows by his testimony and the facts that he has been wholly inconsistent in this, that the Columbia Broadcasting System, which he represents, has persisted in refusing to broadcast the Watch Tower programs and that of Judge Rutherford, and his testimony before this Commission is that they will continue to refuse.

Mr. Bellows makes two conflicting statements. Which statement does he desire this Commission to believe: the one that the Broadcasters whom he represents will continue to refuse to broadcast programs offered by the Watch Tower and Judge Rutherford, or the one which he quotes with approval from WJR that no discrimination is made against anyone?

Mr. Bellows then adds: "I would like to ask this Commission if the Commission or Congress do a better job with fair allocation of facilities than that." If the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System follow the same policy as that above stated concerning WJR, then there would be no necessity for the hearing upon the point of discrimination.

Furthermore, if coercive methods were not employed against many other stations, such radio stations would follow the same policy as that announced by WJR; but the coercive policy indulged in by the National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, and the Catholic Hierarchy puts the managers of many stations in fear of losing their business or license and thereby prevents them from broadcasting programs that come to them in an entirely legitimate way.

MORE "ATTACKS"

Our opponents attempt to justify their coercive and preventive methods and their rejection of certain programs on the ground, as stated by them, that the programs of Jehovah's witnesses are "attacking the religious convictions of millions of radio listeners".

From the testimony of Mr. H. A. Bellows before this Commission the following is quoted: "I do not believe it is legitimate to hold the things that are dear to other people, things that they care about, things that men cherish in their hearts, up to public ridicule." Then Mr. Bellows quoted from the booklet *Where Are the Dead?* that which, as above stated, has never been broadcast. That booklet discusses the question of the state of the dead. The question therefore is, Is it more

important to let this great question rest upon the theories of the Dark Ages and never disturb it because someone cherishes the conclusions there stated, or is it important to know what the inspired Word of Jehovah God says about it?

As an illustration, the orthodox doctrine of both Catholics and Protestants is that when a man dies he is not in fact dead, but that he has an immortal soul that keeps on living and if that person was wicked his soul is in hell torment.

Closely allied to this doctrine is the doctrine of purgatory, which is held almost exclusively by the Roman Catholics. That doctrine is that persons who die go to purgatory and there undergo punishment and that the duration of their punishment may be lessened by the prayers of men who are living and who are practicing the Catholic religion.

HEAVEN

It is held by both Catholics and Protestants that the very good, at the conclusion of their purgatory trials, or if they are good at death, go immediately to heaven.

It may be well said, as stated by Mr. Bellows, that these doctrines "men cherish in their hearts". Is it more important for them to continue to cherish this view even though erroneous than it is to know the truth?

Upon these points the Bible teaching, which is the inspired Word of God and therefore the truth, is plain and clear. In brief it is this: That man is mortal; that when he is dead he knows not anything; that he remains dead until the resurrection; that there would never be any resurrection at all except God has graciously provided by and through the death of Christ Jesus for resurrection of the dead; that no one is in eternal torment, because there is no such place; that no one is in purgatory consciously undergoing suffering; and certainly the prayers of man, priests, or anyone else, could not aid them in getting out of a place that does not exist.

Note the plain statements of the Scriptures upon this point: "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." (Ecclesiastes 9: 5, 10) "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." (Psalm 115: 17) Admittedly, no one could be in torment unless he were alive. The doctrine of immortality of the soul is promulgated to prove that the dead man is alive.

There is not one scripture in the Bible that supports the theory of the inherent immortality of the soul.

A soul is a creature that moves, breathes, and lives, and the term applies to all the animal creation. Man is a soul. Man does not possess a soul. If a man or soul violates God's law he must and does die. The Supreme Authority plainly says: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18: 4) "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?"—Psalm 89: 48.

Immortality means that which is not subject to death. If a man had an immortal soul, then he could not die. (1 Timothy 6: 15, 16) God gives immortality only to those who are faithful to Him under great test and whom He raises up out of death. This is granted only to Christ Jesus and the faithful members of His body, and the proof of this is set forth in 1 Corinthians 15: 51-54. A man does not seek that which he already possesses. If he possessed an immortal soul he would not be seeking one; yet it is plainly written, in Romans 2: 7, that the follower of Christ Jesus is urged to "seek for glory and honour and immortality".

Again, the admonition is given to those who have undertaken to do the will of God in these words: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." This crown of life, or immortality, is received and put on at the resurrection, as stated in the following text: "This mortal must put on immortality." (1 Corinthians 15: 53) This scripture here is discussing the resurrection. Surely these texts prove that man has not an immortal soul, but that he is a mortal creature and when he dies he is dead and remains dead awaiting the resurrection.

Resurrection means a re-standing unto life. The fact that the Scriptures so clearly teach the resurrection of the dead shows that they are not alive somewhere. Shall we hold to the doctrines of the Dark Ages which "men cherish in their hearts"? Or shall we inform the people of God's gracious provision for the dead and their opportunity for life?

It is plainly written in the Scriptures, "There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." (Acts 24: 15) Neither these just nor the unjust are in a purgatory undergoing punishments. The question is whether we shall believe the doctrines of some men or shall accept the plain truth of God's faithful and true witness, Christ Jesus, who said that all the dead are in their graves awaiting the resurrection and in due time they shall be brought forth.—John 5: 28, 29.

If they are not in purgatory and are in the grave, then certainly no man, regardless of whether he is a priest or holds any other position, could pray them out of purgatory or lessen their punishment in purgatory, and anyone who would teach

the people that this could be done and would take money therefor would be taking money under false pretenses.

Do this Commission and Congress want to go on record as approving the wrongdoing of obtaining money under false pretenses and winking at it merely because some men "cherish in their hearts" such a doctrine?

Do this Commission and Congress wish to agree that the plain statement of God's Word on this subject shall be construed as an "attack" on religionists?

Will this Commission and Congress conclude that the country's major broadcasting-chain systems and the Catholic Hierarchy are justified in having these divine truths withheld from the people merely because the truths themselves "shock the religious susceptibilities" of some persons?

If so, is this regulatory power of the broadcasting facilities being exercised in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Congressional mandate?

Manifestly it is these plain Bible truths, clearly stated and broadcast for the benefit of the common people that they might hear and understand, to which our opponents object, because these truths expose errors of long standing, which errors are 'cherished in the hearts' of some persons.

If our opponents' contention were correct, then it would be more important to let the people go blindly on in the dark and not know of God's gracious provision for them than to tell the truth which might disturb some time-worn doctrine that is held dear to the hearts of some persons.

Jehovah's witnesses have no fight with men, and whether any group of men is well thought of or little thought of should not be material as far as this Commission is concerned.

In the light of the proper definition of public interest, convenience, and necessity, is it fitting and for the best interests of the people to know the truth as set forth in God's Word or to hold to the time-worn traditions of men which are 'cherished' by some persons?

Such doctrines as are mentioned above, and which are contradicted by the Scriptures, are not of public interest, convenience and necessity in this, that they do not tend to the betterment of the people; but the truth of God's Word is of public interest, convenience and necessity for this reason, that it not only tends to lead but actually leads them into the light, builds them up materially, morally and spiritually, and shows them the way to eternal life. Here the words of Jesus are appropriate: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

—John 17: 3.

How can the people know these truths unless somebody tells them?

If our opponents are permitted to prevent the people from hearing, then Congress is permitting use of the radio facilities *against* public interest, convenience and necessity.

At this point the words of the scripture are apropos: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10: 13, 14) The radio is a God-given facility; and how can this be used to preach *the truth* to the people if our opponents are permitted to censor programs?

All the testimony here offered by our opponents shows that they are agreed upon censoring the programs of Jehovah's witnesses and of none other.

"EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES"

Section 315 of the Communications Act of 1934 states:

If any licensee shall permit any person who is a legally qualified candidate for any public office to use a broadcasting station, he shall afford equal opportunities to all other such candidates for that office in the use of such broadcasting station, and the Commission shall make rules and regulations to carry this provision into effect: *Provided*, That such licensee shall have no power of censorship over the material broadcast under the provisions of this section. No obligation is hereby imposed upon any licensee to allow the use of its station by any such candidate.

This statute in effect provides that there shall be no discrimination against any person who is a regularly qualified candidate, but the presumption is indulged that there would be discrimination against one who is not a regularly qualified candidate. Whether Congress intended it to be thus or not, our opponents have taken advantage of this provision of the rule to discriminate against Jehovah's witnesses, upon the theory, as held by them, that Jehovah's witnesses are merely the minority, not possessing the necessary qualifications according to their standard.

Even though Jehovah's witnesses collectively may be in the minority when compared with the group of Catholics, Protestants, Jews and others named as our opponents, yet two and a half million American citizens have petitioned Congress that they might be privileged to hear the programs of Jehovah's witnesses, which they declare are of aid, comfort, benefit, interest, convenience and necessity to them. Not all persons interested in a matter sign a petition to Congress; and the fact that the petition presented to Congress in behalf of Jehovah's witnesses is the *largest* petition presented to that body up to this date is very persuasive evidence that there are many others

besides the two and a half million who have a sincere desire to hear these programs.

Will Congress permit our opponents to deprive these millions of persons of the privilege and liberty of exercising their God-given rights and duties of proclaiming the truth in obedience to Jehovah's commandment merely because the proclamation of such divine truths "shocks the religious susceptibilities" of some who hold time-worn doctrines "dear to their hearts"?

If Congress permits this condition to persist and continue, then our forefathers labored in vain to lay the foundations of this nation as a place of freedom to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of one's conscience.

COMPETENCY

The value of the testimony of a witness is vitally affected by his competency. The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System have refused and continue to refuse their facilities for broadcasting Watch Tower programs, on the pretext that Jehovah's witnesses are "attacking the religious convictions of millions of radio listeners".

The chief witnesses that have appeared here in support of the aforesaid broadcasting corporations are Messrs. Aylesworth and Bellows. Both of these men are sons of orthodox clergymen and have had their training in such orthodox doctrines as the state of the dead and resurrection. Doubtless these orthodox doctrines are 'cherished in their hearts'.

These two men and their immediate allies have shaped the policy in America concerning the broadcasting of matters pertaining to the Bible.

Is this for the "public interest, convenience and necessity", or is it for the interest, convenience and necessity of these two gentlemen and those who are associated with them?

Shall the other millions of people of America who want to hear and follow the truth be prevented from hearing the same by radio, merely because a few men cherish an erroneous doctrine?

Will this Commission and Congress desire to go on record as holding that if the unvarnished truth upsets some old and cherished doctrine the truth should therefore not be told lest it disturb the sensibilities of those holding such doctrines?

Shall we assume that Congress meant that programs should be broadcast truly for the public interest, convenience and necessity, or shall they be broadcast to please the sensibilities of a few individuals or corporations?

This matter is now squarely before this Commission, and will be before Congress. The lawmaking body must determine whether a few men will be permitted to set themselves up as

duly qualified to edit and select programs and determine what the people shall or shall not hear and thereby appoint themselves as the mental and spiritual guardians of the people.

Shall the people have a free and open forum to discuss and hear discussed vital questions and to determine for themselves what is for their welfare, or shall America continue to be a paternalism?

Would it not be more appropriate to follow the principles originally adopted by this nation, to allow every man freedom of conscience and freedom of speech? Also to follow the admonition of the great Teacher, Christ Jesus, to wit: "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."—Matthew 23: 8, 9.

In this Twentieth Century of enlightenment, does it not seem that the American people are so advanced in knowledge and education that they need no company of men to pose as or act as their "fathers"? This is not said to hold up men to ridicule, but because it is the plain unvarnished truth. The American people are entitled to know the truth. Paternalism is foreign to American principles.

The mere fact that a plain statement of the truth as set forth in God's Word "shocks the religious susceptibilities" of some and appears to a few men as an ATTACK upon "the religious convictions of millions of radio listeners" is no reason whatsoever why that truth should be withheld from the people.

A most atrocious crime is committed in the land which shocks the susceptibilities of all order-loving persons. Yet these chain broadcasting systems do not hesitate to broadcast the details of that atrocious crime. If the theory that they have adopted with reference to "religious" broadcasts is correct, then nothing should be published that might shock someone else, regardless of how true it is.

Truth is eternal, and always bears the closest scrutiny and investigation, and could never be shaken or disturbed by any statement that any person or organization might make. Teachings of orthodox religion, which Mr. Bellows and Mr. Aylesworth hold as dear and as 'cherished in their hearts', have endured only a few centuries, and now in the light of God's Word it appears that these things so held are erroneous.

"The truth of Jehovah endureth for ever." (Psalm 117: 2, *A.R.V.*) Shall the eternal truth of God's Word be denied to the people merely because the light from that Word plainly shows that previous doctrines might be disturbed? Of the two, which is of public interest, convenience and necessity?

A reference to the definition of these words hereinbefore set

out will at once demonstrate that the truth, and the truth only, is of public interest, convenience and necessity. Error could never free anyone. It was the great Teacher, Christ Jesus, who declared: "If ye continue in my word, . . . ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."—John 8: 31, 32.

In all the programs broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses, not one person has been called by name and held up to ridicule. The record will bear out conclusively the truthfulness of this statement.

We restate that we have no fight with men. So far as this case is concerned, men are not important. If the truth, as stated by Jesus, holds up to ridicule men who teach error, and because of that error, then we are not responsible. They should not be heard to say, however, that 'because the truth exposes us we are held in ridicule; therefore the people shall not be told the truth'. If men clearly show that they do not wish to hear the Word of God and of Christ Jesus because that Word of truth exposes doctrines which they have long 'cherished in their hearts', the question is whether the people shall be denied the opportunity of hearing the truth of God's Word and of Christ Jesus merely because this truth "shocks the religious susceptibilities" of some men and disturbs doctrines which they "cherish in their hearts".

MUTILATION

In the early part of 1934 hearings were had on House Resolution 7986, also on House Resolution 8301. At those hearings there was before the Congressional committees a petition previously presented to Congress. That petition was signed by approximately two and one-half million citizens of the United States, and among other things said:

"The Roman Catholic Hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message of truth [as now being given to the people of this nation by Judge Rutherford and others of JEHOVAH'S witnesses], thus depriving stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of American citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear."

In support of that part of the petition a mass of evidence consisting of Catholic newspapers, letters, affidavits, and so forth, were produced and offered; and, in order to enable the Congressional committee to more readily grasp the connection between the various ones operating and carrying forward a concerted action to prevent the broadcasting of certain programs, a chart was prepared. That chart definitely located one Henry L. Caravati as the connecting link between the Catholic Hierarchy and the Federal Radio Commission. After that chart had become a part of the official record, someone

mutilated it by removing a symbol therefrom, which symbol was placed there for the purpose of locating the aforesaid connecting link.

On October 4, 1934, evidence was offered before this Commission, showing a mutilation of said chart.

On October 8, 1934, Mr. Henry L. Caravati testified before this Commission and, manifestly for the purpose of drawing away the attention of the Commission and of Congress from the mass of testimony showing the wrongful acts of the Catholic Hierarchy aforementioned, stated concerning said chart:

"I feel that the valuable time of this Commission should not be occupied with picayune details. . . . I shall ignore . . . extravagant references to me as . . . 'the official connecting link between the higher officials of the Catholic Hierarchy and the Catholic Press and the Federal Radio Commission'. . . . I think it a sufficient disproof of the generality of . . . charges that this chart, . . . 'offered in evidence for the purpose of showing the *authoritative arrangement* of the Catholic Hierarchy's organization', is a simple piece of fraud."

At the same time Mr. Caravati offered the official chart of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. He drew a comparison between it and the chart first above mentioned, and referring to the chart first offered in evidence, and ALL of which was made by Mr. Arthur R. Goux from official records of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the records of the United States Government, Mr. Caravati said:

"Now all the details of this chart, save the diagram and the key, are copied from genuine and official sources."

Manifestly, therefore, if the chart originally offered in evidence, and which was mutilated, is a 'simple fraud', then the official chart offered by Mr. Caravati is also a simple fraud.

The sole purpose of offering the chart in evidence originally before the Congressional Committee is stated in the record as follows:

"On March 20 last, when testifying before the House Radio Committee, the chairman of the Radio Commission either overlooked or was not aware of the fact that Henry Caravati, an executive agent of a leading religious organization, had conferences with some of the radio commissioners relative to steps that might be taken to have the broadcasting of Rutherford programs stopped. Or else Judge Sykes proceeded on the theory that Caravati is not a clergyman, technically speaking; whereas Caravati is in fact an official executive agent for the whole United States of that certain religious organization.

"In proof of this point we offer in evidence photostatic copy of a chart, authoritatively showing the arrangement of the organization in which Caravati acts, and which also shows the position of Caravati as an executive agent whose official acts are authorized and approved by 'the administrative committee', composed of seven archbishops and bishops, who are answerable to the supreme head of the organization at Vatican City."

The Catholic press throughout the country had been conducting a campaign attempting to force certain programs off the air which were being broadcast by the Watch Tower.

In addition thereto the Federal Radio Commission had sent out letters to certain radio stations concerning the broadcasting of said programs.

Evidence was offered showing that Mr. Caravati furnishes material to the Catholic press in behalf of the Hierarchy and also had consulted with the Federal Radio Commission concerning Watch Tower programs. The chart aforementioned and the symbols thereon merely located him as the one representing the Catholic Hierarchy and, at the same time, as the one who discussed this matter with a member of the Federal Radio Commission.

Among the mass of evidence introduced for the purpose of showing collusion between the Catholic Hierarchy and certain members of the Federal Radio Commission, the following is quoted from the official record of the hearings on House Resolution 8301, page 310, to wit:

"The *Catholic Register* (Kansas City, Missouri) for June 22, 1933, contained the following: 'A formal protest is to be made soon to the Federal Radio Commission requesting that Rutherford be denied the privilege of broadcasting his attacks on the clergy. The petition to the Commission is to be filed through the National Council of Catholic Men. . . . Henry L. Caravati, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, has already had an informal discussion on this subject with Mr. [James H.] Hanley, [a member] of the Commission, in Washington, D. C.'

"Virtually every Catholic publication, of which there are many issued each week in various parts of the United States, had this dispatch in some form. It went out marked N.C.W.C., which means National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service. This news service is the publicity agency of the corporation of the District of Columbia designated National Catholic Welfare Council [now Conference], of which the late Cardinal Gibbons was the principal incorporator. *That corporation directs the activities of the National Council of Catholic Men*, of which Henry Caravati is executive secretary, sometimes called business secretary."

THE FACT

The fact stands out boldly and without contradiction that the chart first offered in evidence before the Congressional Committee was mutilated by someone. It was quite important in that hearing to show a connection of the Catholic Hierarchy with members of the Federal Radio Commission, and there would be no lie or fraud about the mutilation, because that is indisputable. The only fraud that could possibly exist in the whole matter is the fraud practiced by someone in unlawfully mutilating the official record.

The question is, Who did it? Who would have an interest in doing so?

Certainly, not Jehovah's witnesses. The act would point more particularly to the one who did have a motive in keeping

the fact of the connection of the Catholic Hierarchy with the Radio Commission concealed from members of Congress.

Much ado is made about this chart by the Catholic Hierarchy. Its representatives entirely ignore the **MASS OF TESTIMONY** which proves beyond any question of doubt that that organization has persistently and wrongfully carried on a nation-wide campaign of threats, boycott and coercion to prevent radio stations from broadcasting programs that the people desire to hear, as set forth in the aforementioned petition.

It is clearly manifest from the facts that agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy are attempting to throw dust into the eyes of this Commission and to divert their minds from the real issue, namely, the campaign of coercion to prevent radio stations from broadcasting certain radio programs.

Painfully conscious of their unfair and cruel practices during the past two years in their efforts to prevent broadcasting stations from sending to the people lawful program material furnished by Jehovah's witnesses, agents of the Catholic Hierarchy now seek to divert the attention of this Commission and Congress therefrom by slanders and libelous attacks upon those who broadcast such programs and by wrongfully putting before their readers a garbled statement of the facts concerning the mutilation of the official record aforesaid.

In support of this we offer in evidence, as Exhibit B, a Catholic newspaper, namely, *The Catholic Messenger*, published at Worcester, Massachusetts, dated October 18, 1934, the article appearing on the front page thereof, under a headline seven columns wide: "CHARGES BY RUTHERFORD FALSE." This is a sample of publications that have appeared recently throughout the country in Catholic newspapers.

INCONSISTENCY

The Catholic Hierarchy magnifies its inconsistency before this Commission and before Congress in this: A representative of the Catholic Hierarchy, Mr. John B. Harney (who, according to the record, designates himself as Superior of the Missionary Jesuits), made the first demand that Congress by law shall allot one-fourth of the time for broadcasting educational and religious programs. The official record of hearings on H. R. 8301, page 147, shows that it was Mr. Harney who submitted a proposed amendment to the law

"To eliminate monopoly and to insure equality of opportunity and consideration for educational, religious, agricultural, labor, cooperative, and similar non-profit-making associations, seeking the opportunity of adding to the cultural and scientific knowledge of those who listen in on radio broadcasts, . . ."

and that

" . . . The Commission shall reserve and allocate only to educational, religious, agricultural, labor, cooperative, and sim-

ilar non-profit-making associations one fourth of all the radio broadcasting facilities within its jurisdiction, excepting those facilities issued to ships and to the use of the United States Government . . . ", and so forth.

As a result of that demand, section 307 (c) of the Communications Act of 1934 was enacted, and to carry out the provisions of said section the Federal Communications Commission is now conducting this hearing.

In the face of the foregoing, the said John B. Harney, acting for himself and for and as an official agent of the Catholic Hierarchy, has failed to offer one bit of evidence in support of such demand. His amendment proposed was to "eliminate monopoly". Manifestly he considered at the time that the major broadcasting systems were and are monopolizing the radio facilities.

The testimony of the said John B. Harney, appearing at pages 161 and 162 of the hearings before the Congressional Committee on H. R. 8301, clearly shows that he then regarded the National Association of Broadcasters and the Columbia Broadcasting System as exercising a monopoly over broadcasting facilities in America. Mr. Harney's subsequent and present conduct shows that he has had a complete change of heart. There has been no change in the operation of this "monopoly", but now the Catholic Hierarchy and Mr. Harney face about and join in a request that there be no change in the law whatsoever.

The testimony of Dr. Morris S. Sheehy, assistant to the director of the Catholic University of Washington, D. C., before this Commission last month, specifically states that broadcasting should continue by the two major broadcasting companies as it has been in the past. His testimony is as follows:

"I have never heard anything over the air in the religious line that was offensive. Religious broadcasts are very effective. Great peril might result if we allow irresponsible individuals to secure for themselves air space and then set themselves up as religious spokesmen without proper ecclesiastical approval. There should be the requirement that an individual who participates in a religious broadcast should be an authorized spokesman of the religion he represents. I favor the rules respecting religious broadcasting of the two major broadcasting companies. They have done a great deal to promote religious belief and tolerance in this land."

The foregoing not only shows the inconsistency of the Catholic Hierarchy, but it shows that there is a clear understanding and agreement between them and the said monopoly. The Hierarchy opposes the broadcasting of programs of Jehovah's witnesses; and this is further support of the contention of Jehovah's witnesses and the two and a half million persons who signed the petition aforesaid that a monopoly does exist and

that the people are being denied their just rights in regard to broadcasting.

Was Mr. Harney, in his proposed amendment to the Communications Act, sincere in an effort to safeguard the interests of the people against monopoly? Or was his real purpose to becloud the issue and draw the attention of the committee away from the unrighteous and cruel campaign of the Catholic Hierarchy which it has been and is prosecuting against Jehovah's witnesses to prevent them from broadcasting the Bible truth?

What is the real reason the Catholic Hierarchy so viciously attacks Jehovah's witnesses? In themselves, Jehovah's witnesses are not important, nor a menace to anyone.

Manifestly the reason for the Hierarchy's attack is that Jehovah's witnesses are proclaiming the truth and the proclamation of the truth might turn people away from the Catholic organization and set them free and thus deprive the Hierarchy of much revenue. To permit the Catholic Hierarchy to have its way exclusively about what shall be broadcast is not in the public interest, convenience and necessity, but for the private interest and convenience of a group of selfish men who have their headquarters in a foreign land, and who maintain their agents in America.

MORE INCONSISTENCY

Attention is called to a further inconsistency that glaringly appears in the testimony before this Commission. The major chain broadcasting companies, to wit, the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System, have limited the use of their facilities to Catholic and Protestant and Hebrew clergymen.

One of the official representatives of the Catholic Hierarchy, Dr. Morris S. Sheehy, testifying before this Commission, stated: "I favor the rules respecting religious broadcasting of the two major broadcasting companies. They have done a great deal to promote religious belief and tolerance in this land."

In contrast with the foregoing, we here append, as Exhibit C, Protestant Press Bureau Tract No. 68, containing matter published at Washington, D. C., from which the following quotations are taken. It appears that the "Paulist Fathers", of which organization the aforesaid John B. Harney is Superior, conducted a mission at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and one of the features thereof is a question box. In that box appeared the following question, to wit:

"Does the Roman Catholic Church regard Protestants as heretics, and does it not believe and teach that heretics should be punished, even unto death, if necessary?"

"It was answered by Reverend Harney as follows: 'In a way I say Yes. Certainly the Church does consider Protestants as heretics, in a way. A formal heretic is one who knows he is perverting the truth of God and the Roman Catholic Church. No one, by sinning himself, should be allowed to lead others into sin.

"I do not doubt, if they were strong enough, that the Catholic people would hinder, even unto death, if necessary, the spread of heresy (such errors), through the people, and I say rightly so.

"As human society protects itself against the murderer and the man who proves to be a traitor to the Government, so the Church of God has a right to protect itself."

"On the Sunday following this meeting, a reporter for the New York *Herald* interviewed the priest and in that interview Father Harney stated that his remarks on the Friday evening, as given above, were correct. He said they expressed his personal convictions, *and were in accord with those of the Roman Catholic Church.*—From the *Washington Fellowship Forum*, May 1934."

The Protestant clergy appear to have ceased protesting against the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and its operations and to have joined hands with the latter in the prosecution of their joint religious work and therefore the protest has ended. That being true, then it is quite manifest that the aforesaid uncomplimentary statements made by the "Reverend Doctor" Harney, and published in tract Number 68 above quoted, are directed specifically against Jehovah's witnesses, and that these are the ones whom Catholics may kill with impunity.

If the published statement above referred to discloses the true attitude of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and its representatives in America, then such an organization is not only a menace to American institutions, but wholly unfit to guide the people in matters pertaining to religion, and especially matters pertaining to God's Word.

EXPLANATION OF OPPOSITION

Violent opposition to the publicity of the truth contained in God's Word is not a new thing. It was in vogue long before broadcasting was known to man.

It is of interest and appropriate to here call attention to the fact that when Christ Jesus was on earth His proclamation of God's message of truth was violently opposed and that opposition came almost exclusively from the men who at that time claimed to be God's representatives and clergymen preaching their religious doctrines.

The words uttered by Jesus at the command of Jehovah God greatly 'shocked the religious susceptibilities' of His opponents in those days. The same words today proclaimed by Jehovah's witnesses, who are commissioned to deliver the testimony of Jesus Christ, likewise "shock the religious susceptibilities" of

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This was the statement made by the Rev. Mr. Harney, a Paullist Father in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, in New Brunswick, N. J., Friday evening. The Paullist Fathers have been conducting a mission for the last three weeks in that church. Last week the services were for the benefit of non-Catholics.

A feature of last week's services was a "question box." This question was read by Father Harney on Friday night:—

"Does the Catholic Church regard Protestants as heretics, and does it not believe and teach that heretics should be punished, even with death if necessary?"

Father Harney's answer was:—
"In a way, I say yes. Certainly the Church does consider Protestants heretics, in a way. A formal heretic is one who knows he is perverting the truths of God and the Catholic Church. No man, by sinning himself, should be allowed to lead others into sin.

"I do not doubt, if they were strong enough, that the Catholic people would hinder, even by death if necessary, the spread of such errors through the people. And I say rightly so.

"As human society protects itself against the murderer and the man who proves a traitor to the government, so the Church of God has the right to protect itself. The Catholic Church never dreamed of punishing one who is materially a heretic—one who believes things to be true that are not true—any more than a father would punish his child who does wrong unintentionally. The history of the church has been a history of toleration.

"The Catholics have proved more tolerant than the Protestants."

In an interview last night, Father Harney stated that his remarks on Friday evening, as above quoted, were correct. He said they expressed his personal convictions and were in accord with those of the Catholic Church.

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Whence did this opposition come? and why is such opposition so strong in the effort to prevent the people from hearing the truth? The answer that Jesus gave to the clergy in His time is the answer to the question last above propounded, and discloses the real reason: that the one who is the father of all this opposition is the adversary of God, and the common enemy of man, to wit, the Devil. Jesus' statement to the opposing clergymen of His time, and which answers the foregoing question, was couched in the following phrase, to wit:

"But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God. . . . Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."—John 8: 40, 43-45.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Jehovah's witnesses ask, in all sincerity, Are men who encourage their followers to *kill* others who disagree with them qualified to determine what is of public interest, convenience and necessity?

Have the two major broadcasting-chain corporations chosen wisely in selecting these men to serve the people, and in prohibiting anyone from broadcasting Bible truths which might "shock the religious susceptibilities" of such men who advocate murder? Could such a course of action be for the well-being, upbuilding, aid and comfort of the rising generation?

Certainly the American people are interested in these questions' being answered and answered effectively by Congress.

The millions who have joined in signing the PROTEST presented last January to Congress, against the unrighteous conduct of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy with reference to broadcasting of Watch Tower programs, are entitled to have a categorical answer to these questions.

If a private corporation desires to advertise its goods, wares and merchandise for the purpose of selling them to the general public, and it employs the radio system and broadcasts a program during which such advertising announcements are made, is such program broadcast for the interest, convenience and necessity of the general public or for the special interest, convenience and necessity of the private corporation?

It may be said that a radio corporation broadcasts a sustaining program of high-class music, but if this be done for the purpose of building up an audience to the ears of which goods, wares and merchandise may be sold at a large profit by a private corporation, is such a broadcast put on to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity or for the special benefit of a private concern?

The fact stands admitted that all the choice broadcasting channels, broadcasting time and facilities of America are used as a means of advertising goods, wares and merchandise which private concerns desire to sell to the public at large. This being true, is it not also equally true that not one of such programs is broadcast in harmony with the letter and spirit of the Communications Act for the reason that such programs are not of public interest, convenience and necessity within the proper meaning of those words?

Will Congress or the judicial authority of America wish to go on record as defining public interest, convenience and necessity as that which benefits a private corporation or concern, and which private corporation or concern desires to reap a pecuniary profit from the general public by broadcasting its programs?

CONCLUSION

In conclusion we submit that the truth which the great Jehovah God, the Creator of heaven and earth, has caused to be published and preserved for the benefit of the human race is of such paramount importance to all things else that it should have the widest publication of anything, particularly among the people who claim to constitute a Christian nation. To maintain the claim and past reputation of this nation the solemn duty devolves upon Congress to enact necessary laws to prevent all interference with the open, free and wide publication by radio, and by all other means, of the truths set forth in the Word of Jehovah God.

By taking the side of those who oppose the message of God's Word, all so doing align themselves with the Devil. By opening the way for free, unhindered discussion and consideration of the truth of God's Word, those who so do, to that extent, place themselves on the side of Jehovah God.

It is written: 'Ye are the servants of him whom ye serve.' (Romans 6:16) Let the Congress of the United States now choose to declare which side they take and whom they desire to serve.

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