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The AMERICAN REFUGEE

OUR MAN OF THE WEEK is a familiar. He is the American Refugee. For him we bespeak the readers' sympathy.

The art staff of SOCIAL JUSTICE has done well with the idea. Their inspiration was an address by Dr. Patrick Scanlan, editor of *The Brooklyn Tablet*, a lively and aggressive proponent of Christian Justice in America.

Dr. Scanlan's picture of the American as a refugee invites thought.

We are living in an era—and a land—of propaganda. The leftists, and their international backers, no longer are content to bore stealthily from within. Boldly and openly, they boast that 90 per cent of the printed word—our books, magazines and newspapers—and more than 90 per cent of the radio stations and the theaters—belong to them!

In other words, an American can no longer be certain that he reads, or hears, an uncolored version of any world event—only what these alien internationalists desire him to believe. We are being conditioned, day and night, for a

brotherhood of "international democracy," which, if the propagandists were to admit it—(as if evil powers ever were honest)—is Marxian "democracy:" atheistic Communism!

The native-born Christian American—or the alien of high vision who has adopted this country for the ideal it once meant to him—these loyal forthright Americans, are refugees now from a barrage of propaganda. To the right and to the left, big berthas, machine guns, flame throwers and poison gas—their cacaphony all but dims the chime of Christmas bells in this Christian land.

Liberty was the cornerstone of this new experiment in the western wilderness—democracy is instinctive with the dwellers in this land. We do not need foreign lecturers preaching democracy to Americans, or warning us against totalitarian dictatorship which is equally antagonistic to our democratic spirit.

To be sure, America wants no totalitarian dictatorship; and we would be just as vigorously against it when it is called "New Deal democracy" or emergency powers!

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