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SOME THINGS HIGHER THAN THE LAWS

There are some Things higher than the laws. There is an innate sense of justice; there is a human sympathy on which the Klansman lives; which is its preservation... And these have persisted,while laws have come and gone; and woe be to the law that gets in front of it, for no prosecutor is strong enough to defend it.

That is what Klansmen say about it. You can think of it,do as you will, but sometime,when reason has regained its throne,if it ever does,or what is more probable,when the Aryan Race has taken some new frenzy and forgotten the old, states will repent in sackcloth and ashes for the injustice that has been done to Klansmen under these panic laws.

No Klansman who ever knew the meaning of the word "freedom" ever attached to it the word "legal". "Freedom" IS "freedom", and nothing is done by government that is not legal. If it is not legal,they make it legal; and Klansmen in the past who had their tongues pulled out,who were pierced with red-hot irons, who were boiled in oil,who were tied to stakes,who were bent on the rack and tortured until they died, who had every limb torn from them,who had their nails torn out and splinters run into their flesh,all were enjoying "legal freedom" while they were tortured and killed. That is what you will enjoy if in any state the evil forces back of these prosecutions can have their way and provide their kind of "freedom". The time will come very soon when such states will be ashamed of their cowardly attempt to send Klansmen to jail under laws of this kind; ashamed of the suppression of freedom of thought and freedom of speech which is making a madhouse of once free lands.

Klansmen know where the newspapers have placed them. They have been so often persecuted and prosecuted and condemned that most men hesitate to sumpathize with them; and yet,readers,Klansmen have done a work for a class of ARYANS that no other religious organizations could do or ever did do; and if you have read the stories in the newspapers and over the radios,you have seen that these Klansmen have organized WHITE men with no support who were imposed on in ten thousand different ways. They have brought Klansmen together.

And,readers,the conquest of the STATES,what of that? Why should not the Klansman make a conquest of the power of the STATES? That is what everybody has tried to do. Is there any more reason why the Klansman should not make the conquest of the STATES than any other party of society? Why should Klansmen be sent to jail because they wanted to make the conquest of power of the STATES? Every political-and-religious party in all STATES are trying to do it,and are doing it.

Perhaps even if these Klansmen did make the conquest of the power of the STATE, their dreams would not come true; they have a right to think,they have a right to proselyte,they have the right to their opinion and to make their opinion heard.This is what Klansmen plead for,and they are not interested whether their opinions are right or wrong. If they are wrong,the STATES people under free discussion can find the wrong; and if by any chance these opinions shall convert the STATES,then STATES needs converting. The newspapers took Klan phrases,which are innocent,which are in uncommon use,which are used by every political party and every religious organization,which are used in all campaigns,which are absolutely harmless - - and have twisted them into damning phrases that the court might send these Klansmen to jail.

Klansmen know that history makes clear the injustice of the past. Klansmen know that the dead have risen triumphant over the judgment of newspapers and courts.

Now,readers,no man can speak freely what is in him if he fears the jail.Klansmen cannot write freely with manacles on his hands. Klansmen cannot speak or write or think freely with detectives on their track, Klansmen can only be Klansmen in the open,clear light of day; giving what the infinite says through Klansmen giving freely as it comes. There can be no free thought without free speech. Of what avail to think if newspapers may not write or speak?

It is freedom Klansmen have worked for,for the sake of STATES,for the sake of what is even nearer and dearer than that,the liberty of Klansmen,the freedom of the human soul,which alone makes life worth the living; newspapers should say that Klansmen shall be free,and if in the open discussions between free Klansmen our Klansmen triumph,well and good; they ought to triumph; and if they are wrong their theories must go down. Klansmen urge newspapers to stand for the right of men to think; for the right to speak boldly and unafraid; the right to be master of their souls,and, captains of their fates; the right to live free and to die free. There is no other cause so much worth while. There is no other sentiment or emotion that ever moved the human soul as priceless as this.

Readers, Klansmen ask newspapers and courts to do their part in the great cause of human freedom,for which Klansmen have ever fought and died.

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