

LEAVE IN THE STATE OF
GRACE; STAY IN IT; RE-
TURN IN IT. IF YOU'VE
LOST IT, RECOVER NOW.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WILL BE ERECTED BY FR
LYNCH, BREEN-PHILLIPS
AFTER FRI. NITEPRAYER.

Sweet Liberty Lost.

In Sparta the government looked over the babe in the cradle, decided whether it should be killed on the spot. If the child was strong and passed the "cradle test," it remained with its mother till it was seven.

Then the government took complete control. Boys of seven went to the government barracks, there lived like soldiers until they were thirty years old. During these twenty-three bitter years, discipline was strict. There was systematic physical exercise, uniform diet, military training.

At thirty the Spartan man was required to marry some Spartan girl who had been graduated from a similar system of state-directed discipline. The newly married couple continued their lives under state control-- every hour belonged to the state and they had to render a strict account to the government of everything they did.



The object of the Spartan system was a nation of tough, efficient soldiers. Spartan boys were often whipped until the blood flowed. But, according to Cicero, never a cry of pain escaped from a Spartan youth. The Spartan system lasted for hundreds of years but produced no music, no poetry, no painting or sculpture, none of the creative products which spring from the souls of free, refined and highly civilized people.

Model For The Godless.

If there is no God, if human beings have no immortal, God-created souls, then for the most efficient type of government, it is smart to turn to Sparta.

And that's what is happening. Godless Nazis, Godless communists train citizens as the modern breeder develops a fine strain of horse. And all Godless people must consistently turn to some such form of "totalitarian" state.

Only For Those Who Believe In God.

Godless people cannot consistently be good Americans-- cannot consistently live and die for what America stands. Because the whole American system of government is built upon God and God-created citizens with God-given rights. There's freedom. Personality is inviolable. An American kid is free to throw his football around instead of always being on the march, left-right, left-right, 1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4.

This is the central theme in Professor Clarence Manion's delightful new book, LESSONS IN LIBERTY, just off the AVE MARIA PRESS, Notre Dame, Ind. (\$1.50)

The book should be the basis of a course in Americanism in every high school in the land. All college men should read it thoughtfully.

Here among the more important lessons is one to ponder: there is only one American democracy, and this is essentially distinct from the so-called "democracy" of England, which, after all, is but a form of dictatorship. READ WHY in Professor Manion's timely and valuable book.

PRAYERS: (Deceased) father of Bro. Xavier, C.S.C.; mother of E.V. Rupp, C.S.C.; aunt of Neil Hurley, '32; father of Sr. Ignatius Therese; grandmother of Joe Skelly (Sor.); Mr. Patrick Murphy; (Ill) mother of Art Tracy; Fr. Walsh, friend of King Gertig (Bro); father of Bob Shea (Al.); brother of Chas. Deibell (Zahn). 6 sp.ints; one thanksgiving.

