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The Baron's View

I am intrigued by the child-like simplicity of the American people. Only in this country could one find a readers' column such as yours filled day after day with the thoughtless prattle of adolescent minds.

We read of faith in your democratic government, your pride in freedom of speech, religion and the press. We read of your abhorrence of racial persecution, communism and Hitlerism.

Why does not the free press tell its trusting readers some of the facts of life? What is democratic about your government where the right to vote is not used by more than a third of your eligible citizens, and public officers are installed by political machines instead of popular choice? What is democratic about an over-manned, over-stuffed, unwieldy, impractical government which is thrust upon a fat, self-satisfied constituency too stupid to realize its only use is to give employment to your thousands of unnecessary city, county, State and Federal machine-made politicians?

Does Laura Engels have the right of free speech? Do the Mormons of Utah enjoy freedom of religion? Does my friend Pelley have access to a free press? Are the Southern Negroes exempt from racial persecution? What is your Bill of Rights but a legend? How can you abhor true communism while applauding the New Deal?

Hitlerism, or its counterpart, is your salvation. Germany with its 80,000,000 people is only the size of your Texas with its 6,000,000, yet there is more unemployment in the city of Houston, Texas, than there is in all Germany. With one-fourth your resources Hitler would found the greatest civilization since time began. Wake up, America.

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