

CLASSIFICATION
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MINORITY MEMORANDUM

November 24, 1941

Remitter: King, Willard B. (73501)

Title: "The Strangest Humane Story Ever Told"

Question: Classification in Class C - as lecture, sermon, or address
for oral delivery.

The undersigned is in agreement with the Examiner in the rejection of this deposit which is applied for as an "Oral Lecture," but is the personal history of the author; a narrative which would be classifiable as a "book" - copyrightable only by publication with notice.

There are 46 pages of this writing, "The Strangest Humane Story Ever Told," which bears evidence of being a personal history of the author and claimant.

The first six pages of this writing are devoted to a quotation from the 12th Chapter of the Apocalypse, foretelling the birth of the Saviour. This lengthy quotation is preceded by a short paragraph pointing out that the author "is the subject of an interpretation placed on this twelfth chapter of Revelation." After this lengthy quotation, there are 32 pages of the author's own text, narrating his experience in an institution presumably for the insane, and setting forth his theories on the proper treatment of mental diseases. This dissertation carries us to page 37, where the author reverts to the prophecy in Revelation, and points out that he himself may be the subject of that prophecy. These paragraphs are concluded by another quotation, "Truth crushed to the earth will rise again" etc. The complete quatrain is quoted and is followed by two lines of X marks, thus:

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and these marks precede a remarkable transition into what appears to be a radio program, introduced by this sentence: "The song which you have just heard is from the English opera "Dido" ... There follows a two page recital of the story of Dido and a three page description of "the unique guessing contest which is designed to emphasize the need for improvement in treating native mental conditions."

Such a deposit could not in the opinion of the undersigned be intended for oral delivery. It is too lengthy and too discursive. There is also very little reason to think that it would be selected for publication, but it could of course be reproduced and published by the author himself if he is determined to circulate it in some way.

Accept work as lecture in Class C. Sustained.

W.H.Wise 11/27/41

Also see previous entry for same type
of material.

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