## **Omaha Jewry Makes Official Reply** to Accusations of Ku Klux Klan

(Continued From Page Eleven.) functioning of the melting pot. And own; in fact, he knows best how much what does he conceive to be the the Anglo-Saxon civilization, both on proper functioning of the melting pot? the British and the American side of A vital alteration of the mold in the house, has gained from the Hewhich God has fashioned whole races brew tradition; therefore, to be unof people.' Picturesque language that true to the Hebrew tradition would is, which, if it means anything at all, really mean to betray Anglo-Saxon is intended to say that it is the func- ideals. tion of America to alter the funda mental traits of the immigrants who that he seems to entertain the notion

that such are divine in origin. "A man who lays claim to the knows how much America has derived title of wizard may perhaps use such from Judea. Therefore, when the two language; saying in one breath that combine in the American Jew even side their non-Jewish comrades berace-characteristics are divinely fix- the angels in heaven ought to sing ed, and that they ought to be alter- hallelujah over the happy combinaed by what he calls Americanism. tion.

"Yet Evans tell us that the Jew is The ordinary man will have difficulty in understanding such topsy- incapable of patriotism, as the Anturvey reasoning. But what if such glo-Saxon feels it: And, pray, what racial traits, precisely because God- would Anglo-Saxon patriotism, inordained, are not to be eradicated spired as it is by love of freedom be by chemical treatment in the melting like without the tradition of liberty pot. Then the possessors of those which flowed forth from Jordan and traits belong outside the pale, or all the Judean rivers? Evans knows rather the pot. And Jews, he thinks, as little of the real meaning of Anare among those who refuse to be glo-Saxon history as of Jewish hisdipped into the pot. What really tory. He speaks of the 'ejection' of worries him is that Jews refuse to the Jew from Judea. That great act be dipped into the baptismal font, of injustice, by which the tyrannical Evans will probably remember that power of Rome overcome the heroic there was once in Spain another (and patriotic) hosts of Judea, after masked power that failed precisely a resistance which still excites the at this same task admiration of the world: that act

which sealed in the blood and tears Confusion of Races. "Evans pretends to aim at a fusion of an unhappy people the victory of of races. But the process he has in the bully among the nations of antimind would lead rather to a confu- quity-a victory accounted so great as sion of races. He speaks of a 'com- to be recorded on the arch of Titus mon merger.' but the result of his with the insanely triumphant call 'Jumerger would be too common, undea is made captive'-that act which distinguished and commonplace. still cries to heaven with the agony of America cannot and does not aim at an unjustly persecuted race, this the total eradication of racial quali- man terms, with an evident contempt ties that can but serve to exalt her for its victim, an 'ejection'! He up mposite people. Evans in his anti- braids us with being wanderers upon alienism forgets that the various the face of the earth, but, while doracial stocks that come to settle here ing so, he is very anxious to keep us do not come empty. They bring as wanderers.

with them the result of ancient cultures-domestic arts and quaint folk ways that have their roots in a deep passionate spirit, by which America may well be enriched and enhanced celving the 'foreigner.'. He is illit- by compulsion rather than by choice? erate, diseased, defective and low. The Jew has always shown himself born.

earth, wherever he was given a "Evans is willing to make some allowance for the immigrant who halls chance to settle. Nay, even where from above a certain imaginary he was deprived of his human rights, Mason and Dixon line applied to as in pre-war Russia, he clung to the mother country-better the stepates from below or from beyond this mother country-with a devotion and line is bad. Evans does not know, a loyalty truly pathetic. These things or does not want to know that even are too well known to require rethose immigrants whom he so sum. peated emphasis. Yet, Evans tells marily condemns are bearers of us that there was 'no country which gifts to America; that no true con. a jew would or could call his own' ception of Americanism can ever Could-perhaps so; although that was contemplate the spurning of these not his own fault. But would? Was gifts.

Aims at Blending. "True Americanism does not propose the mixing up of all racial undistinguished lowed to have one? into an

human pulp. Rather does it aim at a blending of them in such a way the constant reiteration of statistic that the best elements in the cultions to the life and culture of Amer tural traditions of each may be preserved and woven into a harmoniou

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ica? We are no aliens here. The of Jewish patriotism; yet this man mere census-item with no recogniz as a minority people, jealous of our fact, and be actuated by the gentle realized. For America's destiny can first Jewish settler who arrived in Evans has the temerity to prefer able features, ignobly and undis- individuality and devoted to our spirit of the disciple of the rabbis, be none other than to become the New Amsterdam in 1654 came in a the stupid charge that to the Jew tinguishably merged in the crowd. heritage, we must seek to stem a whom they worship as the Christ. ship called 'Pear Tree;' and we can patriotism is impossible! If some van- Apart in religion and ancestral tra- tide that might sweep the Jew entruthfully say that the Jewish pear dal hand deliberately violated those dition, but not apart in hope and tirely out of existence. And we be

selves pioneers and builders. In ev- owner be guilty of a more heinous sult to her fair name were we to Jews.

their proportionate quota. Service in War. "In the world war Jews partici-

Assert Judaism.

ficial student of American history

ment).

000 Jewish volunteers in the serv- er and fuller Jewish life, and, hence, posed. for a richer and fuller Americanism. The Jewish dead who sleep be ice. "Apart only in the sense that we

stand!

Inter-Marriage Question.

"Evans reproaches us for not inneath the poppied fields of France honor a real man, possessor of a ter-marrying with Gentiles. We dis- that, calling themselves Christian in Jewish thought about America as the give silent testimony to the worth clearly-defined individuality, above a countenance intermarriage because name, they may become Christian in mother of many races must be

"Two divergent conceptions of

tree bore no meaner fruit than the sacred graves where rest this nation's common idealism; for we should con- lieve that we can best serve the Americanism have joined battle-one Anglo-Saxon Mayflower. In every best sons, it would not act more sider it not alone a misunderstand- world by not feigning something else narrow and prejudiced, the other toler walk of life Jews have proven them- brutally than Evans nor could its ing of America's purpose but an in- but by being what we are, by being ant and as broad as the spread of the heavens overhead. One stands for a jurious to the patient.

ery battle this nation fought, Jews offense; yet Evans dares to speak in assume for a single moment that in "Is Evans quite sure that people dead level of uniformity, the other for were found in larger numbers than the name of American patriotism, this republic cradled in liberty we are frantically seeking intermarriage variety in unity. One stands for the whose meaning he fails to under- must do violence to our conscience with us? He says that Jews are destruction of high cultural values by forsaking those traditions in averse to Gentiles. Is he quite sure the other for a union of cultures "Ah, he says, Jews are a people which our very being is rooted. Re- that Gentiles are ready to open for whereby America shall be enriched. pated to the extent of 4 per cent, apart. So we are. So we intend ligious liberty is fundamental to us their homes and hearts? The truth The melting pot and the rainbow while the Jewish population of the to remain. But apart, not in the American civilization; and it is not is that the Jew is not averse to the The devil's brew and the sign of

United States constitutes but 3 per sense of aloofness from the weal and he who follows his religious observ-gentle Gentile; and as for the un-peace in the heavens cen of the whole. There were over woe of America, the land so dear ances that is set apart from Ameri- gentle Gentile-the Jew is of a for "Those who know America and love "Plainly, the Jew can serve America 200,000 Jewish soldiers, and the most to us that we regard everyone who can life and culture, but he who in giving nature. The Jew forgives, her beyond all things fair, will know come to our shores. This work is best by remaining a Jew, nobly as- gratifying feature to our justified would dare to spread hatred therein his purblindness suggests that there though he cannot forget. He has too which way their choice lies. Evans to be attempted in spite of the fact serting his Judaism as the mother of patriotic pride is that in this number as the worst traitor to its flag; but must be in the observances of an- much to remember to be able ever speaks of turning America to the ful-Americanism. Even the most super- the percentage of volunteers was par- apart in the sense that we greatly other set, Jewish or Christian, to blot out the memory of Gentile fillment of her destiny. Unless Jews ticularly large, there having been 40,- cherish that which makes for a rich- something to which America is op- persecution, but he has too much to do not know how to read the signs remember ever to be able to keep in the sky-and Jews have been in

a grudge for every Gentile sin. He the habit, since time immemorial, to can only pray for his persecutors scan the heavens for a token-the

peacemaker among the families of the earth, the peacemaker for all the world.

Flowers left in the sick room at night consume fresh air and are in





there ever any people who so yearned for a home as did Israel: who so devotedly clung to one whenever, in

Yearning for Home.

alone charity, in driving a man forth

and then chiding him for being a

vagabond? But are we not vagabonds

to be the most home-loving man on

"Is there any reasonableness, let

## despite of the Evanses, he was al-"Is there any need to engage in items, setting forth Jewish contribu



of harmony. "In the light of this loftler conception of Americanism, the statements made by Evans appear to be grounded in chaotic thinking. He confounds equality with likeness. American citizenship spells equality; but does this imply that American citizens must all be alike? And does it follow that the unlike in character can never be equal in merit? Does mean that those who are different must speedily transmogrify themselves into something else in order to deserve equal consideration? What a peculiar conception of Amerncan citizenship! The immigrant, Evans tells us, must come with an 'inherent capacity for the American kind of citiz:nship. A new selective principle, formoth, by which immigration is to be regulated, that is, restricted? Mythological language again! And how are you going to apply this principle? And in what way, by what kind of examination, will you find out if an immigrant has such 'an inherent capacity?'

Inherent Capacity. ""But at this point Evans tells us that certain races have an inherent incapacity for American citizenship. The inherent capacity may be difficult to ascertain, but the inherent incapacity is easy of ascertainment. If. for instance, a man is a Jew, we need not afgue about it any further; he is inherently incapaci tated for citizenship. Nothing easier than that. The Jew is unassimilable He is unblendable. No! We mus suppose that American traditions have no room for Haym Solomon, the good Jew who helped finance the Revolutionary war or the countless others, who, in companionship with the rest of American citizens, made sacrifice of blood and money for what Jew and non-Jew deemed

American duty. "The heroic Lost Battalion had, we must suppose, an inherent incapacity for American citizenship. And what does it mean that he is not assimila ble? What kind of assimilation does Evans expect of the Jew? Not the kind of assimilation the Bible speaks of when it foreshadows the coming peace of God in the picture of the wolf and the lamb dwelling together, but the kind which can only be im aged as the wolf swallowing up the lamb. Food may be assimilated in this wise, but not human souls. The Jew wants to assimilate-he does not care to be assimilated. He wants to absorb the best of the Anglo-Saxon culture into his very soul; he does not think it necessary for this purpose to be absorbed; to give up his own culture, his own religion, his own individuality. He is drawn to the

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