

READERS WRITE— Courtesy Lecture —• For Adults •—

NOW that lectures are being given under the Adult Education Scheme, may I suggest one on "Courtesy, Chivalry, and Kindness."

In school holiday time, more than at any other time, there is demonstrated the need for education of some parents. We often blame youngsters for lack of respect for older people, especially in public conveyances, but when one hears mother telling Johnny, aged 10 or 12, to keep his seat while old men and women stand, and when father sits three-year-old baby on the seat beside him, while returned soldiers, some in hospital clothes, stand, one is convinced that some form of parent education is necessary if these youngsters are to have a chance of growing up nicely.—"Observer" (Burranda).

No Union Jack

FROM a window in a building where I work, I witnessed part of Mr. Hanlon's private peace celebrations for a war which is not yet over. Monday's effort must be a wonderful inspiration to our fighting services. While they are sweating and fighting and possibly dying the people on the home front, at Mr. Hanlon's invitation, are celebrating.

I wonder how many people noticed the absence of the Union Jack in the group of flags carried immediately behind Mr. Hanlon's party. — "Serviceman's Wife," Grange.

Erring Husbands

"A.I.F. Returned" (C.-M., 8/8/45) applauds the suggestion that erring wives should be prosecuted. What a good idea it would be if erring husbands were treated likewise. I am not prejudiced or cynical, and have met many fine men in my evenings as helper and entertainer at a popular hostel, yet this year alone the last three soldiers (all Aussies) that I have become a little more than friendly with have not only denied being married from the first, but have each professed a lasting love for me.

Yet when I found out the truth from others later I learnt that each man had just left the "bosom of his family."

My own heart, having reached an age of reason, is still intact, but what of the more impressionable young hearts these brave war-Romeos break with their soft words and stardust?—"Miss Fairplay" (East Brisbane).

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THE Courier-Mail has certainly hit the nail on the head by insisting that the rural population, the men on the land possessing specialised knowledge, should be informed of the Government's plans and invited to co-operate in making soldier settlements a success.

There are many areas suitable only for grazing, but there are others, now used for that purpose, which are eminently suitable for various types of farming. Those who remember the Dalby district before the 1914-18 war, and know it to-day, will realise what can be done. If asked to co-operate, many graziers would do so willingly. The sale or lease of portion of his property for closer settlement would automatically increase the value of the whole, including that portion retained by the grazier himself.

This must be so, providing that the correct use is made of the land and also that no risk is taken of subdividing the property into less than living—"good living"—areas.

I believe that some property owners are already working along these lines without Government aid or interference. — Eric C. Stubbs (West End).

Bomb Justified

THE Rector, Holy Trinity Church, Woolloongabba, says that every decent man must be revolted by the use of the atomic bomb and that the shortening of the war by even a couple of months cannot justify the use of this bomb. This is all very well for people who are safe and sound in a place like Brisbane. Let him consider the feelings of a man fighting in the jungle hell of the islands, Burma, on and under the sea, or in the air.

The fighting man knows that every day the war goes on more and more of his comrades will be killed and if the war can be ended to-day tens of thousands of lives will be saved.—F/LT., R.A.A.F.

A Sacred Trust

THE discovery and use of the forces of Nature in the atomic bomb as a weapon has shocked the world, but should it not be accepted with deep thankfulness as a Divine instrument, withheld from our enemies and given to us after having proved ourselves worthy as the trusted servants of the Great Ruler to bring to a quick end the fearful destruction of life and property and to make war in the future impossible?

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Was it not also His purpose that the millions of tons of shipping transport, food and clothing supplies, and other necessary material required for the war should be made available in time to relieve the stark threats of starvation and probable anarchy in Europe?—J. W. Bleakley (Redcliffe).

Wants Hotels Closed

WHEN the news of the capitulation by the Japanese Government is announced, it is hoped that the State Government will close all hotels for 72 hours. Surely people can engage in peace celebrations without getting drunk. If the hotels are allowed to open the loss of property might be considerable.—"Citizen" (Gregory Terrace, City).