

the early Christians doing but this very thing when they refused to put their pinch of salt upon the altars of the Roman emperor?"...

Putting a pinch of salt on the altar was a religious thing. The crosses on the flag are religious things. As I say, I am not trying to impress my views on honourable members.

MR. DUPUIS: No. We can see that.

WITNESS: Continuing:

"But the Christians insisted that the pinch of salt was a matter not of patriotism but of religion. If they made this gesture they would be denying their sole allegiance to God and to His Christ. And so they refused -- and died!

In the same way, what were the Quakers doing when, in their early days in England, they refused to doff their hats in the presence of royalty? These Quakers contended that their hats could be removed only in the presence of God, their one and only sovereign. And on this very point of a salute they were punished and persecuted on the charge of disloyalty to the state."

I say that is the thing in the minds of witnesses of Jehovah today who are bound by the Covenant to serve God. It is just sufficiently strong that in Germany today 6,000 of them have been put in prison; some have been tortured and beheaded and put to death, but they refused to bow down to the Swastika.

BY MR. DUPUIS:

Q. There are many Jews who have suffered the same thing; also many Catholics and Protestants. A. Yes, a great many other people. I am just pointing out that it is because they are in covenant with God that is what has happened. At any time these people could say, "Yes, we will salute" and they could avoid this. And I say that opinion is strong