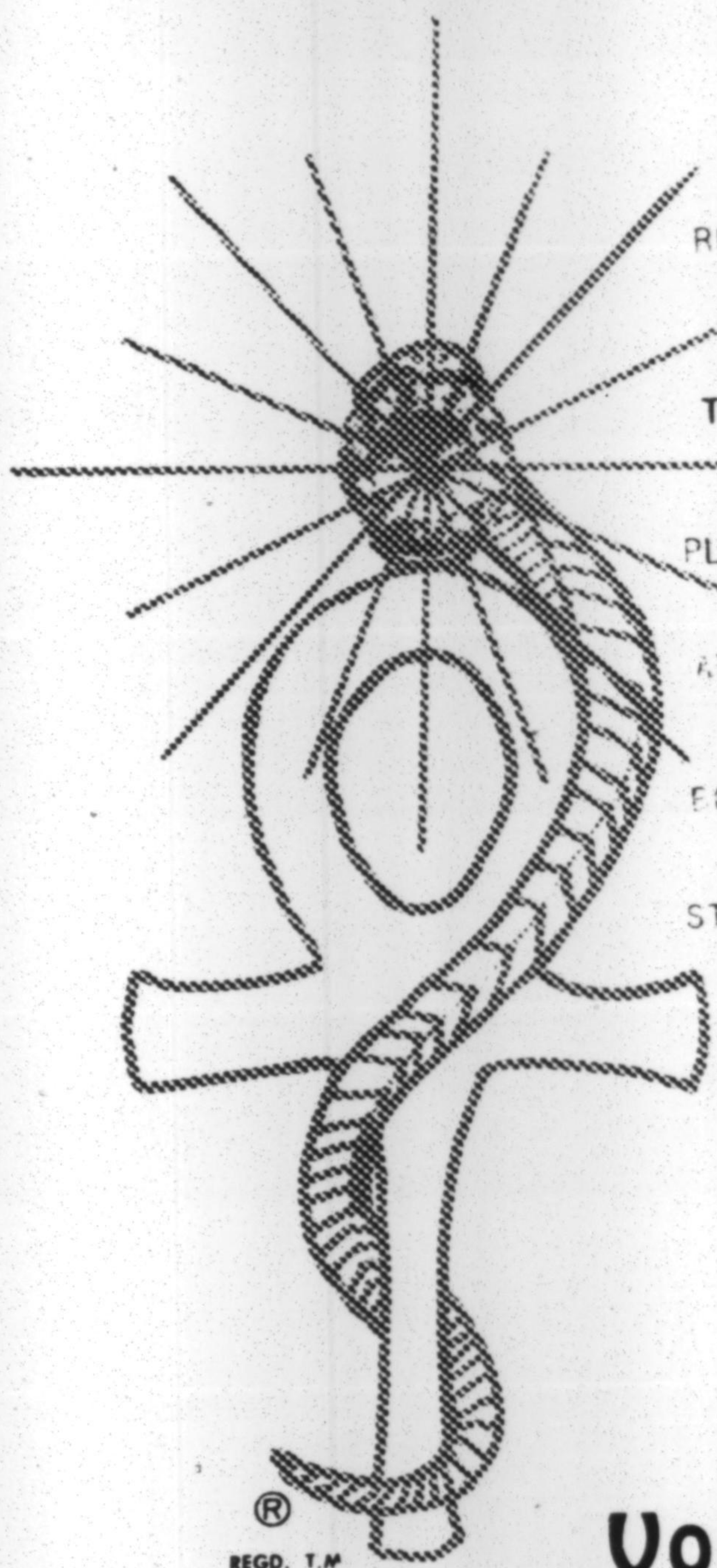


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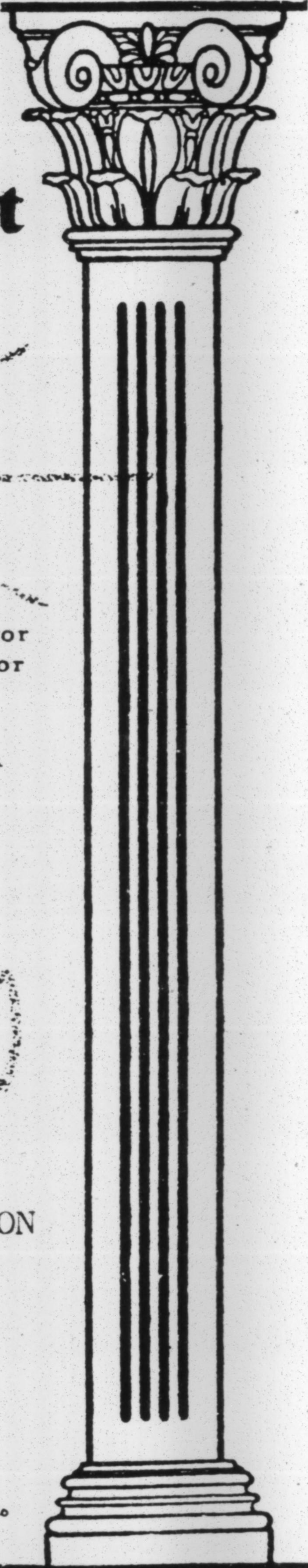

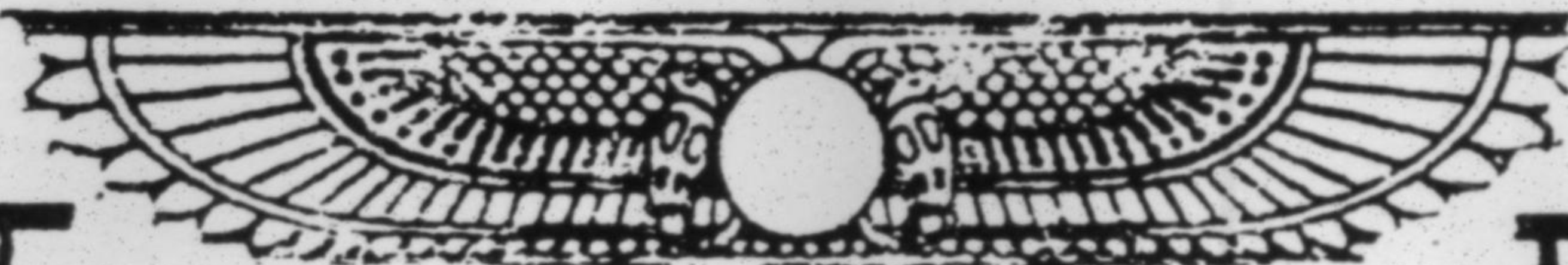
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The TEMPLE OF TRUTH is unique in several respects when compared to other Magickal and quasi-Magickal organizations presently operating in the United States.

First, and most important, the T.:O.:T.: has no rank structure. This means that there is no competition for recognition, no Ego-involvement, and no snubbing of 'inferior grades' by those in 'superior' positions, and all the ramifications arising therefrom.

This intentional lack of structure is extended to the training programme of the Lodge, in that the student is not forced or required to study any given subject at any particular time. Un-like the A.:A.: of the Crowleyian period, the student isn't forced to study what the instructor is interested in, but rather the student studies what the student is interested in, and the instructor merely assists the student in discovering for himself those magickal truths and revelations pertaining to that particular student.

For the same reason, the T.:O.:T.: issues no pretentious, self-gratifying certificates. Since each student is following his own path and course of study, there is no way a grade structure could be ranked, as each student's path is somewhat different from all of the others.

Of course, the instructors attempt to present information in such a manner that the student achieves a well rounded education in the Occult, however this is in an advisory capacity. There is no coercion involved.

This advisory service is available free of charge to non-member students as well, provided they manage to arrive at the Magick Circle location during our business hours.

As there presently is about a 2 year waiting list for membership in the T.:O.:T.:, the non-member advisory service is about the only course of instruction available to the public and would-be members.

We advise all persons interested in joining the T.:O.:T.:, to proceed with their studies, with or without our assistance, as unlike other organizations, previous training and ability will not bar you from membership in the T.:O.:T.:.

Perhaps the second largest difference between the T.:O.:T.: and the other organizations, is that we encourage students who have achieved a certain basic understanding of Magick, to practice Magick in their own Temples and in their own lives.

Third, we use Magick daily to help others, both members and non-members. Again, unlike most other organizations, we actually use Magick, every day to benefit others, not just ourselves. In this respect, the T.:O.:T.: is highly unique, in that we do more Magick in a week than most others do in a year.

Fourth, we do not require our students and/or members to refrain from joining or participating in Magickal activities of other organizations. The student is FREE to do as he or she wishes.

This Libertarian concept applies to our representations of ourselves as well. We are not trying to fool anybody, or impress the gullible with our mystical masterhood or spookey powers. We put up no false fronts, we stage no extravaganzas, we place no mysterious advertisements and write no pompous articles for other publications. We do not perform like trained seals, for any alleged broadcaster, film-maker or author who happens by.

We are here, with an open door, six days a week. The truly motivated student or seaker will find us with little difficulty. We likewise do not hide behind a cloak of 'secrecy' or exclusiveness to camouflage our activities, because we have nothing to hide. True, our membership is 'secret' in that we don't publish or reveal our member's names, addresses or photographs.

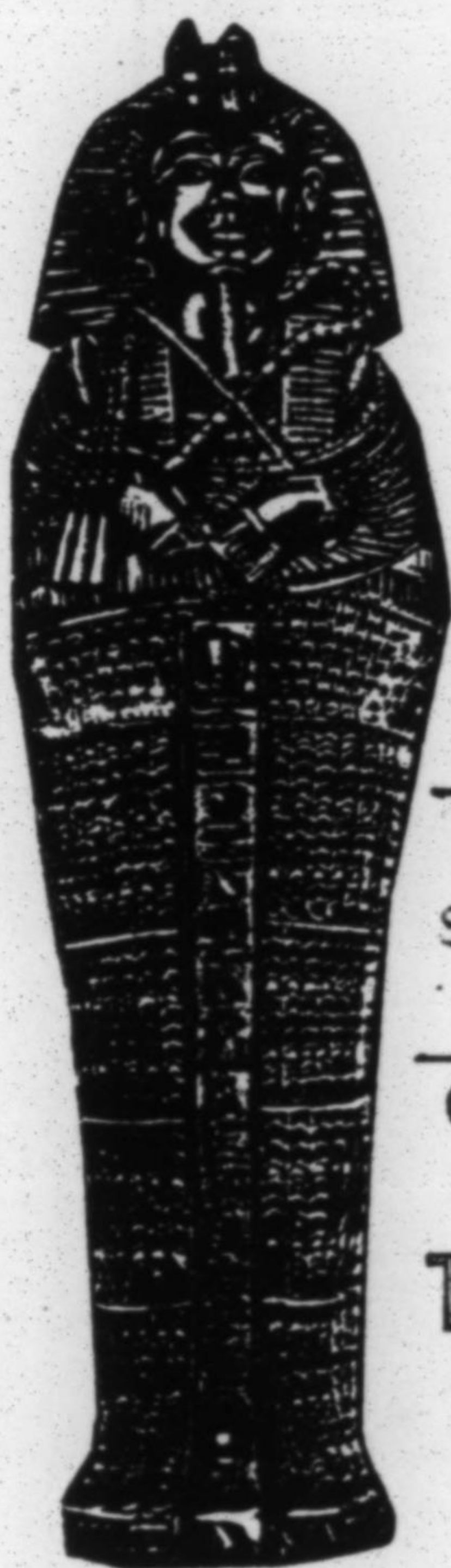
In like manner, we conduct no mail-order lessons, and we do require our students to come to us in person, one of the very few requirements that we do have. Another one of our very few requirements is that persons writing for information include a stamped, self addressed envelope (or 2 I.R.C.'s) if they expect a reply.

In addition, we do not keep our 'Magickal Goodies' to ourselves. We regularly publish in depth reports and papers written by both students and Staff.

We likewise abjure all claims to 'Secret Masters' and variations thereof, in keeping with our commitment to openness and Truth. We are not 'Empire Building', we are not particularly interested in large numbers of recruits, and we make no attempt to claim that ours is the only way to enlightenment. We also accept no book as dogma and consequently are non-Thelemic, although we do recognise and acknowledge the great contributions to Magick made by Alister Crowley.

Furthermore, we take no part in the political quarrels that some Occult organizations engage in with some regularity. Likewise we will tolerate not the slightest mis-statement concerning ourselves, our organization and our practices. We respond with TRUTH, about ourselves, and if sufficiently provoked, truth about whomever has attacked us. This is only fair and just.

We mimic no-one, we defraud no-one, we entice no-one. We adhere to very high standards of TRUTH, HONESTY and JUSTICE, and expect to be treated in like manner, and therefore are active in Occultists Rights work. We are a Responsible, Legal, open and above-board Genuine Magickal organization. If this interests you, we welcome you.



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Late reports from the O.:A.:O.: inform us that they have been able to duplicate the experiment leading to the development of the Hydromancy system of divination. Work is continuing.

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The following test is to determine if you have the necessary qualifications to form and run an Occult Organization.

1. Are you Psychic? Really? All the Time?
2. Have you ever been known to make a mistake, no matter how small?
3. Are you good at putting people on?
4. Are you under 5'2" in height?
5. Do you smoke, drink or use drugs?
6. Are you single? Hard up? If married, is spouse a "swinger"?
7. Do you have the use of a car? (It doesn't have to be your own.)
8. Are you at least fairly good at drawing up posters and so forth?
9. Sexy posters?
10. Have you some wierd costume you can meet people in?
11. Do you wear it on the streets too?
12. Are you un-employed all or most of the time?
13. Are you broke most of the time? Owe money everywhere?
14. Have you the use of a friend's house or apartment to hold your first few meetings in?
15. Will your friend provide the wine and cookies?
16. Will your friend help you conduct your meetings, help collect the "free will" donations and help bounce any troublemakers?
17. Do you or your friend live within a couple of miles of a University or College (preferably co-ed.)?
18. Are you (or spouse) bi-sexual?
19. Are you wanted by the Police anywhere? Howabout the Feds?
20. Does your friend want to help you start your own organization?
21. Does your friend have money (several thou) that you think you can get your hands on?

Scoring: Every "yes" is 1 point, except for #2, where a 'no' is worth 10 points.

20 - 35 points: What are you waiting for? Get started right away.

15 - 20 points: If you started your own organization, it might not be a big success. Find some other one to join and take it over from the inside.

10 - 15 points: You probably qualify, but maybe you should wait a bit, or even get a job. (Ugh!)

0 - 10 points: Sorry, you haven't got what it takes.

36 points and up: No good, try again. This time don't cheat.

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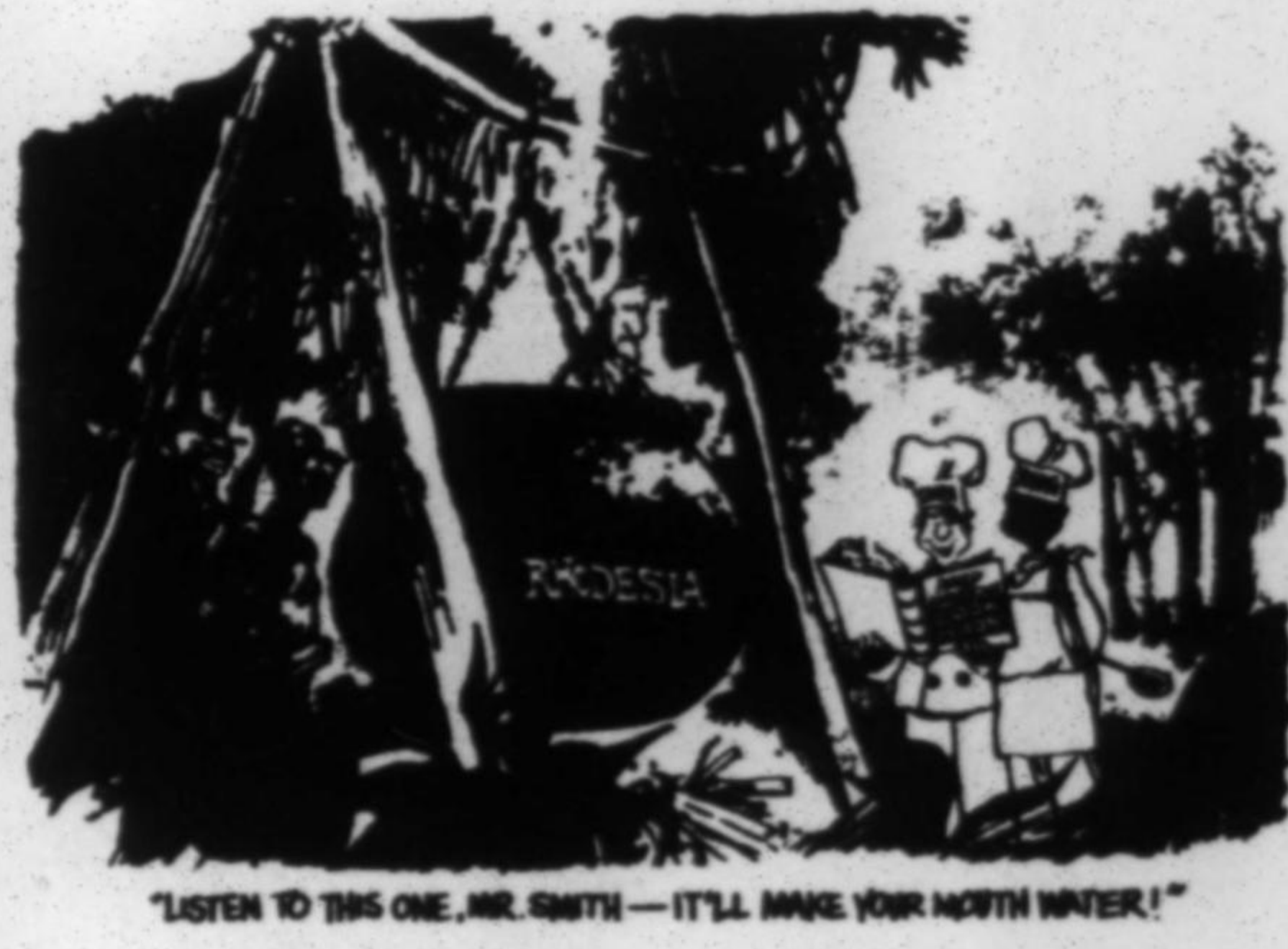
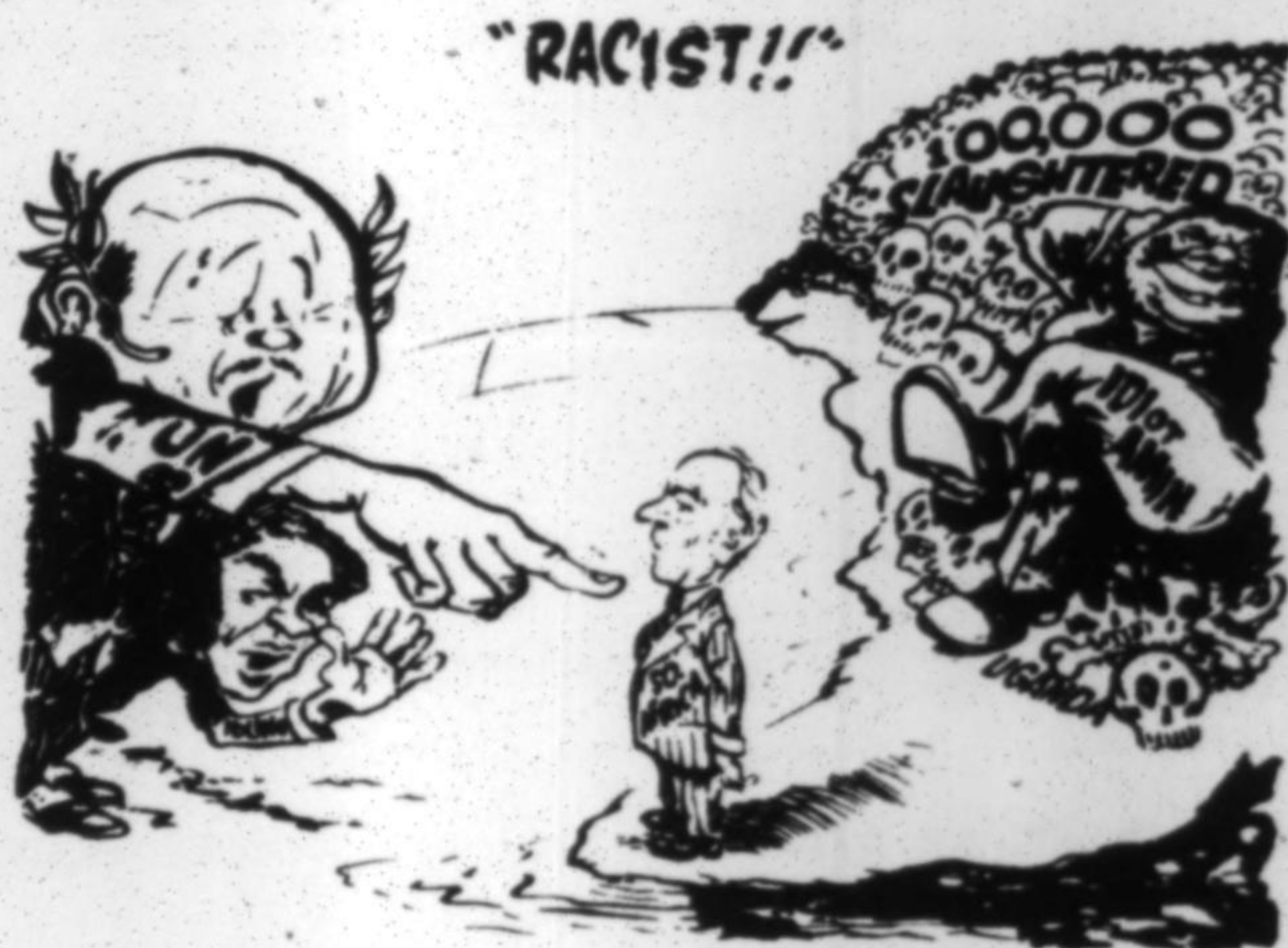
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 Moves on; nor all your Piety nor Wit
 Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
 Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it.

The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam

DOUBLE-THINK DEPT.

Though each of the major U.S. black groups has come down hard against the regimes of Ian Smith of Rhodesia and John Vorster of South Africa, not one has taken an official position on Idi Amin's government. The NAACP, the SCLC, the Urban League, even the Congressional Black Caucus plead insufficient firsthand knowledge of conditions in Uganda to warrant their coming out against him.

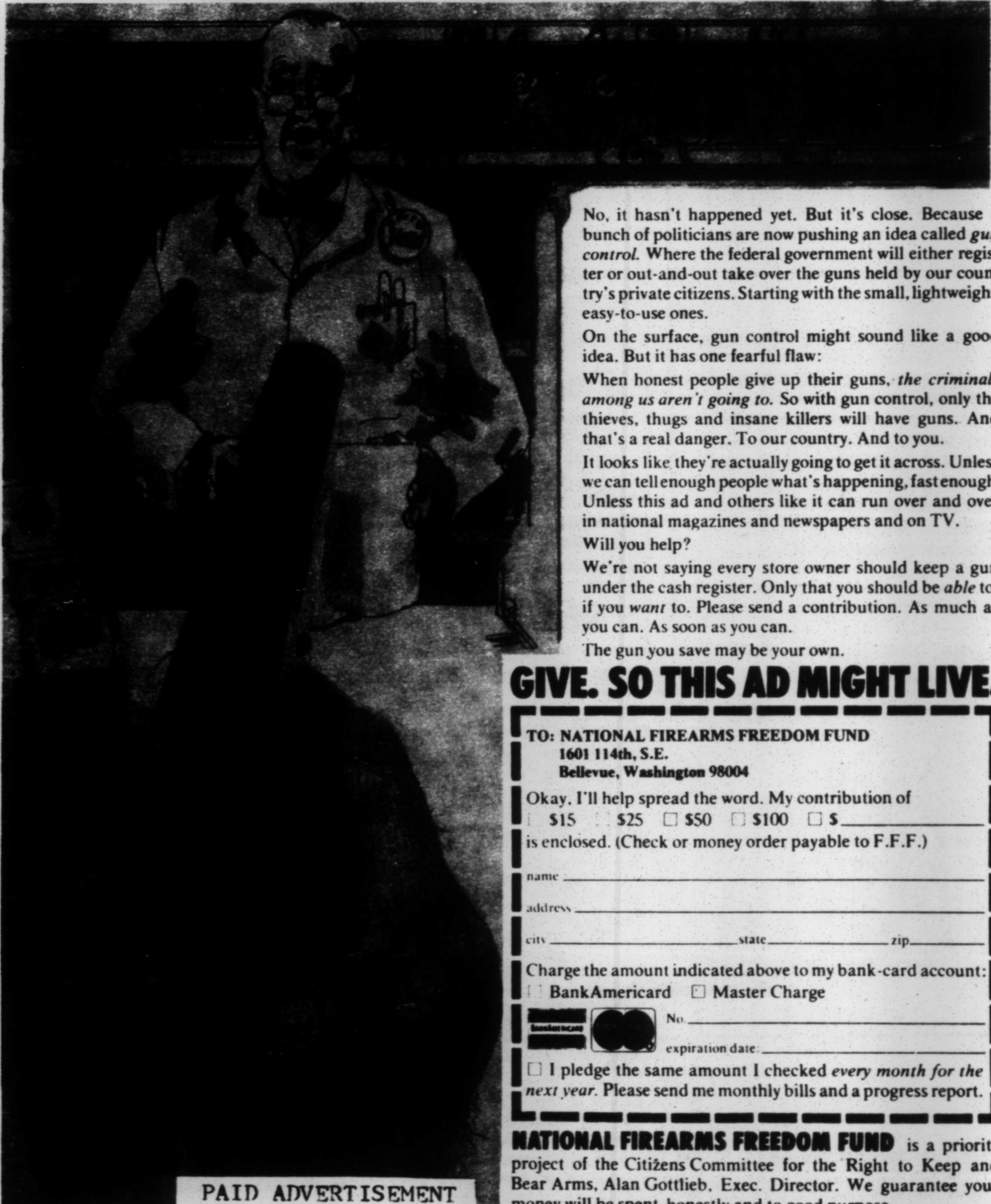
(We never really expected that they would.)



THIS IS JUSTICE?

- Richard Speck methodically kills eight nurses in Chicago. Courts award him various "rights" and Speck becomes eligible for parole in about five years. (Leftist Jessica Mitford comments that she would rather let Speck out of jail than "maintain the whole huge irrational prison system just to confine him. After all, he probably wouldn't do it again.")
- Judge frees couple caught hiding heroin in the diapers of their nine-month-old baby. A baby has the same rights as anyone else, rules the judge; therefore, forcible search of her diapers without the approval of baby or parents was unconstitutional.
- In Washington, D.C., a 17-year-old thug voluntarily confesses to raping a 19-year-old coed. She corroborates this. The rapist goes free - thanks to two "rights" accorded him in Washington.
- In St. Louis, 91% of the confessed drug pushers in county court, 1972, were released. Of 20,726 arrested for serious narcotics violations in New York City, only 418 went to state prison.
- In Philadelphia, two young sadists invade the apartment of an 84-year-old woman for four days, beat, rape, torture and rob her. They are released on probation because first offenders under twelve, whatever the offense, cannot be locked up.
- Three teenage girls, robbed at gunpoint, identify their assailants. The robbers file civil suit against their victims. Prosecuting attorney says he has no authority to defend them.
- Judge orders warden to make two books available to burglar in prison. One deals with how to make a bomb; the other tells how to pick locks.

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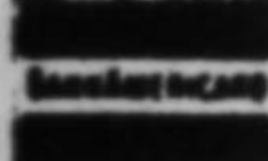

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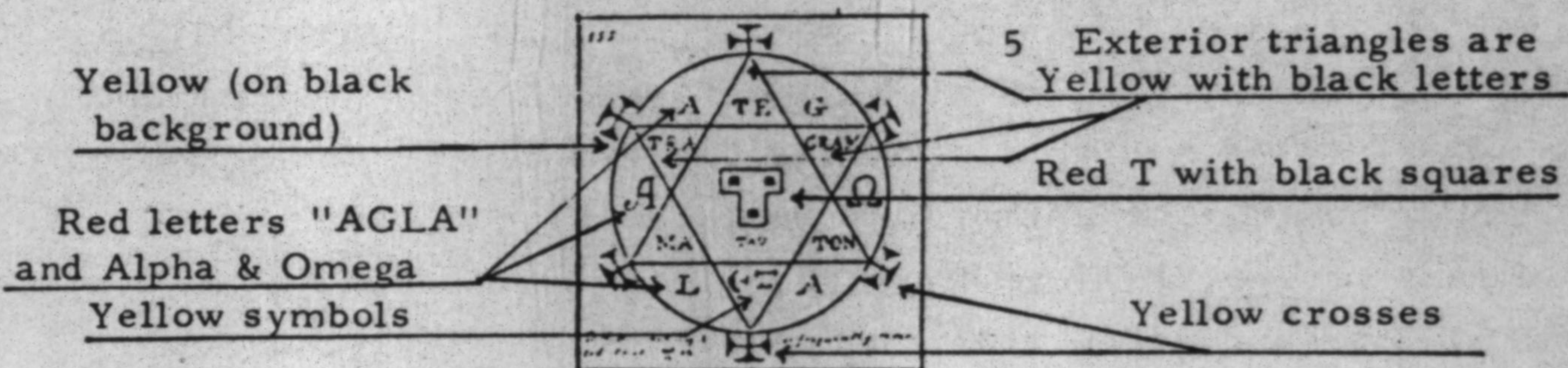
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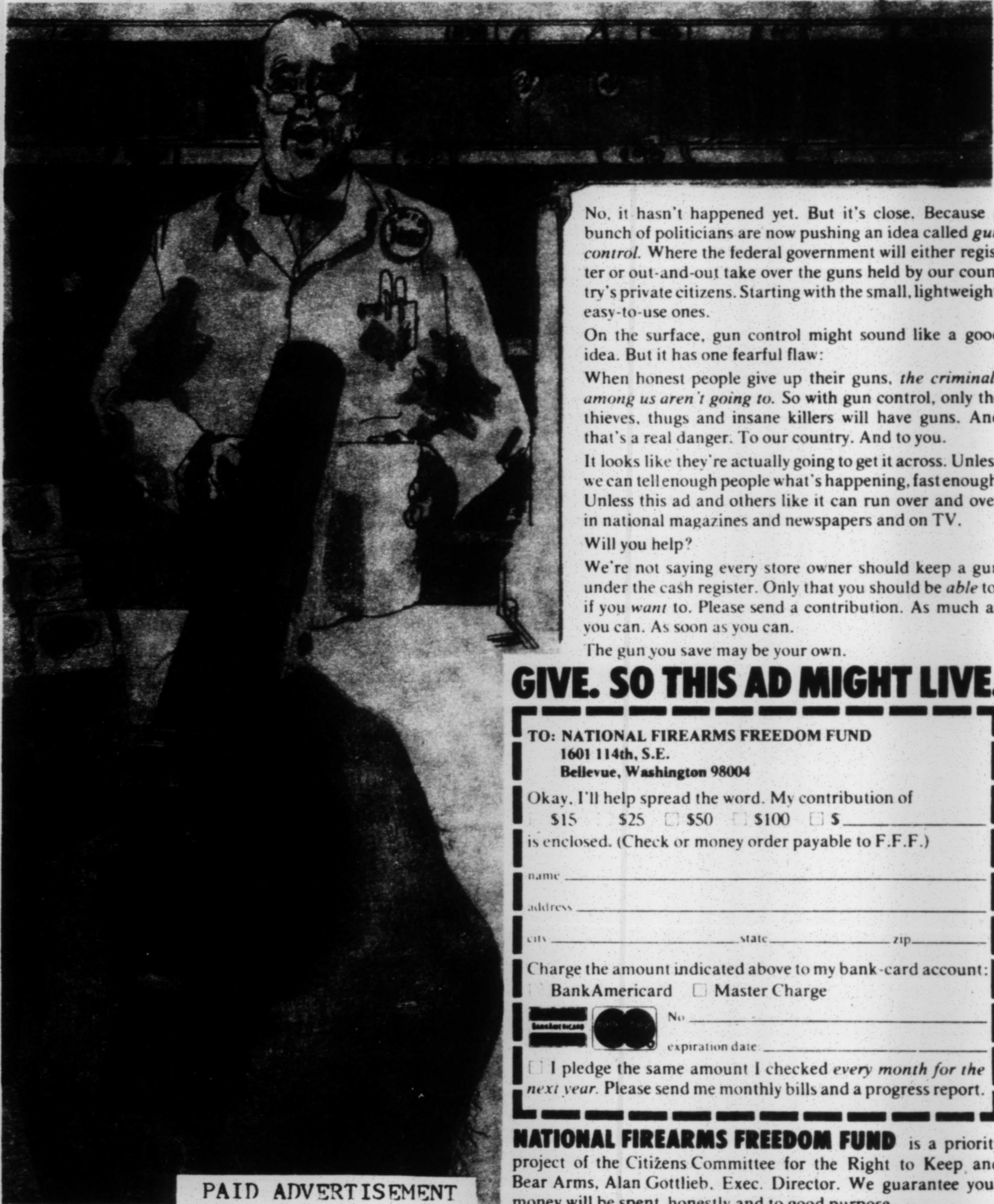
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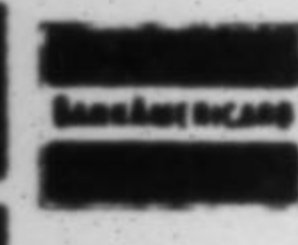
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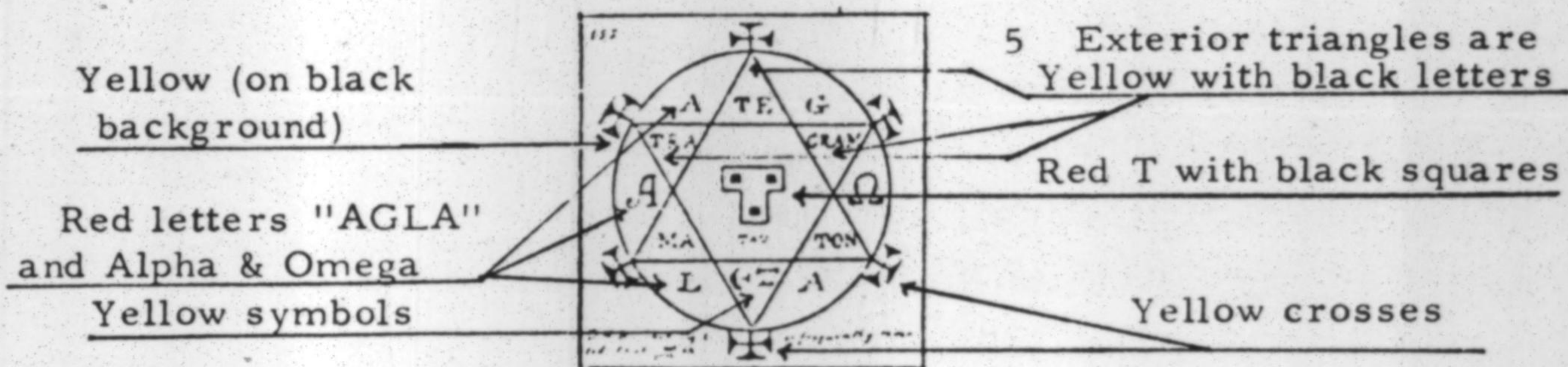
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and let it go at that. That which a person can not understand, that person will fear. Fear is the danger. Likewise with the Magickal Elite (or any other Elite for that matter), the Elite MUST judge the rest of Mankind, even pre-judge, if for no other reason (and there are others) that the mass of ignorant, superstitious humanity does have the power to destroy you and your work. Regardless of whether or not that person at some point in time, may become aware of his "true will", the Adept must not allow the possibility of the other persons potential adepthood to interfere with the Adepts' course of action. Brutal, callous you say? You bet it is, because that is the way the World is.

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I also do not agree that the most important Magickal tool or weapon is the ring. The statement that the ring replaces any and all other Magickal paraphernalia, is ABSOLUTE HOGWASH for a student. A High Adept can get away with things like that, but for a student to try it, is sheer folly. The student needs the symbolism that the equipment represents. The authors' comments about the properties of the ring, would hold true for any Magickal device or talisman. Personally, I think that the most basic tool or weapon is the Pentagram, but this might vary, according to what system you are working.

The drawings of the elemental weapons are good, however their Wand could stand some improvement, and they have reversed the materials for Wand and Cup. The Cup could be made from copper, and the Wand of glass (or crystal) if you wanted to (but not the other way around). I prefer a Wand of Iron or Steel, or at least iron points. The color illustration in Vol.III facing Page 35 is up side down, and the one facing page 179 showing the Magician between the Pillars (if the Magician is facing East--which would be conventional) has the Pillars reversed; the Black Pillar should be North, and the White Pillar South.

Although the authors mention Jung, they ignore his large and vital contribution to Gnostic and Magickal thought. They poo-poo him as "not being a Magician". Frankly, neither are the authors, so there!

The statement concerning the necessity for good health in Magickal work is well done and quite correct, and could be expanded a bit.

The further I progressed into these three volumes, the more my doubts concerning the stated purpose and origins grew. The authors describe a Magickal curriculum, rather than give a Magickal curriculum. They do give quite a bit of poetry,

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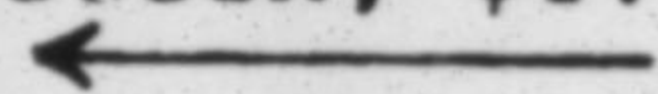
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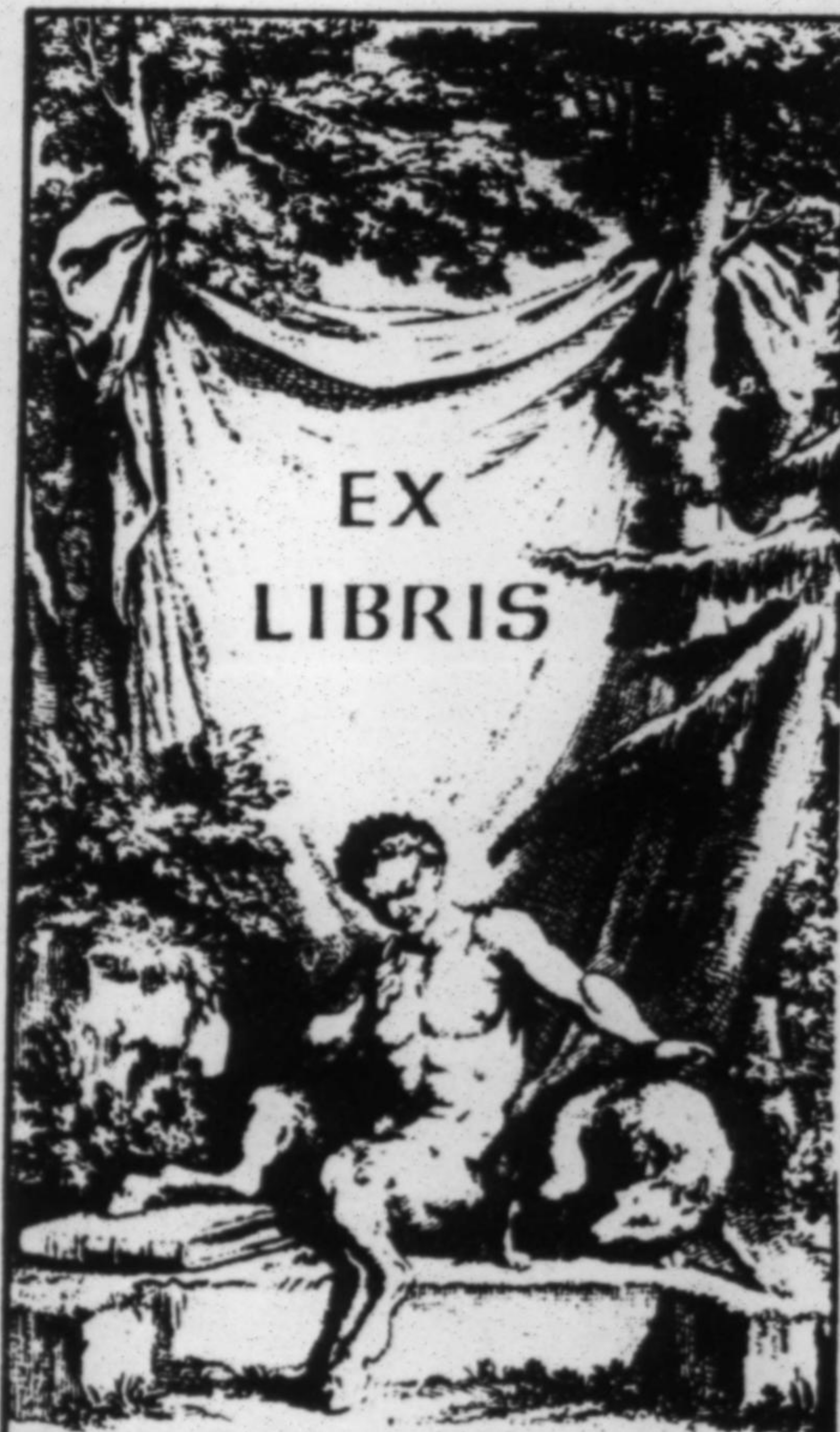


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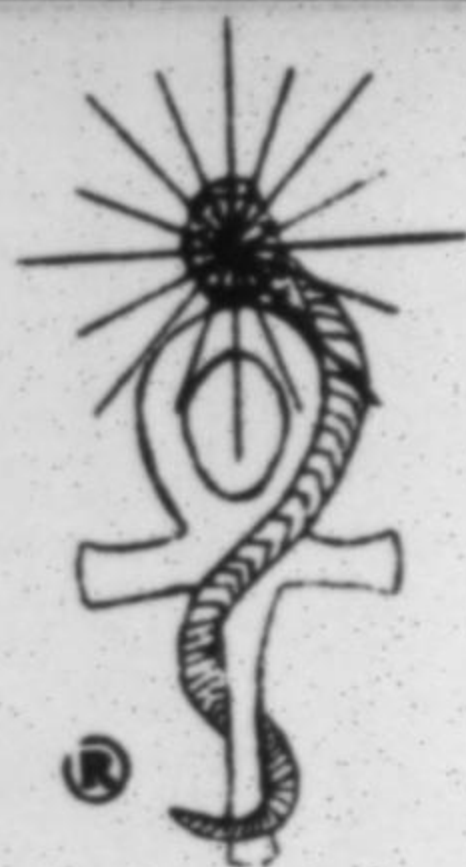
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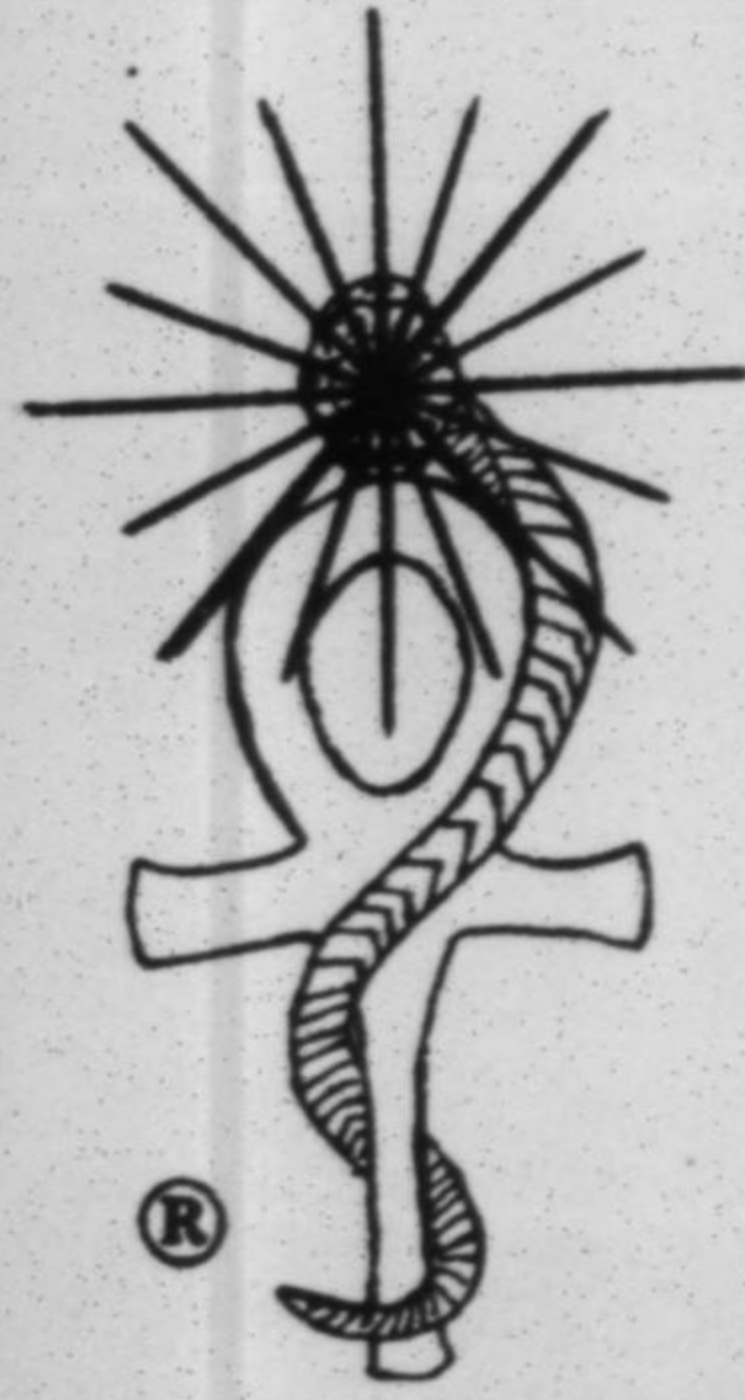


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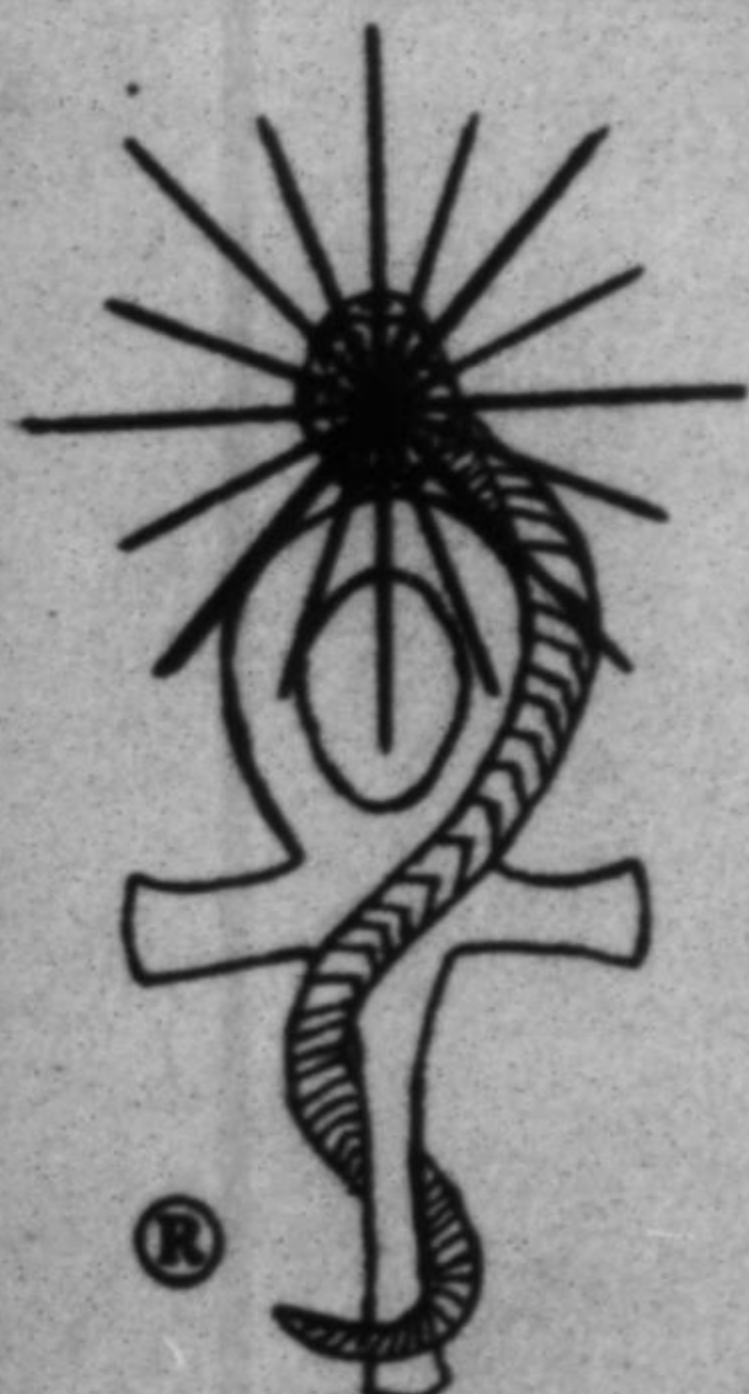
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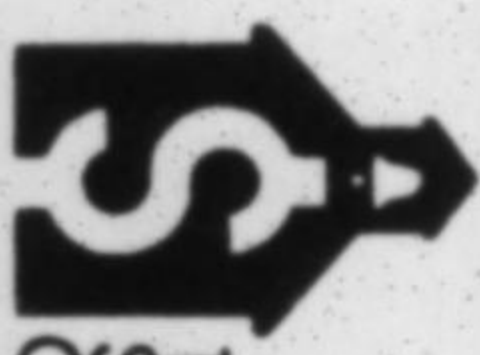
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