

Kalabányi, Rev. Stephen

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K. is pastor of  
So. Bend, Ind.  
Hungarian  
Presbyterian  
Church. His home  
town is Bridge-  
port, Conn., where  
he was arrested in  
the late 20's for  
inflicting 14 wounds  
with a knife on his  
own father

See: Bridgeport, Conn  
papers of that date  
and "Szabadság",  
Hungarian daily, in  
Cleveland, O.

## Hate Guides President, Pastor Says

Asserting that he thanked God that there is "no tuning of the pulpit" in the United States, Rev. Stephen Kalabany, of Hungarian Presbyterian church, charged that Americans are being "progressively paganized" and that "our government is fast becoming immoral," in an address at a Lions club luncheon today in the Hotel Hoffmann.

He declared that he had the greatest admiration for the men who refuse to bear arms and charged that young men at military barracks "are being conditioned to murder because there is a low tide in our moral ideals." He charged that "our president's guiding motive is intense hate, revenge and not Christian love."

Rev. Mr. Kalabany said that "if our president throws an unwilling nation into his war, then all the Armistice day celebrations have been merely cheap burlesque shows and all the 'lest we forget' memorials, monuments' must be removed and destroyed.

"The minister's traditional duty of speaking forth bravely, courageously in spite of dungeon, fire and sword is made most urgent by the grave condition into which we have been led by the blood-thirsty interventionists," he declared.

He said there cannot be a dispassionate spectator on the world's events and said that "each one must choose and cheer for one side or the other." He said American clergymen are divided now as they were in the days of the war of rebellion when some fought for freedom and others strove to hold the ties to England.

"If the great majority of American clergymen will sincerely believe that now it is their sacred duty to temper and condition America to hate war and love peace, if they will protest against all the evil forces, their objections will save the day for Christianity and for democracy in America," he concluded.