Recall of U. S. Consul
In Einstein Case Asked

‘America Humiliated,’ Meeting
At Mrs. Gerard Slope’s Holds

Demand for the recall of George S. Messersmith, American Consul General at Berlin, “because of his ignorance” in the treatment of Professor Albert Einstein, his application for a visa, was made yesterday by a group of women at a luncheon and meeting at the home of Mrs. Gerard Slope, 1040 Park Avenue.

Most of the guests were members of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, of which Mrs. Slope is local chairman, but their resolution of protest was adopted not as league members but as American citizens. The resolution, introduced by Miss Katherine D. Blake, follows:

“Resolved, That we protest, in the name of the intelligent people of America, against the action of the State Department in forwarding to the consulate in Berlin the absurd document of a so-called patriotic society objecting to the admission of Professor Albert Einstein as a Consul General.

“Resolved, That Mr. George S. Messersmith, Consul General at Berlin, on his treatment of the distinguished scientist, has humiliated America and made it a laughing stock second only to the Slopes trial in Tennessee, and we ask that he be at once recalled because of his ignorance. Every intelligent person in the world knows that no scientist, has humiliated America and made it a laughing stock second only to the Slopes trial in Tennessee, and we ask that he be at once recalled because of his ignorance. Every intelligent person in the world knows that no scientist, communistic and pacific, differ fundamentally. Communists believe in violence as a political weapon, while pacifists believe that the use of force is always a mistake.

“Resolved, That we are opposed to the exclusion of any individual because of political or religious convictions.”

Among those present at the luncheon were Mrs. Lionel Truog, Herbert Miller and Mrs. Henry Re-}

Einstein Waives
Consul’s ‘Joke,’
Sails Saturday

Laughs Off ‘Inquisition’ as a Schoolboy Prank and Accepts Visa to the U. S.

Americans Cable Cheer
Patriot Protest Prejudiced,
Liberties Union Declares

By The United Press
CAPUTH, Germany, Dec. 6.—Professor Albert Einstein, whose mind wrestles with problems far beyond the ken of most of his fellow humans, received his visa to enter the United States today after he had threatened to get off his projected visit because he had been questioned about his political beliefs.

The world’s most famous physicist, indignant yesterday when an American consular officer sought his views on communism, rallied his sense of humor today and let the whole matter pass as a joke. He actually, Frau Einstein said, thought for a white that George S. Messersmith, American Consul General at Berlin, was playing a sort of prank when he began piling on the professor with “schoolboy” questions.

Einstein was subjected to questioning after the Woman Patriot Corporation in the United States had demanded that the State Department refuse to grant him the visa which he had been asked about his political beliefs.

Einstein had to do all the packing.—you schoolchild, patiently answering all questions. It took more than an hour, and finally my husband, weary of the inquisition, asked Mr. Messersmith: ‘I only wonder whether you are doing this on some supreme authority or for your own amusement?’

Later at home he told me we would wait until 11 o’clock this morning and after that, if the visa had not been granted, he would cable California that our trip was definitely canceled.

‘I had to do all the packing—you know what that is!—and it was impossible to get things done if they waited until Thursday or Friday before knowing whether we would be permitted to go.’

Liberties Union Makes Inquiries

The American Civil Liberties Union, 100 Firth Avenue, announced last night that its “director” Roger N. Baldwin, had written a letter yesterday to Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State, concerning the Einstein case, which read in part as follows:

‘We do not question the department’s right or duty to forward pertinent information to consuls abroad concerning any prospective visitor. We do, however, question the obvious lack of common sense shown in forwarding a communication from such a prejudiced source (referring to the Woman Patriot Corporation) concerning a distinguished foreign visitor whose record and activities are so well known throughout the world.

‘May we ask whether it is the practice of the department to forward com-
The Lady and the Doctor

Now that the great Einstein crisis has been happily averted, the visa granted and Princeton made safe for mathematics, one may look back upon the dreadful episode with relative calm. So viewed, it is difficult to say which is its more instructive feature—the revelation that we possess a group of ladies so charmingly humorless as to call themselves (actually) the Woman Patriot Corporation, or the discovery that even great mathematicians can be just about as silly as ordinary mortals. Perhaps we all ought to be humiliated into speechlessness, as Dr. Butler says he was, at the mere thought of the great Professor Einstein being asked routine questions by a consul. But somehow it is difficult to work up quite so much humiliation as that. After all, who has not been asked all sorts of irritating and impertinent questions by other people's consular officials; who has not felt the impulse to say, “Well, if your damned old country is so particular I'll just stay at home and serve you right”; and who (except Professor Einstein) has not been restrained by the thought of how childish it would sound? Now that it has actually been said, we all of us see that we were right: it does sound just as childish as we thought it would.

Of course, American immigration and passport formalities are quite as annoying and often as absurd in operation as those of other nations; of course, it would have been a calamity if Dr. Einstein had allowed himself to get into such a huff about it as to cut us off from the light of his countenance. Still, we probably could have stood it. What one would not like to have missed is the discovery of the Woman Patriot Corporation. The more one ponders that title, the more one savors its nuances of significance, the more wondrous does it become. That nice balance between the ideal and the practical, that impressive suggestion of hearth, home and business stability all in three golden words—no, it is unbeatable. A nation which can produce a Woman Patriot Corporation will never go under, not even before German mathematicians.