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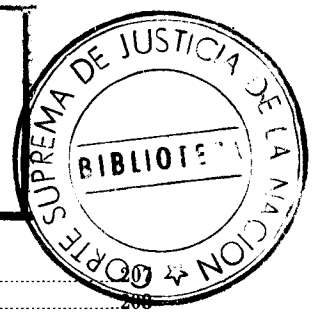
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Basis of Civilization Itself

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“YOU STAND here convicted of seeking to corrupt the administration of justice. You stand here convicted of having tampered really with the very soul of this nation. You stand here convicted of having struck at the very foundation upon which everything else in this nation depends, the very basis of civilization itself, and that is the administration of justice, because without a fair, proper and lawful administration of justice nothing else would be possible in this country. If a conviction of such an offense were to go unpunished and this type of conduct and this type of offense permitted to pass without action by the court, it would surely destroy this country more quickly and more surely than any combination of any foreign foes that we could possibly have.”

Strong words, these—spoken by U.S. District Judge Frank Wilson in Chattanooga, Tenn., as he pronounced sentence upon James R. Hoffa at the end of his trial on charges of attempted jury bribery. Were his words too strong? Is it actually possible that corruption of the administration of justice could destroy America?

If you think not, listen to Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, chancellor of Austria during the troubled years preceding that country's annexation by Hitler's Germany. Addressing the American Judicature Society at its 1950 annual meeting, Dr. Schuschnigg described how corruption of the administration

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