

1 concept, that the United States Constitution, Article VI,
2 prescribes that affirmation shall be used in the presenta-
3 tion oath. It historically was used for the benefit of
4 those people who actually believed in the Divinity and the
5 theastic concept of philosophy, but who did not choose
6 to take an oath because of religious qualms of conscience
7 about swearing but actually believed in the Divinity, and
8 therefore it was approved and put into the Constitution of
9 the United States. However, it has continued under the
10 same concept and would be acknowledged even though and
11 to reply to your answer as to whether or not there was
12 actually a belief in Divinity, would be substituted for and
13 would be considered as a part of the oath, without the
14 belief in a Divine Being.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further questions? Delegate
16 Henderson?

17 DELEGATE HENDERSON: Along that same line, it
18 is my understanding that the affirmation was substituted
19 for the oath, not for the benefit of the non-believer, but
20 those who were so conscientiously scrupulous that they
21 declined, or they thought it was wrong to mention the name