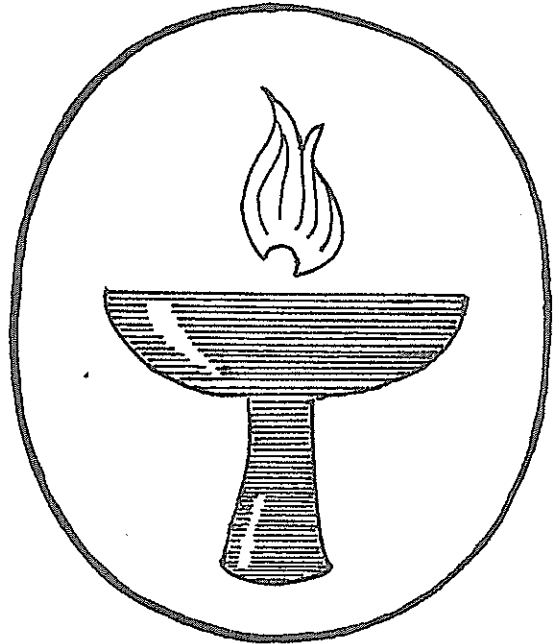



DID YOU KNOW



that the
FLAMING CHALICE

is a SYMBOL for our
Unitarian Universalist
religion ? ?

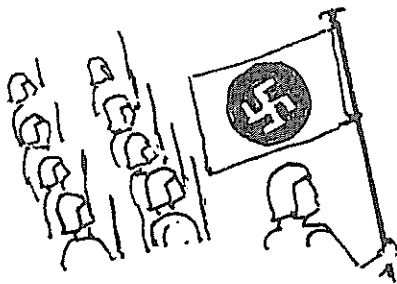


A symbol stands for another thing....

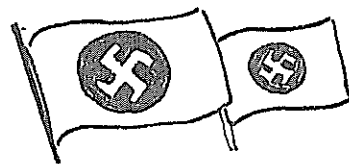
a dove  is a symbol for peace..

a flag   stands for a country.

The UU symbol was designed during World War II by a refugee—a man who had to flee from his home in Austria to escape the Nazis.



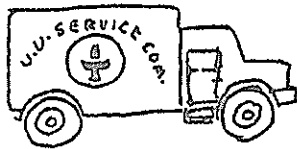
His name was Hans Deutsch. In Austria, he had been an artist and a musician, but he had to leave everything behind when he fled for his life to France. Then, the Nazis invaded France! Again, he escaped, this time to safety in Portugal.



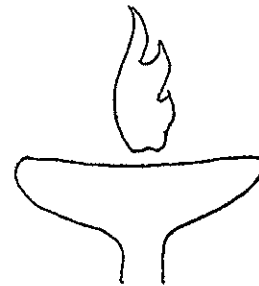
In Portugal, he and hundreds of other homeless war refugees were given food, medicine and clothing by the Unitarian Service Committee. It had been started by a group of Unitarians in the United States who said, "Our religion teaches us to *care* when other people suffer, and to work to stop cruelty and unfairness—so let's not just *talk* about the refugees, let's *do* something for them! And let's give the help to anyone who needs it, no matter what country they come from, or what their religion or race may be."



Hans Deutsch was so grateful to the Unitarian Service Committee, that he stayed on to work with them. They had a problem. They needed some kind of symbol that would stand for the Unitarian Service Committee—a symbol they could put on their buildings, trucks, and crates of supplies. Then, people who did not know English could instantly recognize the symbol and know where to get help.



Hans Deutsch designed a flaming chalice symbol. A chalice is a special goblet, a symbol of wisdom to the ancient Greeks. To UU's, the flame stands for the warmth of *love*. It also stands for the light of *truth*, the *freedom* for each of us to search for what is true and right in life.



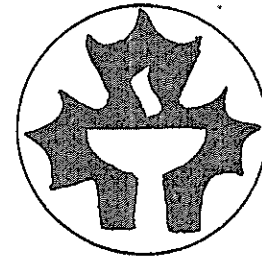
In time, the Unitarian Service Committee became the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee), and it is still helping people—not just war refugees—all over the world.



Today most UU's use the flaming chalice as their symbol. They design it in different ways. Here are some examples:



Canadian UU's combine a maple leaf with the flaming chalice:



The UUSC chalice looks like this:

