

# Have The Churches of America Any Influence?

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In this period of unemployment and distress, has the organized church any message, or any mission? If so has it any influence? Or is it to stand aloof, preaching of another world and forgetting that the Kingdom of Heaven begins on this earth?

### SERIOUS CRITICISM

There are many particularly among the dissatisfied workers, who are saying that the church is in harmony with the views of those who put up the money to build great cathedrals and support its institutions and has failed to show that it is dominated by the spirit of the Nazarene Carpenter. This feeling is so widespread in the ranks of the toilers that many absent themselves from church services. "They tell us not to be concerned about this world," say these workers, "but to let our thoughts be on making sure our calling to the heavenly life when death claims us, as if hunger does not gnaw so strong here we must preface dwell upon caring for the physical comforts of our families. That is all very well for the prosperous who richly dressed, filled carved pews. Christ rebuked those who said, "Be ye warmed and filled," and gave nothing to bring comfort and food. That is what the church is doing and saying today. It the church acquiesces in or upholds a system that makes life here a hell, how can it make us believe it has a heaven for us in the next world?" The indictment thus voiced is more widespread than those living on Easy Street suppose. What is the answer of the church?

### SEEING THEIR DUTY

Undoubtedly organized religious bodies—Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew—have stood too much for the status quo. The Church has accepted it without examination of its defects and injustices. Every state church at points in its history has been subordinated to political power. It is also true that most strong churches have sought and obtained the favor of those who occupy the seats of the mighty. From Constantine to Hoover rulers have leaned upon church support, and the church has lost power with the many by seeming to court the aid of those in influential stations. They too often love to parade the membership or approval of the great and sometimes condone their sins and acquiesce in practices which do not square with the teachings and practice of Christ. But, confessing their sins of omission in normal periods it is very clear that church leaders today are seeing that they owe a duty in this troublous day and dare seeking to measure up to it. At least their official utterances recognize a duty as to things in this world as well as in the next and official utterances usually are preceded by the spirit that has touched the church.

### WHAT CATHOLICS SAY

The Pope voices the view of the Catholic world. In his papal utterance he stands against communism as the enemy of the church; for the rights of private property; including the element of property "use," meaning that no man's right to ownership can create "intolerable burdens for others;" that the principles which should guide the government are increasing the amount of property owned by workers, by high wages and the social management of industry, and curbing the immense power and despotic economic domination concentrated in the hands of the few; and cooperation between nations in the interest of peace and social justice. All these declarations look to action by government and would necessitate a radical change from present laws and policies. But how much influence has the Catholic church in making better conditions? Judging by recent years, very little. The above declaration if it had any effect upon governmental action would help to end trust domination.

### THE EPISCOPALIANS SPEAK

The most conservative of all the protestant churches, and the last to speak out about matters in the domain of politics, is the Episcopal church. At its convention in Denver last week, the bishops in their pastoral letter said the word "Confession" described present conditions. The bishops declared that relief offering is not enough, but that it "the present duty of society to see that such crisis does not occur again". They demand that industry must "insure continuity of employment and provide security of income to the workers of the nation," and declared that "the profit-seeking motive must give way that of service." These declarations read strangely like the resolu-

tions of the American Federation of Labor. Ten years ago they would have been regarded as "radical and dangerous" in financial circles. But what influence has this church, or all the churches, in making a better world, speaking in terms of government? Next to nothing. In Europe and America the laws are made and executed mainly to enrich the few at the church thunders against the profit-expense of the many, and though seeking and for better plans, nothing mightily except to give money to feed the hungry—made hungry by "profit-seeking" monopolies.

### THE FEDERAL CHURCHES

These declarations of these two mighty churches, with such little influence for justice and peace, are in line, but not so strong for industrial democracy and world organization. Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

For ten years and more the Christian churches of America, backed by the American Federation of Labor, the American Bar Association and a

score of big organizations, have stood for the World Court and the League of Nations as ways to improve international conditions. And yet they have so little influence that the League of Nations treaty has been put in a morgue in Washington and the World Court is in cold storage. There will be no international harmony and no world restoration until the United States enters the World Court, and no substitute for war until America takes the vacant chair at Geneva.

### MORE THAN RESOLVE

The religious forces of America must do more than resolve if economic distress is ended by juster methickings and war. They have been resolved since Armistice Day. They must vote as they pray if their wise resolutions are put into effect.

Have the churches any influence for better laws and economic justice?

### LITTLE BABY STARVES

Columbia City, Ind.—When a physician gave starvation as the cause of the death of a 13-months old baby, investigation showed that the family of five had eaten only one loaf of bread as food in a week. Another child was discovered ill from malnutrition.

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While crop rotation will modify to some extent the time for applying limestone to soils, usually best results are secured when this material is applied in the fall or early winter on plowed lands.

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Mr. Williams says the crops that usually will respond to liming and receive the greatest benefits are red, crimson and alsike clovers, alfalfa, lespedeza, cowpeas, soybeans and hairy vetch. The yields of cotton, corn and small grains will also be materially increased by the use of the lime when these crops are grown in rotations

where suitable legumes are included. If part of these legumes are plowed under the use of limestone will be more profitable.

Mr. Williams finds that one to one and one-half tons of ground limestone or its equivalent per acre applied broadcast will usually be sufficient. The use of such small amounts applied more frequently is most desirable than making extremely heavy applications at long intervals, according to field demonstrations reported by county agents of the extension service.

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