

THOUGHTS FOR OUR TIME

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OBEDIENCE TO CIVIL LAW REQUIRED BY DIVINE LAW
There are people who would not knowingly violate a law of God, yet who do violate, often with little hesitation, many civil laws provided they see the opportunity to do so without being detected and punished. They seem to be lacking a proper respect for civil authority and civil law as such.

Two main causes of this lack of proper respect for civil law are false political theory and false religious theory.

The false political theory arises from certain thinkers who claimed that a man, by his very nature, is a completely autonomous, self-sufficient and independent being, for whom the ideal life would be one in which he was free from the limitations imposed on him by association with other men. In this view, civil society arises from a sort of non-aggression pact among men who find themselves forced to live in close contact. Civil authority is no more than a police force to see that the terms of the pact are observed. In this view, a man need have no respect for any law unless he himself, as a sovereign, independent authority, freely consents to it.

This is a false view of man. On the contrary, a man is a totally helpless being, who would perish soon after he was born did not others look after him. He would remain a helpless idiot did not others spend long years teaching him and developing his intellect, often against his stubborn will.

HIGHLY ORGANIZED
This preservation and training of a man requires a highly organized civil society wherein can be developed economic and political medical and scientific research centres, and all that vast array of institutes that make up our modern society.

Now, a man by the compulsion of his very nature is subject to this civil society and civil authority, independently of whether he wills to be or not. In this matter he is not free; and if, in rebellious pride, a man will not bow his stubborn head to this lawful authority, these same civil authorities have not only the right but the duty to remove him from the social body. Like a cancerous growth, and banish him or imprison him until he sees the error of his ways.

The false religious theory arises from the teaching of certain people who do not seem to realize that God deals with man in a manner conformable to man's nature as a social being. Failure properly to appreciate this truth has led them to overemphasize, out of all proportion, what is in itself a true doctrine, namely, that God has direct and personal contact with each one of us, and sends us personal inspirations by His grace.

They go so far as to say that a man should obey no other law than those of which God gives him direct inspiration. Indeed, they say that it is sinful to obey any other authority than this. Now, the natural and logical result of such a view is the total disruption of all social life, both civil and ecclesiastical. Even though there are few who are rational enough to push the theory this far, yet there are many for whom it is the cause of their falling to see little connection between civil laws passed by men and divine laws enacted by God himself.

NOT INDIVIDUALISTIC
The true position which we must come to understand and which we must, from the beginning, teach our youth in the home and in the schools, is that God has created man as a social being, and not an individualistic being; and that in conformity with this, He governs him through the medium of other men.

The truth of this can be seen in two ways. First, by observing how God operates in other natural things, and second, by studying the teaching of Christ. We know, for instance, that if God willed to do so, He could directly and immediately cause water to boil. Yet He does not. Instead, He gave to fire the power to cause water to boil and thus He boils water through the medium of fire.

Likewise, God could govern a man directly if He so willed. Yet He does not. He treats man like other natural things, and governs him through the medium of secondary agents and these secondary agents are our lawfully constituted rulers.

Christ gave testimony to the truth of this when He was confronted by the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. For when Pilate told Christ that he, as governor, had power over Christ, as a citizen, Christ admitted this to be so. That is, He agreed that Pilate, a pagan, and not even a particularly good one at that, had, by his position, a share in the supreme authority of God, and was, therefore, to be respected and obeyed.

SHARE GOD'S POWER
This teaching in no way favors any particular form of government whether democracy, monarchy, dictatorship or any other. The people

God's supreme authority and all the other laws of God. Anyone who treats lightly of, or has disrespect or contempt for civil authority, is, in effect, treating lightly of, or having disrespect or contempt for God's authority.

This is true not only of individuals but of corporations, no matter how important or powerful they may think themselves to be. In particular, it might not be unfair to mention newspaper writers who in their zeal to provide good government by honest criticism of government policies, frequently fail to show a proper respect and reverence for the authority that resides in our rulers.

Above all, our rulers themselves must have a strong sense of the dignity of, and one can even say, the religious character of, the office which they hold.

NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE FAO CONFERENCE

There were delegates from 71 member nations, who joined with the Italian Government and the Rome diplomatic corps, when the food and Agriculture Organization celebrated at its headquarters, its Tenth Birthday, at the opening of its Eighth Session. Three guest speakers representing different regions of the world addressed the Conference using the occasion to stress what had been accomplished by the Organization and taking a

forward look at the opportunities that lie before to help the peoples of the world who are in need.

REVIEW OF FAO

Senor Joaquin Elizalde from the Philippines was the first speaker; He spoke of the value of the Organization's work as carried on under its Expanded Technical Assistance Program, but said such aid now being given is limited by certain conditions and must be considered only as an assistant factor in the economic development of coun-

tries requiring assistance.

Mr. Clifford R. Hope, a member of the United States Congress was the second speaker. He referred to the "dramatic transformation" that had occurred during FAO's first ten years, when it had to contend, following the war years with famine and threats of famine until now, when agricultural surpluses were causing concern. He said: FAO had to face "the paradox of surpluses and shortages" which existed side by side; that despite surpluses in some countries countless millions of people do not have enough to eat, are poorly clothed, and are almost without shelter. He stressed the need of improved methods of distribution, the lowering of the cost of food productions and the improvement of economic opportunities for farm labor dis-

placed by mechanization.

Professor Andre Mayer of France also said that "FAO certainly has improved the state of food and agriculture all over the world, although the final aims of the Organization are still far from realization". He felt that a point had been reached whereby working and thinking intensely together for the good of all, they have developed a community of good intentions, firm will, and action that spells hope for the future.

Dr. P.V. Cardon, the Director-General of FAO, indicated that real progress had been made during the ten years. Some of the tangible benefits were improved production and human well-being through the technical advice given. There were also intangible gains that came with the development of confidence and ex-

perience in a surer attack on fundamental human problems. The period of exploration, organization and the starting of the work was largely over.

A TWO YEAR PROGRAM

Having thus reviewed the current world agricultural situation and the problems to be met, the Conference laid out the program of work for the next two years. Several Commissions and Committees were established by the Conference. There were 52 documents that came before the Conference for review and discussion and another 80 documents that were given to the Commissions and Committees. These all were produced in

three languages, English, French and Spanish. The meetings were conducted in these languages by simultaneous translations. There were technical committees on Forestry, Agriculture, Economics, Fisheries, information and on constitutional and administrative matters.

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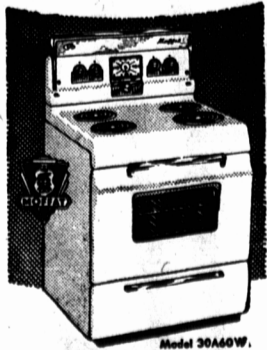
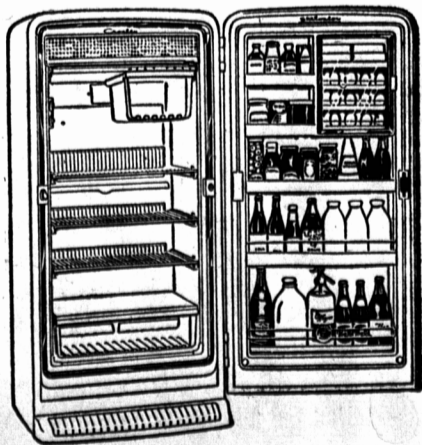
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