

Marquis Says Church Has Place In World Of Affairs

(Continued from page one) ...fronting some of us today. I employ my neighbor? Is my servant in my house my neighbor? Is the man who is my competitor in business my neighbor? I wonder who is my neighbor. You remember that Jesus told him of the story of a man who rather despised rate who, on his way up to Jerusalem, fell among thieves, and how certain very pious and religious men, including a priest, passed by that man lying there by the roadside, wounded, helpless. They allowed their prejudices, their theories as to who was a neighbor of theirs, to keep them from doing an solitary thing. Then came a man who, from the point of view of the others, didn't have any religion at all, and he stopped and administered to that man, took him to where he could be cared for and paid for his care. There is four answer. Religion does better to do with quite a wide

reach of humanity. It isn't just a matter of your own dear ones under your roof, or the people whom you chance to like who are within visiting distance of you—it reaches out even to the man who is in the gutter, who may be of another race and of another religion than your own. Church's Obligations Personally, I believe that the church not only has the right, but that it is under obligation, as the result of a divine commission which it carries, to take the spirit and teachings of the Master into political, social, economic, racial and international affairs. If the religion of Jesus can't reach into these things, then it's time that we go into the realm of forgotten things of the earth. Above everything else, we do need a religion that will reach into these things. And if the church had the courage, from the beginning, to preach the gospel, it is things would be vastly different from what they are today. I am sure that I believe that religion is far more than a form of individual or public worship; that is a part of it, and a very important part. It is something more than prayer and meditations on matters that are of trifling concern; that is in part of it, but it is a very small part. Now, as to my reasons for the position I take on this matter. One reason is this: I said together this morning the Lord's Prayer. After the approach to the throne of God, "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name," the first petition of that prayer is, "Thy Kingdom come." or as it is perhaps more properly translated, "Thy Reign begin."

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What do you mean by that when it falls from your lips? Has it any meaning? Does any thought pass through your mind when you say, "Thy Kingdom come"? Has it become simply a meaningless thing because of the everlasting repetition of it? That is the danger--that you say a thing over and over until it doesn't mean a thing to you. Stop and think about it. What is meant by "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done"? Where? Up in the heaven? No, down here on the earth, as it is done in heaven. Do you mean it? Have you any idea about that, or are you just saying a sort of hypocritical prayer? If you are a Christian and mean you are praying for something that touches the social order in this world; you are praying for something that touches the economic and political order in this world. If Christ's influence is to come into life here, it can't be limited to nice places like the church, to relations between you and your children. You can't limit it to a little group of people whom you call your neighbors. If you are a Christian, it goes beyond that, and I don't see how I can pray the Lord's Prayer and think of my religion as being confined simply to personal matters. An Early Understanding The second reason why I believe that the church's message in all times has to do with the social, economic and political order of things, is because as I look back into that church in its beginning, that was the understanding the people had. Look at that text. Here is the first group of Christians in the city of Jerusalem. They had heard the Master as we have not heard Him. Some of them had been with Him when He was teaching among the multitude. They had heard His prayer, and had asked Him questions. They came together and formed the first group of those who had any reason to understand what it was about. What did they do? "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them said that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common. Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of land or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things which they sold to the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each according as anyone had need." Do you think they misunderstood Him? Do you think that they were all wrong? Isn't that assuming quite a bit; that you know more about it than they did? Have you any right to stand today and say that was a mistake on the part of the disciples? Questions The Method I am not approving, necessarily, the method which they took. I am not advocating that kind of order in any society. But what I am trying to get you to see is this: that their understanding of this man was that His gospel had to do with their everyday relations. I don't see how we are going to get away from it. Of course, you say the clergy are not at all equipped to discuss this; they should be the last group of people to talk about these things. Well, I don't want to hurt your feelings by pointing out the fact that if I am to judge by conditions as they are today out in the secular side of life, I might have to draw the conclusion that a great many laymen don't know very much about what they have been doing, either. I wrote a article of mine that I thought I could perhaps do as well as the average layman in doing; that I could lead a bank into a state of bankruptcy, as some of the bank presidents have done; that I could make as much of a mess of industry as have the great moguls of government. I have only this to say in a few words of conclusion: When I talk to my clerical friends, those that take the stand that we haven't anything to do but make people happy and quiet their minds, and

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