

Religion In America

Church Must Do All Possible To Help Meet Needs of Humans

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There are millions of laymen in America today who feel strongly that the church should stick to its spiritual knitting and not get involved in controversial public issues. They raise vigorous protests whenever a religious body takes a stand on capital punishment, segregation, slum housing, or some other social problem.

By what right, they ask, does the church "meddle" in such affairs?

They got an answer from the white-haired, soft-voiced presiding bishop of the Epis-

copal Church, the Rt. Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger.

Speaking at a church luncheon in New York, Bishop Lichtenberger recalled one of his teachers in theological school who used to say that Robinson Crusoe could not be a Christian until he had found his man Friday.

Means Involvement
"What he meant," said the bishop, "is that when one is a Christian, one is thereby involved with other people. The world for the Christian is not God and himself, but God, his neighbor and himself. And his neighbor is anyone anywhere in need."

Bishop Lichtenberger said he has received dozens of letters in recent months from people who seem to feel that the Christian faith has to do with purely spiritual matters.

But, he noted, Jesus was "quite definite" in saying that "the way we show our love for God is to love our neighbors." And Jesus also made clear that love for neighbor is to be expressed in everyday, physical acts of mercy—such as providing bread for the hungry, a roof for the homeless, justice for the oppressed, fellowship for the lonely, freedom for the enslaved.

"But see where that leads us," the bishop said. "If the church is to serve her Lord, she must do what she can to help meet human needs. This means, I am convinced, that the church in her concern for the welfare of people will necessarily be engaged in social education and social action."

"This also means that the church will be engaged on many fronts, since problems such as racial discrimination, poverty and homelessness are interdependent."

Can't Turn Back
The church's primary mission, he said, is to bear witness to the fact that "God so loved the world that He gave Himself for us in Christ." It can hardly demonstrate God's love for the world by turning its back on the world, and refusing to dirty its hands with the mundane problems of human society.

The Bishop quoted some words written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the heroic young German theologian who was executed by the Nazis:

"If the hungry man does not attain to faith, then the guilt falls on those who refused him bread. To provide the hungry man with bread is to prepare the way for the coming of grace."

"We cannot prepare the way for the coming of grace simply by doing what we can to change the minds and hearts of individuals, and then hope for the best."

Bishop Lichtenberger concluded.
"Some of the obstacles and hindrances to the coming of grace in our day are found in the political and social and economic structures of the nation. It is the responsibility of the church, of Christian people, to help remove those barriers. This is the biblical and theological basis for the church's concern with the welfare of all people."



NOMINATED - Mrs. Sonja Egenes, 31, Story City, Iowa, mother of one, has been nominated for Congress on the Republican ticket. She easily defeated three male opponents. (UPI)

Total Expenses of Oregon Candidates Close to \$140,000

By DOUGLAS GRIPP

Salem—(UPI)—Candidates for statewide and congressional offices in last month's Oregon primary election

spent close to \$140,000 in their campaigns, a tally of reports in the State Elections Division showed today.

Stanley E. Hartman, Portland druggist, spent only \$119 in securing the Republican nomination for Congress in the third district.

On the other hand, Edwin R. Durno, fourth district congressman from Medford, spent \$16,844 but lost the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator to Sig Unander, Portland.

The three most costly campaigns, in order, were Unander's, at \$29,321; the renomination of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) \$18,844, and the Durno effort.

The least expensive campaign for major office was

that of Chief Justice William McAllister, who ran unopposed for another term on the high court. He spent only \$19.

The only campaign expense report not yet received here from a major candidate is that of Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.)

Here is a list of all the campaign expenses for major office in the primary, with D signifying Democrat and R for Republican:

U. S. Senate
D—Charles E. Gilbert, Portland, \$2,169; Wayne Morse, Eugene, \$18,844; R—Sig Unander, \$29,321 and Jim Bacaloff, \$1,429, both of Portland; Edwin R. Durno, Medford, \$16,844; Harold M. Livingston, \$2,383 and Glenn E. Brixey \$573, both of Corvallis, and R. F. Cook, Scotts Mills, \$290.

Congress 1st District
D—Willis A. West, Tigard, \$812; R—Blaine Whipple, Beaverton, \$1,520; R—Walter Norblad, Stayton, none.

Congress 2nd District
D—Al Ullman, Baker, no report yet; R—Robert W. Chandler, Bend, \$96; Everett J. Thoren, Elgin, \$171.

Congress 3rd District
D—Edith Green, \$310, Audrey Henry, \$863 and Howard T. Stenbach, \$48, all of Portland. R—Wint Blackwell, \$1,430 and Stanley E. Hartman, \$119, both of Portland.

Congress 4th District
D—Robert B. Duncan, Medford, \$3,989; Patrick M. Flynn, \$1,121; Charles O. Porter, \$5,517 and Robert W. Straub, \$3,625, all of Eugene. R—Carl Fisher, Eugene, \$6,609.

Governor
D—Dan N. Cox, Springfield, \$672; Walter J. Pearson, Portland, \$10,824; Robert Y. Thornton, Salem, \$5,507; M. A. "Cap" Yegge, Eugene, \$22. R—George Altwater, Portland, \$130; Mark Hatfield, Salem, \$10,577.

Labor Commissioner
D—Vic Davis \$341 and Norman O. Nilsen, \$191, both Portland. R—Alfred "Pat" Blair, Salem, \$643.

Supreme Court Position 1
Nonpartisan—William M. McAllister, Salem, \$19.

Supreme Court Position 5
Nonpartisan—Arno H. Denckhoff, Portland, \$8,123; Lyle Wolff, Baker, \$204.

State Tax Judge
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MANY IDENTIFIED - Mrs. Julia Brown, a former FBI undercover agent, is shown at a hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee which is investigating the Communist Party structure and activities in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. She identified a large number of persons as having attended "closed" Communist Party meetings sometime between 1947 and 1960. (UPI)



ACTOR ACCUSED - Actor Audie Murphy displays an honorary sheriff's badge he carries and which he displayed to two youths in Hollywood as he tried to question them about indecent writings which had been received by photographer's model Judy Pope, a friend of the actor. One of the youths, Edward Mayer, filed a charge of felonious assault against Murphy, accusing the actor of striking him during the questioning. Mayer also charged Murphy threatened him with a gun. (UPI)

PAPER CONSUMPTION UP

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