

URGE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF ENCYCLICALS

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Washington With the approach of the adjournment of Congress, political leaders are turning their attention to the matter of platform drafting in preparation for the forthcoming national conventions.

Less consideration will henceforth be given to specific legislative measures and more to the formulation of general principles. The documents upon which appeals to the voters during the campaign will be based will probably be subjected to closer scrutiny than usual for a number of reasons.

Regardless of partisan considerations, political organizations show an inclination to state more clearly the philosophy, basis of their claims for popular consideration. In the past three years much of the confusion and controversy has arisen from the fact that political leaders have been dissipated and political leaders are looking to the future in broader perspective.

There will be breaking away from traditional methods of platform-making which have been more or less rote promises of benefits to everybody largely disregarded as soon as the votes have been counted. Instead there will be a clearer statement of aims and purposes which subsequent legislative programs are to achieve.

In the first place social problems have displaced many of the purely economic questions over which political ranks have heretofore divided. Many of the social measures which have been put into operation during the past three years are supported in principle by members of both the major political parties.

Secondly, state aid for the indigent and the disabled, the protection of the worker, the democratization of industry and other aims which heretofore found no place in political platforms will probably be the most prominent place in the forthcoming declarations of both parties.

In other words politics appears to have moved into a new phase and to have entered a new field which up to this time has been neglected. Old ambitions have been broken down. The general question is not whether a more liberal governmental policy should be pursued but how far this liberalization should go.

The generally accepted conclusion is that the Republican platform will be decidedly more liberal and the Democratic party will reaffirm its adherence to basic American political principles.

NEED LEGISLATION TO ENACT SPIRIT OF ENCYCLICALS

Msgr. Ryan Calls for New Minimum Wage, Hour Laws, Declaring Such Measures Are Authorized by Declarations of Two Papal Encyclicals

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In his review of the benefits due to Rerum Novarum, Pope Pius XI points out what was done by the Church, by the civil authority and by the parties directly concerned, that is, employers and employees.

Obviously the most important of these three agencies of reform is the Church. Next in importance undoubtedly comes the State. The weighty part that it should play in the reform of industrial conditions and in social reconstruction is set forth in considerable length and in more than one place by both Rerum Novarum and Quadragesimo Anno.

Pope Pius XI points out that his great predecessor had attacked and overthrown those tottering towers of liberalism which had long hampered effective interference by the Government. The doctrine of State interventionism, and down by both Pontiffs as of course directly contrary to the doctrine of economic liberalism and laissez faire.

The principal declarations under this head in Rerum Novarum may be summarized as follows: The basic economic and administrative of the commonwealth should automatically promote public welfare and private prosperity. The State should intervene to remedy any condition affecting the community as a whole or particular classes which cannot be remedied in any other way, and the wage earning class should be especially cared for and protected by the Government.

More Than Mere Guardian. In Quadragesimo Anno the Holy Father restates and reaffirms Leo's teaching on this subject and declares that the civil power is more than the mere guardian of law and order.

Especially in the Encyclicals, he declares that both competition and economic domination must be effectively controlled by the public authority. This social rulership he looks for to the owners of wealth who have usurped it, but to the State, that certain forms of property must be reserved to the State since they carry with them an opportunity of dominating the community to the detriment of the public interest.

Wage Laws Needed. The principles of State action summarized in the immediately preceding paragraph provide an excellent and sufficient foundation for all the legislation that is necessary to bring about a more just social justice at present and under a better economic order.

In the United States the principal measures that are immediately needed are minimum wage laws, shorter work week laws, effective control of monopolies, the public control of credit, a wider diffusion of ownership, labor sharing in profit and management, more operation of fair competitive practices and stabilized agriculture.

Every one of these is more or less specifically authorized by the declarations of the two Encyclicals on the functions of the State and of the Church.

Many American Catholics are opposed to one or more of these legislative proposals on the assumption that they are socialistic or

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Encyclical Anniversary Speakers



The Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney is pictured with John J. Carroll, member of the State Labor Department's Industrial Board and the Rev. Raymond A. McGowan, assistant director of the Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference at the Columbus Civic Center mass meeting commemorating the anniversaries of the labor encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI.

HIBERNIANS MARK CENTENNIAL AT BANQUET HERE

Two hundred and fifty members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary of the Columbus Civic Center celebrated the centennial anniversary of the order at a banquet with a dinner dance in Hotel St. Cecilia on Saturday.

Joseph J. Wall, secretary of the Hibernians, presided at the banquet. The program of the evening was well planned and the entertainment was of a high order.

Mr. Wall's address was well received and he stressed the importance of the order in the past and its role in the future.

Former Judge Philip H. Donohue, principal speaker, talked on the activities of the A. O. H. in the past and what it should do in the future.

Brief addresses were made by Joseph D. Noon of Buffalo, N. Y., and Mrs. J. J. Donohue, County President of the A. O. H. in the West.

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The banquet was a success and the Hibernians were well represented. The Ladies Auxiliary also participated in the evening's activities.

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Encyclical Talks Stress Social Justice

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Under the leadership of the Bishop the great Papal encyclicals on social justice were commemorated in a series of addresses from pulpits exercises in which the program of the organizations and their meetings of study clubs.

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SPEAKERS REVIEW PAPAL DOCUMENTS ON ANNIVERSARY

Civic Center Audience Hears Dr. McGowan and John J. Carroll Discuss Social Justice Pronouncements of Leo XIII, Pius XI; Archbishop Greeted Crowd

To become thoroughly conversant with the principles of social justice as set forth in the encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI and then apply them in every day walks of life, trades, professions, labor unions and business associations, was the message urged on more than 1,000 persons at the Encyclicals' anniversaries commemoration, Thursday evening in Columbus Civic Center Auditorium.

The aims and purposes of the mass meeting and the right of the Church to set forth principles of justice in encyclicals, were set forth by the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, Bishop of Rochester in extending a welcome to the many who attended.

Sponsored by practically all of the Catholic lay organizations of the city, the mass meeting brought out a representative group of people of the city.

Seated on the stage with the Archbishop were the two principal speakers, the Rev. Raymond A. McGowan, assistant director, Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the Hon. John J. Carroll, member of the Industrial Board, Department of Labor State of New York, former Judge-Ably H. Donnelly who presided, the Rt. Rev. William M. Hart, V.G., the Rev. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the Rev. Walter A. Fogarty, Director of Catholic Charities, Dean John R. Wilkinson, Rochester Division, Niagara University, and Prof. John A. Mourant of Nazareth College.

After Income Distribution. In setting "the cause and cure of the economic ills which oppress our times," Dr. McGowan urged in the name of the moral virtues of social justice to bring about distribution of income and balancing of prices that work be made steadily for all and livelihood continuous for all.

Through the Encyclicals, Dr. McGowan said, the Church declares that when people try to do wrong, wrong results. The Church demands that people try to do right, individualism commands the people to pay the worker the least he will work for, even if that means denial of his rights to a family living wage, the speaker said.

"Not individualism," not Socialism either," Dr. McGowan declared, "for that assumes common ownership but an organized community of the industries and professions working to obtain full output, full employment and a high level of livelihood for all and livelihood under an active government is needed. This is the social order which the Encyclicals wish

to bring about." Dr. McGowan said, "The Christian these two words are not mere abstractions or empty mouthings. They have certain definite meanings and implications. Charity means the love of God. It also means the love of your fellow man. Charity is commanded under the Gospels and the Ten Commandments. Justice follows necessarily from the principle of charity. If we love our fellow man we must give him that which is his due.

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Bishop Presides at Fr. Kunz Mass

Parishioners Mourn Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church At Final Rites

With St. Francis Xavier Church crowded with hundreds of members, the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney presided at the Mass of Requiem celebrated for the Rev. Francis X. Kunz, 63-year-old pastor of the church who died Saturday in St. Mary's Hospital.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, vicar-general of the diocese acted as assistant priest while the Rev. Monsignor John F. Bopp and John P. Brophy acted as deacons of honor.



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Death Comes Following Thirty-Two Years As Priest, Studied in Rome

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Rev. Francis X. Kunz was born in the town of St. Albans, N. Y., on May 17, 1872. He studied in Rome for 12 years and was ordained a priest in 1894. He served as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church for 32 years.

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