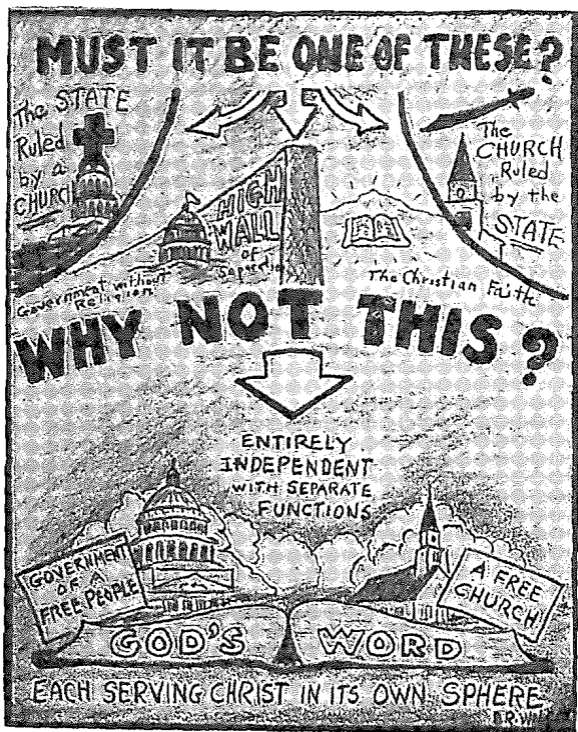


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EVANGELISM IS BASIC

Christian evangelism is the great need of the hour in the United States and in the world, but it must not stop with the individual. The whole realm of social life needs Christ. The nations of the world need Christ. But a nation is more than a mere aggregate of Christian individuals. It is a social organism instituted by God and accountable as such to God through Christ the Mediator. The solution of all moral problems may be found by those who know Christ as Saviour and Lord and know how to apply His saving power and His Holy Law in dealing with these problems whether individual or social.

TWO EXTREMES TO BE AVOIDED

One of the most pressing national problems is the church-state question. On one hand there is agitation toward what is feared may eventually result in a union of church and state. This is one extreme. To guard against this extreme there is very general agitation for a separation of state and religion into spheres where each would endeavor to achieve its noble purpose without regard to the other (U. S. Supreme Court). This is the other extreme. This latter is the result of a confusion in thinking with regard to "religion" and "church." The church is an institution in which religion is pre-eminent, but religion is not and cannot be confined to the church. It would require the repudiation of a large part of our national history to support such a contention.

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN CONCEPT

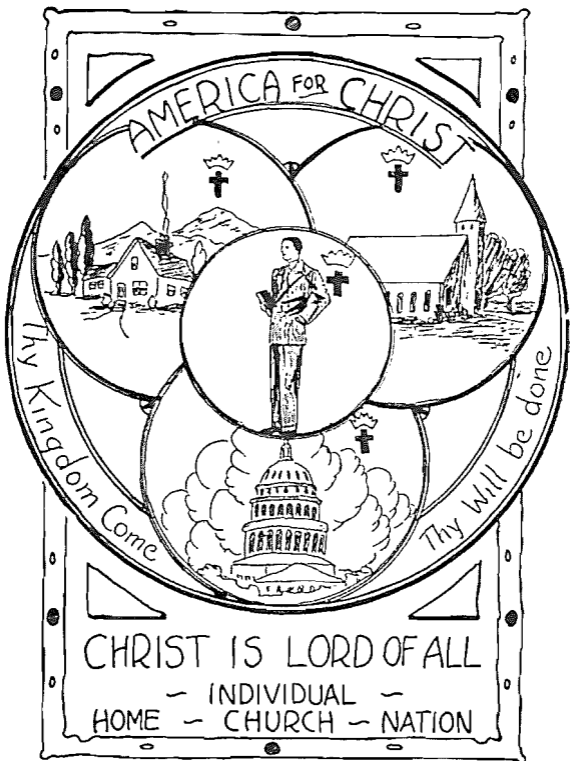
There is an alternative in this church-state question which is the true Christian position. It conceives of the state as an institution distinct and separate from the church, but of Divine origin, accountable to Christ, King of kings, and able to achieve its noble purpose only when striving to do so in recognition of and obedience to the Authority and Law of Jesus Christ, the Saviour and Ruler of nations.



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Dr. Appelman endorsed the Christian Amendment when it was first presented to him in 1947. His training in the law, no doubt, gives him a point of view with respect to the Christian Amendment which many others do not have. As a lawyer and an evangelist his judgment with respect to the alternative in the much discussed church-state question is of peculiar significance.



THE CHRISTIAN AMENDMENT

Section 1. This nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of Nations, through whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God.

Section 2. This amendment shall not be interpreted so as to result in the establishment of any particular ecclesiastical organization, or in the abridgment of the rights of religious freedom, or freedom of speech and press, or of peaceful assemblage.

Section 3. Congress shall have power, in such cases as it may deem proper, to provide a suitable oath or affirmation for citizens whose religious scruples prevent them from giving unqualified allegiance to the Constitution as herein amended.

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