

the church mustn't mingle in politics by criticizing the Communists, well, it may be the Lord's will ~~w~~ that that is the Apocalyptic system in which our age is to end. I do not know. But, I do know this, that we should not let it go that way, simply by our neglect. But we have a duty as a church of Christ, and as individuals, to speak up.

Now, I don't mean every individual has a duty to speak out in this way, every individual Christian. I do not ~~mean~~ mean that an individual Christian behind the iron curtain has ~~to~~ a duty to speak out against ~~Communism~~ Communism and get ~~himself~~ himself killed. I do not think that is his duty. I do think that he should try to escape from it if he possibly can, because he is going to be killed within the ~~next~~ next five years if he stands for his Christian testimony. I am absolutely sure of that. His attitude is so contrary to that which they are determined to force everyone to ~~believe~~ believe. But I do not think that in worldly matters it is necessary for the church to speak out when there is no possibility of anything being accomplished by speaking. But when there is a possibility of its being accomplished, when the silly thoughtless pacifism that the World Council is spreading abroad, that war under any circumstances is wrong. It permeates the fibre of so much of western nations, I think it is a duty ~~of~~ of the church to speak out and say no, If a thug begins shooting up people in the southern part of Philadelphia and killing them, it is ~~perfectly~~ perfectly ridiculous for me to say, ~~Until~~ until he kills somebody in Elkins Park I am not ~~interested~~ interested. Until he drops a bomb in this area here I am not interested. If he takes the people of South Philadelphia and reduces them to slavery and puts them under torture, and puts many of them into concentration camps with a cruelty such as the world has never seen anything worse, that we sit back and say that it is none of our affair as long as he ~~doesn't~~ doesn't attack us. That is not a Christian attitude. Not at all. Pacifism in the sense of being against militarism, of course, is right. We are dead against militarism. But pacifism in the ~~sense~~ sense of refusing to use force toward the putting down of such wickedness of that of the Communists is un-Christian