

generally to wreck the bakeries. This may serve as a symbol of the attitude adopted, on a greater and more complicated scale, by the masses of to-day towards the civilisation by which they are supported."

The Price of Production

WE SHALL not see the problem presented by this Covenant until we understand this thesis: If the good things of life — which were achieved only through the travail of the souls and minds and bodies of those who dedicated themselves to such achievement — are demanded as benefits to be given upon demand, as rights, to those who have not earned them, then even the bakeries which produce bread will become abandoned in pursuit of a false hope. Bread is brought into existence by the toil and thought and persistence of those who understand its source, not by the crowds who demand bread and who give no concern and devote no effort to the wheat fields or the flour mills. Material goods and the resulting welfare are possessed by those who, knowing the value of those goods of life, know also that they belong only to those who earn and buy them with a great price of personal achievement, not to those who demand them as a grant without effort.

The American Principle

THE AMERICAN government was established on the principle that men are endowed with the right to be free persons, and that this natural right was ingrained into the very texture of the life of man before any form of community organization or government began. To that should be added its corollary: No state, nation, nor association of nations can legitimately make any abridgment of this inherent freedom. Upon this foundation of freedom, man is enabled to make contractual relations voluntarily through association with his fellow-men.

This concept of human rights rests upon a valid heritage — the heritage of the Ten Commandments, the Golden Rule, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. Each of these expressions of moral philosophy, tested by time, presupposes the inherency of the natural rights of man as a gift of life itself, wherever and whenever it began. The stars need no human declaration of their reality, inviolability, and grandeur. In the nature of the universe, the rights of man to life and freedom are as one with the stars.

This moral concept, which makes the universe intelligible and rational, declares that no person can rationally be deprived of his