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SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

A journal in the Sociology of Religion, published quarterly by the Association for the Sociology of Religion. The new editor will be announced at the Business Meeting.

About the Theme of the Convention:

RELIGION AS A FORCE IN REVOLUTIONARY SOCIAL CHANGE

The reason for the choice of this topic is that the more common emphasis in sociological theory is on the integrative and conservative function of religion in society whereas historical and present-day evidence seems to indicate that religion has been and is also revolutionary in its impact on society. This means that a one-sided emphasis on the integrative aspects of religion makes the common understanding deficient.

That religion has indeed been an agent of social change in the past can be illustrated by many examples. Jewish classical prophecy, the advent of Christianity sectarian movements in the Middle Ages, the Protestant Reformation, the Puritan Revolution in England, the Great Awakening in America, etc., can all be analyzed as religious movements which initiated social change.

Recent developments in theology and in the churches as well as religiously motivated social action groups bring out the revolutionary or change-oriented aspect of religion so much that the sociologist has to take note if he is to interpret the present religious scene adequately.

Furthermore, it seems that religious motifs, though perhaps not explicitly recognized as such, are at work in the revolutionary movements of our day, and that, therefore, these movements have to be analyzed within the framework of the sociology of religion. Here one can think of the religious aspects of the Black revolution, the Women's liberation movement, Marxism, and generally the working class movement, the Counter Culture.

The major thrust of the convention, then should be first of all, to look at the evidence, both historical and present-day, that religion has been and is not only a stabilizing and legitimizing function of the status quo but a factor of social change as well. Analysis of the evidence should help us to understand better the roots of religious protest, the forms such protest takes, and the way in which religious protest actually brings about social change. A further major concern should be to probe the consequences of this revolutionary aspect of the religious phenomenon for the sociological theory of religion.

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Saturday, August 26

- 1:00 pm* Registration, 2nd floor
Executive Council Meeting, President's
Suite
- 2:30 pm* SESSION 1: Balcony K.
Chairman: Gordon Zahn, University of
Massachusetts (Boston)
Presenter: Guenther Lewy, University of
Massachusetts (Amherst)
"RELIGIOUS VALUES vs. SOCIAL ORDER"
Discussants: Gordon Zahn, University
of Mass.
Dorothy Dohen, Fordham
University
- 5:00 pm* Reception: No-Host Cocktail Party,
Balcony I.

8:00 *p.m.*

SESSION 2: Balcony K.

Chairman: Benjamin Nelson, New School of
Social Research

Presenter: William Murnion, Ramapo State
College

"THE DYNAMISM OF CHRISTIANITY"

Discussants: Benjamin Nelson, New School
of Social Research
David Little, University
of Virginia

Sunday, August 27

9:00 *a.m.*

SESSION 3: Balcony K.

"REVOLUTION AND ORGANIZED RELIGION"

Chairman: Thomas Imse, College of the
Holy Cross

- ✓ Pierre Hegy, Marquette University
"Revolution: Mystique or Rhetoric?
The Case of Peru"
- Thomas Bruneau, McGill University
"Church and Social Change: The
Case of Brazil"
- Kenneth Westhues, University of West-
ern Ontario
"Church and Revolution: The Case
of Paraguay"
- ✓ Friedrich Baerwald, Wilhelms Univer-
sität, Munster, West Germany
"Permanent Confrontation. Socio-
logical Aspects of the permanent
renovation function of Religion."

11:00 am Liturgy celebrated by the members for the members. Balcony I & J.

12 noon ROUND TABLE LUNCHEONS: Balcony K.

- 1) David Moberg
"Religious Information Systems"
- 2) Marilyn Schmit
"Religion and Revolution: Is it only Rhetoric?"
- 3) Joseph Faulkner
"Theological and Sociological views of the City"
- 4) Giles Wayland-Smith
"The Church and Social Change: Two Perspectives"
- 5) Conrad Vogler
"Toward the Rescue of the Concept of Secularization"

1:30 pm SESSION 4: Balcony I & J.

"RELIGION AND REVOLUTION: the Contemporary Scene"

Chairman: Ruth Wallace

C. Breckinridge Peters, University of Kentucky

"The Effect of the Counter Culture on the Jesus Movement"

Chris Ledyard, San Francisco Valley State College

"American Religion and the Christian Radical"

James Stewart, Saint Olaf College

"The National Federation of Priests' Councils: Power and Social Change, a Study of Contrasts"

Discussant: Sr. Esther Heffernan, O.P.
Edgewood College

3:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting, Balcony I & J

4:30 p.m. ✓ Presidential Address, Balcony I
Sr. Marie Augusta Neal, S.N.D.
"How Prophecy Lives"

7:00 p.m. SESSION 5, Balcony I & J.

Panel: "Women in the Church: Social
Change?"
a panel discussing research
and experience

Sr. Marie Augusta Neal, S.N.D.,
Emmanuel College

Sr. Esther Heffernan, O.P., Edgewood
College

Linda Holmstrom, Boston College

Stephanie Down, Boston University

8:30 p.m. SESSION 6, Balcony I & J.

Chairman: Carroll Bourg, Fisk Univer-
sity

Y. Michael Bodemann, Brandeis Univer-
sity

+ "Evil, Redemption, Revolution"

Benjamin Keeley, Illinois State
University

+ "Faith and the Study of Religious
Wonders" *Palmarian; Sr. Mary Petal*

Gert Muller, University of Pittsburgh

+ "The Six Dimensions of Religion:
A Refoundation of the Sociology
of Religion"

Discussant: Carroll Bourg, Fisk Uni-
versity

Wednesday, August 30

8:30 a.m.

Joint Session with the A.S.A.

Chairman: Charles Glock, University of California (Berkeley)

Maurice J. Moore, University of Chicago
"Catholic Priests' View on Contraception: The Breakup in a Theological System"

Bruce L. Warren, Eastern Michigan University
"Religious Mobility and Inter-marriage for Americans"

Franklyn W. Dunford and Philip R. Kunz
Brigham Young University
"Religious Conformity: A Case of Dissonance Reduction"

William R. Garrett, Saint Michael's College
"The Theological Factor in Gerhard Lenski's The Religious Factor"

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN:

Theodore M. Steeman, O.F.M.,
Boston College

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Cathie Cox, Loyola University
Rev. David Boileau

REMINDER:

The ASR 1973 Convention will be held on August 25-26 in New York at the New York Hilton. Program Chairman: William H. Jarrett

The new Executive Council will meet on Monday, August 28 at 10 a.m. in the President's Suite.

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Religion & Values

Final / ~~strongly~~ multi-national

(new) supra-national

prophet / → (sin) end
↳ lives in word

church and (regularity)

many - potential gone away

deal / some moments }
early phases

processes
of how
prophets
live
(on faith)

but (what) is beginning
to happen

Callahan - is prophesying / to what
what does it add up to -

at a time when technology could
& we should ...

(revolution) | to sociology