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State aid to church-related schools in recent years has resulted in a number of current United States Supreme Court rulings on the constitutionality of such subsidization. As a consequence, debate has been renewed among jurists on the overall effect such decisions may have on the contemporary problem of separation between Church and State.

This issue of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER therefore features two articles which analyze these Supreme Court decisions and predict what may be expected as their ultimate legal consequences. Readers will be particularly interested in the suggestion advanced in one article that "state aid to parochial schools may be a question that is best left to nonjudicial determination."

Elsewhere in this issue a detailed review is made of Herbert Marcuse's philosophy of radical change. Written by Professor William A. Stanmeyer, it originally appeared in the October 1970 issue of the St. John's Law Review and attracted such widespread demand that the particular issue was soon out of print.

The pages of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER are always open to a continuing colloquium among experts in law, history, philosophy and theology as a means of clarifying thought in the essential areas wherein a public philosophy of law must lie. The relevance of Professor Stanmeyer's analysis and critique of Marcuse's philosophy to this colloquium lies in the fact that it provides an answer to the claim that the present social system is completely unacceptable regardless of what public philosophy can be established within it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward Tegen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

EDITOR