

did a lot of things to embarrass liberal and socialistic churchmen. It became apparent that neither fascism nor communism had much to offer and a quietus was placed on the matter for a season... it is interesting to note how liberals have returned to these ideals in more recent years, having completely forgotten the Nazi and Stalinist lessons.

In organization the social plank was enlarged and made more active in 1932 with the acceptance of two key ideas:

--there should be a practical application of the Christian principle of social well being to the acquisition of and use of wealth, subordination of speculation, and the profit motive to the creative and cooperative spirit...

--the social planning and control of the monetary and credit systems with development of the economic processes for the common good should be more carefully developed.

Practically the council expressed itself in a number of divisions...the three more basic expressions being the United Council of Church Women, the International Council of Religious Education, and Church World Service. This is not an exhaustive list of course but demonstrates the varied areas of interest the council maintained.

Support came from contributions from groups such as the Friends of the Federal Council of churches. Some foundation grants were given and gifts were received from member bodies and churches. The foundation grants were largely in connexion with particular projects and research matters.

But in spite of a free organization and a wide-range of interest level, the council had trouble selling itself to the totality of the religious community as a non-meddling big brother. It did not get far with relations with Rome...the popes of this period were famous for intransigency, and it did not develop much in the area of relations with non-Christian bodies. It took a continuous sniper fire from more evangelical bodies and rather hoped to weather the storm.

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This would be a course in itself and so I will merely tell you that the more prominent leaders of the earlier period are identified in a book IS THE FEDERAL COUNCIL A DEAD ISSUE, by L. Robbins Post, and the later period in THE TWENTIETH CENTURY REFORMATION and SERVANTS OF APOSTASY by Carl McIntire.