toward creating a more just and more equal society, will simply endanger the miniscule gains already made. "Holding the line" seems to be the most that anyone dares hope for.

It is maybe that institutions like the military will be able to continue to make progress in the area of human relations if for no other reason than that tension-filled and conflictual situations tend to threaten morale and efficiency. That possibility places an additional burden on the chaplains in the Armed Forces.

The chaplains may very well find themselves in a strategic position as they attempt to bring the insights of religion to bear upon the relationships which are often begun as a result of orders proceeding down the chain of command.

It would be ironic indeed, should the military chaplaincy, one of the few places one would expect to find a prophetic voice, provide the moral and religious leadership moving us toward the creation of a "beloved community." But strange, indeed, are the ways of God with man.

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