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this issue

"Censorship is the price we must pay, to protect the situation in which free expression is possible." This is the key sentence in David Holbrook's first contribution to our pages. It is published not because it carries editorial agreement, but because it tackles head on one of the trickiest problems of a literate and decadent society, and because we badly want to hear what alternative solutions pacifist radicals are proposing.

The article on 'Industrial Society' by Dr. E. F. Schumacher was given as an address to a conference sponsored by the Church Assembly's Board for Social Responsibility at Swanwick in April, entitled, "The Church in Society in the 1970's" and there are plans for it to be reproduced along with other contributions in a special issue of the Board's journal, "Crucible". It is appropriate that Dr. Schumacher would make a number of references to the works of the late R. H. Tawney. In retrospect Tawney seems to have been ploughing a very lone furrow, but in our time Dr. Schumacher is perhaps foremost among a small but growing band of distinguished thinkers and writers who realise that the 20th century is likely to reach, in the most literal sense, a dead end unless the problems grappled with by Tawney are resolved.

The story of the struggle of the Nisqually Indians related by Bob Casey is only a part of the same battle which tribal Indians are having with the U.S. Government all over the country. Readers who would like the historical background of the Indian situation are referred to a compulsively readable paperback called "The Indians of the Americas" by John Collier. Don't be put off by its lurid cover, it is sound but dramatic scholarship.

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