

~~ex~~ could go over fast. So they had these good roads built. You have heard this statment, every road leads to Rome, these raods went out from Rome to every corner of the empire, and they were well built, and some of them ~~we~~ are in better condition today than some of our roads built ten years ago. They were well built. They weren't built to withstand modern traffic, but they do some of them pretty well, even then. They were very weel, strong built roads, and they went through the empire, and they tremendously speeded up travel. So that the Roman roads were a real asset to the spread of the Gospel.

Now, that is A under the ~~polit~~ political organization under the Roman Empire, B is the concept of law. The Roman empire was very different from many countr~~ies~~ many rules which have preceeded and which have followoed. It was utterly different from the communistic control today, the areas in which the communists are in power. The communists seek to force everybody to think alike. And a person doesn't have to do anything against them if he is not speaking the way they want him to do, he is a subject for repression and great difficulty, in any communist controlled area. The Romans paid little attention to the way people thought, beyond a few very few points, which they felt were important to the progress and the control of the empire. Beyond these few points they paid very little attention to the things that people thought. People had great ^{freedom} ~~freedom~~ in their life and in their activity, the Roman Empire had been built up with a concept of law. This goes into the long hist. of Rome. It is probably 510 years before the time of Christ, when the king was driven out of Rome and Rome becaem a republic. And this was done because the king, the last king, had been interfering with the rights of individuals and mistreating them in a way which had aroused the anger of the Roman people to such an extent that they drove him out ~~that~~ and they established a government which was aimed to give their individuals protection from moles-
tation from the government. So they established a system with two ^{rulers,} ~~rules,~~ there could never be one, ~~and then they~~ there were two consuls who ruled, and then they had other officials with particular abilities with relation to the consul and it went on for a time until they found that ~~that~~ a third or less of