

rules simply to prevent people from getting in each others way. To make it possible that people can carry on their own life without having to give too great a part of their activity to trying to protect themselves from the misunderstandings of other people, who take a slightly different attitude, on a great number of minor matters. And so govt. has to take care of this second phase which is very vital.

Now there is a third phase of govt. And this third some people think of exclusively as govt. Actually I think the first two are more important. The first two are absolutely necessary. Those who say that govt. is best which governs least has in mind this third function of govt. And they find this third function of govt. to be very frequently to be causing difficulty and trouble rather than proving helpful. And they feel that it would best if the govt. so far as possible stay out of this third phase altogether. Now the third phase is not protecting people from the immoral and wicked acts of others, it is not making rules of working together so that people can exercise their freedom, it is definitely directing the activities of the people. Now you see that is a very different thing. Govt. in the sense of something which makes it easier for you to do what you want to do, it is easier for you to exercise your God-given initiative to work out the abilities you have in you is quite a different thing from a govt. that tells you what to do. And directs every step that you are to take. Now the attitude of Americans in general, when this third aspect touches them directly, is a very negative attitude. In Germany there has been developed a situation where a very positive attitude has been taken as a rule on this third. If it is the law, that is what we do. In Germany the law was nobody ever gets in a train unless you have a ticket for the train. People would come to see somebody off. They would stand outside and talk to them. They would never think of entering the train. They don't have a ticket. If they were going on the train they would have a ticket and get on the train. If they are not going, their friend gets on and they talk to him through the window. In Germany you go up to a park where there have been thousands of people on one day.