

to a certain degree I agree with them. You agree with them in Paris, but then you are not so quick to agree in the villages.

*Dugal:* Do you think the revolution was a good thing for the French?

*Austin:* That cannot be answered totally now, only the future can tell. Some think the France of yesterday was changed completely. A new chapter in the history of France is being written. Probably only in the far future will historians know the full effect of last spring on France. Wherever France goes, as our Dominican Father Dalmais says, it will never be the same as before the spring of 1968, for better or for worse. But I think the sense of soul-searching, without being hammy about it, the search for authenticity, was a tremendous value. Obviously the search for authenticity is a vague thing, and you are going to have a vague groping around. But it seems to be a giant step in the right direction.

*Dugal:* Is France simply ahead of other countries?

*Austin:* Yes, oh yes! Many think it will happen shortly all over the continent. And you can see stirrings of major revolutions in many of the European countries right now.

*Dugal:* And what about the "colonies"?

*Austin:* The French were too polite to say anything to me about that, I think.

## QUARANTINED

He put a sign on his door  
"Quarantined,  
No Visiting"  
Then he sat alone, saying to himself  
there are no visitors  
because I won't permit them.

VINCENT WISEMAN, O.P.