

### WHAT PROTESTANTS THINK OF ROMAN CATHOLICS

The local Federation of Christian (Evangelical) Churches recently sponsored a three-day seminar on "Christianity and Communism" for one hundred pastors, church administrators and laymen in Manila. The meetings were conducted by a visiting Missionary, Dr. John C. Bennett, Professor of Theology at Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

Among the many interesting items that cropped up in the seminar as reported by the **Philippine Christian Advance**, Protestant monthly, are the following:

*"Among the delegates were those who were convinced that the major danger to the evangelical witness is not the threat of Communism, but what one called the unseen power behind the Philippine Government, the Roman Catholic Church. No government official dares criticize or speak against the hierarchy of the church today, whereas during the Spanish rule there was constant open conflict between the ecclesiastical and the civil authorities; this contrast was cited by a government official among the delegates as evidence of the actual power wielded by the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines. A District Superintendent testified that during the Italian elections he had prayed that the Communist candidates might defeat those of the Roman Catholic Church, in order that the Vatican might become subject to the will of a group drastic enough to deal with clerical abuses.*

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### ON MODERN YOUTH

It was close on midday when a pleasant young soldier came to request billets for himself and his Lieutenant. His name was Nicolas and he was as sure of himself as are most young Russians. The most cocksure of all are those between the ages of fourteen and twenty one, the age when youth does not think, not just in the Soviet Union but all over the world. By that I mean that they think a lot but that nothing sensible comes out of it, for they do not think as they should. That is why dictators are always so eager to get hold of their country's youth. I have always been repelled by the juvenile, and the present fashion of gushing over it disgusts me. The conceit and impertinence of these young Russian lads was just as intolerable as that of their European contemporaries in Fascist countries. Is it's youth a nation's flower? Not a bit of it. It's a dangerous charge of dynamite that ought to be kept under lock and key.

—From "Comes the Comrade", by Alexandra Orme, an account of the Russian Occupation of Hungary, 1944-1945. pp. 169-170.