

VOTE FOR

Catholic Education

IN OUR BULWARK of Christianity in the Far East, in our Catholic Philippines, we Catholics are the emaciated victims of our own stupid complacency against the pernicious onslaughts of Protestants, Masons, and unscrupulous politicians in our educational system.

We pay tax to support public education, even if we do not use such Godless education for our children. We pay to establish and maintain our own Catholic schools. To top the sad situation, we have to pay more, because the Government taxes our Catholic schools!

Should a public or another private school be operating already in locality, with its inadequate, Godless education, we are prohibited from having our own Catholic school. We have been forced to pay for public education; we are now forced to take the Godless education, or to have no education at all. We cannot have our own Catholic school!

Indeed, it is very strange that, although our Government is fighting Communism, our Government is doing precisely what the Communist are doing in Red China and elsewhere inside the Iron Curtain: discouraging, persecuting the Catholic schools!

We, the people must correct this anomaly. The Administration of President Quirino must be subject to censure in the coming elections unless it reforms its anti-democratic and anti-Catholic policy against Catholic schools.

In the first place, the Administration must lift up the taxation of Catholic schools. Such taxation is against the Constitution, against the democratic way of life, and smacks of an avid desire to get money and more money by whatever means, for the Government to spend and perhaps mis-spend.

In the second place, the Administration must permit the opening of Catholic schools even in places where there are already public or other private schools. Freedom of education, the right and duty to educate one's children, is a God-given, inalienable human right, recognized in our Constitution. It in-

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cludes the freedom to establish and maintain schools.

Any public or private school that cannot stand the test of honest competition deserves no artificial protection from the State. Moreover, it must be noted that there is something in Catholic education that is absent from our "public" or "secular" education, — the education of the soul, along with the education of the mind and body.

We Catholics must awake from our stupid complacency, and stop being like the placid carabao, led by the nose by the enemies of our Church. We must be militant Catholics in our private and public life. We must make good use of the ballot. We must ask our candidates to state their stand on Catholic education, and accordingly give them or refuse them our vote.

OFF THE RECORD

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patriotic than the Ed who's all afire with enthusiasm setting up a chapter of the National Movement for Free Elections. We can contribute this observation though the political would have lost an asset in the person of Father Moderator. Have you seen Father S. coming down the corridors to his office? Such a lot of "Hello, Inday" and "It's this, my boy, ne?" and stopping to chat and the cheery Catholic wave of the hand and geniality. Winning any election would be a cinch.

Unfortunately, Father S. is happy where he is, so there is lost one who answers the need of the moment — "A Catholic Politician."

In the course of our chat with friend Herbie in the office the other day, we touched on the interesting

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ideal that they are subservient, nay, slaves of the State, because they have to live like social beings and must look to the common good. On the altars of this ideal, they are willing to follow their leader to death. Can any one sincerely say: I shall sacrifice my life for the freedom not to get caught by the policeman?

Frantically America today is trying to gain adherents to its bankrupt cause. It strews billions of dollars around the world seeking to lull the intense unrest of backward nations by a temporary prosperity. The Marshall Plan, the Point IV, the war damage, surplus, war equipments, all the letters of the alphabet dressed up gaudily with the glitter of American gold are mustered up to prevent the final cataclysm. The Yankee dollar rolls in vain. Why? Where did the PCAU and the ECA supplies go? Ask the party in power. Where did the surplus and the War Damage money go? Ask the party in power. Where did the billions for Chinese defense go? Ask the Nationalists. Where will all other American aid, intended for the enlightenment and the social upliftment of the masses, finally go? If for once such aid were applied properly, how successful would it be in setting at ease the fevered spasms of suffering humanity, and for how long? How long without a faith that makes the individual responsible to His Lord and Creator, to Whom he must render a final accounting. How long without a faith that recognizes the Ten Commandments. How long without a faith that makes all men brothers and worthy of respect because they are all children of God. How long without a faith that teaches that the salvation of man's soul is the chief concern of man here on earth, and that each right proceeds from God, each duty is owed to God?

The skeptic might at this point raise an eyebrow and say: Why religion of all things in this modern age? To go into a detailed answer could not be difficult, but there is a more powerful answer that comes from the pronounced enemies of democracy. Why do the communist hate religion so much? Scan the newspapers for the atrocities, the inhuman killing of priests, nuns, and other Apostles of Christianity. You remember Cardinal Mindszenty. You remember the Protestant Mis-

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