

evidence of the direction in which they intend to lead their American followers.

It is the contention of Judge Levitt that the persecution of minorities in Colombia, in Spain, in Italy, and elsewhere, is not simply a local situation, but is the result of the clearly stated viewpoints of the leaders of the unchanging Roman Catholic Church. He maintains that the statements in favor of toleration and of freedom of religion, which are sometimes made in this country by Roman Catholic leaders, represent a temporary expedient, useful as long as they are in a minority, but that the expressed positions of the heads of the Roman Catholic Church commit them to a policy of persecution and suppression, once they are able to secure control of a nation.

This is a very serious charge. It deserves careful consideration. It must be examined and a definite position taken toward it. If the Roman Catholic Church is innocent of this position, it would be an excellent thing if its leaders in Italy and Spain would publicly declare their abandonment of the policy of oppression, maintained in various Roman Catholic countries, and supported by declarations of popes and cardinals. If, on the other hand, the official position of the church is actually one of suppression of human freedom, then it is only right that all Americans should become aware of this situation, and should determine to take care that no such position shall ever become established in this country. That it is in fact the official Roman Catholic position, seems to be clearly shown by Roman Catholic documents quoted. We all know how Marx and Lenin openly publicized their blue-print for world domination, and how Hitler in Mein Kampf forcefully announced his goal. Judge Levitt has assigned himself the task of