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1. In the opinion of Antonio Luna Garcia, Spanish Professor now in Argentina,* a Catholic cannot maintain a neutral position in the event of another world war.
2. Luna spoke recently before an assembly of some 200 persons, predominately nationalists, gathered at Carlos Pellegrini 1535, Buenos Aires, for a meeting of the Cursos de Cultura, a Catholic organization.
3. Luna, who frequents nationalist circles and who appears to be an intense Franco propagandist, was introduced by the nationalist and totalitarian writer, Dr. (fnu) Llambias. Luna stated that his views were in opposition to those expressed by the Vatican and by L'Observatore Romano. He added that he fears no immediate war, and that neither the United States nor Russia wants a war. Russia is not technically prepared and the United States has no desire to wage a war, Luna explained.
4. Should another war occur, no Catholic country would be bound to participate. Luna alluded specifically to Spain and Argentina when he stated that such countries would have to receive assurances of continued complete independence before entering into a war.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment: Antonio Luna Garcia is a Professor of International Law of the University of Madrid. In 1940-41 he served as a member of the Special Tribunal for the Suppression of Masonry and Communism.

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