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# An answer to Communism?

**THE FILM:** The Crowning Experience  
(P. alle).

**THE PLAYERS:** Muriel Smith, Ann Buckles.

**OPINION:** Lush moral tonic.

SINCE the war, Moral Re-Arma-  
ment has taken on the role of  
fireman to the tinder boxes of  
Communism in the West, with a  
concern for oppression which their  
leader, Dr. Buchman, was late in  
showing about Fascism in the  
1930's.

Through the American Negro  
singer Muriel Smith in this colour  
film, the movement appeals for a  
change of heart which will improve  
the morale of our system and  
breach the divisions upon which  
Communism feeds.

"God's word or tyranny," says  
Muriel Smith as Mary Bethune,  
the American educationist, in a  
performance given to sloganing  
and heavy emotionalism, but mov-  
ing for its obvious sincerity.

Moral Re-Armament offers itself  
in this film as an ideology to beat  
Communism, but it appears so  
loosely based as to be little more  
than a tranquillizer for the dis-  
contented within our system. The  
movement seems to be in danger  
of becoming professionally anti-  
Communist, instead of directing  
itself against cruelty and social in-  
justice wherever it occurs.

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