

Forty years ago it was hardly unusual to arouse feeling among members of these denominations to make a strong stand for the Word of God, and if they could not get the victory to leave them and

to start new organizations by pointing to the effect of modernism on the mission work. Forty years ago most of these denominations had great numbers of missionaries on the foreign field, who had had a great influence on every continent in leading thousands to belief in Christ. People in these denominations were tremendously interested in that work. Forty years ago that was the most effective way of calling attention of people who were gradually being fed poison to the need of getting away from it, opposing it, and of forming organizations that would stand true to God's Word, to point out to them what was happening in the missionary work of these organizations.

I do not believe that would be a very effective approach today. The apostasy had gone so much further that most of them are speaking of their missionaries rather as fraternal workers and are giving their emphasis to a great extent to social development, or to progress toward communism, rather than toward advancing the knowledge of Christ. Many have been gradually swept

along. I don't believe that is a point at which they can be awakened today as they could 40 years ago.

But today I believe anyone who truly believes in God's Word and anyone who stands for the great blessings that we in America today enjoy as a result of the outworking of the Word of God in our society, that any such person can be aroused if the facts are brought to his attention about the NCC and the WCC and so I believe it is very important for each of us as we go out to serve the Lord that we be aware of the developments and the activities of these two closely related organizations.