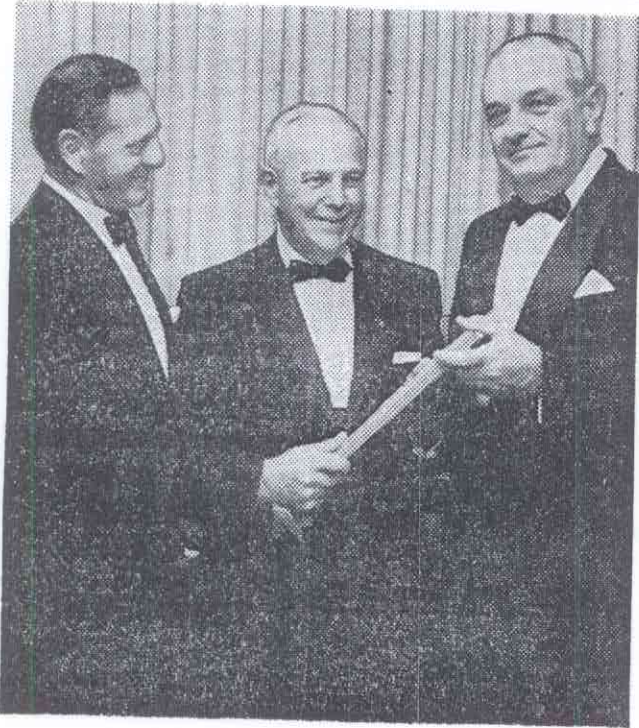


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**DR. ALTON OCHSNER**, center, receives the International House's Cunningham Award for 1967 from **SAM ISRAEL**, chairman of the award committee, left, and **E. M. ROWLEY**, banquet chairman, last night at International House.

## Commie Clergy Discussed by Dr. Ochsner

That a minister, priest or rabbi would adopt the Communist ideology is inconceivable to a student of communism, but has happened, said Dr. Alton Ochsner as he received International House's 1967 Cunningham Award last night.

Speaking at the banquet at International House honoring him for outstanding contribution to better inter-American relations, the founder of the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation said the Communist ideology is a direct antithesis to "that which is held by us who believe in a Supreme Being.

"That such has happened is attested to by the activities of some of the clergy in the Communist-incited riots frequently under the guise of civil liberty."

Dr. Ochsner said Fidel Castro would have been rejected by the Cuban people if he had started his revolution under the Communist banner.

Noting his distress that the United States' image has deteriorated in Latin America, Dr. Ochsner said only organizations such as International House can encourage better understanding and communication among the people of the hemisphere.

The award was presented to Dr. Ochsner by Sam Israel, chairman of the award committee.

Dr. Ochsner, a consultant to the U.S. Surgeon General and professor emeritus of surgery at the Tulane University School of Medicine, is a member of 27 international medical societies and an honorary member of 47 others.