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THE CATHOLIC COMMENT -- the CURRENT CINEMA

By JOHN SPRINGUE

The best thing that can be said about the movie week just completed is that it's over and the prospects of the new one are infinitely better. It was a pretty mediocre movie week on the whole, with what few bright spots there were pretty well swamped by the general tedium of the rest.

There was "The Housekeeper's Daughter" (Not yet classified), for example. At present, Miss Joan Bennett, its star, is pretty steamed up about it. She thinks the picture adds nothing to her artistic prestige, so she is busily informing clubwomen that she wants them to boycott it. Now this little publicity stunt, although Joan says it isn't "ought" to bring roughly twice as many people to the theater to see "Housekeeper's Daughter" as otherwise would come, all wanting to see if it can be as bad as Miss Bennett says. It isn't. It isn't very good either, though, rather foolish little melodrama in which everybody makes a lot of noise and doesn't accomplish much more than a couple of sequences which are interesting in a crass sort of way. Then there is George E. Stone, the sad little lunatic, who just loves to cook. He specially brings a good cup of coffee (pointed out). That's a clever performance. As for Joan's artist's prestige she seems to have given up all thought of trying to act since she learned that she could look sultry and glamorous like a seductress simply by donning a black wig. Or maybe her imitation of Hedy extends to the acting. You will probably be surprised that Tyrone Power is neither a noble figure of history nor a domineering lord, in the picture, "The Sign of the Cross" (A-2). This time he has just an average young man about town, which is a little more logical. You won't get the most surprising out of the picture, however, unless you've never happened to see a film in which a wife has a husband and the husband has a secretary. This follows the conventional routine. Of course you can always gaze upon the charms of the luscious Linda Darnell and Wendy Barrie while you are waiting for Binnie Barnes to pop in and do a bit of dancing. But unfortunately, she doesn't pop in very often during "Daytime Wife."

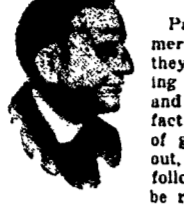
"Tower of London" (A-2) might be subtitled "Dark Deeds in the Medieval Skulduggery and deep-dyed plotting during its course but it's hardly as blood-curdling as you may have been led to believe. There are a few delectable tortures and the extra enjoy themselves no end in the battle scenes what with swinging of broad swords and clanking of armor but you know it's all in fun and it doesn't bother you a bit Basil Rathbone is a first-class character actor, the stilted grand who is responsible for most of the royal intrigue. It seems that Dickie has to dispose of a certain number of people before the throne is his. After the first three or four you get a sort of confused about just which is which, but it doesn't matter much. You know because Dickie is really Basil Rathbone after all that he will get what he wants. And because it's Basil Rathbone who gets what he loses it in the end. Then there's Boris Karloff, who's the bogey again this time an executioner with a bald head and a club foot and a puffed face. And such usually interesting characters as Hunter, Barbara O'Neil, Vincent Price and Nan Gray are pretty badly amateurish here acting like pupils in a high school elocution class, complete with lectures.

There is a good bit by Miles Mander, as the feeble tottering de-throned king but it's just that a bit—and doesn't help much at all. Other pictures of the week give you a chance to see Preston Foster with and without mustache. Preston-plus-mustache is one of the players in "20,000 Men a Year" (A-1), which is of more interest than it would be under other circumstances, because if it dealt with the C.A.A., the inclusion of government sponsored flying training into the curriculum of certain colleges. Its timeliness, a few good shots of flying between warring canyons and the good performances of Foster, likable Randolph Scott, George Earnest, Maxie Rosenbloom and that most intelligent of ingenues, Margaret Lindsay, raise it a little above the average. It otherwise would have had

Preston-minus-mustache can be seen in "Cafe Hostess" (Not yet classified) a lurid little melodrama about the poor unfortunate clipping joint girl, Betty Davis portrayed the woes of the spangled sisterhood in a much better picture a couple of years ago so there's nothing very new here. It's shoddy fare, although it is good to see such a movie queen as Ann Dvorak, Peggy Shannon and particularly the vivid Wynne Gibson again. Douglas Fowley, as usual is an interesting menace, but the picture isn't worth the efforts of any of them. "The Flying Deuces" (A-1) is even weaker-than-usual Laurel and Hardy stuff—or maybe I just haven't any sense of humor but don't despair. The movie week just ahead looks a lot more worthwhile. They say that the Artie Shaw musical, "Dancing Co-Ed" (A-2), is entertaining, that Pat O'Brien and Roland Young in "Night of Nights" (A-2), will be surprisingly good, that the second features on these programs are better than the average. And of course, the long-awaited Paul Muni picture, "We Are Not Alone," will be another offering. It looks as though this last week was just a coast, before the big sport when the exhibitors really start to give out.

WILD WISDOM

By the Right Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Weyhorren, Editor-in-Chief, Catholic Action of the South



Father Speaks

Papa addresses Mamma and the children on the merits and duties of good citizenship. He advises that they should always be careful and punctual in observing and following the civic ordinances, regulations and laws of the land. He impresses them with the fact that no community can prosper unless the system of government is upheld and adhered to; he points out, correctly, that a nation where everybody would follow his own inclinations and do as he pleases would be ruined in no time through an inescapable rule of anarchy.

"Hence, my dear children and Mamma," advises Papa, "keep ever in mind that a well-regulated government is essential for our welfare; good government can be made effective only if you and other women and children be dutiful citizens. Of course, do not have to bother so much about keeping laws and following the governmental system, because I am a man and pay taxes."

How does that paternal argument strike you? Silly? Yes, indeed, more than silly! Nevertheless, the common notion of men that religion is good only for women and children is just as preposterous for everybody.

Religion is the government of God. The Ten Commandments, and the rules of the Church, are its laws. The Creator set up this divine order for the conduct of man, so that in the world of imperfection and evil inclinations, people might thus be guided and controlled, and the greatest benefit and happiness possible might ensue for everybody.

Religion is the restraint on the individual, but not any more so than is organized government. We must submit to its rules the same as we must abide by the laws of the land. The rule of God has as its objective eternal happiness, the end of civil government is temporal welfare. Neither one can be obtained by an attitude of "I don't care. I won't bother. I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul."

A government cannot function properly and effectively unless every citizen at least tries to cooperate to the best of his ability. At times the fidelity will become burdensome, and personal sacrifices may be in order, but this must be expected by every citizen who has the correct evaluation of social existence, which cannot be primarily and purely selfish. Very often we must be true and loyal citizens not so much for our own sake but for the sake of those who need our good example and our inspiration. There cannot be an argument against these statements, unless one is either devoid of reason or is an anarchist.

The most ignorant and fallacious stand that a man can take is to hold that religion is a farthing, not for women and children, it is natural and expected, that men

are the leaders in civil government. If this is true and correct, they should, for a greater and more important reason, be exemplary in following their religion; for, by ignoring religion and its duties, they are endangering their souls and the souls of their children. Religious neglect on the part of men is more detrimental. Where men go to church, not much thought and worry need be expended on their more or less, that women and children—But the reverse may not be maintained.

Furthermore, religion is a check on man's evil inclinations and wicked passions. We serve God by honoring Him in our submission to His commandments as given to Moses for the good government of the human race. Man's weak nature is the same today as it was thousands of years ago, hence the Ten Commandments should still control our lives.

May we ask our good men to answer us in all sincerity: Do you really believe, as you firmly convinced, that your good wife and children, or your dear mother and fine sisters, are more tempted than you or your grown-up sons? Do you wish to infer, by your assertion that women and children need religion more than you do, that they are more given to the sins of impurity, dishonesty and lack of general decency than you are? Are they more exposed to the temptations of the world than you are?

If you are an honorable man, we know your answer. Why, then, continue to hold your illegal position in the matter? Like a good citizen of God's Kingdom, be faithful and true to His government. You have the same eternal soul to save as your mother, your wife and your children, except with this difference, that the struggle with the devil, the angels and God, and your soul will doubtless be even more difficult for you. Notwithstanding this, your greater handicap you can feel assured of ultimate success, for God has promised sufficient grace to all of us who seek His help through religion.

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What 'NCWC' Does In A Year

The work of the various Departments and Bureaus of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington, "well organized" and "the continuing service rendered to vital Catholic interests constitutes strong defense for the welfare of the Church in our country," this was the report of Archbishop Mooney of Detroit as Chairman of the Administrative Board, N. C. W. C. to the General meeting of Bishops. The work of each department during the past year will be reviewed under this heading. Learn what the "NCWC" is doing.

Expansion of Services of Legal Department

The report of the Legal Department, of which he is Episcopal Chairman, is evidence of the "growth" of that Department and the great expansion of its services. The Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, told his fellow Bishops. The report, he added, "emphasizes once more the wide scope and diversified nature of the work of the Legal Department during the past year will be reviewed under this heading. Learn what the "NCWC" is doing.

Illustrating the numerous and sometimes unexpected points at which laws and legislative proposals definitely touch Catholic interests, Bishop Boyle cited in some detail a score or more of questions in the field of education alone, on which the Legal Department gave advice and important assistance over a twelve-month period.

Bishop Boyle also pointed to the Department's participation in the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, told of its close cooperation with hospitals of the country on legislative matters, and cited as some of the important questions upon which the Department has provided information and help to Catholic institutions and agencies, the following relief appropriations, the Social Security Act, the National Health Program, birth control legislation both in the United States and in Puerto Rico, human sterilization, euthanasia, tax exemption of diocesan property, taxation of cemetery property, property zoning, combating obscenity on the stage and in the mails, sheltered workshops under the Fair Labor Standards Act, farm problems, various questions in the field of radio, the situation in Mexico and the situation in Spain, and other problems in great number and variety.

Busy Year Experienced by Immigration Bureau

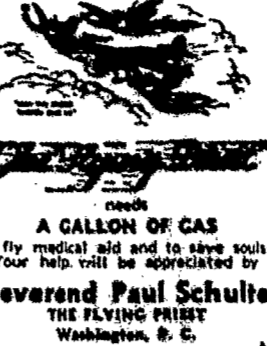
With the annual immigration quotas of Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Spain and many of the smaller countries pre-empted for from three to ten years ahead, the year was an extremely busy one for the NCWC Bureau of Immigration, the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit and Episcopal Chairman of the Executive Department, reported.

"The great majority of immigrants from those countries were of Jewish race and religion," the report said. "Nevertheless there were among them many of the Catholic non-Aryans and political refugees who formerly occupied positions of importance. These frequently came as visitors, students, or in transit, but with the intention of ultimately remaining here; thus the problems created were numerous and, as a rule, intricate.

"Likewise those who found it impossible to secure visas promptly sought the Bureau's direction as to possible short-cuts. In official procedure in addition to refugees who applied personally or through

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