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COURIER'S CURRENT CINEMA COMMENTS

By JOHN SPRINGER

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are played for effective comedy by S. Z. Sakall, Oscar Homolka, Henry Travers and others—best of all, Richard Haydn, who in a positive joy as the rabbit little Professor Oidly. "Ball of Fire" is so cleverly tricked up that you never notice how shopworn the plot really is.

"The Corsican Brothers"—A-1
Done as a farce, "The Corsican Brothers" might have been hilarious. Handled as a horror film, it could have been chilling. But in Producer Edward Small's free adaptation of the Alexandre Dumas original, it is a romantic adventure melodrama. That's all right, too, although the picture doesn't quite live up to the promise of its incredible but intriguing theme.

It's all about the Franchi family, who are killed off in a vendetta by the evil Colonna. The new-born Franchi babies are Siamese twins. Rescued from the mass slaughter, they are separated in a difficult operation. One is adopted by a wealthy couple and taken to Paris; the other is reared in the Corsican forests and becomes a bandit. On their twenty-first birthday, they are reunited, told of the fate of their family and of their own unusual birth. They swear to wreak vengeance on Colonna. In the meantime they are having some private troubles. Brother Lucien has a sympathetic nervous system which causes him to experience whatever emotions come to Brother Mario. Mario falls in love with a beautiful lady and that, automatically, means that Lucien swoons about with a dying-cath expression.

Miss Amy H. Croughton, of the Rochester Times-Union, observed that Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., "gives the impression that he is trying to pack into the two roles all the acting he will not be able to do for the duration of the war in this last picture made before he joined the Navy." You said it, Miss Croughton! Fairbanks' Mario is a winning chap, with a gay smile, who bounces energetically about, while his Lucien is such a glum fellow that no one minds a bit when he is killed off. Douglas, Jr., gives what isn't meant to be a parody on the screen style of his famous father, but he swashbuckles acceptably. Ruth Warrick, ex-Mrs. Citizen Kane, is unexciting in this—just eggs to Junior Fairbanks' horn. Akim Tamiroff, never noted for his restraint, indulges in broad comedy as the scene-chewing villain, which turns out to be the best thing he could do with the part. Small boys should eat up "The Corsican Brothers" and their elders should find it diverting romantic hokum.

"Cadet Girl"—A-2

Carole Landis is very nice to look at, but one needs all the patience possible in order to sit through "Cadet Girl," her new picture. It's a tedious piece about a West Pointer, one of a group of coy cut-ups, who is going to leave in order to marry a girl. He is inspired to go back when he hears an orchestra playing a patriotic number in a night club. For the most ludicrous finish to a picture within memory, he walks out of the night club with the cadets, while the night club patrons jitterbug to a jived-up version of the patriotic ditty. Even Carole's beauty—certainly not her acting ability—is not enough to make a visit to "Cadet Girl" worthwhile.

(John Springer reminisces about popular pictures of the past on "Your Movie Memory" over WSAJ every Monday morning at 10. As his Movie Memory of this week, Mr. Springer discusses the Henry Ford-Madeleine Carroll drama, "Blockade.")

Ask Aid In Justice For Colored Drive

NEW YORK—An appeal to the Catholic leaders of the country to lend their help to the cause of racial justice in behalf of the Colored, appears in The Interracial Review, current issue. The magazine is issued monthly by the Catholic Interracial Council.

Entitled "Calling Catholic Leaders," the article presents a challenge to all Catholics in the fields of social action, labor, industry, Catholic charity, the press, education, Catholic youth movements, and in public life, to increase efforts to eradicate prejudice against the Colored.

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Equal opportunity, in practice, means a fair fight for the skimmed milk after a few families have inherited the cream.—Atlantic City Press.

The word Mass derives from misale (misal) i.e. "disturb." Thus by strange evolution the word distilling the gathering has come to mean the actual sacrifice.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

Meet Rev. Francis J. Spellman, S. D., President
Rev. Magr. Bryan J. McEntegart, L. L. D., National Secretary
Rev. John J. Carrigan, Assistant Secretary

Church Unity Octave

During this Octave—January 18 to 25—we ask everyone to pray "that all may be one"—as Our Lord wills. Our work is to help reunite the separated Oriental Churches to the One Fold. You can promote unity by becoming one of our members. The dues are only One Dollar a year.

SISTERS PLEAD FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

At the invitation of the Bishop, the Sisters of the Holy Rosary from Jerusalem some time ago accepted a mission in the mountains of Lebanon. With great privation they have acquired a piece of land between the villages of Ain Saade and Beit Mary.

There, among the poor natives, they labor, visiting the sick and the aged and instructing the little ones. Especially are the children of concern to them. They wish to build a school dedicated to Christ for these poor children. Unfortunately, these good Sisters lack the money necessary to erect even the most modest school. Without a mission school their work will be seriously handicapped. A suitable one can be built for only Five Hundred Dollars.

The Sisters of the Holy Rosary have accomplished wonders in other places in Palestine and Trans-Jordan. They can do as well in Lebanon, if they have the equipment. Won't you help them build this school? Benefactors will always be gratefully remembered in the prayers of the nuns and of the children.

PRAYER FOR FOUNDERS

There is a special prayer in the Byzantine Rite which reads: "For the blessed remembrance and the remission of the sins of the blessed founders of this church." It is offered every time Mass is said. If you erect a chapel for a congregation of this Rite, you will be thus commemorated. Five Hundred Dollars will build a serviceable chapel in the Near East.

CHRISTIANS IN EGYPT

For fifteen hundred years most of the Christians of Egypt have been separated from the Catholic Church. In recent times, however, a vigorous mission work has been done by the Catholics of the Coptic Rite. It is one of our most flourishing fields. Help these zealous bishops and priests. Send us a gift for the work in Egypt.

PROVIDE PICTURES

In the Eastern Churches the altar is divided from the rest of the Church. Not by a railing as with us, but by a large screen called the iconostasis. Every iconostasis is supposed to have three pictures on it—our Lord, one of His Blessed Mother, and one of the Patron Saint of the church. You can give these three pictures for only Fifteen Dollars or one of them for Five Dollars.

SHARE IN GOOD WORKS

Would you like a share in all the prayers and good works of a mission priest? You can have this (and God's blessing) if you educate a young native of the Near East for the Priesthood. It takes One Hundred Dollars a year. The course in the seminary is six years. If you can sponsor a student, you will be doing a wonderful work for God's Church.

ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

No priest can offer Mass without a Chalice. Many of our mission priests in the Near East need them. You can supply a Chalice for only Ten Dollars.

NEVER GIVE UP

No matter how hard the post, the missionaries never give up. The odds may seem all against them, but they have Our Lord's command and they obey it. Their lot is difficult. You can make it easier by remembering them in your prayers and by asking them to offer Mass for your intentions. It will encourage them greatly.

CHILDREN IN DANGER

A little child in danger makes almost anyone turn to help. The children in some of our missions are in grave danger—the danger of having to attend Mohammedan schools, where their religion is ridiculed and belittled. Their parents are too poor to pay for their schooling in Catholic schools. These schools depend on us in order to keep open. Five Dollars keeps a child in one of them for six months.

SANCTUARY BELL

Two Dollars buys a bell for a chapel in the Near East.

EXTREME POVERTY

The poverty of most of the people of the Near East is almost unbelievable. Hence, even when a priest has a large flock, it does not mean that he is being supported. Quite the contrary, the more people he has, often the greater his expenses. That is why we ask for help in maintaining our priests there. Five Dollars a week will provide for a mission priest.

FAMILY ENROLLMENT

You can enroll your whole family in this association for only Five Dollars a year. This means that each member will receive all the spiritual benefits. Both the living and the deceased are included in Family Membership.

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