'For Whom Bell Tolls' Film Classified 'B'

"For Whom the Bell Tolls," a Paramount motion picture, with its story set against the background of the recent Spanish Civil War has been classified as "B," objectionable in part, by the National Legion of Decency, this week.

The objection given is: "Suggestive situations, indications of justification of homicide; excessive brutality."

Also in the Legion's "B" classification is the new United Artists film, "Hi Diddle Diddle," with the objection: "Suggestive dialogue."

"Heaven Can Wait," (20th Century Fox) placed in Class A, Section 2, is given this "note" by the Legion: "The film contains visualizations of what are presented in the story as incidents of the future life."

Pick Social Work

St. Louis. — The Rev. Joseph Husslein, S.J., general editor of St. Louis University's "Science and Culture Series," has been advised that Volume II of his "Social Wellsprings," has been selected by the American Library Association as among the 50 outstanding religious books of the year.

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Catholic Courier

Catholic Hour Message

Declares Saint Is A Sinner Who Keeps On Trying

NEW YORK (NC)—There is "but one grief in the world—not to be a Saint," and whether a person is a Catholic, Protestant or Jew, all have the same ultimate objective of "supreme happiness among the everlasting mansions of God," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ambrose J. Burke, President of St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Ia., declared in a radio address Sunday evening on the "Catholic Hour" program.

The discourse concluded a series of three addresses given by Monsignor Burke on the general theme, "Sainthood, the Universal Vocation," for the "Catholic Hour" which is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men and is carried on the nation-wide network of the National Broadcasting Company.

Lifetime of Endeavor

"There must be sustained and continued effort in the world of art, in business and in the professions if there is to be progress in secular vocations," he said. "Why, then, is not this truth as readily accepted, that each man must strive constantly to advance in his first and most important business, that of sanctifying his own soul? Sanctity is not to be obtained in a moment by a single act of the will; it is the accomplishment of a lifetime of endeavor. A Saint is a sinner who keeps on trying.

"Convinced, then, that we must become Saints and knowing that sanctity is to be achieved by our efforts by God's transforming grace, how should we proceed? Too many persons want to start at the top of the spiritual ladder instead of at the first rung. With the best of intentions they aspire to top flight sanctity. They long for the heroic, the spectacular; perhaps, secretly, they would like to perform miracles. They envisage as essential to holiness long prayers, great mortifications and heroic labors performed exclusively in God's Service. Their error is that they mistake the unusual for the essential."

Monsignor Burke said in the lives of most of us, circumscribed by routine, there is little opportunity for the heroic and he recalled the sage advice of Cardinal Newman, "Do what God intended you to be, and do what is in front of you to do." If we wish to be perfect we have nothing more to do than to perform this ordinary duties of the day well.

Benedictine Serves War Prisoners In U.S.

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ers of war arrived at this camp an Army Chaplain was assigned to attend their spiritual needs. He is Chaplain John C. Kaiser, a Lutheran clergyman who made his studies for the ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Immediately Chaplain Kaiser arrived, he took a religious census and discovered that 30 per cent of all the prisoners of war are Catholics.

Learning this, Chaplain Kaiser made known to the commanding officer of the internment camp, Lieut.-Col. W. E. Chester, the need of a priest at the camp. Arrangements were made at once and the following week-end Father Peter Behrmann, O. S. B., of St. Meinrad's Abbey, St. Meinrad, Ind., came to the camp, heard confessions Saturday afternoon and evening and celebrated three Masses on Sunday. This he has done each week-end since. The Masses are at 8 a. m. in one of the mess halls, at 7:30 a. m. in the hospital and at 9:30 a. m. in another mess hall.

At this camp I found many of the men had prayer books, gifts of the Holy Father sent through His Excellency the Most. Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic delegate to the United States. There were holy pictures on the walls about the beds of the Catholics which gave added evidence of solicitude to carry out the desires of the Sovereign Pontiff.

Army regulations have made it thus far impossible to supply the men with much reading matter, since all books and publications have to be passed upon by the censorship. Camp authorities told me they had been told by representatives of lay groups, such as the National Catholic Community Service and Diocesan Councils of Catholic Women, that they stand ready to supply this want whenever it is permitted.

The Germans seem to have brought some personal possessions with them. Musical instruments are to be heard at night in their recreation halls and dormitories.

Here's an item in connection with the religious services. The organs which are played at the three Masses on Sunday are all the personal property of the Lutheran chaplain, who generously lends them to Father Behrmann. There is no difficulty in finding organists among the prisoners of war.

Athletics and Vinegar

With the German prisoners, the favorite game on the athletic field is soccer, but the Germans also play something that is a cross between American college football and rugby. To an observer it seems they play pretty rough. When a man is down even his own team-mates jump on him. Their boxing contests, too, are no slap-tap affairs. They really fight and there is plenty of blood about.

A supply officer at Camp Breckenridge told me one that should be passed on. It seems that when the Germans arrived the vinegar supply was found to be entirely inadequate. The allowance was doubled but still the containers were emptied long before all had eaten, and this in every mess hall. A watch was kept and it was found that the earlier arrivals filled their drinking cups with vinegar, added sugar and gulped it, which is something new in appetizers, or cocktails.

The German prisoners of war have done many things to make their compounds more attrative. There are flowers growing near sidewalks and the floors of their dormitories and mess halls could not possibly be cleaner.

There is no general gaiety among them but I found no signs of grumbling. The officers told me complaints came chiefly from individuals and generally were over trivial matters.

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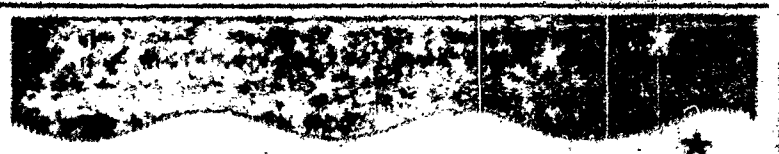

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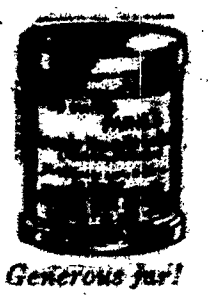

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