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Rickford, Film Menace Cast As Priest In 'Song Of Bernadette'

When Jane Wallace, Hollywood movie reporter, heard that Charles Rickford, who acted "fights' fool" and like mayhem, had been cast as the priest in the forthcoming picture, "Song of Bernadette" she grinned.

Rickford is known for his slugging and fast and rough shooting. Jane called other of his characters, "Of Mice and Men," and "Hatchet in the Big Stone."

"It's just like asking Boris Karloff to be a Shirley Temple role," grinned the inveterate film fan.

She decided to see the lowdown what had transformed Rickford into a priest of the Catholic Church, and make her story on whom "Song of Bernadette" is being filmed.

"Two real pickle ways on the set in an advisory capacity and several others had dropped in on visitors," reports Miss Wallace. "Chatting with me, one of them said: 'Yes, we approved of Rickford for his role. Although I have seen him in hard-boiled pictures, his toughness never fooled me. Moreover, do you know that when Henry King, director of 'Bernadette,' sent for Rickford, he found Charles knew the entire book of Bernadette as well as much Catholic theology? It's the man underneath who will shine through in his character.'

"Just then Rickford himself, bedecked with his scars, joined us with red hair whitening. They had told him I said he couldn't play the part! I knew it the minute I looked at him. He said, 'Pardon me Father,' and then to me, 'All one ordained in another, what are you trying to do, rule me?'

"I floundered around a bit and deciding to face it, declared straightly, 'Yes, I said it, and I meant it. You will be no good as a priest, you're too tough.'

"Do you know who really got me this role?" Rickford asked. The author did. He said at the start that I should play the part but the studio, wanting to use actors in their own stock company, would not have me. This priest is antagonistic to Bernadette at the start, but she wears him down. And he is in her corner at the last.

"When this real priest told me: 'You hide so well your spiritual character,' I was just overcome. Gosh, nobody has talked to me like that since my mother died. When I was young somebody called me 'A nice little boy' and I've been

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