

Want to know something? Alexander the Great found bananas growing in the Indus Valley in 327 B. C.

WILL REBUILD WAR-TORN NEW GUINEA MISSIONS



These 20 young missionaries, members of the Society of the Divine Word, have left St. Mary's Mission House, Techy, Ill., to rebuild the Catholic missions on New Guinea, totally destroyed by the war. This is the first contingent to leave in four years. Left to right, front row: Fathers Bernard Dowd, Worcester, Mass.; Arthur Schenker, Dubuque, Ia.; Stephen Appelhans, Pfeifer, Kans.; John Cahill, Elizabeth, N. J.; Daniel Driscoll, Hardingsburg, Ky. Second row: Fathers Wilbur Klunk, Hanover, Pa.; John Labov, Shamokin, Pa.; Harrison Morin, Normandin, Sask.; John Kolnik, Steger, Ill. Third row: Fathers Francis Kowalski, Chicago; Anthony Patik, Albion, Ia.; John Wald, Fargo, N. D.; Vincent Bradley, Somerville, Mass.; John Hannaher, Clinton, Ia. Rear row: Fathers Edward Misk, Milwaukee; Joseph Walachy, Trenton, N. J.; Leo Arkfeld, Panama, Ia.; Otto Schellenberger, Georgetown, Ind.; Louis Weiling, Crawford, Nebr.; William Saiko, St. Paul, Minn. (N.C.W.C.)

St. Paphnutius, Bishop

was an Egyptian who, after having spent several years in the desert under the direction of St. Anthony, was made Bishop of Upper Thebais. He lost his right eye in the persecution under the Emperor Galerius. At the Council of Nice his advice was greatly sought after and he was often called into private conference with Constantine the Great. He also took part in the Council of Tyre and strenuously combated the Arian heresy.

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Detour on 'Going My Way' Film

By William H. Mooring

You cannot please all of the people all of the time. You cannot please some of the people any of the time.

At least that is how Hollywood producers are apt to feel if they take seriously, two dissentient criticisms of the successful film "Going My Way," which have appeared in "The Catholic Worker" and "The Pittsburgh Catholic."

The Rev. Paul J. Glenn, professor of philosophy at St. Charles Seminary, Columbus, writes that if he had the say-so he would list this picture in the Condemned Class as un-Catholic throughout and in some spots anti-Catholic. The Legion of Decency approves it for General Patronage.

Five-Point Planning Father Glenn, in a lengthy analysis, sets out his five main objections to the film.

- (1) That in presenting the two Catholic priests portrayed by Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald, it lays stress on works alone and gives no time to items of faith. (2) That a whiskey bottle from which the old Pastor takes an occasional swig, suggests that to be Catholic is to be Irish and to be Irish is to be a whiskey drinker. (3) That the story introduces a

wayward young girl who has run away from home and offers a bad example to youth.

(4) That the story has spots of mushy sentimentality.

(5) That it suggests the Catholic religion is neither more nor less than "sociology" by failing to deal with personal sanctification, prayer, the active realization of the presence of God, the real aim of human existence, the Sacraments, the meaning of Mass and so forth. Condemned Sight Unseen

Father John J. Hugo, writing in "The Catholic Worker" admits he has not seen the film and has no intention of doing so. His condemnation is based entirely upon what he reads into favorable criticisms written by others.

Letters from readers of Father Glenn's denunciation expressed both approval and disapproval of his views. One writer insisted that "any intelligent Catholic viewing 'Going My Way' would know it was

done without any collaboration with one qualified to do it." He evidently did not know that Father Devlin, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Legion of Decency acted as technical advisor on the film every step of the way, or that Leo Mc Carey, its producer; Bing Crosby, its star, and several others engaged culturally on the job are practical Catholics.

Others agreed with Father Glenn that the film is calculated to give the public erroneous impressions of the Catholic Church; that it developed suggestiveness by introducing the young runaway girl and that it ought not to have shown that "Father Barry Fitzgerald," aided by others, habitually consumed one whole bottle of Irish whiskey every year!

Detects False Promise

My own opinion was beautifully endorsed in a letter from Chaplain Thomas E. Madden, of Deshon Hospital, Butler, Pa., who says: "Father Glenn's fundamental objection to 'Going My Way' seems to be based on the false premise that the picture is a complete and exhaustive study of rectory and parish life. As I see it the producers aimed at presenting a 'delightful comedy with a Catholic flavor. In this they succeeded. To say that the picture is un-Catholic, anti-Catholic and merits a 'Class C' rating is rhetorical extravagance, if not sheer nonsense."

Father Madden appreciates Leo McCarey's aim. When he first planned to film this story he told us (and we published what he said), "I am not out to make Catholic propaganda or sell anything of the sort. Catholics do not need it and non-Catholics would not go for it."

Elsewhere for Inspiration?

If there are to be no motion pictures dealing with Catholic action unless time is taken in each to explain the Divine Mystery, of the Sacraments and the whole teaching of Mother Church, then Hollywood dramatists will feel inclined to turn for inspiration to the Salvation Army and Aimee Semple McPherson.

If we are not to see on the screen, a cassock without also being shown a Chasuble, or take a peek inside the Rectory without taking (for the benefit of non-Catholics) a full course of Catholic instruction, there is no further hope of motion pictures from which non-Catholic millions might snatch a glimpse of Catholicism at work as distinct from devotions.

Fortunately an overwhelming number of people, Catholic and non-Catholic, recognize in "Going My Way," a screenplay capable of dispelling much misunderstanding and prejudice which exists against the Catholic Church and particularly against priesthood.

MOBILE BISHOP WARNS PARENTS CHILDREN MUST ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

MOBILE, Ala. (REIS)—Reminding all Catholic families in the Diocese of Mobile that their children must be sent to Catholic schools, Bishop T. J. Toolen warned that parents who disobey this requirement may be denied the Sacraments of the Church.

"There is no law of the Church more important than that which obliges parents to send their children to Catholic schools," the bishop stated.

"Some Catholics," his statement added, "may be misled by the fact that the Church makes provision for the religious care of Catholic youth attending secular schools and colleges, and interpret this to mean that the Church endorses attendance at these schools. The Church at best tolerates this attendance and simply fulfills a duty in caring for the souls of those in attendance."

The Rev. Leo M. Byrnes, diocesan director of schools, reported that the 18 high schools and 53 grammar schools of the diocese will have an enrollment this fall exceeding 11,000, the highest in their history.

DEFINITIONS

Socialism: You have two cows; give one cow to your neighbor.

Communism: You have two cows; give both to the government; the government gives you milk.

Fascism: You have two cows; give milk to the government; the government sells it.

Nazism: The government shoots you and takes the cows.

Vacation: When a person succeeds in making both week-ends meet.

Genius: A man who can make anything but a living.

Hereditry: Something every father believes in until his children begin acting like darn fools.

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