

Prayer Brings Rain on Fire

Chicotville, Que. — (NC) — Fire which swept through 18 homes at Riviere du Moulin near here, was brought under control with the aid of a sudden rain storm which many residents believe was the result of their prayers.

out of control, the Rev. Omer Carrier, curate at the Chicoutimi cathedral, put on his surplice and stole and, standing on a truck, drove around the fire calling upon the people to pray for rain to help their efforts. Kneeling in the dust of the street, those who were not actively engaged in fighting the fire, recited the rosary with great fervor. Within the hour a rain storm suddenly came up and the downpour helped materially to bring the fire under control.

Soviet Author Greeted By Hollywood Leftists

By W. H. MOORING

When Konstantine Simonov, visiting Soviet film writer, acted as host to Charles Chaplin, John Garfield, Lewis Milestone and some lesser lights of the Hollywood movie colony, the lay press, with its usual flair for externals, made headlines of the fact that they drank champagne and ate smoked turkey and two brands of caviar aboard Soviet tanker anchored in Los Angeles harbor.

Boston College Gets in Movies

Chastat Hill, Mass. — (NC) — They're going to convert Boston College's school of business administration into an English country club. Of course, this could only happen in the movies — and that's the answer.

The school is housed in Cardinal O'Connell Hall, main building of the old Liggett Estate adjacent to the college campus, which was given to the institution in 1941 by the late Cardinal William O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston. The main building is a reproduction of an English manor and the featured lecture and rock gardens feature the surrounding grounds.

Such a spot was called for in the script of the forthcoming 20th Century Fox movie "13 Rue Madeleine" for some scenes in an English country club. The movie will star James Cagney and Annabella, and deals with war-time espionage of the Office of Strategic Services.

50 Polish Priests Coming — (RNS) — More than fifty Polish priests who have been unable to return to Poland will leave shortly for the United States and Canada, at the invitation of Catholic organizations in those countries. It was disclosed here by the Polish Catholic Mission in France. The priests include groups residing in France, Germany, Holland and Belgium.

"Day and Night," based on Simonov's own novel, may be an epic of the war, but he did not come here primarily to sell it. His English is not good enough to make him an apt salesman. He relies on an interpreter. And through his interpreter, via the publicity department of Hollywood Writers Mobilization, Simonov had a lot to say about his film. "Day and Night," the premiere of which incidentally, on Catholic film critic was invited.

"Recently," said Simonov, "in many countries in Europe, they have been handling fascists as if they were handling a common cold. . . . Fascism is not a cold. . . . Fascism is gangrene and it is only through surgical means that you can cure gangrene."

Simonov did not prescribe a cure for fascism's totalitarianism, communism, although the nature and extent of its progress in Europe resembles that of cancer. There are forms of surgical treatment for cancer too, if taken in the early stages. Communist influence upon Hollywood movies, although well past the earliest stages of malignancy, still might yield to operative treatment if there were anyone around to wield a sharp scalpel. Most of the present American interests, however, still waste their time and energy preparing hot fomentations. These include many self-styled patriots who control the press.

Konstantine Simonov can at least take that consoling message back to Premier Joseph Stalin, who keeps off the screens of Russian controlled countries, all films which give anything approaching a true picture of

ADVICE FROM AN EXPERT



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By REV. FRANCIS J. CONNELL, S.S.M. (Written for N. C. W. & News Service) The recent announcement that the President has ordered the manufacture of "80 percent flour" throughout our country as a means of providing more bread for Europe has caused anxiety and uncertainty among Catholics, particularly to those members of religious communities who make hosts to be used at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

New 80% Flour Suitable For Hosts, Theologian Says

(The author of the following article, widely known as a writer and lecturer, is associate professor of moral theology at the Catholic University of America.)

Some have interpreted the announcement as meaning that only 20 percent of the product now being sold at whatever flour is genuine wheat, the remaining 80 percent being some other type of grain, such as barley or maize.

If this were the case, we should be confronted by a serious problem. For the Church requires that the hosts to be consecrated at Mass for the Eucharist be of pure wheat bread; and it would surely be a grave violation of this law if the hosts composed of some extraneous matter to a proportion of one-fifth of their entire content were employed, although even in this case there would be no reason to doubt the validity of the consecration.

From reliable governmental officials I have learned that what is called "80 percent flour" is actually composed in its entirety of genuine wheat. The phrase that has given rise to the uncertainty merely means that nowadays 80 percent of the bulk of the wheat from which flour is made is retained in the finished product, while the other 20 percent becomes a by-product. Formerly only 75 percent of the wheat was used for the composition of flour, so that 25 percent was cast aside. As a result of the present method a larger amount of the husk of the wheat berries enters into the flour, giving it a slightly darker color, but also making it richer in food value than the "75 percent flour" hitherto manufactured.

Accordingly, Catholics need have no hesitation in using flour for altar bread merely because it is described as "percent flour"

Germans Favor Religious Schools

Cologne — (NC) — Catholics won a sweeping victory in all districts of Germany where they were given the opportunity to express their preference for parochial as against public schools.

In the city of Cologne 76.4 per cent of the parents voted in favor of parochial schools, in the city of Bonn 80 per cent, in the city of Dusseldorf 71 per cent, in the city of Essen 86 per cent. The overall average for the Rhineland was 80 per cent in favor of religious schools.

In the state of Baden an agreement was reached between Protestants and Catholics whereby schools are to be maintained on an interdenominational basis. At the same time, however, the department of public instruction has ruled that conditions are to be restored to all the classrooms where they had formerly been banned by the Nazi regime.

Many well-known Catholic schools of Germany have recently been reopened including the school of the English Ladies in Berg am Lahn, Havarie, the high school of the Benedictines, Fatima in Scheffern, Havarie, and the Jesuit high school on the Liebensee, Berlin.

In Hagenburg, Havarie, five Catholic members of the local Town Council recently left in protest when communism, opposing parochial and particularly the convent schools, isolated their "breeding laboratories." The Catholic representative com-

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The following reviews give William H. Moorings' estimate of the entertainment value of new motion pictures. *** indicates an outstanding picture. ** Excellent. * Good. * Satisfactory. X Weak. Letter of Denial listing of the same picture is shown in parenthesis.

"ONE MORE TOMORROW" (Obj. in Part) Warners. This screenplay by Catherine Turney and Charles Hoffman introduces a familiar idea of marriage on the rebound with divorce as the inevitable route back to the status quo. Almost all the tale describes the journey towards a divorce which would have been unnecessary had the rich young man (Dennis Morgan) waited until the young news camerawoman (Ann Sheridan) had had time to reconsider her hasty refusal of his proposal. But instead he married in a hurry, the cohabiting young lady (Alexis Smith) and repented at leisure. Neatly directed by Peter Godfrey the film presents some pleasant light comedy by Jack Carson, Reginald Gardiner, Jane Bryan and Marjorie Gateson. It is not, in fact, a bad show, apart from the collision of plot by convenient device.

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