

Card. Dougherty Urges Letters to Italy

Philadelphia—(NC)—His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, has called on priests in his Archdiocese to request at all Masses that Americans of Italian descent communicate with their friends and relatives in Italy, urging them to vote against communists in the April 13 elections there.

Legion of Decency Listings

Table with columns for 'CLASS A-1—Unobjectionable for General Patronage', 'CLASS A-2—Unobjectionable for Adults', and 'CLASS B—Unobjectionable in Part'. Lists various films and their ratings.

Hollywood Film Ad Reform By W. H. Moorings

"Great days are ahead for the moviegoers of America," promises Maurice Bergman in announcing a cooperative plan to tell the public from coast to coast that there are about to be "more good motion pictures than ever before in the history of the American film industry."



He lists over 100 titles which he bases his promise. Most of them have not yet been shown to the critics let alone to the public. Among the few that have been previewed to the press he included two, "Arch of Triumph" and "All My Sons" which the Legion of Decency has registered serious objections.

MY FIRST REACTION to Mr. Bergman's official announcement, however, is that it slavishly retraces the threadbare pattern of Hollywood ballyhoo.

EVERY STUDIO publicity writer, slogan designer, trailer editor and advertisement layout man should be given a new slant on his job.

He should be told that he no longer is expected to seek out, emphasize and even falsify every implication of sex intrigue, violence, crime and immorality he can detect in a screenplay.

At Pax Romana



Attending the annual Inter-federal Assembly of Pax Romana, the International Movement of Catholic Students, at Spa, Belgium, April 3-5, is James E. Dougherty, (above) of St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, vice-president of the IMCS, and president of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

WVET Carries Church's Stand On World Affairs

"Where Does the Church Stand?" a series of practical and factual discussions on the position of the Church in current affairs, is a new feature of Station WVET (1280 kc.) each Wednesday evening at 9:30.

THE HOUR OF FAITH, an ABC network production on Sunday mornings at 11:30, over Station WARC (950 kc.), features the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Furey, rector of St. Charles Seminary, Oronoke, Pa., in a series entitled "The Light of Liberty."

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ON THE AIR

Hurray for the Irish

My friend Dan Down, executive chairman of the Catholic Film and Radio Guild, came into the office the other day and told me about the annual award of the C. F. and R. G. which is given each year to an actress and an actor of Irish lineage who best maintain the ideals of the Constitution of Eire.

THE ONLY FAULT I have to find with Dan was that his timing was bad. If he had only told me about this before St. Patrick's Day, I could have written a column in honor of the season.

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MAIL BOX (Letters of inquiry are welcomed for reply in this column.) Sister M. M. (Owensboro). There is not, as yet, a central library of 16 m.m. films specially selected and approved for Catholic educational purposes.

L. E. E. (SAN FRANCISCO). No, Gregory Peck is not a Catholic. He told me personally that there was some Catholicism way back on "mother's side" but he was hazy about that.

J. A. (LOS ANGELES). Your information that Will Fowler, son of film writer-producer Gene Fowler, has become a convert to Catholicism is correct.

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