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Nation-wide Radio Show To Help Bishops' Fund Drive

New York—(RNS)—The Catholic Bishops' Fund for Victims of War, an annual appeal for the relief of suffering people in Europe and Asia, will receive nationwide stimulus this year through a special radio program sponsored by Christian churches of all faiths throughout the country.

The program, One Great Hour, will be broadcast from America's major radio stations in the country on Saturday, March 26, between 10 and 11 p. m. EST.

Students Honor 'Riley' Program

Rensselaer, Ind.—College students across the nation think that "The Life of Riley" program is the most acceptable radio comedy show on the air from a good taste standpoint, with Jack Benny a close second.

This is indicated in a tabulation of 14,515 votes cast by 2,912 students from more than 100 colleges cooperating in the Radio Acceptance Poll conducted by the national press commission of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

RAP balloting for the current radio season now covers nine weeks from Oct. 17 to Dec. 18, inclusive.

The Fred Allen program noted third in acceptability for good taste, according to the poll, followed by Burns and Allen, Eddie Cantor and Red Skelton.

Religious Film To Be Shown Commercially

New York—"I Am With You," a movie produced in Africa under the auspices of the Church of Sweden, will have its premier at the Normandie Theatre here Feb. 25. It will mark the first time a religious film produced under church auspices has been shown commercially in the U. S.

It deals with the plight of a young missionary pitted against a group of natives in an effort to save a native girl from being sold into marriage. The picture shows how the missionary's faith is subsequently shattered by a series of misfortunes and how it is ultimately restored.

WRITTEN BY Robert Sherwood. One Great Hour will dramatize the work being done by America's churches in Europe and Asia. It will stress the desperate need of these people not only for material aid but for Christian faith to give them strength and hope to rebuild their spiritual world.

The program will close with an appeal to the people of America to go to church the following day, Sunday, March 27, and make a sacrificial gift.

THE ANNUAL Laetare Sunday collection for Catholic relief agencies seeking a \$5,000,000 offering in connection with the program. The Protestant Episcopal Church is asking its people for \$1,000,000 and the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Congregational Christian Churches want \$500,000 each.

It is estimated that the program will reach an audience of over 50,000,000 people since 75,000 churches are urging their members to listen to the broadcast.

20% Of Britons Go To Church Regularly

London—(RNS)—Twenty per cent of the British people go to church regularly, according to a survey conducted by the British Weekly. The poll upset widely held belief that only ten per cent of the population were regular churchgoers.

The survey indicated, however, that the Church showed no clear sign of having a "compelling life of power." It also revealed the existence of a gulf between trade union officials and union members.

AN OVERSEAS INTERVIEW



Bill Slater (right), sports announcer and popular radio interviewer, briefs two members of the Catholic College Students Relief Campaign before their nationwide broadcast over the MBS at 10:30 p. m. on Tuesday, Mar. 1. Miss Ann Doyle (left) of Manhattanville College and John Dos Passos, Fordham University, will discuss student conditions with colleagues in Rome and Paris who have benefited from the relief contributions from American Catholic colleges.

Students To Talk Overseas On Relief and College Life

A program of nation-wide interest to Catholic students will go on the air over the Mutual Broadcasting System Tuesday, Mar. 1 at 10:30 p. m. EST in behalf of the Student Relief Campaign of the National Federation of Catholic College Students.

Stations WVET Rochester and WMBO Auburn, are local outlets for MBS.

The fifteen minute broadcast will feature actual personal interviews of students in Rome, Paris, and the United States. It is designed to emphasize the bond which exists between students in all countries throughout the world.

Bill Slater, noted sports announcer and radio "emcee" will direct the interviews of the students from Mutual's New York studios.

ILLUSTRATING vividly the deathless appeal of faith and courage, the story of the tragedy and triumph of a California mission comes to listeners on the Hour of St. Francis Sunday at 6:30 p. m. over WSAJ.

Howard Culver, well-known radio artist, narrates this account of the history of Mission San Antonio de Padua, founded in 1771 by Father Junipero Serra, the great Franciscan apostle of California.

Catholic Radio

SUNDAY
8:15 a. m.—WVET (1280)—Sacred Heart Program
9:30 a. m.—WVET (1280)—St. Francis Hour
11:30 a. m.—WABC (950)—AB—Catholic Hour of Faith
12:10 p. m.—WVET (1280)—Sunday Edition of the Courier Journal Commentary by Rev. Richard Torrey.
12:15 p. m.—WENY, Elmira (1230)—Elmira Catholic Hour
12:30 p. m.—WVGA, Geneva (1230)—Bishops of St. Francis and St. Stephen's Churches.
1 p. m.—WVBO, Auburn—Catholic News and Views Auburn K of C.
2:30 p. m.—WELM, Elmira (1400)—Ave Maria Hour.
5:30 p. m.—WSAY—Children's Hour Story of Fatima
6 p. m.—WBNB, Buffalo (930)—NBC Catholic Hour.
6:30 p. m.—WSAY (1370)—St. Francis Hour.
6:30 p. m.—WVBO (950)—Greatest Story Ever Told
6:30 p. m.—WVET, Corning—Ave Maria Hour.
6:45 p. m.—WVET-FM (680)—"Talking It Over"—Rev. Eugene H. McFarland.
7:30 p. m.—WSAY (1370)—The Story of Lourdes—Rev. Joseph Cirincione.
WEEKDAYS
7:15 a. m. Everyday—WRNY (580)—The Sacred Heart Program
9:30 p. m. Wednesday—WVET (1280)—WVBO Auburn (1340)—The Family Theater.
1:15 p. m.—Saturday—WRNY Catholic Youth Program—Plays written and produced by students of Nazareth Academy.

FATHER JOE Cirincione's new radio series "The Children's Story Hour" is on WSAY each Sunday at 5:30 p. m. Currently "The Lord is leading the book 'A Queen's Command' by Anna...

New York Televises Father Damien Story

New York—(NC)—The story of the life of Father Damien, apostle of the lepers of Molokai was featured on "Television Chapel" a program of television station WPIX of this city, on Sunday, Feb. 20.

The Rev. Francis Larkin, a priest of Father Damien's Order, the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, narrated the story, and actual photographs made during Father Damien's lifetime were used. The program was produced in cooperation with the National Council of Catholic Men.

Catholic Book Index
Grosse Pointe, Mich. (NC)—Volume Three of the Guide to Catholic Literature, a comprehensive index of books and booklets by Catholic authors or of Catholic interest over the period from Jan. 1, 1944, to Jan. 1, 1948, has been published here by Walter Romig.

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A Ladd & B. Marshall
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Christophers Pick Winners In Book and Play Contest

New York—(NC)—A total of 2,451 manuscripts have been received in the \$40,000 Christopher Book and Play Contest, it was announced here. The contest, which the Christopher movement started in 1947 to encourage Christian principles in the writing fields, attracted authors from 40 States, U. S. possessions, Canada and a dozen foreign countries. Manuscripts were sent in by, among others, 23 ministers, 37 priests and 17 doctors.

LEADING CONTENTENDERS for the prizes have already been sent on to the Judges' panel and winners are expected to be announced in a few weeks.

The writer with spiritual values can do something which few others are doing consistently today; without sermonizing he can show the basic moral values that govern and protect human life," the Rev. James Keenan, M.M., Christopher Director said.

"The Christophers wish to be of service in this cause which has such far-reaching possibilities. We aim to encourage, by every means in our power, worthwhile writers, no matter who or what they are."

JUDGES FOR the book contest are Myles Connolly, motion picture writer and producer; the Rev. John S. Kennedy, author, critic; Clare Boothe Luce, former Congresswoman, author and playwright; Fulton Oursler, senior editor of the Readers Digest and novelist; and Mary O'Hara, author of "My Friend Flicka."

Judges for the plays are: Katherine Cornell, leading American actress; Eddie Dowling, actor; Oscar Hammerstein 2d, co-producer of "Oklahoma" and "Carousel"; Leo McCarey, producer of "Going My Way"; and Jo Mielziner, stage designer.

Movie Guide

RKO PALACE
Joan of Arc, A-1
TEMPLE
In the Navy (no listing)
Who Done It, A-1
PARAMOUNT
Whispering Smith, A-1
REGENT
A Letter to Three Wives, A-1
CAPITOL
The Accused, A-2
Timber Trail, A-1
RIVIERA & STATE
You Gotta Stay Happy, B
Gaines Blige, A-1
MADISON & MONROE
Words and Music, A-2
Thunderbolt (no listing)
LIBERTY
One Sunday Afternoon, A-1
Triple Threat (no listing)
DIXIE
Yellow Sky, B
Checkered Coat, A-1
CAMEO
Palace, B
Docks of New Orleans, A-1
WEST END
Every Girl Should Be Married, A-1
Cry of the City, A-1
LAKE
Yellow Sky, B
Innocent Affair, B
RIALTO
Unfaithfully Yours, B
Canon City, A-2
TEMPLE
A Song Is Born, B
Diastler, A-1
LYELL
One Sunday Afternoon, A-1
Jinx Money, A-2
You Gotta Stay Happy, B
Million Dollar Weekend, A-1

Catholics and Reds Argue Movie Ban

The Hague—(CIP)—The banning of the Hollywood film, "The Iron Curtain," by the Netherlands Central Board of Film Censors has pleased the Communists and brought criticism from the Catholic press in this country.

The government board announced that the film had been banned because "it carries on propaganda against a power with which the Netherlands Government maintains friendly relations, and which was an ally in the last war." It was also stated that showing of the film might cause public disturbances.

Siding with the board of censors, the Communist daily "Warhold" (Truth), declared that "The Iron Curtain" is a film which has been received with greatest disgust because of its warlike spirit and its slandering of the Soviet Union."

One of the leading Catholic daily newspapers in this country, "De Maasbode" published in Rotterdam, declared that the board's argument "is a bit too fantastic, as if relations between all democratic countries and the Soviet Union had not been already strained for a long time."

Religion in Schools Is Problem for India

Mysore, India—(NC)—Teachers from all parts of India attending the All India Educational Conference here heard a priest-legate call on them to combat the growing tendency of indifference to religion in public educational institutions. He was the Rev. Joseph Thottakath, assistant director of St. Albert's College, Ernakulam, who emphasized the necessity of giving religious and moral instruction to students.

Ridiculing the idea of a morality without religion, the priest said: "All talk about morality without the idea of God is an edifice without foundation and can never stand. The contention that morality can be maintained by police and law courts is nonsense."

Father Thottakath urged the delegates to request the government to tolerate and encourage religious instruction in private schools and to make it compulsory for all schools to impart moral instruction.

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"WARB and MUSIC"
All Star Cast
"THUNDERBOLT"

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"One Sunday Afternoon"
R. Crane & G. Henry
"TRIPLE THREAT"

CAMEO
B. Hope & J. Russell
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