

Dollar Sign Blocks Better Theatre, Says Father Nagle

New York (NC) — "The dollar sign stands between us and a better American theatre," the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., founder of the Blackfriars, a Catholic theatre movement, said at the Weekly Catholic Interracial Forum here. Father Nagle's statement was made during a panel discussion of his new book "Behind the Masque" with Theophilus Lewis, drama critic of "America."



Father Nagle

Hard financial facts of Broadway drama production, which make it necessary for a play to draw \$30,000 box office receipts in its first week or close down, were blamed by Father Nagle for the reluctance of many producers to depart from formulas which have proven profitable in the past.

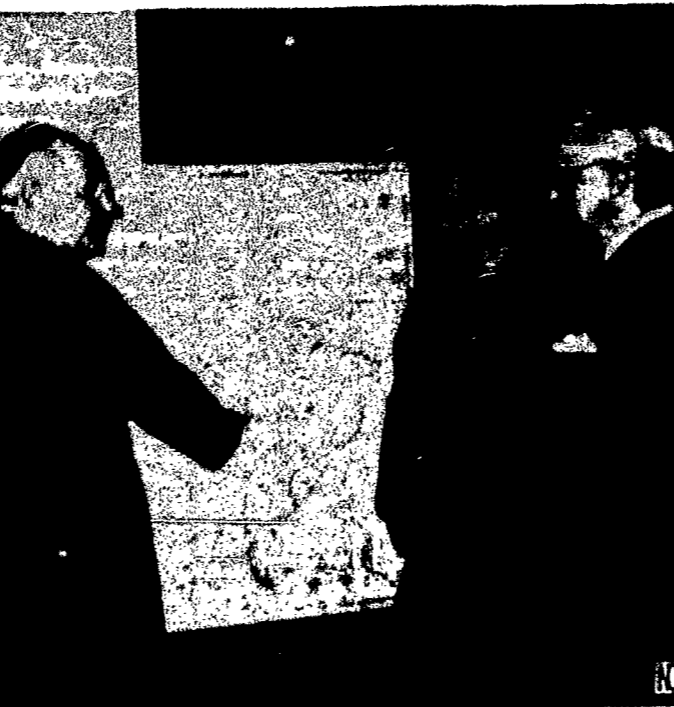
THE BLACKFRIARS' successful productions of dramas based on moral principles have been a constructive force in demonstrating not only to producers, but also to authors, actors or audiences, that such plays are "good theatre" and good for the theatre, he said.

HIGH COSTS of play production have been a major factor in the concentration of the country's dramatic activity in New York, Father Nagle found. A post may publish his work where he has no alternative, under present conditions, but to bring his work to Broadway, he said.

Nuns, Lay Women Go To Hiroshima
Cleveland (NC) — Two Cleveland nuns and two lay women have left here for Hiroshima to open Japan's first perpetual adoration shrine where the American atom bomb fell.

BOTH FATHER NAGLE and Mr. Lewis urged a positive approach to the problem of a better American theatre and recommended a strong Catholic theatre as a constructive guideline.

'BY LAND, SEA AND AIR



By land, sea and air, archbishops, bishops, clergy and laity from the western Hemisphere will travel to Chicago for the Ninth National and Second Hemispheric Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, to be held there, November 7 to 11.

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALYS'



Public Speaking: Lesson I
By MARY TINLEY DALY

"It's not a SPEECH in that sense," I protested to the family. "It's only a little talk to a group of women. It's kind of Pat to offer to pass along the speaking lessons she learned, but I don't really need them."

AMONG WOMEN

Works of Mercy
By MARY LENNON SNYDER

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