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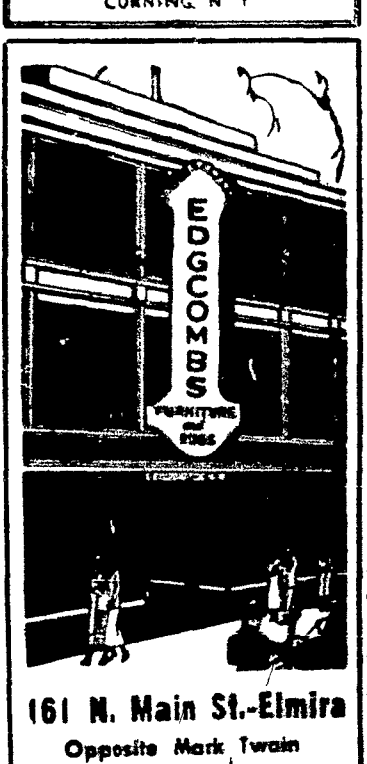
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Hollywood In Focus

By WILLIAM H. MOORING

Letters To Critic Bring Thanks, Protests

This week my mail includes letters from:

1. A Hollywood producer (Jerry Wald) gratefully accepting my suggested revisions of an unflinching script to avoid risks of anti-religious implication.
2. A Catholic ex-politician who sees in William Wyler's film "Detective Story," subtle red propaganda designed to enlarge animosity between the public and the police.
3. A silent California reader who deplores a sexy and semi-sacred feature in a secular magazine exploiting one of our Catholic movie stars (Maureen O'Hara).
4. An executive (Ben Barkas)

W. MOORING

Protestants Torn On Ambassador Issue

Minneapolis, Minn. (RNS)—Organizations representing 98 per cent of America's Protestants are joining forces in protesting against President Truman's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, it was reported here.

Disclosure of plans for the united action was made by Dr. Frederick C. Fowler of Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the National Association of Evangelicals, who came here for an address.

Groups that are conducting consultative conversations on the matter, he said, include the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, the National Lutheran Council, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Seventh-day Adventists and others.

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of the same magazine in which my special attention is drawn to MGM chief, Dore Schary's "magnificent Thanksgiving service" to be read in our homes after we've dispatched the turkey. Ironically this appeared in the same issue as the pictorial lay-out on Miss O'Hara.

"There are lots of others but let's stay with these."

Jerry Wald showed me a copy of his script, "Clash By Night," robust story of fishermen adapted from Clifford Odets' stage-play. It had been written (not by Odets), colorful scenes of the blessing of the fishing fleet. "Why bless the fleet?" asked one fisherman of another. "We get a good catch, the price of fish goes down; we get a poor catch, the price goes up. They should bless the markets, not the fleet." In a later scene the blessing ceremonies were overlaid by strong, but irrelevant dramatic action.

I thought this drifted towards the line followed in some European films which have subtly suggested that the Church is no where at grips with the practical problems of our times.

"That's the constructive type of criticism we are looking for," said Wald. "I'm having those scenes altered."

A FORMER New York police officer who knows his movies writes that "what happened in William Wyler's picture, 'Detective Story' might have happened forty or fifty years ago but certainly not today. The whole picture is a series of violations of law, rules and regulations... a policeman violating his oath, unmercifully beating prisoners... taking over the duty of the judiciary by releasing a young thief."

The "dilapidated station house and filthy quarters of New York's finest detectives," like the spectacle of film star Bill Bendix "kicking a handcuffed prisoner in the shins" would, thinks our friend, please Stalin no end and I therefore ought not to have called it "good" entertainment.

Having regard to William Wyler's recognized style and political attitudes (he was responsible for the pragmatic picture "The Best Years of Our Lives"), our friend may have something. Yet I found "Detective Story" vital and entertaining. Above all, the detective played by Kirk Douglas was shown, for the most part, doing the right things, even though sometimes from wrong motives and it was always perfectly clear where he was right and where he went wrong.

Though realistic the film was done with some regard for good taste and got an adult rating from the Legion of Decency. It would be interesting to hear from others who have seen "Detective Story."

"B. T." OF Hawthorne, California, having understood that Maureen O'Hara is "a good Catholic mother" has indeed, I believe she is, is disturbed by a national magazine feature displaying Miss O'Hara's physical charms.

One picture captions that Maureen "avoids high necklines 'God made a woman the way she is. If He gives you something beautiful you should use it.' Under a typical Hollywood 'cleavage' picture this sort of thing might well embarrass any young woman, especially a good Catholic wife and mother."

The explanation, not to say answer, is that few of the stars in Maureen O'Hara's position have anything to say concerning publicity used to exploit them.

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U.S. Movie Morals Improved; Foreign Film Plans Scored

Washington (NCWC)—Foreign film producers' announced intention to avoid using facilities and guidance of the Production Code Administration in distribution of their films in the United States has been assailed in the annual report of the Bishops' Committee on Motion Pictures. The report, however, noted that there has been a decrease in morally offensive films produced in this country.

BISHOP Raymond A. Kearney, Auxiliary of Brooklyn, who presented the report as committee chairman to the annual meeting of U. S. Bishops here, warned that during the past year the Legion of Decency classified as morally objectionable a far higher percentage of foreign films than of Hollywood productions.

The democratic self-regulatory system instituted and supported by the American industry has been a strong bulwark against much that is immoral and in decent in motion pictures, he said.

Of 77 foreign films reviewed 19, or 25 per cent were objectionable in part and 13, or 17 per cent were condemned.

The Legion of Decency report stressed that morally bad pictures materially foster forces which are both anti-Christian and anti-American and also contribute substantially to the breakdown of private and public morality.

OBSERVING that several pictures with religious themes are planned the Bishops' Committee expressed the hope that all stories dealing with Biblical and religious material would be morally

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Mark of the Renegade (no listing)

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AMONG WOMEN

Pupils Fete Sister

By MARY LINDEN SHYER

Thanksgiving and Education Week are focal points of general interest during the month of November, and while we are hearing from many sides the definition and significance of education and of Thanksgiving, I should like to recount a little story of gratitude of one particular class toward a former teacher.

Thirteen years ago last June a class which distinguished itself for its scholastic attainments and esprit de corps graduated from St. Anthony in Auburn. The latter has been evidenced in the manner the class has stayed together. Many of the friendships started in school have continued down through the years.

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In reminiscing someone always says, "You know I still have mine." But whenever some of the class get together and the reminiscences start, the name of the Sister of St. Joseph who taught them for the seventh and eighth grades is mentioned.

"We were just ordinary boys and girls," they will say, "but somehow she brought out the best in each of us. She instilled

Diocesan Radio Rosary Leaders Announced

Leaders of the Radio Rosary for World Peace for the coming week have been announced. The Program under the direction of the Rev. Joseph C. Higgins, pastor of St. Francis Assisi Church, Rochester, is heard nightly over Rochester Diocesan radio stations.

BROADCAST from Station WELM, Elmira on Sundays and from Station WHBO, Auburn, on Tuesdays, remaining broadcasts are made from the parish center of St. Francis of Assisi parish over Rochester's Station WDAY.

Leaders include: Saturday, November 24—Bernard Winicki, St. Clair Parish; Elmira; Sunday—William Doud accompanied by the Sodality of Our Lady of St. Boniface Parish; Monday—John Schneider accompanied by the Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John of St. Michael's Parish; Tuesday—John Nasiewicz, St. Hyacinth Parish, Auburn; Wednesday—William F. McIntyre, St. Mary's Parish; Thursday—Dr. Henry B. Rohrer, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; Friday, November 25—George A. Butts, St. George Benedict Society of St. Andrew Parish.

Mass To Be Held In Hockey Arena

Montreal (RNS)—To mark the end of the extended Holy will be the first time that a Mass Year, a Mass will be held at midnight Christmas Eve in the Forum hockey arena here. It will have been held in the sports center.

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