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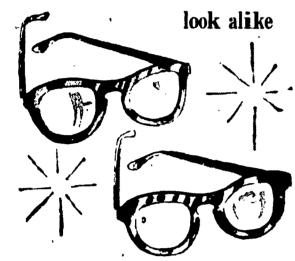
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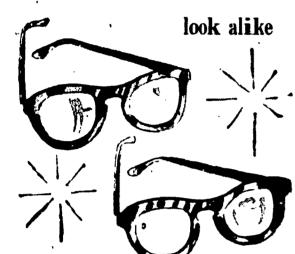
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NORMS FOR THE NOVEL by Harold C. Gardiner, S.J. America Press, 1953.

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Martin Luther Film 'More Anti-Catholic Than Pro-Lutheran

By FRIEDRICH ENGEL-JANOSI, PLD. (Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

(The author of this article, Dr Friedrich Engel-Janosi, is rolesser of history at the Catholic University of America. He has taught in leading universities in Europe and the U. S., and is the author of many works on European history, including "Social Problems of the Henaissamoe.")

The film "Martin Luther" is a plain partisan affair. It is not so much pro-Luther as it is anti-Catholic. A man not familiar with the teachings of the Church after seeing this picture may over quickly with no accent put and officiated at the rites as easily consider his Catholic felon them. low Americans to be simpletons

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The film is not pro-Luther be aton of the Medici Pope!—is the Sun" from the "Dies Irae", so cause it does not present Luther typical Pope, that the controverterritories the communist leaders as he is known to historians—sial Tetzel is the typical monk. including the great Protestant The teachings of the Church on requisite of success the religious historians.

THERE IS little in the movie represented. of Luther the passionate man, of England and Wales said in the firebrand, the powerful rep the Church stands—tradition, the their statement. "To this end all USUALLY, ONE must judge justice and truth have been cast resentative of the "furor teutonicus" (German hot temper). There is an occasional remark Country by country, the study made to his wife ("I am not gentle") but, on the whole, the Luther of the movie screen pelled, two Bishops executed, two sued even with a good book, lest imprisoned, 17 secular priests might well qualify as a teacher in a New England preparatory satisfaction in it lead the un killed, 39 imprisoned. Nearly all wary to "more of the same" by male religious have been killed or school.

that author which are not the expelled. The rest are scattered. He is presented entering the wrote his "Utopia". or in hiding. Over 20 per cent of monastery as a successful. But the great value of Norms women religious have been con-healthy, slightly bored student of German princes are shown emfor the Novel lies in the gentle demned to forced labor or internian. Where are the emotional bracing the teachings of Luther for the Novel lies in the gentle defined to locked had of internal process. The anxieties of the young out of religious motives. Every of the age of Martin Luther has necessary principles of judgment, convents. All religious houses Luther before he chose the moncollege freshman ought to know astic life?

Nothing in the film indicates thors of this "authentic" film. thor's using a less than admir : Bulgaria: One Bishop condemnable hero-be he priest, bust ed to death, the other two ar that Luther-as Protestant his How could the writers sayness-man, white man, Negro - rested. All religious houses sup- torians have shown—was deeply as they did in the film's introduc-China: Native Clergy - 1,700 ed? Do you think there can be 250 in jall. Over 100 priests and course, Catholics. Nothing is we are indebted for marvelous shown of Luther's revolt against presentations of the Pieta and Foreign missionaries - reduced from 5.380 when the communists DO YOU THINK It is enough took over to just over 400. At to show wrongdoing as an in-least 68 foreign missionary dication is made that Luther's they say that the age of "The jury to society, an unsatisfactory priests have been killed or died in attitude was embedded in Ger Imitation of Christ" knew Him untrue to life always to punish Czechoslovakia: Charge d'afthe supra-national aspects and the sinner? o you think a remind- faires of the papal nunciature extrends for which the Church er of a dangerous scene is as pelled. Primate and four Bishops

bad as further detailed descrip- imprisoned, two Bishops deporttion of it? You will find that ed. A great number of the re-THE FILM is not pro-Luther Norms For The Novel gives your ligious houses suppressed and the It makes of Luther a representview a fair hearing, and gives religious placed in "concentration ative of freedom. "To be a slave you strong principles to judge monasteries" under state control. to no man's authority, to confess only what appears to me to be Hungary: 1 Bishop, 21 priests true, to trust individual conthe professed realist's claim that and religious executed. The Pri science such statements may a novel must use real life as its mate, five Bishops (two of whom provoke some historical reading material, mustn't pretty it up, died later) and over 70 priests and what will the reader find? ery well, but real life is bigger, and religious imprisoned or in He will find records of Luther's

He will find records of Luther's and deeper than the mere natur concentration camps. Over 95 alist's view of it; real life is not per cent of religious houses are ruthless attitude against the individual conscience, revolted against their overlords in order not "to be slaves to a man's aufour in exile Clergy reduced thority." Luther's teaching denfrom 1.482 in 1940 to about 100 led the right to resist even a ty-All seminaries and convents are rant. Those strong historical facts were omitted in the film.

Latvia and Estonia: Most of the It is well known that Luther priests deported. Two Bishops are in exile and the Apostolic Ad. and Calvin, while rejecting the ministrator of Estonia deported interpretation of the Bible sanctioned by tradition as the Church taught it, did not stand for in-Poland: Primate and one Bishop under arrest, seven imprisoned dividual liberty in interpreting and another believed dead in the Bible. This attitude was de-PART III is a delight. Now prison. Over 2,000 priests impri. veloped only by religious sects of that the worries have been dealt; soned, deported or forced into the age. Protestant historians with, all the fine things remain exile with at least 37 known to have made this point clear.

is, and has been; what its course fate. About 70 per cent of the ness and complexity, meither is ought to be and may be in the schools and over 40 per cent of the Catholic Church.

Here Father Gardiner refutes pelled, all 12 Bishops either put there were abuses, heavy abuses. the notion that the old Western in prison—where three have died tradition is decadent or dead, and -or deported, Of 750 priests and some periods of history, and that the age of Luther was one of shows us that the hollow men religious, 55 killed and the rest them. As a matter of fact, the have not had it all to them-imprisoned or sent to forced Catholic historian Ludwig Paslabor camps. All schools, 85 per tor, was more outspoken in de-Transcarpathia former Czechoslovak territory ceded to Rus-Ranke,

Four fine chapters. Literature sia): The Greek Catholic Church But at no time did such abuses as a oral Activity, Literature as with 460,000 members has been embrace the whole life of the completely suppressed. The Apos-Fundamentally eligious, Litera- tolic Administrator and 12 priests Church, and this is exactly the ture as Inspirational, and Litera executed, 11 priests deported, 93 unsavory impression the average member of the audience will get standing and Charity, leave you Yugoslavia: Cardinal Archbish from the Luther film.

feeling that it's a rather god old op interned. Since 1944 some 348 There are some few fine words world after all—there's good priests have been killed and 200 given to the priest von Staupitz, are now in prison. About 300 respiritual superior of Martin Luther, But they are passed

Lisioux Basilica Consecration Set Paris -- (RNS)-The Tax

Basilica of St. Thereas at Linioux will be officially consecrated on July 11, 1954, twenty live years after its foundation stone was laid, it was announced here. The consecration coremon will take on added significance

in view of the 1954 Mariam Year proclaimed by Pope Pius XII to mark the 100th anniversary of the definition of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Pope Pius himself blessed the Lisieux structure at its official

opening on July 11, 1937. He was then Eugene Cardinal Pacelli Papal Legate.

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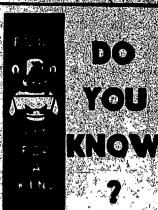
to find the basis for some of the film's dialogue like that in which the Pope and the representative of Brandenberg indulge in bargaining, in terms of theological parallels, about a contribution to be paid to Rome. If a Medici Pope ever did speak such works, he did it in a jocular way and not with pedantic seriousness. It may be correct that—as the advertising pamphlet claims -

"the chanting, the documents, the printing press, the crowns and even the rings (in the film) are wholly authentic". But the spirit not been caught in the picture, "Martin Luther".

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