

Indiana Catholics Prepare Marian Year Advertising

Kokomo, Ind. — (RNS) — Organizers of a local "Mary's Year" committee here have prepared billboards and stamp-size colored seals to promote the aims of the 1954 Marian Year.

The materials, which have the "enthusiastic approval" of Bishop John G. Bennett of Lafayette-Indiana, are expected to be used all over the country.

THE BILLBOARDS provide space for sponsoring organizations, individuals and business firms to imprint their names and bear various Marian Year messages.

One declares, "1954 is Mary's Year" and follows with the text of the Hall Marys. Another reads: "In This Year of Our Lady: Return to Her Son Jesus. Pray for Peace. Sacrifice for Sinners. Remember Those behind the Iron Curtain. Respect the Dignity of Every Man."

The seals contain the simple message, "1954 is Mary's Year."

Organizers of the project, Catholic leaders of the area, are no novices at such a campaign. In the past two years they have prepared and distributed millions of "Put Christ Back Into Christmas" seals in this country and Canada as well as many companion billboards and posters depicting the nativity scene.

Decency Legion Condemns Movie

New York — (NC) — A motion picture called "Violated," distributed by Palace, has been evaluated in Class C — condemned — by the National Legion of Decency. It has been announced here.

The Legion gave the following objection to the picture: "Subject matter of his film is considered morally unsuitable for entertainment motion picture theaters. Moreover, it seriously offends in treatment of Christian and traditional standards of morality and decency."

Movie Guide

LITTLE
Gilbert and Sullivan A-1
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Miss Sadie Thompson B
FARAMOUNT
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PALACE
Beneath the 12-Mile Reef A-1

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NEW And NOW

By ROBERT SMETT

Now that we have passed into the new year, most periodicals feel that they must review the events of the past twelve months and sum it all up.

Entertainment writers list the year's best movies, plays, TV programs, etc., and also the worst. Personally I feel that it has been a bad year insofar as films are concerned.

Like you, perhaps, it seems a rare opportunity when I have an evening for the movies and this has been true for several years. When the opportunity arose in the past, it would be a question of choice, there were always two or three concurrent movies that seemed "miazis."

But 1954 was a year of seeing movies for the lack of something to do.

I feel that the famous Ford anniversary program over TV, starring Mary Martin and Ethel Merman, was better by far than any movie I attended.

IN FACT, I am beginning to prefer TV to the movies despite CinemaScope, 3-D, and all the rest of it (or maybe because of it).

William H. Mooring, motion picture editor of The Tidings, official diocesan weekly of Los Angeles did away with the Ten Best and Ten Worst idea. He simply listed ten items which he considered "most indicative of twists and trends that may help shape movie entertainment during 1954."

For one of the most pleasing starring performances, Mr. Mooring gave laurels to Audrey Hepburn for her work in "Roman Holiday." I fell like a gauche crumb-bum, but I didn't see the picture.

In the male category, he gave honors to Robert Wagner for his performance in "Beneath the 12-Mile Reef." Since this film has just come out, probably few patrons have been able to see it.

"The most apt character acting among stars" is another of Mr. Mooring's categories in which he says "I can perceive no more appropriate selection than the role of 'Sadie Thompson' for Rita Hayworth..." on the male side, the casting of Frank Sinatra at the brass GI in "From Here To Eternity."

MR. MOORING does not like these two. I did not see Miss Hayworth's epic, nor have any intention of doing so. As for Mr. Sinatra's role, however, I found many things to criticize in the film, but his characterization was not one of them. I thought it was surprisingly good. Oh well!

"The most significant innovation," says Mr. Mooring, "is CinemaScope. This, I believe (he believes), far more than three dimensional photography, indicates technical progress of permanent value to motion pictures."

Well, stupid me again, I've not seen CinemaScope. In fact it kept me from seeing "The Robe," which Mr. Mooring calls the "most compelling picture" of the year.

Admittedly, I know nothing about this new technical miracle, but after turning myself inside out trying to hold on through two 3-D masterpieces, I was scared to give CinemaScope a try. Since "The Robe" was of religious significance, my reactions might well have given scandal.

Mr. Mooring concludes with the "most authentic," "the most vulgar," "the most immoral," "the most blatant film travesty," here.

Curbs On Visits To Movies Urged

Bonn, Germany — (NC) — Sharp restrictions on visits by children and juveniles to movie theaters are urged in a memorandum of the German Catholic Film League.

The organizations urge several amendments of the existing laws: (1) to bar children under six years of age from all visits to movie theaters; (2) children between the ages of six and 13 to be admitted only to films specially certified as being suitable for children and the performances must not end later than eight o'clock and (3) juveniles between the ages of 14 and 18 to be admitted only to films certified for juveniles and the performances must not end later than 10 o'clock.

Under the existing laws, children up to the age of six are admitted to performances when accompanied by adults. The age limits for visits to films certified for juveniles are 10 and 16 years.

Rosary Leaders Set On Auburn's WMBO

Saturday, Jan. 9 — Joseph Stapleton, St. Aloysius;
Sunday, Jan. 10 — Joseph Rybarczyk, Knights of Columbus;
Monday, Jan. 11 — Matthew Zabinski, St. Hyacinth;
Tuesday, Jan. 12 — Bowden Zanowich, SS. Peter and Paul;
Wednesday, Jan. 13 — Joseph Cimiliora, St. Mary;
Thursday, Jan. 14 — Lindy Vendetti, St. Francis of Assisi;
Friday, Jan. 15 — Thomas Vail, Jr., Holy Family.

Bishop of Lips
Manila, P. I. — (RNS) — Bishop Alessandro Orla of Tuguegarao, Northern Cagayan, has been named Bishop of Lips by Pope Pius XII. It was announced "the most blatant film travesty," here.

Legion of Decency Listings

- CLASS A-1 — Unobjectionable for General Patronage**
 - Abbott and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
 - All American, The
 - Anamara
 - Beneath the 12-Mile Reef
 - Big Jump, The
 - Bright Road
 - Caldonia
 - Castle Fire
 - Combat Squad
 - Danger of Cochine
 - Grassroots, All American
 - Hideaway
 - House of Wax
 - Jack and the Beanstalk
 - Little Boy Lost
 - Living Desert, The
 - Mr. Scoutmaster
 - My Darling Clementine
 - Murder on Monday
 - Project M-7
- CLASS A-2 — Unobjectionable for Adults**
 - All I Desire
 - All The Brothers Were Valiant
 - Arrowhead
 - Back To God's Country
 - Beaumont
 - Beggar's Opera, The
 - Blowing Wild
 - Blowup for Murder, A
 - Botany Bay
 - Rock Sides of the Law
 - Sanctuary
 - City Is Dark, The
 - Devil's Noonday
 - East To Love
- CLASS B — Objectionable in Part**
 - Bad Fur, Each Other
 - Battle Circus
 - Captain's Paradise, The
 - Daughter of Darkness
 - December Night
 - Desperate Search, The
 - End of Summer
 - Flight To Tangier
 - Forever Female
 - From Here To Eternity
 - Gullible Travels
 - Gullible's Friend
 - House of Wax
- CLASS C — Condemned**
 - The Moon Is Blue

ON NATIONAL AIR WAVES

Rev. David Coffey, (left) of Providence, R. I., will be the speaker during the Sunday of January 10 at 8:30 a.m., will feature a discussion of the Christian in Action radio program over the ABC network. Rev. Joseph Manton, C.S.S.R., of Boston, (center) will speak on the national Catholic Hour program, Sundays, January 4 through February 28, on the NBC network. Rev. Joseph Moody, (right) of Cathedral College, New York, N. Y., will speak on the Faith in Our Times broadcast of the CBS network, the Thursdays of January. The three programs are produced by the National Council of Catholic Men. (NC Photos)

Apostleship of Prayer

By WIMAI H. MOORE, S.J., National Secretary

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary this month we celebrate the Church Unity Octave, asking God to bring all Christians together in the oneness of the mystical Body. This year, too, we remember that, one hundred years ago, Plus IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, 1954 is to be an Annum Marianum.

What wonder then that the Holy Father should choose, for this month's General Intercession, the conversion of non-Catholic Christians through the intercession of Mary Immaculate? The Mother of God will quickly rally to such a project, because it is definitely a part of the apostolic mission she shares as the Mediatrix of All Graces.

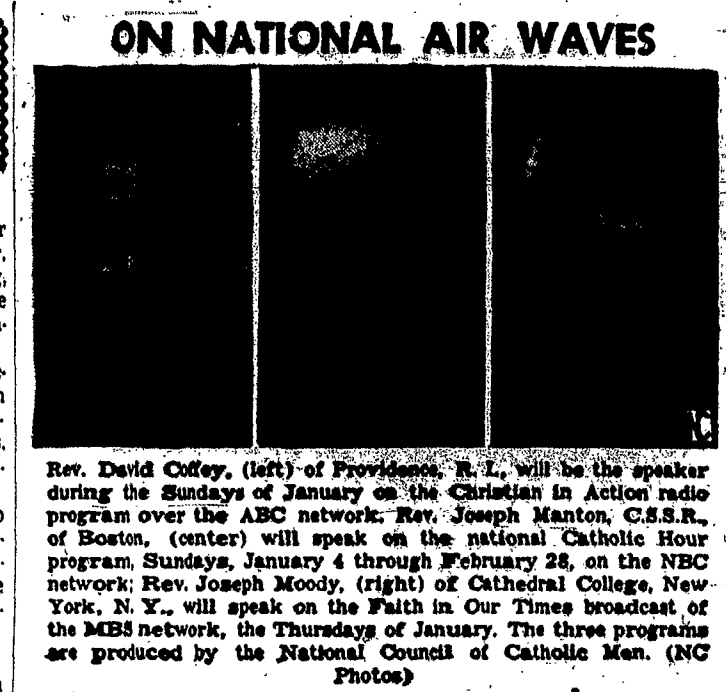
The Immaculate Heart of Mary, like the Sacred Heart of her Son, is burning with apostolic love. The Mother wants all her children with her in heaven. She is very much interested in the business of saving souls.

How many non-Catholic Christians are there in the world? There are roughly 380 million members of the Orthodox Churches, 250 million Protestants. So approximately half the flock of Christ is outside the true fold. It is a pulp common place to speak of the heretics as having "rent the seamless robe of Christ."

IF YOU THINK of the Church in terms of the Mystical Body, it is not the robe of Christ which has been torn; rather, it is His Body in all the frailty of the passion, they did not break a bone of Him. But what could not be done from without to the Mystical Body of Christ has been done from within.

Christ Himself spoke of the "dead branches" separated from the living vine. Mary, standing beneath the Cross, watched the soldiers cast lots for her Son's vesture; but Mary, enthroned in heaven, has witnessed the dismembering of His Mystical Body. Through it be alive, through the grace of Christ's promise, it will never be the same to her until it is whole and entire again, as it was when she gave it over to the keeping of men who were with her at the foot of the Cross.

HOW DOES THIS affect you? It gives you a vocation. If you were a leaf on the top of an oak, you would know that you did not sway in the wind and bask in the sunlight for yourself alone. You would be a part of the tree-life.



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TV Scripts Listed For Marian Year

Wilmington, Del. — (NC) — A listing of material for Marian Year radio and television programs has been prepared by the Catholic Broadcasters' Association with headquarters here. The list includes scripts, source materials and four talks prepared by Father Francis Connell, C.S.S.R., for the National Council of Catholic Men.

COLOR IT YOUR WAY, KIDS!



WANT A CHANCE to cash in on your artistic talents, all you boys and girls. Well, here's your first opportunity to color in your own original way. All youngsters up to and including 15 years of age are eligible to compete in Loew's Theatre's "KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" COLORING CONTEST, so get out the paints and crayons. A guest ticket to Loew's to see "KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" starting Feb. 4, at Loew's, will be awarded to the 50 best entries. M. G. M.'s first CinemaScope starring Robert Taylor, Ava Gardner and Mel Ferrer.

Mail your entries to Color Contest Editor, c/o Catholic Courier-Journal, 35 S. 8th St. Hurry, Now!

Christian Family Talk Listed On WRNY

"Chapel of the Air", scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 10 at 8:30 a.m., will feature a discussion of the Christian Family Movement in honor of the Feast of the Holy Family that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Barrett, prominent Webster lawyers and his wife, will be heard with Blanche Veltz, coordinator.

The program is sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Profanity On Stage, In Novels Deplored

New York — (NC) — The practice of making "free and easy use" of the sacred name of Jesus, "particularly on the stage and in novels," was characterized as an attempt "to achieve a bogus realism" by Msgr. William T. Greene here.

Preaching at a Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, of which he is assistant administrator, Monsignor Greene said if men would "but understand and pray the motto inscribed on our coin, 'In God we trust,' instead of seeking a cure for the internal and international problems of the world in silver and gold" they would find "individual peace of soul an everlasting peace among nations."

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