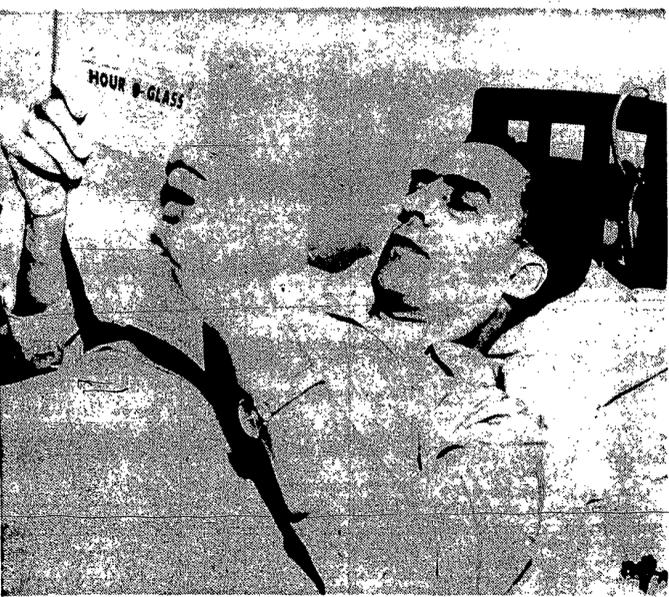


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Priest Faces Death Without Fear



Fernon Kan.—Father Julius Bussie, C.P., of Detroit, 46-year-old priest and former Army chaplain, lies in his hospital bed here knowing that he will probably die of cancer. "I welcome death," he states simply. "I consider it a privilege to die of cancer." Such a disease, he says, gives him time to prepare for death. Men don't fear death when they know it is certain, he adds.

U. S. Judge Medina Named For Thomas More Award

Federal Judge Harold R. Medina, who presided over the famous trial resulting in the conviction of eleven leaders of the Communist Party, has been named recipient of the 1954 Thomas More Lecture Award.



JUDGE MEDINA

Judge Medina is expected to come to Rochester next month, accept the award in person and deliver an address in connection with the ceremonies. Announcement to this effect was made today by the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, director of the forum.

THE CHRISTIAN Culture award has been established by the Forum for the individual, who, in the opinion of the forum directors, has contributed an outstanding service in support of the basic principles of Christian culture and thought.

Attorneys for the Communists indulged in exasperating delaying tactics and made every attempt to upset Medina's judicial demeanor, hoping for one single word or act by the court which would give them the basis to seek a mistrial or the reversal of the final conviction.

Full-Time Chaplains Slated In State Mental Hospitals

Albany — (Special) — A plan to staff New York's 25 mental institutions with resident clergymen to minister daily to the spiritual needs and comfort of the patients, announced this week by Governor Thomas E. Dewey, evidences significant recognition by the State Department of Mental Hygiene of the therapeutic value of religion and spiritual guidance in the care of the mentally ill.

Cures OK'd For Sainthood Of Pius X

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has promulgated decrees approving miracles proposed for the canonization of Blessed Pope Pius X, Blessed Pierre Louis Chanel, and Blessed Maria Crocifissa di Roma.

Bishop Says Mass For Father Of 'Luigi Basco'

His Excellency Bishop Kearney celebrated last week in New York City the Requiem Funeral Mass for Mr. Patrick S. Naish, father of J. Carroll Naish, the distinguished character actor of the films and creator of the radio favorite Luigi Basco of "Life With Luigi."

146 Names From 'Mary'

Cleveland — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Floyd L. Degin of Cleveland has compiled 146 first names that are related to or derived from the name of Mary, or titles of the Blessed Mother.

Dioceses Exceeding Quotas In National Shrine Drive

Unofficial reports from eight dioceses across the nation indicate that quotas set for them in the campaign for funds to complete the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C., are being exceeded.

Clergy Held In Siberian Labor Camps

Berlin — (RNS) — German prisoners of war recently released by the Soviet Union reported they had seen both Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen doing heavy manual work in several Russian forced labor camps.

Manchuria Reds Made Nuns Dig Ditches

Winnipeg, Man. — (NC) — Canadian nuns in communist-controlled Manchuria were made to dig ditches and work in slave gangs on roads, a returning Canadian missionary reports.

Manchuria Reds Made Nuns Dig Ditches

Time and again they denied the charge. Finally, Sister Marie-Josephine learned that Chinese peasants were being paid to complain against the Sisters, and as a result, the four nuns were ordered into ditches where they had to dig until they could scarcely hold a shovel.

Film Distributors Win Case Against State Censorship; 'Legion' Raps RKO Movie

'French Line' Rated 'C' By Legion

New York — (NC) — The National Legion of Decency clamped a Class C — condemned — evaluation on the controversial movie, "French Line," with a warning that the film constitutes a serious hazard to morals, especially among youth.

RKO Continues Showing of Film

Los Angeles — (NC) — The film "French Line" will continue running in St. Louis "for the moment," an RKO spokesman said today. He said he couldn't say at this time that a revision of the movie would be made.

As film distributors scored a double-barreled—if limited—victory in apparent efforts to break down the state movie censorship machinery, a leading Hollywood producer was charged with reneging on a promise to withdraw a controversial movie from circulation and continued to flaunt the self-regulatory authority of the movie industry.

The double victory for the film distributors came in a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court effecting censorship in two States—Ohio and New York. The nation's highest tribunal ruled that the censors in both States had overstepped their authority in refusing to license the showing of two motion pictures. The court stopped short of ruling on state censorship as a whole.

The Ohio censorship board had refused a license to a movie called "M," produced by the Columbia studio, and the New York censorship authority had banned the showing of a French-made movie, "La Ronde." In both cases, the censors ruled that they had acted in protection of public morals. The National Legion of Decency had evaluated "M" in Class B, morally objectionable in part, and "La Ronde," in Class C, condemned.

Meanwhile the Legion of Decency evaluated the RKO-Radio production, "French Line," in Class C—condemned—and charged that the studio had broken a written promise to withdraw the picture from public circulation pending conferences about revisions in the picture. Producer Howard Hughes released the picture without the seal of approval of the movie industry's Production Code authority.

Courts In New York, Ohio Reversed On Movie Bans

Washington — (NC) — The Supreme Court without banning film censorship as such, ruled unanimously this week that censors in Ohio and New York had acted improperly in banning two controversial movies.

The films involved were "M," barred in Ohio on grounds it was harmful to the public, and "La Ronde," labeled immoral by New York State censors.

In its action on Monday, the high tribunal reversed the judgments of the highest courts of Ohio and New York. In the brief order stating that the State courts' judgments were reversed, the Supreme Court cited a 1952 decision — that concerning the movie "The Miracle" — which held that motion pictures are entitled to the constitutional guarantees of free speech and press.

In the "Miracle" case, however, the court said these guarantees do not give absolute freedom to show every sort of picture at all times and all places.

In the current case, lawyers for the distributors of the foreign-made "M" asked the court to declare unconstitutional any state censorship of a film before its public showing.

The court ruling, however, indicated that there was no intention to void movie censorship as such, but rather that the tribunal viewed the standards by which the films were banned as too indefinite. This indication was pointed out by the fact that Associate Justice William O. Douglas — joined by Justice Hugo Black — filed a separate opinion, which action in the "M" and "La Ronde" while concurring in the court's cases said that all movie censorship violates the 14th Amendment.

The court order overruling the two State courts was unsigned; thus, seven of the nine justices

Censorship Role Confused Following Court Decision

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — The censorship situation is confused, State censors say, following the Supreme Court "M-La Ronde" ruling. Ohio's chief censor, Dr. Clyde Hissong, said he'll seek the opinion of the Ohio Attorney General on how the ruling affects Ohio laws. He said: "The ruling doesn't leave us much on which to base rejection of a film. If you can't ban a movie because it is immoral or because it incites crime, what can you ban it for?"

Author-Convert Enters Abbey After Death Of Wife

Amsterdam — (NC) — Pieter van der Meer de Walcheren, well known author and convert, entered St. Paul's Benedictine abbey at Oosterhout a few days after he buried his wife, Mrs. Christine van der Meer de Walcheren. Both were brought into the Church by the French author, Leon Bloy.

Vice-President Aids Church Building Fund

Sterling, Mass. — (RNS) — Vice President Richard Nixon, a Quaker, has contributed \$25 toward the construction fund of St. Richard's Roman Catholic church here.

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New York censor Hugh M. Plick said the decision "overrode this particular" censorship action (La Ronde) but "did not dispute our right to do it."

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston, the priest said, was the first of the distinguished bearers of St. Richard's name to aid the Sterling parish. The church, designed in Colonial style, is expected to be completed within a few months.