

Bishop Warns Faithful Against Condemned Film

No Catholic can see the motion picture "Baby Doll, which has been condemned as immoral by the Legion of Decency, without committing "serious and deliberate sin."

This statement is made by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in a letter scheduled for reading this Sunday in all pulpits of the Rochester Diocese.

First appearance of the condemned film is slated for New Year's Eve in a downtown Rochester theater, it was announced this week.

HISHOP KEARNEY'S letter, written from his St Mary's Hospital room where he is recuperating from a serious operation, reminds the faithful that the film "Baby Doll" has been condemned a the strongest terms" by the vational Legion of Decency, Catholic organization for the moral evaluation of motion pic-

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'Sinful' To See Film 'Baby Doll'

My Dear People:

The National Legion of Decency has condemned in the strongest terms the motion picture, "Baby Doll."

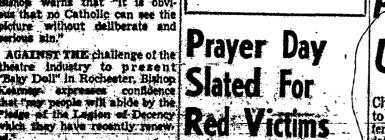
The Legion ranks it as most offensive to Christian morality, and a national weekly newsmagazine terms "Baby Doll" as "just possibly the dirtiest American-made motion picture that has ever been logally exhibited."

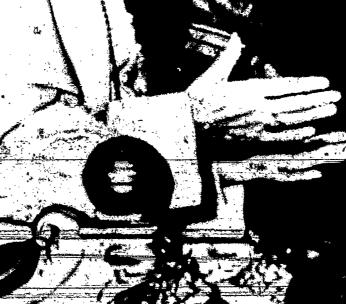
In view of these facts, it is obvious that no Catholic can see the picture without deliberate and serious sin.

I am confident that my people will abide by the pledge of the Legion of Decency which they have recently re-MeWed. With a blessing, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

Janues E. Kearney, **Mishop** of Rochester.





Pope Speaks To World

Vatican City - (NC) - Speaking to the failiful and to the whole world, in his annual Christmas Message over Vatican Radio, Pope Pius XII called for serial observation as a means of control in disarmament, and urged that United Nations action should be backed by adequate police forces.

Pope Asks Stronger U.N. Bid For Peace

Vatican City-(RNS)-Pope Pius XII, in his annual Christmas message, urged stronger. United Nations afforts to preserve peace. At the same time he declared that a demainst "an enemy l



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Protests Hit White House 'Feeler' To Dictator Tito

Tito Did This!



(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Announcement that the United States Government is considering an invitation to Marshal Tito, the Red dictator of Yugoslavia, to visit this country has brought prompt and vigorous protests from many quarters.

First protests against the proposed White House invitation to Tito came from officials of the National Council of Catholic Men, the National Council of Catholic Women, The Catholic Press Association of the United States, and the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Albert J. Sattler, president of the National Council of Catholio Men, telegraphed President Eisenhower to "record the dismay and serious concern" of the National Council of Catholic Men over the report. Mr. Sattler also telegraphed Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that the NCCM and eight million men of ts affiliated organizations



In the Legion Pledge, taken at December Pin, Catholics of the United States, promised to svel attendance at all "indecent and immoral films" and "to stay away altogether from places of ant which show them as mather of policy."

Bishop Kearney's condemnation of the motion picture "Baby Doll" marks the second time this month that he has voiced strong against the evils of immoral film entertainment, and called , for op. Catholics to respect in conscience Legion Pledge.

ON THE EVE of Legion of Decency Sunday, when Catholics renewed their good film pledge risked by those who attend world. motion pictures which are mor-

ally objectionable. that "It would make a mockeryritual or formality."

The film "Baby Doll" the joint creation of writer Tennesse Will Lady In White' Saved distributed by Warner Brothers. IN GIVING the film a "C" or Orphans From Red Spy "condemned rating," the Legion of Decency stated:

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In the current review of the "Saturday Review of Literature," "Saturday Review of Literature." film reviewer Arthue Knight makes the following comments: "There is no conceiling the fact that, though Baky Doll, is Elle Katan's most skillful film to date. it is also one of the most un-reality and arrowal pictures ever mede graphic country. "Without Southerners are pre-mented frankly for what they are: manual frankly for the director has any moral position to (二) 変換

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Bishop Kearney has directed that Sunday, Dec. 30, be observed throughout the Diocese as "A Day of Prayer for the Victim of Religious Persecution." Parish churches have scheduler

special prayers at morning

MANY CHURCHES will con over borders, sowing death in or heritage, men do look upon the warnings to his diocesan flock duct Holy Hours in the late after der to force civilian peoples into struggle unjustly forced upon noon or early evening for the a pattern of life which they ex them by their enemy as a cruintention designated by the Rish plicity detest." sade.' "Only the unanimous and cour-

Catholics to respect in conscience The day will be similarly ob. ageous behavior of all who love the arrious obligation of their served in all diocese of the the truth and the good can preserve peace and will preserve it," United States. The Bishops of the country the 80-year-old Pontiff declared have also invited "all men of in his 18th Christmas message

to the world (See Letter, page 5)

Chinese worman commissar to

ing Mass.

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the evening.

keep 300 orphans from attend

Bishop John A. O'Shea, C. M.,

of Kanchow, Chna, who was ex-

pelled from that country three

years ago related the story

which tok place in his diocese

shortly after the communists

sides at St. Vincent de Paul Novillate here, said that the

communists had promised full freedom of religion "But they

imposed restrictions which made it almost impossible to

practice religion." he said. He related how the commun-

ists would restrict the children.

In the morning when he said

Mass, Later, when he offered Mass in the afternoot, they were confined. Finally, Bishop O'Shes began saying Mass in

The commissar could no

Jonger hold her temper. he re-lated and one evening fol-bowed a group of the children

town the mastrow alleyway be

Consent the complianage and the chapel determined to prevent them from attending Mass "BUDDENTED" SHE halted.

Reformer was a lady in white,

THE BISHOP, who now re-

their churches, Bishop Kear good will to join us" in prayer throne in the Consistorial Hall of the streamed the "occasion of for the persecuted peoples of the the Vatican Palace, he called the streamed the stream of the persecuted peoples of the streamed the stream of the stream of the streamed the stream of the stre good will to Join us" in prayer throne in the Consistorial Hall of Baltimore Abp. especially for more effective UN

IN A letter read in all parishes action in the case of Hungary, last Sunday, Bishop Kearney stressed the need for European At the same time he warned urged that prayers be offered solidarity, and pleaded for the "that God may humble all tyrania "general disarmament which We of the House of God. if the and grant peace and freedom to have so much at heart."

Ridgefield, Conn. - (NC) - A veteran Vincentian

BISHOP O'SHEA

forward but could not. She

was free to retreat, however, and she did so.

"After that she never inter-

fered. I did not witness this

incident Lam only repeating

what several children fold me

and every one of them was

sure that it was the Blessed

Virgin Mary who appeared that

night in Kanchow,"

missionary bishop told the story here of how a "lady in

white" was reported to have frustrated an attempt of a

Place, taken in His Presence, those who so patiently have The Pontiff did not refer to seen to become marely an annual borne their heavy burdens." the Soviet Union or Communism the Soviet Union or Communism

determined to impose on all by name, but he made his meanpeoples . . . I special and in- ing clear in denouncing those tolerable way of life" is moral- who have placed "the essential

ly lawful. Nor, he said, can any values of man in extreme dan-Catholic refuse to serve in such ger," and especially his religious a war. heritage. Citizing specifically the recent He said that until now he had Soviet aggression in Hungary, avoided "calling Christendom to

the Pope said "there is no long. a crusade," but added that "We Masses and exposition of the er any doubt concerning the aims can, however, call for full un-Blessed Sacrament throughout and methods which rely on tanks, derstanding , of the fact that when these latter noisily crash where religion is a vital living

"It is clear," Pope Plus said, "that in the present circumstances there can be verified in a nation the situation wherein, (Continued on Page 6)

Bans 'Baby Doll'

Baltimore - (NC) - Archbishop Francis P. Keough today issued a strong statement forbidding Catholics of this archdiocese to attend showings of the film "Baby Doll" which has been condemned by the Legion of Decency. The movie opened Christmas day at the Stanley theatre here.

The Archbishon called attention to the Legion of Decency pledge taken by Catholics on December 9 this year. He pointed out that in accordance with this pledge, and in accordance with divine law, Catholics have a serious obligation to avoid mmoral motion pictures.

Archbishop Keough reminded the faithful that there is a serious obligation to remain away from theatres which make it a practice of exhibiting condemned movies.

Communism Faces Crisis, **But Still World Danger** Vatican City - (NC) - + daily L'Osservatore Romano, Communism is undergoing a said communism is trying to severe crisis behind the Iron reassert its validity as an ide-

This famous photo shows Cardinal Stepinac in 1946 courtroom

scene in Yugoslavia where he was condemned to imprisonment.

It dramatizes the ruthless persecution waged against the Church

by Yugoslavia's Red Boss Tito who may be given a state wel-

come to the United States.

Curtain, but is still a threat to ology by throwing the blame the world, L'Osservatore della for its failure on the faults Domenica, Vatican City weekand omissions of individuals ly, declared in an editorial. rather than on the system it-While information coming se)t. to the West from communist satellites must be taken cau-"Communism is actually dead," he declared. But it is

tiously, the newspaper said, "there is clearly a state of great disturbance" in those there are "nations which still countries. The editorial's author, Dr. Frederico Alessandrini, assist-

'Make Our Lady's Altar Bestiful'

ously oppose an invitation to Marshal Tito to visit the U.S."

Mrs. Robert H. Mahoney, president of the National Council of Catholic Women, telegraphed President Eisenhower that the NCWC "is deeply concerned" over the news that The might be asked to come to this country. Such an invitation, she said, "will create an unfavorable reaction in our own country" and will have "a crushing effect on and will embitter those who have suffered

dictator."

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MARSHAL TITO Coming to U. S.? so much under the lash of this telegraphed President Eisenhow-

Mrs. Mahoney also sent a tele. er that "nothing else your Adgram to Secretary of State Dul-Iministration might do would be les stating that the NCWC is so disappointing, or would so "appalled" by the news of Tito's grievously offend our more than 30 million Catholics and large

Monsignor John. S. Randall, proportion of others." He told the President that his president of the Catholic Press Association of the United States, organization was "shocked" at also filed protests in behalf of the press report that "the jailer the nation's 500 Catholic publica. of Cardinal Stepinac, the persetions which represent a com cutor of religion, the tyrant of bined circulation of more than Yugoslavia and the accomplice of the butchers of Budapest" is to

In a message to President be invited to this country. Mr. Hart also sent a letter of Eisenhower, Monsignor Randall protest to Secretary Dulles. stated:

The Catholic Standard, news-"The possibility of the visit paper of the Archdiocese of of Tyrant Tito to this country Washington, said editorially that is shocking to the Cathollo 'to bolster Tito's regime by in-Press Association of the U.S. viting him to this country is a "He represents everything brutal repudiation of our printhat is contrary to American ciples and an insult to the Amerifreedom and fairplay; a persocans killed by Tito." cutor of religious freedom, an Representative Alvin E. O'Konopponent of human rights, an ski of Wisconsin told the Secreatheistic dictator, a Communist tary of State that "such an invidespite the mask under which tation would be disastrous." be parades. Nothing that your feel so strongly on this matter,"

administration might do would still a threat, he added, because be more offensive to 34,000,000 Eatholics and all freedom-loving Americans

the Congressman added, "that I for one don't want to be a party to such treachery and deception the people of our nation. In another message to Secre Should the invitation be tendertary Bulles, Monsignor Randall ed, I have no recourse left but protested the proposed Tito visit to seriously consider resigning

and urged the Secretary "to re-scind any such invitation, if it "The Ta The Tablet, newspaper of the has been extended., Diocese of Brooklyn, said: "The "Marshall Tito," the GPA presi proposed visit to the United

dent charged, "represents every States of Josip Broz, alias Tito, thing that is contrary to our at the invitation of the President Constitution and Bill of Rights, is about as shocking a sugges-The has imprisoned Archbishop tion as we have ever heard." Stephac on trumped up charges: "If there is any advantage to he has denied religious liberty to the United States to having some

his countrymen; he has sup official see Tito," the paper addpressed the freedom of press and ed. "let him be sent to the armed peech he has wantonly shot chip in Yugoslavia. We must down our American alrmen; he not descerate our soil, pollute is an accomplice with the butch our free alr by bringing such an ers of Budapest Everything anti-American, anti-religion dicwhich we Americans hold preci- tator as Tito here?" ous and inviolable, he has tyran-

nically overthrown." Luke E, Hart, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbu ODD ITEM JEWELRY, SALES Savings of from 20% to 40% William S. Thorne, Joweler, 318

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appeal to Marxist-Leninist doctrine and which lean heavily upon the strength of the Soviet Union for support." ant editor of the Vatican City England's Late Queen Mary Was Regular

Visitor In Catholic Church, Priest Reveals London — (NC) — Quren he wrote. One day, the ever any, widow of King George of a feast of Our Lady. Her was a regular visitor to the atholic Church of Our Lady and said to the sacristan. 'Are Mary, widow of King George V, was a regular visitor to the Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Assumption here, it has been revealed

The queen who died in 1953 some 17 years after her hus-band, used to slip into the church near her home to sit quietly before its statue of Our Lady, said the pastor, Father R. C. Fuller, in a book published about the church, one of the most historic in

London 'IT APPEARS to have been Her Majesty's devotion to the Mother of God that drew her,"

feast tomorrow!""

you the lady that looks after the church? On receiving reply in the affirmative she said; Here is five pounds --- I want you to make Our Lady's altar looks beautiful for her The queen added that she with roses and when the sacristan asked for her name the

would like the altar decorated

There mays been rumors that she became a Catholic finally

queen, whose face was partly covered by a veil said; doesn't matter." The sacristan told her she would call her

"Lady Rose" FATHER FULLER added:

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"From time to time after that Queen Mary visited the church and might be seen sitting quietly for a few minutes before Our Lady's statue. It was that which attracted her. Needless

to say. Her Majesty wished to remain at all limes strictly incognito."

Queen Many was known in her latter years to be very at-tracted to the Catholic Faith,