

Making Marriage Click Three Ingredients For Family Success

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Loud hums are resounding in family camps throughout the country and many are now awaiting the new book to be published by Father Cervantes and Dr. Zimmerman. It will carry the first large scale study ever made of successful families. They are studying 40,000 families.

Several important discoveries have already been announced. These three will be special aids as we chart our future course:
1. Successful families gather around a central figure.

the family movements of the country which have already happily combined all three above factors. Rightly then can we understand Cardinal Suhard who demanded that the families of his Archdiocese had a "grave duty in conscience to enter a family movement."

SOME OF OUR family movements like Cans, the Mr. and Mrs. Clubs, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine are stressing the internal reform of the family.

Plants grow from within and the family must reform itself from within. It carries within it that power; so sacramental graces must be reactivated, attitudes must be Christianized, the role of parents must be re-established.

As important as external reforms are, the internal ones are much more vital. True, housing, day nurseries, recreation centers, family allowances are helpful, but internal reforms are absolutely indispensable.

Not that we wish to underestimate the external reforms. We Catholics are not interested enough in laws, in lobbying, in politics, and so on. We must constantly balance the external and the internal. Not even the daily mass can replace a cook book!

Our family movements are succeeding wonderfully in this balance of the natural and the supernatural, the external and the internal. I refer to the Christian Family Movement, the Family Action, the Family Federation of Catholic Action, the Holy Family Guild, the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers, the Holy Family Retreat Association, and the like. (More to follow.)

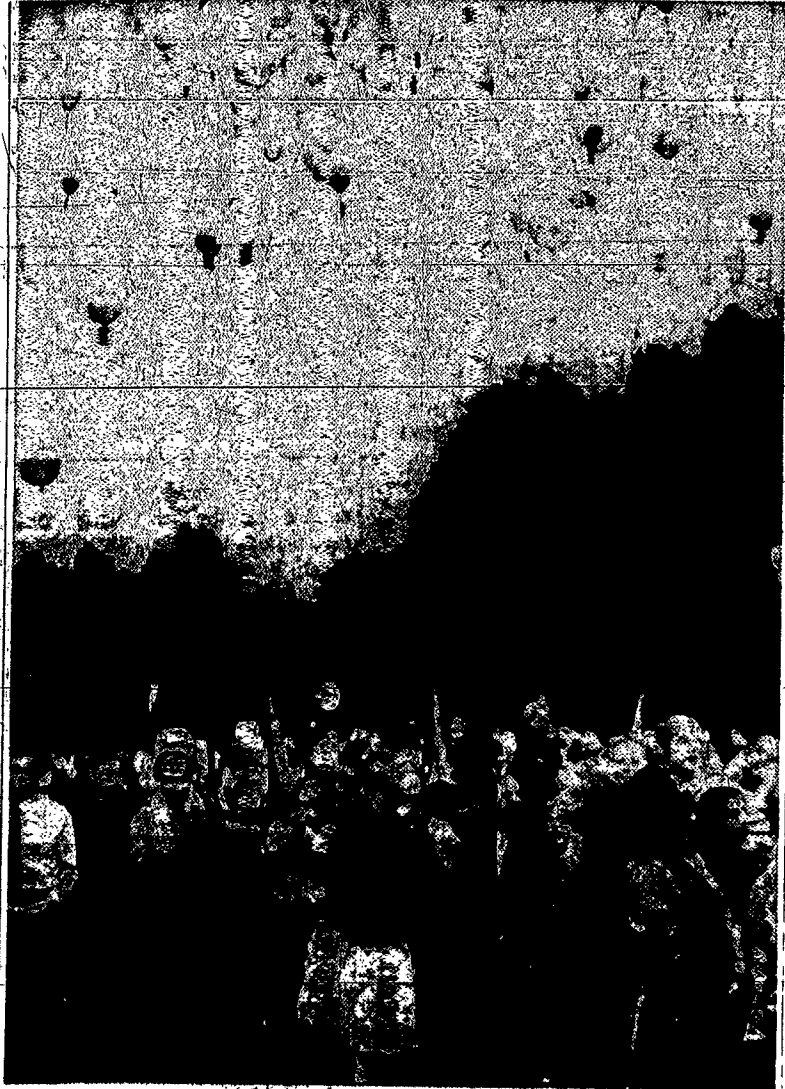
'12 Angry Men' Wins Film Award

Los Angeles — (RNS) — A Hollywood film, "12 Angry Men," was awarded the grand prize of the International Catholic Cinema Office by a panel of judges at the organization's annual congress here.

The picture, which starred Henry Fonda, also won the grand prize at the 42-nation film festival held in West Berlin.

It was released in the U.S. by United Artists and produced by Mr. Fonda and Reginald Rose, who also wrote the script.

The story takes place in a jury room where 12 men must decide if a Puerto Rican boy killed his father. Eleven of the men immediately find the son guilty, but the juror played by Mr. Fonda disagrees with them because of a "reasonable doubt" in his mind. The remainder of the film tells how the 11 gradually come to change their verdict.



Kids' 'Airmada' Seeks Friends

2,000 balloons leap skyward from a rural festival in Linz, Austria, bearing greetings in four languages from Austrian children to other children in Europe. Each child has written his name and address on his own balloon before sending it on its way, in hopes of making friends with the finder. The balloon 'airmada' was the idea of Linz Catholic Youth Organization. (NC)

Czech Track Star Finds Strength In Bible, Prayer

Felds, Germany — (NC) — "I seek inspiration and strength in the Bible," Emil Zapotek, Czechoslovak Olympic long distance track champion, told a reporter in Prague.

Describing his daily routine in the Czech army to a reporter from Mann in der Zeit (Man in our Time), a Catholic monthly published here, Lt. Col. Zapotek was quoted as saying:

"We are supposed to read Karl Marx every morning and certain communist commentaries every evening in order to understand our government better, but I do not do this.

"My readings are from the Bible. That is the source of my strength—the Bible and prayer. Back home in our little village my mother taught me to pray. I have never forgotten that lesson, even though there is much in my daily life opposed to prayer. No one can keep you from praying inside yourself."

British Health Act Hits Catholic Doctor

Moline, Ill. — (NC) — Catholic doctors in England are up against serious moral and material problems as a result of the British Health Act, a prominent English surgeon said here.

An outline of the hardships faced by the Catholic doctors was presented by Dr. John Ryan, gynecological surgeon engaged in private practice in London. He spoke here at a joint meeting of the Catholic Doctors of Rock Island and the Davenport Physicians Guild.

DR. RYAN STATED that a Catholic physician who signs a contract under the British Health Act is expected to render any service the act calls for, even if such service would be against moral and natural laws.

The Catholic doctor who refuses to sign a contract, Mr. Ryan continued, is faced with four alternatives: entering private practice, entering fields of medicine where moral problems do not exist, emigrating or changing his occupation.

According to Dr. Ryan, these alternatives leave much to be desired. He said a young Catholic doctor entering private practice could not make a living for very long because the English people are not able to support the services of both the British Health Act and the fees of those engaged in private practice.

THE OTHER THREE alternatives, he stated, would deplete England of Catholic physicians and prevent its three million Catholics from receiving special help for those expect help.

Dr. Ryan said Catholic hospitals have not signed contracts under the British Health Act because they are morally unable to provide the services they would be expected to provide.

Pope Blesses Wedding Rings
Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII has received in audience 210 couples from all parts of Italy who came to Rome to celebrate their silver wedding anniversaries.

During the audience the Holy Father blessed silver wedding rings inscribed with the date of their visit as keepsakes of the event.



Blessing Of The Presses

Bishop William A. Scully, of Albany, is pictured as he is about to bless new printing plant facilities of J. R. Condon and Sons, where the Evangelist, Springfield Observer, and Vermont Tribune Catholic weekly newspapers are printed. The newspapers are the official organs of the Albany, Springfield, Mass., and Burlington, Vermont, dioceses respectively. Shown with Bishop Scully is Father Gerald H. Kirwin, Evangelist Editor. (NC Photos.)

BOOK SHELF

Frontiers In American Catholicism
FRONTIERS IN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM: ESSAYS ON IDEOLOGY AND CULTURE, by Walter J. Ong, S.J. Macmillan '57, 125 pages, \$2.50. Available at all Catholic book stores.

Six tonic essays, directed to making the American Catholic intellectual something more than a worshipper of the past. Wherever Father Ong thinks a cliché has lingered too long, he flings a true or a mixed one, he flings an idea, and when the dust settles, the reader knows at least one thing: when he rebuilds his thought, he will rebuild remembering.

He will think. He will fight with himself when he returns to the cliché, if return he must, and once in awhile he must, because — as Father Ong is sometimes wrong — a little.

HE IS RIGHT all the time about the American Catholic, though. "The American Catholic has lived the myth of America, but he has hardly dared to speculate as to its meaning in relation to his faith."

That is, the Catholic has lived like a true American, vigorously, competently, looking to the future, erecting an educational system that he doesn't even guess is one of the seven wonders of the world.

But he hasn't thought he was doing much, or making much impression on his world for eternity. The world goes on brushing Catholicism aside, and the Catholic goes on thinking his influence is nil.

He has not yet realized that if he offers himself and his history in this country to the intellectual world as a phenomenon of the American scene, the intellectual world finds him as fascinating as any other subject of study. The intellectuals will willingly study him.

So, to, will the lords of reason and the world of books welcome his own studies of himself and his America. He need not just excel in business; he can excel wherever he is earnest enough to show excellence.

THOSE AREN'T Father Ong's words — they were just caused by his words. He ends this way: "Today, when our world perspectives are enlarging, so that America can be seen as part of the general movement of the human spirit through history, should the American Catholic succeed in returning to his roots in his own American world, he will doubtless better succeed in thinking through his connections with the rest of mankind and in living out his own tiny share of the total take place here. (O.S.)" And that makes was announced.

Vatican Scientists Aid IGY Studies
Castel Gandolfo, Italy (NC) — The Vatican's astronomical observatory here has gone into around-the-clock action in cooperation with the first major concerted project of the International Geophysical Year.

Its staff, headed by American Jesuit Father Daniel O'Connell, maintained a constant watch on the telescopes and the special photographic equipment for recording effects of the explosion on the sun's surface as part of the IGY's Special World Interval Observatory staff members worked in shifts to maintain the watch day and night.

Archbishop Montini
Rome (RNS) — Archbishop Giovanni B. Montini of Milan will deliver the keynote address at the Second World Congress of the rest of mankind and in living out his own tiny share of the total take place here. (O.S.)



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