



SPORTS-NIGHT trophies were awarded at Holy Cross Parish to more than 60 youngsters. In photo from left are Danny Burgmaster, Bill Lambert, Coach Mike Spang and the Rev. Walter F. Cushing. (Story on Page 12)

### Theatre News

## Top Musicals

By EUPHEMIA WYATT

**CARNIVAL**—Here is good news for all who loved LILLI on the screen for Lilli has come to life again in the theatre in the person of Anna Maria Alberghetti. She is not a dancer this time but she can act and she has a voice of rarest beauty. The scenes with the puppets—Carrot Top, Walrus and Fox—seem to have more enchantment than ever.

Gower Champion has staged CARNIVAL in fine accord with its title. The transient quality of the travelling circus is emphasized by the bare stage with a few bare trees on the back drop. There is no overture—no curtain.

Then the roustabouts straggle in; booths on wheels are opened up; costumes are unpacked and suddenly there is the parade and the stage is alive in light and color. It seems like a vision of Paradise to Lilli, the orphan. At the close there is the bare stage again with the empty Puppet Theatre but Lilli and Paul have found each other.

James Mitchell shows all his dancer's finesse as Marco the magnificent Kaye Ballard adds lustre to the Incomparable Rosali and from LA Plum DE MA TANTE comes elfish Pierre Olak whose dance with the company, "The Grand Imperial Uldue de Paris" has the tempo of a steeple chase.

Bob Merrill has incorporated the famous "Hi Lili-Hi Lo" into his spirited and haunting musical score. For those who can't see Carnival we advise procuring the record. CARNIVAL is without question the musical without peer of 1961 and 1962.

**THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD**—The 5th century B.C. is joined to the 19th century A.D. in an extravagantly elaborate musical comedy adapted by E. Y. Harburg from Aristophanes' tough satire, LY-SISTRATA, to music by Offenbach, spaced by touches from Giraudoux' mythological farce, AMPHYTRION 38, a romp made famous by the Lumts. This Greek, Austrian French medley is directed by the Australian, Cyril Ritchard, as MC and Chief of Staff of the Underworld.

The Upper world of Olympus presided over by Zeus in a magnificent golden wig, is lowered on a cloud but, although the scene is Athens with Olympus over head, the Gods are listed with their Roman names, Jupiter, Juno, Diana with the exception of Venus, who is Aphrodite in the program. If lack of scholarship is desirable at least let it be logical.

The Gods are inserted into the Lysistrata story by having Pluto—who sheives to Hades—inspire the wives of Athens to strike against War by refusing martial rights to their husbands. Although a definite improvement on the intensive coarseness of Aristophanes, THE HAPPIEST GIRL skates over some very thin ice which cracks at intervals, noticeable in the Turkish Bath scene with the husbands and when Pluto teaches the chaste Diana—who should be Artemis—to flout her virtue.

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OFFICERS OF St. Mary's Glee Club prepare for the annual concert May 4. From left are Peggy France, president; Sally Jo Eble, vice president; Carole Modcracki, treasurer; and Carole Clarke, secretary.

## Nursing Students List Annual Concert May 4

The second annual spring concert of the glee club of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing will be held on Thursday, May 4, at 8 p.m., in the nurses' auditorium.

The vocal group, known as "The Belles of St. Mary's," is made up of Freshman student nurses, and sings under the direction of Mrs. Mary Anne Conners.

Selections from "Porgy and Bess," "The Student Prince," and "The Sound of Music" will be included in the program. "Hello Young Lovers" from "The King and I" will be offered by Anna Dovi, Sharon Cass, and Peggy France as "The Queenston Trio." Judith Bauman, a Junior student, will be vocal soloist, and Annette Farace, Freshman will play "Deep Purple" and Chopin's Nocturne in E-flat Minor.

Parents and friends of the student body are invited, and refreshments will be served. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase new music for the school.

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### BOOK SHELF

## Heaven By The Hems

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA  
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Heaven by the Hems: From Stage to Cloister, by Marina de Berg. Sheed '61. 159 pp. \$3.00.

Citizen of New Salem (Abraham Lincoln), by Paul Horgan. Illustrations by Douglas Gorsline, Farrar, Straus & Cudahy. '61. Book-of-the-Month.

Science & Government: the Godkin Lectures 1960, by C. P. Snow. Harvard Press '61. 88 pp. Book-of-the-Month.

Heaven by the Hems is a true story of a vocation that did not fail; yet it found only two years and ten months of earthly haven in the paradise of La Trappe—literally an icy paradise, where hunger and exhaustion were a commonplace; supernaturally a basking in the warmth of God's love.

**HUMAN BEINGS** perhaps failed a little; after two years of vigil over the novice's heroism and her delicate constitution (rather, normal constitution—it is abundantly clear that an Annapurna expert would have found the climb difficult), the patience, the attention of human beings failed.

Yet this story rings true to dedicated souls, both those long in religion and newcomers ready to give every iota of love and service. Deep happiness with God was the lot of all. And the human failure, the blank spot where tireless mercy should be—this too is in the providence of God. This was indeed the means of ousting this ardent soul in its less-than-heroic body from its chosen place.

Marina de Berg does not interpret. "My grief will never be cured... I shall always have food for my hunger, I shall never be cold again." Her story abounds in charm, in spiritual beauty. It is like many a human story: God takes the word for deed, the single step for the journey—and then He does His inscrutable Will.

C. P. SNOW, with his novelist's eye for the quirks and sin-neries of men, with his Barrie-like far-seeing—here he is in his Harvard lectures describing in terms of British last-war experience the kind of statesman-and-scientist government he wants us to have, just because he is "someone who knows you a lot, who loves you a lot, and who is passionately anxious to see your generous creative forces set loose in the world."

Sir Henry Tizard of Aeronautical Research and Lord Cherwell (F. A. Lindemann), Churchill's personal assistant, are the protagonists of this lively tale—and to follow their encounters with each other is to discover on what a pinpoint of security Britain's main chance (radar) rested at more than one time in the war. Revealed in white light are the values and perils of various types of committees and of various hierarchies of officials.

Statesmen, it appears, serve the short-term end; the present; scientists serve the future; neither should work alone. Sir Charles Snow gives a deep-level analysis of the scientist's euphorias—but he knows their value, because he is one. He doesn't want the U.S.A. or Ottawa.

## New Group To Fight Race Strife

New York — (RNS) — A new organization of Roman Catholic laymen to fight racial strife and to operate within the structure of the Third Order Secular of St. Francis has been formed, it was announced here.

Formation of the group, to be known as Action for Interracial Understanding, was made known at a breakfast here by the Rev. Roy M. Gasnick, O.F.M., of St. Anthony's Shrine in downtown Boston.

FATHER GASNICK said the AIU was organized after a period of some months of experimentation in the some 1,200 fraternities of the order throughout the country. He said the aim of the group was to prevent "racial tensions and strife" at all levels of society.

Each one of the fraternities, he added, is expected to form a "hardcore" group of members who will meet monthly to discuss some aspect of the race problem and formulate action projects.

Specific goals of the AIU, Father Gasnick said, include: training leaders to counteract the leadership of racists and agitators; formulating educational and action programs, for each parish, school and community where the Third Order exists; impregnating the civic community with the Christian spirit to prevent racial conflict; cooperating with groups such as fair housing practices committees, and sponsoring periodic discussion meetings.

The breakfast was co-sponsored by the Catholic Interracial Council here and the Catholic Laymen's Union and followed a Mass at Old St. Peter's Church in downtown New York.

**Party Recognized** Jakarta, Indonesia — (NC) — Indonesia's Catholic party is one of eight major political parties, including the Communist party, which have been granted legal recognition by the government of President Achmed Sukarno.

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## Cuba 'Ripe' For Reds

Seattle, Wash. — (NC) — A young Cuban couple living here as refugees from the Castro regime warned that all of Central and South America is "ripe for communism."

Mr. and Mrs. George Capestany, who fled Cuba last year, cautioned North Americans against apathy and an "it can't happen here" attitude.

THE CAPESTANYS noted in an interview that communists had been agitating to control Cuba long before Castro came to power.

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