

# Nun Behind Bars Teaches Nursing

San Quentin—(RNS)—A Roman Catholic nun, Sister Mary Anita, is director of a school of vocational nursing in San Quentin State Prison. The school is the first in a penal institution to be accredited by a state board of vocational nurse examiners.

"What this means," said Sister Anita, a Sister of Mercy, "is that after these men have served their sentences, they will return to society to be doing worthwhile work in a field in which there is a real need—as male, licensed vocational nurses."

She said it has already been demonstrated "that the program is worthwhile."

Two men who are enrolled in the program—who could be paroled before they have completed their course—want to stay in prison until they are able to complete their training," she said.

Part of the training takes place in San Quentin's 200-bed hospital. After parole, the nurse

trainees go into St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, for further training.

Describing her own role as head of a prison school, Sister Anita said, "When you first meet a class, they look at you and size you up—as a woman and as a nun. You want to teach them as a person and to let them know you are interested in them personally."

"I know I was impressed as I got the background of the boys to realize there has been a woman in their lives in some way—often a most destructive way—a sweetheart, or a wife who got them off the track. You recognize the tremendous impact a woman has on the life of a man."

"We are counteracting some of this by showing them another phase of womanhood."



## Instruction for Instructors

John L. Debes (center), Kodak advisor of school and youth services for the motion picture and education markets division, and Harrison S. Fisk, Kodak customer service specialist for the division, discuss differences between Kodak super 8 and regular 8mm movie film, with Basilian Father Frederick J. Wajda of Aquinas Institute, one of 25 high school and college photography instructors who attended Kodak's workshop for photography instructors this week.

## Recent Movie Ratings

Following are the titles of films reviewed recently by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures.

New Angels, The

This film, because of substantial changes in treatment, has been reclassified from "C" (Condemned) to "B" (morally objectionable in part for all), with the following objection noted:

Despite substantial changes this quasi-documentary film on present day life of youth and young adults in Italy still retains many of its original erotic elements (dancing, costume and situations).

Class A — Section I  
Fantastic Voyage  
Namu, The Killer Whale  
Daydreamer, The  
The Last of the Renegades  
How to Steal a Million

Class A — Section II  
Gypsy Girl  
It Happened Here  
Sweet Light in a Dark Room

Class A — Section III  
Chamber of Horrors  
Bang, Bang You're Dead  
Kalaidoscope

Class A — Section IV  
Alfie

Observation: In presenting its story about a promiscuous young man who lives by the philosophy that he can take from life what he wants with no regrets and without hurting anyone ALFIE, in spite of its deceptively light treatment of several immoral situations, is a serious film which develops the unmistakable theme that to be human, an individual must accept responsibility for all his actions.

Prospective audiences should be aware that because of its treatment this motion picture is not intended as casual entertainment.

## Mexico Eases Fast Laws

Mexico City—(NC)—New laws regarding fast and abstinence went into effect here (Aug. 17) following the Mexican bishops' application of the apostolic constitution Poenitentini.

Friday abstinence will be observed only during Lent. Both fast and abstinence will be maintained only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The bishops' document also reserved to the local bishop and to the pastor the right to substitute some other good work for fast and abstinence.

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## New Film Code Aimed At Parental Responsibility

New York — Voluntary classification of movies is a key feature of the revised motion picture production code being prepared by the Motion Picture Association of America, according to the show business newspaper Variety.

Under the plan, Variety said, advertising for movies judged unacceptable for children and teenagers would carry the tagline "For Mature Audiences." Enforcement would be left up to parents.

The newspaper quoted a confidential memorandum on the revised code which it said had been distributed by Motion Picture Association president Jack Valenti to top executives of the film industry.

According to Variety, Valenti said an effort would be made to secure "visible, audible Catholic support" for the voluntary classification system.

"It is part and parcel of what they have been advocating for so long," it quoted him as saying.

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At the same time the agency is expanding a program of sponsorship for neighborhood comprehensive health service centers for the poor. The centers will include family planning among the health services offered poor persons.

Four grants for such centers—in the Watts section of Los Angeles, in New York, and in Chicago (which will have two centers)—were announced by Shriver at a press conference. He said the center would be "one stop" facilities serving all out-patient medical needs of the poor.

Shriver's memorandum on family planning appeared designed to answer charges that the OEO has not been active enough in pushing birth control.

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## Dutch Prelate Says

# Celibacy Rooted In Scripture

Utrecht—(RNS)—The Catholic Church has "always felt a close affinity between for which it is not difficult to find a basis in Sacred Scripture," Bernard Cardinal Alfrink, Archbishop of Utrecht, declared here.

However, he told a class of 22 seminarians on whom he had just conferred the subdiaconate—the first of major orders preceding ordination—that should they regret taking the vow of celibacy after becoming priests "you will find in your bishop an understanding father."

"In every human arrangement, mistakes are likely to be made," he said, adding, however, that "I don't believe such mistakes are an argument against clerical celibacy."

"It is not the individual faithful nor the candidate for Holy Orders who has a right to decide whether celibacy should be obligatory," the cardinal continued. "Only the Church itself has the authority to make this decision. At present the Church asks her priests to accept this state of celibacy out of their own free will after years of preparation. Such a decision is not taken by minors, but by adults in full freedom."

Cardinal Alfrink told the seminarians that priestly celibacy "demands a certain climate of life determined by all sorts of elements which, for the greater part, you have in your own hands."

"You know," he said, "this decision binds you for life. I trust and pray you may never regret this decision."

"Should you ever regret it, however, I will only say you will find in your bishop an understanding father."

"From my experience as seminary professor and bishop, I know there may be very personal circumstances in which you gave your assent in good

faith and sincerity, but in which, in fact, you should not have done so."

## Hindu Sect Against Bible

Allahabad, India—(NC)—Students of St. Joseph's seminary reported that Hindus attending a religious festival here "seemed to be most eager" to buy copies of the Bible, despite opposition from members of an extremist Hindu group Arya Samaj.

The Bibles were in the Hindu language and were provided by the Bible Society of Allahabad.

Although Arya Samaj leaders seized several copies and tried to destroy them, about 2,000 copies were sold in the four days of the festival.

## Casals Plans Return to Spain

Barcelona—(NC)—Pablo Casals, world-famous cellist who has boycotted his native Spain ever since Gen. Francisco Franco came to power, has announced he will come here to conduct his oratorio, "The Stable," in a Barcelona church.

The oratorio will have its Barcelona premiere at the Church of St. Michel de Cuix Sept. 11-13 as part of the observance of Casals' 90th birthday, which falls on Dec. 29. "The Stable" is to be performed by the Catalonian Chorus.

## Bishop Sheen On N.Y. TV

New York — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York will return to television this fall.

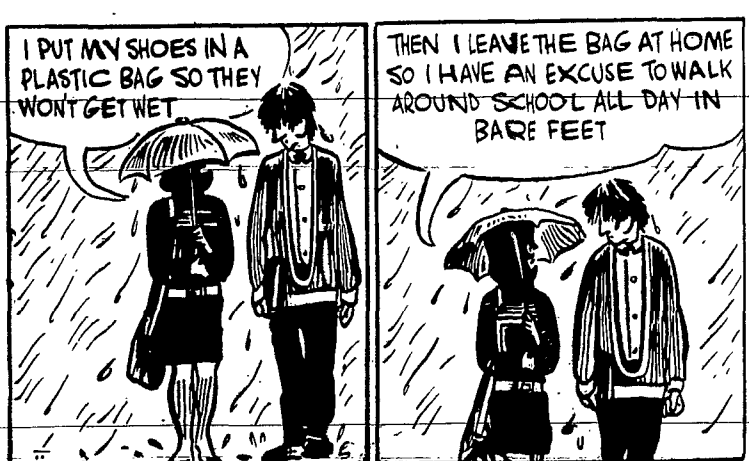
Channel 7, an independent New York station, announced that Bishop Sheen would appear in a weekly half-hour series. Program director Mel Bally said the series would be televised in color. He described the format as "basically non-religious" one in which the prelate would discuss a wide range of contemporary topics.

## Spanish Mass Text Ready

Madrid—(RNS)—Publication of new liturgical texts in Spanish and Catalan was announced here by the Liturgical Commission of the Spanish Episcopal Conference.

The commission said that beginning Aug. 15, all religious ceremonies in Spain would conform to the new ritualistic texts. Catalan is the language of Catalonia, the northeastern area bordering on France and the Mediterranean.

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Nuns' Help  
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