

## Language Squabble in India

Panaji, India — (NC) — Valerian Cardinal Gracias of Bombay has warned that if India's people do not find a way to end the controversy over an official language, the nation will go down the road to anarchy.

The cardinal spoke at the Menezes Braganza Institute here against a background of riots and attacks on Catholic schools by partisans who favor Hindi as the nation's sole official language. The violence was prompted by introduction of a bill in the national parliament which would continue recognition of English along with Hindi as an official language.

The outbreaks have affected, among others, the nation's Catholic schools, most of which use English as the language of instruction.

In Gwalior in northern India, Hindu partisans attacked St. John the Baptist Church and school, attacked two parishioners who tried to protect the church, and stoned a shrine to Our Lady on the church grounds.

In Madras in southern India, demonstrators rioted at Notre Dame school, conducted by American nuns, and smeared one of the Sisters with tar.

The recent outbreaks were nothing new, however. In northern India particularly, language has long been the hottest political and social issue, and riots staged by partisans of Hindi and other tongues have claimed hundreds of lives in the 20 years since Indian independence.

Cardinal Gracias in his talk chided the anti-English partisans, and quoted the late Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's belief that English was necessary to India to aid the inflow of Western culture and scientific knowledge.

## 'Screaming Eagle' Honor For Nun

Kenton, Ohio — (NC) — While continuing to teach her first and second grade classes at St. Anthony's School here, Sister Carole Browne has also been busy winning more friends among the United States troops in Vietnam.

She has been given the title of "Honorary Screaming Eagle" by the 101st Airborne Division's First Brigade.

Sister Carole began sending letters and packages from herself and her students to soldiers in Vietnam after meeting members of the "Green Beret" troops training at Fort Bragg, N.C., while she was taking summer courses at nearby Fayetteville State College.

She organized a Little League club of some 130 children who regularly pray for and write to the soldiers.



Newark, N.J. — (RNS) — Officers of the new National Apostolate for the Mentally Retarded review the organization's constitution and objectives. Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston (seated center) is honorary president and episcopal adviser. Seated with him are Father-Matthew M. Pesaniello of the Mount Carmel Guild in Newark, N.J., president (left); and Father Joseph A. Goebel of Cleveland, vice-president.

## 4 Clergymen Named Interfaith Award Winners

New York — (RNS) — Four outstanding clergymen in the New York area were named by the National Conference of Christians and Jews here to the dinner with Samuel Leiserson, New York philanthropist.

The four recipients will be Dr. Robert L. Gannon, S.J., president of the National Council on Religion and Public Affairs; Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the NCCJ; Father Robert J. Gannon, president of the Mount Carmel Guild; and Father Joseph A. Goebel, vice-president.

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## Apostolate To Retarded Set Up Nationally

Newark, N.J. — (RNS) — A National Apostolate for the Mentally Retarded has been formed to assist and coordinate Catholic work among the mentally handicapped now being done on a diocesan or local level.

According to the group's constitution, the organization fills a need for a "mutual cooperative effort — sharing of educational ideas, catechetical aides, development of curriculum, teacher-training and formation."

Archbishop of Boston, will serve as honorary president and episcopal advisor of the new organization.

Father Matthew M. Pesaniello of the Mount Carmel Guild in Newark, president of the apostolate, praised Cardinal Cushing's leadership in the group.

Cardinal Cushing's concern for the mentally retarded has been evident for many years, he observed. "And, as most people know, His Eminence has a talent for getting things accomplished. We owe a great deal to his participation and assistance."

Other apostolate officers include Father Joseph A. Goebel of Cleveland, vice-president; and Sister Mary John, director of special education in the Los Angeles archdiocese, secretary.

## Swiss Named To Curia

Vatican City — A 70-year-old Swiss prelate has been appointed to the Roman Curia, following the resignation of two cardinals from curial posts.

Pope Paul VI named Benno Cardinal Gut, former superior general of the Benedictine Order, to head the Congregation of Rites, now undergoing reorganization.

Arcadio Cardinal Larraona, 80, a Spaniard, and Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, 76, an Italian, resigned.

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As a parent of two teenagers, I have been rather upset by some of the low quality and definitely B-grade movies that have recently been slipped into the A category as either A-4's or A-3's in the ratings of the N.C.O.M.P. I have begun to lose faith in the N.C.O.M.P. and now wonder how a parent can judge both the moral and technical quality of the movies that are being produced today.

Elizabeth B.  
It is true that the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (N.C.O.M.P.) has in the past couple years liberalized its standards at least to the extent that a number of movies which has formerly been classified as B have now been reclassified as A-3 or A-4. However, we feel that this is a necessary development on the part of N.C.O.M.P. for as people's attitudes concerning what is acceptable in a motion picture change, so too the standards for appraising these films must also change. Whereas thirty years ago the mere presence of the word "damn" in a movie could cause an uproar, today no one would even bat an eye at such an occurrence. While taking into account obvious limits, standards must reflect the times. The N.C.O.M.P. has made a start in this direction, and we would like to see it continue.

Now, concerning your problem, there are several points that should be mentioned. First of all, a rating A-3 or A-4 means "for adults" and "for very mature adults" respectively. These ratings are beginning to mean exactly what they say. Gone are the days when most

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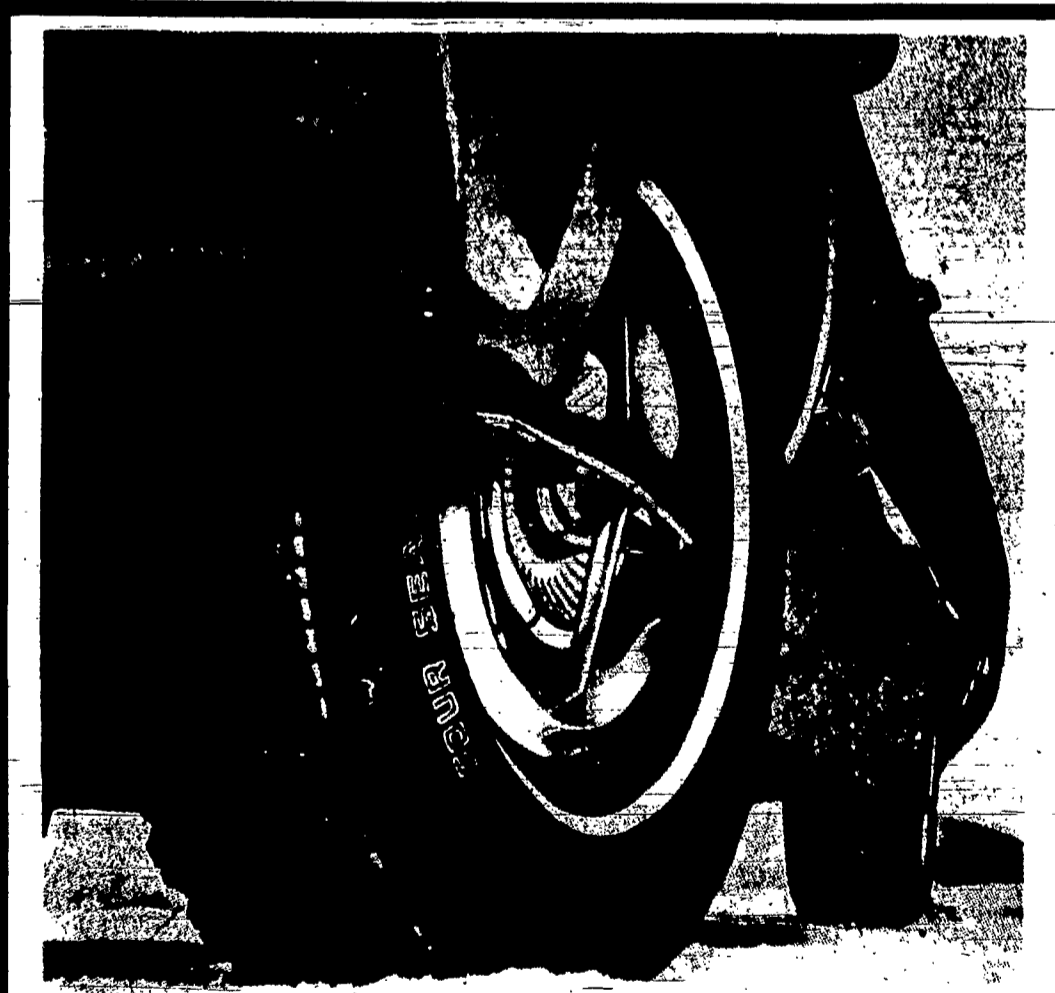
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