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Few Films Made for Children Under

Abortion Justification Criticized

Vienna, W. Va. — (NC) — "There is, no doubt that social and economic reasons often disguised as psychiatric indications, are now the prime justification for abortion," according to Dr. Frank J. Ayd.

Speaking at a meeting of Catholic doctors and lawyers at St. Joseph Seminary here, Dr. Ayd asserted that "society sanctions destruction of the fetus so that the mother may have a better life or society may be rid of a potential burden."

"Thus, the socio-economic abortion is part of a search for happiness by the mother or so-

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ciety to be achieved by denying the fetus the right to life."

Dr. Ayd noted that the Judeo-Christian tradition teaches that man is the custodian of his body — not its owner. The use he makes of his body, the doctor said, is "limited and governed by the natural 'law." He said that proponents of abortion believe that man is the owner of his body and therefore think that a woman may decide "what should grow with-

The physician asserted that if

one agrees with this belief ---that man is the owner and not the user of his body — then "valid arguments also can be advanced by these people to justify suicide, euthanasia, mutiliation of the body, submission to dangerous human experimentation and other human actions which society now condemns.

Dr. Ayd discussed the relaxed Colorado abortion law. He said that 40 of the 224 abortions performed in Colorado in

New York -- (RNS) --Those parents who ship their children off to the Saturday afternoon movies face the problem of finding suitable cinematic fare for them, according to the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures.

NCOMP, in the current issue of its Catholic Film Newsletter, reached its conclusion as part of an analysis of the current motion pictures available for summertime viewing.

Noting that there has been "little produced for the under-12 age bracket," the news-

new screen edition of the children's classic, 'Heidi,' doubly welcome, although a third version of the same story also underlines the very fact that there is too little imagination at work toward production of acceptable chil# dren's entertainment."

The new version of the famous children's story is an Austrian production released in this country by Warner Bros. Seven Arts. NCOMP notes that it has played only in a few special theaters during May and June, a policy

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ed in your threater, by all means ask its manager why not," the newsletter advises.

The first version of the story of the Alpine girl who was kidmapped from her grand'ather's chalet by an aunt was American-made in 1936 and starred Shirley Temple. The second version, a Swiss production, was filmed in 1953 and was followed by a sequel from the same company called "Heidi and Peter."

The current Austrian production, dubbed into English. updates the story to present-day Frankfurt, "with its noisy street traffic," the news-

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letter relates. "The contrast serves better than ever to show why Heidi yearns for her mountains despite the comforts of the wealthy city household of Herr Sesemann and his wheelchair-ridden daughter, Klara."

The newsletter notes that the current version based on Johanna Spyri's book alters the character of Klara. In 1936 she was "spoiled and prevish," in 1968 she is "sweet and genuine."

However, the NCOMP newsletter claims, the current version "stands on' its own merits and is true to the source. It is beautifully photographed, and that Alpine country never appeared more dazzling or inviting."

The Catholic Film Newslet-ter notes that such films as "Doctor Doolittle," "Half a Sixpence," and "The One and Only Genuine Original Family Band" are still in circulation as family fare, "though none has garnered unqualified raves.'

In a similar category is the Lucille Ball-Henry Fonda film, "Yours, Mine and Ours,' the story of the widowed parents of a total of 18 children. The newsletter calls it "a very special, healthy entertainment that makes out by example a strong case for family solidarity in our uncertain times as well."

The NCOMP publication also suggests the six-and-ahalf-hour, two-part Russian production of "War and Peace" as family entertainment.

"As such." the newsletter states. "it is certainly not a toddler's cup of tea, but there is nothing to prevent the interested pre-adolescent's accompanying his-parents-to see what took its director and star, Sergei Bondarchuk, five years and a hundred million d o l l a r s, equivalently, to make."

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Elmira — Auxiliary Bishop James E. McCafferty, soon to take up residence here, has accepted the office of chaplain to Knights of Columbus Council 229, Grand Knight Frederick Dykins announced. to office at Others named recent meeting are Francis Sally, deputy grand knight; Stanley Douglas, Chancellor; Clement Knuth, warden; James Kildea, treasurer; and Edward Hee, recording secretary. Walter Pawlak was appointed tecturer and Fran Beligotti, financial secretary. NOW.. a portable Air Conditioner to fit those very narrow windows It's a FEDDERS of course Only 20 inches wide, a foot highfits regular windows and even 24" windows 5000 BTU's only **3488** Fedders leads again with this new air conditioner. Just look at these features:

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