

Women's Unit to Fight Movie Sex, Violence

Washington—(NC)—An organization representing 11 million women has adopted a platform designed to stamp out excessive sex and violence in motion pictures and television.

Mrs. Walter Varney Magee of Lakewood, Ohio, new international president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which has headquarters here, said the platform is one of the major objectives of her administration.

Mothers throughout the nation, she declared, have expressed indignation over "the trend of the motion picture industry toward unwholesome themes—abnormal sex and violence, and blatant, titillating advertising."

Mrs. Magee said the mothers are concerned about protecting their children against unwholesome movie and TV fare.

The federation will request state and national legislative bodies to review the laws in the effort to put an end to the abnormal movie-TV sex and violence, Mrs. Magee said.

"The motion picture code, which has recently been revised and liberalized, is not effective, can't be effective," Mrs. Magee emphasized. She singled out the movie "Bonnie and Clyde" as an example. She said "pictures" like that contribute to the acceptance of violence as a way of life."



Irish Dancers

These youngsters, called the Penrose Dancers, trained by Desmond Penrose of Rochester and sponsored by the Gaelic social organization known as the Harps Club, won first place awards for Irish dancing in international competition this month in

Hamilton, Ont. Left to right, are Raymond McDonald, Mary Jo Curtis, Margaret Conannon, Maureen O'Keefe, Eileen McDonald and Timothy McGuire. Missing when the photo was taken were Michael McGuire and Thomas Hughes.

Mary No Model for Moderns, Mariologist Says

Dayton — (NC) — The changing role of women has made it difficult for them to recognize in Mary their ideal image, according to Father Rene Laurentin, French Mariologist now teaching at the University of Dayton.

In an address sponsored by the university's Marian library, Father Laurentin said the Blessed Virgin can no longer be a "maternal" model for modern woman, who finds it impossible to relate to the particular civilization in which Mary lived. But Mary must remain a "universal" model on a much more "concinnating and brilliant" level, he said.

A few decades ago, the priest said Mary was proposed as a mirror in which Christian women were invited to recognize their ideal image, but most women today "no longer find themselves in this mirror" and the theme of Mary as the model of woman has become "so old-fashioned that even preachers no longer speak of it today," the speaker said.

The fundamental reason for this is that woman's role has changed.

"The situation of the woman had not changed at all between the first centuries of the Judeo-Christian era and the beginning of our own century," said Father Laurentin. "Women were doing almost the same jobs, sewing, cooking and cleaning. A woman's economic and civil rights were inferior to those of men. She had little or no access to intellectual culture, schooling, and the liberal professions."

Mary was a model of the housewife, of domestic work of a submissive life, bound to

the home, the speaker continued.

Now women are found in all professions, not as a "blind alley" for them, "but an irreplaceable factor of culture and of development." Human life has been prolonged and the marriage age tends to be lower. The result is that young women prepare for a second life for themselves which they will begin when they have reared their children. These new aspects and forms of feminine life were not experienced by Mary, the priest stressed.

"She no longer is a maternal model," Father Laurentin told his audience. "One can no longer subject the woman to the image of Mary in the measure in which she is a witness of the state of civilization which has been surpassed."

"The situation is no longer the same, but the manner in which the Virgin knew how to accept the situation which was

in the history of the Church, he said. At one time, monks, who were not priests, heard confessions, according to the speaker.

Father Laurentin also spoke briefly on the question of women in the priesthood. Their exclusion does not spring from any inferiority, he said, "but rather from the significance of its object to which has for its object to officially represent Christ."

He said it is probable that the office of deaconess will be restored and that women will baptize, preach, witness marriages and distribute Communion. Such functions, without ordination, are now being exercised by women in Latin America, he observed.

Tradition leaves the path open to the question of women hearing confessions, he added. Penitential discipline has undergone many changes

POP TOPICS

Dear Friends,

At long last elusive summer seems to have arrived. Though clothing and equipment stores may already be advertising their fall and winter lines, the rest of us are just beginning to enjoy the current season. If you're planning a vacation, you'll be mighty glad to have some spare cash to count on. Those regular deposits you've made at Columbia Banking will be your ace-in-the-hole.

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From time to time we get a cheery phone call or note of appreciation from one of our POP chairmen. For example, just recently we received a picture post card all the way from the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia. It came from Mrs. William Sullivan, a POP chairman in the Elmira area. She says, "Without POP this trip would not have been possible for Girl Scout Troop No. 38. We all thank you so much for the help you have given us." Previously Mrs. Sullivan had written that the troop would also visit Valley Forge. It's nice to know that POP is giving our young people the opportunity of seeing some of America's historic shrines, and is thus serving an educational as well as a charitable purpose.

For summer activity, why not try something new—like cherry picking. No matter how many you and the family pick, there are never too many for that cherry pie or cake for freezing or canning. Yes, we know the picking takes time (though there is a convenient little gadget available for this) but won't your family be delighted when you serve a fresh cherry dish in the middle of winter. For that matter, if you'd like to use some right now, here's a tempting recipe.

Fresh Cherry Nut Cake

1/2 cup Land O'Lakes Butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup cherry juice or milk
1/2 tsp. almond flavor
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 tsp. baking soda
2 cups pitted chopped cherries
Sugar Chopped walnuts

Cream butter and sugar and continue beating until light and fluffy. Add egg, cherry juice or milk and flavoring. Combine flour and soda and add to creamed mixture, mixing until no trace of flour remains. Fold in cherries. Put into a well buttered 8x8 inch pan, and sprinkle with sugar and chopped walnuts. Bake at 350 F for 45 to 50 minutes.

Have you ever been served restaurant or "store" fruit pie that seemed bland and tasteless? This was because sweet or bland fruit was used without that touch of lemon juice to give it pep. Remember this when you're cooking with cherries. The sour variety is preferable to the sweet since it has natural tartness. Sugar can always be sprinkled on a too-sour cooked dish, especially pie, but it sure is hard to remove a baked-in sugary taste!

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Less than 20 years ago, a very remarkable Loreto nun started a new congregation to work for the poor in the slums of Calcutta.

Today, Mother Teresa, a frail little woman of 57, wearing a sari with a blue border and a cross at the shoulder, has about 22 houses in India caring for the poor.

These houses run dispensaries, schools, commercial classes for the poor, shelters for the abandoned children, homes for the dying destitutes and colonies for the lepers.

Mother Teresa began her work for the poor of Calcutta in a decrepit building close to the temple of Kali (Hindu goddess of destruction and fertility). The first day, she picked up more than 20 children.

The next day, there were 41 and she jotted down in her diary: "Those who were not clean, I washed at the tank. We'd catechism after the first lesson on hygiene and then reading. We used the ground as a blackboard. All children were happy."

On December 28, 1948, the Vatican approved her new organization: Missionary Sisters of Charity.

That was the beginning of one of the most dynamic social work projects ever set up in India, with results now being studied by government officials and welfare organizations at home and abroad.

Impressed by her work, the government of Ceylon has invited Mother Teresa to take over work formerly done by foreign missionaries who have recently been expelled from the country. She has also accepted the invitation of the Bishop of Barquisimeto, Venezuela, to work among the poor of his country. The diocese of Brooklyn in the U.S.A. has undertaken to support this new community in South America.

The Dying Destitutes
The most remarkable of Mother Teresa's undertakings

Former Italian
Rabbi Upha

Fallsburg — (RNS) — The president of the Rabbinic Council of America, an Orthodox body, has denounced proposed relaxations of mixed marriage laws as "detrimental to the survival and viability of Jewry."

Rabbi Resach Z. Levovitz made his remarks in a presidential address to the Council's annual meeting here. He assailed the position recommended by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, that children of non-Jewish mother be consid