

Movies in Our Area

Ratings from the Catholic Office for Motion Pictures on the moral suitability of current movies;—A-1: morally unobjectionable for general patronage; A-2: Unobjectionable for adults and adolescents; A-3: Unobjectionable for adults; A-4: For adults only, with reservations; Class B—Morally objectionable for everyone; C: Condemned.

AIRPORT—Adults—Good story about a bomb-threatened 707 and a snow-bound airport.

ANDROMEDA STRAIN—Adults and adolescents—Chilling science thriller from a best-seller about a killer microbe.

BAREFOOT EXECUTIVE—Family—A TV executive discovers a chimp who's a champ at promoting video shows.

BUTCH CASSIDY AND SUNDANCE KID—Adults—Action story about outlaws-on-the-lam with many laughs.

CELEBRATION AT BIG SUR—Adults—Folk and rock festival story with many recording stars.

CONFESSION, THE—Adults—Drama about Commie official who is purged, confesses to the party and is restored.

CROMWELL—Family—History and derring-do about old England's political wars, Alec Guinness and Richard Harris.

FIVE EASY PIECES—Adults, with reservations—Excellent acting and pace in haunting story of a man running away from his roots and responsibilities.

LITTLE BIG MAN—Adults—Dustin Hoffman in autobiography of white boy raised by Indians, who becomes sole survivor of Custer's massacre.

LITTLE MURDERS—Adults, with re-



Cromwell (played by Richard Harris) was a devout Puritan in the 1640s who led a revolt against England's King Charles which led to creation of the British commonwealth and end of the divine right of kings. Historical drama is playing in area theatres.

ervations—Angry and funny commentary on human relationships and the bruises ("murders") which hit us everyday.

LOVE STORY—Adults—Many Klieg-

story of a Harvard-Radcliffe romance which never wins.

LOVERS AND OTHER STRANGERS—Adults, with reservations—Funniest movie of year, showing complex outside of married love in several families sharing a new marriage.

MASH—Adults—Funny but harsh story of medical outfit in Korea where war has made all jokes mean.

MRS. POLLIFAX—Adults and adolescents—Rosalind Russell fans will like her as a suburban widow who takes a spy job with the CIA.

NEW LEAF—Adults—Walter Matthau loves living beyond his means, goes broke, pursues a wealthy botanist, decides not to drown her for her money.

OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT—Objectionable in part for all—Vulgar and funny romance between a book-store clerk and a lady of easy virtue. B. Strelson without a song.

PATTON—Adults and adolescent—Oscar-winning biography of tough general whose professional dedication to excellence is his downfall.

RAID ON ROMMEL—Adults—Desert warfare with B. Burton.

RELATIONS—Condemned—Skin-flick from Denmark.

ROAD TO SALINA—Condemned—Twisted morals in a family setting.

RYAN'S DAUGHTER—Adults—Beautiful to the eye, long and moving story of adultery in an Irish town.

SPACE ODYSSEY-2001—Adults and Adolescents—Space-travel thriller with a mysterious message you may partially get.

STEWARDESSES—Condemned—Those fly-girls are not as sweet as they look.

THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS—Adults—George Scott thinks he's Sherlock Holmes tracking Moriarty in New York City.

VALLEY OF THE DOLLS—Adults—Dope and sex in Hollywood.

WATERLOO—Adults and adolescents—Napoleon has a cinema downfall, too.

WOMEN IN LOVE—Objectionable in part for all—Victorian romance with Oscar-winner Glenda Jackson.

Media Must Promote Brotherhood, Says Pope

Vatican City (RNS)—Workers in social communications have been urged by Pope Paul to exploit the "immense possibilities" of communication media "to promote unity and brotherhood."

precipitate one another in the face of legitimate differences, cannot overcome all obstacles in a spirit of understanding and love, in a spirit of true solidarity.

In a message issued here to mark World Communications Day on May 23, the Pope noted the ever-present temptation to use "powerful audio-visual" instruments "to aggravate tensions, discord, and divisions" in today's world.

Recalling the theme of World Communications Day—"Social Communications at the Service of the Unity of Mankind"—the pontiff called for the rejection of "whatever disrupts true dialogue among men whatever masks duties or rights of men, whatever fans misunderstandings and hatred, and whatever diverts from peace and ever-widening brotherhood and hinders us from seeking truth in liberty."

"We must denounce this allurements with force and confront it with courage," he said. "We must not admit that the immense possibilities of the marvelous means of social communications—still insufficiently explored—cannot help readers, listeners and viewers to become aware of the problems of others, cannot help them to know each other better and ap-

THURSDAY DEADLINE
Remember that the news and photo deadline for the Courier-Journal is Thursday noon for the following week's newspaper.

MOVIE RATINGS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The objective of the ratings is to inform parents of the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

G ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences

PG PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED
Some material may be objectionable to children

R RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompanying parent or guardian

X NO ONE UNDER 17 ADMITTED
(Age limit may vary in some areas)

MPAA **G** **PG** **R** **X** FILMS REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL BOARD OF FILM REVIEWERS OF THE MOTION PICTURE CODE OF PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Movie Ratings Lose Support; 'Unfair,' Says Industry Head

New York — (RNS) — Film agencies of the National Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. have withdrawn their support of the film rating system maintained by the Motion Picture Association of America.

A joint announcement on the action was made here by the NCC's Broadcasting and Film Commission (BFC) and the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (NCOMP). The agencies said they can no longer commend "the rating system, launched in late 1968 by the film industry.

"It is our judgment," said the statement, "that the public's confidence in the plan has already been seriously eroded, and that its confidence will not be restored until the ratings become more reliable, more local theaters seriously enforce the ratings, and advertising reflects more concern with informing the public and less with exploiting sex and violence."

Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), said the statement was "unfair."

At a press conference, Father Patrick J. Sullivan, head of NCOMP and the Rev. William Fore, director of BFC, said they had given Valenti a copy of an appraisal of the system made a year ago.

The mid-1970 report warned that the rating plan was in danger of falling to live up to its

purpose, which is primarily to help parents select film material for their children and give the public clues on film content. The report pointed out that not all distributors and theatres comply with provisions of the self-regulatory program.

Bombay Prelate Lauded by India Leaders

Bombay — Valerian Cardinal Gracias was the chief celebrant at the concelebrated Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass — in which 43 Bishops and Archbishops and 19 Priests took part — to mark the Episcopal Silver Jubilee of the archbishop of Bombay.

A message from President V. V. Giri sent on the occasion said, "thanks to the enlightened and far-sighted leadership of men like Cardinal Gracias, the Christian community in India, though small in number, has made a valuable contribution to the rich mosaic of India's cultural and social life."

Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi in her message said: "He epitomizes the virtues of Christian religion and its great tradition of service to the poor and the meek."

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