MOVIES

'Risky Business,' Smug Nastiness, Shameful Pandering

By Michael Gallagher And Henry Herx New York (NC) — In "Risky Business" (Warners)

an enterprising young pro-

Fr. Paul J.

Cuddy

stitute (Rebecca De Mornay) persuades a high school senior (Tom Cruise), who lives on Chicago's affluent North Shore and whose parents are

conveniently away on vacation, to turn his home into a bordello and himself into a pimp.

His potential clientele is close at hand — his overindulged classmates, who despite the thrust of their libido, wouldn't be able to work up the courage to venture into a lower-class neighborhood to slake their

Written and directed by Paul Brickman, a screenwriter ("Handle with Care") making his debut as a director, the picture, though much slicker than similar bits of exploitation aimed at teen-agers, is breathtakingly

Societal Responsibility

On the Right Side

Are you a hawk? You never write about peace, nuclear proliferation, Reagan aggression.

In 1967, Father John Hedges was chaplain of the Newman Center at the University of Rochester. He had Dorothy Day as a guest speaker. She talked on peace and pacifism. I consider Dorothy Day an uncanonized saint, but I could not accept all that she proposed, especially peace at the cost of liberty and decent selfdetermination. Such is not true peace, even if rockets are not exploding. Would you consider Poland. Cuba, the Ukraine, Viet Nam. East Germany countries at peace?

What did you object to in Dorothy Day's talk?

Her utter pacifism, i.e. capitulation to force at any cost. At the question period at the end I proposed a case. "Miss Day, if a Viet Cong had a baby by the ankles and was ready to put a bullet through it's head, and an enemy nearby could save the baby by shooting the Viet Cong, what would you suggest?" Calmiy and succinctly she replied, "Let him shoot the baby. It's got to die some time anyway." Although I reverence Dorothy Day, I do believe she was dead wrong. This is an irresponsibility which belies the command to love and protect the baby. If a rapist got into our rectory to attack the housekeeper, I would defend her, even to shooting the rapist. What would you do?

What did you think of Msgr. Shannon's article on War, Peace and Women? (C-J, Aug. 31)

Some good things, and the usual duplicity of quoting Pope Paul's address to the United Nations (Oct. 4, 1965) with incomplete context. Pope Paul cried out, "No more war! War never again!" However, after expanding on the need and means toward peace, in the following fourth paragraph, the Pope said, "As long as man remains the weak, changeable and even wicked being that he often shows himself to be, defensive arms will, unfortunately, be necessary.' Have you ever heard a liberal or a pacifist quote that sentence? This incomplete quoting of Pope Paul is on the level of the techniques of the Moonies, who deceive, believing they deceive for

Msgr. Shannon writes: "Pope John Paul II has said so clearly that we cannot be satisfied with 'peace of a sort' --

terror. We have to seek a peace based on the value of the Gospel and the common human values of personal dignity and justice. For this reason the endorsement which the bishops give to a policy of deterrence is given reluctantly and condi-

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tionally. One of the several conditions laid down is the nuclear freeze, namely immediate bilateral, verifiable agreements to halt tested production and deployment of new nuclear weapons." If Msgr. Shannon will

give us the key on how we can arrive at "bilateral, verifiable agreements' with the Russian Communist government — which for years has multiplied its war machine, and recently destroyed a Korean plane full of civilians — we should recommend him to take Secretary of State Shultz' job, and we would be grateful.

Then you are for war? Don't be foolish. I was over a decade in the military forces and lost many very dear friends and saw terrible sights. All good people are for peace, but not at any price. This is societal irresponsibility. The brilliant Rabbi Bernard Bernstein of Rochester was a burning pacifist, until the holocaust of the Jews came to light. Then he reversed and supported our struggle against the

ing the Jews especially. No. It concerns me that many Catholic talkers advocate an irresponsible pacifism, disregarding the responsibility of our government to safeguard the freedom of its citizens. I think Dorothy Day's willingness to have the baby shot in the head was wrong. I think Rabbi Bernstein in his decision to fight the Nazi horror was right. And I think our bishops were wise in advocating "bilateral, verifiable agreements."

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Mt. Saviour Hospitality **Day Sunday**

Pine City — The monks of Mt. Saviour Monastery will host their annual Hospitality Day, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept 18.

Featured will be food tents, a jam and jelly booth, the Thran Style Ceili Band with Pat Kane (providing music for both dancing and singing), hay rides and fire truck rides.

The Perinton Chamber Singers, under the direction of Sister Virginia Hogan, SSJ, and the choir of the monastery will also perform.

Offered for sale will be pure woolen yarns and sheepskin pelts from the monastery flock. Weaving and spinning demonstrations will be given throughout the day, as well as dog herding and sheep shearing demonstrations.

The first event of the day will be the celebration of Mass, 11 a.m., in the monastery chapel.

The monastery is on Rte. 225 between Elmira and Corning in the Township of Big Flats.

Youth Day Set Sept. 24

The annual Catholic Youth Organization Youth Day has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24, at Baber Chapel. 550 Meigs St. Youths from all faiths are encouraged to

The day will include workshops on college financing, life planning, teenage strèss and prayer. A worship with song and movement will be part of the program.

Young people and adults are welcome. Further information is available from churches, parishes or the CYO, 454-2030.

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Our hero, far from getting any comeuppance, is rewarded in every way. He even gets accepted at Princeton, his mediocre test scores and grades notwithstanding. His

call in the midst of a rush of business, was greatly impressed by the scope of his enterprise.

If any irony is intended in the film's benign view of deceit, manipulation, sexual indulgence and a materialism untempered by even the

faintest tinge of idealism, it's a note far too muted to have any effect.

Because of all this, the movie has been classified O, morally offensive by the U.S. Catholic Conference. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R, re-





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