Anti-Christian movie offers a 'cause'

Eureka Springs, Arkansas is where Hollywood is making its next anti-Christian movie. The movie, titled "...And Pass the Ammunition," is another movie in which the Christians are presented negatively.

The movie is about a corrupt minister who takes ignorant Christian people for millions of dollars. Writer and director of the movie David Beaird said: "We are going after the corrupt television evangelists who are preying on people for their money. I was raised an Episcopal and I'm not going to make a movie that is down on Christianity. We are not indicting preachers, just the corrupt, money grabbing television evangelists who are robbing the people of this country."

Mr. Beaird's comments would carry more weight if Hollywood could point to a single movie in the past ten years which depicted a loving, caring minister with intelligent, capable people who support him and work together to make a better world.

He said of the movie: "Once word got around in Hollywood about what we are going to do, a lot of major actors offered their talents at big salary cuts to be a part of this film. It has turned into a **'cause'** movie."

Producer David Streit has been in Arkansas auditioning people for parts. What kind of people is he looking for to play the part of Christians in the movie? "We need people who look like they have been dragged out of coal mines."

Secular writer sees increase in sex on television

A recent story in the *Pittburgh Press* dealt with the increasing amount of sex on prime-time network television.

Writer Robert Bianco said all three networks are breaking ground concerning sex and that the inhouse censors "have given up the ghost."

Some particular programs mentioned included NBC's GOLDEN GIRLS which is produced by a Walt Disney company. Of GOLDEN GIRLS the paper said: "Not only is sex a constant topic of conversation, it often seems to be the show's reason for being."

On ABC's MOONLIGHTING: "Any time David gets close to Maddie, you can count on sexual innuendo."

On ABC's HEART OF THE CITY: "(Its) premiere featured a lengthy father/son discussion about the son's first sexual experience. In a later episode, dad, who has quickly become the Dr. Ruth of weekly drama, has to deal with his teenage daughter's desire to buy the pill."

Network officials will tell the public that children do not understand the sexual innuendo. But actress Katherine Helmond of ABC's WHO'S THE BOSS says the networks know better. She said: "It's a mistake to think young people don't know anything about sex or sexual innuendoes. I think that if we feel that way we've got our head under cabbage leaves...I think it's foolhardy to imagine that young people don't know anything about sex and don't enjoy a little ribbing about it or teasing about it..."

Playboy helps build Carter Presidential Center

The Playboy Foundation is one of the sponsors of the new Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta. The multi-million dollar facility was dedicated by President Reagan last fall.

The words "Playboy Foundation" are etched in stone along with the names of other sponsors just as the visitor enters the Carter Presidential Center. During his successful campaign for President in 1976, Mr. Carter granted an interview with *Playboy* magazine. Many were surprised that Mr. Carter, who described himself as a born-again Christian, would agree to do an interview with a pornographic, anti-Christian magazine like *Playboy*.

Radio station cancels Christian programs

In a move against electronic evangelism, WHO radio in Des Moines, Iowa decided to cut nearly all paid religious programs from their broadcasting schedule. For years such programs as Billy Graham's Hour of Decision, Back to God Hour, Radio Bible Class, The Quiet Hour, and Heaven and Home Hour have been broadcast on the powerful radio station.

Even though WHO will lose more than $150,000 yearly in advertising, management said listeners were turned off by the consistently conservative Christian tone of the broadcasts. WHO also said it doesn't like the ministers asking for money in order to stay on the air. Station general manager Steve Shannon said: "For them (the programs) to say, 'If you don't contribute, we go off the air,' is pretty heavy handed."

The programs will be replaced by talk shows and discussions of "contemporary issues, such as medical ethics."

Commission urges Massachusetts to allow homosexual foster parents

A state-appointed commission has urged Massachusetts to reverse its policy of not placing foster children in the care of homosexual and lesbian couples or single people.

The 21-member commission, appointed by the State Secretary of Human Services, released a report stating that sexual preference or marital status should only be one of several factors, just as age or income, in determining placement of foster children.

In May 1985, Secretary Philip W. Johnston announced a new policy requiring the state to ask the sexual preference of potential foster parents and, whenever possible, to place children in "traditional family settings."

Johnston commented on the change: "Since then, Massachusetts has been the only state to effectively bar gay, lesbian and single-parent households from taking in foster children."

One person gets Garbage Pail cards removed

Toys R Us stores in Oregon and Washington will no longer carry Garbage Pail Kids bubble-gum cards after being pressured by a one-man protest.

Gary Kuhn of the Portland area protested and held a one-man picket. He said although the store pulled the cards, he was still encouraging a boycott of the chain until they removed all Garbage Pail Kids-related products from their shelves.

Mark Haag, general manager of ten of the chain's stores, said: "We have pulled the Garbage Pail Kids off the floor. The decision was made partly because of his protest and other letters we've received."

Kuhn said he believes the form of humor depicted in the cards is inappropriate for young children and encourages children to make fun of handicapped children or could damage the esteem of young children.

Topps Chewing Gum Inc., the manufacturer, has totally ignored calls and letters by thousands of people to stop selling the cards showing dismembered, bloody and abused children. One of the cards depicts a child on top of a car, with gun shots in his head and blood spewing out. The warped humor is that the child is like an animal, something to be hunted down.

Dungeons and Dragons takes another victim

The game Dungeons and Dragons may have had a "dangerous influence" on two soldiers charged with murdering an elderly couple at Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Fred Thompson, the father of Mark Thompson, one of the soldiers, said: "If I had known the type of game Mark was playing, we would not have allowed him to play it at all. And the worst part is, the more pain and injury you can inflict on your opponent (in the game), the more points you can make. It's a sick, sadistic game."

The slashed bodies of the elderly couple were found in their home about 2 a.m. December 2, minutes after the two soldiers were stopped by military police at Fort Bragg. The two young men, one 17 and the other 20, were dressed in black Oriental clothing known as Ninja garb, a Japanese costume linked to the game Dungeon & Dragons.

When the police searched the boy's vehicle they also found a bloody hood and robe, a blowgun, Oriental knives, a martial arts book and a detailed guide to an Oriental version of the fantasy game Dungeon & Dragons.

The father said he knew his son was playing the game but said he "didn't think much about it at the time." He has since changed his mind.

ACLU upset with arrest

ACLU spokesman Laughlin MacDonald says police violated the rights of a drug-possession suspect who was forced to regurgitate evidence against himself. Police had strong suspicion that Nathaniel Peters, 31, possessed illegal drugs and got a warrant to search his stomach after his arrest on traffic charges. He was medically induced to throw up a plastic bag found to contain cocaine.

Court rules sex in bookstores ok

Recently the New York Court of Appeals ruled unanimously that adult bookstores could not be ordered closed because sex acts had been committed by customers in the stores.

District Attorney Richard Arcara was baffled and said: "I'm disappointed, of course, that the court chose to immunize from the reach of the public health nuisance law any establishment that claims to be in the business of selling books. And I have difficulty understanding why bookstores should be treated any differently from other establishments.

"It was our position, which the Supreme Court of the United States agreed with, that the acts of masturbation, prostitution and fellatio have nothing to do with books and other expressive activity."

According to this ruling, a store may permit anyone to engage in any kind of sexual activity inside the store, just so long as the store sells books also.

Helen Hayes speaks out on changes

Hollywood actress Helen Hayes, now 86 years of age, has been called the "first lady of the American theatre." Hayes gave an interview to *USA Today* recently and the veteran actress had some interesting things to say about today's entertainment.

Hayes was asked how she rated the way humor is being used on stage. She answered: "I mind that wit is being supplanted by four-letter words. It's easy to get a laugh dropping your pants. And it's easy to get a laugh by using a four-letter word. You can startle an audience into kind of a nervous giggle, and that passes for a laugh. And the plays today are full of this."

Then the newspaper asked Hayes what she thought about today's movies. She answered: "Of course, I don't like the violence, which is another way of cheating at excitement. (And) I don't like the reduction of romance to bald sex."

Hayes also stated she thought the mystery of romance and the mystery of the sex side of the movies in the past, was much more exciting than the explicit sex of today's movies.

Cosby explains popularity of program

Week after week NBC's THE COSBY SHOW is number one in the ratings. And week after week the program provides clean, wholesome, family entertainment. The show weekly pulls more viewers than any series in TV history. Why the success? There are other programs on television that have families.

Bill Cosby says it is because people were fed up with television's endless car chases and prostitutes. Cosby told *USA Today* people were ready for a comedy that was not full of "sitcom jokes about behinds or breasts or characters saying 'Oh, my God' every other line."

General Electric/NBC plans new movie

The *New York Post* has reported that the kooky, kinky life of Roxanne Pulitzer—whose lurid tales of sex, drugs and promiscuity stunned the world—will be chronicled in a tell-all NBC-TV movie to air this fall.

The *Post* reported, "Roxanne, who acknowledged sleeping with a three-foot trumpet during her rocky marriage to millionaire Peter Pulitzer, recently signed a contract with the network...Just how many of the couple's tales of rampant bedhopping and their decadent lifestyle make it onto the tube remains to be seen."

Greek Orthodox declare 1987 'The Year of the Family'

1987 was declared "The Year of the Family" by Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Church. The 28th Clergy-Laity Congress of that church published a comprehensive report in which the problems facing the family today were analyzed. Within the same text the Congress recognized the need, brought out by the Archbishop in a speech last summer, for the Church to turn toward a new vision and involve itself in the social, political and moral problems of our times.

During the past few years, the Greek Orthodox Church has been very active in supporting pro-family values. A few years ago when the National Council of Churches was considering accepting homosexual churches into their membership, the Greek Orthodox Church stated that they would withdraw from the NCC if the homosexual churches were accepted for membership.

Local church opens sex and abortion referral clinic

Good News magazine, a bimonthly publication for United Methodists, reports that Fairlington United Methodist Church in Arlington, Virgina has opened its doors to a local teen sex and health clinic.

The center, located in the church building, got national attention when articles appeared in the *Washington Post* and *Washington Times* last fall. The papers noted that the centers would provide reproductive health and birth-control services, including distributing free condoms and giving abortion clinic referrals to high school students.

The clinic had been denied entrance in the local high school, but Gail Frances, the president of two Washington, D.C. area abortion clinics, was granted permission by the church.

Local United Methodists sent letters of

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