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The Looking-Glass

Movie Censorship Issue Puts 'La Ronde' In Court

The Supreme Court of the United States went to see "La Ronde," the now famous French movie which played at the Mayflower last spring. Ordinarily one takes little notice of the cinematic observation of the high priests of the law, but this showing was in connection with a case before the august tribunal.

The litigation involves the censorship laws of New York, which ban any "immoral" pictures. "La Ronde" was considered "immoral." Counsel for the state of New York made the following brilliant comment in response to an objection that "immoral" was a vague word: "If any one in the United States doesn't know what immoral means, I'd be greatly surprised."



This is only one of several questions of censorship which have recently come up. There is an Ohio case on appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court concerning the banning of "M". Several theater owners have been jailed in recent weeks, including a Jersey City operator for showing "The Moon is Blue," which will be presented on campus by the University Theater, beginning Jan. 29. There is talk in Hollywood of relaxing the voluntary industry code which binds the producers.

Censorship has long had the movies as its special prey. The churches have usually lead the fight against "bad" movies. One of the most powerful, unreason-

able, of those censorship agencies has been the Legion of Decency. The Legion and other ecclesiastical bodies use a two pronged weapon. First they bring moral forces to bear on their people to stop them from seeing "bad" pictures; Second, they use economic force on the theater owners.

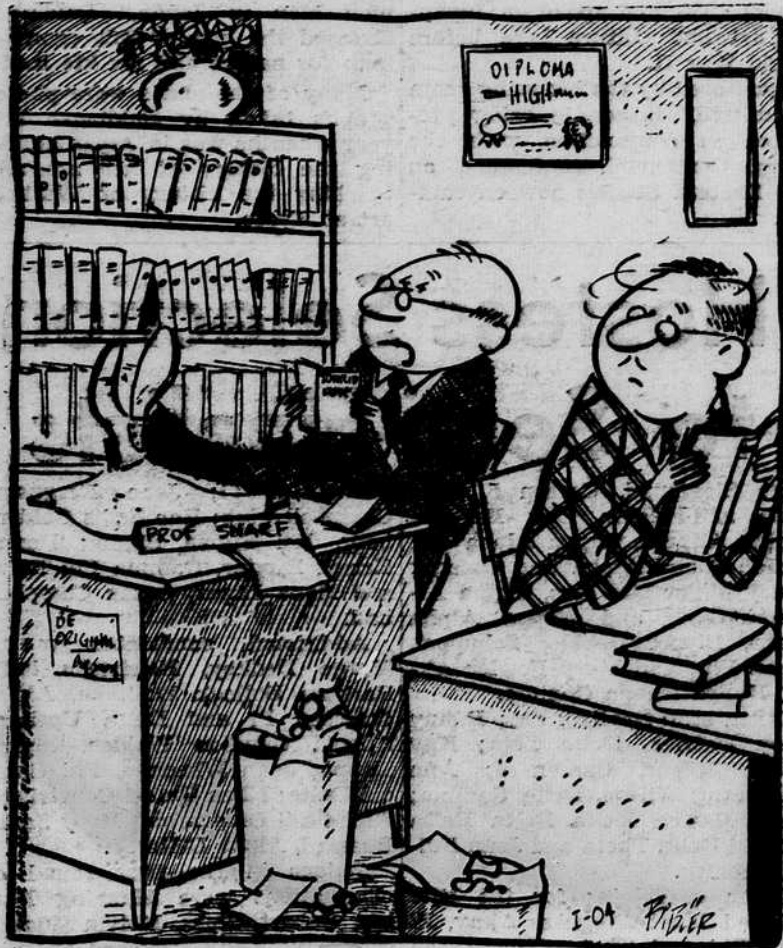
The latter method, the most ruthless of the two, since it controls the activities of a sizeable group. They can put teeth into their threat to keep people from frequenting any theater that ever shows a "bad" film. This holy blackmail even finds its way into the oath of the Legion of Decency (recited once a year in almost all Catholic Churches.)

When asked, "Why do you want to censor?" the advocate of censorship will respond "It's not good for the people to see these things." Why not? "I suppose it will hurt them." If you ever ask a censor if it will hurt him, you will probably get a curt "No," but it will hurt "all those other people." In order to improve the morals of our people we wish to remove all temptation and protect them.

I doubt that a nation's morals could ever be improved in so negative a manner, but even if they could be, who is to say what is to be detrimental? It would require beings far superior to the prudish, the stupid, the narrow minded and the illiterate that comprise most of our present boards of censors.

Art should not be judged according to an arbitrary "moral or political" standard. In effect, the advocate of censorship says to ignore the ability of the creative artist and concentrate on his piety.

Tricks of The Trade



"I'm teaching four different courses in education, but confidentially I have the same lecture in all of them."

ROTC Department To Present Awards

Col Edwin Daily, ROTC department head, and Lt. Col. Robley Evens, Army unit head, will present awards to the top students in scholarship and leadership abilities for the fall term at the Army and Air Force drills on Thursday and Friday afternoons respectively.

Those to be honored at the Army drill this afternoon are Terry Fuuginaga, James Greene, Carl Groth, and William Mainwaring, all freshmen. Ronald L. Christensen and Jack Dante are the top Army men of the sophomore section. The outstanding third year cadet is Emerson Harvey.

The Friday Air Force drill will have the presentation of awards to Leland Agenbroad, Robert Burnett, Frederick Fraunfelder, Gene Lawrence, and Donald Smith, freshman. The sophomore honors will go to Richard Buffington, Timothy James, Robert Ransom, and Harvey Richmond. The outstanding student of Air Science III is Peter Williams.

Membership awards will also be presented to the rifle team. Those who participated from the Army group are Lee Tucker, Gordon Nobriga, Royal Aubrey, Benjamin Kahalekulu, Carl Groth, Melin Jackson, Larry Kromling, David Goode, and Herbert Yamanaka. Ted Baker, Jimmie Biue, Richard Buffington, Frederick Foye, John Gabrielson, Michael McKenzie, and Scott were the Air Force cadet members of the team.

Dull to Ship Clothes Asks Student Help

Members of the classes taught by Paul S. Dull, associate professor of political science and history, who are free Saturday morning are asked to contact him to help pack the second shipment of clothing for Japan.

The second collection of clothing, collected for the poor of Okayama, Japan, where Dull spent last year in research, will be crated for shipment Saturday at 9 a. m. in Commonwealth hall. Those who can help are asked to contact Dull, Commonwealth 310.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

● Oregon Ski Quacks, University ski club, will meet at 6:30 p. m. today in the Student Union. Plans for future ski trips will be discussed.

● A huit heures ce soir dans la soussol de la bibliotheque le cercle francais aura son quatrieme reunion a voir un film. 'Andre Gide.' Apres ca, le groupe irons au Student Union pour chanter des chansons francais, boire du cafe, et causer un peu en francais.

● House Chaplains will meet today at 6:30 p. m. in the SU, according to Jo Hutcheon, Danforth fellow. Room number will be posted.

● Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism honorary, will meet today at noon in the SU fishbowl, according to Kitty Fraser, president.

● Petitions for committee sub-chairmanships for the Sophomore Skip Day are due Friday at 5 p. m., according to Hanna Sue Hansen and Betty Fackler, general co-chairmen. They should be turned in to either the YWCA office or Chi Omega.

● All students interested in working on the copy staff of the Oregonian are to meet in the Oregonian office in the Student Union at 3 p. m. today. Those not able to attend the meeting should see the copy editor in the office between 8 and 9 p. m. today.

● Chi Delta Phi, women's literary honorary, will meet tonight at 6:30 in the Student Union. S. N. Karchmer, creative writing instructor, will discuss, "The Correlation between Television Writing and Playwriting."

● Any girl interested in winter term rushing should sign up in the office of Golda Parker Wickham, dean of women, in Emerald hall.

● All house managers and their assistants will meet at 6:30 p. m. today in the Student Union, according to Pres. Berry Bowden.

● Phi Beta, national professional fraternity for women in music and speech, will hold its regular meeting tonight at 6:30 in the Student Union, according to Pat Hartley, president.

● The following members of the Student Union publicity executive committee are to meet at noon today in the SU: Bob Berry, Olivia Tharaldson, Dorothy Iler, Edna Humiston, Nancy Hooper and Stewart Johnson.

Campus Calendar

Noon	Speech Dept	110 SU
	RE Wk Ex & Fac	111 SU
	Co-op Bd	112 SU
	Far East Studies	113 SU
	Hockey Cl	Com Lunch
3:00	Christian Sci	114 SU
4:00	Ike Cof Hr	315 SU
	Scholarship Meet	334 SU
	Stu Aff	337 SU
5:30	Delta Theta Phi Ger	3rd fl
6:30	Hse Mgrs	110 SU
	Chi Delta Phi	111 SU
	ASUO Senate	315 SU
	Chaplains	334 SU
	Christn Bus Bqt Blrm	SU
	Phi Beta	Ger 2nd Fl
7:00	Scab & Bl	112 SU
7:30	Hostess Int	114 SU
	Ike Lect	138 CW
8:30	Fr Cl	Com Lunch

Readings Thursday For Richard Roles

Readings for archers, soldiers, murderers and other men's roles in the forthcoming University theater production of "Richard II" will be held Thursday at 4 p. m. in Villard 102.

The production has gone into rehearsal on the main stage and will open in March. According to Mrs. Otilie T. Seyboldt, director, many men's roles and a few women's roles are still available.



ENDS SATURDAY

In Technicolor

"SECOND CHANCE"

Robert Mitchum
Linda Darnell

and

"WITHOUT RESERVATIONS"

John Wayne
Claudette Colbert

EUGENE DRIVE-IN THEATRE

2860 Willmt. Ph. 4-4152

UNITED AIR LINES

invites

the women of the University of Oregon to a showing of a color-sound motion picture entitled,

"SCOTTY WINS HER WINGS"

This film depicts the real life story of a Stewardess—her selection, her training and her duties.



Stewardess Representative, Betty Hanneman, of United Air Lines, will be on campus at the same time to discuss a Stewardess career.

FILM: "Scotty Wins Her Wings"

TIME: Jan. 19, 1954, 3:00

PLACE: 138 Commonwealth

For further information call the

Graduate Placement Office

206 Emerald Hall