

Movie of Christ's Life Called 'Reply to Reds'

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—An Episcopal clergyman, who believes he can spread the gospel more effectively as a movie maker than as a preacher, begins production soon on the first feature film about the life of Christ since "King of Kings" in 1927.

The Rev. James K. Friedrich plans to release the picture commercially as a "spiritual counteroffensive against Communism." He believes it will: 1. Be a financial success; 2. Show theater owners that religious subjects, given quality production, fill movie houses; 3. Open the way to further films with religious themes.

Color Photography
The project, to be photographed in color at an estimated cost of more than half a million, will be the most ambitious ever for Friedrich's Cathedral Films, Hollywood's only non-profit producing company.
The producer-parson originally planned to wait five or six years before attempting to portray Christ's life. "But I have come to realize that if I wait I may not make it at all. It may be too late," he says.
Dr. Friedrich believes there can be no delay in counterattacking Communism. And there is no better way to go about it, he holds, than to show on film "the positive nature of God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, instead of employing primarily negative toils."

Religious Battle
"Critics of Communism," he says, "have failed to evaluate it correctly when they have labeled it as being irreligious. It is strongly religious. Consequently, our battle with Communism is a religious one. Whereas the Communists seek to dominate the wills and souls of men, Christianity strives to win them. Judaism and Christianity must join together in this counter-offensive because both find the source of their origin in the Holy scriptures."

Dr. Friedrich's film, "Day of Triumph," will be advertised as an answer to Communism. But the picture itself will simply tell the story of The Saviour's life during the period of his ministry.

Drama-Packed
He believes events in Christ's life, such as his conflict with religious authorities and his betrayal by Judas, packs more drama than any cops and robbers script.

Films with religious themes are considered something less than sure fire at the box office, but the producer is unconcerned. He has such faith in his project he has mortgaged his home and insurance to help finance it.

"I am staking the future of Cathedral as well as my personal security on its success—but I don't consider it a risk."

Judging from past success, Cathedral is in no great peril.

Dr. Friedrich founded the firm in 1928 after graduating from the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, Va. Here is how it happened:

"While I was studying the life of Paul at the seminary, it dawned on me what a marvelous man he was—the most dramatic character I had encountered, a man such as I never dreamed had lived. It occurred to me that many people must have missed knowing of Paul. I began wondering how I could spread my story."

By graduation time, Dr. Friedrich thought he knew.

Non-Profit Firm
He came here, "Hollywood was the only place the job could be done right"—and organized Cathedral as a non-profit organization for the production of Bible stories. He says he financed it himself, mortgaging home and insurance.

Dr. Friedrich hoped to interest commercial houses in his product. He got nowhere. His first venture, "The Great Commandment," a movie about the parable of the Good Samaritan, convinced him it would take years, and improved production techniques to make his product on the open market.

He turned to the churches. At that time only a few of the larger churches had projectors, and there was no organization for distributing films to them.

The minister, seeing he had to create a demand for his product, went into production anyway. He has since turned out 52 films, mostly Bible stories. He now has a nation-wide distribution system. There are projectors in 50,000 churches. He estimates between five and seven million people see his half-hour films each Sunday.

Dr. Friedrich believes there is now "a great public demand and overwhelming interest in honest spiritual films."

"I am confident," he said, "that we have the answer."

Former Salem Woman Dies In Roseburg

ROSEBURG (Special)—Clara Litchfield Sanford, former Salem resident, died late Thursday in Roseburg at the age of 73 years. She was the widow of the late Stephen Sanford.

Services are to be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (DST) in Roseburg with interment at the Albany Masonic Cemetery at 3 p.m. (DST).

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Peter Marsten, Portland; several nieces and nephews in Portland and a number of cousins in Salem.

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Margaret Starts Journey Home



LE HAVRE, France — Margaret Truman, daughter of the President, waves goodbye from platform of boat train in Paris station as she starts journey home after European tour. At left is Mrs. Drucile Snyder Horton, daughter of the secretary of the treasury, who is her traveling companion. Margaret spent only a few hours in Paris to do some shopping and to have lunch with Perle Mesta, U.S. minister to Luxembourg, before taking the train to board the liner United States at Le Havre. (AP Wire-photo to The Statesman.)

Cigar-Eating Comic, Dancers Features of State Fair Revue

By CONRAD PRANGE
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Swingy dances and songs, comics, and novelty entertainers are in store for Oregon State Fair audiences at the nightly stage revue in front of the race track grandstand on the fairgrounds.

A capacity audience of over 5,000 rocked and roared along with the two-hour show Sunday night. Eleven acts, ranging from a cigar-eating comic to colorful dance numbers, are featured in the performance, which opens nightly this week at 8 o'clock.

A crowd pleaser was Jack Marshall, master of ceremonies. With a floppy donut-shaped hat rim as a prop he laid down a heavy barrage of comedy while romping through nearly all the hat styles of history.

Another funnyman who took crowd's fancy was Chaz Chase, a short clown-type, dead-pan guy who eats cigars, leaves part of his costume and ends up with a burlesque of a burlesque dancer.

Something different were Jimmy and Mildred Mulcays, who gave the sellout crowd a pleasant jolt with their electrical harmonicas. The Mandarins, four Chinese tumblers, came through with strong-arm balancing and even a tricky plate-spinning stunt.

The Wilder Brothers, Warner, Walt and George, whose advance publicity bills them "as exciting as a blonde starlet at Santa Monica" presented a series of catchy songs.

Getting a big hand was the comic-dancing act of "Sailor" Buster West and Lucille Page, his floppy-jointed partner. Harmonizing in a reel of well-known songs was The Tunemasters, a male octet directed by genial Bill Gavin.

The dancing-balancing act for the show was amply provided by a well-balanced pair—Luiz Martez and shapely Lucia Gordon. In between the individual acts came the gaily-costumed dances of the all-girl chorus.

Phil Bovero and his orchestra provided music for the production, which was produced by Larry Allen.

1st LOSS FOR TACOMA
RICHLAND (AP)—The Tacoma Irwin-Jones Dodgers went down to their first defeat in the Pacific Northwest Regional softball tournament here Sunday night, bowing to undefeated Longview Bechtold Realty 4-0. One game was still to be played Sunday night, the Seattle Fuel Oil Dealers meeting the Portland Grimshaw Tires. The winner of that game will meet Tacoma Monday for the right to go into the finals against Longview.

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In another afternoon game, the Seattle Fuel Oil Dealers eliminated Hyster Equipment of Portland from the tourney, 4-1, although the Portland outfit outlit the Seattleites, 7-4.

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Hurricane Dies In Carolinas

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—The season's first hurricane blew itself out Sunday after causing wide spread minor damage in South Carolina ports and inland towns.

Two persons—possibly three—were reported killed.

Tangled power and communication lines, uprooted trees blocking roads and streets, shattered windows and torn signboards were general throughout the area. A few buildings were unroofed.

Fallen electrical lines blacked out many communities during the big blow. Some low areas were flooded by high tides. Torrential rain accompanied the wind.

This 300-year-old port, walloped by 80- and 90-mile-an-hour winds, suffered little. Forewarned, along with the rest of the Georgia-Carolina coast, residents had taken all possible storm precautions.

Finns to Pay Final Tribute To Russians

HELSINKI, Finland (AP)—A "Golden" ship will sail from Finland toward Russia in mid-September—the last of a back-breaking reparations bill imposed on the industrious Finns for a lost war.

It is a mystery ship, too, of anti-magnetic construction in accordance with strict specifications laid down by the Russians.

It is the only one of its kind among the 91 300-ton schooners Finland has built for Russia. No magnetic material of any kind was built into it. But it has a mass of shining brass and copper fittings.

"That's why we call it golden," smiled a Finnish official attached to the reparations commission.

For Finland, however, it is "Golden" for other reasons, too. Delivery of the schooner will signal the end of an annual 10 percent drain on her national income in unproductive reparations output during the last six years.

In a sense, it will shake loose an economic grip which Russia had on the country and permit her to develop her economy freely in natural directions.

PHIPPS, LINBLAD WIN
Dick Phipps of Salem and Tore Linblad of Albany, trimmed two Portlanders, Herb Liben and Stan Gifford, in a pair of bowling matches Sunday at the Albany Alleys. Phipps and Linblad totaled 1665 in their foes' 1607 in the first four-game match and won the second 1697 to 1568.

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Sgt. Mayfield To Quit State Police Position

Avon F. Mayfield, sergeant with the Salem patrol office of the Oregon State Police for the past six years, has resigned effective Sept. 7. He will be succeeded by Roy W. Hunt of Salem.

Mayfield began service with State Police at Newport Sept. 7, 1936 and worked also at the Eugene office before coming to Salem in January, 1946. He was promoted to Sergeant in September of the same year.

Pressure of work on his farm in the Quincy district was given as reason for the resignation. Sgt. Mayfield said he expected to devote all his time to the 75-acre farm which includes several acres of orchard.

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