

# Anti-American Film Popular in Capital Raises Questions

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Washington — One of the most popular films in the nation's capital this spring is a foreign import which a British correspondent believes is the most violently anti-American movie he has ever seen.

The film is a captivating yarn about a nice guy from Middletown, Conn., who becomes enchanted with a gay lady of the evening in a port city in Greece.



The title is "Never On Sunday." Homer Thrace, the American, is looking for truth amidst the ruins of a great ancient civilization which has fallen. "What went wrong?" he asks. A philosopher at heart, he sees the girl as the symbol of the world's potential for beauty, but his addiction to immortality, when Homer looks upon her with designs that are foreign to her considerable experience, he says:

"I want her mind. I want to reform her."

So Homer makes a strange proposition. He buys two weeks of her time and spends it teaching her to listen to

highbrow records, to read the classics, to examine the globe, to learn geometric patterns, in short, to discover what lies beyond the world of the flesh.

When the fleet sails into port, the girl has a joyous reflex and heads for the front door — until the strains of a cello call her back to the new world which Homer has opened to her. It looks as though the good American has succeeded in reforming the immortal foreigner.

But quite by chance she discovers the secret he withheld — the money he is using to pay for her time and her books and music is coming from the owner of the town's big bordello. His interest is to put this independent girl out of business.

The American hates this bad guy, he tells him bravely, but he takes the envelope full of cash because he wants even more to help the girl. When she finds out where the dough came from, school is out — and so is Homer.

In the end, she returns to entertaining the boys in the lo-

cal taproom and Homer wanders in and switches, at last, from coffee to a succession of many gulps of booze. He also admits that he had desires of the flesh throughout his noble experiment.

Corruption triumphs over reform. The bad, old world is too much for the noble experiment.

The British correspondent who was so enraged at the anti-American implications of this film brought up the matter as we were waiting to interview Sargent Shriver, head of the Peace Corps, in a Voice of America studio. Mr. Shriver failed to show up, so we had a good chat.

To the Britisher, the Peace Corps signifies the same spirit as the "Never On Sunday American," as he called him. He's the fellow who wants to rush out and do good. He's not alone in taking a dim view of this idea. He says an Asian diplomat told him: "Save us from the Americans trying to get rid of their guilty consciences."

Obviously, there will be many foreign philologists or amateur psychiatrists spinning theories about the strange Americans who aren't content to stay home in their split levels but want to go out and reform the world.

There may have been much

intended symbolism in this controversial film. It seems to raise questions about the whole American foreign air program, which offers improvements, which urges American standards, which says there is a better way. Perhaps the foreigner is asking, does the American do this to help us or to expand his commercial markets?

If the message is that the pagan world is laughing at the naive American reformers, it raises some nice political questions. But there is nothing new about the philosophical problem it presents. St. Paul and St. Peter met it head-on a long time ago.

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**BLOOD BROTHER**—Irish Playwright Brendan Behan, who admits firewater could kill him, has been made a blood brother of Iroquois Indians. The rabble-rouser was presented a white, orange and blue headdress by Indians of the Six Nations Reserve, near Brentford, Ont. (UPI Telephoto)

## Klamath Timber Order Dissolved

Washington—UPI—A U.S. district court judge—upon the request of members of the tribe—has dissolved a restraining order that prevented the government from taking over timberlands of the Klamath Indian tribe.

The tribe members elected to take now what money they could from sale of the timber lands. They apparently will try a different legal path.

The order was dissolved and the case dismissed by Judge Burnita Matthews on application of the plaintiff, Paul Bellm, Klamath Falls, Ore.

## School Reorganization Repeal Bill Tabled

Salem—UPI—The Senate Education committee has tabled a bill calling for repeal of the 1957 school district reorganization law.

SB302, sponsored by Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) had been amended putting the question before the voters next year.



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## Something From Meteorite's Core Takes Life in Laboratory

Washington—UPI—Something from the hard core of a meteorite that fell on Kentucky 11 years ago appears to have come alive in a government laboratory.

Is it a primitive form of life which originated in space scores of millions of years ago?

Or is it an earthly microorganism that somehow penetrated to the dense heart of the meteorite which crash landed near Murray, Ky., in 1950?

All scientists know for certain about the matter clouding their test tubes is that "something is there that we didn't put in."

Whatever it is, it resembles primordial organisms found in rocky cores from deep holes drilled in the earth by man. These ancient organisms have been revived in nutrient cul-

tures after lying dormant for millions of years.

The resemblance between them and the organic material from the Murray meteorite suggested — if it suggests anything — that life can exist in extremely hostile environments, whether in outer or inner space.

Frederick D. Sleser, microbiologist of the U. S. Geological Survey, and R. Walter Newton, chief of the germ-free animal laboratory of the National Institutes of Health, twice have put material from the Kentucky meteorite through experiments to determine whether it contained anything possessing attributes of life.

Each time they have seen in their cultures clouds of something — tiny, twisted, round rods — which seemed under the microscope to be

moving. Whether this movement was the senseless jiggling that all molecules manifest or something more akin to the motions of living organisms, they do not know.

For many decades, scientists have been finding indications of organic substance in meteorites from space. In recent months, a team of New York scientists detected with modern chemical methods substances in an ancient meteorite which they felt could have been produced only by living things.

Sleser and Newton do not claim that the apparently self-duplicating matter from the Kentucky meteorite came from outer space. Terrestrial organisms have a way of penetrating into the most unlikely places — such as boiling springs, deep earth strata, and even jet aircraft fuel.

## Father 'Sells' Daughter, 5, For \$4 To Buy Case of Beer

Seattle, Wash.,—UPI—August Joseph admitted today that he "sold" his five-year-old daughter to a stranger for \$4 so he could buy a case of beer.

"But I was drunk at the time and didn't know exactly what I was doing," the 33-year-old British Columbia Indian said in an interview with

United Press International at King County jail.

His wife, Elsie, also 33, interviewed separately because of jail regulations, also said she was drunk at the time.

"I'm sorry," said the dumpy woman who is seven months pregnant. "I wouldn't have let it happen if I had known. But I was drunk on beer."

Joseph, a bookman who came here from Victoria, B. C., several weeks ago looking for work in the lumbering industry, said he "barely" remembered the incident.

"This white man asked me if it was all right to take my daughter home to show his wife," the short, stocky man said, fingering the stubble of his beard self-consciously. "I said it was okay if he would bring her back. I asked him for \$10. He said he only had \$6 or so. We settled for \$4 in change so that I could get another case of beer."

"Later, I realized what I had done. I had sold her. I don't even remember what day it was."

The Josephs, members of the Malahat Tribe of Vancouver Island, are being held on charges of contributing to the dependency of a minor.

The charges were filed in William Hoar's Justice court and bail was set at \$1,000 each.

Mrs. Joseph was arrested by sheriff's deputies after Wilbert Fred Bippus, 35, told Portland, Ore., police he had bought the child in Seattle this week. She was placed in the county jail.

Joseph said he read about her arrest in a Seattle newspaper and went to the city jail looking for her. City police, knowing a warrant had been issued for him, called the sheriff's office and Joseph was placed in the county jail also.

Joseph said he had met Bippus in a Seattle skid row tavern and had invited him to his home, in the heart of a slum area. He said the girl was sleeping on the davenport, and when she awoke, Bippus thought it would be nice to take her home to his childless wife.

Bippus told police he offered to buy her, and after haggling over the price, settled the deal for \$4.

Bippus said he took the girl home to Portland, but his wife made him return the child to Seattle.

Joseph said he accepted the money, but was under the impression that Bippus was to have her only for one day. He said he did not realize Bippus lived in Portland.

"I barely knew him," Joseph said. "The next day my wife was going to report it to the police, but I talked her out of it and told her I'd go down to James st. where I met him, and see if he was still around."

"I found my daughter walking on the street. She didn't have any shoes on, but I didn't care. I had her back."

Asked if he had any idea what might happen to him or his wife now, Joseph said: "I hope I can get deported back to Canada. Maybe that will solve our problem."

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