All Other Calls

Why bother to climb the ladder of success? Wait a while and the government will probably build you an escalator.

Adults Only: Handy Device to Silence Film Censors

BY JAMES H. DYGERT Free Press Entertainment Editor

"Let me assure you that at the tender age of 15 we know, and have known for a long time, all about sex.

"We have more intelligence than you give us credit for. Believe me, many 15-year-olds are as mature or more mature than 18-year-olds in this matter," said the letter from two teen-age girls.

"It's an insult to our intellect that we are allowed to see the loud, fake Hollywood movies that are totally unrealistic and harmful, as they give us a distorted picture of life. Your foreign films are very realistic, truthful and on the whole of great value to us.

"We realize that there must be a good reason for this rule, but if it concerns protecting us from the hard facts of life, I'm afraid you're too late."

THESE SENTIMENTS came from two 15-year-old girls protesting the refusal of the Studio-North Theater to admit them to see the sexually candid British film "Georgy Girl" because of a policy against admitting anyone under 18.

Movie Censorship In Detroit

Wednesday, August 16, 1967

The letter was sent to Ross Caccavale, general manager of the Studio theaters, who said the girls had tried twice to get in to see "Georgy Girl." After receiving the letter, Caccavale telephoned the mother of one of the girls, and was told that the mother had seen the film and recommended it to her daughter. He sent the girls two free passes to "Georgy Girl."

Their letter, Caccavale said, reflects an attitude he frequently encounters among teen-agers he turns away at the box office.

He once admitted a 16-year-old boy to the Studio-8 after the youth argued at length that he was more intelligent and mature than a lot of 18-year-olds.

Caccavale, in a letter of reply, explained to the

sion countless times in the past when I've had to arbitrary age limits." contend with professional do-gooders worried about the corruptive possibilities of foreign films, which have American films.

"Personally, I agree with you regarding the maturity of most girls of 15 and their abilities to see and judge movies without being tainted by them. You are correct, however, in assuming 'there must be a good reason for this rule.'

"The reason is that there are parents who object; there are people who think movies can corrupt; there are public officials who would demand censorship of films that minors might see.

"And frankly, censorship is far more repugnant to me than having to turn away 15- and 16-year-olds.

"In the five years I've been in Detroit as general manager of the Studio theaters, I've never cut a film (and often this resulted in protracted battles the public has never known about). I feel the chief reason I have won all these battles is that public

two girls: "I wish I'd had your letter in posses- officials know they can trust me when I impose these

IN OTHER WORDS, the "reason for the rule" is long treated sex with more candor and realism than to enable him to show sexually realistic foreign films uncensored. Authorities permit him this freedom as long as he maintains an adults-only policy.

The same applies to exhibitors of the cheaply made sexploitation films aimed at the voyeuristic moviegoer. "I don't have any trouble," says Archie Rose about his "art" theaters in Highland Park and Inkster, "because I stick to the 18-year-old policy."

Robert Vickrey says the same thing about his sexmovie theaters in Ecorse and East Detroit.

Police in Detroit and the suburbs agree that they can be more liberal toward sex and nudity in movies when the theater owner can be relied on not to admit anyone under 18.

They say that citizen complaints, which have erupted into public protests in some cases, dwindle to almost nothing once the community is assured no one under 18 will be allowed to see the "art" films.

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Gilbert Pries: Blind but accepted

Blind Teen Wins Fight to Be Priest BELLANCA is accused of giving false testimony to Thorgiving false testimo

By HILEY H. WARD

A blind youth in Detroit has been accepted for studies for Mayros is accused of having the priesthood.

The Detroit Passionist Fathers say that approval from Aug. 7 to stay away from her Brane for Cilbert Pries 19 to proceed with a seven year Birmingham office, where State Rome for Gilbert Pries, 19, to proceed with a seven-year Police were waiting to serve her course for the priesthood is without precedent in the nation. with a subpena. Her employer They say there has been one blind man accepted in Canada, is one of the persons named in but none in the U.S.

National Catholic headquarters in Washington were closed ments. National Catholic headquarters in washington were closed.

The maximum penalty for resisting an officer in the dis-

Pries, who has just completed Scout in a regular troop, he's his one-year novitiate with the an amateur radio bug and likes Passionist Fathers at St. Paul to swim and fence. He plays of the Cross Monastery, 23333 the guitar and was a member Schoolcraft, will take his first of the "Stone Mountain Ramvows at 10 a.m. Saturday in blers" folk singing group in Los the monastery chapel. His final Angeles. vows would come in three years He has insisted on studying

and ordination as a priest in for the priesthood, because "I seven. He will now study at am too outgoing, and being a Bellarmine College, Louisville, monk doesn't appeal to me." PRIES' acceptance with the who is aging at 10 years. He Nowicki, former Madison

three years of heartache in high ents and doesn't think he'll need tion with the rezoning of a school and one year at Loyola a dog again, College in Los Angeles—nine He wants to do mission and 1.75. different religious orders turned retreat work. Most mission work Named in the case as co-conhim down because of blindness, is done in teams of two, which spirators, but not as defendants,

He said vocational directors would be some assistance to were Branoff and Louis P. of other orders wrote him "God him in getting around. ligious vocation" and "one order HOWEVER, he is also inter-

even wrote my parents and said ested in counseling individuals THE ONE-MAN grand jury they were morally wrong to en- and small groups. "The priest probe in Oakland County began courage me to be a priest." The Rev. Father Joseph he says, "and work with small for a probe into alleged irregu-Connelly, director of vocations, groups and not be on a pedestal larities at Hazel Park raceas a judge." Holy Cross Province of the Passionists, St. Louis, took an

interest in Pries and finally Stengel, co-director of novices vestigation. received approval to accept Monastery, said: the blind youth despite his "impediment." The approval We have seen how well he has Oakland County. came from Ildebrando Caradapted-not only to our religdinal Antoniutti, head of the ious life-and have seen the posrecently disbanded departsibility of the work he can do. ment of religious vocations of The whole community of priests the Vatican Sacred Congregahere vote on each new memtion of Religions. The religious orders which ber, and they voted him in with

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turned Pries down said he would flying colors. have difficulty in transportation and in saying mass, if he were a priest.

He has worked to overcome both in his year in Detroit. He passed a "cane mobility" course of the Rehabilitation Institute, 261 Mack. He went to Windsor as a part of his final exam to buy a box of candy and accomplished the feat in 11/2 hours instead if the allotted two hours.

MASS, he says, is no real problem. He has been assisting at the monastery, and said that recent simplifications of the mass have made it easier.

In high school in Los Angeles, Pries won honors in debating. Latin oratory and foreign language contests. An Eagle

7 Indicted As Juror

James S. Thorburn returned seven last-minute indictments Tuesday, ahead of the midnight deadline for his investigation of alleged crime and cor-

The indictments named: Peter J. Bellanca, general counsel of Hazel Park race track, on a perjury charge stemming from an appearance before Thorburn Thursday.

· Andrew John Mavros, trainer at Hazel Park racetrack, on charges of resisting an officer in the discharge of duty and obstructing justice. · Harold Gordon, Detroit at-

torney, and Jack Salvadore. former Livonia councilman, on charges of conspiracy to bribe and bribery of two former Madison Heights councilmen Names of other persons indicted were withheld pending

their arraignments. Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley granted an order o extend the grand jury investigation to include crimes mentioned in Tuesday's indictments. Previously, the grand jury had been authorized to investigate only crimes of bribery, conspir-acy and extortion.

BELLANCA is accused of several clients, also subpensed by Thorburn. The maximum penalty for perjury is 15 years imprisonment.

warned Anna M. LaCharite on Tuesday's suppressed indict-



is two years imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine. The maximum for obstructing justice is five years imprisonment and a \$20,-

Thorburn Salvadore are Blind since birth, Pries now charged with offering bribes to travels without his dog, Barney, Antonios Branoff and Roman Passionist Fathers came after has left the collie with his par-Heights councilmen, in connecparcel of land near 14 Mile and

> Begin, Oakland County land developer.

has to get to the individual," Aug. 16, 1966, after Kelley called track. Circuit Judge Phillip Pratt "The Rev. Father Michael was named to conduct the in-

at the St. Paul of the Cross In September, the investigation was expanded to include all "Naturally we feel honored violations of state law within

In March, the state Court of Appeals ruled that the order empowering the grand jury to investigate all violations of state law was not specific enough. Kelley responded by limiting the jury's power to crimes of bribery, conspiracy and ex-Sells Cycle to

The grand jury investigation had been scheduled to end in February, but Pratt's fellow judges unanimously approved tered the company's annual his petition to extend the probe figures by producing from another six months to midnight another source hourly and

Pratt was disqualified in May after the state Court of Appeals ruled that the Oakland County Circuit Court bench had acted illegally in naming him to a second term as one-man

After a month's delay, Thorburn was named Pratt's successor. At the request of the state Supreme Court, Pratt's records were turned over to

Mayor and 2 Aides Quit Ends Term In Flint Housing-Vote Row



Big Leap Lands Her in New York

Practicing for this weekend's U.S. Youth Games in New York is Paula Saperstein, citywide winner in the running broad jump. Paula and 81 other children, ages 10 to 15, will represent Detroit in 17 track and field events, a basketball tournament and a bowling tournament. Eleven other cities will compete. Sponsors of the Detroit Youth Games, which drew 6,000 entrants, are the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Bank of the Commonwealth, which is paying for the trip to New York.

UAW and GM Clash On Skilled Pay Issue

BY FRED OLMSTED Free Press Staff Writer

The United Auto Workers and General Motors Corp. clashed Tuesday over union demands for special pay increases for skilled workers. Both sides produced figures purporting to support their positions in the current bargaining on a new contract.

Louis G. Seaton, GM vicepresident in charge of personnel and the company's top negotiator, cited Department of Labor figures showing average annual earnings of \$6,738 by building trades workers in 1965, compared with \$8,251 for all blue-collar workers in motor vehicle and equipment manufacturing.

THE FIRST nine months of 1966, Seaton said, showed an annual rate of \$7,040 for the building trades and \$8,312 for the motor vehicle industry.

It was the first time in the current talks that the company produced statistics to support the contention that skilled workers are not treated unfairly in the auto industry.

Leonard Woodcock, UAW vice-president in charge of the union's GM department, countered the company's annual weekly statistics.

Woodcock said Michigan Employment Security Commission figures showed that Detroit area building trades workers averaged \$5.16 an hour during 1966, compared with \$3.87 for GM production and skilled trades workers. Both figures include overtime.

The weekly wages of \$202.35 for 39.2 hours, exclusive of



fringe items, for the building trades compared with \$158.04 for 40.9 hours for GM workers in the United States, Woodcock declared.

HE ADDED that in the first six months of this year, the building trades in the Metropolitan Detroit area got their "biggest and fattest" in-

"The building trades rates," Woodcock said, "have gone through the ceiling." He cited case of an apprentice sheet metal worker receiving \$4.30 an hour, who, he said, will get \$7 an hour on completion of his apprenticeship.

The problem of the some 110,000 skilled trades workers in the Big Three auto companies has taken on special significance in the current bargaining because agitation among the tradesmen threatens both union solidarity and contract settlement by the Sept. 6 expiration date of the current pact.

UAW skilled tradesmen plan a massive demonstration Aug. 23 to focus attention on their demands for more money and special consideration for their problems. Other dissatisfied skilled workers are seeking, through a rival International Society of Skilled Trades, to

break away from the UAW. The UAW last year granted the skilled tradesmen authority to reject any contract settlement with the auto com-

The union contends the auto companies practice double standards in the payment of skilled workers.

SKILLED UAW members work alongside tradesmen hired by outside contractors but receive lower pay, the union contends. The UAW argues that this "flagrant inequity" was aggravated last year when skilled tradesmen employed by outside contractors won substantial wage increases and the auto companies refused to open contracts to provide higher pay for UAW craftsmen.

At the UAW special collective bargaining convention last spring, delegates voted that management "will not be permitted to evade any longer its obligation to provide equal pay for equal work for UAW skilled trades-

Delegates to the bargaining convention approved contract proposals advanced by the skilled trades conference in Atlantic City in April, 1967. These included abolition of merit pay systems, confinement of work to the bargaining unit, lines of demarcation, classifications, additional representation, journeyman and

apprenticeship programs. Woodcock said he saw no problem in the skilled tradesmen's demand for higher pay. There has to be an equitable balance," he said. "The more the skilled trades get, the

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Negroes Protest At Bill's Rejection

BY GARY BLONSTON Free Press Staff Writer

FLINT - Two Negro members of the city's Human Relations Commission resigned Tuesday, joining Flint's Negro Mayor Floyd McCree in a protest against the city commission's defeat of an open-housing ordinance.

And a Negro head of the Flint Housing Commission hinted that he, too, would leave his job as city Negroes reacted to the commission's vote Monday night, which riggered McCree's resignation.

McCree, a four-term commissioner, became Flint's first Negro mayor last November.

He said he would submit his resignation Monday. SOME FLINT politicians say they believe McCree is

giving his eight white commission colleagues time for some "soul searching" but others doubt if he will change, his mind about stepping down. The two HRC members who resigned were John W.

Mack, head of the Flint Urban League, and Leo A. Greene, a funeral home operator. Greene said that without McCree as mayor "it would be ridiculous to continue." Members of Flint's North End Negro community said

they were happy that McCree had resigned.

Willie (Soaky) Nolden, a social club operator and influential among young Negroes in an area hit by rioting

three weeks ago, said: "He's been called an 'Uncle Fom' but now the people have faith in him. He has been a puppet. Now he's just tired of being used as a scapegoat. The people are behind him any way he

Another Flint Negro said: "When McCree became mayor he lost his voice."

At Nolden's Brougham Club, a block from the big Buick plant where McCree is a foreman, one 20-year-old Negro sat at a chess

"I hope he won't go back unless they change their minds on

WHETHER that will happen is conjecture. Appointed mayor by the commission, McCree doesn't have the political clout of a man in an elected-mayor But he does have the backing

of most of Flint's 40,000 Negroes 25 percent of the city's population.

The commissioners who voted with him on the open-housing bill-James Mitchell and Donald Cronin-believe in varying degrees that the bill could pass if individual owners were exempted from its provisions, carrying penalties up to \$300 a community action meeting and 90 days in jail if racial or across town, angered Flint Neother discrimination is proved. groes.

The open - occupancy bill, proposed by the Greater Flint AFL-CIO, would have forbidden discrimination in all rentals, leases, sales and financing of residential property.

It would allow an owner discretion on the question of a buyer's credit reputation, size released from jail to calm of family and other character crowds during Flint's disorder,

THE BILL was defeated 5-3, The tall, goateed club presiwith one commissioner absent. dent is acknowledged to be one The decision, which came as of the leader's of Flint's young the Brougham Club was holding Negro community and has played a big part in organizing rec-

Trench Digger **Buried Alive**

A Pontiac man was buried through a city-connected Urban alive Monday night when a League program using federal trench he was digging collapsed money

Powell, 38, of 2262 Hammerslea, the Toms.' don, Orion Township. Two chil-should be getting those jobs," dren saw that the trench had Flint Human Relations Director

"They don't have jobs for me The Oakland County Sheriff's and him and him and him," no Department said Herbert D. said. "They just have jobs for had been working at 3460 Wal- "And these are the boys who

Mayor Floyd McCree

One young Negro said: "The

whitey down at the commis-

sion meeting is supposed to

set an example for the com-

mon white, We know what

the common whitey thinks.

There are obvious prejudice

reasons why they don't want

Nolden, who was one of scores

remarked: "We don't get noth-

reation for unemployed youths.

IN HIS CLUB a young Negro

at a pool table shouted about

his inability to find a job

open housing."

collapsed and alerted neighbors. Robert H. Atwood said. "The Two men uncovered Powell but tremendous factors in this anmouth - to - mouth resuscita- ger are the need for jobs and

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