BIG IN LONDON, CRITICS HERE FLIP

This Swinging Graham Movie in General Run

By LES RODNEY

A Billy Graham movie opening for a week's run in 14 regular Southland theaters, including the Towne in Long Beach starting Wednesday?

Come on, now! Graham movies — and what are called "religious movies" generally — are fine for their purpose, good for showings in churches and to reinforce moral and spiritual conviction. But aren't they a bit too one-dimensional artistically for general audience run? Especially when hoping for an audience mainly from 1970's sophisticated young people?

"I would tend to agree with you — before 'Two A Penny' ", replied Ty Curtis, who works as a production coordinator for World Wide Pictures, the Graham organization's movie arm. "This one is different. It is really true to life and it carries its own artistic weight as a good film."

Well, maybe one would figure that Curtis is not the most objective man in the world about "Two A Penny," since he had a hand in the London-made color film. (Though he figures to be honest, being a lay pastor at Grace Methodist Church and soon headed for seminary.)

But there is evidence in his favor. Like the fact that the film, in a rented 400-seat London theater, showed to 22,800 people in a week, and they loved it.

Where it has been shown in other U.S. cities, it has received exciting notices. Like this from the Cincinnati Post Star Times:

"Hang onto your cushioned pews, folks. Billy Graham has come up with a blockbuster in his latest movie 'Two A Penny'. The film contains conflict, sex, irreverence — even some blasphemy. In other words, it's a rather accurate portrayal of the human condition. And it swings . . . Some of the far side of the Generation Gap are going to leave the theater shaking their heads in bewilderment asking 'What made Billy Graham produce a film like this?' It could be because even Billy Graham knows you have to tell it like it is to hold an audience."

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "A refreshingly different love story . . . the photography is super, with fresh-angle shots of familiar London landmarks as well as intriguing glimpses of offbeat byways. Cliff Richards turns in a groovy performance' . . . This one's a winner."

And so on.

Curtis, the Grace Methodist man, put on the world premiere of the film in London after the filming during the summer of '67.

"There were 21 films being made in England that summer," he recalled. "We had to fight for space."

He says Cliff Richard, a popular British pop singer, does a fine acting job, in addition to warbling a flock of tunes (a 'Two A Penny' record album hit the top 10 in England.)

Curtis, 37, graduated from Northwestern University as a radio and TV major and worked in advertising in this area as well as doing the publicity for Yamaha motorcycles before, he explains "I accepted Christ through an E. Stanley Jones ashram a Methodist retreat), and my life changed."

Working with World Wide, he has encountered Graham on many occasions, including during the filming of the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin and directing the documentary of the Tokyo crusade.

"I'm sold on Graham," he says. "I think he's real."

He believes one of the evangelist's great accomplishment has been to "bridge the gap between denominations which support his work. You see people working for the crusades who do not usually cooperate, to put it mildly."

Curtis has a license to preach and was appointed to his post by Bishop Kennedy under a not frequently used ruling for lay pastors. He lives with his wife Bonnie and four children in Long Beach, and later this year will be headed back for Evanston, Ill., this time to Garrett Seminary.

He is chairman of the committee of ministers and laymen for "Two A Penny" in this area. The picture will also screen Fox Theater in Santa Ana and the Fox, Fullerton, simultaneously at the Rolling Hills in Torrance.

He tells some interesting stories about making the picture, including the fact that the film crew was the first ever permitted to shoot scenes inside London's National Art Gallery, in the midst of masterpieces worth millions. They had just two hours of shooting time each day before the Gallery was open to the public, which made things hectic.

"The crew we hired in England was sort of fascinated to be working in a Billy Graham production," he said with a smile. "A couple of times we hit it just right on outdoor locations, with the sun out while we worked, and then the minute we finished it started to drizzle. The crew was sort of spooked by this, they thought maybe we really had a pipeline."

ANN HOLLOWAY cautions her screen boyfriend, Cliff Richard, England's leading pop singer, upon his late night entry to her apartment in scene from "Two A Penny," story of the mod generation filmed in London. Billy Graham appears briefly as himself in highly praised film scheduled at Towne Theater in Long Beach starting Wednesday.

TY CURTIS
'This One's Different'

Special Viet Appeals by World Council

GENEVA — The executive committee of the World Council of Churches, in another plea for peace in Vietnam, also for the first time added a specific appeal to each of "the four parties involved." The appeal:

1. TO THE USA;
To refrain from methods of warfare which by long-term damage to the soil and vegetation further endanger the life of human beings, and from destruction of villages and "search and destroy" missions.

2. TO SOUTH VIETNAM:
To provide immediately for fuller political and religious freedom and ensure that prisoners are treated with due regard to internationally established standards.

3. TO THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT:
To refrain from acts of reprisal and bombing against civilian population.

4. TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM:
To release lists of U.S. and Allied prisoners and show to the satisfaction of world conscience that it acts towards them in accordance with international standards of humanitarian law.

EVANGELICAL ASSN. MEETS IN ANAHEIM

The Southwest Regional Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) will be held Monday and Tuesday at Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim.

In an open session 7:30 Monday night, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE general director, will speak on "Lifting the Lid on Washington." A Clyde W. Taylor Appreciation Banquet Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. will climax the meeting.

The NAE is a loose, voluntary fellowship of evangelical denominations, which reports a membership of two million. Organized in 1942, it represents 38 denominations and many individual churches from other groups.

CRUCIAL COCU MEET IN ST. LOUIS

Protestant Unity Plan Is On Line

Protestant representatives, who for eight years have been talking about unity nine American denominations, with membership of some 25 million, next week come down to cases.

For the first time, they have a specific proposed plan of union to act on — to amend, endorse or throw out. The question is — has the steam gone out of the move, or do they really mean it?

Rev. Dr. Paul A. Crow Jr., of Princeton, N.J., general secretary of the Consultation on Church Union terms the effort at unification "one of the most crucial developments in 20th century church history."

Its outcome, he says, may largely determine whether the coming generation will sustain the church at all as an organized community.

"The key issue which faces Christian and American culture," he says, "is not whether our children believe a particular denominational confession but whether in the future they will believe any confession."

UNDER THOSE circumstances, he says, the fundamental objective of the quest for union is not just to merge organizations by "rearranging ecclesiastical furniture" but to provide means for releasing new energies to revitalize church life.

And that's what the proposed plan being submitted to the March 9-13 consultation in St. Louis seeks to do, says Rev. Dr. William A. Benfield Jr., of Charleston, W. Va., chairman of the committee that drafted the plan.

He says it attempts to provide a "structure which will enable the church to spring loose from antique practices" and draw fresh energies into its task of carrying on the mission given it by Christ.

"Real renewal will not come unless the church is free from some of the present-day power centers and domination by the clergy," he says.

In that connection, he notes, the proposed plan gives increased prerogatives to lay members, requiring among other things that they have a two-to-one majority in church decision-making bodies, from local to national levels.

Other features, such as proposed mutual-interest "task forces" operating within each clustered "parish" of several congregations, also are part of an effort to recapture "the New Testament concept of the ministry of the laity," he said.

THE 10 denominations involved are the Episcopal, United Methodist, United Presbyterian, Presbyterian U.S. southern, Christian Disciples churches, the United Church of Christ, and three predominantly black communions, the Christian Methodist Episcopal, the African Methodist Episcopal and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion churches.

The meeting will have before it a plan of union which covers every aspect of the proposed new church from its attitude toward the Bible to the details of its internal structure and government.

Since most of the plan already has been approved piecemeal at previous meetings, it has a good chance of winning formal adoption by COCU before the St. Louis meeting ends next Friday.

But that would be only the first — and easiest — step on the road to merger. The plan would then be submitted to each of the nine denominations for discussion and action by their national governing bodies and, if required under the denomination's rules, by regional or local subdivisions. Each denomination would be free to accept the plan as is, approve it with modifications, or reject it outright.

Although no timetable has been set for this process, COCU officials say it may take most of the decade of the 1970s to complete it. There is no guarantee it ever will be completed. The popular enthusiasm which greeted the Blake proposal in 1960 has waned during the long years of tinkering with organizational details.

THE UNION plan will encounter opposition from widely diverse groups for widely diverse reasons.

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FROM THE PULPIT

What is truth? Pilate asked the question of Jesus. We ask it today. We want to be free and Jesus said that the truth would make us free.

Is truth pornography? Why do we tolerate this vulgar teaching and teachers in our State schools? Are we so far gone that these depraved persons can not and protest against decency and we cannot even get a hearing against this sin?

Where in the world are decent people going to educate their children if we do not come to our senses in this matter. One of the two professors responsible for the disgraceful display of nudity in the college classroom at Long Beach State testified that he was raised in the Church, but six months at Long Beach State destroyed any religious convictions that he ever had.

What a testimony! Who wants to send a child to such an institution? Or worse still, who wants to pay taxes to pay salaries of professors whose depraved minds are bent on destruction of Christianity, morality and Democracy.

Every concerned person should rise up in protest to our schools, to our Congressmen and to the Governor's office. And above all, the Church should speak out. Too long now we have been silent.

Come to Calvary! There are still those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. We are not "witch-hunters", but we recognize the enemy of our society. And we protest filth and pornography in our state supported schools.

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Mon.-Fri. 10:30 A.M.

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9 A.M.—Holy Communion and Sermon
11:00 A.M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon

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9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Series: GOD IS ABLE
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7 P.M.
"SEASON OF THE LONG RAINS"
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MORNING WORSHIP 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
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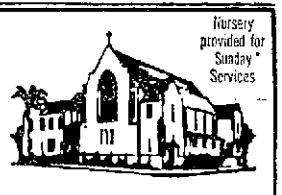
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Calif. Heights	3759 Orange — Rev. George M.Mann Services: 9:30 & 11 A.M.
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Belmont Heights	3rd and Termino — Rev. Kenneth D. Doctor Services 9 and 11 A.M.
First United	5th and Pacific — Dr. Donald R. O'Connor S.S. 9:30 A.M. — Worship 11 A.M.
Trinity	Dunrobin at So. Lkwd., Rev. E. G. Hunter Church School 9:30, Services 9:30
North Long Beach	56th and Linden — Rev. Charles L. Boss Church School 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:30
Evangelical United	1700 Temple — Rev. Wendell W. Jones Church School 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:45

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Emmanuel	6th & Termino — Rev. Francis A. Rhoades Services 9 and 11:15 A.M. — Ch. School 10:15
First United	5th & Atlantic — James R. Deemer, Minister Services 11 A.M. — 9:30 Bible School — Wed. 7
No. Long Beach	6380 Orange Ave. — Rev. Richard G. Irving Services — 9:30 & 11 A.M. — Church School 9:30
Geneva	2625 E. 3rd St. — Rev. Robt. H. Prentice Services 10 A.M. — Church School 8:45 A.M.

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