John Carroll University Theater
Leone Marinello, Director

presents...

"These Stubborn Ones"
by MICHAEL GALLAGHER
April 23 and 24, 1955
8:30 P.M.
The John Carroll University Theatre is particularly proud of tonight’s play because it marks two Carroll “firsts.” It is the first University Theatre production of an original play; it is the first production of a play written by a member of the University Theatre.

Michael Gallagher, the author, is a 1959 Carroll graduate now studying for the Jesuit priesthood. These Stubborn Ones was written while he was serving as an army paratrooper in Korea and Japan. A member of the University Theatre for four years he played leading roles in Antigone, The Taming of the Shrew, All My Sons and The Show-Off. He was offered a scholarship to the Cleveland Playhouse by its director, Fredric McConnell, but he turned it down because of his decision to enter the Jesuit novitiate in Milford, Ohio.

These Stubborn Ones, a modern tragedy, is set in East Berlin where ex-Nazi General Gliethauer, living incognito as a beer hall janitor, is hunted by both East and West. The Communists find him first and offer him a choice of helping them build a powerful German Red Army or of being turned over to the West to be tried as a war criminal.

Gallagher’s play examines the factors that influence the general’s decision and points up a conflict dominant in the world today.

Dedication

This season’s play, These Stubborn Ones, is dedicated to St. Genesius a Comedian at Rome who was martyred in the year 286 for proclaiming himself a Christian while performing what was intended as a mock ritual of Baptism before the Emperor Diocletian. He is honored as the patron of actors and for this reason the University Theatre Society pays him special reverence. A cutting of his likeness is illustrated on the cover. It is also of note that in 1953 the Society produced the portrayal of his life by Henri Gheon in the play The Comedian.
The Characters
(in order of speaking)

Kesseler, a Communist leader ........................................ Frank Stranges
Wallier, a Communist agent ........................................... John Engish
Rosen, the beer hall owner ............................................ Paul Zeltzer
General Hans Richard Von Glenthauer ............................ Kevin McDonough
Anna, Glenthauer’s adopted daughter ............................... Alverda Solens
Teresa, Glenthauer’s daughter .......................................... Rosemary Pietronero
Fritz, Glenthauer’s son .................................................. John Sillings
Father Hartman ........................................................... Thomas Skulina
Communist Secret Police ................................................ John Hughes
Richard Paradise
Patrick O'Reilly
Richard Murphy

Synopsis of Scenes

Time: The Present
Place: Communist East Berlin

ACT I
Scene 1: Communist Headquarters. Late Afternoon
Scene 2: A Beer Hall. Short Time Later

Intermission 15 minutes

ACT II
The Same. Later That Night

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