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John Carroll University Theater

Leone Marinello, Director



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"These Stubborn Ones"

by MICHAEL GALLAGHER

April 23 and 24, 1955

8:30 P.M.

About the Play

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 1952 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 Glenthauer, 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**.

Cover Design by John Hanrahan

The Characters

(in order of speaking)

Kessler, a Communist leader	Frank Stringer
Waller, a Communist agent	John English
Rosen, the beer hall owner	Paul Zeltzer
General Hans Richard Von Glenthauer	Kevin McDonough
Ana, Glenthauer's adopted daughter	Alverda Solens
Therese, Glenthauer's daughter	Rosemary Pietronero
Fritz, Glenthauer's son	John Sillings
Father Hartzman	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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