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A Daily Tar Heel Review

# **Memories Of Persecution** Plague The 'Pawnbroker'

### By PETER RANGE **DTH Reviewer**

Combining social commentary and great art is a trick at which few film directors succeed. Most artistically great movies can at best make some comments on the problems of an individual in a particular setting under specific circumstances. Truffaut and Godard do this par excellence; their attempts to speak to a social problem. as in Truffaut's recent ", h-Soft Skin," failed miserably in the hands of a director essentially oriented towards individual human beings and unique situations.

Sidney Lumer has executed a powerfully successful wedding of beautiful cinematics and social documentary in "The Pawnbroker." His story concentrates ostensibly more on a single individual than do French New Wave movies, but the breadth of his social criticism reaches much further into history and more deeply into the present than do the art works of most great directors today.

The Pawnbroker is Sol Nazerman, a German Jew who lost his beautiful wife and two children in Nazi concentration camps. Nazerman survived the camps ("I lost all I loved, but I did not die.") and immigrated to New York. His pawnshop at Park Avenue and 116th St. takes in the tawdry wares of grostesque and desperate human beings in the

ter - in - law and her family trampling underfoot of his son along with his mistress and in a cattlecar packed tight

is the widow of a good friend black robber-baron Negro with he saw dragged to his death by the dogs in the concentration camp. Their relationship is much like that of a middleaged marriage; punctuated alternately by passion and card games, underlain with grudging criticism.

ning a beaten and hardened man, this former professor at the University of Leipzig. He has isolated himself from feeling and compassion, from the people who come to him in poverty or intense loneliness, even from those with whom he lives at home. He has mastered his cruel fate and thus mastered the present. He neither needs nor wants sympathy and fights off the warm understanding of Marilyn Birchfield, a middle - aged widow who tries to offer sympathy and friendship. Indeed the most powerful theme of the film may be that of loneliness ("They were taken from me and I could not do a thing to help them.") Man cannot reach outside himself; the extended hand falls back again,

empty. But the twenty-fifth anniversary of the loss of his family produces a flood of horrifying memories and scenes in Nazerman's otherwise closed mind. In a series of slow-motion visits to the past or almost subliminal cut-ins of a few frames at a time, we see the Nazermans picnicking teeming, festering core of when the Nazis arrived, the Spanish Harlem, Manhattan's death of Reuben in the camp, biggest Puerto Rican Ghetto. the prostitution of Nazerman's Nazerman supports his sis- wife by Nazi officers, and the t with Jewish prisoners.

her dying father. The woman ring. Rodriques is the pitch-

He seems from the begin-

the all-white apartment and platinum-blond white lover boy - from him Nazerman receives his money until he awakens to the tact that Rodriquex owns the maimed bodies and souls of the crawling "scum" of the ghetto, a fact which his isolation and un-

touchability over the years hid from him. Jesus Ortiz is a borderline criminal, a Puerto Rican Negro, who works in the pawnshop. He becomes the final victim of Nazerman's inner inhumanity and isolation when he is killed by fellow-robbers while trying to save his boss, the old Jew. When Ortiz dies in front of the store, Nazerman's guilt drives him to skewer his own hand on the pawn ticket spindle on his desk in one of the several almost strictly "facial scenes" per-formed superbly by Rod Steiger. The futility of the Christlike martyrdom bores through sickeningly; it seems as heavy-handed and melodramatic in the movie as in the Nazerman role.

Practically every scene was shot on location on Park Avenue where the elevated roars by every three minutes. The characters and places are incomparably real and true-tolife. A multiplicity of themes is skillfully interwoven: man's obligation to involve himself in other human beings emotionally and concern himself with the ills of his society; man's essential aloneness and isolation from other men; the plight of the ageless, wandering Jew with never a place to rest or stay who can find meaning only in making mon-

ence. Sorority members were

informed of the results in the

afternoon. The rushees re-

ceived their bids that night.

As soon as the bids were re-

ceived the new pledges went

to their houses to be received.

# **Bored? – Here's Where The Action Is Today**

### TODAY

THE DAILY TAR HEEL

Interviews for U. P. legislative vacancy in Cobb, 7:30, Grail Room.

A sutdent forum on "A Christian Case for Pacifism" featuring Bill Jeffries, regional secretary of the American Friends service committee. University Baptist Church, 7 p.m., Sunday.

Westminister Fellowship pre sents "Orientation to W. F." Supper at 5:30 p.m. at Presbyterian Student Center. L.S.A. meeting in the church at 5:30 p.m. Supper, followed by the film, "Grapes of Wrath."

### MONDAY

Interviews for campus affairs committee Monday, 3-5 p.m. in Student Government offics, second floor of G. M. Students for a Democratic Society will meet Mon., 8 p.m. in 205 Alumni, to discuss the speaker-ban law.

Important Student Peace will hold registration for Union meeting today at 3 this year's program on Monp.m. by Silent Sam on lawn day, Tuesday and Wednesin front of GM. Planning session will precede a discussion led by Dr. Hussain Saba on the Kashmire dispute.

Film Forum presents "Grapes

of Wrath" free at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Student Cent.er High Holy Day services for Rosh Hashanah will be held at the Hillel Foundation at the following times: Sunday, 8 p.m., Monday, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., Tuesday, 10 a.m. All men interested in joining the UNC Judo Club meet in the wrestling room of Woolen Gym at 6:30 p.m. Interviews for the Toronto Exchange will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Interested persons should obtain an application from the GM desk. The UNC Tutorial Project

### day. All those interested in tutoring elementary of high school children are invited to pick up a registration form in Y-Court. TUESDAY

Interviews for Student Government Executive Committee will be in the Student Government offices on the second floor of GM. Alpha Epsilon Delta (international pre - medical and pre - dental society) will meet in 226 of the Medical school at 7 p.m. Dr. George P. Manire will speak on "Medical Education in Japan." This is an open meeting for all interested persons. For those who do not know where the Medical School is, there will be members to meet them at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Bell Tower.

### WEDNESDAY

The International Students Board will have its first meeting at 7 p.m. upstairs YMCA Building. Student Athletic Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the Grail

Room UNC physics Colloquim will meet 4 p.m. in room 215, Phillips Hall, Willis E. Lamb from Yale University will speak on "Measurement in Quantum Mechanics."

Tea and coffee will served one half hour before the talk in the Lounge, room 277 Phillips Hall. **Bureau of Internal Affairs will** meet in the Woodhouse Room 3-4 p.m.

## G. M. WANTS YOU!

Graham Memorial is recruiting committee members this week, and needs lots of enthusiastic personnel. If you'd like to be on one of the following committees, come to the G.M. desk today or tomorrow to set up an interview:

> Social Committee **Publicity Committee** Current Affairs Committee Games Committee Music Committee Films Committee (Free Flicks) Drama Committee

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The comparison drawn beey; and the atrocities of big tween the Nazi horror and the city slumlords and extortionexploiters of the poor and ists, no less heinous than those prostituted in New York toof the German executioners day strikes an alarmingly true twenty-five years ago.

**Greek Rush Ends On Note** 

**Of Laughter And Sorrow** 



IT'S JUST A TYPICAL BRIDGE HAND for pretty AFROTC Angel Peggy Dukes - with all the help she can stand. The Angel Flight of Air Force ROTC is sponsoring a tea for all interested UNC coeds Thursday, Sept. 30, from 6-8 p.m. in the cadet lounge. Everyone is invited.

OTIS REDDING

Refunds of ticket money for

given out in Y-Court from 1-

3 p.m. Monday through Wed-

nesday. The MRC regrets that

Otis Redding did not come.

Remember, you must have

your ticket stubs, to get the

bids to the sororities prefer- the Otis Redding show will be

refund.

- Air Force Photo

## Villa Tempesta

Dinner 5:30-9:30 p.m. \$2.75

Veal Parmigiano Prime Ribs of Beef Roast Leg of Lamb Your Choice Served with Spaghetti, 2 vegetables, Tossed Salad, Hot Rolls & Butter

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Determined to find the secret behind such rapid reading, she spent the next two years tracking down 50 people who could read from 1.500 to 6.000 words per minute. She studied their techniques, taught herself to read at these faster rates. Now, after years of testing, you can benefit from this great discovery.

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Results have been reported in TIME, NEWSWEEK, BUSINESS WEEK, and ESQUIRE. Demonstrators have appeared on television with Jack Pear, Garry Moore and Art Linkletter. Over 100,000 people have taken the Reading Dynamics course, both in the U. S. and abroad. Some of their comments are reprinted here:

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ALAN W. ECKERT, DURHAM, N.C.-A reading speed of over 2,000 words per minute is enabling me finally to read the vast quantity of material I feel I should read. I am going to try these techniques on cases in Law School, and of course in all my other reading.

### HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER COURSES?

No machines are used. You learn, instead, to use your hand as a

Conventional rapid reading courses aspire to 450-600 words per minute. Most Reading Dynamics graduates can read between 1,000 and 3,000 words per minute, and many go even higher.

He also must have practiced the required number of hours, following the assignments as outlined by the teacher. The average stu-dent may expect 5 times increase in read-ing speed, and an improvement in compre-hension and recall. Any student who must withdraw from the course for any reason may re-enter stry subsequent courses of any finture time, of

A 10-WEEKS READING DYNAMICS COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL ON

There were cries of exulta- en's office matched rushees tion and tears of sorrow in the girls dorms Friday night. Formal sorority rush was over and the bids had been received. The long round of parties had ended, and the girls were tired. In 1923, the first sororities

were established on the UNC campus. Rush has been a part of the campus since. In 1962, rush became deferred, and freshmen could no longer take part.

This year's formal rush consisted of rounds of parties divided into a gradual preview of all the sororities. The first two nights, all the rushees visited every house. Invitations were extended to the selected rushees from each house for a second round of parties.

