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So This Is SPAIN TODA By H. E. BATES rympromatic of travel in Souther the deepers the arreaded back of atmy holds them all. "Your only connect, they to thing can be done on the black market." We joined ourselves to a to oussee of dejected and fawo Spanardet getted and fawo Spanardet. It was no good. "Your to hope," they said, "is to try for seat from a porter. The porte hyperset is soil." We fried porter Pointers, will we fried porter pointers.

Esteemed by the critics as one of the best living writers of English, H. E. Bates is also a best-seller. His last book, " The Purple Plain," has sold 850,000 copies and earned many dollars. His war-time stories of the R.A.F., written under the name of Flying Officer X, first appeared in the News Chronicle. The article on this page gives a vivid picture of life in Spain, a country Bates knows intimately

A S I went over the Spanish frontier, out of the neat and pleasant world of French vincyards and peach orchards that lie under the shelter of the Pyrenest, through the craziest Customs barrier in the world—free for all and nobody free—I had suddenly a feeling that I was out of Europe. * the Pyrenees, through the crazies: Customs parter in three words - research to all and nobody free -1 had suddenly a feeling that I was out of Europe. * Europe, for some reason, seemed to have been left north of the Pyrenees Africa had begun. In October the sun still blazes in Spain The shady mountains are, the colour-to burnbricks with the long heat of summer. River beds are fullies of thist. Paims vave britle fronds against a clear blue sky, recalling Libys or Egypt, or even india and beyond. Here and there a tree is hung with bunches of golden maize. Here and there a tree is hung with bunches of golden maize. The train our express, travels at an average of thet's wagon And yr Shanish station you get isste for me, remained in my mouth until I turned and came home. The first thing you notice in any Spanish station is a coal-truck If it has any coal in it at all will be covered with powerdy istel reshing, padioted down If there is no skeel meshing the coal will be thicky dusted with

FILMS BY RICHARD WINNINGTON

Here's an Idea...

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Our first meal "It is not" he said. "s very big place of bread" That evening in our hotel we writed hungriv for our first Spanish meal. In its meal-times, ico, Spain is not Europe. It

solv and cachi hunches at two o'clock or even three dines at len or even elseen at night. While we waited we beard an American grid "diarrelling with her husband. She was beard an andte and upset, duarrelling with her husband. She was beard an the hole of the hole of the hole of the voice in the hole of the hole of the voice in the hole of the hole of the build of the hole of the hole of the the hole of the hole of the hole of the the hole of the hole of the hole of the she hole of the ring children of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hole of the ring children of the hole of the hol

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And I knew at least where he we had him in those incredible Spenish puper noise that are arrequered of the whole realine thin, filliny, full of holes and yet somehow hanging together. And how dees it han together his a Surpe suppercharge the this arguine that is an and delivered of Facian and tevents which have here been recent signs of



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Atlantic ? It hangs together, of course, as ill regimes of its kind hang ogether: through fear, through be ramifications of an enormous orruption, a black market which mbraces everything from broad embraces everything from bread to railway tickels, of the power of the Army and the Church, by censorship of speeches and litera-

censorship of speeches and litera-ture. There are more than two hun-dred tilles of English books which may not be published in Spain. And of the great French masters, Balzac, Maupassani, Flaubert, no word at all reaches. the Spainis people. Yet while these writers are

THEERE is no doubt that the ing to instil into the youth of to-nay the power to distinguish between good and evil is a serious omission in the schooling of the young.

banned for their irestment of the relationsings between man such wonan my Spanish bookshop flamits in its windows hundreds al-povels whose jackets exploit with varying degrees of windity the serval seductiveness of the Jemaie form

struit scductiveness of the female-form." All the time, outside, the streets hear with prostituies. The black haired senoritas of Spain-where are they? They have dired them, selves blonde, red, white, yellow, silver and blue. Where boread is six shillings a day and a good meal anything from one to three pounds, the colour of a girl's hair is a title ching that does not seem to matter.

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We are really a batharc people, the man said to me Soven our cooking is barbaric. We are a land of tried esgs and fried pointers. And orreging in Barreloak estivation of the street scene and provide divide time the rest of Europe has harded pointer the orginal state in your lass which and the created in the created is the street keep about a taxi. Be for wour called the civil war.
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* THOSE Empty Pews" will f be filed until the church fier truth instead of dogms the masses. (MR.) O. HAMM Bitterne Park, Southampton.

* INTELLICENT youth seef that Internet is a complete denial of Christianity. Until the Church utterly repudiates war, how can people respect its teaching, of feel that they can learn from it the Divide Laws, which rule the world? DOROTHEA CIBBJ A RUTH FRY Thospeness, Suffolk. * * O'NE of the greatest needs to-day is for Christians to work out a political philosophy and to work actively in the political parties which seem to them bein to express their ideals. If Christ saw life to feed and heal men, then the Christian must be in the fors-front of propagatian and activity concerning such things as the social services, rehousing and health schemes. BEYOND THE

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a week to mend the noise. Whoosh "Anywhere on earth an hour is the ultimate i high-speed transport to we can look forward. (Excitable news)

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Thought for today "Carcas, you tremble would tremble more, any if you knew where I was you today." (Marshal, T to his body, before a bat Timothy

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HIDGE'S DILEMMA - Fredric Murch and Florence Eldridge

and wearisome commentary. We are told all that we've picked up about Lancashire and could spinning from music-halls and documentary films; also that cotton is in a bad way, and that it is tume Lancashire did something

where sold an error of the young: What a pity a more liberal use of the phrase probabilities fraining can sold to be the form of the sold of the phrase provided to the phrase phrase provided to the sold of the phrase phrase phrase phrase of the sold of the phrase phra The evil of today calls for some-thing command. The evil of today calls for some-thing stronger than the ecclesi-asite are willing to take part in. I go to the calhedral on Sun-day and sit wondering how it is that these men can sit and stand there draining away and expect the young of today to come and listen to them. Surely without interest and antraction the Church must take? E. L. WRIGHTSON Radlett, Hetts.

THOUGHT FOR FOOD by PETER LEA Sweet-making

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