

Q

DULUTH--As the viewer shortly discovers, the beloved country of Alan Paton's compelling story of faith and destiny, Cry the Beloved Country, is torn by squalor and despair.

The screen version of the story that scored successive hits as a novel and a stage play will be shown at 8 p.m. Wednesday (Aug.5) in Science auditorium. It will be free of charge.

Canada Lee, previously seen in such films as Lifeboat, Body and Soul and Lost Boundaries, portrays a simple country priest drawn to the city in search of his son.

Amid the evil atmosphere and sordid poverty of the African slums, he discovers that his son has been sentenced to death for murder. Canada Lee's characterization is said to be his finest performance.

Photographed in South Africa, the camera has taken full advantage of the Johannesburg slums. Zoltan Korda directed the film. Charles Carson and Sidney Poitier also are in starring roles.