

Film Group Raps Probe Into Political Views

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—At a news conference called after adjournment of the morning session of the House un-American Committee yesterday, spokesmen for 26 Hollywood movie personalities, who came to protest the committee's hearings, declared it should look at the product for evidence of subversive influences in the industry.

"No official body has the right to investigate people's political opinions," asserted Producer John Huston. "That's un-American."

"Certainly the committee has a right to investigate the fact of whether Communist infiltration in the industry has appeared on the screen," added writer David Hopkins. "But that can be determined by looking at the product of the industry, not by asking individuals if they are Communist."

Dancer Gene Kelly, nursing his broken ankle, agreed that the committee has the right to investigate, but when a "man is accused of being a Communist, let's give him the good old American right to answer back."

Noting that Actor Larry Parks is one of the 19 subpoenaed witnesses, Kelly said:

"If Larry Parks is smeared, his career is ended. That's an important consideration to those of us who have only about 10 years of talent life. Parks is just starting out."

Huston, Actor Humphrey Bogart and others said they consider the committee's treatment of John Howard Lawson unfair because he was not allowed to read his prepared statement.

Comedian Danny Kaye said the committee was linking Hollywood figures to so-called "Communist front" organizations. He said that "leaves the impression that we are complete idiots and can be led by the nose into any sort of subversive group. This is something I don't like."

Bogart said actors and actresses always have been generous in lending their names and giving money to drives for charity.

"Lately," he declared, "we're afraid to give money to anything. I can't tell what a Communist front organization is."

Huston said the group, hastily formed into the Committee for the First Amendment to the Constitution, "did not come here to defend anyone, or to attack anyone. We came to defend a principle."

Brides From Overseas to Be Honored at Dinner

Brides from across the seas will be especially honored at the all state dinner Nov. 7, to be held at the First Methodist Church under auspices of the Roseburg Zonta Club.

Principal speaker at the affair will be Congressman Harris Ellsworth, who will tell of international problems and report on his recent trip to Europe with the House interstate and foreign commerce committee.

Tables at the dinner will be designated with the names of the 48 states. Persons will be seated according to the state of their birth. Honor guests will be veterans and their brides from across the seas.

All Children Invited To Neewollah Parade

Children of all ages are invited to participate in the Neewollah Parade, to be sponsored by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce Friday night. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes of different types, and an award will go to the school with the best representation. "Neewollah" spells Halloween backwards.

Senator Suggests FBI Probing of Fires, Plane Crash

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Senator Brewster (R-Me.) said yesterday he is suggesting to the FBI that it look for evidence of deliberate destruction in both the costly New England forest fires and Friday's plane crash in Bryce Canyon, Utah.

"In these days of ideological warfare," Brewster told reporters, "that is the kind of thing we have to watch out for."

Brewster, just back from an inspection of the Maine fire areas, said there was evidence that some fires started from oil soaked rags. Near Falmouth, he said, a candle was found burning among combustible material in a pine wood.

Asked whether he had received specific information that either the fires or the plane crash resulted intentionally, Brewster replied:

"No, but that is the sort of thing we must be alert to and I am therefore asking the Federal

Bureau of Investigation to be especially alert in these cases." Asked what the FBI should do to be on guard, Brewster said it will be largely a matter of educating the citizenry in what to watch for.

"The FBI did a good job during the war against spies and I have every confidence the organization will be just as effective in combatting agents of foreign ideologies," he explained.

Weed Control Machinery Will be Displayed Here

Douglas County farmers will soon have an opportunity to view a display of the latest models of machinery for weed control—mashers, dusters, and fumigators, according to County Agent J. Roland Parker.

The display is scheduled to be shown in Roseburg Thursday, Nov. 6, he said. The exhibit will start at 1 P. M. The program will include talks by weed control authorities from Oregon State College and inspection of the equipment on display.

The display of equipment will be on the parking lot of Specialized Parts and Equipment Co., on N. Stephens and W. Douglas Sts., opposite Roseburg Junior High School, Parker said.

Blind in Roseburg to Get Braille Instruction

Miss Vera Thompson, teacher for the State Commission for the Blind and Prevention of Blindness, will visit in Roseburg Oct. 30 to begin instruction in Braille in the homes of sightless persons needing the service.

Blind herself, Miss Thompson will be driven on calls by members of the Pythian Sisters here. It was reported by Mrs. Claude Baker, county welfare administrator. She will be a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. High.

Initially, Miss Thompson will give instruction in the homes of blind persons in the Roseburg area. Later, she will extend her services throughout the county. Arrangements for instruction may be made through the County Welfare Department.

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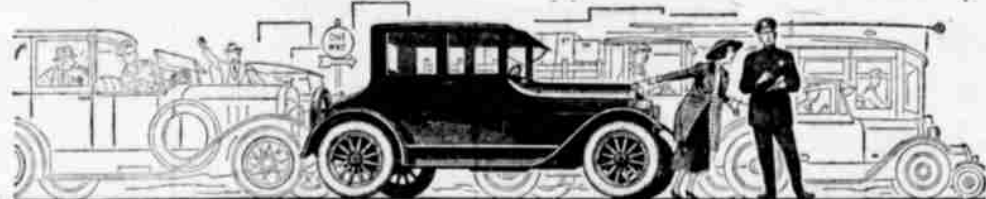
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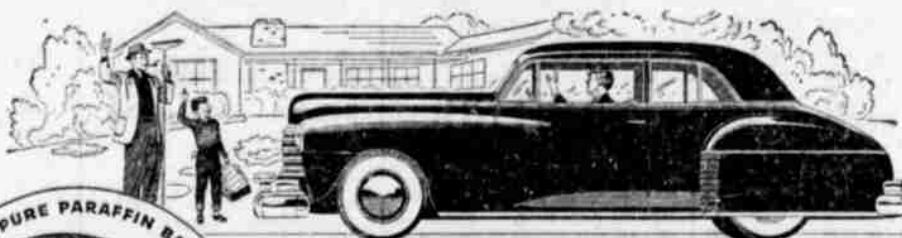
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