

### Shakespeare's Famous Love Drama Will Open Ashland's Annual Festival



**IMMORTAL LOVERS**—Miss Mary Jane Pitts, 16-year-old Portland high school actress, will appear as Juliet and Ralph C. Burgess Jr. of Ashland, a student at the Pasadena Playhouse, will play Romeo in the production of "Romeo and Juliet" which will open the ninth annual Oregon Shakespearean Festival at Ashland on August 2 for a three-week season. (Bushnell Studio.)

ASHLAND, Ore.—Young sweet hearts whispering under the summer moon is a scene as common these days as soda pop at a baseball game, Sunday motorists, and picnics in the park. The greatest love scene of them all will be watched by hundreds in this quiet Siskiyou mountain town on August 2nd when that same moon helps light the outdoor theater in Ashland's Lithia park.

On that stage will be portrayed the tenderest romance of all time, William Shakespeare's immortal "Romeo and Juliet." A cast of youthful players coached for the past two months by Angus L. Bowmer of Southern Oregon college and a staff of theater experts will present the simple tale exactly as the Bard saw it in his day—uncut, in swiftly moving scenes interrupted by breaks, and in brilliantly colored Elizabethan costume.

The play will officially open the Oregon Shakespearean Festival which will be presented for the ninth season here from Aug. 2 to 24. Five of the famous dramas will be seen in sequence during that period every evening except Sunday so that theatergoers may witness the entire repertoire in five nights, or at the most, six.

"Our production of 'Romeo and Juliet' will approximate more closely the play of Shakespeare's day than those usually seen on the modern stage," comments Richard Graham of New York, former Broadway and Hollywood star, who is directing the opening drama. "The Bard's heroine was about 14 years old, and our Juliet is Miss Mary Jane Pitts, 16-year-old Portland high school actress who was chosen for the role after auditions at the Portland Civic theater during April." Graham also notes that Romeo, who is usually played by an older actor, will be portrayed by Ralph C. Burgess Jr., 24-year-

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### Rival Stevedore Gangs Battle; 16 Injured

HONOLULU, July 21.—(AP)—Police arrested 25 men Wednesday after a club-wielding, rock-tossing fight at Hawaii Stevedores, Ltd., new open shop firm which is unloading a freighter in this straitened port.

Sixteen men were taken to emergency hospital for treatment.

Police Capt. Eugene Kennedy said the arrested men are all ILWU members. They will be charged with rioting.

Kennedy said three men entered the gate at the stevedores firm, pummeled the gatekeeper and locked the gate. Then about 100 men jumped the fence, he added, and swarmed over 25 non-union stevedores awaiting transportation to the docks.

Police had to scale the fence to break up the fight.

of Colorado, both of whom appeared together in the same roles at Palo Alto in 1933.

The famous love story will be followed on the next night by "Richard III," second of Shakespeare's historical sequence. The fantasy "Midsummer Dream" will feature a troupe of 15 youngsters trained by Sandoe to play beside the more experienced actors.

The revival of "Othello" from the 1948 season will star Graham and Miss Jane McArthur of Pensacola, Fla., in the lead roles. The final of the series will be the hilarious "Taming of the Shrew" which won applause when the Festival as a whole presented the comedy for audiences at the San Francisco World Fair in 1939.

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### Floods in China Drive 350,000 From Homes

CANTON, China, July 20.—(AP)—Floods scouring China have driven 350,000 persons from their homes in the southern province of Kwangtung alone, Nationalists officials estimated.

The Pearl, East, West and North rivers, converging in the vicinity of this Kwangtung capital, all are out of their banks.

The Hunan provincial government estimated that 57,878 persons had drowned in that province, but gave no indication how it had arrived at such an exact figure. (Hunan is in the war zone, so that any casualty figure is likely to be a merely a rough guess.)

act creating Federal Prison Industries, Inc. back in 1934. President Roosevelt said: "Without any important competition with private industry or labor, the Government can provide increasingly useful work in itself for those who need to learn how to work and to learn that work in itself is honorable and is a practical substitute for criminal methods of earning one's livelihood."

### Dr. Condon Asks Chance To Clear His Reputation

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—Dr. Edward U. Condon asked Congress Wednesday to safeguard a person's right to present his own case once his name and reputation have become involved in an investigation.

Condon, director of the National Bureau of Standards, gave the Senate rules committee his endorsement of a bill by Senator Lucas (D-Ill.), the Senate majority leader. The bill would permit a person suffering adverse criticism in a congressional inquiry to be heard and to cross-examine witnesses having testified against him.

In his statement Condon cited his own experience with the House committee on Un-American Activities. He said during most of 1947, "there appeared at frequent intervals unfriendly newspaper articles about me attributed to committee sources saying that I was about to be investigated by the committee and implying that sinister revelations

### King George's Nephew Will Marry Commoner

LONDON, July 21.—(AP)—The engagement of the Earl of Harewood, 26-year old nephew of King George Sixth, and Marion Stein, 22-year old pianist, is expected to be announced today.

The London Star quoted friends of the couple as saying the King already has given his consent but that formal announcement awaits approval by the privy council.

Lord Harewood is ninth in line to the British throne. The dark-haired Miss Stein is the daughter of Erwin Stein, representative of a London musical firm.

were soon to be made."

Finally, he said, a subcommittee report was issued on March 1, 1948, "exclusively devoted to an attempt to support its untrustworthy and unfit for public office." In that report the subcommittee called Dr. Condon "one of the weakest links" in the nation's atomic security.

Condon, who denied this at the time, said the committee never has given him a hearing or amplified its report.

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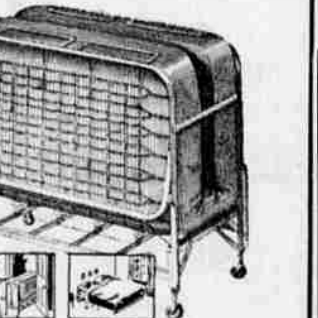
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