



"Join us, leave your fields to flower" sing the cast members from Jefferson's production of "The Magic of Broadway", an original review put together by the Jefferson theater students. A standing ovation greeted the

cast after their performance in Medford, Oregon, at the region State Thespian Conference. The show opens in the Jefferson auditorium April 18th, 19th and again the 25th, 26th. Photo by: Mary Sorensen.

## Amnesty not a new question

Amnesty was an important issue for Americans 200 years ago just as it is today's presidential return-home program for Vietnam deserters, says an Oregon State University historian and authority on the colonial period.

Dr. Donald D. Wax is hopeful that the Bicentennial observance "will help us learn more about — and learn something from — the fate and treatment of those who refused to participate in the American Revolution." Wax is one of the nine members of Oregon's Bicentennial Commission.

Approximately 100,000 men and women of an estimated 3 million population actually left the country between 1774 and 1783, Wax points out, because of over-riding loyalty to England or because they could not support the Revolution for religious or other reasons.

"In taking the wrong side, they lost their lands and wealth, their families in some cases, their places in society, and they certainly lost the battle of history," Wax observed.

"We know a great deal about the patriots — Washington, Jefferson and the others that school children can name. But we don't know very much about the loyalists to the crown. Most were sound, solid men who took another

position in sincerity and who now deserve our study and understanding."

In the days leading up to the Revolution, "the loyalists were able to defend themselves eloquently in press and pulpit. Most royal officials and a majority of the Anglican clergy chose the crown over the colonies," the historian observed.

With the Declaration of Independence, loyalty to the crown became treason, punishable by the confiscation of the loyalists' property, or by exile, or even death, Wax notes in "A History of Colonial America," a leading textbook he helped author.

Several states enacted laws depriving loyalists (Tories) of their rights of citizenship. Some states banished them.

As a result, thousands of men — and many women — were forced to flee, says Wax. Some 30,000 moved to Canada — as did many Vietnam deserters and draft dodgers. More went to Great Britain; some to the British West Indies.

The British government tried to provide for those who returned homeless, jobless and often moneyless. A special British claims commission was established to reimburse those whose properties had been lost. Claims totaling approximately eight million pounds sterling were filed;

3½ million pounds sterling were paid, Wax said.

Wherever they went, most refugees found they were considered — and felt like — Americans. Wax is convinced from study, "Even England wasn't home any more."

After the shooting stopped, thousands of loyalists returned to the new United States of America, according to Wax. The new and still weak national government recommended that the states "do what they could" to see that loyalists had their lands returned or that they had some reimbursement. Re-integration into society was emphasized also.

"Amnesty in the strict sense of the word — not to remember — was granted to a great many," the OSU historian added.

The loyalists included "many of the most brilliant and distinguished men in the colonial societies," the book by Wax and Max Savelle, University of Illinois, emphasizes. "Liquidation" of this large powerful minority in the course of the Revolution "was one of the social tragedies connected with that movement."

Benjamin Franklin's son was royal governor of New Jersey at the time the

Revolution was coming to a head and he left the country as did many others who received appointments from the crown.

Thomas Hutchinson, who became one of the earliest American families, was another loyalist and the famous Byrd family of Virginia was split into two camps by the Revolution but loyalist descendants regained prominence after the war.

Some accounts by other distinguished loyalists — Samuel Curwen, for example — are being printed as a national Bicentennial feature. These should give additional insight into the loyalist cause and the character of those opposed to the Revolution Wax believes.

Patriot and President John Adams, before his death in 1826, marvelled "that 13 clocks should have struck as 1" to produce the "United States" from 13 substantially different colonies, he continued.

Equal rights and slavery were issues 200 years ago that have application to today's society also, the historian suggested. Wax is engaged in a study of slavery and the slave trade in colonial America. He has been an OSU professor of history since 1962.

## YOUR STATE EMPLOYMENT

**Question:** Is there another extension of Unemployment Insurance benefits which are paid for by the Federal government?

**Answer:** Yes, an amendment to the recent tax cut bill which has been signed by the President makes possible an extension of Federal Supplemental Benefit (FSB) for those still unemployed and who have exhausted their regular, extended and first Federal

Supplemental benefits. Under this new legislation, these persons will be able to continue receiving unemployment benefits for half the time of their regular claim, up to a maximum of 13 weeks. These new supplemental benefits are called FSB-2, claimstaking for them in Oregon Employment Division offices starting, Monday, April 14th.



North Carolina State sensation David Thompson has been named the first winner of the Eastman Award, symbolic of the country's top basketball player selected by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Basketball's equivalent of football's Heisman Trophy, the silver Eastman Award will be on permanent display at the Basketball Hall of Fame. It is presented annually to the player who receives the most votes in balloting for the coaches All-America team.

## PMSC holds seminars

The Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee has scheduled three Home Maintenance and Financing Seminars for the second week of May, 1975. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. National Bank of Oregon, First National Bank of Oregon, Contractors Management Association, and other concerned agencies will participate in the program. All the residents within the target areas of Southeast, Northeast and North Portland and other interested persons within the Portland area are invited to participate in the seminars free. For those residents who have any difficulty such as transportation, babysitting, etc., to participate in the seminars, they may apply for assistance at the PMSC Housing Program, 220 N.E. Russell. Phone: 288-8391.

The Seminars will be scheduled as follows:  
1. May 5th & 6th, 1975 — 7:30-10:00 p.m., University Park United Methodist Church, 4791 N. Lombard Street.

2. May 7th & 8th, 1975 — 7:30-10:00 p.m., PMSC Building, 220 N.E. Russell.

3. May 9th & 12th, 1975 — 7:30-10:00 p.m., St. Stephens Church, 1112 S.E. 41st Avenue.  
The subjects to be covered will be concentrated on Home Maintenance and Home Financing.

## NOTICE

The Student Coalition Against Racism will hold a statewide student conference against racism on Saturday, April 19th, 2:00 p.m. at the Matt Dishman Center, 77 N.E. Knott.

The Portland Student Against Racism is a local affiliate of the National Student Coalition Against Racism which was formed February 14th to organize a nationwide movement to stop the racist forces in Boston who have mobilized to maintain segregated schools in Boston.

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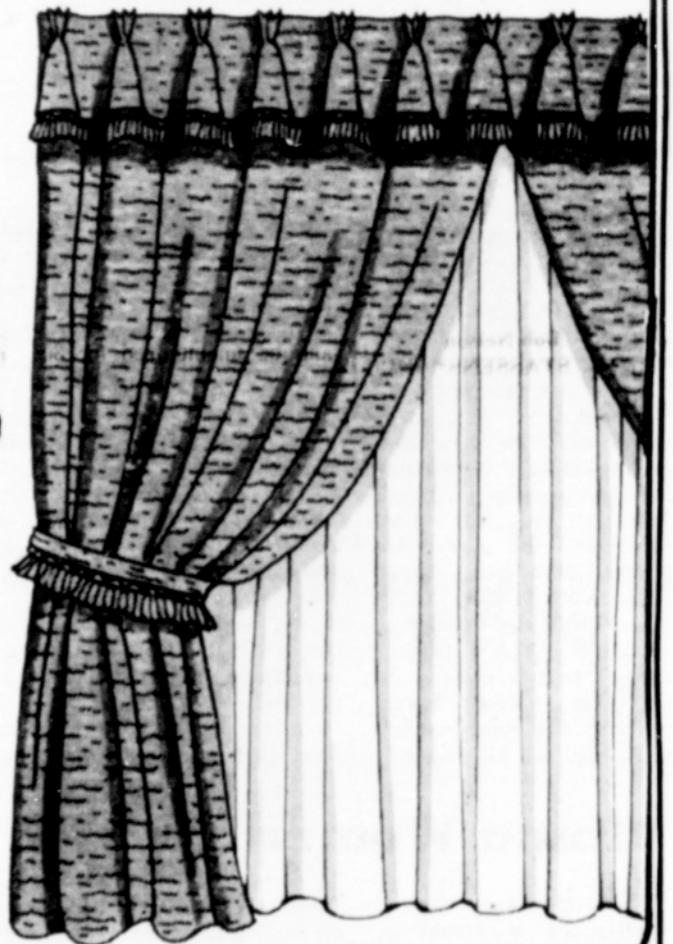
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