U. S. Tourists See Indian Dance Show

ABOARD THE S.S. INDEPEN-DENCE (INS)-A large group of American tourists recently was given a preview of an Indian cultural exhibition which will be presented next year in the United

A group of musicians and dancers from the Indian National Theatre was brought aboard the American Export Line cruise ship Independence to perform during the voyage to Bombay.

K. D. Rao, secretary of the INT and the director of the dancing and music activities of the theatre, announced aboard ship that plans are being completed to take a troupe of about 20 artists on an extensive tour of America during 1955.

Accord Enthusiastic Judging from the enthusiastic accord granted the performers aboard the Independence the American tour should be a suc-

In explaining the theater movement, started in 1944, Rao says, 'It is necessary that we express ourselves to other people in the same manner that we express our feelings to ourselves."

The work of the INT, he stated, is to promote a cultural renaissance at home, now well underway, and also to put the culture of the nation before people of other countries as a means toward a better understanding of india and its populace.

Indian musicians and dancers have appeared commercially in the United States in the past, but Rao says this will be the first time that a state-aided group is going to America with the express aim of international education.

The Indian National Theatre is not a commercial venture, he points out, and its skilled artists participate in its program because of a belief in the movement and do so often at the expense of giving up more lucrative opportunities in the entertainment

The secretary describes dancing as an integral, vital part of Indian life and as such, a wonderful insight into an understanding of the people. He says dancing is the Indian's principal way of entertaining himself and passing away leisure time.

Folk Dancing Appeal Pegging its appeal to this prominence of folk dancing, Rao says the theatre organization undertook a program of revitalizing an interest in classical dancing which was almost completely lost during the period before India achieved its independence.

To date the secretary says the reception of the INT presentations in India itself has been excellent and there has been much interest manifest in the work of the theatre

The routines presented aboard the Independence actually formed something of an experiment for the group, Rao explains.

They were able to learn what parts of the dance could be easily understood and were appreciated

by Americans. This information will be used in arranging the repertoire for the United States tour next year.

'Weasel' Gets Big Brother In U.S. Army

CAMP HALE, Colo. (INS) — The Army's "Weasel" now has a big brother, appropriately named the "Otter."

Troops participating in Exereise Ski Jump at Camp Hale, high in the Colorado mountains, tested the new vehicle.

The Otter is described in military language as a special-purpose, cross - country cargo and personnel carrier. It lives up to the description by going almost anywhere, including places where foot - slogging infantry would bog down.

The new carrier runs on full rubber tracks, which are mounted on pneumatic rubber tires rather than the conventional hard rubber bogies. Instead of dual brakes, it is steered by a bicycle-type handle bar.

The Otter has a completely enclosed aluminum hull. It will carry a cargo of 3,000 pounds, plus ten passengers and two

crewmen. Officers at Camp Hale said limitations of the vehicle "have not been established" by the tests thus far. However, among other things, the Otter will travel over sand, mud, and deep snow too soft to bear a man's weight. It will climb a 60 percent grade - or splash into a stream and plod along for six

hours at 412 miles an hour. All it needs now, said one of ficer, is an attachment so it can fly, and another so it can "make like a submarine."

2 Charged With Tool Theft at Pen **Appear in Court**

Two former Oregon prison inmates arrested in Portland on charges involving the theft of power tools from the State Prison Annex on April 3 appeared in Marion County District Court Wednesday.

Harry James Ericksen, Portland, was bound over to the grand jury on a larceny charge. Charles Al-bert Rowley, Dayton, was continued to today on a charge of parole

violation. The men were arrested by Portland police following investigation of the theft of a power saw and drill from the annex. The tools were later pawned in Portland.



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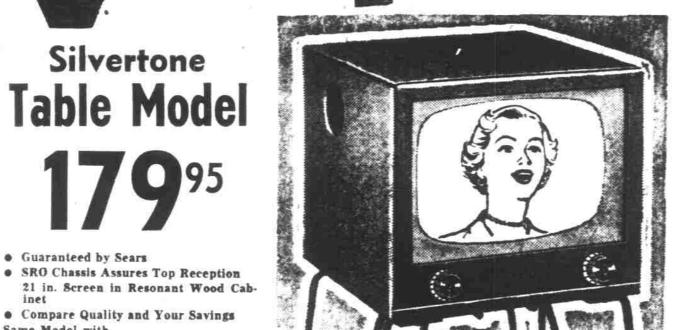
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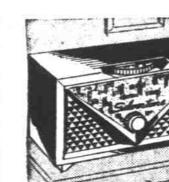
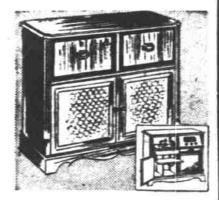


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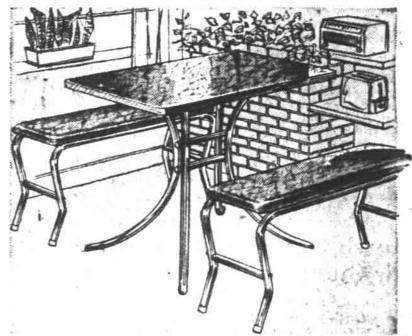
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