

'Little One' on Sid Caesar's Show Named Howard Morris

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NEW YORK (UP)—Television has brought street recognition of a sort to Howard Morris.

Those who spot him may not be able to lay tongue to his name immediately, but they don't need to.

"Oh, you're the little one," they'll say.

And that's identification enough for themselves or for anyone else.

"The little one" can only be the one who isn't Sid Caesar or Carl Reiner, plus-six-footers both to Morris' five-six.

This member of the quartet that dominates "Caesar's Hour"—the fourth and distaff member is Nanette Fabray—a legit dramatic actor turned comic who figures he has played in about 1500 sketches in six years on television.

"Just imagine that!" exclaimed the slight, serious-looking funny man.

"Why, if a stage comic had a career of 50 years, doing a new revue every year, he wouldn't appear in more than 250 sketches."

Played Hamlet

Morris is one comedian who has no yearning to play Hamlet. He's done it. Well, not Hamlet exactly, but "Hamlet."

After New York schooling and a few seasons of acting apprenticeship with various groups, Morris spent four years in the Army during World War II. Three of those overseas in the Pacific with entertainment unit headed by the then Major Maurice Evans which, among other things, played a condensed version of the Shakespearean tragedy which was known as the "G.I. Hamlet." Morris was the Laertes. He was back in the role when a civilian version was presented on Broadway in 1946.

"I was a first sergeant in Evans' unit," Morris recalled, "and do

you know who was one of my men? Carl Reiner."

Reiner has been with Caesar longer on an uninterrupted basis, but Morris was with him first.

From The First

"That was when Sid did his very first television work," Morris explained. "When Max Liebman did the old 'Admiral Revue' show for a season more than six years ago. I was around doing all sorts of bits for a while."

"Out of that came Max's 'Your Show of Shows' program for NBC, starring Sid and Imogene Coca, but by that time I had a role in the stage musical, 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' where I stayed for a couple of seasons."

"When I joined 'Your Show of Shows' in the fall of 1951, there was Carl again."

But for all the benefits, Morris considers three one-hour shows a month about all he or any other actor can take.

"When that fourth, idle week rolls around," he said, "I try to forget about television for seven days. I just stay home and relax. Or maybe 'collapse' is the better word."

Radioactive Particles Not Potent Long

Fairly simple measures are life-savers against radioactive "fall-out," according to an Oregon Civil Defense agency bulletin distributed this week to relieve apprehension should Portland be H-bombed.

Radioactive particles lose their strength rapidly, according to the bulletin, which points out that time and distance are survival factors.

Although fatalities could be 100 per cent in an area 100 miles downwind from the burst, earth-covered cellars would reduce the radiological hazard from outside measurements 100 per cent. The earth over the cellar should be at least three feet deep.

Hazard reductions of other covers are: basement, 90 per cent; ground floor of two-story building, 75 per cent; brick or stone house, 60 per cent; frame house without basement, 50 per cent; automobile, 25 per cent.

Length of time prescribed for remaining under cover in a fall-out area is "at least 12 hours or until directed otherwise." Places used for cover should contain food supplies, a battery-operated radio and other emergency provisions. Having the radio puts those under cover in a position to know when to emerge.

Gas Turbine For Railroads Described

PITTSBURGH (UP)—A coal-burning gas turbine—claimed to run a single railroad locomotive \$40,000 a year cheaper than current diesel models—was described Wednesday to the nation's coalmen.

It immediately set coal producers hoping they may be able to win back some of the once lush 100-million-ton-a-year railroad business by halting the swing to diesel locomotives.

John I. Yellott told representatives of the nation's coal industry the turbine is the coalman's best salesman in competing with railroad dieselization.

Store Boss Gets Back Stolen Loot

OSWEGO, Ore. (UP)—A food store manager Wednesday got back \$1,087 of the approximate \$1,140 lifted from an open safe at the store Saturday night.

It came in the mail, a cardboard box full of paper money. It had been mailed from nearby Portland without a return address or other identification.

The store manager, Orville Merrill, said a sack full of money had been taken from the open safe around dinner time Saturday. He estimated the sack held \$1,140. If his estimate is correct, the store is within \$53 of getting its money back.

IDAHO MAN KILLED

ONTARIO, Ore. (UP)—A truck ran downhill out of control, crashed into a roadside ditch, and fatally injured Richard Dean Solomon, 19, Caldwell, Idaho, Wednesday.

Chou Delays Departure for Asia Meeting

RANGOON, Burma (UP)—Premier Chou En-Lai appeared to have delayed his departure for the Asian-African conference Wednesday as the Chinese Communists accused "Western agents" of sabotaging an earlier planeload of Red delegates bound for Bandung, Indonesia.

No announcement was made of Chou's change of plans. Word just trickled down that the Communist Chinese premier would not arrive here. A Burmese Foreign Office source said there was no indication whether Chou had merely postponed his trip or cancelled it.

The premier had been expected to reach Rangoon Wednesday in an Air India plane chartered by the Chinese. The same airline owned another plane which crashed Monday in the South China Sea. Nineteen persons were aboard. Three were rescued.

India's Prime Minister Nehru, in a message of sympathy to Peiping Wednesday, said the crash had "some very unusual features."

The British Foreign Office in London said it had received a warning "of possible trouble in Hong Kong" about the plane from China and that "full precautions were taken." A Foreign Office spokesman termed the crash "an unfortunate accident."

Hong Kong's government ordered an investigation. But British colonial authorities said the possibility the Constellation was sabotaged there before its takeoff for Bandung—was "extremely remote."

Dancing Star 'Flamboyant' In City Concert

By STANLEY BUTLER

Assoc. Prof. of Music, Willamette U. Iva Kitchell is a flamboyant dancer of many characters, poking fun at all her creations, the entertainment of her audience. She was greeted gaily last night by a medium-sized audience at North Salem High School auditorium, where she was presented by the Associated Students of Willamette University.

Miss Kitchell took us into her confidence right off, letting us into her dressing room as she donned her costume for her first dance. Amidst exaggerated flourishes she primed and preened, using her audience as her mirror.

Satire, always made gentle by humor, characterizes Miss Kitchell's at-oneness with her characters and her audience. When the dance threatened to be too much "in character" there would slip in some awkwardness, often amazingly fleeting.

As the garland swayed in the May Dance we were young and graceful, and becoming intense as she skipped the garland; but then Miss Kitchell became entangled with that garland, and we came to our wits and laughed uproariously at being so clumsy.

The dancer is versatile in many ways. Perhaps such versatility was most strikingly shown in the dance "The Gentleman Friend," who was first greeted by the bon-bon lady in pink, and then by the brazen dame in blue.

Harvey Brown, assisting pianist, reflected Miss Kitchell's moods sympathetically.

Canada Gas Well Blaze Running Wild

FORT ST. JOHN, B. C. (UP)—Firemen and drillers are fighting to bring under control a flaming gas well that has caused an estimated \$500,000 damage in far Northern British Columbia.

The well, Trinity Canadian No. 6 situated about 30 miles west of the Alaska Highway and 70 miles northwest of this Northern B. C. village, ran wild Tuesday night destroying the rig, bunkhouses, cookhouse and office. The well is owned by Texas Exploration Co. No one was reported injured. Oilmen here said they believed it was the worst gas well fire in B. C. history.

General Manager of Atomic Board Named

WASHINGTON (UP)—Brig. Gen. Kenneth E. Fields, a key figure in nuclear weapons development, Wednesday night was named general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).

Commission Chairman Lewis L. Strauss said Fields would replace Maj. Gen. Kenneth D. Nichols on May 1.

At The Theaters Today

ELSinORE

"MA AND PA KETTLE AT WAIKIKI" with Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride
"TEN WANTED MEN" with Randolph Scott

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"CONQUEST OF SPACE" in Technicolor
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"THE BIG SLEEP" with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall

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Pioneer Valley Educator Dies At Age of 90

Statesman News Service

INDEPENDENCE—Alfred Benton West Hughes, 90, a pioneer Willamette Valley school-teacher and farmer, died late Wednesday in a Monmouth nursing home. His health had been poor since last summer.

Born June 2, 1864, in Bolivar, Mo., Hughes came west when he was 18 and graduated from the college of education at Monmouth in 1893. He then attended Willamette University for two years.

He taught in Lents, Amity, Hazel Green, Central Howell and Sublimity, giving up teaching in about 1897 and taking up farming. He farmed at Howell Prairie until 1932, then moved to northwest of Independence.

Active in Masonry, he was a member of Pacific Lodge and the Knights Templar and the Shrine.

His wife Charlotte died 42 years ago.

He leaves two sons, Lloyd W. Hughes, Independence, and Ellis L. Hughes, Salem; daughter Hazel Hughes, Independence; brothers Oma C. Hughes, Hermiston, and Joe A. Hughes, Riverside, Calif. He also leaves two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are in charge of the Smith-Krueger mortuary in Independence.

Lawyers Unit Condemns McCarthy

NEWARK, N. J. (UP)—A seven-man lawyers group has hit at the tactics used by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and his staff during a 1953 probe into alleged espionage at Ft. Monmouth.

The group's report, to be submitted at the New Jersey State Bar Assn. meeting May 5-7 in Atlantic City, was released to the press Wednesday.

Six members signed the report. Mendon Morrill, Paterson lawyer, filed a dissenting opinion with the committee.

Morrill accused the committee of hearing only one side of the story. He said the group listened to two attorneys representing suspected security risks and examined reports of the American Bar Assn. and newspaper articles for its information.

The majority report charged that McCarthy conducted hearings in an improper manner, denied lawyers the right to cross-examine, allowed hearsay testimony, and accused a witness of violating the espionage act, despite the fact that the investigations subcommittee had no right to determine anyone's innocence or guilt.

All complaints made about the Monmouth hearings, the report states, have been covered in the new procedures of the Senate permanent investigations subcommittee headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.).

Boats Sent to Aid of Sailboat

SEATTLE (UP)—The Coast Guard dispatched two boats Wednesday to aid of the 30-foot sailboat *Autie* after three occupants signaled a plane that they were out of food, water and fuel 52 miles northwest of Grays Harbor, Wash.

A Royal Canadian Air Force plane crew from the Comox Station on Vancouver Island sighted the sailboat and relayed the distress message.

GEN. MARCH DIES

WASHINGTON (UP)—Gen. Peyton C. March, World War I Army chief of staff, died Wednesday at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital. He was 90 years old last Dec. 27.

The aging general had been ill for some time at the hospital.

GOVERNORS TO SPEAK
UMATILLA (UP)—Govs. Arthur Langlie of Washington and Paul Patterson of Oregon will speak Friday at ceremonies dedicating the new five million dollar bridge across the Columbia River here.

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Jurors Picked For McCarthy Critic's Trial

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UP)—Political angles and personalities Wednesday figured in the questioning of prospective jurors for the Federal Court trial of Las Vegas publisher Herman M. (Hank) Greenspun on indecent mailing charges.

The names of Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.), the late Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) and columnist Westbrook Pegler entered frequently into the questioning conducted by U. S. Judge John R. Ross.

Only 11 of 25 prospects called remained in the jury box at the end of the first court day. Challenges by both prosecution and defense counsel promised more juror switches Thursday.

Greenspun has pleaded innocent to violating the postal regulation governing indecent and inflammatory matter. The government contends he mailed copies of his newspaper, the Las Vegas Sun, containing an article allegedly tending to incite the murder of Sen. McCarthy.

Greenspun has hinted his defense will bring in a counter charge that the indictment was politically inspired.

Judge Ross carefully asked veniremen whether they knew McCarthy, McCarran, Pegler or Greenspun personally, and whether they had any pre-conceived opinions of them. None had met McCarthy or Pegler, but many knew the two Nevadans, McCarran and Greenspun.

In his indicted column on McCarthy, Greenspun also mentioned McCarran and Pegler unfavorably, if less forcefully.

Reds Needed 'For Peace'

PRINCETON, N.J. (UP)—Formosan and Indochinese problems will not be settled peacefully without the Chinese Communist government, Foreign Secretary Lester B. Pearson of Canada said Wednesday night.

Pearson said that effective hammering out of disputed matters around China was impossible unless the Communist government participated in talks at the United Nations or elsewhere.

"That may be a regrettable state of affairs," he added.

TV Moguls In Squabble

WASHINGTON (UP)—The president of the Zenith Radio Corp. Wednesday night accused the CBS and NBC networks of trying to keep pay-as-you-see TV off the air because of fear of losing their "dominance and control" of television.

E.F. McDonald Jr., Zenith president, called for an immediate investigation by Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Justice Department. He said they should determine whether the networks are acting contrary to the law and the public interest.

GAS ELECTION PLANNED

BAKER (UP)—The City Council has scheduled a special election here about June 2. Voters will determine whether the city shall go into the natural gas business or let the franchise go to one of two private firms seeking it.

'Forget Vaccine Fees,' Doctors Asked in Chicago

CHICAGO (UP)—A Chicago physician Wednesday called upon others of his profession to "forget their concept of fees" in administering the Salk polio vaccine.

Dr. Joseph R. Guttman, 52, offered to inoculate the several hundred pupils at one elementary school without charge as "a matter of civic pride and not charity."

"I wish all the physicians in Chicago would come out and join the fight against polio and forget their concept of fees. If it were an epidemic instead of mass inoculation, certainly they wouldn't hesitate to give free medical service."

Dust Storms Damage Land

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Agriculture Department reported Wednesday that dust storms last month damaged an additional five million acres of land in the Great Plains.

This raised to more than 10 million acres the total amount of land damaged by wind erosion in that area since last November.

BOHLEN VISIT OKEHEH

MOSCOW (UP)—U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen said Wednesday night Soviet leaders have approved his projected spring visit to new farms in Central Asia and Southern Siberia.

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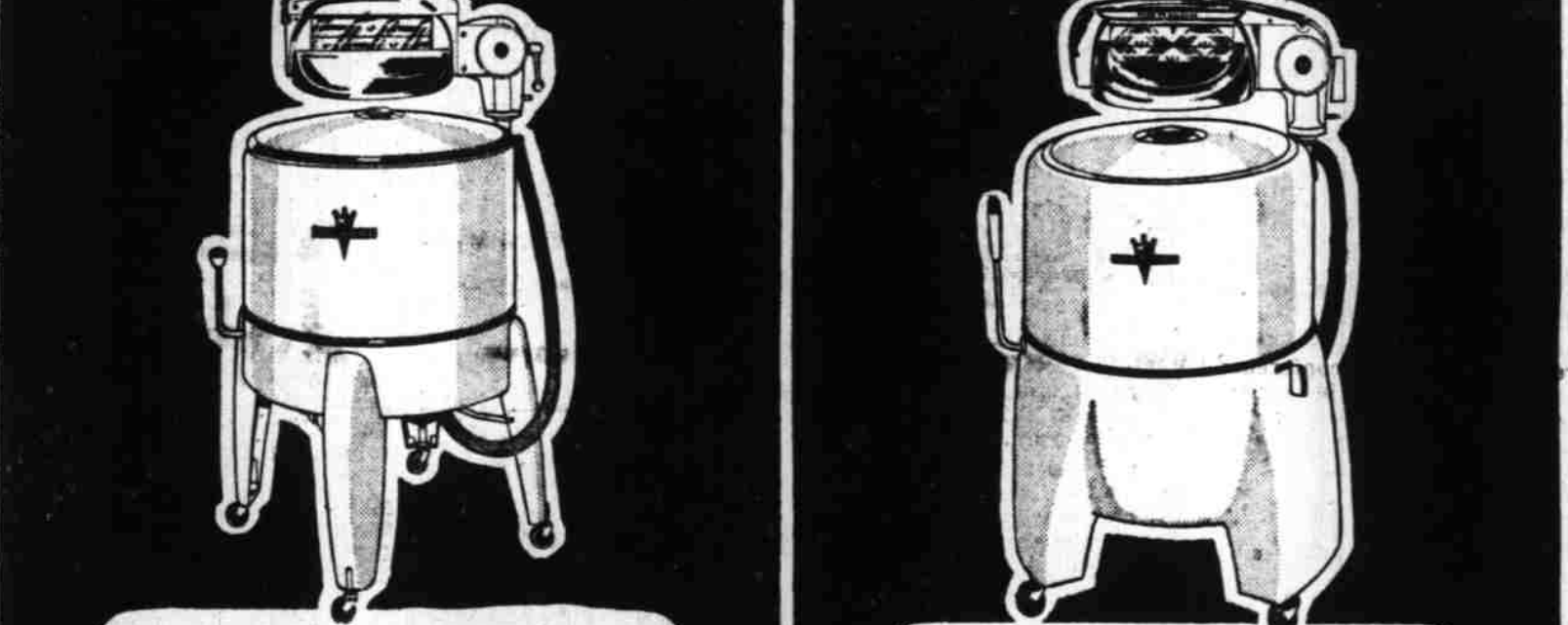
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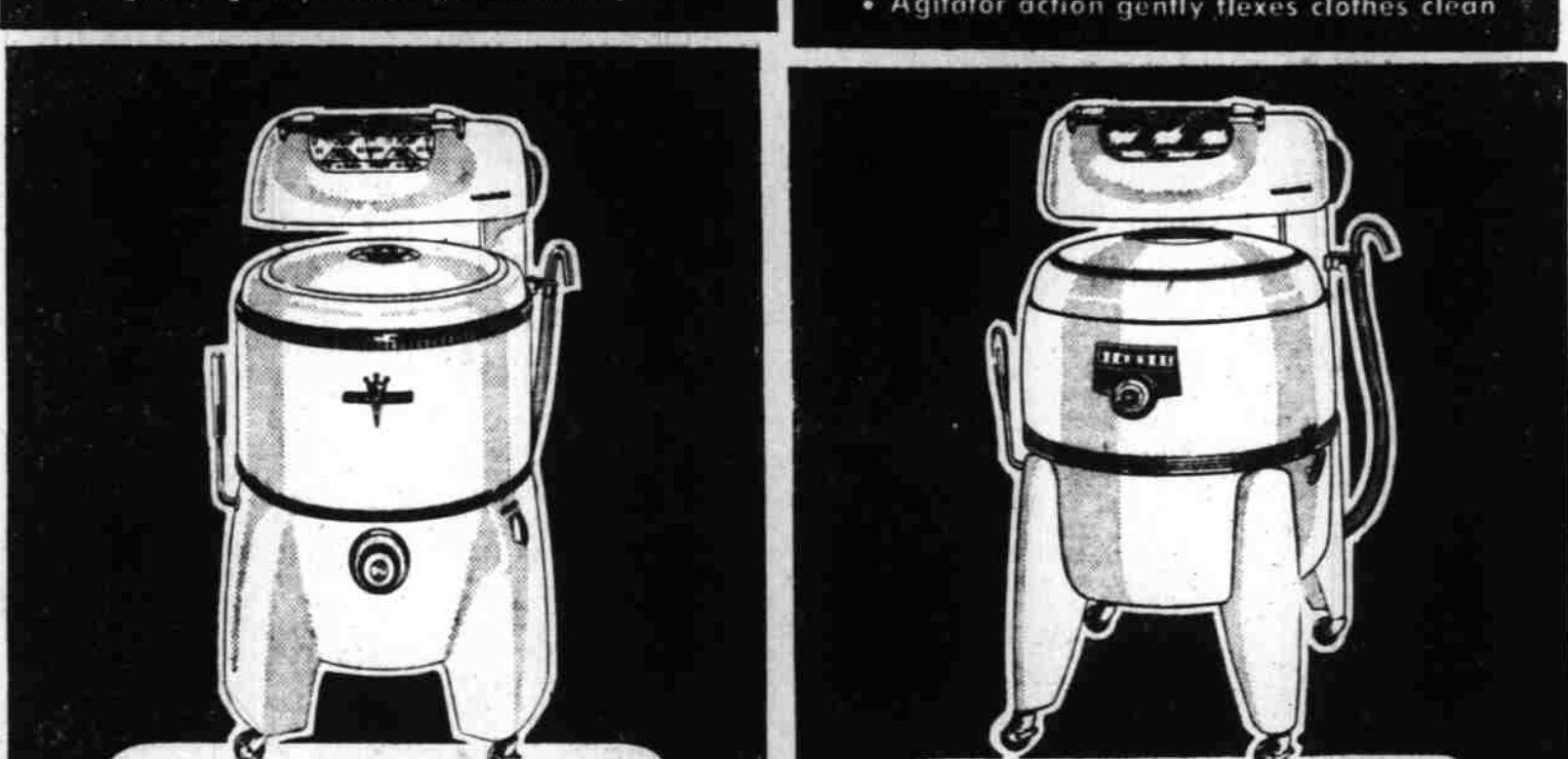
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