



DENNIS, THE MENACE



Finns must take into account close proximity of Soviet Russia

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HELSINKI (UPI) — An American visitor looked across the veranda where he was having lunch with a Finnish friend on a warm summer day toward the forested area of Porkkala, then a Soviet naval base.
"Just think," he remarked, "here we sit having lunch while just over there are the Russians."
"What do you expect us to do," retorted his host, "go without lunch because the Russians are only a mile away?"
Russians aren't the novelty they once were to much of the non-Communist world but the Finnish attitude toward them still holds. Being neighbors of the Russians is one of the fundamental facts of life for a Finn.
If ever a policy of "Love Thy Neighbor" made sense in this world, it is here in Finland. This is not to say the Finns live in a state of political servitude. They don't.
Finland is a member in very good standing in the United Nations, although she seldom votes on highly controversial issues. She works well with the other members of the Nordic council, which is still her main doorway on Western Europe. She has affiliated with EFTA and will have to make her peace with the Common Market when the time comes.
Finland is still relatively unknown in the outside world. "Brave Little Finland" is a name that means something to an older generation, and in the United States, Finland is still known mainly as the debt-paying country of the Sauna.
But geography has placed Finland outside the main stream of things, and no one comes to Finland unless he or she wants to come to Finland, or is on the way to the Soviet Union. This year's tourist travel, for all that it is growing in a big way, will probably not add up to more than 600,000 visitors, most of these from neighboring Sweden.
For Finland appeals only to a certain type of tourist, the visitor who wants to get out on the water in a sailboat, go fishing in a river or lake, or drive through mile after mile of forest-covered country. This is an outdoor country, and despite the carefully guarded traditions of a few restaurants, Finland is not a country of good food and wine.

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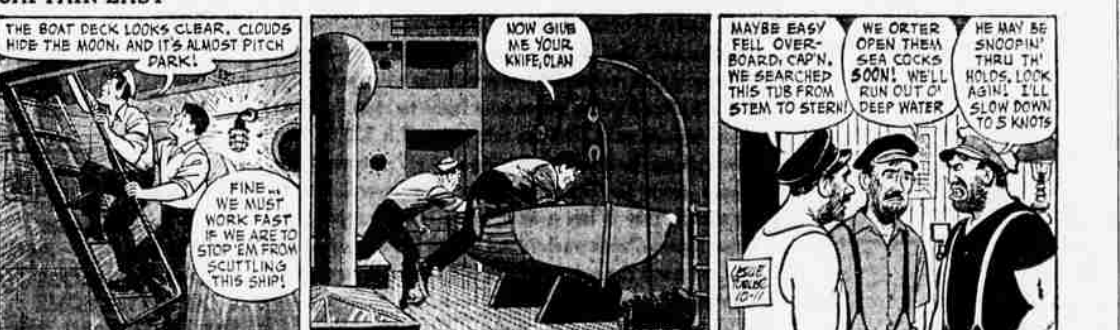
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Television in review

It might have been top show minus useless woman character

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — The last new entertainment series of the season, NBC-TV's "Suspense Theatre," premiered Thursday night with a story of an American soldier captured in Korea in a Red Chinese uniform, and convicted as a traitor.
To begin with, the one-hour show was not what is normally considered a suspense story, except from the view that there is suspense in nearly all dramas. Still, it might have been a whale of a program, with plenty of taut mystery, if a useless woman character had not been inserted to jazz up the proceedings with melodrama extraneous to the theme of justice and military careers. The second half of the drama will be shown next Thursday. And before this review proceeds, let it be said that it is still good to have another new anthology — the fourth for NBC this fall — that does not depend on the usual running characters in serial form.
Thursday night, Lee Marvin appeared briefly as the soldier sentenced to death. He maintained he had been sent on a secret mission by a colonel, but the officer was killed during his absence, and no proof was found that he had ordered Marvin on such a venture. However, the military prosecutor who got Marvin convicted (Brad Dillman) feels the defense was badly handled and has doubts.
If the story had held itself firmly to this tack, and had Dillman pursued his doubts from his own torment alone—despite the taunts of other officers and the danger to his career—it could have been a rock-solid hour. It would have had the setting for a really outstanding theme, since, in the story, American troops were in the midst of retreat, and here was a man still concerned with justice for a single human being.
No such luck. In popped Marvin's wife (Vera Miles), straight from the states, and like many a beautiful woman, she left havoc in her wake, as the weather reports say. Naturally Dillman and she fall for each other, and before you know it the hour is an assortment of plot contrivances threatened by a writer. With girl in tow, Dillman defies a general, searches the dead colonel's personal effects and digs up his grave — to discover his body isn't there.
Before you know it, the general grants Marvin a stay and names Dillman to defend him this time. And before you know it again, Dillman is discovered in a clinch with Marvin's wife, and the general now tells him that he will be court-martialed after defending Marvin.
The Channel Swim: Judy Garland's daughter, Liza Minnelli, sings with Maurice Chevalier in a segment of NBC-TV's hour special on New York society's "April in Paris Ball" Oct. 27. Jean Pierre Aumont is video host of the charity affair... Actress Simone Signoret and authoress Simone de Beauvoir appear on ABC-TV's "The World's Girls" special Oct. 25.
CBS-TV, which didn't know exactly what to do with Jerry Van Dyke on its new "Judy Garland Show," finally dropped him; he may do his own series for the network... Two of ABC-TV's Jerry Lewis shows are expected to originate from Las Vegas next month when he plays an engagement there.
INVESTIGATING SUGAR
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department is investigating sugar prices.
The department called on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange Thursday to "furnish information regarding positions in sugar futures carried by its clearing members since the latter part of August."
The inquiry follows a recent sharp rise in sugar prices.

Broadcasters seeking change

PORTLAND (UPI) — President Frank Stanton of the Columbia Broadcasting System Thursday urged "much broader support" for television's campaign to lift the controversial equal-time restriction in political broadcasting.
Stanton, in an address here on the role of television in the democratic process, referred to provisions regulating handling of political campaigns outlined by section 35 of the Communications Act.
He said broadcasters got the revision of the act exempting certain categories of broadcasts to make possible the Kennedy-Nixon debates in 1960.
The CBS head said the networks were getting suspension in 1961, but "only in the cases of the presidential and vice-presidential offices and, in all probability, only for 60 days before the election, after the nominees have already been chosen."
He said continuing appeals before Congressional committees and politicians whose interests "ought to be the last to be considered."
Robert Kennedy asked to testify on rights bill
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House Judiciary Committee, whose subcommittee wrote a stronger civil rights bill than President Kennedy requested, today asked Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy to testify about the administration's views on the strengthened bill.
The call for the President's brother to testify next week came after Negro officials charged that the Justice Department has been working against the subcommittee bill.
The committee is close to voting on amendments to the subcommittee bill. One amendment would throw out the entire section on voting rights and the other would limit the section to federal elections as the administration's original bill would have done.

Like Each Other

The Finns do well enough by the Russians, and the Russians seem to have a genuine liking for the Finns. The Soviet Union last year supplied Finland with 14 per cent of her imports and took about 17 per cent of Finland's exports. Only Britain buys more from the Finns than the Russians do.
Finland has been allowed to lease, for 50 years, the lost half of the border-crossing Saimaa Canal that drains the Saimaa Lake area of southeast Finland. Once it was an important waterway from the timber areas to the sea. Now, Finnish industrialists are not so sure. But as far as most Finns are concerned, the important thing is that they got the canal back.
Finland is also an associate member of EFTA, the smaller of the two European trading groups. That was possible after Finland got both sides to agree that the Russians would have the same trading privileges in Finland as would the EFTA members.
"We have noted here in Finland," President Urho Kekkonen recently told United Press International, "that the better our relations with the U.S.S.R., the better our relations remain with all other countries."
Relations Are Cordial
President Kekkonen has made it his business to see that relations with the Russians are as cordial as they can be, ignoring occasional comments that he goes too far in his search for friendship.
Finland today has a fairly healthy economy, paper and pulp sales have been weak for the past year, with increased North American supplies on the market. The cost-of-living index has gone up about six per cent in the past year. Free-spending Finns, still riding on the crest of the 1958-59 recovery, are importing more than they sell. Last year imports exceeded exports by about 130 million dollars.
The past six years have seen a remarkable change in Finland's appearance. Where once stores stocked pressure cookers from Israel, washing machines from Norway, and other products of bilateral trading, shops now stock the same broad multi-nations lines as do stores elsewhere in Europe. Finland has eliminated quota systems on practically all imports except autos, and imports may buy where they wish.
Helsinki Is Growing
Housing is going up on every vacant lot. For Helsinki is still growing, and there is no let up in the pressure for more and better homes. The crying need is for the two- or three-room flat that a family with an average income can afford. Two rooms and kitchen nowadays means a

GOP hoping to pick up House seats

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) — The Republicans hope to gain at least seven Congressional seats in the 13 Western states.
This estimate came today from Frank Reynolds of San Francisco, Western Regional Coordinator for the GOP's National Congressional Committee. Democrats now lead 41-29 in the number of Western congressmen.
Reynolds said in an interview at the Western Republican Conference that despite the congressional lineup favoring Democrats, President John F. Kennedy's program will be a major issue in the legislative campaigns next year.
"He is not the hero of the West," Reynolds said. "He only won three states out here in 1960."
The GOP official said he expected the Republicans to pick up two seats now held by Democrats in California and one each in Montana, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.
"Of course, if Kennedy comes up with a planned crisis in Cuba or something like that, he could hurt us badly," said Reynolds. "But the civil rights issue has hurt him."
LOOK TO FUTURE
FLORENCE, S. D. (UPI) — The Florence High School had hopes today of better luck in basketball.
Bryant, S. D., High School defeated Florence 97-0 in football this week.

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