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Television in review

'Hollywood Palace' welcome change from Jerry Lewis show

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — ABC-TV, which lost a small fortune on the Jerry Lewis series, replaced it during the weekend with an all-star vaudeville-style show that was a welcome change in taste and quality.

The level of the new, weekly, one-hour program, "The Hollywood Palace," will depend pretty much on the varying hosts and guests. Thus, while Bing Crosby carried off the hosting on the Saturday debut with his customary grace, this week's emcee will be Bob Cummings, and those who remember him as a fill-in on the "Tonight" show in 1962 may get the advance shudders. Still, the production staff seems efficient, and Cummings' guests will include Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks, Anthony Newley and the chanteuse Patachou.

On the opener, which was an Ed Sullivan-type West Coast entry, there was a slight bit of sound trouble; and at least one performer, Nancy Wilson, a neat and fine singer, was cut rather short, with only a single number. But over-all, the hour was extremely pleasant family entertainment, highlighting well-known routines of name performers.

Mickey Rooney and Bobby Van did an uproarious takeoff on "Candid Camera," in which the interviewer (Van) had tasted of garlic. Bob Newhart did his Madison Avenue telephone routine of Sir Walter Raleigh trying to sell his discovery of tobacco to the front office. Crosby and his son, Gary, teamed up for a bit of singing. There were charming puppets, and breezy clowns and acrobats. In all, a fast, well-paced improvement on the past.

Also last Saturday, CBS-TV aired a one-hour tribute to Jackie Gleason for his 35 years in show business by exhuming clips of the star in his past performances as an actor, comedian and subject of video interviews. There are those who suggest that the main reason for the tribute was to help butter up Gleason to assure he returns to CBS for another season. Whatever the purpose, and despite some natural extended admiration by Gleason's former sidekick, host Art Carney, the hour was pleasurable indulgence.

Besides pointing up Gleason as the logical heir to Diamond Jim Brady, the program demonstrated anew that the performer, at his best, is a brilliant actor, and that his chief excellence stems from his intuitive insights into the pathos of the human heart. And with it all came the reminder of Gleason's perfect instinct for the knowledge that, even in a gray flannel era, the real showman still has a checkered-vest heart.

Plans made for Wallace tour

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI) — Final arrangements for Gov. George Wallace's 10-day speaking tour of five western states have been announced.

Press Secretary Bill Jones said Saturday six college speeches, eight conferences with industrial leaders and 24 news conferences were scheduled for the whirlwind visit.

Wallace has expressed optimism on chances of bringing several new manufacturing prospects to Alabama.

Industrial stopovers are slated at Denver, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle, where a group of Alabama businessmen will meet the touring party Jan. 15.

Jones said Wallace would make campus addresses at Colorado State University, the University of Denver, University of Arizona, UCLA, University of Oregon and University of Washington.

The governor's party, including several members of the Capitol Hill press corps, is slated to leave Montgomery Monday at noon and arrive in Denver about 3 p.m.

THANKS PEACE CORPS

TUNIS, Tunisia (UPI) — President Habib Bourguiba thanked 91 members of the U.S. Peace Corps Sunday for their services here during the past two and one-half years. The group is scheduled to return home soon.

Cape Kennedy really more than just another place to live

By Alvin B. Webb Jr.

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CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) — Cape Kennedy is more than just another place to live. It is a way of life, a sort of 20th century pioneering.

Our days at Spaceport U.S.A. are accomplished. This family of Webbs is trekking out to Houston, Tex., to open a new United Press International bureau at the Federal Space Agency's Manned Spacecraft Center.

But we found what others who have gone before have found—that departing the unique environs of Cape Kennedy is difficult indeed.

One wonders why. The residential areas could hardly be considered attractive in the spotty communities—Cocoa Beach, Cocoa, Rockledge, Titusville, Cape Canaveral City, Satellite Beach, Melbourne and so on—that dot the flat countryside within a 30-mile radius of the missile testing center.

Space-high Rent

Fairly attractive apartments can run as high as \$300 or more for two or three bedrooms. And about the only thing fabulous about many of the houses is the price—\$27,000 and upwards for three bedrooms. Waterfront is extra.

The whole pace is in a "boomtown" orbit, and the prices are right up there too. Food and merchandise are New Yorkish in cost. Schools are too few and often too far away, and there is not a full four-year college within 50 miles.

The tap water is so bad that even the normally unfussy Webb cats will not drink it. Snakes of the rattling variety abound and occasionally choose to sun their five-foot lengths in one's front yard. Mosquitoes feed lavishly every year on the 150,000 hapless residents.

Drink and Divorce

The rate of alcoholic consumption is high, possibly high because of the constant tension and the instant planning of activities for a restless populace. The divorce rate is high because of high-pressure working conditions that can demand a man's presence on the job for upwards of 100 hours a week.

Roads are too few and too crowded, and a drive from Cape Kennedy to one's home 10 miles away can turn into a one-hour proposition at the wrong time of day. The accident rate is high and getting higher.

The weather at Cape Kennedy borders on the atrocious. The summer's humidity seeps into the very marrow of one's bones. Winter temperatures can run a 60-degree gamut in 24 hours. And there is the monsoon season, about three times a year, when it rains almost horizontal.

Isolated Homes

Even a quiet evening at home can be trying. The nearest television stations are 60 miles away, and it's a toss-up as to whether you will get Dr. Kildare or a screenful of snow. The mail service is slow, and the telephone is a gamble, particularly if it rains over one-half inch.

The residents cuss, fuss, scream, argue, rant and rave. But still they come, and still they hate to go.

And one still wonders why. Some have left Cape Kennedy without a second thought. One missile worker, now in Denver, said succinctly: "I just don't want to see that damned place again."

Some Like It

Others have left, and bitterly regretted every minute of it. A top flight aerospace company executive, now at the firm's headquarters on the West Coast, said "Come back? Hell, I'd be here tomorrow if someone would offer even just enough money to live from day to day."

Still another, now further up the East Coast near Washington,

is still trying to convince himself: "Oh, we like it fine. The work is great. Still, we sort of miss all this..."

And some flatly refuse to leave, no matter how bad life becomes for them at Cape Kennedy. One, once a top project official on a now-dead program, has been scouting around for a job, almost any job, that will keep his family fed, clothed and sheltered.

And for him, that job has to be at Cape Kennedy.

There is a peculiar, almost deadly fascination about the boisterous, booming spaceport that is its gift to you—in return for what seems like a chunk of your heart, or maybe a little of your soul.

Probably no one will ever define this strange tie. And only those who break it—or who try—could ever know its strength.

Progress made toward unity of Christians

JERUSALEM (UPI) — Pope Paul VI made history and further progress toward Christian unity in meetings Sunday night and today with Athenagoras I, patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Although neither side attempted to minimize the difficulties of reunion after 910 years of division, both stressed the things that the two churches have in common.

Pope Paul said it is fitting "that, as pilgrims from Rome and from Constantinople, we should be able to meet and be united in a common prayer."

Athenagoras said "from now on we mean business."

The patriarch, in flowing robes of black and with long grey beard, stood a head above the white-clad pontiff. Rome newspapers reported the Pope shunned his gilded throne for the meeting and sat in a chair identical to that of his guest.

The two meetings were the first between a Pope and a patriarch since 1054, and they were held within 12 hours of each other. The two leaders exchanged embraces and kisses of greeting to begin both meetings. Both were held at the apostolic residence here, where the Pope is staying on his Holy Land pilgrimage.

The Pope warned that "the roads which lead to union may be long and sown with difficulties."

"Divergencies of a doctrinal, liturgical, and disciplinary nature will have to be examined at the proper time and place in a spirit of fidelity to truth and of understanding in charity," he added.

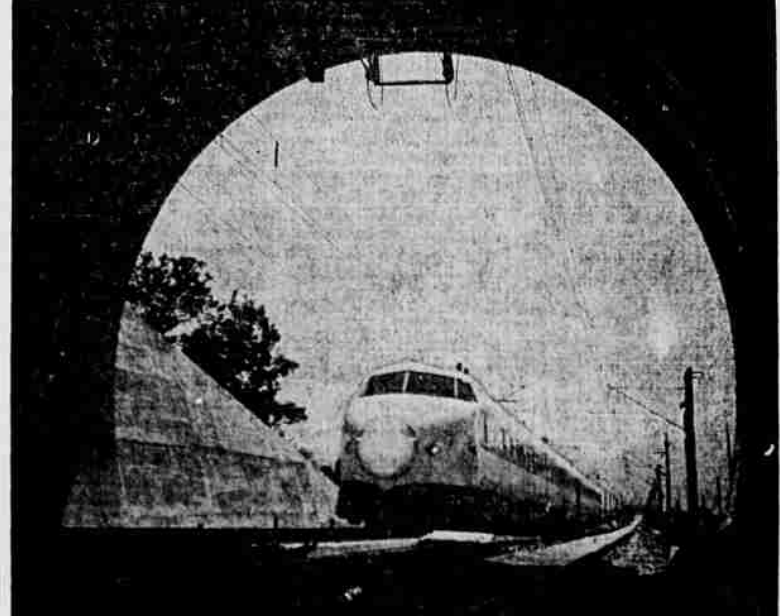
"The meeting opens the door wide to numerous further meetings," Athenagoras said. Informed sources reported the Orthodox Church would decide at its March meeting whether to send a delegation to the Ecumenical Council, the Vatican's Christian unity conference, when it resumes next fall.

Ex-lawmaker's condition poor

PORTLAND (UPI) — Former Oregon Congressman A. W. Lafferty remained in poor condition at St. Vincent Hospital here today.

However, a spokesman at the hospital said that Lafferty, 88, had shown "a small amount of improvement" since he entered the hospital Wednesday following a stroke.

He was elected to the U.S. House in 1911 and was re-elected in 1913.



TOMORROW'S RAILROAD TODAY — The world's first railroad of the future, the New Tokaido Line, is a double-track, electrified, 320-mile line between Japan's principal cities, Tokyo and Osaka. Passenger trains travel continuously at 124 miles an hour, while freight trains run at 81 miles an hour. Grade crossings are entirely eliminated. The line could set an example of modern, high-speed, intercity transportation for the rest of the world.