

Making TV Actors



During the first complete calendar year of operation, the Protestant Radio Commission produced and arranged for 2,128 radio and television programs of Bible stories for children. This total resulted in an average of 41 programs each week, many of them puppet shows of Bible stories. These puppets (pictured in this story) are the creations of a husband and wife team, Leslie and Mabel Beaton. Above, for instance, the Beaton-made TV actors are shown in a scene from "The Ten Talents."



Settings and props for the famous Beaton TV shows are authentic down to the last detail. In the above picture Leslie Beaton is shown finishing one of the "actors" just before he makes his entrance in front of the camera. Notice the detail and almost life-like expression of the repentant sinner (right) who appears in "The Lost Sheep." Everett C. Parker, famous for development of new techniques of religious education in the field of broadcasting, is the director of the Protestant Radio Commission which puts out the TV films.



Sculptress Mabel Beaton (above) is shown working on one of her marionette heads. The life-like figure (left) is the Good Shepherd from the parable of the "Lost Sheep." At the right Mrs. Beaton dresses a puppet. The Protestant Radio Commission has completed four films for TV. They are "The Ten Talents," "The Good Samaritan," "The Lost Sheep" and "The Prodigal Son."



The figure above is the seductive dancer from the inn scene in "The Prodigal Son". The Beaton figures are meticulously designed and executed.



In the scene above two brothers carry the fatted calf to the welcome feast on the return of the prodigal. Notice the fine details of the scene, including the basket and water jugs, flowers and trees.



Social Security

BETWEEN NOW and April 30 many thousands of farm owners and housewives in the home towns of the country must file quarterly returns and pay the 3 per cent tax under the new provisions of the social security law.

For the 81st congress made benefits of social security apply to farm workers and to domestic workers and other folks who work for hire, not covered under the original provisions of the law.

The new law, effective January 1, provides that if a farm employee has worked from October through December, 1950, and at least 60 days for the same farmer in the three months, January, February and March, and has received a minimum of \$50 in cash, then he is eligible for benefits under the social security act. And he will continue to qualify so long as he works 60 days in any subsequent quarter and gets the minimum \$50 in cash.

So farm owners who have workers on their payrolls under these conditions must get an identification number from the government, and each employee must get a social security number. The farmer gets his number by filling out form SS-4A and the employee must fill out form SS-5. These forms may be obtained from the nearest tax collector, or postoffice, or probably from your rural route carrier.

The tax returns must be filed quarterly to include the 1 1/2 per cent out of the employee's pay and 1 1/2 per cent out of the farmer's pocket to make a total of 3 per cent. The farmer makes his return on form 941 which he will receive from the tax collector every quarter.

The treasury department has compiled a booklet which answers all questions relative to the new social security taxes called "Agricultural Employer's Social Security Tax Guide". It may be obtained free by writing to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, U.S. Treasury Department, Washington 25, D.C.

Housewives also must file similar returns for their maids, laundresses, gardeners, hired hands and others who qualify under the law.

Disagrees With Kline

Allan Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, at a luncheon here in Washington the other day, told those present that if price controls were placed on farm produce, the American farmer would not give all-out production of crops or animals or produce.

Assuming that price controls are placed upon every other commodity, this reporter, who attended this luncheon, believes that Kline is underestimating the patriotism, the moral fibre and character of the American farmer.

If we remember correctly, the greatest production ever attained by the farmers of America was during the last war when price controls were in effect, and granting that there has been a floor under a few major crops and hogs, since the war, the American farmer has not failed once, to give all-out production when called upon to do so.

This reporter is of the opinion, that even if such price ceiling were placed upon farm produce wherein farmers were not making the tremendous profits they are making today under the parity system, if called upon by their government they would respond like any other segment of the American people and give their all-out efforts toward a common cause of national security, since food is essential to this security.

Kline is opposed to the imposition of price controls anywhere, or wage controls, preferring to rely upon the law of supply and demand and the imposition of sufficient taxes, curtailed credit, public debt management and other fiscal controls to meet the threat of inflation, and defense costs.

Taft Makes His Pitch

Sen. Robert A. Taft, Mr. Republican, has made his pitch. He did it the first day of the new session of congress by vehemently objecting to the fact that President Truman, due to a stress of emergency business, and bills piled up by the lame-duck congress which adjourned the day before, decided not to give his "State of the Union Message" until Monday, January 8.

Heretofore, the President has delivered the message the day following convening of congress, which would have been January 4. The late Ohioan said this wasted the time of congress, although it could not conduct business because no committees had been named.

The senator from Ohio followed that up the next day with a tirade against Mr. Truman's constitutional authority either to send American troops to Europe or Korea without approval of congress.



Historical Expediency

FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS the established foreign policy of the United States as applied to the far east, under both Republican and Democratic administrations, was to recognize and support whatever was the established government of China, whether it was good or bad. We considered it the government of the Chinese people. That was true of the decidedly bad government of the old dowager empress, and we assisted in her defense against the Boxer uprising, for which we did not ask and, in fact, refused to accept any compensation when offered.

When Japan invaded Manchuria, President Hoover urgently appealed to the League of Nations for protection against the aggression. Because of the inability of the League to provide a force for such a purpose, that appeal was in vain. We loudly proclaimed the Atlantic Charter and at Casa Blanca assured China that under its provisions we would see that Manchuria was returned to her at the close of the war with Japan.

Despite such promises, we passed over to Russia some Chinese territory, including the ports and railroads of Manchuria, without telling China we had violated our promises to her. We permitted the division of Korea and withdrew our troops from South Korea before that small nation was in a position to defend itself from Communist aggression.

When China, under the government of Chiang Kai Shek was fighting both the Japs and the Communists, President Roosevelt sent General Patrick J. Hurley to China to investigate and report. Hurley claimed he found numerous advocates and friends of Communism among the personnel of the state department serving in China and sent two of them home, and issued reprimands to others.

Then came General Marshall who proposed that Chiang admit to his government a number of the Communists as constituting a majority in his government. Chiang refused to consider that proposal. Marshall was followed by Gen. Weidmeyer. President Truman asking that he investigate and report. That report, whatever it may have been, is buried in the files of the state department, and the American people have not been permitted to know its content.

China with a population of some 700,000,000 represents several times the population of Russia. In both man power and natural resources, she has a tremendous war potential. The efforts of the state department of the past have been to prevent that war potential from falling into the hands of what might prove an enemy of the United States. Either through errors in judgment, or by intent, it would seem the present state department has done much to accomplish what its predecessors worked many years to prevent.

Congress has appropriated considerable sums to assist the Chiang government. Through the activities of the state department, much of such appropriation failed to reach Chiang.

In this country some of those charged with favoring the Chinese communists have been convicted by the courts and are now serving prison sentences.

Under such conditions, it is small wonder that the American people have lost what confidence they may have had in Secretary Acheson and the department he heads. Directly and indirectly his efforts have been in the direction of appeasing Moscow, without regard to the effect on this country. The action of President Truman in defending South Korea from Communist aggression met with practically universal approval, but the actions of Secretary Acheson, whether the result of bad judgment, or worse, have been as universally disapproved.

In such differences as have arisen between Secretary Acheson and General MacArthur, the people have almost unanimously approved MacArthur. A change is in order, and now we want a state department that will represent the interests of America, rather than those of Moscow, whether they be errors of judgment, or worse.

At the Republican convention in Chicago in 1944, Governor Warren was urged by some of his California friends to refuse second place on the ticket with Governor Dewey, with the assurance that if he refused he would have top place in 1948. It did not work out that way, but possibly the date was merely deferred for four years to 1952. It looks that way now, unless General Eisenhower should decide to tell the Republicans he will accept if the nomination is tendered him next year.

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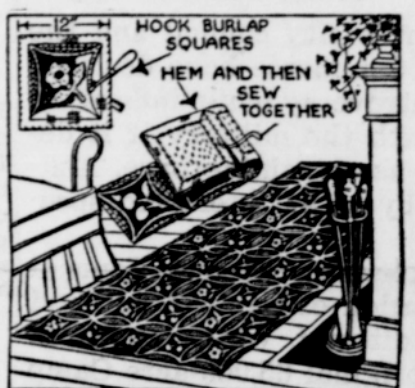
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