

Ferrer Dominated By Secret Love

New York—(U.P.)—Everybody who has seen Jose Ferrer acting Cyrano de Bergerac knows that Cyrano's life was dominated by a great hidden passion. Nobody knew, however, until recently, that the private life of Ferrer was dominated by a secret love.

With Ferrer it was not a woman. It was art.

The fact is that the successful actor, director and producer wanted all his life to be a painter.

He was drawn since his early youth. He has made a few brilliant tries in painting, too. His other great gifts pulled him toward the stage, however.

In his hectic life, split up between Broadway and Hollywood, Ferrer does not have the leisure to set up his easel. He is lucky if he has time to do a few lucky pencil sketches. He did, however, in recent years two full size self-portraits.

His friend, the photographer Alfredo Valente, knew about them. When the new school for social research organized the other day an exhibition of self-portraits by some 30 well known artists, Valente succeeded in inducing Ferrer to show one of his self-portraits.

The artists were so thrilled by the presence of the work of such a distinguished amateur that they asked Ferrer to inaugurate the show with a little speech.

The actor-artist came and told about his secret dream and how he has been yearning to be an artist all the time.

"I am still a bobby-soxer when it comes to famous artists," he said. "Whenever I see one of them, I follow him in the street. I watch how he walks and talks and what he wears. Art is my unhappy love."

He was overcome with emotion. There was still a nostalgic gleam in his eyes when somewhat later he drove off toward the brilliant lights of Broadway, which beckoned from far through the night like uncounted beacons of fame.

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—A super-sensitive Geiger counter that actually draws a picture of a thyroid gland now is in active hospital use to detect many hard-to-find thyroid diseases, including cancer.

The instrument, known as the beta scintillation counter, has diagnosed approximately 100 patients since it first was put into diagnostic use last September, said Dr. Thomas F. Barrett, clinical professor of medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles.

"We have found the scintillation counter extremely valuable in picking up many thyroid problems that have been missed by all other diagnostic means," Dr. Barrett said.

Body in Wrecked Car Stirs After Inquest

Baytown, Tex. — (U.P.) — A carload of youths passed a wrecked automobile and saw a body inside. They reported it to officers.

Deputy Sheriff M. M. Brown investigated and a justice of the peace had almost completed his inquest. He was preparing to pronounce the wreck victim dead.

Then the surprised "body" stirred, rubbed sleep from his eyes and discovered he had slept through his own inquest.

Joseph Mingo, the 23-year-old Negro "victim," explained he had been unhurt when his car overturned but decided to spend the night in his wrecked vehicle before seeking help.

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