

**Around Hollywood**

By ALINE MOSBY

Hollywood — (U.P.) — One of the "stars" on Jimmy Durante's television show the other night got no salary, costumes or dialogue and at the end of the program disappears forever.

This guest was a moving spot of light. It weaves across the floor while in the background you hear a soft shoe route from some unseen dancer.

That spotlight represented one of the greatest acts and one of the longest friendships in show business.

To sentimental Jimmy the light was a tribute to his one-time partner, Lou Clayton, who died five years ago. And it was a realization of a long-time ambition.

The story of the spotlight began in 1923 when Durante and Eddie Jackson, the "strutter" on TV show, were running the Club Durante in New York. Clayton, a vaudeville headliner, came to the speakeasy above a garage one January night. He had just lost \$95,000 in a floating crap game on 37th st.

"He was the greatest soft shoe dancer in the business," rasped Jimmy today. "A good friend put up some money for him—and he bought into our club."

The act became Clayton, Jackson and Durante. The trio became the sensation of those roaring speakeasy days. Then in 1931 the act broke up when Jimmy received a movie offer from MGM.

In September, 1950, Clayton died of cancer with Durante at his bedside. Jackson stayed with Durante and appears on his TV show and his nightclub act.

Two years ago on a live TV show Eddie and Jimmy danced again with Clayton via the moving spotlight. Saturday night they repeated the bit because Jimmy wanted it on one of his filmed NBC-TV shows.

"I'm glad I got it on film. Now I can keep it forever," said the Schnoz. "Every time I see this spotlight, chills go up my spine."



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LOST IN THOUGHT—The photographer is completely forgotten as President Eisenhower, with the help of his brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower (left) and Kevin McCann, presidential assistant (right) work on the State of the Union Message. They are in the President's temporary office in the administration building of the Key West, Fla., Naval Base.

**Soviet Attitude Angers Ottawans**

Ottawa — (U.P.) — A battle raged today over the undiplomatic behavior of a group of Russians toward Canadian firemen attempting to fight a fire that ruined the Soviet embassy.

The Russians accused Ottawa fire fighters of using inefficient methods and defective equipment in fighting the \$250,000 blaze that gutted the 19th century, three-story mansion Sunday night. No one was injured.

Ottawa's woman Mayor Charlotte Whitton countered that the Russians hampered the firemen and vowed to bring the matter before the Canadian Parliament when it reconvenes next week. Mayor Whitton also called for a special conference to decide once and for all the powers of firemen fighting blazes on diplomatic property.

Only the walls of the stone and brick building were left standing. The fire was believed to have started on the floor housing the embassy's coding and communications section.

Fire Chief John D. Foote said the fire had been burning for about an hour before his men were summoned. He said he

found the embassy staff carrying steel filing cabinets and armloads of documents to waiting automobiles. Foote said the Russians would not get out of the way to let firemen bring equipment into play until they had finished their evacuation.

**Atomic Reactor Licensing Scheduled**

Washington — (U.P.) — The Atomic Energy commission has announced that a regulation covering licensing of persons responsible for the safe handling of atomic reactors will become effective Feb. 2.

Applicants for licenses to operate reactors in the civilian atomic energy industry must pass an operating test and a written examination. The regulation applies to controls which, if improperly handled, might "release dangerous amounts of radioactive material."

The applicant must also pass a rigid physical examination. There are no special educational requirements and some may receive on the job training.

**Engineers To Study Oregon Flood Damage**

Salem — (U.P.) — Six engineers left here today to begin a study of Oregon's flood-damaged areas.

The engineers are connected with the federal civil defense administration. Charles H. Beal, who is associated with the national civil defense agency at Battle Creek, Mich., said engineers were particularly interested in finding out amount of the flood damage by counties and what local arrangements are planned for relief.

Arthur M. Sheets, Oregon civil defense director, said first concern was to determine amount of damage subject to federal aid.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said crews were busy repairing damaged roads and bridges. He said it would take several weeks before repairs are finished.

**TRAINS COLLIDE**

Kungsbacka, Sweden — (U.P.) — An express train bound for Norway rammed a slow-moving passenger local near here Monday night, killing at least one person and injuring 16.

**Quotes From the News**

By UNITED PRESS

Paris—A spokesman at party headquarters for Pierre Poujade on the show of strength in the French national elections of Poujade's candidates: "We will refuse to participate in any government, either right or left."

Jerusalem, Israeli Sector—Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion appealing to the West to bolster his nation's defenses: "We demand and have a right to obtain defensive arms not inferior in quality to the aggressive arms streaming into Egypt. . . ."

Lancaster, Pa.—Norman C. Honenwarter, 26, to the doctor who told him his wife had given birth to quadruplets: "I'm going to sit down and then you tell me again."

Washington—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) on an election year tax cut for voters: "We ought to give a small additional exemption to voters."

Chicago—Safety Council President Ned H. Dearborn on the lower-than-predicted New Year's traffic deaths: "Every driver is invited to join in an effort to make our pre-holiday estimate look so high that it's silly—and the sillier the better."

Pasadena, Calif.—Michigan State Coach Dufy Daugherty on Dave Kaiser, whose last-minute field goal gave his team a Rose Bowl victory: "Kaiser never before in his life kicked a field goal in college football. He had tried a couple early in the season and failed. But I thought this was a good place to give him another try."

New Orleans—University of Pittsburgh fullback Bobby Grieg, first Negro to play in the Sugar Bowl, on his impressions at the game: "The Tech players and the people of New Orleans were all wonderful to me. I thought the Tech players were fine sportsmen, perhaps the best I've played against all season."

**Two Escape Plane Crash at Springfield**

Springfield, Ore. — (U.P.) — Two Eugene men escaped serious injury and narrowly missed crashing into two homes when their light plane fell to earth shortly after takeoff from the McKenzie Flying service field here yesterday.

Witnesses said the PT-26 plane stalled about 600 feet off the east end of the airport and crashed just outside the Springfield city limits.

The pilot, John H. Beeson, and his passenger, Marshal Mobly, had been practicing landings at the field. They suffered cuts and bruises and were given first aid treatment at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene.

The plane, which was destroyed, narrowly missed the homes of Mrs. Elsie Anderson and Robert E. Mathews. The fliers were able to walk away from the crash, police said.

**Hatoyama Favors Closer Relations With Red China**

Tokyo — (U.P.) — The Asahi newspaper reported today Premier Ichiro Hatoyama is willing to go to Red Peiping if necessary to achieve "Close relations" with Communist China. "I agree with Mr. Socialist opposition leader Mosaburo Suzuki that, since Communist China is our close neighbor, we should have closer relations with that country . . ." Hatoyama said in an interview. "If the necessity should arise for me to go to Communist China, I should like to go. . . I do think our relations with that country will gradually become closer."

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