



Writers' Month . . .

This year the roaring writers of the region are putting on a bigger conference than ever before. Registrations are streaming from four northwest corner states to "Short Courses, University of Washington," which is cooperating on the lectures and workshops that experienced free-lance writers will conduct on the campus July 26-27.

The opening banquet, to be held on July 25, will be off the campus. The speaker featured for this affair is the eminent best-selling author of the day, Gypsy Rose Lee. Her publisher is the old house of Harper's. Her book's title is simply "Gypsy." Life Magazine says of it, "Gypsy's story is gaudy in places, grim at times, rarely dull, and far more entertaining than any burlesque show."

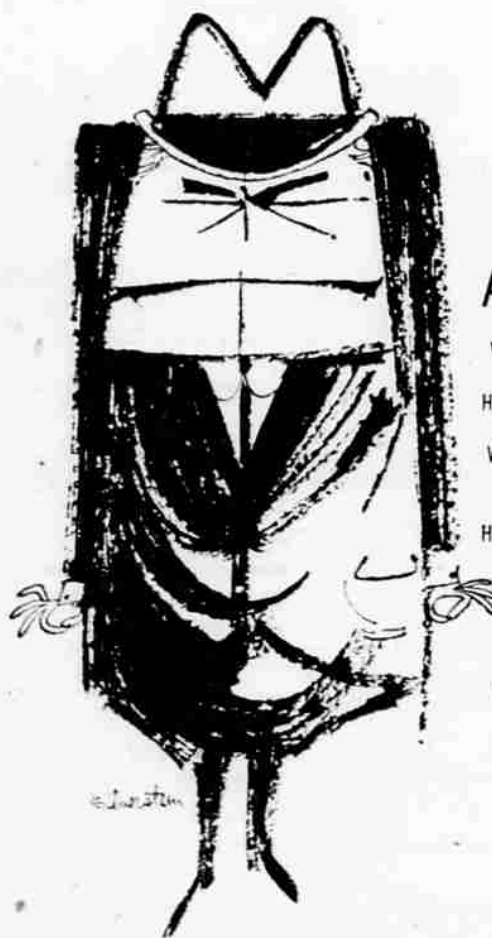
And reports from literary gatherings in New York and Hollywood proclaim that Gypsy Rose Lee, all dressed up, is a most entertaining and instructive speaker. Seattle is her home town. She and her 12-year-old son, Erik, are going salmon-fishing while she is out here. And, look out, loggers! A trip to a tree farm may be coming up too. Another stellar attraction for the student writers, but one from a different galaxy, is John Wesley Noble, president of the California Writers Conference, and a glittering name among the top ten in the national list of free-lance non-fiction writers. One of Noble's best essays was his "My Unforgettable Character" in the June "Reader's Digest."



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Latin Leaders, Editors Convinced Gerry Murphy Didn't Die in Vain

BY A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent

Washington — Top political leaders and newspaper editors in two Latin American republics were convinced that Gerry Murphy, the Eugene filer, did not die in vain.

In Columbia and Panama, where this reporter interviewed them about the case of Murphy and Dr. Jesus Galindez, the missing Columbia University lecturer, the editors and politicians reflected these thoughts:

1. Trujillo, the dictator of the Dominican Republic, who apparently called the shots in the Murphy-Galindez mystery, is the symbol in Latin America of what all democratic elements hate and seek to undermine. With 27 years of dictatorial rule behind him, Trujillo is now the senior dictator of Latin America. Editors and democratic leaders in Colombia, who suffered during the dictatorial rule in their own country of Gen. Rojas Pinilla before his ouster in May, are looking anxiously to the United States to shift its policy of treating the dictators as fondly as the democratic governments of Latin America. They

hope for continued pursuit of the Murphy-Galindez case by the State Department so as to reveal the Trujillo regime for what it is, a reign of terror that is abhorrent to all those who love freedom and individual liberty. The feeling is no less strong in Panama.

The Murphy case, because it was vigorously pursued by Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.), has helped crystallize anti-Trujillo sentiment. And this has also had the effect of making Congressman Porter, a 38-year-old Eugene lawyer who had never before been south of Panama, a hero to democratic forces throughout Latin America.

2. When the late dictator of Nicaragua, Anastasio Somoza, was shot last fall, he was flown out of his country to a hospital in Panama, where a team of army doctors from Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D.C., was dispatched by President Eisenhower in an effort to save Somoza's life. Eisenhower also sent a note to Somoza in which he decryed this "dastardly" attack on the Nicaraguan leader. Editors in both Panama and Colombia said Latins who favor

democracy were indignant over the president's choice of terminology.

"That was not a dastardly attack," said an editor in Bogota. "It was courageous."

In Panama City, the newspaper El Dia found several days after the shooting was over, there was so much sentiment for Roberto Lopez, the man who shot Somoza, that the paper published a special edition with a big picture of Lopez. Everyone wanted to have his picture, one of the editors explained. He said many in this Catholic country wanted to mount it and burn candles for Lopez, who was killed immediately after firing on the dictator.

Mixed in with this strong feeling against Latin dictators is quite another feeling which was on full display in the Maxim Grill in Panama City, where a calypso singer has gained fame by mocking the dictators in calypso couplets. His number about Somoza has, of course, a happy ending when the dictator is killed—"ra-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta — Somoza is dictator no more." In his number about Trujillo the singer uses the Gerry Mur-

phy affair to ridicule Trujillo's tenuous claim to international respect. And his hero is "Senator Porter" who he sings "wants to send Trujillo to the electric chair." The reaction of the crowd is perhaps more significant than this calypso artistry, for it roared and clapped for more, obviously enjoying this ritual of laughing at the dictators.

3. Finally, there is only one overriding political issue in Latin America—democracy vs. dictatorship—which energizes students and statesmen alike and provides a most stimulating intellectual atmosphere for the

visitor from Washington, where a type of political cynicism and superficial sophistication too often seems to dull sensitivity in

officials quarters to such fundamental concerns as now preoccupy our Latin American neighbors.

Boy Scout Trip Starts Out Well, Reporter Writes

Editor's Note: The following article was written for the Mail Tribune by Stan Dawson, one of 63 Greater Lake Area council Boy Scouts attending the annual 10-day Boy Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C. The boys met at Klamath Falls July 2 and will return here July 27.

Hi!
This is your Jamboree roving reporter reporting. Our trip started out well with the appointment of some capable patrol leaders, Fred Loris, bobcat; Dewey Gail, otter; Bill Mills, fox; Billy Stanley, raccoon; and S. P. Jeff Hawkins.

We spent our first night at Klamath Union High school and the weather was moderately hot and it was extremely hard to sleep. The next day we went through Salem and Portland.

On July 4 we left the Spokane station and spent an hour at Glacier park, where most of the boys took pictures of the blackfeet as they danced and set up a grand parade. Also, the Warm Springs Indians paraded and danced. They have very good trading material and there has been a lot of swapping.

Reporter,
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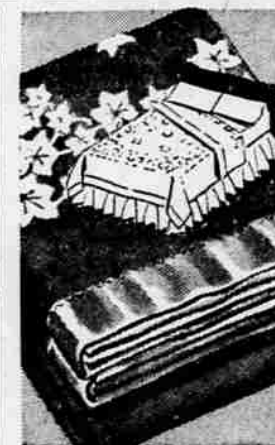


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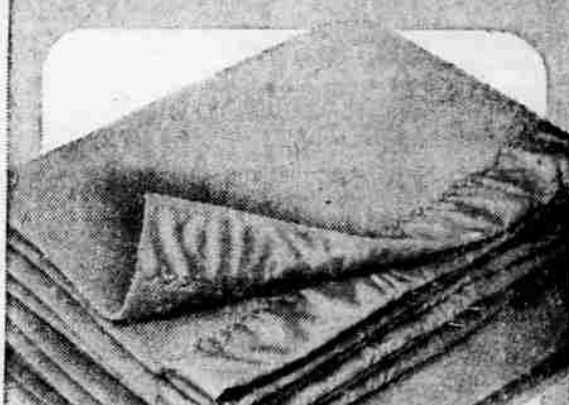


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