

# Hollywood Theater Turned Into Courtroom for Confidential Trial

Hollywood — Grauman's Chinese Theater played the hottest billing in its history today as the entire cast of the Confidential smut trial moved into the famous landmark and was treated to an impromptu re-enactment of the alleged Maureen O'Hara cuddling session.

Judge, jury and the prosecution and defense staffs, plus an entourage of newsmen, traded the staid courtroom in downtown Los Angeles for the plushy setting of the Hollywood Blvd. theater. They went there to determine whether the actress could have romanced a Latin lover in the rear of the theater as the magazine article claimed.

Not present to play the leading role was the star of Confidential's story—Miss O'Hara.

Her role was undertaken by

one of the jurors, LaGuerra Drouett, who, without first asking Judge Herbert V. Walker, plunked himself into a loge seat and stretched out, measuring distances with his hands apparently to find out whether two could have made like one in row 35 as the story said they did.

**Stretches Out Full Length**

Juror Drouett put on two performances, one in the third seat of row 35 and another in row 40. Defense witnesses testified row 35 was the "back row" of the loges and the scene of the necking session. Prosecution witnesses testified in an attempt to impeach the defense story that the back row was row 40. And the third seat off aisle C in row 40 was where Drouett put on his second re-enactment, this time with Walker's permission.

Both times Drouett stretched out full length in the seats, his feet under the seats in front of him.

The jury spent 20 minutes in the theater, examining aisle C

and the two rows of loges. Judge Walker acted as director of the production, motioning the cast here and there and saying "Now let us go out and take a look at the foyer."

**Luxurious Setting**

It was perhaps the most luxurious court setting ever seen in Southern California. The judge formally convened the court in the lighted audience section, amidst the deep maroon seats and surrounded by gilt pillars decorated in the Chinese Empire style.

Judge Walker called a short recess to allow the entourage to

return to the downtown court.

Prosecutor William Ritz claimed it would have been impossible for the "love making" described in the lurid story to have taken place in theater seats. Defense Attorney Arthur J. Crowley was just as sure the story, "It Was The Hottest Show In Town When Maureen O'Hara Cuddled In Row 35," was true in every spiny detail.

**Trial in Fifth Week**

Both the prosecution and defense have made the Miss O'Hara story a major issue at the trial, now in its fifth week. The prosecution has indicated it may call the red-haired actress to the stand as a rebuttal witness.

Miss O'Hara angrily denied out-of-court that the episode ever happened.

Ritz predicted the trial would last at least another two weeks.

## Phoenix Apoints Four New Teachers

Phoenix—Four new Phoenix high school teachers have been appointed for fall term by Ernest James, Phoenix school superintendent.

They are Robert Myrick, who will teach English and speech; Mrs. Evelyn Polas, home economics; Mrs. Helen Thomas, girls' physical education and world geography; and Mrs. Donna James, commercial classes.

Returning to the high school will be Mrs. Mabel Sims, English, latin and library; Jack Woodward, coach, general math, physical education; Mrs. Mildred James, mathematics; Albert Consbruck, social studies, physical education; Harry Kannasto, music; John Marler, shop, general science; John Dube, vocational agriculture; and Robert Montgomery, driver training. Vice-principal Ernest Skipworth will instruct several science sections.

Mrs. Louise Quackenbush, secretary; Clifford Wallace, Osa Waggoner and Roy Mitchell, custodians; and Mrs. Sybil Avery, cafeteria manager, are also returning staff members. Bus drivers for the coming year will be Alfred Lady, Walter Boly, C.

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## Two Accidents Are Reported in CP

Central Point — Two accidents were reported here over the Labor Day week end, according to city police.

A car driven by Lloyd E. Hudson, Centralia, Wash., was involved in a collision at Hazel st. and Highway 99 with a vehicle operated by Mary M. Gordon, Glendale, Calif.

Hudson received several bruises about the face and arms, police said. The accident occurred about 5:15 p.m. Monday.

At 9:15 a.m. Monday, cars driven by Florence Oettinger, 26 South Seventh st., and Arlene M. Reames, 661 Cedar st., collided at Fifth and Ash sts.

## Voiture To Install Officers September 9

The Jackson county Voiture No. 40 et 8, honor society of the American Legion, will hold installation of officers at the Rogue Lodge on Crater Lake

C. Skinner, Earnest Boly, Roy Harnden and Chloe Small.

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highway at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9.

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## Grade Instructors Appointed at Phoenix

Phoenix — Three new teachers have been appointed to Phoenix grade school, according to John Meyers, principal. School opens Sept. 9.

New teachers for the 1937-38 school year include Mrs. Alice Swingle, Mrs. Shirley Kannasto and Mrs. Ethel Bullard.

Returning staff member Mrs. Orva Taylor will assume duties as remedial reading teacher. Other returning staff members are Mrs. Ethel Morrison, Mrs. Jane Germer, Mrs. Gertrude Wooten, Mrs. Nadine Schaffer, Mrs. Olive Fountain, Mrs. Guy Corliss, Mrs. Edward Rupp, Mrs. Dorothea Crowley, Mrs. Zuba Stack, Mrs. Ardis Pramann, Miss Mabel Moore, Wallace Eri, Mrs. Katherine Stancliffe, Mrs. Gladys Sloan, John Stewart, Lewis Bertrand, Joseph Fader, Charles Wilson and Lloyd Hale.

Mrs. Mildred Korth will return as grade school secretary and Charles Soper as custodian.

## Administration Plans Foreign Aid Fund Cut

Washington—The Eisenhower administration goes to work this week on the job of trimming nearly a billion dollars out of its original foreign aid plans.

Its highest leaders had warned that a cut of this size might weaken America's military alliances, threaten U.S. and Free World security, and force the United States to return to higher draft calls and billions more in defense spending at home. Congress in effect called these threats a bluff. In the face of repeated warnings, it cut President Eisenhower's original mutual security budget request by about \$1,100,000,000 but added \$167,000,000 more than he asked in his authority to use unspent funds.

## Medford Couple, Teenagers Return From Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swan, 916 South Holly st., and 12 teenagers returned Monday after spending a two-week vacation in California.

The Swans, who have been mother and father to several foster children in the county, currently have nine children in addition to three of their own. That's not so many, they feel, considering they have had a total of more than 100 foster children in their home in the last 15 years.

For the majority of the children this was their first trip to California. For weeks they have been cutting wood, baby sitting, picking fruit, caring for yards and performing odd jobs to help earn travel money.

"The majority of them had about \$25 each when we left," Mrs. Swan said.

**Climb Into Truck**

Saturday, Aug. 17, the group climbed into a panel pickup truck, converted to hold rows of seats, and headed south. The truck pulled a trailer which carried all the food for the trip, necessary equipment, and 14 sleeping bags.

Before leaving Medford, 14 brightly colored sponge rubber hats with yellow bills were purchased.

"So someone wouldn't get lost in the crowds," Swan, yard foreman for the Bruce Bauer Lumber company, explained. "Good for quick identification. All I had to do was climb up on something and count hats!"

After leaving Medford the group spent several days in San Francisco including a visit to Chinatown where they ate in a restaurant, a "first" for many of the children.

**Visit Disneyland**

From there they traveled on to Los Angeles where they visited Disneyland and Marine land before visiting relatives and friends in San Bernardino. It was there that the group was treated to a giant barbecue.

On the return trip they stopped at Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Lassen Volcanic National parks.

Highlights of the trip, according to the youngsters, included the ever-present raccoons who paid nightly visits to their camps and the "not-so-welcome" black

bear who swiped a loaf of bread one night. The trip's mascot, a medium size "very-much alive" tarantula, was captured in southern California by several of the boys. Named Elvis, "because when the girls look at him they scream," the spider will eventually be taken to biology class this fall. At present, it is at home in a large jar with air holes punched in the lid and dines on small bees caught by the boys.

"He used to eat flies until we put in a few bees," one of the boys explained, "now he won't touch the flies."

Taking the two week trip in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Swan were the Swans' three children, Carol, 16, Bob, 14, and Dick, 13. Other children were Margie, 16, and her brother, Jimmie, 15; twins, Johnny and Valerie, 12; and Clarence, 16, David, 16, Jan, 18, Joan, 14, and Larry 14.

## Apartment Damaged By Sunday Fire

An apartment in the Deuel building, Main and Bartlett sts., was damaged slightly when a bed caught fire about 5 p.m. Sunday, according to the Medford fire department.

The department extinguished the fire, apparently caused by a burning cigarette, firemen said. Bed and bedspread were damaged, and the apartment received smoke damage. The room's occupant, Glen Mills, was not injured.

At 2:26 p.m. Sunday a truck was dispatched to the Sparta building, Main st. and Riverside ave., where smoke was reported. No fire was found, firemen said.

A grass fire in the 2100 block of Kings highway was extinguished about 8:30 p.m. Sunday and at 11:43 a.m. Monday firemen put out a grass fire along the Southern Pacific right of way at Clark st. About 50 square feet of dry grass burned, they said.

**LEADER ARRESTED**

Madison, Conn.—A teenage club formed to curb juvenile delinquency suffered a jolt three days later when its president was arrested on charges of theft and vandalism.

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