

Dazzling Signs on Gay White Way Have Counterparts in All Parts of the World

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New York—The dazzling signs that make up New York's Gay White Way have counterparts all over the globe.

Part of a sign now appearing in London may have come direct from a long run on Broadway. It's not a case of bull's-eyeing, it's more a matter of market-switching, from a torn-down sign to a brand new one.

The signs at Times Square, mostly all produced by the Artkraft Strauss Sign Corp., have twinkling brothers—under the neon in most of our big cities and in foreign lands as well.

The Artkraft people recently finished a bright marquee for a hotel in Curacao, Netherlands, a theatre in Bogota, Colombia, and a marquee for Loew's, Calcutta, India.

When a candy company in Rome, Italy, wanted a big sign, the local sign maker wrote to Artkraft for advice on building

Artkraft drew up step-by-step plans and mailed them back.

"That was our first do-it-yourself package," said Mel Starr, company president.

Another time, Artkraft drew a sign for a motion picture theatre in Iceland. The sign "Air Cooled."

Starr also gets other assignments because 200 employees are handy fellows. His electricians, architects, artists, letter and drill press operators, glass blowers, engravers, riveters, sheet metal workers and step-by-step makers have built pressure tanks for Air Force crash trucks, wire screens for outdoor theatres, and a modernistic bell tower for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge. No job is too big or too small. Artkraft also does gold leaf lettering on office doors.

But it's those signs, or "spectaculars" bordering Times

Democrat Caucus Agrees on Backing Of Tax Reduction

Salem — A caucus attended by 27 of the 35 Democrats of the state house of representatives here Sunday unanimously agreed that a 10 per cent across-the-board cut in state income taxes would be supported at the special session of the Legislature opening Monday, Oct. 28.

The caucus also agreed to an increase of \$10 per census per school child to the basic school fund annually.

Speaker of the house Pat Dooley announced that all House committees of the regular 1957 session had expired and new committee members would be appointed by him after the special session opens.

New Faces Possible

He indicated that many of the members of the regular session committees would be reappointed, but said it was possible that some new faces would be seen on the few committees to be named for the special session.

The caucus agreed to a strong rules committee through which all bills must be submitted before introduction. Through this committee, it is hoped to keep out all bills other than those dealing with the taxation matters.

A half dozen Democratic members of the Senate, including chamber president Boy Overhulse, sat in on the caucus but took no part in it. The Democratic senators had previously met Sunday morning in Portland.

Much of the time consumed in the all-afternoon caucus was devoted to organizational matters pertaining to the special session, Dooley said.

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- CHAMPION SALAD DRESSING 3 Quarts \$1.00
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Program to Observe Moons Described by Fay Bentley

By FAY BANTLEY
"Of all sad words from tongue or pen, the saddest are these: It might have been"—realistically wrote the poet. This statement is just as true today as when the poem was new, even in matters concerning artificial earth satellites.

An announcement contained in Bulletin No. 4 for Visual Observers of Satellites issued by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory last December, read as follows: "A Hundred MOONWATCH Stations Ready for December 8th Alert."

Shortly before the date set for the first MOONWATCH came another announcement from the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. "MOONWATCH Alert Postponed from December 8, 1956, to Spring, 1957."

Explanation Offered

The explanation offered was "because of the large number of new volunteer observing stations that are being organized at present." The announcement also stated that the alert would take place in the early spring of 1957, the exact date to be published later.

What is a satellite? A satellite is any body that constantly travels around a larger body. The moon is a satellite of our planet. The earth is a satellite of the sun.

The earth satellite program is a part of an unprecedented study of the earth and its atmosphere carried in by scientific institutions of international importance and the leading geophysicists of the world. (Geophysicists are interested in the way electricity, air, and other natural forces effect the earth.)

To the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory under the direction of Dr. Fred L. Hipple, an internationally known astronomer, was given the task of organizing and establishing an optical tracking program for the earth satellites.

Visual Observing Program

What is a MOONWATCH station? MOONWATCH (entire word always spelled with capitals) is the code name for the visual observing program. Vast amounts of time and energy have been given by volunteer observers throughout the United States in an effort to establish and operate MOONWATCH satellite stations.

The program, started in the spring of 1956, has aroused great interest among amateur as well as professional astronomers, and a network of MOONWATCH stations operated by groups of alert sky-watchers has been organized. The lone wolf observer has no place in this program.

For what are these people watching? For any earth satellite, artificial or natural, that they may chance to see. (The moon would be called a natural satellite of the earth.)

Plans were made to launch one or more artificial satellites during the year 1957-58 and to observe and record their movements in an effort to learn more of the conditions of the air at altitudes too high to be reached by rockets. This knowledge is highly important in planning any type of space travel.

It has been reported by the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory that the first satellite will be a polished metal ball, 20 inches in diameter which will travel at an average of 500 miles above the surface of the earth. This artificial satellite will move rapidly through the observer's sky. Only the meteors will travel faster. In 10 minutes it will cross the United States and in 100 minutes go entirely around the world.

None Conspicuous

None of the satellites will be conspicuous. Like the planets and moons, reflected sunlight will cause their illumination. Large binoculars, monoculars, or telescopes must be employed and then the elusive object can

Fair May Attract National Attention

The Southern Oregon Safety Fair, scheduled for Nov. 16, is expected to attract national attention, according to officials of the sponsoring organization — Medford Safety Council.

The fair, planned for the new National Guard armory, is considered an experiment in safety education. The idea of presenting the safety story in the form of an exposition of safety devices, displays and demonstrations is not completely new. However, the public sponsorship and participation features are considered new, according to the spokesmen for the event.

"The state and national safety groups are anxious to discover if the southern Oregon event will secure needed public support," according to Myron Terpening, general chairman of the Safety Fair. "If it is successful the idea may be adopted by other areas in the nation."

No charge will be made exhibitors. The event will be free to the public, according to the planning committee. Everything needed for the successful staging of the event is expected to be contributed by interested individuals and firms. Any minor expenses incurred will be paid by the State Industrial Accident Commission from the budget allocation for accident prevention. It was explained.

Marie Wilson Adoption Tiff Stirs Other Stars' Pangs

By VERNON SCOTT
United Press Writer
Hollywood — When Marie Wilson gave up the 3½-month-old baby she hoped to adopt this week, many movie stars re-experienced pangs of fright from their own adoption problems.

A high proportion of screen couples have adopted children. It's easy for them.

Their incomes are high. They are able to provide fine homes and educations for foster children. Among those who have taken foundlings into their families are Bob Hope, Joan Crawford, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, Jack Benny, Dinah Shore, Fred MacMurray, Jane Russell, Helen Hayes and Marie McDonald.

Some, like Hope, go through licensed agencies. They run the least risk of complications. The comedian and his wife adopted all four of their brood, Linda, 18, Tony, 17, Nora, 11, Kelly, 10 — from "the cradle" in Illinois.

But most stars refuse to be quoted on their adoptions or even to discuss them off the record—not through fear of disturbing the children, but as a safeguard to protect themselves from "natural parents."

"The laws of California protect adoptive parents to a much greater degree when they adopt through an agency," said the director of one of the state's largest adoption organizations.

Red Tape Feared

"Many movie stars avoid agencies because they dread the red tape involved. Some are too old to qualify. Some have unfortunate family backgrounds. Therefore, they take their chances on adopting through other means—friends, doctors or lawyers."

Blonde Marie Wilson and her TV-producer husband, Bob Fallon, would have had small chance of keeping Christine had they gone to court.

"We believe that further airing of the incident would have made a legal football of the baby and caused more grief to everyone," Fallon said. Miss Wilson was so upset, she said, "I don't even want to think about adopting again. They ought to change the laws."

The U.S. Army's expenditures from 1789-91 were \$633,000. By 1792, they were \$2,500,000. In 1919 they jumped to nearly nine million, and in 1954 reached almost \$50 billion.

AND IT FLIES

Chicago — The St. Rita High School aviation class designed and built a single-seat sport plane that "flies beautifully," according to the class instructor, ex-World War II flight engineer Robert D. Blacker. The fully-sized plane now is stored at Lew College, Lockport, Ill.

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