

## 'Bridge On River Kwai', Span For Japanese Actor

By VERNON SCOTT  
United Press Correspondent  
Hollywood — "The Bridge on the River Kwai" proved a handy span for Japanese actor Sessue Hayakawa to cross from semi-retirement into a new movie and television career.

The 68-year-old veteran scored highly two months ago in "The Sea is Boiling Hot"—a live dramatic show for Kraft theater. Since then he has completed a filmed Red Skeleton program, and was to be seen Saturday in Studio One's "Kurishiki Incident."

Based on the famed Girard case, Hayakawa plays the uncle of a boy shot down by an American GI.

"The Girard case is forgotten and forgiven in Japan," says Hayakawa, who returned to Hollywood recently from his home in Tokyo. "The only resentment among Japanese is inspired by the Communists, but they are not having much success."

A great star in the silent movie era, the dignified Japanese performer admits he is experiencing a fantastic comeback.

"Television and film producers have offered me many, many roles," he continued in a curious accent. Having lived 12 years in Paris, his English has overtones of French in addition to Japanese.

"Fortunately there is tremendous interest in films with Oriental backgrounds, and I have been caught up in the trend. America seems to be rediscovering Japan with a better understanding of the Japanese mind, culture and beauty. You are finding us quite different from the picture painted of us during the war."

"I am choosing my roles carefully, and after each performance I will return to Tokyo."

Since last December Hayakawa has made three trips to

this country. When he is not working in American productions he appears in Japanese pictures and theaters and runs a drama school.

"Kwai" has proved to be as popular in Nippon as it is in this country, thus promoting Hayakawa to the status of national hero.

Spry for his years, Hayakawa pitches for a baseball team composed of Japanese actors. He also plays golf regularly.

"No matter how busy I become in Hollywood I will continue to commute to Japan between jobs," he said. "Family ties are closer over there, and while I was in Paris during the war I lost contact with my wife and three children. Now I must make up for those lost years."

"There is another reason, too. A Japanese is never lonely in Japan. It can be very lonely for us in Europe and America."



**WINS SCHOLARSHIP**—Winner of a \$500 Crown Zellerbach Foundation scholarship in journalism, Don W. Robinson, Medford, receives the award from Charles T. Duncan, dean of the University of Oregon school of journalism. Robinson is a junior at the university. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Robinson, 29 Ross ct. The scholarship, one of two sponsored by Crown Zellerbach, was awarded during the annual "journalism family dinner" held on the campus last week. Young Robinson has worked for The Mail Tribune for the past three summers as a reporter.

## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS  
Washington—Chairman John E. Moss of the House Information subcommittee on the Defense department's plan to centralize its information services:

"It means less and less information will be available to the people and Congress. It means intimidation of anyone who might have any independence."

Bogota, Colombia—Vice President Richard Nixon on his tour of Latin America:

"I'm still reaching people in all walks of life in South America despite some threats and danger that may be involved."

Hollywood—Comedian Red Skelton, on the death of his 9-year-old son of leukemia:

"I'd never seen a person died before—and then it had to be little Richard."

## Ghana Casts Eye To U.S. for Help in Electrical Project

Accra, Ghana—The year-old independent state of Ghana has an \$840 million dream of future prosperity—

and its main hope now is for the United States to help make that dream come true.

That \$840 million, in figures, is the current estimate of the Volta river project.

If it works out as experts calculate, the project would give Ghana vast hydro-electric power and would enable it to produce 210,000 tons of aluminum a year from local bauxite deposits.

It would end the precarious situation whereby the former British Gold Coast colony must depend upon cocoa alone for two-thirds of its overseas income.

To Boost Living Standard

It would mean a greatly improved standard of living for the 4,600,000 citizens of Africa's first native independent state.

Under plans which have been on paper since 1952, Ghana, the United Kingdom and the Canadian Alcan Aluminum Co. each would shoulder one-third of the cost of the project.

But recently the Canadians announced they did not plan to go ahead "for the time being." And the UK has indicated it cannot come through until terms of interest and the redemptions period on the mammoth loan can be concretely stated.

Premier Cables Ike

So a month ago American-educated Ghana Premier Kwame Nkrumah cabled directly to President Eisenhower asking him to use his "good offices" to try to get American investors interested in the project.

Eisenhower gave a non-committal reply. But 49-year-old Nkrumah plans to press his appeal in July when he is scheduled to make an official visit to the United States and Canada.

The only hope for the project, which would harness the power of the mighty Volta river is to link the power plant with the vast deposits of bauxite which lie untouched only 200 miles from Ajena, the planned site of the dam, 75 miles north of the river mouth.

Independently of the Volta river project, the Ghana government already is well on the way to completing a new harbor at Tema, 16 miles east of Accra. Tema will be Ghana's only excellent port and would be essential to the Volta river scheme.

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The statement by Jan Danek, a member of the commission, contradicted reports that 11,000 party members would be prosecuted.

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## Last Act of Rebellion Unfolds In Sumatra Jungles

Singapore — The last act of the Sumatra rebellion is unfolding in the jungles and the mountains of Indonesia. It is the human drama of the fate of the leaders of the revolutionary government—once among the most respected men in Indonesia.

As such, the Sumatran revolutionary leadership has ceased to exist in a practical sense. Even the rebels admitted this by announcing over Menado radio that Col. Joop Warouw had taken over the "rebel government leadership."

Even to the most partisan supporter of the Jakarta regime, the drama in Sumatra must present some of the overtones of a Shakespearean tragedy.

Still Hiding Out  
From the best sources available here, Premier Sjafruddin Prawiranegara and most of his rebel cabinet still are hiding out in Sumatra.

The last word on Sjafruddin was that he had been seen motoring alone toward Batusangkar.

United Press Correspondent Wendell Merick, who left Sumatra after covering the campaign for nearly two months, was certain that Sjafruddin still was there, and that he will stay and fight on to the end, although some other members of the cabinet may have made plans to try to get to Menado and car-

ry on the fight from the Celebes.

But Sjafruddin and his cabinet are being hounded like common criminals. It is a strange role for the 47-year-old former director of the Bank of Indonesia.

The scholarly, gray-haired Sjafruddin at one time was considered to have the best financial brains in Indonesia. He piloted the new republic

through the shoals of dangerous inflation that followed the revolution. It was only after he left to set up the new rebel regime last Feb. 15 that the economy of Indonesia took what some economists believe to be the road to economic ruin.

Sjafruddin is a chunky man who wears gold-rimmed spectacles—the very antithesis of the common conception of

a "rebel." He smiles easily and, according to United Press Correspondent Robert Udic, who interview him many times, he not only speaks excellent English but punctuates his conversation with apt French phrases.

The rebels are reported to have seaplanes which have landed on Lake Singkarak and presumably could be used to evacuate revolutionary government leaders.

But Sjafruddin was reported to have turned down the pleas of his supporters to get out while he can. He is determined to stay to the end, which cannot be far off.

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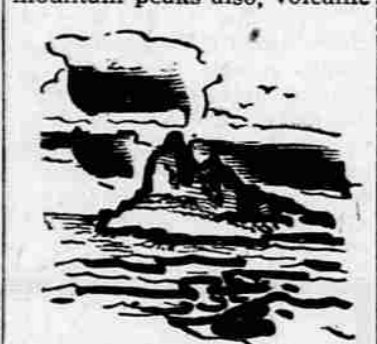
## Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS  
Ranger-Naturalist

Lisbon, May 9—We have just arrived at Lisbon, but before telling about this magnificent city, I want to say something of our first sight of Portugal.

It was Pico, a 7613-foot high peak in the nine-island Azores group, and though it is some 800 miles off Portugal, the government considers it as part of the country's metropolitan area.

The other eight islands are mountain peaks also, volcanic



in origin and part of the world's greatest mountain chain.

The mountain range is known as the Atlantic Ridge. It extends from 10,000 miles and more, from Iceland to beyond Africa's tip. The Himalayas of Asia and our own Rockies are relatively small in comparison.

On the average the crest of this range is 9,000 feet down, except for a place near the equator known as the Romanche Furrow. The depth there is 15,000 feet. On either side of the ridge the ocean bottom drops away into two vast troughs with a depth range of 12-18,000 feet.

In flying over Fayal, nerve-center of the trans-Atlantic cable system, I recalled a party hunt I made there years ago with a camera. I got pictures of the red partridge, descendants of those imported by the Portuguese 400 years ago, but none of the Azorean woodcock. He's the European type, bigger than ours but just

as much of a dodger. And he isn't imported. He flies there under his own power.

Some Fly to U. S.

Whether the Azorean woodcock winters in Africa, as many from Europe do, I don't know. But occasionally some fly to the United States from Europe. They have been found from Newfoundland as far south as Virginia.

The wild animals of the Azores include the weasel, ferret, rat and mouse. They are probably immigrants, too. Very likely the rat was first. The earliest may have slipped ashore from a Carthaginian galley, blown off course on a voyage to the tin mines of Cornwall.

But poor as the islands are in animal life, their waters are rich in fish. The Azores are the center of a great fishing industry. Tunny, mullet and bonito form the principal catch, and in recent years there has been a developing interest in game fishing.

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