

'Studio One' Joins Rush Of Japanese Plays With 'The Kurishiki Incident'

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New York — This nation seems to be on a mild Japanese kick.

Japanese furniture has enjoyed a bit of a twirl and Japanese fashions and grooming seem to be having a slight flutter among the girls. Japanese films like "Rashomon" and "Gate of Hell" jolted American moviegoers and Hollywood film makers jumped on the wagon by filming major offerings like "Sayonara" in Japan.

Japanese pop singers have appeared on TV, the beat generation has taken a fix on Zen Buddhism and some of the avant garde have gone gaga about Japanese "no" plays. Just this year, a Japanese actress won an Academy Award and another actor was nominated.

'Studio One' Takes Note

The twain seem to have met after all and Monday night "Studio One," taking note of the meeting, hopped in. The CBS-TV drama hour unpacked a number called "The Kurishiki Incident" with Michi Kobi and Sessue Hayakawa representing the inscrutable East and John Cassevetes the scrutible West.

The plot of the play seemed to be a combination of a recent news incident plus the standard Madame Butterfly—Sayonara—American-boy-meets-Japanese-girl bit.

Cassevetes was cast as an American soldier who kills a young Japanese boy caught pilfering an American depot. After acquittal, the G.I. tried to save his conscience by visiting the family of the boy. He falls in love with the boy's

sister (Michi Kobi), but she dumps him when she learns who he is. It all ended on a tidy upbeat note with forgiveness and forgetness sprayed all over the screen.

I suppose the author's main intent was in having each of the characters stand for something larger: Cassevetes as a loner of a G.I. who expanded his horizons and learned to savor the delights of living outside the American pattern; Miss Kobi as a representative of the currently rootless Japanese generation who learned to value some of the traditions of her culture.

It was a very earnest little play, but unfortunately like most earnest dramatic documents, a rather dull one. Cassevetes, who limits himself to about one TV play a year now, chose rather badly in this case, although he worked about as competently as possible.

Miss Kobi was appealing, but rather inadequate in her role. Hayakawa was properly enigmatic as her uncle.

Pioneer Warrenton Resident Passes

Astoria — Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Agnes Georgianna Day, 86, pioneer resident of Warrenton and the last of the original Clatsop tribe of Indians. She died here Saturday.

Mrs. Day was a granddaughter of Solomon and Celast Smith who had known and conversed with members of the original Lewis and Clark expedition. Her father, Solomon Smith, was one of the first school teachers in Oregon and was one of the signers of the original provisional government of Oregon at Champog.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARRY—Former President Harry S. Truman cuts birthday cake during surprise party celebrating his 74th birthday at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo. The former chief executive was greeted by a chorus of "Happy Birthday" as he walked in the door of the library.

PROSPECT School Clinic Slated

By MICKIE LARSEN
Prospect—A school child conference will be held at the community hall May 15, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

All children from 6 months to 6 years are eligible. Immunization will be offered. Dr. A. E. Merkel, public health physician, will be the examining doctor. Appointments may be made by calling UNION 9-2044.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sanderson and daughters, Pat and Sandra, and a friend, Nan Govenor, spent the past week on the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Town are leaving to make their home in Brookings. Town and a brother have purchased a 52-unit trailer court at Brookings.

Friday, May 9, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grant and daughter, Helen, and son-in-law, Don Owsley, and Pat, all formerly of Prospect and now living in Eureka, Calif., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ellis.

Several new cases of the three-day measles broke out in the Prospect school Friday, May 9.

Prospect home extension will hold a meeting Wednesday, May 14, at the community hall. A potluck meeting and election of officers are scheduled. Plans for the coming year, and the coming Hill Billy Jamboree will be discussed.

This year they will have young married couples running. In the past years they have had young children and teenagers. From the sound of all the planning going on this Jamboree will exceed the others by a large margin.

Home ill with the measles is Diana Ellis.

School board election was held Monday, May 5, with one office of the board to be filled. Mrs. Luke Biden was elected. Others already serving on the board are Gene Burrill, Frank Boothby, John Davidson, Clarence Hedgpath, and Marge Biden.

Mrs. Jack Ellis and Mrs.

Sharlot Chapman and son, Lonnie, and Mrs. Bill Ferns and children, Richy, Tommy and Peggy, visited Mrs. Dick Larson, Wednesday, May 7.

Red Blanket sawmill started its night shift May 7. Plans to operate the "Sweede" mill are underway.

Mrs. Nick Freed visited her son in Portland recently.

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Military Pay Increase Passes In Vote by House

Washington — The House today passed a compromise \$576,438,000 military pay raise bill aimed at keeping skilled men in the service.

Speedy Senate concurrence was expected, paving the way for servicemen to get fatter pay checks June 1.

President Eisenhower requested the legislation on the basis of the so-called Cordiner report. The report warned that technicians and other specialists, trained at high cost, were leaving the services in droves to join private industry.

The measure sets up a "proficiency" pay system in which most members of the armed forces will get raises.

Pay hikes range from 14 per cent in the corporal third class-petty officer grade to 47 per cent for members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Privates with more than two years duty would get a six per cent raise.

The original House bill called for a \$683,327,000 in increases. The Senate scaled this to \$576,038,000. Conferences adjusted the differences.

The compromise includes a senate provision under which captains, majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels and their navy counterparts will get "responsibility" increases if their jobs warrant it.

Wiley Smith Sees Tax Apportionment As Campaign Issue

WILEY W SMITH
For Equitable Apportionment
Editor's note: This is another in a series of profiles on candidates for governor in Oregon's primary election May 16. Today: Wiley W. Smith.

Portland — Wiley W. Smith, 66, the Multnomah county assessor is after the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the May 16 Oregon primary, a position he once changed his mind about seeking.

Smith said in 1953 he would seek the Democratic nomination but later changed his mind.

In 1956, Smith was the Democratic nominee for state treasurer but lost to Sig Unander, who seeks the gubernatorial nomination this year on the Republican ticket.

Taxes Said Issue
Smith, a native of Tennessee who has lived in Portland for 37 years, says the issue in the current campaign is "taxation—a just and equitable apportionment of the cost of government among the citizens on the basis of their ability to pay."

He has been critical of the State Tax Commission and said in a speech that "utility assessments went down two per cent in the last seven years while home owner assessments were going up 39 per cent." He also criticized the reappointment of Sam Stewart, a Republican, to the Commission.

Smith recently changed the tax ratio in Multnomah county to 100 per cent of true cash value. This had the effect of raising the state's bonding limit.

Elected Assessor in 1950
He was first elected county assessor in 1950 and has held the job since.

He has worked for the U.S.

Maritime Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, was a tax clerk in the sheriff's office, a manufacturing plant auditor and is a former appraiser in the assessor's office.

Smith served with the infantry in the first World War. He is married and has two daughters and four grandchildren.

Construction Strike Negotiation Slated

Portland — The U. S. Mediation Service said today that negotiators for the Oregon State District Council of Laborers union and heavy construction contractors will meet with federal conciliators Wednesday at the U. S. court-house here to attempt to come to terms and end the strike now in its second week.

The laborers' strike, ordered by the union over a wage dispute, idled about 5,000 workers and tied up millions of dollars worth of heavy construction projects in Oregon.

Glenn Blake, president of the Multnomah County Central Labor Council, said he would demand an arbiter be called in if the strike was not settled by Wednesday.

THE CHILLY WAR

Bonn, Germany — German Communists were assailed today as would-be family-wreckers. The government said the Communists are mailing handwritten letters to the homes of German soldiers which usually begin with, "My loved one," and end with, "Your always loving."

The soldier's wife usually opened it.

Lana Turner Will Remake 1934 Movie

Hollywood — Lana Turner, whose real life roles read like the plot of a B movie, goes back to work in July in Universal-International's "Imitation of Life," a hit of 1934.

Announcement by U-I Vice President Edward Muhl Monday that glamorous Lana would appear in the picture ended speculation on whether the slaying of her lover, Johnny Stompano, by her daughter might finish the star in Hollywood.

Lana's 14-year-old daughter Cheryl, stabbed Stompano to death April 4 in the movie queen's rented Beverly Hills mansion. The slaying was called "justifiable homicide."

Cheryl was made a ward

of Juvenile Court and placed temporarily with her grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Turner, pending a June 26 hearing on what shall be done with her.

Re-Elect RODNEY KEATING

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E. H. Singmaster, Chairman, Keating for County Judge Committee, P.O. Box 226, Ashland, Oregon

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