



NIXON GIVES ROSES—Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Mrs. Nixon presented red roses to a Nixon-for-President booster, Regina Woods, when she was brought in her iron lung to hear him speak at Louisville, Ky. Regina is a polio victim. (UPI Telephoto)

U.S. Steel Hour TV Review Helped Along By Writer-Forecaster

By FRED DANZIG
New York—UPI—“The Man Who Knew Tomorrow,” central character in Wednesday night’s “U. S. Steel Hour,” was a writer whose plots came true.
But the strange thing about the Steel Hour play is that the writer-forecaster actually wrote part of this review. Let me start at the beginning.
The play, adapted by Harold Gast from a British TV play by Paul Lee, found our writer-hero, portrayed by Cliff Robertson, at work in his apartment on a story about “an infinitely desirable, beautiful, irresistible woman” who barged in on a writer while fleeing from some sinister men. Lo and behold, at that moment Jeanne Crain barged in on Robertson.
Contrived Shuttling
There followed some contrived shuttling. The two, Robertson and Crain, spoke about “foreign agents,” a spy ring, radio frequencies, and every once in a while Miss Crain would head for the window ledge and threaten to jump. It was unbelievable.
Now, dig. In the final scene, Robertson was asked by his wife—who was out-of-town during the excitement—how his story was going. She referred to the story we had just seen, since this was one of those wheel-within-the-wheel charades. Robertson replied, “The story’s a mess, dear.”
He forecast my next sentence. The story was a mess. Robertson added more comment about the “stupid idiot” writer chap who “should have called the police” the minute the girl walked in. At that moment, there came a tapping on his door and we saw a woman out there as the play ended.
Despite all the loose ends in the play, the truth of the matter is that it held my interest all the way. The reason, or reasons, were Robertson’s charm and acting ability and Miss Crain’s frenzy. They were effective attention magnets. And director Tom Donnan managed to keep the traffic flowing smoothly. If they had elected to play for laughs, though, they might have come up with a winner. **Sleep-Walker Mumbles**
The news about “Wanted—Dead or Alive,” which started its third CBS-TV season Wednesday night is that there is no news.
Bounty hunter Josh Randall still moves around like a sleep-walker who mumbles while making the rounds. He says things like, “I just gonna kill ya as look at ya.”
Steve McQueen, who portrays Randall, sustained a fat lip during the premier when the bad guy belted him. I expected this to impair still further Randall’s enunciation but was surprised to find that he sounded better than ever. A few more punches like that and we’ll have Sir Laurence Olivier before us.
Actually, it’s all right for McQueen to play it that way. It lends some dimension to the character. The question is: Does so ridiculous a plot as Wednesday night’s warrant so much intensity, so much directional sweat, so much all-around effort?

Lane Coroner Case Will Go To Supreme Court

Salem—UPI—Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said late Wednesday the Lane county coroner case would be appealed to the State Supreme Court.
A three-judge panel in Eugene Tuesday overruled an opinion by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton that the new medical examiner law requires election of coroners this fall.
Appling’s announcement came after a conference with Thornton.
“This action is being taken solely for the purpose of obtaining a deciphering of what this garbled Monroe Sweetland-sponsored law says in a court whose decision will apply uniformly throughout Oregon.”
Appling blames Sweetland, his Democratic opponent for secretary of state, for what Appling terms “bungled sponsorship” of the medical examiner law in the 1958 legislature.
Coroner System Out
The law calls for the abolishment of county coroners and their functions to be taken over by the state board of health and county medical officers.
The dispute concerns this transition.
The Lane county district attorney’s contention that the post of coroner should not be on the November ballot was upheld by the Circuit Court there.
Appling said, however, that legally the Lane county decision is not necessarily binding on other counties.
“This leaves the possibility that circuits courts in other counties might conceivably render interpretations of this hazy law opposite to that which prevails in Lane county,” Appling said.
Appling indicated he would urge county clerks to delay printing of ballots as long as possible to “avoid unnecessary expense” in the event the court ruling is reversed. He said similar precautions against extra expense will be taken in the printing of the voter’s pamphlet.

Attempt To Raise Sunken Tugboat

Seattle—UPI—H. L. Pratt, chief engineer of the Puget Sound Dredging Co. here, said Wednesday an attempt to raise the sunken Seattle tugboat Tom will be made soon.
The Tom went down in 492 feet of water off southeast Alaska about two weeks ago. Three men were lost in the sinking, including Earl Long, 42, North Bend, Ore.
Pratt said a three-pronged hook, built of one and one-half-inch steel plate, was being fabricated and would be shipped north next Wednesday.
He explained that the Tom has an A-frame on her bow and it is hoped the hook, dangling by a steel cable from the dredge Ajax, will hook on it or some other part of the vessel.
The water in Stephens Passage, where the Tom went down, is too deep for divers to operate in.

Professor To Head Owens Committee

Salem—UPI—Dr. Leonard Adolph, history professor at Oregon State College, has been named as chairman of the Owens for Congress committee by Marv Owens, Democratic candidate for 1st district congressman.
Jim Atkins, St. Helens businessman, is district finance chairman and Garney Wilson, also of St. Helens, is treasurer. Margo Bennett of the Young Democrats group at Oregon State is executive secretary.



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