

Thousands of Americans Needed Overseas, Justice Douglas Declares

Footlighters' Play Is Light-Hearted Bit of Nonsense

Footlighters' summer play, which opened last night at the little theater at the Fairgrounds, is a light-hearted bit of nonsense called "Seven Nuns at Las Vegas."

With but two acts, and the second one quite short, the comedy runs only an hour and a half. However, the opening night audience, surprisingly large for the night before a holiday, apparently enjoyed the production and the laughs and the applause were quite generous.

The improbable but imaginative plot concerns the removal of a convent, building and contents, from cold Indiana to the vicinity of warm Las Vegas, Nev. It takes the bewildered nuns some time to find out where they are, and who caused the "miracle" and after that the comedy moves on through various complications, some quite amusing.

Somewhat Irreverent

Possibly there are those who find the plot and lines somewhat irreverent, but Director Frank Buchter has had the cooperation of the Sisters of Sacred Heart Catholic church in staging the play, and at least one Catholic woman in the audience last night said she was enjoying it very much.

At one spot in the action some remarks that "St. Joseph had his housing problems, too" and later another character, probably Mr. Edelman, says with his eyes cast heavenward, "Now look what you've done, Joe."

Annie Black gives an ebullient performance as Sister Columba who has asked St. Joseph to move the convent from Indiana to Nevada because she thinks her arthritis will be improved (and it is). Sharing honors with her for making the play come alive is Hal Applebaum, who portrays Mr. Edelman, the night club owner whose business has been ruined by the coming of the nuns and priests and who sets up a refreshment stand (serving

Shed Damaged by Fire in Medford

A shed at the rear of 137 North Oakdale ave., Medford, was extensively damaged by fire Monday night.

Cause of the fire, reported about 9:28 p.m., was not immediately known, firemen said. The fire apparently started in some trash and spread to the shed, burning most of the structure and its miscellaneous contents.

Beverly Hills, Calif. — (UPI) — Tens of thousands of Americans willing to go abroad to assist underdeveloped nations need today to defeat the Communists, according to Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

In a speech before the Earl Warren Institute of Ethics and Human Relations of the University of Judaism, Douglas said that by relying on the military to control Communism we will deliver much of the world to the Communists.

"The influence of the Pentagon abroad is destructive of the democratic ideal," Douglas said. "It has almost always been identified with kings or feudal overlords whose pretences of reform have been hollow."

Douglas said a strong internal police force is necessary in any nation, especially in fragile countries.

"But arming the feudal overlords in the manner we have done is something else," he said. "Asia, Africa, and Latin America have never known democracy or liberty or freedom — a few men or a few families own the country; the rest are serfs. There are few of any schools; few if any doctors; few if any opportunities to escape the slavery of ignorance, illiteracy and disease."

No Message of Hope

"The jeeps of the Pentagon that roar through those villages bring no message of hope," Douglas said.

"Due largely to the Pentagon influence our heroes seem to be the dictators. That is one reason why the tides of history are running against us."

Douglas said that despite what the Pentagon says, the feudal societies will fall. He said peoples overseas are beginning to be heard and they realize that hunger, disease, illiteracy, exploitation and misgovernment are their enemies.

"The peoples of the world are going to be done with them," he said. "Revolution after revolution is going to be launched. Are we to credit every revolution to the Communists? Is every overseas reformer to be suspect?"

The Justice said our problem is not to quell the revolutionaries but to supply and support democratic cadres to direct the reforms.

Medical Schools Needed

"We must have brigades of doctors and nurses overseas to help establish medical schools, nurse training schools, first-aid centers, and hospitals," Douglas said. "Tens of thousands are needed at the agricultural level. Engineers and business managers are also needed."

Douglas said it was a challenge to see if Americans, who practice discrimination at home, can be evangelists of equality abroad.

"Are we sufficiently tolerant to permit our people and our aid to construct socialist societies in other nations?" he asked. "Can we make 'revolution' a respectable word or have we given the Communists a monopoly on it?"

Douglas said the guiding of new nations required a great flexibility in political and economic patterns.

"An attempt to remake a nation in the image of America might well be disastrous," he said. "For what was needed for the genius of our people might be ill-suited for others."

On the domestic scene, Douglas said, bigwigs in business and government is creating a breed of non-controversial men and women. He said that commercialism in television and radio also had done away with controversial commentators.

Momentous Times

"We are passing through momentous times where no debate takes place even on crucial issues," he said. "Laos is certainly more dangerous to all of us than the Missouri Compromise was to our ancestors. Yet while the Missouri Compromise was thoroughly discussed in and out of Congress and up and down the nation, no debate on Laos has been held."

Douglas said newspapers carried little on domestic and foreign issues.

"They want readers and advertisers, and so they cater to the low common denominator in the populace," he said.

The Justice said that this country was losing its "free" enterprise and developing a soft society.

"Enterprise that is wholly or largely dependent on government contracts is not 'free' in the historic sense of the word," he said. "Competition that developed resourcefulness and ingenuity, competition that released energies from thousands of little springs the country over has disappeared from large areas of our society. There is competition for government contracts. But spoon-fed business does not have the daring and ingenuity of free enterprise."



MAYOR — Mrs. Eleanor P. Sheppard, above, has been elected mayor of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Sheppard, the first woman to become mayor of Richmond, was elected by a 63 vote on the 25th ballot of the city council, (UPI)

Death Takes Former Albany Publisher

Albany — (UPI) — Ralph R. Cronise, 76, well known Oregon newspaperman and former publisher of the Albany Democrat-Herald, died in a hospital Tuesday after a lengthy illness.

Cronise, a native of Oregon, sold his interest in the local newspaper to ex-Gov. Elmo Smith in 1957, retaining the position of editorial consultant.

He was born Jan. 4, 1886 at Salem and attended public schools there. He attended the University of Oregon and worked for the morning Eugene Register and the Oregon Statesman while in school.

Cronise came to Albany in 1915 to become city editor of the Albany Democrat. He worked briefly for the Grants Pass Courier in 1918 and on the copy desk of the Oregon Journal in Portland.

Service Officers Have Information On Vets' Benefits

White City — Although the Veterans Administration maintains facilities to broadcast general information concerning veteran benefits, contact must be made with authorized representatives to explain the law and VA regulations, according to S. T. Brannock, contact officer at the VA Domiciliary.

Service officers of the various veteran organizations provide such information regarding claims and rights under the various veteran laws, in addition to the official agencies established by the VA and the county.

Elmer Donahoo, with offices in the Jackson county court house, is the service officer for the county. He is available at the domiciliary on the first and third Fridays each month.

Brannock, as VA contact officer, has offices in the White City post office building. He is available for veterans at the domiciliary as well as outside. The office was moved to White City in January, 1959.

Four out of five veterans living at the domiciliary now receive pension or compensation, according to registration figures. Brannock is available to inform the noncompensated veterans of their rights in addition to explaining the technicalities and conditions in the various laws governing eligibility and payments.

A recent change in the law affecting GI home loans enables some World War II veterans to pick up their loans beyond the date when their entitlement expires July 25, Brannock noted. One year additional is allowed beyond the 10 years from date of discharge, for each three months of war time service.

27.9 Million Board Feet of Timber Is Auctioned by Forest

A total of 27,940,000 board feet of national forest timber was sold by Rogue River National Forest at three separate auction sales late last week.

Four Appear in Circuit Court

William Baldwin Jr., 36, of route 1, Central Point, appeared in Jackson county circuit court Monday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Baldwin is charged with hitting Luther L. Lambert, Shady Cove, in a Shady Cove tavern June 26.

Bruce Manley, Medford attorney, was appointed to represent Clarence Edward Self, 41, Hills, Calif., who is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

Self is accused of hitting Clayton R. Brown, 1730 1/2 North Riverside ave., over the head in a Central Point market.

A one-year county jail sentence was suspended for five years for Stanley D. Abel, 29, Coquille, Ore., who had pleaded guilty to obtaining money by false pretenses. He was ordered to make restitution as soon as he is financially able.

Frank Herbert Standivan, 53, of Portland, was arraigned in circuit court and pleaded guilty to charges of obtaining money by false pretenses. The case was continued pending receipt of an FBI report. He was charged with issuing a check for \$250 to a Medford appliance store June 27.

and other species bid at \$4.45 per thousand.

In the third sale, Olson-Lawyer Lumber, Inc., Medford, was high bidder for 20,000,000 board feet in the Logpile area, Union Creek Ranger district. The bid totaled \$188,245, compared to the forest service appraised price of \$137,885, an increase of 19 per cent.

Next high bidder was J. L. Spencer of Prospect. Other bidders were Fir-Ply, Inc., and Southern Oregon Plywood.

Timber consisted of 10,200,000 board feet of Douglas-fir bid at \$10.55 per thousand, 1,200,000 board feet of pines bid at \$35.00 per thousand, 2,900,000 board feet of Shasta red fir bid at \$6.05 per thousand, and 1,820,000 board feet of white fir and other species bid at \$9 per thousand.

In another sale, McGraw Brothers Sawmill, Inc., Medford, was high bidder for 5,390,000 board feet in the Ski area, Ashland Ranger district. The bid totaled \$39,808.50.

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In the second sale, Louis B. Brown Logging, Inc., Prospect, submitted the high bid of \$72,076 for 3,660,000 board feet in the Rabbit Ears No. 2 area, Union Creek Ranger district.

The forest service appraised price was \$41,909.50. Bid value was 72 per cent over appraised value.

Next high bidder was J. L. Spencer of Prospect. Other bidders were Kogap Manufacturing company, Southern Oregon Plywood, Fir-Ply, Inc., and Olson-Lawyer Lumber, Inc.

Timber consisted of 1,890,000 board feet of Douglas-fir at \$34.55 per thousand, 400,000 board feet of pines bid at \$16.75 per thousand, and 1,370,000 board feet of white fir

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