

Quotes From the News

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Washington—Chao Fu, a Communist Chinese security officer who defected to the West, revealing that the Peking government is worried about the combination of an invasion-revolt on the Chinese mainland:

"Outstanding in my memory was the fear expressed that if Chiang Kai-shek troops attack at the same time as other enemies like India, the Chinese Communists would be in a very critical situation. These problems would be intensified if the people, because of economic difficulties resulting from adverse political conditions, would respond to the attack by the Chiang troops."

Miami—Chief naturalist Ernst Christenson of the Everglades National Park, astonished by the unseasonable mating activity going on in the Everglades:

"This is an unheard of thing. They've always waited for spring before, but this year there is courting going on."

Key West, Fla.—Cmdr. J. F. Tierney, recalling the reactions of Soviet crewmen to U.S. planes making observation flights over Russian ships during the Cuban blockade:

"Some of the crewmen would wave, some would shake their fists and some even threw garbage at us."

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'Goodbye My Fancy' Achieves Flavor Liked by Audience

As a bare minimum, a comedy should have just enough of a serious plot so that an audience has something to hold its attention between the laugh lines.

If the author gets too serious, the play ceases to be a comedy. And if the structure is too weak, if it has too little of significance to say, the result is often a mish-mash of weakly tied together skits.

"Goodbye My Fancy," Fay Kanin's three-act play presented last night in Churchill auditorium by the SOC Players, achieves a nice balance between the light and the heavy.

The 15-year-old vehicle often shows its age, and many of the lines, particularly the slang, appear as dated as the costumes the players wore.

Never To Change But, then, some things—like the weaknesses and follies of human nature—appear never to change, and so last night's audience recognized the types being portrayed on the stage and laughed at them and had a fine time.

The barely acceptable plot concerns an attractive congresswoman, a former war correspondent, who takes a sentimental journey back to the women's college from which she was expelled at 18 for staying out until 6 a.m. with a professor, who since then has become the widowed president of the institution.

The congresswoman, played deftly by Joan Ricketts, returns to the campus for reasons other than delivering the commencement address. She hopes that the smoldering torch she has been carrying for the professor all those years will burst into new flame.

Doesn't Measure Up It does, spontaneously. But no sooner are they in each other's arms again than she discovers that the intellectual knight in shining armor of her girlhood no longer measures up to her treasured image of him. The metal of his integrity has long since become tarnished with the rust of facile compromise. He's now a coward, ready to do whatever the board tells him to do so he can save his job.

Happily, there is a worldly-wise "Life" magazine photographer, played with comfortable assurance by David O'Donohue, ready and waiting to snatch her up as she turns in disillusion from her attractive but spineless academic lover.

Mrs. Ricketts, fortunately, has the experience, attractiveness and poise to carry not only her own part, but the play as well. She plays a woman continually engaged with the battle of life. The struggle has made her strong, but she knows how to yield and become feminine when the situation calls for it.

Surprising Performance Rosemary White gives a surprising performance as the congresswoman's hard-bitten secretary. Her voice was strong and clear and she delivers her scathing lines with just the right amount of jaundiced eye and curled lip. It's an altogether fine piece of work.

As the college president who has too often said yes to the wrong people, Neil Green

lacked the polish and sophistication that are requisites for such a role. Frequently he was fumbling when he should have been glib, hangdog when he should have displayed bravado, and overly diffident when he should at least have given the appearance of confidence.

A bevy of able supporting players added strength to the production in places where weakness might have brought the whole enterprise tumbling down in failure. Performing creditably were Nola Robbins, Regina Lundergan, Kristine Thomas, Lois Stedman and Gary Watts.

The play, which will be performed again at 8:15 o'clock tonight in Churchill auditorium on the SOC campus, was directed by Dr. Dorothy Stolp. The sets were designed by Edward Fitzpatrick Jr.

Oregon Seeking Tree Challenger

Olympia—UPI—The battle of the fir trees between Washington and Oregon flared again today, just one day after Gov. Albert D. Rosellini sent "condolences" to Oregon for loss of that state's champion.

Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon told Rosellini that he has directed the "Keep Oregon Green" Association and the state forester to engage in an intensive search for a challenger to the Washington Douglas fir.

The largest fir in Oregon, the Clatsop fir, was felled by strong winds last Sunday.

Hatfield told Rosellini, "We must now acknowledge the Queets tree in Washington's Olympic National Park as the world's largest fir." But he predicted that Oregon would soon regain the crown because of "the obviously more favorable habitat for growth of large trees in Oregon."

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Plant manager W. E. Campbell said Thursday the company would go ahead with plans to cut its production here to 25 per cent of capacity.

The plant has been running at 62 to 75 per cent of capacity for the past two years. The company dropped 88 employees earlier this month.

Kennedy Nominates Envoy To Algeria

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy Thursday nominated William J. Porter, a career diplomat, as the first United States ambassador to Algeria. He now is U.S. charge d'affaires at Algiers.

Kennedy also announced his intention to appoint J. Wesley Jones, a career Foreign Service officer, as U.S. ambassador to Peru. Jones, presently ambassador to Libya, will succeed Ambassador James Loebe who recently resigned his post at Lima, Peru, and will be reassigned.

Churchill Marks 88th Birthday; Wants Vacation

London—UPI—Sir Winston Churchill celebrated his 88th birthday today with his first great grandchild and the prospect of a royal princess in the family.

Churchill also set his sights on two important dates in the near future. One is around the

first of the year, when he hopes to pressure his doctors into allowing him a Riviera vacation. He has not been there since last June, when he broke his leg and became dangerously ill with complications.

The other date is five months from today, when Churchill will have lived longer than any other British prime minister. Queen Victoria's prime minister, William Gladstone, died at the age of 88 years and five months. Churchill's good health and tough constitution seem certain to get him past this mark.

Birthday congratulations poured in to the Churchill town house near Hyde Park today. Among them were messages from President Kennedy and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Churchill got an early birthday present Thursday when Princess Alexandra, Queen Elizabeth's cousin, announced her engagement to Angus Ogilvy, a London businessman who is the son of the Earl of Airlie. Churchill's wife also is descended from the earls of Airlie, and the princess will become a relative by marriage.

Churchill's new great grandson, Mark Dixon, is now two weeks old and Sir Winston was known to be anxious to have him join the traditional quiet family party that marks his birthdays. Only a few close friends joined the family guests.

Another traditional note is the huge birthday cake, made each year since 1941 by a London confectioner, Madame Marie Floris.

Bids Opened for Highway 62 Work

Two bids, the apparent lowest of nine received, were identical when the bureau of public roads opened them this week for a project on the Crater Lake highway.

The low bid of \$816,947 was submitted by M. J. Brassfield company and B. F. Construction Inc., both of Salem. The estimate by BPR engineers was \$850,775.

The work will be for clearing, grading, and reconstruction of 6.8 miles of highway. It includes three bridges and a concrete spillway structure.

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The Federal Communications Commission Thursday notified broadcasters, including the networks, that questionnaires would be mailed by Dec. 7 seeking information on handling of both the primary and general elections. It said the Senate freedom of communications subcommittee might want to delve deeper into the problem after studying the replies.

TIPSY RIDER JAILED

Page, Ariz.—UPI—Keechee Littleman, 30, learned that drunk riding is as illegal here as drunk driving. Littleman Thursday was sentenced to 30 days in jail or a \$150 fine for "operating a horse while under the influence of intoxicating liquor."

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