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Notorious Television Badman Turns to Side of Law and Order

By DICK WEST

Washington—(UPI)—The name Jack Elam probably doesn't mean anything to you. For that matter, I'm not certain it means anything to Jack Elam.

His face, however, is as familiar to television viewers as the face of their television repairman.

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You have heard of "unsung heroes?" Well, Elam is an unsung heel.

Over a recent seven-year stretch, he appeared in more than 70 movie and television films, each time playing a villain. Usually, he played a

western villain, which is the worst kind.

He is that despicable cad who keeps coming into town on Saturday night looking for trouble. He is rotten to the core. You can tell that because he needs a haircut.

He has only one facial expression—a sneer, which is a cross between a snarl and a sneer.

I don't have the box score in front of me, but I believe the record will show that he performed more vile deeds on camera during the last decade than anyone else in show business.

Despite this constant exposure, Elam has remained a rather obscure figure. Now, however, he is on the verge of something cataclysmic.

In a new western series called "The Dakotas," which goes on the air next month, Elam will play the part of a U.S. marshal.

Currently, he is traveling around the country trying to prepare the public for the shock of seeing him on the side of law and order.

"The public may not accept seeing me not get killed," Elam said during his stop-over here. "Western fans are annoyed by the unexpected, and it's out of character with

me to live to the end of an episode."

I could see he was feeling insecure about his future as a good guy, so I endeavored to put him at ease.

"As a U.S. marshal, it wouldn't look right for you to rob a bank or hold up the stage," I said. "But maybe you can embezzle some federal funds or something like that, just to keep your hand in."

Elam brightened at the suggestion and said he would pass it along to the producer.

"I would hate to lose all of my criminal identification," he said. "A television series doesn't last forever, you know, and I want to have something to go back to when this one is over."

The interview left me convinced that just putting a badge on Elam isn't going to make him go straight. Along about the fifth episode in his new career, I expect to see him revert to type and have to arrest himself.

Honors Program Is Conference Topic

Ashland—"Problems of Intra and Extra Institutional Support of Honors Programs" was the topic of the Honors Program conference at Monmouth recently for which Dr. Richard H. Byrns, Southern Oregon college English professor, served as chairman.

Highlighting the meeting was the attendance of a number of state legislators. It was reported, and the mutual discussions by representatives of the various state institutions of higher learning of problems concerning honors programs in general.

Others in attendance from SOC included: Dr. E. C. McGill, assistant to the president; Dr. Arthur Kreisman, director of general studies; Dr. James R. Dawson, associate professor of science; Dr. Marvin D. Coffey, assistant professor of science; and Dr. W. M. McKinney, of the social science division.

Oregon Tech on Accredited List Of State Schools

Salt Lake City—(UPI)—The Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools Thursday granted accreditation for the first time to three colleges in Oregon.

Accredited for the first time were Concordia College of Portland, for two years; Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls, for five years; and Northwest Christian College, at Eugene, for three years.

Also accredited were the following schools: College of Great Falls, Mont., for three years; Walla Walla College, for five years; Cascade College, Portland, two years; University of Washington, five to 10 years; Lewis and Clark Normal School, Lewiston, Idaho, for two years.

Accreditation was extended for these schools. They were Southern Oregon College, Oregon College of Education, Eastern Oregon College, Linfield College, Seattle Pacific College, St. Martin's College, Holy Names College, Whitworth, Eastern Washington, University of Nevada, Utah State University, College of Southern Utah.

All were extended until 1968 except Portland State College, which was extended until 1965.

The association has been meeting in closed session at Salt Lake City since Sunday to consider accreditation matters.

The association also accredited 17 high schools.

Those provisionally approved included Sutherlin in Oregon.

The association said accreditations will remain provisional, pending completion of evaluation studies by each of the schools by the association.

Stockmen's Group To Elect Officers

The Jackson County Stockmen's association will install new officers following a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13 in the Central Point Grange hall.

Frank Day, Siskiyou county rancher, will speak on the California Beef Cattle Improvement association program. County Agent Earle Jossy will explain the Oregon system.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Day are the first registered breeders in Siskiyou county to use the beef improvement program.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors To Stress Other Aspects of Profession

Eugene—An industrial sociologist urged a national gathering of vocational rehabilitation counselors this week in Portland to "get out of the vocational side of your business" and begin to emphasize the psychological and sociological aspects of the profession.

The advice was given by Dr. Robert Dubin, research professor of sociology at the University of Oregon, in his keynote address before the annual national meeting of the directors of vocational rehabilitation counselor training programs at the Multnomah hotel.

The University of Oregon is host for the meeting which will last through Saturday. It marks the first time that this meeting has been held in Oregon.

Earlier Wednesday, University President Arthur S. Flemming delivered a well-received address to the delegates, who include the directors of 35 college and university training programs, plus other rehabilitation experts and government officials.

Dr. Dubin called on the counselors to abandon their traditional role of training a disabled person to perform a particular task and then attempting to find him a job.

Instead, Dr. Dubin urged, the counselors should devote their energies to finding, or helping to create, "an acceptable attitude and atmosphere in individual companies which will minimize the possible discrimination that might be suffered by disabled persons employed in them," and then letting industry take over the job of vocational training after the worker is hired.

At the same time, he said, the counselors should prepare the worker "psychologically and sociologically for his status as a disabled person who is now different from his normal associates."

The sociologist pointed out that it is "most realistic to assume that disabled people are discriminated against as a class for their disability." This discrimination may take the form of revulsion, if the disability is gross or grotesque, or a patronizing over-solicitude, Dr. Dubin said.

Attitude of Society
Once the worker is led to understand and accept this attitude of society, he is better able to overcome the discrimination and avoid the development of a defensive, over-sensitive attitude toward it, Dr. Dubin pointed out.

"What have you done in your vocational rehabilitation when you train a disabled person to perform a particular task or develop an industrial skill and then turn him out into a labor market where he is greeted with some sort of discrimination, either hostile or patronizing in character?" Dr. Dubin asked the delegates.

"To be sure, you may have provided a vocation, but hardly rehabilitation, for the pariah is seldom a whole man," he said.

Some of the present practices used in attempting to place disabled workers in industry "are contributing to the continuation of the image of the disabled person as a deviant," Dr. Dubin charged.

With such slogans as "It pays to hire the handicapped," accompanied by assertions that disabled workers are more loyal, devoted, and stable than normal workers, "you only succeed in giving them a new brand of abnormality," he said.

In outlining the drawbacks found in the traditional role of the counselor, Dr. Dubin pointed out that any one counselor can be aware of only a fraction of the many jobs available in a rapidly changing and expanding industrial society and has available training facilities for only a relatively few types of work.

Russians Working On 'Small' Bomb

Stockholm—(UPI)—A Swedish scientist who visited a secret Moscow nuclear research institute disclosed today the Russians are working on a "very small" hydrogen bomb that would have little radioactive fallout.

Bjorn Malmgren, a nuclear explosion expert in his own right who helped develop the "black boxes" used for detecting blasts, said the "clean" bombs being developed in the Kurchatov Institute could be used for many peaceful purposes, but "naturally... also have a military value."

Malmgren was one of the few Westerners ever to visit the establishment, which was named for Igor Kurchatov, father of the Soviet H-bomb, who died in 1960. He said another important project there is an attempt to harness the force of the H-bomb in a power plant.

London—(UPI)—The Wilkinson Sword Co. said today it still had some items for last-minute Christmas shoppers. They are bullet-proof vests at \$84 each.

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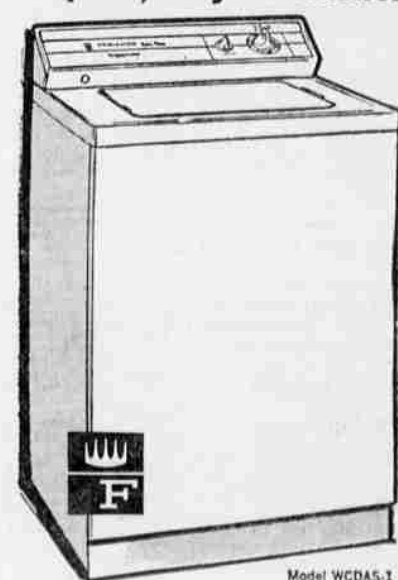
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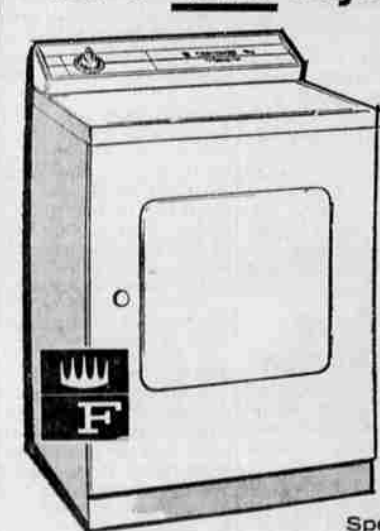
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