

Professor Hailed For TV Lectures On Shakespeare

By BOB THOMAS
 HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Until a few months ago, Dr. Frank C. Baxter led a quiet professional life at the University of Southern California. Then he started giving Shakespeare lectures on TV. Egrad and zounds! The professor's whole life changed. As many as 400,000 viewers were estimated to be watching the Saturday morning program. The show's rating passed that of Edward Murrow and even approached "I Love Lucy." Baxter was hailed to New York to receive the Sylvania Award as the best local education TV program. He appeared on Omnibus and was written up in national magazines.

Marilyn Big Hit On Trip To Korea

WESTERN FRONT Korea (AP)—Marilyn Monroe's people were cut down to here—was really intended for "a cocktail party or something like that" but there wasn't a gripe from the 13,000 Marines who saw her in it today. The blonde actress had arrived at Seoul a few hours earlier in a combat boots, pants and shirt—the top two buttons open. She swung down the ramp from a cargo plane that brought her from Japan for her four-day tour and met hundreds of cheering soldiers, airmen and Marines, almost all of them firing cameras furiously. "I've never seen so many men in my life," she said. "I am just sorry Joe couldn't come along." Husband Joe DiMaggio, ex-New York Yank, is in Japan coaching Japanese baseball teams. The plump young actress was flown by helicopter from Seoul to the 1st Marine Division for the first of 10 scheduled shows. While airmen staged a variety show, Marilyn changed into the purple dress. She said she'll have to wear it in all 10 shows, explaining it is the only suitable one she brought. "I thought I might wear it to a cocktail party," she said. "I really didn't know I was coming to Korea." Her trip to Japan was scheduled as a honeymoon. Then she accepted the military's invitation to Korea. "We've had them all," one Marine officer said "but this crowd outdraws the best ever. She's out-drawn Cardinal Spellman 2 to 1." Marilyn sang three songs for the Marines—"Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend," "Do It Again" and "Bye, Bye, Baby." After the Marine show, a helicopter took her to the 7th Infantry Division, where she received the same, warm reception. A soldier looked, sighed and said: "I sure hope she outlives Joe."

Former Lifer Leaves For New Start

SEATTLE (AP)—Herbert Spring, 46 years of prison life behind him, today headed toward a new life in Alaska.

He was due to leave here by plane on the last leg of a journey from Stateville Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill., to Fairbanks.

Spring, 67, sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison for the slaying of a woman at Freeport, Ill., in a drunken spree when he was 30, walked out of the Illinois prison a free man yesterday.

"Boy, there's a lot of cars," he exclaimed. "The country must have thousands and thousands."

He was escorted to a waiting car by Warden Joseph E. Ragen who asked him who would take care of the prison's flower beds now.

"There'll be somebody," Sure, Spring replied. "I started from scratch."

Paradoxically, the job Spring learned so well after being sent to prison, that of tending the penitentiary's flower gardens, is the one which eventually led to his release.

Once, long ago, Ross E. Kimball, operator of the Interior Equipment Co. of Fairbanks, read an article about Spring and his work on the flowers at Stateville.

The article also mentioned that Spring's parents had died, that he never heard from his brothers. The story moved Kimball so much that he decided to help Spring and he became the first and only person to visit the convicted slayer when he talked to him at Stateville last year.

The Fairbanks businessmen assured parole authorities he would help Spring start anew, that he would be ready with help and a job for the life-terminer if he were released. The parole board, which had previously turned down petitions for parole by Spring granted him a parole when Kimball entered the picture.

Germ Warfare Confessor Faces Board Of Inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP)—A panel of high-ranking officers set out today to try to decide whether to recommend a court-martial for Marine Col. Frank W. Schwable, who made a false germ warfare confession while a war prisoner of the Communists in Korea.

Three Marine generals and an admiral, sitting as a court of inquiry, began taking testimony to help them determine why Schwable, the senior Marine officer taken by the Reds in Korea, told his captors the United Nations used germ warfare weapons.

Schwable, who lives in nearby Arlington, Va., repudiated that confession after he was freed last year in a prisoner exchange. He said in a statement he signed the confession only after the Communists degraded and humiliated him and wore him out both physically and mentally.

The inquiry court is not authorized to make any finding of guilt or innocence. It is charged with making a report, on the basis of which the Marine Corps will decide whether to court-martial Schwable.

It was not known in advance whether the hearing would be opened to the press and public. That decision rested with the court. Since Schwable and the Marines are generally agreed on the basic facts, the court's recommendations may be based on what it learns about the physical and psychological torture inflicted on the colonel.

Gen. Lemuel B. Shepherd, Marine Corps commandant, made this clear when he said the court is to give full consideration to the "unique psychological and mental factors incident to the Communist device of physical torture accompanied by mental torture."

Schwable is one of 35 Americans who signed germ warfare confessions while in Red captivity. Thirty-three were in the Air Force and two were Marines: Schwable and Maj. Roy H. Bley of Cabool, Mo.

The court of inquiry also is looking into Bley's case. He piloted the plane in which Schwable was a passenger when it was shot down behind enemy lines July 8, 1952.

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