

Lanza, Brando Temperament Good Luck For Young Actor

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The last time I saw Edmund Purdom, he was somewhat concerned about being typed as the man who mouths Mario Lanza's songs. It turns out he needn't have worried.

Purdom is the hottest young actor in Hollywood today. His schedule for 1954 contains the most diverse roles imaginable.

The English lad fell heir to "The Student Prince" when Lanza took a powder, leaving behind his song recordings for Purdom to deliver to a Larry Parks. Next Ed profited from another walkout, being loaned by MGM to 20th Century-Fox for the role vacated by Marlon Brando in "The Egyptian."

Brando left nothing behind, not even a ripped T-shirt. So Purdom's interpretation of the role is strictly his own.

He is now doing that role. As soon as he is finished, he tosses off his desert costume for the tweeds of a proper Bostonian lawyer in "Athena." That's a gay, tuneful film with Debbie Reynolds, Jane Powell and Vera-Ellen. After that he expects to do "a real swashbuckler" called "The King's

Chief." And he is scheduled to appear opposite Ava Gardner in a biblical drama, "The Prodigal."

It's hard to describe Purdom. He is sort of a combination of James Mason and Errol Flynn with a touch of Brando. He says pretty much what he pleases and can come up with some remarkable remarks. He views his present success with candor:

"I have instructed my agent to try and get me a raise now. If I wait until these five pictures come out, the public may get wise to me and I'd get no raise whatsoever."

Still, he is obviously pleased with his good fortune and reflects on the time when things weren't going so well.

"I've been in Hollywood two years, and this is the first time I've been busy," he recalled. Warners brought me over from England for a test, which Michael Curtiz directed, by the way. (Curtiz is now directing Ed in "The Egyptian.")

"I was obvious that Warners had nothing I could do, with the exception of 'I Confess.' And that was already cast very adequately with Montgomery Clift. So I was not signed. For six months, I almost starved."

Now he's the new sensation of Hollywood. He did a bit on the Fox lot in "Titanic" before he was signed at MGM. His salary was \$300 a week. Fox is reported to be paying over \$100,000 for his services in "The Egyptian."

Purdom is 27, married to an actress he met in a London musical show, father of one and expecting another.

Church Members College Guests

Four members of the Church of the Nazarene are guests of Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa, Idaho, today, tomorrow and Saturday. During spring vacation, the college is playing host to high school juniors and seniors from all over the northwest states, as well as Nazarene pastors and their wives.

Visitors from Klamath Falls include Jim King, Rosella Farmer, the Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Crist.

The college is offering free meals, lodging, a tour of visitation to classes and campus buildings, special sports activities and music during the three-day open-house.

"Northwest Nazarene College is one of the many four year fully accredited liberal arts colleges maintained by constituents of the Church of the Nazarene where youth may seek a college education in a Christian Environment," according to the local Nazarene pastor, the Rev. Crist.

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Economic Ills Blamed On U.S.

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Latin American delegates readied a new needle for the United States today in their campaign at the 10th Inter-American Conference to better their nation's economic lot.

This time their target was Washington's ban on shipment of strategic materials to countries of the Soviet bloc.

A working committee last night approved 10-1 a proposal calling on the United States to pay compensation whenever it bans some-

thing other American nations could ship behind the Iron Curtain. Speeches by various delegates indicated the move has general approval.

The resolution was authored by Chile, which has ideas about selling her strategic copper to the Soviet Union.

Under present laws, the United States can cut off her loans and other aid to countries which violate the ban on strategic shipments to the pro-Moscow Reds.

The Chilean plan calls for consultations on what material should be defined as strategic and studies looking toward "compensation for harm" caused by such classification.

The conference buzzed, meanwhile, over Guatemalan delegates' failure to show up for a tribute last night to United Nations soldiers who died fighting the Communists in Korea.

Adlai Heard By Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Adlai Stevenson says Americans "must be careful" of their words because foreign opinions are formed from "the composite of the voices of America, official and unofficial, true and false."

"We do not realize what injury needless words and bad manners do us abroad," the 1952 Democratic presidential candidate told an audience at Harvard University last night in the first of a series of three lectures.

He will deliver the second Godkin Lecture tonight and the final on Friday night. The general subject is "A Troubled World."

"There is still another danger in loud, loose tongues," he said. "We not only confuse and mislead foreigners but we can mislead and deceive ourselves; we can become the victims of our own propaganda, especially in times of tension and impatience."

"In these days when moderation and reason are so often equated with appeasement or even disloyalty, we must be careful lest unreason and extremism not only frighten and alienate our friends and fan the flames of nationalism in the world, but also mislead the American people."

He said Americans are "accustomed to political bad manners and Billingsgate," adding that we have "developed some immunity to vilification, abuse and misrepresentation in our domestic public dialogues."

"But now the situation has changed with the change in America's position in the world," he said. "Everyone is listening attentively to what we say but without even our imperfect capacity to evaluate its significance."

Boy Excited By TV Swallows Marble

WEWOKA, Okla. (AP)—Ten-year-old Johnny Stubblefield got excited watching a television program last night and swallowed a marble.

He was rushed 75 miles by highway patrol escort to an Oklahoma City hospital. Doctors said they may have to operate if the marble lodged in his lung.

The youngster said except for the hiccoughs "I didn't feel a thing."

"I like to collect marbles. I've got 800 of them but this is the first time I ever swallowed one."

Letter 'Candling' Yields Profits

OMAHA (AP)—Carl E. Lundgren has closed his desk at the internal revenue office here to start his annual letter "candling."

When the flood of income tax returns sent in by mail hits the office about the tax-deadline time, Lundgren begins a methodical search of empty envelopes for checks and other enclosures which may have been overlooked. Each envelope is passed over a light to make sure it's empty, just the way an egg is examined.

So far this season Lundgren's "candling" has turned up \$1,600.

Personal To Women With Nagging Backache

Nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness may be due to slow-down of kidney function. Doctors say good kidney function is very important to good health. When some everyday condition, such as stress and strain, causes this important function to slow down, many folks suffer nagging backache—feel miserable. Minor bladder irritations due to cold or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages. Don't neglect your kidneys if these conditions bother you. Try Doan's Pills—a mild diuretic. It's amazing how many times Doan's give happy relief from these discomforts—help the 15 miles of kidney tubes and filters flush out waste. Ask for new, large, economy size and save money. Get Doan's Pills today!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
BALTIMORE (AP)—Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of schools, announced last night that April 13—home opening date of the Baltimore Orioles—will be a holiday for the city's 138,000 school kids.

French Hope For U.S., Red China Accord At Geneva

By PRESTON GROVER
PARIS (AP)—Despite the stern words coming from Washington, France hopes and expects that at the Geneva conference next month the United States will help buy Chinese Communist support to end the Indochinese war.

If that U.S. help isn't forthcoming, some French officials say, the result might well be a new French government that would turn its back on American plans

for defending Europe—particularly the proposed European army.

The French know they have nothing to offer that China wants seriously. French recognition of Peiping wouldn't ripple a Communist hair. What China will want, France expects, is some inducement that will justify Peiping's joining in a five-power pact to bring peace in Indochina.

Just any sort of end of the war won't do. In French eyes, a deal must be worked out which will permit France to stay in Indochina long enough to assure that the French-sponsored governments of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia won't collapse or be taken over by the Communists.

French government officials know this will pose a problem for Secretary of State Dulles at Geneva.

Any concessions made by the United States to China would have

to be balanced by a Chinese concession to the West, the French say. Merely stopping the Indochinese war won't be enough. If Geneva brings Ho Chi Minh into dominance in Indochina, France will see it as a failure because that kind of settlement can be worked out for nothing, with no concessions to anybody.

What concession can be made to China that will end the war? Certain top French officials here believe it would be necessary for the United States to recognize Red China. They do not see that such recognition is out of the question now. They believe also, however, that China can be bought with trade.

One French official who cannot be named expressed a view that is interesting but not unanimous. He said:

"Unless a good end to the Indochinese war can be worked out

in Geneva, this is the last government you can expect to be made up at this time of men who like America. The next one will be made up of men who don't care whether there is further cooperation with America, or who are even bitterly against it."

POLITICAL SCANDAL

PALERMO, Sicily (AP)—A new political scandal rocked Italy Thursday. The district attorney's office formally accused four members of the national police force of lying about the death four years ago of the notorious Sicilian bandit, Salvatore Giuliano.

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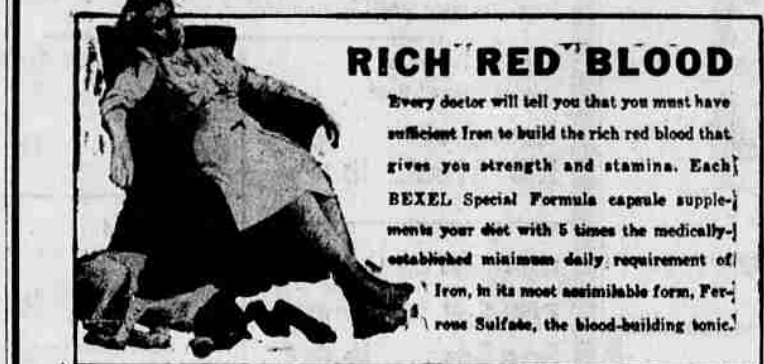
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