



MUSIC AND DANCE will be featured Sunday, August 31, at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival Theater in Ashland. Shown here are some of the performers who will take part in the 4:30 p.m. program. Front to back, the groups are Keith Fowler, San Francisco, and Lynne Gallagher of Ontario, Oregon; Wallace Sinclair of Chowchilla, California, and Rosalyn Newport of Wichita, Kansas; Don Baumgardner, Pontiac, Michigan, and Mercia Thayer, Portland. Miss Thayer, as festival choreographer, created the numbers to be seen Sunday. — Photo by Dwaine Smith, Ashland

Scribe Begins To Think All Nations Are Alike

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It was a chilling thought. It was somewhere in the Far East when this idea suddenly began taking shape. It has been haunting me ever since.

Here it is:
Are we all becoming alike? Is every nation on earth losing its special customs, culture, individuality? Are we all heading straight toward (you'll pardon the expression) togetherness? It looks that way.

It appears that, in the not too distant future, we may be dressing more alike, eating much the same foods, living in a few standard types of houses, watching the same international TV programs, dancing the same dances, responding to the same advertisements, developing pretty much the same tastes.

Fantastic?
Of course, but look over your shoulder.

Only yesterday, a low-slung European car was so rare on the road that you stopped to stare at it. Few Americans ever heard of a vodka martini, much less tasted it. Foreign movies were confined to small, arty theaters in the big cities. Who would have dreamed that a Japanese actress would win an Oscar?

Only yesterday, Coca-Cola invaded Europe. The wine growers rocked with laughter—at first. Soon, they were yelling for government protection. Same with the Paris coiffeurs when American hair-waving gadgets began to take hold with the girls.

On Formosa, the other day, a Chinese lot had a birthday. Which gift wrecked the party? A cowboy suit with chaps and a 10-pint stetson.

One night, some Indonesian students gave a musical program. True, they played native songs—but they had transposed the statelily Indonesian rhythms to a weird form of mamba and samba, plus a touch of Dixieland and jelly-roll!

What's the newest influence in home building and interior decoration in the United States today? Japanese. Architects blend Japanese features into the ranch-style house. All over, you see the "shoji" panel, screens used as room-dividers, vases of flowers and scroll paintings set in combination, the Japanese way of honoring a guest.

These are not unrelated developments. They are part of a universal trend.

Let's look at some of its major aspects.

Take the position of women in some countries where, for centuries, they have been the inferior sex.

In Egypt, a feminist leader is agitating for their right to vote. In East Germany, a woman Communist is the minister of justice. In Japan, women hold seats in Parliament and have become business executives.

Take some changing social customs.

Communist China is edging toward birth control. On two counts, this is startling. First, it abandons the Oriental tradition of large families. More important,

it quietly buries the old Marxist contention that overpopulation is an evil copyrighted by Western capitalists—something that doesn't happen in a Socialist society.

It is hardly news that rock 'n' roll has taken root all around the world, that there are native versions of Elvis Presley in other countries, that the marriage arranged by the parents is disappearing in the Orient.

Take an American psychological development.

Do you detect a tendency among young Americans to play it safe, to overvalue security and undervalue adventure, to emphasize pensions and benefits instead of opportunity in a job. European young men and women have been doing that for many years.

Take a major political current. The Communist nations constitute a bloc. As a reaction, other nations have drawn together into blocs. It is not only NATO and SEATO. You see it in the Coal and Steel Federation and Euratom in Western Europe, in the new West Indies Federation, in the Arab attempts to come together.

Thus few nations today can afford the luxury of a wholly independent foreign policy. Few can go free-wheeling along in their own way.

These are the trends. Powerful influences are at work, accelerating them by the minute.

Long ago, for example, mass communications and advertising largely erased the differences in the way people live in widely removed sections of the United States. Think of the impact on people around the world when they see each other on international TV.

Think of the impact of jet airliners, cutting travel time, making it possible for more people to go farther from home.

One of these days, no doubt, science will provide the Eskimo with an ordinary business suit—except that it will be electrically heated. Air conditioning already has come to the tropics and the blazing deserts, changing the homes, costumes and habits of the people there.

Even the cold war... It brings thousands and thousands of people from many nations to the United States for training; they carry away with them ideas about American living methods. Vice versa, it has sent thousands of Americans abroad; they come back with discoveries they incorporate into the way they live.

Like it or not, for better or worse, we are losing our differences, becoming more and more alike.

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