

Is The Double Feature Still A Popular Thing?

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HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The time has come for the movie industry to do some thinking about the double feature.

Does the public still want it? Can the film business still afford it?

The twin bill has been with us since the Depression days when theaters tried to cure lagging business by giving the public double its money's worth.

Double features have long been attacked by producers, especially Samuel Goldwyn, but they continued to be the mode of film presentation. Why? Because theater men thought movie-goers liked it that way.

But times have changed. As a straw in the wind, Variety tells of two single-feature houses on Long Island, N. Y., that generally outdraw the double-feature theaters in the area.

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It makes sense. If you, the movie goer, can be convinced that the double feature is no bargain, the theater men will come around. For they are faced with three conditions that make the single bill more urgent.

1. Movies are longer than ever. The 80-minute feature is almost obsolete. A two-hour minimum is standard for an important film these days. Three-hour epics are not uncommon.

2. There's nothing wrong with long pictures. But two longies in a row are hard to take for even the most rabid of fans.

3. Movies are fewer than ever. Hollywood is making less than half the number of features that it used to.

In their desperation to make up double bills, many exhibitors have taken to combining a new picture with an oldie. People can get enough old movies on TV.

4. Movies are costlier than ever. The industry can claim that theater admissions haven't risen as much as other consumer prices. But people still resent paying premium fees for what was once inexpensive entertainment. Single features could help cut costs.

GI To Get Help From Rockets

ABERDEEN, Md. (AP)—A rocket designed to give a foot soldier some defense against a strafing plane is being developed, according to the Army's weapons research staff.

Lt. Gen. Arthur G. Trudeau told about the rocket at a news conference at the Army Proving Ground Wednesday.

The "Red Eye" uses the same principle as the "Sidewinder," an air-to-air missile which is attracted to the heat of an engine. The ground-to-air weapon is fired by hand from a bazooka-like launcher and is effective up to one mile, Gen. Trudeau said.

Nixon Gets To See Heavy Red Industry

SVERDLOVSK, Soviet Union. (AP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon took a long look today at heavy industry in Siberia, visiting a huge tube rolling mill and a copper mine near this city of 600,000 on the east slopes of the Ural Mountains.

High spots of the nearly 11-hour schedule were tours through the Pervouralsk mill and the Degtyarsk mine. Nixon also took a long drive through the area surrounding Sverdlovsk, a center for the production of strategic metals, armaments, chemicals and heavy machinery.

Despite the hecklers who dogged his footsteps Wednesday in Novosibirsk and again in Sverdlovsk, Nixon said his welcome in the Soviet Union has been warmer than he expected, especially in Siberia, which has been a closed region to most foreign visitors. Thousands turned out in Novosibirsk and Sverdlovsk to applaud him.

Nixon canceled a dinner in his honor Wednesday night to work on a speech he will give from Moscow Saturday night over the Soviet radio and television network. In it he will urge that Siberia be opened up to more foreign visitors and to more ideas from outside.

Nixon told hecklers here in Sverdlovsk that Western radio broadcasts to them are being jammed and that they do not know the truth. The Soviets ought to have the right to hear both sides, he said, urging them to listen to his broadcast.

Allies To Ask Delay In Meeting

GENEVA (AP)—The Western Allies planned today to ask the Soviet Union to agree to a long recess—beginning next Wednesday—in the Big Four foreign ministers' conference. The Allies obviously hoped that an agreement to renew negotiations would suspend the Soviet threat to West Berlin.

There was no indication Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko would agree to a recess.

There was no expectation on the Western side that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's speech in the Ukraine, made public today, promised any change in the Soviet position that might make it worthwhile to continue negotiations now.

Although Khrushchev called for renewed efforts by the foreign ministers and said the Geneva conference had made progress, he offered no modification of the Soviet demands which the West has rejected.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd reportedly would like to persuade his Western Allies to agree to a summit conference to follow up the present Big Four meeting. But there presently is no prospect the United States and France will agree that sufficient progress has been achieved here to justify going to the summit.

Barring a sudden turnaround by the U.S.S.R. on some crucial issue in the Berlin negotiations, most Western diplomats now believe the foreign ministers meeting will break up in failure without agreement on either Berlin or a summit gathering.

The Wednesday deadline was set on the initiative of Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, who said he is going to attend the meeting of the Organization of American States opening in Santiago, Chile, Aug. 19 and wants a few days in Washington to prepare for that conference. Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville agreed to his proposal.

Following a long luncheon meeting between Herter and Gromyko, Assistant Secretary of State Andrew H. Berding announced that "Mr. Gromyko and Mr. Herter agreed that we would wind up by Wednesday of next week."

However, a Soviet spokesman said that Herter's departure left Gromyko no choice but to go home himself. It appeared the Soviets were putting themselves in position to put full blame for a breakdown on the U.S. secretary if that suited their propaganda purposes.

Planes Carry Atom Bombs

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP)—Atomic bombs are stored at Homestead Air Force Base and jet bombers carry them over south Florida on practice missions, the Air Force has disclosed.

"We're not just sitting here," said Maj. Carl Harris, Homestead disaster control officer. "We have a job to do, and our aircraft are flying around with them (atomic bombs)."

He made the statement Wednesday during a meeting of Air Force and Dade County (Miami) police and fire officials called to set up plans in case of emergency.

The possibility of dropping a bomb accidentally on south Florida is remote, Harris said. If it did happen, there would be no nuclear explosion.

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Band To Appear Here

Lymann, a singer, and The Suedes, a rock and roll band, will appear with their vocal group, "The Twilighters" at the Klamath Falls Auditorium Saturday, August 1. Dancing will take place from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Their visit is sponsored by local promoter Baldy Evans, and Jerry McLeod, better known as Jerrio the Clown on Redding television. The men have plans to stage a rock and roll dance at the auditorium weekly if this and subsequent dances are successful.

Other attractions coming soon are Lloyd Price Monday, August 17, and the man Evans calls "Mr. Rock and Roll, himself," Fats Domino, Friday, August 28. Both will appear at the auditorium.

Price recently recorded "Personality," a top seller. Domino's hits are numerous and well known.

W.M. Wildman Death Told

Mrs. Wanda Mildred Wildman, 38, longtime resident of the Klamath community, died of cancer July 16 at the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, Yakima. Word of her death was learned here by family friends. She was the wife of Willard L. Wildman.

She was born June 6, 1921 at Washougal, Washington, and lived here most of her life until the family moved to Washington in 1957 where they lived on the 3Bar Ranch.

Survivors include in addition to the widower, five children, Patricia, 16; Gloria, 14; Willard Jr., 12; Walter, 10 and Wesley, 3 years old; her mother, Mrs. Sarah Weyand, Newburg; four brothers, Larry Weyand and Paul Weyand of Ellensburg, Bob Weyand, Hillsboro and Guy Weyand, Kennewick; five married sisters, Pauline, Opa L. Romaine, Bernice and Donna.

Funeral services were held July 18 and burial was in the West Hills Memorial Gardens at Yakima.

GSA To Hold Day Camp

Moore Park will be the scene of the Girl Scout Day Camp beginning August 4. Girls will hike, cook out of doors, and study trees, flowers and wildlife, and crafts such as plaster of paris molding, blueprinting and scrapbook making.

The camp will begin at 9:30 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. August 4, 5 and 6 and again August 11, 12 and 13. Campers are asked to provide transportation. No buses will run this year.

Girls aged 7 through eighth grade are eligible. They will be grouped into day camp troops according to age as soon as they arrive. Cost is \$2 per week. The fee will furnish milk and equipment.

Campers may join in the outing though they may not be able to attend the entire session. Registration is possible at the Girl Scout office in the Melhase Building or at the campground. Direction signs will be posted at the park.

Each troop will have a leader and two assistants. Mrs. Richard Suber is camp director. A registered nurse will be on duty during the entire period.

Big Ship Repaired, Ready To Continue

NEW YORK (AP)—The Queen Elizabeth, world's largest luxury liner, was set to sail today as repairs were rushed on her hull following a collision with a freighter during patchy fog in New York harbor.

There were no injuries to passengers or crew aboard the 83,000-ton Queen and the inbound 10,460-ton American Hunter. The ships came together about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday near the entrance to Ambrose Channel about 1 1/2 miles off Coney Island. Both vessels were damaged above the water line. At the helm of each were trained harbor pilots.

The mishap in the freakish fog—no visibility in some areas and good visibility in others—led to the harbor being shut down for 2 1/2 hours.

Repair crews went to work on the three-foot hole in the starboard bow of the liner immediately after dusk, when tugs brought her back to Pier 90 where she had lifted anchor just six hours earlier.

The impact was felt only as a dull thud aboard the Elizabeth. Few of the ship's 1,939 passengers knew what had happened.

The American Hunter, just arrived from the Elizabeth's home port of Southampton, carried a crew of 50 plus 6 passengers. The freighter suffered a two-foot crack in her bow. The Hunter is owned by the United States Lines.

E. Seymour Bell, general manager of the Cunard Line, told newsmen that a fog curtain sud-



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