

Reds Capable Of Laughing

EDITOR'S NOTE: Comedian Danny Kaye has been attending the Moscow film festival as an American ambassador of good will. In the following exclusive dispatch, he tells of sharing laughter with the Russians.

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MOSCOW (UPI) — Believe it or not, the Communists are just as capable of laughing as the guy next door.

I didn't come to Moscow to see the men who run the Kremlin or to clown for them. I didn't come merely to see the sights of Moscow's third International Film Festival, but I certainly did come to see the people and to reaffirm my belief that laughter is truly universal.

Before leaving the United States, I had some reservations about going to Russia, even though I was extremely curious to see what it was like.

I had originally declined to attend the film festival, but when the State Department urged me to go to Moscow on a people-to-people mission and when the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) asked me to visit Soviet children's institutions, I readily accepted.

I thought that in a country where the political ideology is so diametrically opposed to ours, in a country where the mere mention of capitalism causes a nervous twitch, in a country where our society is frowned upon, I feared that people would not react quite the same to laughter. I found, however, that they do react to laughter with warmth and friendship and that they have the same emotions, fears and hopes that we have.

I had a better opportunity to observe the people in Moscow than possibly any other city I have visited in recent years, because I quickly discovered that I could walk in the streets completely unnoticed.

None of my pictures has ever played here and no one knew who Danny Kaye was. As a matter of fact, when I was coming to Moscow on a Russian movie fan asked, "I hear she is a good actress. Is she pretty?"

The cloak of anonymity was helpful because it gave me a greater opportunity to watch the people in everyday life. When I landed in Moscow I was startled to see entire families watching planes land and take off just as they do in New York, Los Angeles, or any other large capital city.

When I took a walk in the middle of Moscow one night, I saw a group of boys teaching some girls how to do the bossa nova

right there on the sidewalk. I chuckled because that could have been anywhere — in Greenwich Village, the Sunset Strip in Hollywood (or Gollywood, as they say in Russian).

I have talked with Soviet officials, actors, film producers, ballet dancers, factory managers, welfare workers, nurses, doctors, hospital attendants and many others. But just about the best fun I had, and one of the most exciting experiences, was an afternoon I spent playing with 600 children at a pioneer (youth organization) camp.

My visit was arranged by Prof. Georgy Mitrev of the Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent.

It was met at the camp by the children who didn't know me from Adam but almost all had bouquets of flowers. All they were told was that I was an honored American guest—an actor.

A little 9-year-old girl made a

presentation speech in halting English but perfectly understandable—that is to say understandable to me.

It was really very touching. I kissed her cheek and suddenly she got very embarrassed, but then I pretended I was embarrassed too, and covered my face with my hands. The reaction was immediate.

From then on the children lost any reserve they had. Even though the children and I could not talk to each other, I found that behaving like a child with children made for immediate communication.

We played games, sang songs, and danced together. It could have happened anywhere in the world.

It leaves me with the hope that someday, somehow, our children will grow up in a peaceful, happy world.

Ban On Discrimination Move Returns To Senate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Burke Marshall, the Justice Department's civil rights expert, goes back to the Senate today to press for the administration's proposed ban on discrimination in public businesses.

Marshall faces more questioning by Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., of the Senate Commerce Committee, which is considering the administration's controversial public accommodations bill. The hearings are expected to continue into next week.

Barry Needs

More Backing

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. John G. Tower, R-Tex., a leading supporter of Sen. Barry Goldwater, doubts that the Arizona conservative can win the GOP presidential nomination solely by a draft movement.

"He'll have to announce his decision—one way or the other—by the first primary," Tower said Sunday in a television interview. He appeared on Meet the Press—NBC.

Tower said New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's chance for the nomination have been damaged by his divorce and remarriage. But, Tower said the "back Barry" movement was gaining momentum before Rockefeller married the former Mrs. Margaretta (Happy) Murphy.

If Goldwater does not win the nomination, Tower said he would urge him to remain in the Senate rather than accept the vice presidential nomination.

Two House education and labor subcommittees also scheduled hearings on bills designed to improve Negro opportunities.

One subcommittee called three Negroes to testify on a bill that would withhold federal funds from segregated schools. The witnesses were Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y.; Dr. Rufus Clement, president of Atlanta University, and James Farmer, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

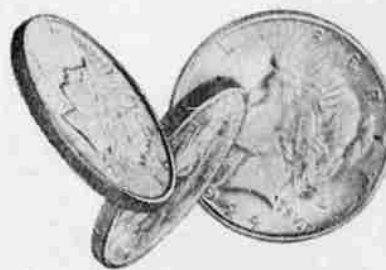
Anthony Celebrezze, secretary of health, education and welfare, was called by the other group considering a bill to expand the federal program of teaching job skills to the unemployed.

Other congressional news: Space: The House Space Committee hoped to end its review of the \$5.7 billion budget request of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The committee probably will recommend a cut of \$488 million, against previous advice of President Kennedy and key U.S. space officials. The group already has called for a \$383 million cut in manned space flights and advanced space sciences.

Economy: Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon and Robert V. Roosa, Treasury undersecretary for monetary affairs, appear before the House-Senate Economic Committee. The issue: How the administration hopes to trim the U.S. balance of payments deficit and stem the flow of U.S. gold abroad.

War: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee hears a closed-door briefing by outgoing U.S. Ambassador to Saigon Frederick E. Nolting Jr. on the war in South Viet Nam.

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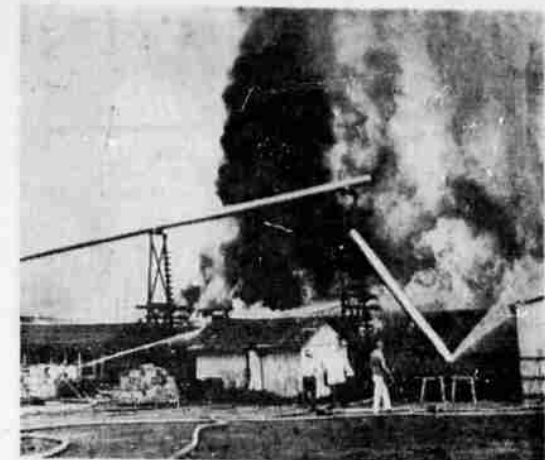
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Graduate Courses Set For State Universities

PORTLAND (UPI)—A program which would allow graduate students to take courses at both the University of Oregon and Oregon State University was approved Monday by the curriculum committee of the State Board of Higher Education.

Chancellor Roy E. Ljeuallen said the joint-campus plan was designed to permit graduate students at either school to take advantage of the special strengths of both schools. It is part of a drive to expand graduate study in the state.

Ljeuallen said the program could go into effect this fall.

Board members envisioned the program being expanded eventually to provide an exchange of professors, library books and instructional materials, improved exchange of research findings and perhaps a shuttle bus service between the two campuses 40 miles apart.

Members of the board were scheduled to continue their meeting here today.

Bond Issue Approved
In other action, the board's finance committee approved plans for a \$10 million self-liquidating bond issue to pay for construction

SCHOLAR

William Rainey Harper, first president of the University of Chicago, graduated from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio (home town of astronaut John Glenn) at the age of 15 and received his Ph.D. from Yale when he was only 18.

projects on several campuses.

The funds will be used to construct Cascade Hall dormitory and athletic facilities at Southern Oregon College; a dormitory and a common building at Oregon Tech; an addition to Hunt Hall and two new dormitories at Eastern Oregon College; a college Center addition, parking facilities and a swimming pool at Portland State college; a health service building, heating plant additions and a central food building at the University of Oregon; and miscellaneous land purchases.

The board approved a building at Oregon College of Education which will serve as a new method laboratory for teachers and as a showplace to display how wood can be used in school buildings. OCE President Dr. Leonard Rice said he hoped to raise the \$650,000 necessary for construction from private contributions. The plans have been financed by Stanford University's School Planning Laboratory.

A \$364,877 contract for construction of a women's dormitory at the University of Oregon Medical and Dental Schools in Portland was awarded to A. V. Peterson Co., Portland.

The board approved a modified budget designed to make its expenses for the next two years fit the budget slashes made by the state legislature.

The budget includes merit raises and a new salary schedule for college teachers, but it curtails plans to strengthen graduate study research in the Portland area.

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