NAMES IN THE NEWS

Membership losses could spell "obituary" for labor movement

MIAMI BEACH — A report that organized labor in the United States is losing ground in making union members of workers brought a self-appraisal in the AFL-CIO today that it could spell union labor's "obituary."

Organizing Director John Livingston told AFL-CIO chiefs gathered here for a winter meeting that their unions are staging a losing battle in wooing workers to the union cause.

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BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — A second person died Monday as a result of a wild attack on four persons Friday by an elderly cutlass-swinging man. **Mrs. Ada Went**, 71, died of wounds suffered in the attack. **Mrs. Genetha Aldora Brathwaite**, 49, was decapitated in the attack.

Police said **Hilton Boxill**, 86, will face a second charge of murder.

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WASHINGTON — **President Kennedy** will not hold a press conference this week. He has held one every Wednesday since taking office a month ago. None will be held this Wednesday, the White House said, because it is Washington's birthday and a legal holiday.

NEW YORK — **Mayor Robert F. Wagner** has announced he will reappoint police commissioner **Stephen P. Kennedy** for a second five-year term and Kennedy says he will accept on two conditions. Kennedy, who called a press conference Monday night, said he wanted assurance of the mayor's support for a $600 average yearly pay increase for patrolmen and for Kennedy's ban on policemen holding outside jobs.

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OAKLAND, Calif. — A man's own mom is more likely to wreck his marriage than his mother-in-law, says a family relations expert. **Dr. Paul Popence**, president of the American Institute of Family Relations, said here Monday that the wife is usually helpless. Only the husband can effectively convince his mother that her "little boy" is old enough to take care of himself, Popence said.

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PARIS — **President de Gaulle** has appointed a non-party civil servant, **Lucien Paye**, as minister of national education. Paye, 53, was formerly rector of Dakar University.

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LONDON — **Alexei Adzhubei**, journalist son-in-law of **Nikita Khrushchev**, flew to London Monday with a Soviet mission to discuss peaceful co-existence with the British. Adzhubei is editor-in-chief of Izvestia, the Soviet government newspaper.

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LONDON — **Douglas Furber**, 75, writer of more than 1,000 songs including Limehouse Blues and The Lambeth Walk, died in hospital here Sunday. He also wrote The Bells of St. Mary's and God Send You Back to Me.

Furber was author and co-author of more than 70 musical plays and revues. He also wrote movie songs for **Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Lionel Barrymore** and **Gracie Fields**. Once a London clerk, Furber was reported to have written The Lambeth Walk in seven minutes.

Doctor's strike kills six people

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese newspapers say six persons died Sunday because of delays in getting medical assistance as the result of a nationwide doctors' strike.

About 55,000 doctors and dentists took part in the 24-hour work stoppage, which supported demands for higher fees and other changes in the national health insurance program.

About 8,500 members of the medical and dental associations staffed national hospitals, prefectural clinics and public health centres to handle emergency cases. Long delays were experienced in some areas, newspapers report.

Dr. Taro Takemi, chairman of the Japan Medical Association, termed the strike a success and said more Sunday walkouts would be called unless the demands are met.

OIL COMPANY PRESIDENT W. M. V. Ash, MA, has travelled throughout the world, particularly the Middle East, as an official of the Shell Oil Co. of Canada Ltd. A keen sportsman, Mr. Ash has also participated in many educational conferences throughout the Dominion.

SEVENOAKS, England (AP)—An extract from the Sevenoaks News: "The funeral service, at which Rev. E. M. T. McLellan officiated, was rather sombre."

MOVIE COLUMN

Food supplements 'kick' main pastime for actor

By BOB THOMAS

TOKYO (AP) — Robert Cummings was in a Chinese restaurant in the Japanese capital talking about his TV show.

When Cummings starts talking, you're bound to listen. One of his crusades is bringing joys of food supplements to the unenlightened. He is working here on "My Geisha," and he has most of the company hooked on his pills.

In between the shark fin soup and fried rice, he chomped on protein tablets and wheat germ pills.

"Imaging," he said. "That's the way you can accomplish anything in life. Once you image what you want—and if it is good for you and other people—all you have to do is start acting as if you already have it. And before long, you will!"

HE'S NOW 50

He illustrated with his career. For five years he pictured himself as a British actor and won his start in the theatre and films. He now sees himself still young and at 50 he keeps the appearance of a collegiate.

His latest reflection has accomplished the virtually impossible task of a third bigtime TV series. He did "My Hero", which is still making the re-run rounds in the United States and elsewhere. He had a five-year-run with The Bob Cummings Show.

Next season, CBS will offer a different series, again named The Bob Cummings Show.

The story has Bob as a playboy with a home at an airport in Palm Desert, Calif. He's a sort of jet age Paladin, taking on jobs to help out people when he runs out of money.

As with his previous series, Bob will star in, direct and produce the show.

Another Cummings wish is the yen to do something to feed the world's millions. Reality: He now is involved with a dozen others in planting 1,500,000 acres in Australia with rice.

Little girl gets Russian doll gift

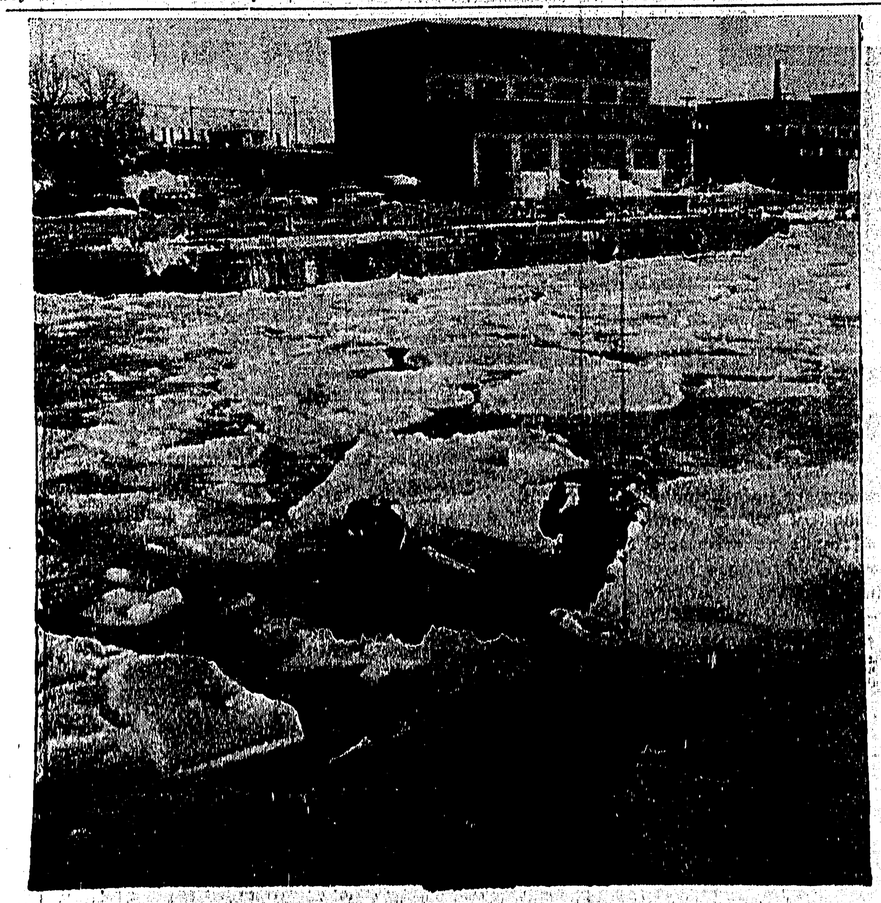
BRIGHTWELL, England (Reuters) — Ten-year-old Katherine Munday collects miniature dolls from countries all over the world. She badly wanted one from Russia. So she wrote a letter.

"Please Mr. Khrushchev," she said, "I'm sure you will understand. Could you send me a Russian doll.

"If you will help I will gladly send a British doll for one of your grandchildren."

She put a stamp on the envelope and addressed it to Mr. Khrushchev, the Kremlin, Moscow.

On Saturday the mailman delivered a parcel containing a Russian wooden doll.



THE COLD WAR — The old-fashioned winter Halifax has been experiencing does not deter naval frogmen in routine warship maintenance which goes on the year round. AB Donald Smullin, left, of Woodstock, N.B., and Dartmouth, N.S., and Ldg. Sea. Roger Giroux, of Windsor, Ont., and Dartmouth, warm up in the sun on ice cakes beside the Gunwharf on the Dartmouth shore. Smullins is wearing a "wet suit" next to the skin in water at 30°F. Giroux wears a "dry suit" with angora underwear beneath. — National Defence Photo

VALENTINE LINE-UP at the Prince Rupert Senior High School was the result of a school-wide vote taken before the dance. Elected Queen was Glenna Stava, who was partnered by King Ronald Roberts, on her right. Then from left to right: Prince Lawrence Atkinson, Princess Wilma Denluck, Page boy Allan Kangas and Page girl Carol Wick. — Staff photo by John Pain

Sordid modern drama brings Noel Coward out in revolt against plays of "lower classes"

By CAROL KENNEDY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)—Noel Coward, long one of Britain's most fashionable playwrights, is in fastidious revolt against dust-bins and kitchen sinks.

The master of the effete, epigrammatic drawing-room drama, at 62 still firmly wedded to his favorite theatrical format, says in effect he thinks that the British stage is wasting too much time on tough, realistic stories about the lower classes.

In particular, his attack is directed against new-wave playwrights such as Shelagh Delaney, Arnold Wesker and Harold Pinter, whose controversial works are often labelled "kitchen-sink" or "dustbin" drama.

Writing in The Sunday Times from his private beach in Jamaica, Coward calls them old-fashioned revolutionaries, who "dwell exclusively on the limited and monotonous proletariat." Being left-wing themselves, he says, they seem to think only working-class people are worth writing about.

"Political or social propaganda in the theatre," he concludes with a well-bred yawn, "is generally a cracking bore."

A week later, with a pile of angry correspondence for his pains, Coward was thundering forth again, this time against what he calls the "scratch-and-mumble school" of acting. Stanislavsky's method system, he contends, has produced a handful of brilliant actors but a much larger number of "grimy, introspective megalomaniacs," performing "small grey plays in small grey theatres, with a mximum of realism and a minimum of makeup."

Now it's the turn of the critics to get into the act. Snorts Bernard Levin of The Daily Express: "Mr. Coward is still obsessed by the fact that other people do not dress exactly as he does."

He lives, says Levin, in a perpetual golden noonday where people are always bouncing in and out of French windows chirping "anyone for tennis?" The critic goes on to suggest that the withdrawal of Coward's latest play, 'Waiting in the Wings," while kitchen-sink works run merrily on, might have something to do with his peevishness.

REALISM DEFENDED

Kenneth Tynan of The Observer has thought of this one, too. "The bridge of a sinking ship," he comments, "is scarcely the place from which to deliver a lecture on the technique of keeping afloat."

Peace is finally restored to the pages of The Sunday Times by Robert Bolt, regarded as the most distinguished of the new playwrights but hardly a kitchen-sink exponent — his latest play is set in an Oxford college.

Observing that times and audiences have changed since the 1920s, he claims that people today, living in a tense world, want realism and compassion in their plays, not escapism and glib satire. As for the slum settings and coarse characters, they are in his view a natural reaction against the Paris frocks, silk dressing-gowns and Oxford accents of brittle comedies like Coward's "Private Lives" and "Hay Fever."

Boy breaks legs in 275 foot fall

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — A seven-year-old boy broke both legs when he fell 275 feet down a narrow pipe into a well Sunday. Recovering in hospital was Harry Stage, who also suffered a fractured pelvis and possible internal injuries.

Harry was playing on a ranch 25 miles southwest of Phoenix while his dad, Ed, a driller, was talking to ranch owner Webb Faubion.

Climbing on a platform, Harry jumped on a piece of plywood which concealed the pipe of an underground irrigation well.

"The boy just vanished," Faubion said.

Harry plunged down the 16-inch pipe with 250 feet of water at the bottom. But there was one thing in his favor.

"That board helped compress air in the pipe," said Stage; "and this undoubtedly slowed his fall. But he couldn't tread water because of his broken legs and pelvis."

From the bottom of the pipe came Harry's voice: "Daddy, get me out of here."

"We'll get you out. Just push against the sides of the pipe so you don't sink."

The men used a block and tackle and 300 feet of line with a loop on the end to haul the boy up.

EDINBURGH (CP)—Students at Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen universities can buy certain goods—restaurant meals, tape recorders, furniture—at cut prices as a result of negotiations by the Scottish Union of Students.

Tires, rims stolen from two trucks

One complete wheel, including the tire and rim, was stolen from each of two pick-up trucks while they were parked at Bob Parker's garage on McBride Street during the weekend.

RCMP said that both tires and rims were new and the complete wheels were valued at $40 each.

Police stated that each tire was a 670 x 15 size. One was mounted on a blue rim while the other was mounted on a white rim.

Record player stolen

About $220 worth of merchandise was stolen from a car parked in a garage at Port Edward during the weekend.

RCMP said that a car owned by Donald Taske of Port Edward was entered when the window was forced and a record player, 100 45 rpm records and a floor mat were taken.

Country youth to get help

VICTORIA (CP) — The rural youth of British Columbia are to get a broad new program of aid aimed at helping them develop skills and leadership in agriculture.

The plan was announced by Agriculture Minister Richter Monday as he spoke in the budget debate in the legislature.

It will provide training for farm youths from Junior 4-H age level right into the early years of farm operations, placing emphasis on development of skills, management, personal abilities and leadership.

"This will attempt to give direction to the training and development needs of young people in rural areas," said the agriculture minister.

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