TV-MOVIE COLUMN

Durante gives preview of action-packed show

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The great Durante was back in action this week, and the word is chosen advisedly.

Jimmy was hustling all over NBC's studio 2—blowing bubbles at Lawrence Welk, making up a trio with Sal Mineo and Canada's Giselle McKenzie, dueting with Bobby Darin and dancing a la Fred Astaire. All this activity will be seen by the general public Sept. 25 in a Friday night spectacular.

Durante paused for a few minutes to give his nose a rest and talk about his activities. The hour show is one of three he will do this season, plus two guest appearances with Dinah Shore, the latter as part of his long-run NBC contract.

"I like it better dis way," he remarked. "doin' just a few shows a year, I can give more attention to 'em. I'd never go back to dat live show every week.

"But I would like to do some shows on film. I got 24 of 'em and I'd like to make about 15 more. Then I'd have enough for a season and they'd give me some security."

NOT SLOWING DOWN

Not that he shows any signs of slowing down. He still plays night clubs in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Miami and Las Vegas every year.

"But dat ain't woik," he said. "Dat's how I get my fun I go out dere and enjoy myself for an hour, dat's all. The only hard woik I do is a little dancin'."

This may help to explain the Durante success.: When he's working, it seems like fun.

Jimmy said a deal is still cooking for a movie about his life. The dream cast originally was Dean Martin as Durante. Frank Sinatra as Lou Clayton and Bing Crosby as Eddie Jackson. Now Bing appears to be out of the project, with Jack Lemmon in his place.

City merchant sells business

A 55-year-old city merchant who came to Prince Rupert in 1924 said today he is retiring from active business.

Clifford George Ham of 337 Fourth Avenue West, born in Bristol, England, last week turned his firm the Northern Tire and Rubber Company over to a Prince George man, John Pylot.

The firm, under Mr. Ham's ownership for the past 15 years, was formerly known as Rupert Supply House.

New exploration

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (Reuters)—The New Zealand government is getting ready to launch new exploration in the Antarctic during the summer season starting near the year's end.

PROBLEM CHILDREN—Teacher Jean Plewes of Streetsville, Ont., checks the artistic efforts of Canadian servicemen's children at the department of national defence school at Soest, Germany. Working at the easels are Jimmy Roach, 6, of Thorold, Ont., and Leslie Garstang, also 6, of Toronto. The pupils are bulging out of the original classrooms into converted barrack block and two more blocks are scheduled to be converted before the new term next year. Enrolment in 1955 was 1,058 and is expected to reach about 4,700 by 1963. —CP from National Defence

Registration of 1922er German war veterans receives protest from large number of 300,000 37-year-old men

By RICHARD O'REGAN

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

"Never again, never again will I carry arms." The cold grey eyes of the German war veteran were angry.

He was 37 years old and he sat on a bench and he was talking to other veterans who were waiting for the names to be called. Finally, his name came up.

He stroke quickly up to the clerk.:

"Lasst mich in ruhe—let me alone. I had my fill last time."

"This is only a registration," explained the clerk patiently. "It doesn't mean you are going to be called up. Our new army is short of trained junior officers and non - commissioned officers. What was your experience?"

"I was a sergeant. Eastern front. 1942-1944. Russian prisoner-of-war. Released from Siberia in 1950."

MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN

"Never again. Never again. And I'm married now and I have two children. Why do they want me?"

"I've told you," said the clerk. "This is a registration of the 300,000 men who were born in Germany in 1922 and who served in the last war. Only 10 per cent or less of them may be called up.

"You won't be called again. That's for sure if you're married. Put that down, and write down there that you would like to request deferment."

The veteran did as he was told. But he remained angry, very angry.

Thousands of West German veterans are going through the same experience.

In Offenbach, near Frankfurt, 104 of 650 men advised authorities that they would refuse to register. In Dietzenbach all the 37-year-olders organized a protest meeting. In Langenselbold 42 of 61 men sent a protest telegram to Chancellor Adenauer's defence minister, Franz-Josef Strauss.

In Heusenstamm a group of 37-year-olds organized a silent march of protest through the town streets and placed a wreath on the village war memorial.

In Lahr, in the Black Forest, only two of 24 men called to report appeared. They can be fined up to 150 marks $36. But will Adenauer's government insist?

Several newspapers have queried whether the government is right in calling upon the 1922ers. Many of them, editorials have pointed out, were Russian prisoners who signed promises never to bear arms again. Others were men who lost arms or legs or eyes.

Fritz Eschmann, a former captain and now a socialist member of parliament, has called for an urgent stop.

Discuss Asia

VANCOUVER (CP)—The seventh annual United Nations high school seminar opened Sunday at the University of B.C. with high school students from many parts of the province attending. Theme of the week-long conference is the future of Asia.

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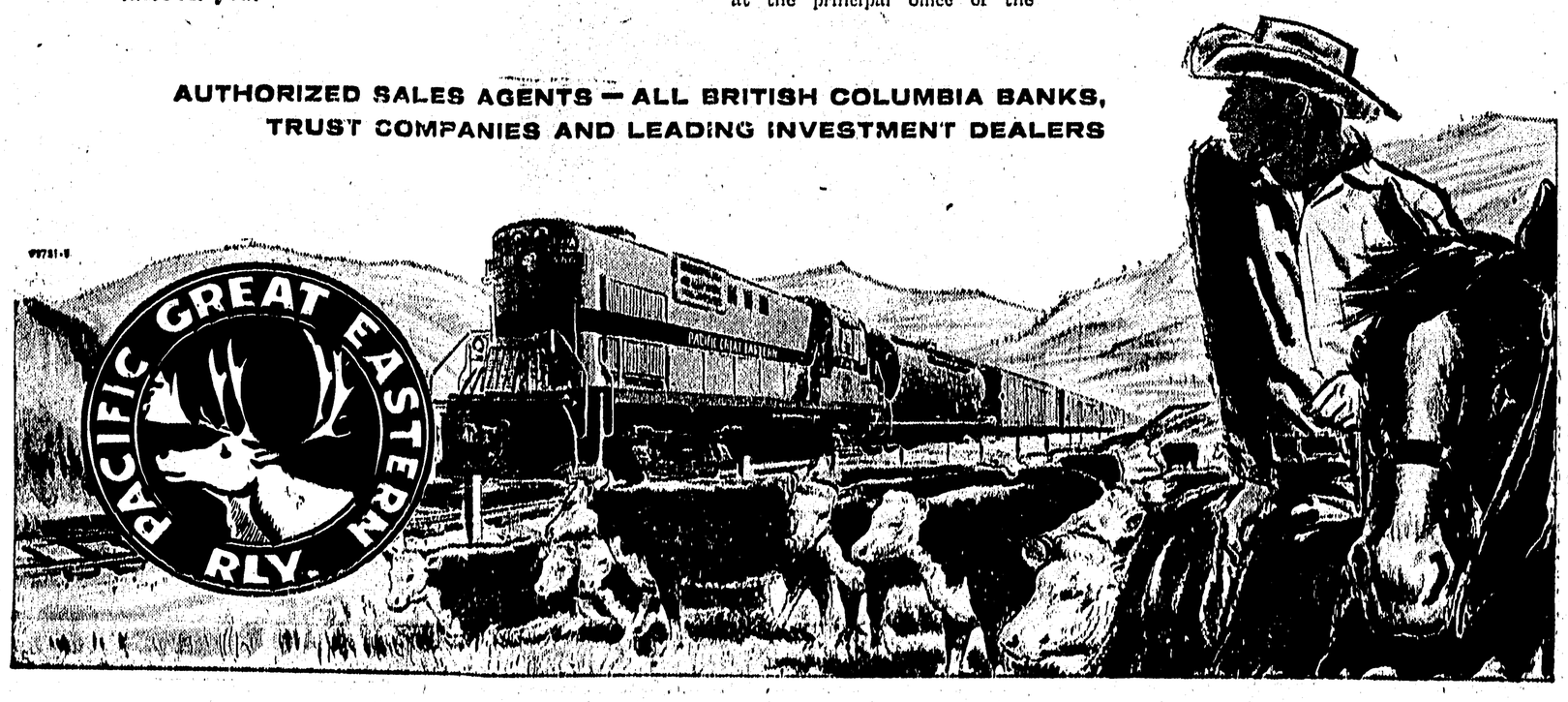

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