UNIQUE ANNIVERSARY CAKE—A champagne-bottle encased in cake, and covered with iced elephants formed the centre piece for Gene Raymond and Jeanette MacDonald recently when they celebrated their wedding anniversary. They were in San Francisco where Gene was appearing in a stage play and Miss MacDonald was on her way to Dallas, Texas, to appear in an opera.

Berlin border closure causes worker lack in west sector

BERLIN (AP)—West Berlin is considering the use of foreigners to help rreplace the 50,000 East Berliners lost to its work force thrrough the border closing.

One out of every 16 jobs in this city of 2,200,000 people was opened last week by the Communist order, which stopped commuting from East Berlin as well as the refugee flow.

West Berlin, though far from economically hamstrung, has been feeling the pinch. Service industries and trade have been especially hard hit, since they employed about 30,000 of the border crossers. Industry had the remaining 20,000.

To meet the new situation, city officials say measures are under consideration that include bringing in foreign workers. This is the way West Germany — which has 500,000 of them — filled many of the jobs created by its prosperity.

SEEK RETURN TO WORK

The West Berlin Employers Association has asked permission to lengthen work hours and spread out the available employees as much as possible. Retired men have been volunteering to go back on the payroll.

The city government has drawn up a report on the economic consequences of the border closing to be submitted today to the commandants of the Western forces, technically the rulers of the city. This is expected to serve as the basis for long-term planning.

Industry in the city — there are some 8,000 firms and a 910,000 - man labor force — has pledged to try to cut down on its labor needs by further mechanization and improvements in methods.

Officials say there is no need for drastic measures now. East Berliners were not allowed to hold key jobs because of the precarious nature of relations between the two parts of the city.

SITUATION SIMILAR

"All that really happened was that we were put in the same position as West Germany where more than 500,000 job openings exist," a city spokesman said.

"Today the situation is proportionately the same here, whereas in the past jobs and job-seekers tended to run about the same."

Because of its location deep within Communist territory, West Berlin has had difficulty hanging onto business. Despite a big program of help from the West German government the city has not advanced at the "economic miracle" rate of West Germany.

There is no possibility of cancelling the effects of the border closing by getting West Berliners working in East Berlin to give up their jobs and stay home. The number is comparatively small — about 13,000 — and consists in large part of workers on the elevated railway system, common to both parts of the city and actors and other artists.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Given all this, business here has shown no indication of being disrupted by the border developments. Land prices are holding up. Banks have experienced no runs. Some West Berlin stocks have even been rising on the exchange.

Houswives have been stocking food and fuel because of their nervousness over the crisis. This has meant a big upsurge in business for grocers, wholesalers and coal dealers.

The most often heard complaint about the effects of the border closing: Coal dealers cannot meet orders as fast as usual because they have lost their East Berlin drivers and sack carriers.

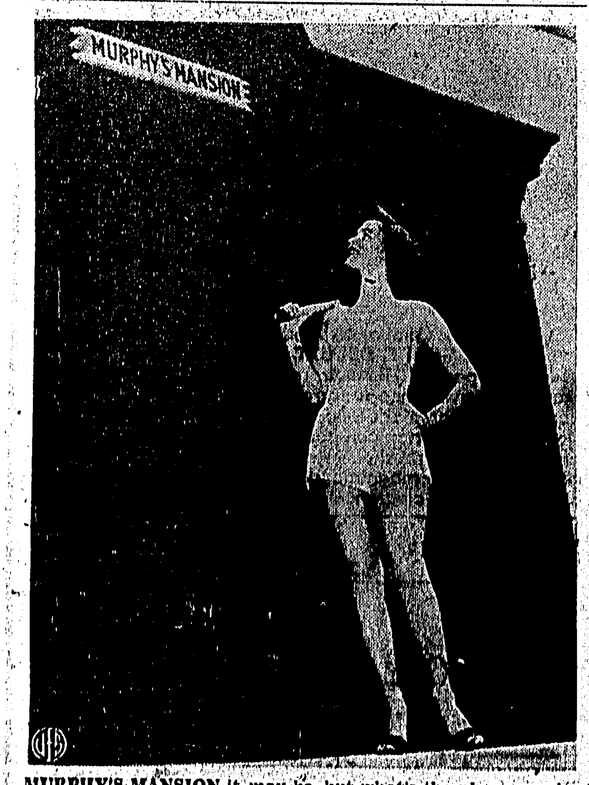
It's a serious complaint too — this is such a cold and rainy August that some householders already have turned on the heat.

USE CRUSTS

Whenever cutting the crusts from broad, leave a small margin of soft bread on the crusts. They can be rolled, pinwheel fashion, held with a toothpick, spread with butter and topped with cheese. After a number of these have been made they can be set under the broiler and served with cocktails.

RICE GROWERS

Over the whole African continent about 7,500,000 acres were being farmed to rice in 1961.



MURPHY'S MANSION It may be, but what's the phone number? Mary Murphy is another in the long line of Cinderella stories that has come from Hollywood. Before she was spotted by the Good Fairy Talent Scout in a department store, Mary was a package wrapper. Now she is a starlet with her foot on the bottom rung of the ladder.

New privileged class appearing in Cuba

HAVANA (Reuters)—The Cuban revolution's campaign to oust the former privileged bourgeoisie runs some risk of producing a new privileged class.

New forms of snobbery are springing up among the "humble" and the "poor" to whom the revolution has lent new status.

Thousands of young "campesinas"—girl peasants—have been brought to Havana from the country to live at the government's expense, in elegant houses abandoned by wealthy families who have exiled themselves to Fliorda.

The girls ar esupposed to obe studying sewing an ddressmaking. But since the scheme has not yet got under way, they spend much of their time watching the world go by from luxurious terraces and singing revolutionary songs.

That a streak of revenge is involved in this billeting of peasant children in th ehouses of the rich is not denied by Cuban officials. They point, however, to the past when, they say, the bourgeoisie "exploited the humble to maintain their own high standards of living."

UNION STATUS SYMBOL

The former elegant clubs, "now in the hands of the people," are also developing an exclusivity of their own. It is as impossible to enter some of these now without holding the membership card of a particular trade union as it was in the old days to enter the mwithout having a big income and a high social status.

The Havana yacht club has become a "workers' social centre," but its new members, young workers and poor Negroes, are said to prefer to remark casually that they are going to the yacht club.

It has been one of the loudest boasts of the revolution that it has opened up the beaches to the people, who, it is said, "were formerly barred access by the rich."

Today, a little of the exclusivity has returned. Section of beach are closed again to the public and reserved for student "campesinas," or for "brigadistas" training to be voluntary teachers and abolish illiteracy.

CALL IT WHAT YOU LIKE — A panung or sarong, it still looks good on Virginia Mayo. A product of the South Seas where the latter is the popular form of wear for both boys and girls, the panung might come under the heading of formal wear. It is an improvement on the mou-mou.

Chinese say filmmakers warmongers

PEKING (Reuters)—A widely-circulated newspaper for Chinese intellectuals accuses Hollywood filmmakers of advocating war.

The paper, Kwangming Daily, also charges in a series of articles that the alleged emphasis on violence in U.S. films was being strongly opposed by "people within the United States as well as peoples of various countries all over the world."

Thus, it concluded, Hollywood is producing less and getting less business.

Ironically, Kwangming Daily's series came at a time when the rest of the Chinese press was announcing this year's three most popular films — all bloody war stories, as, indeed, are most films now showing in Peking.

"Hollywood pictures pay tribute to and advocate war, or frighten people by showing the cruelty and destructiveness of war," the series said at one point.

"Anti-Communism, anti-Chinese and anti-Soviet ideas, licentiousness, terror and crime have always been the leading themes of Hollywood pictures," it added.

"To advertise war has always been one of the most important aspects of Hollywood productions."

The series said the alleged emphasis on violence in U.S. films was dictated not only by "Wall Street capitalists" but by economics.

Travelling show changes lives of performers

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Members of the "Holiday in Japan" troupe are back in their homeland this week, but their lives will never be the same.

Twenty-five months, fix marriages and two babies later, the performers gathered for a farewell party given by Mrs. Parker, who is red-haired and goes by the name of Shirley Maclaine.

"Vegas was great but gruelling," said a singer. "The audiences were wonderful, but we did three show a night seven nights a week for a year. And after the shows we were supposed to circulate with the customers. Eventually all you could do was sleep and do the show."

Holiday in Japan folded its parasols and ht the road after Vegas, playing throughout the United States and then South America.

"The run at the state fair in Dallas was great," said one of the show's managers. "So was Rio de Janeiro and Rosario in Argentina."

The performers got the Hollywood treatment in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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