MOVIE COLUMN

Berman takes major cut in $40,000 per week wage

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Comic Shelley Berman, whose gross from the lush civic auditorium circuit is better than $40,000 a week, wants to stay in Hollywood as an actor—even though it means a big cut.

"On the road, you go to sleep with a pill, you stay awake with a pill and you digest lousy food with a pill," he said. "Even at $40,000 a week, I can't live that way. The money's not worth it."

A drawback in the concert and nightclub field, says Shelley, is the lack of good food after midnight.

Berman now is making but a fraction of his concert gross to prove how serious he is about acting.

He's playing Nathan Detroit in the Civic Light Opera's local production of "Guys and Dolls." Coming up is a television show in which he'll play an old Jewish peddlar roaming the plains.

GOOD REVIEWS

Critics hailed his "Guys and Dolls" performance here as an acting surprise—although Berman started out as an actor.

Shelley is looking for a movie.

"My first movie must be a good part — either serious or comic. I don't want to get in a movie just because some producer feels that the success of my concert dates or albums will help sell tickets to a lousy picture.

"One studio called me up and asked me to read a script. The producer said: "This part was written with you in mind—no one else but Shelley Berman can play it. It's you, baby."

"I read the script and it was a nothing part. I told the producer so. He replied: 'Okay, is there any other part in the script you'd like to do?'

"I later read that the same role was offered Mickey Rooney."

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HEART TROUBLE appears to bother Sidney James — or perhaps it is his blood pressure going up — as he plays the part of a doctor in a British film "Carry on Regardless". Sid James is also one of the stars of the CBC radio comedy series "Hancock's Half Hour".

Dockworker killed

BURNABY (CP) — A 79-year-old retired dockworker was shot to death in a Burnaby home Wednesday and police said they were holding a man for questioning. No charges have been laid. Police identified the victim as Edwin Selby who they said they found lying fatally shot in the kitchen of the green bungalow home.

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Hypodermic gun proves lethal to maneaters

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters)—Two daredevile divers here have devised something new in the way of spearfishing—hunting sharks with hypodermic needles.

The two men, Ben Cropp and Ron Taylor, returned here recently from a weekend hunt during which they killed nearly 50 sharks with their "death needle."

The needles were loaded with a deadly poison—strychnine nitrate. One jab can kill a shark in 30 seconds or less.

Cropp and Taylor, both underwater spearfishing experts, devised the needle with the help of a Sydney doctor. To test it they spent a week scouring Swains Reef, 150 miles off the central Queensland coast. The reef is a renowned haunt of some of Australia's biggest maneating sharks.

ACTS FAST

Cropp said the needle technique had proved a "tremendous success."

"We shot and killed all types of shark—blue pointers, grey nurses, hammerhead, tigers and whalers," he said. "Once the needle struck it was curtains for them."

Cropp explained that the needle filled with strychnine nitrate is attached to the point of a spear-gun parallel to a protruding rod.

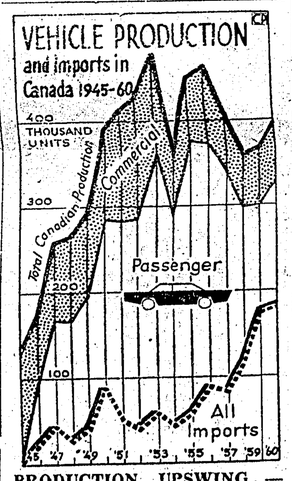
On impact the rod triggers the needle, forcing the point farther into the shark and releasing its deadly contents.

Both men said they had seen sharks hit by the needle roll on their side, tremble, then become paralyzed and die within 30 seconds.

Cropp said they had patented the idea and had received inquiries about it from several other countries.

The strychnine nitrate is cheap, easily obtainable and presents no danger to the user—unlike other drugs which had been tried in other countries. It could be used effectively, even when attached to the end of a stick.

"Th shark is one of the biggest hazards in the ocean and our technique could be one way of helping to get rid of it," said Cropp.



PRODUCTION UPSWING — Production of Canadian commercial motor vehicles rose in 1960 to nearly 400,000 units in a continuing recovery from a 1958 slump. Meanwhile, a record 523,100 vehicles were sold in Canada during the year, up more than four per cent from 1959. Graph shows Canadian production and motor vehicle imports, which slowed to about 180,000 units in 1960 after climbing sharply since 1957. — CP Newsmap

Nationalistic policies re-aligned by Portugal

LONDON (CP)—Tiny Portugal, a nation clinging to the idea that it can build a unified multi-racial state spread over three continents, is revamping its overseas policies.

In the wake of the Angolan violence and butchery, the government of Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar announced a series of decrees aimed at coping with the growth of African nationalism.

It is a cautious program of social, political and economic reforms. The goal is not to lead the nation's African territories of Guinea, Angola and Mozambique to independence. This the Portuguese regard as foolhardy.

It is to integrate 11,000,000 Africans, Europeans and mulattos into viable multi-racial societies closely linked to the motherland.

WANT MORE SETTLERS

The program, announced August 28, includes:

- Abolition of the declared distinction between primitive Africans and their "civilized" neighbors.
- A stepped-up program of European settlement in the African territories, particularly Angola and Mozambique.
- Creation of a common market for Portugal and her overseas territories.
- Abolition of laws that forced African natives to work under contract or to grow specified crops each year.
- Inauguration of moves to increase the participation of citizens in running the affairs of their own communities.

The program is intended primarily for the African territories, which have a total area of about 800,000 square miles—more than 20 times greater than Portugal.

NO INDEPENDENCE

Other parts of the empire that was founded in the age of discovery five centuries ago have not got the problem of dealing with large numbers of primitive people.

The remaining portion of the world's oldest empire includes Goa, Damao and Diu on the Indian subcontinent; Macao on China's south coast; Timor in the Indonesian archipelago, and the tiny islands of Cape Verde, Principe and Sao Tome off west Africa.

The Portuguese approach is the direct opposite of that propounded by most of her allies, Britain and the United States proclaim support for rapid self-determination of all African regions still not sovereign.

Portuguese authorities view the political emancipation of such territories as "disintegration of Africa."

"We continue to believe that a man serves best when he serves his country, and for that reason have no doubt as to the advantage of our manner of looking at the needs of African territories," said Overseas Minister Adriano Moreira.

END COLOR BAR

Newly independent states must rely on "obtaining technicians on a mercenary basis either through international organizations or under bilateral agreements."

Salazar's government declares that by increasing emigration from metropolitan Portugal to the African territories, the problem of providing skilled help can be overcome.

Portuguese authorities say there would be a complete absence of the color bar. The races would be encouraged to mingle and intermarry. The customs and rites of primitive peoples would be respected.

The Portuguese add that it was this respect for existing patterns of life that led them to have an "Estatuto dos Indigenas"—native statute.

This law, which separated the Africans into primitive natives and assimilados — civilized persons — has come under much fire from critics of the Portuguese system.

In Angola, for instance, there has been a long-standing division between the 271,386 "civilized" whites, mulattos and black Africans and the 4,600,000 "non-civilized" tribal Africans.

FEW HAVE VOTE

Of the total population, only two per cent of non-whites in the African provinces have become "assimilados" — which means having taken the steps to become legally "civilized."

It is perhaps because of external criticisms and internal pressures that the government has finally decided to abolish these distinctions. All natives now are considered full citizens of Portugal and subject to the same regulations on matters such as the right to vote.

This does not mean that all automatically received this right when the decree was announced. There are literacy and property qualifications for this.

The overseas minister put it this way:

"In keeping with the rule that power must always be exercised by those who are most fit to do so, the law will define for all, the conditions in which they may intervene actively in political life."

Thus, there is little likelihood in the near future that the African majorities in the overseas territories will be in a position to assume the powers and responsibilities of government.

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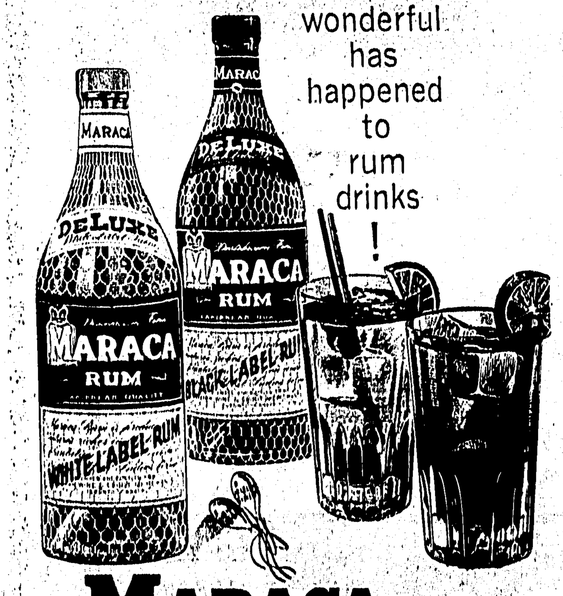

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Philip urges respect for citizens

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP)—Prince Philip said Wednesday night he has noticed a growing tendency by authority in many parts of the free world to push around ordinary people, "supposedly for their own good."

In his first public declaration since leaving Ghana, which President Kwame Nkrumah rules with a firm hand, Philip told members of a Freetown dinner club:

"Justice, tolerance, freedom and equality mean nothing at all if they do not apply to the ordinary chap and his wife and children. . . .

"It is common decency to treat all people, however humble, with kindness and consideration. It is common sense to allow them to have their point of view and freedom to state it.

"A nation may not be quite so efficient this way but it will be a much more cheerful and human place to live in."

NASTY NOTE

HORSHAM, England (AP) — A bomb sent in a package to a detective was accompanied by the message "Requiescat in Pace"— Rest in Peace—a Sussex court was told.

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