MOVIE COLUMN

Young star questions movie industry approach to teen-age beat generation

By BOB THOMAS

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — The bearded young man in the desert robes was neither an Arabian nor a beatnik. He was John Saxon, the No 1 film idol of the teen-agers.

He is playing an Arabian prince in "The Big Fisherman," which is on location here. but John is strictly from Brooklyn. As for being a member of the beat generation, he says no. But he admits to kinship.

"I know what they are after, and I fel a sympathy toward it," he said. "It's a search for an identity of your own, and every generation tries to find it."

You'd think that a lad with John's enthusiastic following would have no career problems. But he says he does. He made his fame as a teen-age terror in films such as Rock, Pretty Baby and The Restless Years. How does he get out of that category?

"I question the motion picture industry's catering to the teen-age market," he said. "I just wonder how much good those teenage pictures do for the business."

Saxon cited the large audience gap between teen-age epics and the preponderance of big pictures which star actors in their 40s and 50s.

"It seems to me there is a great potential audience among people in their early 20s," he said. "Everything I've played as a teen-ager is limited in the backdrop to family and school. You have wider scope in stories about men who are entering the world of business and how they adjust to life."

He seems to be making some progress. His biggest step to date was playing the romantic lead in The Reluctant Debutante, which attracted much interest from a wide audience.

Twin cities vote on merger

THE LAKEHEAD, Ont. (CP) — The twin cities of Fort William and Port Arthur at the head of Lake Superior vote in the next two weeks on whether to end their long rivalry and unite to form Canada's 14th largest city.

Fort William, where the first white settlement dates back to 1678, goes to the polls Monday, Dec. 1. Port Arthur, where the first house was built in 1856, gives its verdict a week later on Dec. 8.

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Used car market in U.K. falls

LONDON (AP) — Things are tough in Britain's used car market. If you drop a couple of coins near a used car lot you may make a deal.

For instance. Passing a used car lot, 16-year-old Maurice Ratcliffe pointed to a 1935 model and joked: "I'll give you seven and six (about $1) for that one."

It was no joke to the auto dealer, who responded: "Make it eight and six."

"It's a deal," said Maurice. He only had two bob in his pocket They agreed that should be the down payment. Now Maurice is paying off the balance at a shilling a week.

The slump has mainly hit autos about 20 years old. These used to sell for £50 and up.

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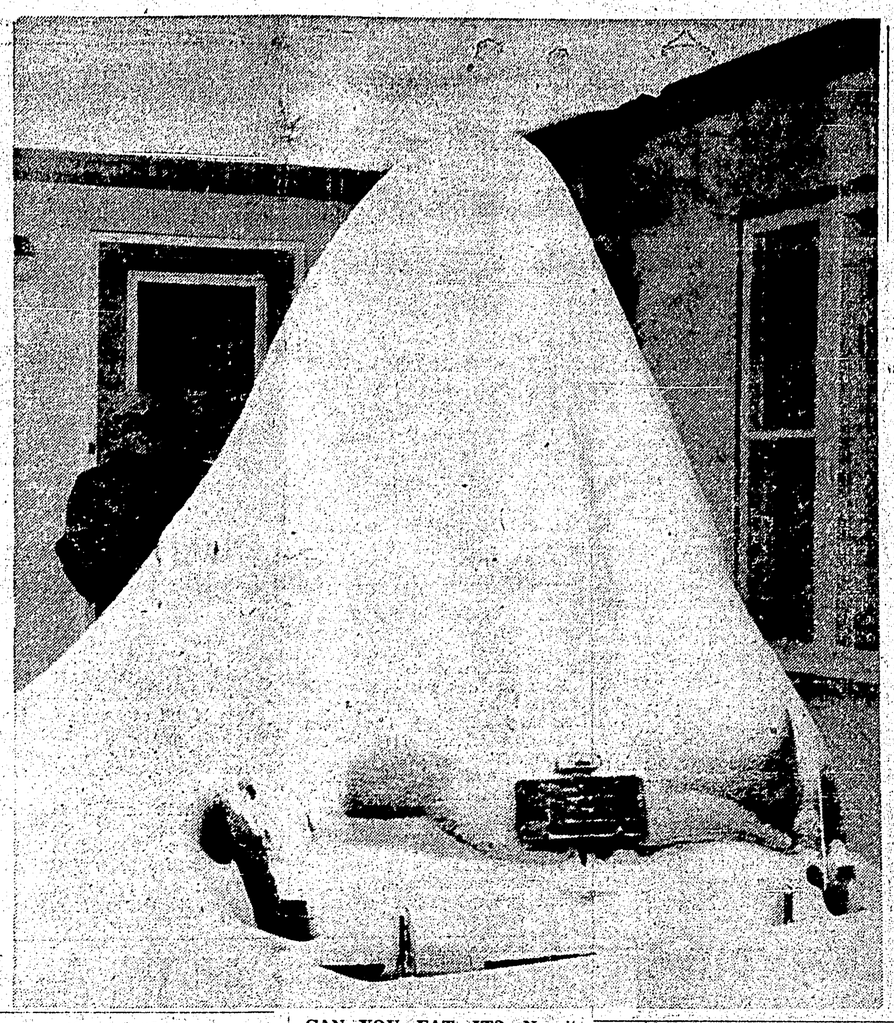

CAN YOU EAT IT?—No it isn't a giant ice cream but an automobile caught in the blizzard which swept across Winnipeg. Owner Roy Thurston took one look at his auto, buried beneath a six-foot snow cone, and decided to walk to work. —CP Photo.

Reds jail Catholic priest

WARSAW (AP)—A Roman Catholic priest received a six-month suspended sentence Tuesday on charges of making false and provocative statements in a sermon.

Rev. Tadeusz Maskala was tried by the district court in Szczecin. It was the eighth time since May that a priest has been convicted on such a charge. The charges declared the actions of the priests harmed relations between the state and the Roman Catholic church.

Kiwanis blush

MIDLAND, Tex. (AP)—Kiwanis' Club President Phil Jonsson arose at an annual banquet on Tuesday night to present awards to members with perfect attendance records for the year.

The first five members he named were absent.

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CCF, CLC stir Liberals with new party proposal

OTTAWA (CP)—A new Canadian political party gave an early embryonic wriggle Tuesday and stirred a response from the Liberal Party it hopes to replace.

The Canadian Labor Congress and the CCF party unveiled at a press conference a publication aimed at promoting interest in formation of the new party of the left.

Stanley Knowles, who as a vice-president of both groups officiated at the ceremony, said the Liberals "have had it."

Lester B. Pearson, the Liberal leader, responded Tuesday night when he appeared on the CBC's nationally televised "press conference" program. He said there is no room for a new party.

The manual for the proposed party—as yet unnamed—was produced by a joint committee of the CCF and the 1,100,000-member CLC. It is to be distributed as "a discussion outline and reference manual" with the hope it will produce suggestions for the party's make-up and platform.

Mr. Knowles made it clear the ultimate result to which the pamphlet, A New Political Party for Canada, will contribute will be an alignment at the left of centre of labor, farmers, the CCF and "liberally-minded" individuals.

Mr. Pearson in his television comments suggested formation of the new party is a move by the CCF to put themselves on an "entirely new basis for existence."

The Liberals "belong left of centre," he said. "If we do our job the right way, we will be the party of all liberally-minded people and there will be no room for any other party."

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