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SNAPSHOT = KODAK

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- CYPRIENNE

Theater Review
by Lisa Fround

Cyprienne, the play now showing at the Fred Miller Theatre, is the play which stars Uta Hagen and Herbert Berghof. It is an adaptation by Dorothy Monet of Jean Sardou's Divorcés.

The plot concerns a married couple who are contemplating divorce and involves their feelings about marriage, which are discussed freely and at length. The play is complicated by the wife's would-be lover, several family friends and servants who wander on and off the stage.

Cyprienne (Uta Hagen) is a vivacious young matron who has decided that she has not had the chance to live the kind of life she would like to live; therefore, she wishes to divorce her husband in favor of her lover. Her husband (Herbert Berghof) would like to keep his wife and devises several elaborate methods in order to do so. Assisting him is a family friend who has just been divorced. The lover is a rather dull artist whose status as a

lover appears to be rather dubious. There is also another woman who is a widow and who is generally interested in annexing another man -- any man. The casting on the whole is good and the principals are superb. Miss Hagen plays a very amusing and seductive part. She is best in the several long speeches she gives. Otherwise she makes faces, romps around, eats greedily, and in the last act, is tipsy. Both remind one of Martha Raye in certain respects. Mr. Berghof is excellent throughout the whole play, and keeps the pace

lively. At several points I did feel as if the principals were strained in their characterizations, a fact which may be due to the play itself, which is quite wordy.

Cyprienne takes place during the last century so that the costumes are quite elaborate. The best costume is worn by Miss Hagen in the second act, when she appears in camisole, pantaloons, and aqua shoes.

All in all, the play is very amusing and entertaining with some thoughtful lines, which make one think of a Shaw play.

INCOME TAX —

This is the time of year when many Downer students may be faced with a problem, if not to say a crisis. Many of them work. All summer long, or in spare hours during the school year, they slave in stores, or offices or other places of employment. Through summer's heat and winter's cold they labor, and what reward do they get for it? They get paid. And what happens when they get paid? They

have to pay a federal income tax.

This can be more of a problem than many people realize. Now that the new tax law has been passed, many college students may expect a refund of some of their tax dollars. This is more easily hoped for than realized.

First of all, there is the matter of information. Many of us have a vague idea of

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ly question, this man informs him that he should ask for "Refund, extension 228," and has the call transferred. The above process is repeated in Refund, and each of at least five other extensions, adding a clerk or two each time. After the Runaround, the poor tax-payer is more confused than ever. He is quite likely to give up in despair and file his return unenlightened. Here he encounters the problem of Short Form vs. Long Form. The rules to guide him in this matter sound like a mixed-up quadratic equation.

This fact should pique his curiosity enough to make him call the bureau again. And again. And again. After several more experiences with the Runaround, he will probably decide to appear in person. At this time he finds that the Runaround is not confined to the telephone. This is particularly frustrating if the bureau is located on more than one floor of a building. However, it is liable to foster life-long friendships with the elevator operators.

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the provisions of the laws, old and new, but it would be nice to be sure. The first step, obviously, is to call the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

This is where the information-seeker first encounters the prime specialty of that bureau, the Runaround. He first states his business to a non-committal switchboard operator. He next speaks to a clerk, whose main task is probably sorting paper clips and who refers him to the man at the next desk. After patiently listening to the inquirer's length-

This difficulty surmounted, and all deductions present and accounted for, the poor taxpayer mails in the return. Since he is quite apt to have made a mistake, such as mailing in both the original and the duplicate of his return, six months later he may receive a form letter from the government telling him to keep the duplicate. During this time he will not have received the refund to which he is entitled.

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Contrary to what you, the reader, may have been led to expect, this story has a happy ending. Imagine the taxpayer's joy and surprise when he finally receives his check and finds that the government has actually paid him and with interest. Yes, the Bureau of Internal Revenue has come through at last.

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

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VALENTINE

TO

THE HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT

The Feb. 10 issue of The Milwaukee Journal quotes
"a Milwaukee meat council spokesman" as say-
ing that "the price of beef steaks, influenced by
the lowest retail pork prices in two years, has
dived 5¢ to 9¢ a pound in the last few
days and is expected to hold there at least
another week (italics ours). Though
the price of pot roast has stayed up
(this is attributed to housewives'
fondness for them)

Sirloin

Porterhouse

Round Steak

Rib roasts

are

down.

NEWS

CHINA

"Operation Fullback" as the evacuation of 14,000 Chinese Nationalists from the Tachen Islands to Formosa is named, is proceeding well ahead of schedule under the military protection of the U.S. 7th Fleet. It is denied that any military equipment has been stored on the islands.

The Senate has voted, 64-6, to ratify the U.S. - Chinese Nationalist defense pact, committing the United States to defend Chiang Kai Shek's stronghold in Formosa. The Senate had previously empowered President Eisenhower to fight if necessary to defend Formosa, the Pescadores and "related positions!"

Meanwhile India's Premier Nehru has asked Communist China to postpone any attempt to invade Formosa pending an exchange of ideas on the part of India and other great powers, including Russia, on how to end fighting in China. One suggestion received is that a Geneva-type conference be held outside the United Nations. Nehru does not believe that the change of Soviet premiers is "likely to affect the foreign policy" of the Soviet

Union. Britain, however, is reported to have turned down a Russian proposal for a Formosa conference excluding representatives of Nationalist China.

RUSSIA

The most unexpected news of the past week is, of course, the resignation of Premier Georgi M. Malenkov from his position as premier of the Soviet Union, on an admission that his "lack of experience" has held back the economic development of the country. The Supreme Soviet accepted the resignation, and Alexander Volkov, Chairman of the Soviet Council of Nationalists said that Malenkov would take on other unspecified duties which he had promised to carry out faithfully.

Malenkov's successor to the premiership, ex-defense minister Marshal Nikolai A. Buzanin, was nominated by Nikita A. Khrushchev Secretary General of the Communist party, whom some authorities now believe to be the real power behind the new Russia regime. Malenkov further admitted that before taking over the premiership he had been in charge of the Soviet Union's agricultural program, with "bad results."

Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, described by the Milwaukee Journal as "Russia's most

glittering war hero," has taken over Buzanin's former post as defense minister. In an interview February 8 with Mr. W.R. Hearst who is certainly getting around in Moscow these last few days, the new defense minister said that it was his "dream" to visit the United States some day but that the time was not now.

WASHINGTON

In Washington February 9, President Eisenhower told newsmen he regarded the "great significant change in Soviet rulership" as not meaning a tougher Russian attitude toward the United States, but he added that "we must be watchful and alert and pursue our policies as we have been pursuing them." Reminded by newsmen of Marshal Zhukov's "dream" to come to visit the U.S. as General Eisenhower had invited him to do in 1946, the president, at first startled, smiled and said that he "certainly wouldn't hesitate to talk it over with my people if we found it desirable." He recalled that Marshal Zhukov had given him a bear rug in 1946 and described him as "a well-trained, splendid military leader."

FRANCE

French President Rene Coty is talking (cont. on p. 5, col.1)

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to political leaders in the hope of finding as quickly as possible a premier to replace Pierre Mendes-France, who resigned February 5 when he was defeated in the National Assembly on a motion of confidence on his North African policy by a vote of 319-273.

Former premier Antoine Pinay, once a tannery owner, has made an attempt to form a new French government under his leadership, but on February 8 was said to have abandoned his efforts because of a decision by the Catholic Popular Republican Movement (MRP) to refuse to take any posts in a cabinet headed by the conservative Mr. Pinay. On February 7 the Socialists had announced that they could not support a conservative such as Mr. Pinay. The left-of-center MRP and the Socialists compete for leftist votes in France. Pinay had tried to promote an American-style "bi-partisan" foreign policy. His decision to abandon his effort to form a new government puts the problem right back in the lap of President Rene Coty. France's allies, still uneasy over the French attitude toward the issue of German re-

armament, had hoped for a new government to be formed in a short time.

WASHINGTON

President Eisenhower called February 8 for a 7 billion dollar emergency school construction program to extend over the next 3 years. The federal government would contribute \$1,100,000,000.

The President has also reversed part of his edict against Northwest Airlines and returned to it the Seattle-Hawaii route which he took from it last week. Milwaukee and Wisconsin sources figured prominently in the protests which caused the reversal. He still has not restored to Northwest its "inner great circle route" from Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota to Edmonton, Alta., to Anchorage, Alaska, to Japan and other points in the Orient, including Manila, P. I. The Milwaukee Association of Commerce said it would fight to get the inner great circle route restored to Northwest. The President's original decision of February 2 was announced with no reasons given, and it overrode a unanimous recommendation of the civil aeronautics board (CAB).

LABOR

George Meany, AFL

president, and Walter Reuther, CIO president, announced February 9 that the two organizations have agreed to merge into a single body. This decision has still to be ratified by the executive boards and the convention representatives of the AFL and CIO. The decision will end the 20 year old split which began in 1935, when the industrial unions, under the leadership of John L. Lewis, walked out of the AFL to form the CIO. At present almost the only important labor organization not included in the merger is the United Mine Workers of America (UMW) which is still headed by President John L. Lewis. The UMW has been in and out of the AFL twice, having later re-joined the older organization, only to leave it again in 1947 with the now famous parting letter to its then president, William Green:

"Green

We disaffiliate.

"Lewis."

When the present AFL-CIO merger is duly ratified, the group plans to invite the UMW, the Railroad Brotherhoods, and other independent unions to join the new federation.

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ATOM BOMBS

Mr. Ralph Lapp, an atomic scientist who helped to develop the first atom bomb, said in an article in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists that 24 well placed H-bomb hits on the U.S. could atomize 2/3 of the nation's industrial center and 50 million inhabitants. He disclosed that people "in the shadow of the atomic cloud" can't run away from it. The only thing for people to do in the event of an atomic attack, he said, is to go underground, into a shelter, basement, or foxhole, and wait a day or two for the radioactivity to die down. In this latter opinion he differs from Mayor Frank Zeidler, Milwaukee's atomic expert and ardent evacuation advocate.

WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Assembly is at the moment trying to save the daylight saving referendum bill. A motion for reconsideration was moved February 10; the vote on reconsideration is scheduled for February 14; if it passes, the Assembly will vote

again on Speaker Carlin's bill.

A special taxpayers' 75 member committee, affiliated with the Public Expenditure Survey of Wisconsin, has told the Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature that Governor Kohler's proposed 268 million dollar state budget for the biennium can and would be cut by 30 million dollars. Among the economics proposed are: a halt to state building appropriations until present building funds are spent; abandonment of the state aeronautics commission and the free library commission integration of the state's higher education system, as urged by the Governor; trimming operations of the State broadcasting service down to the UW campus broadcasts by WHA; discontinuing WHA-TV and limiting state television operations to closed circuit experiments at the UW. This last would result in discontinuing state stations WLBL at Auburndale and the 8-station FM radio network - the only radio network in Wisconsin which is worth listening to. (This is known as editorializing the news, girls).

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Something new is being added to Downer laps. It's all the rage - a lap-board. This comes under the category of a portable desk. The sophomores are exhibiting lap-boards in Merrill basement. Price? Only a dollar.



A LAPBOARD

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