

Curtain Up

Reader Advocates Musicals, Shaw

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Collegian Reviewer

Response to last week's column on the future of the theatre came from Gilbert Aberg in the department of public information. A member of the school which believes the theatre's troubles stem from the plays it is producing, Aberg leans toward musical-comedy and the likes of Shaw.

He contends this is the theatre which can succeed commercially and which will live for the longest time. Although he is not definite about the solution to the problem, he is quite emphatic in his belief that plays by Williams and Miller (among others) are hurting the situation.

We like Shaw and musical-comedy is enjoyable entertainment, but we cannot help but hope that it is not the answer. Good drama, the stuff that makes people think, is the meat of the theatre and we prefer not to become a vegetarian.

With the usual look at the Sunday New York Times Theatre section, we found the future of the theatre again being debated.

This time it was Joseph Papp, father of New York's free Shakespeare in Central Park, expounding government subsidy of the theatre.

Papp, in the spot usually occupied by Brooks Atkinson, defended government support of the arts as the way to insure freedom of the theatre. An Atkinson column earlier this year had opposed such subsidy.

Personally, we feel that if government subsidy is the only way the theatre can prosper and gain the stature it must hold in the

American culture, then let's have it.

For use in a future column in this space, we invite readers to submit eight plays they feel would constitute an enjoyable summer theatre season. They may be drawn from any period, however, attention should be made to the set and cast demands. Just send them, or leave them, at the Summer Collegian, Carnegie Hall.

Blackboard--

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Then, he might not think the Republicans have the strength to win this year and why risk the infamous tinge of running on a losing ticket?

If he steers clear of the race and the Nixon ticket loses, he practically has the presidential nomination sewed up for 1964. Does he want to gamble?

Of course he has been trying not too subtly to get a draft for this year. But he can hardly match Nixon's eight years of grooming and foreign experience. Rocky is experienced with Latin America, and would be very helpful to the ticket in that volatile area right now. But he can't match Nixon's all-around experience.

So his personal choice will be a difficult one to make. If he thinks primarily of his own desire to be president he will not take the vice-president spot on the GOP ticket. If he thinks primarily of the good of the party, he will accept the call.

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One of the new features of the institute this year is an original staff training program for international staff representatives, conducted by Prof. M. Joseph of Carnegie Institute of Technology. Another innovation is a series of classes on diet, fabrics, home decoration, and gardening for the wives of the steelworkers.

Today's Answer

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Kappa Tau Alpha Elects Markham as Secretary

Dr. James W. Markham, professor of journalism, has been elected national secretary of Kappa Tau Alpha for the third successive two-year term.

Kappa Tau Alpha is the national honorary and scholarship society in the field of journalism and mass communications.

Morse to Read Paper At Belgium Congress

Dr. J. Mitchell Morse, associate professor of English composition, will read a paper at the eighth annual congress of the International Federation for Modern Languages and Literatures to be held August 28 through September 4 at Liege, Belgium.

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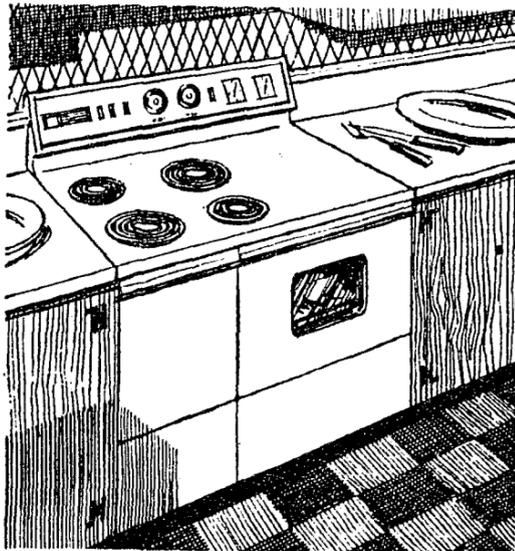
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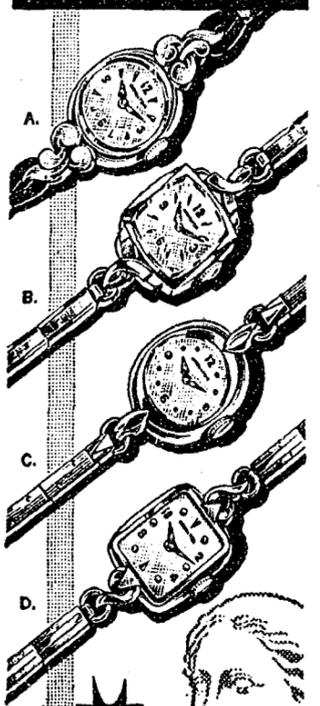
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