

Lenny--His Typist's Language?

In Contempt Of Court

By GEORGE MURPHY



'SICK' COMEDIAN LENNY BRUCE
... at court in his Nehru-type coat

Lenny Bruce was cited for contempt in municipal court yesterday as his trial for using obscene language in a public place got under way.

But, said the sick comedian as the first day of the trial ended, it wasn't his fault—it was his typist's.

What spurred Judge Clayton Horn to slap the contempt citation on Lenny was a special delivery letter which arrived on the judge's bench moments after a jury selection began.

The judge read the letter, called the principals into chambers, and found Bruce in contempt, but said he wouldn't pronounce judgment until after the trial is over.

NEHRU COAT
Lenny, dressed in his Nehru-type black coat, told newsmen in innocent tones the reason the letter was unpalatable to Judge Horn was because he can't type.

"I only write longhand," Bruce said. "So I wrote this letter out in longhand and I sent it to a friend of mine in Los Angeles so he would type it for me.

He typed it, but he left out a paragraph that had the meaning of the whole thing in it."

THE PARAGRAPH
The paragraph, as related by Bruce, followed a description of his arrest last Oct. 4 at the Jazz Workshop, 475 Broadway, and said:

"If I were lowering the standards of the community that supports more faggot bars and Turkish bathhouses laden with vagrancy-lewd charges and Fisherman's Wharf that shares tangency with a Rock (Alcazar) washed by the tears of Christ and women left behind, then I am at a loss as to the sense of values."

That the sense of values was abrogated by Bruce's performance was claimed by Deputy District Attorney Albert Wollenberg Jr., who told a jury of eight women and four men that the State will prove that Bruce violated Sec. 311.6 of the Penal Code during his show.

'OBJECTIONABLE SHOW'
Defense attorney Albert Bendich, who reserved an opening argument, tried unsuccessfully to get the prosecution's first witness, Officer James Ryan, of Central Sta-

tion, to give a definition of "objectionable."
Ryan had testified that he had gone into the Jazz Workshop on a complaint that Bruce had been putting on an "objectionable" show, and that after listening to it, agreed, notified his sergeant, and arrested the comedian.
Judge Horn, however, found no difficulty in finding Lenny's letter objectionable, particularly the parts that urged the judge not to pay attention to a "monstrous ru-

Obsenity Trial Starts For Sick Comedian

mor" that Lenny would not take his trial seriously.

"Seriously?" Bruce said later. "This is hurting my career. I play Carnegie Hall next Saturday, then I go to London to work there for The Establishment. Of course, I'm taking this seriously."

Wollenberg said the prosecution's case will take "about 10 minutes more," after Judge Horn adjourned court yesterday.

He plans to put Sgt. James Soiden on the stand, to testify about the arrest, then rest.

THAT WORD

After the jury was selected late yesterday afternoon, Wollenberg led Ryan through a recital of what he had seen and heard at the Jazz Workshop the night of the show in question.

In a monotone, Ryan recited the 10-letter word which, he said, Bruce had used from the stage, while

some of the women jurors looked down at the floor.

Bruce, throughout, furiously scribbled notes to Bendich, left-handed.

Bendich said he believes the trial will take three days.

Brown Picks Election Aides

Governor Edmund G. Brown yesterday announced appointment of five civic leaders to head county organizations in his re-election campaign.

The appointments, announced through Brown's San Francisco campaign headquarters: Henry J. Mello, Watsonville businessman, for Santa Cruz County; Dr. Shelby Hicks of Merced and businessman Kenneth Anderson of Los Banos for Merced County; Hugh Bruns, Fredricksburg area cattle rancher, for Alpine County; and Sterling S. Cramer, a State Park Commission member, for Mariposa County.

Ferries Again! For Tiburon

Ferryboat service on San Francisco Bay will be inaugurated (again) Saturday noon between Tiburon and the Ferry Building. There will be the flag-decked yacht club fleets off the port and starboard bow to mark the occasion.

The inaugural is for a new commutute club whose members will pay \$30 a month for a family ticket, according to Mrs. Palmer Field, president of the Belvedere-Tiburon Conservation League.

U.S. Emphasis Put on Missiles

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said today that in view of plans for more than 1,650 deep-striking missiles and more than 1,000 nuclear bombers "it does not appear wise at this time" to go all-out in producing the 2,000-mile-an-hour B70 bomber.

MARILYN GETS FILM AWARD

HOLLYWOOD, March 5.—(AP)—Marilyn Monroe and Charlton Heston were proclaimed 1962 world film favorites tonight at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's 19th annual awards dinner.

"The Guns of Navarone" was selected the best dramatic film of the year and "West Side Story" the best musical.

Golden Globes, voted by newspaper readers in 50 countries, also went to "The Mark" as the best foreign-made film and to "A Majority of One" as the film contributing most to international understanding.

Stanley Kramer was named the best director of the year for "Judgment at Nuremberg."



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What Tommy's Wife Wants, Tommy Gets--



MANVILLE AND HIS STELLAR WIFE

NEW YORK, March 6. — (UPI) — Asbestos king Tommy Manville said today his 11th wife is no Elizabeth Taylor but is sufficiently endowed to become a film star.

The 67 year old millionaire will become his 22 year old spouse's agent and accompany her to Hollywood for a screen test.

Manville's latest matrimonial partner, German-born Christina Erdlen Manville, whose vital statistics are 39-23-35, is black-haired and stands five feet seven.

"Christina sings and dances beautifully," he said. "She's been a good wife to me, a good housekeeper, secretary and nurse for two and a half years."

Star-Studded Bruce Trial

By GEORGE MURPHY
Clara Bow and Smokey the Bear pirouetted gaily through Lenny Bruce's obscenity trial in Municipal Court here yesterday.

Joe E. Lewis and the Three Stooges were called upon, too.

Sophie Tucker was dismissed somewhat cavalierly.

None of these famous personages appeared in person, but their names were bandied about in testimony as the defense opened its case before a jury of eight women and four men in the court of Judge Clayton W. Horn.

SMOKEY IN ACT
Smokey the Bear entered the record after Defense Attorney Albert Bendich read a New York Times review of the comedian's act at Basin Street East, a Gotham nightclub.

After noting that Bruce's act "runs to four-letter words, the most printable of which is YMCA," the Times man said Bruce:

"... Attacks such institutions as the AMA and Smokey the Bear. He says Smokey doesn't set forest

SMOKEY, 'IT' GIRL, LAST OF RED HOT MAMAS

fires, but eats Boy Scouts for their hats."

Bendich had earlier brought Miss Bow into the case as he cross-examined one of the two prosecution witnesses during the morning session of the trial's second day.

THE 'IT' GIRL
Perhaps recalling an old cigar advertisement ("Spit Is A Dirty Word"), Bendich asked San Francisco Police-

man James Ryan: "Have you ever heard of Clara Bow, The 'It' Girl?"

When Officer Ryan admitted he was old enough to remember la Clara, Bendich asked, "Do you think 'It' is a dirty word?"

Deputy District Attorney Albert Wollenberg Jr. objected to this line of questioning and Judge Horn sustained him.

In the afternoon session, Bendich called as a defense witness Lou Gottlieb, Ph. D.,

a doctor of musicology from UC, and also the tall guy who plays the bass and makes the funny sayings for a folk-singing trio called the Lime-lighters.

Gottlieb said he had appeared at a number of nightclubs in San Francisco, sometimes as a singer, sometimes as a pianist.

KNEES AT THE KNEE
"I once worked at an establishment called the Diamond Knee, which featured stripteasers. The audience came to view the performers, and not the orchestra, I'm sure."

Q—Where is the Diamond Knee?
A—It was located on Mason Street, but I understand the establishment has now been replaced by another kind of structure.

At the Diamond Knee, Gottlieb said, "there was a comedian whose performance

was fully in keeping with the free-wheeling atmosphere of that establishment."

Under Bendich's questioning, Gottlieb said he had viewed the performances of Joe E. Lewis ("mostly comments about drinking, gambling, horse racing particularly, and the relationship between men and women"), and those of Sophie Tucker.

FORGET SOPHIE
He had not, he added, seen Miss Tucker's act in "quite some time," so Judge Horn advised him to forget about Miss Tucker.

As to the Three Stooges, Gottlieb said "my 7 year old laughs at them, and Mr. Bruce evokes the laughter from adults that they do from children. For a comedian, that is a devout hope."

Wollenberg asked: "Do you equate the Three Stooges with Mr. Bruce?"

Gottlieb replied: "Indeed not."

AIN'T FUNNY
Gottlieb's professorial mien, pedantic attitude and slight smile while replying brought forth some laughter from the crowded courtroom.

Hi-Fi, Home Show Opening Today

The second annual San Francisco Hi-Fi and Home Show opens today at the Cow Palace. The Examiner-sponsored event has attracted more than 150 international exhibitors and a wealth of star entertainment. Scheduled to run through Sunday March 11, the exposition opens its doors at 4 p. m. daily and 11 a. m. on the weekend. (Story and photo, Page 60.)

to the point where Judge Horn interrupted one of his answers to proclaim:

"... This is not a show (the spectators) are not here to be entertained. If there is any more sustained levity, this court will be cleared. The witness is instructed not to argue with the District Attorney."

Chastened, Gottlieb replied seriously to Wollenberg's question as to whether he himself, ever uses in his act the 10-letter word which led police to arrest Lenny at the Jazz Workshop last Oct. 4.

WORD IS 'RELAXED'
"I do not," Gottlieb assured.

But, he expanded, the use of the word could be defended in Bruce's act as a "phonographic reproduction

of the speech of a talent agent.

"The normal conventions are somewhat relaxed in the entertainment industry," he said.

Bruce, who changed from his all-black Nehru outfit to an all-white suit of the same fashion ("I don't want to be surreptitious"), said he plans to testify in his own defense as the climax to the trial.

Bendich announced he has "about six more" defense witnesses to put on the stand today, including two UC professors and San Mateo Deputy District Attorney Clarence (Clancy) Knight, who left that county's D.A. work last year to try his hand as a comedian

to try his hand as a comedian returned to the District Attorney's office.

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\$2,500,000 Kaiser Suit

A \$2,500,000 suit was filed about the extent of their community property during 1948 divorce proceedings. Mrs. Parham against the estate of her former husband, Henry J. Kaiser Jr. Mrs. Parham of Dearborn, Mich., contends that Kaiser, who died last May, misled her

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Acquittal For Lenny Bruce

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violation of the obscenity law as written.

The jury did have some misgivings, however, about the law itself.

One juror said, "We hate this verdict. But under the instructions there was nothing we could do but give the not guilty verdict."

"We think the law should be tightened up," George H. Casey III, of 102 Garces Dr., jury foreman, when informed of his fellow juror's comment, said:

"That's the way all of us felt, and I hope you newspaper people will repeat this, that we all felt the law should be tightened."

Casey said the jurors—who interrupted their deliberations for a dinner at the Caravan Lodge shortly before 8 p. m.—considered each of the three instances that Deputy District Attorney Albert Wollenberg Jr. had listed as obscene parts of Bruce's performance.

The jury finally took two polls on the complete issue of obscenity, he said. The first was 9-3 for acquittal, the second 12-0.

Bruce said "I'm very grateful to the city of San Francisco... we're coming to a delightful renaissance when intellectualism and virility are not at separate ends."

Stanford Students Come Up... The Ideal Dormitory?

Stanford University students have come up with what they feel is an ideal solution to the lack of after-class togetherness among men and women.

Their solution, it was disclosed yesterday, would be to convert two wings of Stern Hall, the largest men's dormitory, to the use of women

students. The conversion would permit the accommodation of 300 men and 300 women, a division which the students consider just about right to attain a family-type spirit in campus living quarters.

The Legislative Council of the Associated Students has endorsed the idea and is drafting an official request asking university administrators to implement the long-studied plan without delay.

But the administrators, according to a Stanford spokesman, are waiting for the re-women. Not in the rooms or quest with wrinkled brows down the hall."

and mixed feelings. Conversion of Stern Hall into a coed dorm, the spokesman explained, would cost at least \$150,000.

"The plumbing costs alone would be considerable," he said, "because Stern Hall has no bathtubs, no lounges and is functional strictly from a man's point of view."

"The rooms consist of two university administrators to single beds against opposite walls, two built-in desks, two closets, two bureaus—and that's it. The building wasn't designed to accommodate the federal government's desires to U. S. Amba-

Brazil Offer on Phone Seizure

NEW YORK, March 8—

(UPI)—Brazil wants an out-of-court settlement of the American-owned National Telephone Company's damage claims against Rio Grande do Sul State for the unpaid expropriation of its \$7,000,000 assets, it was reported here today.

Informed sources said Brazilian Foreign Minister San Thiago Dantas had conveyed the federal government's desires to U. S. Amba-

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LENNY BRUCE CELEBRATED VERDICT ... he had just heard jury clear him

Ex-Priest Denies Wife's Charges

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ences as a Catholic chaplain while under gunfire on the battlefields of World War II. "The truth of the matter is, I have never been out of the United States. I enlisted as a volunteer in the Army Chaplain Corps with the rank of first lieutenant. I later was promoted to captain. I served but 18 months and never was out of the country."



MRS. ALICE RYAN ... her story differed

"SO MUCH BUNK" "The published story that I am a war hero who was driven to drink by my wartime experiences is just so much bunk."

"I am not seeking to glorify myself nor am I looking for sympathy," Ryan continued.

"But I have to say something. The suit brought by my wife is ridiculous and is an unfair reflection upon the Catholic Church."

Ryan, 57 and slight of build, said that for four years he sent his wife the monthly check for \$201.57 which he received as a disability pension from the Army. His disability resulted from a severe case of pneumonia, he said.

"All told, I have sent my wife approximately \$10,000," Ryan said.

"At one time I offered to give my wife 11 acres of land which I own near North Point on Long Island, and \$100 a month if she would get a divorce. This was after her fourth child was born. But she would not go for it."

DENIES CHARGES

"I had left home under a mutual agreement with my wife, and not under the influence of liquor or at the insistence of any one."

"When I arrived in San Francisco I had to borrow clothes I was on the verge of cracking up. My drinking problem didn't help matters. I found friends who were willing to gamble on my rehabilitation and I licked the bottle. Now all I want is to be left alone."

Ryan explained that he retained Attorney Thomas P. O'Brien in San Francisco to represent him more than one year ago.

O'Brien could not be contacted yesterday.

Asked what he intended to do with regard to the lawsuit brought by his wife, Ryan replied:

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Showers May Fall in Area Today

A few showers may dampen the Bay area today, but fair skies are in prospect for tomorrow.

The weatherman calls for continued seasonal temperatures, with afternoon highs of about 55 degrees today, following morning lows of 43 to 50.

The outlook for the rest of northern California is similar, except for snow showers in the Sierra and Siskiyou.

German FDP Backs Envoy

BONN, March 8.—(UPI)—The Free Democratic Party today gave its support to West Germany's controversial Ambassador to Moscow Hans Kroll.

Kroll is in Bonn to explain allegations that he recommended a "soft" policy toward the Soviets. He was recalled by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to explain his position. Adenauer is a member of the Christian Democratic Party.

Senior partner in influence and authority among senior citizens is Anita Day Hubbard, The Examiner's Good Neighbor.

Pot of Fools Gold for The Trustees

Trustees in the Oakland City Jail get glimpses of the outside that regular prisoners never see. And they get jobs the others can't.

Yesterday, the trustees got to clean the pit below the jail elevator. As they went about their work with less chatter than normal, Lt. Leo Haynes wondered why.

He discovered that the work crew was busy pocketing paper money that a prisoner apparently had dumped through the elevator cage as he was taken in for a search.

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Club Favors Repeal of Effects Tax

Repeal of the taxes on household effects was favored almost 2 to 1 yesterday by members of the Commonwealth Club.

A secret mail ballot circulated to all members showed 1,455 against the household effect tax to 773 in favor.

The members also rejected (978 to 1,235) a proposal to assess household effects at full cash value. An alternate proposal to value "in accordance with use" carried by 1,567 to 671.

The club favored inter-county equalization of assessments by annual findings of the State Board of Equalization (1,200 to 976), and recommended that assessors be elected rather than appointed (1,419 to 801).

A proposal to repeal the tax on business inventories received but 707 votes against the 1,497 given the alternate proposition that "legislation require a uniform standard of valuation."

A proposal to repeal the personal property tax on fixtures and machinery also was defeated, 1,642 to 553.

The questions were propounded by the club's Study Section on Governmental Finance, which recently completed a year's study of assessment practices.

New Air Record -L.A.-Atlanta

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—(UPI)—A Delta Air Lines DC-8 jetliner set a speed record today between Los Angeles and Atlanta, Ga.

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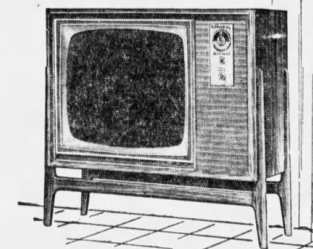
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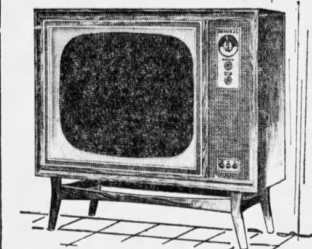
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