

# BULLETINS

LONDON (UPI) — A film of the recent meeting in Peiping of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-Tung has been released in Moscow.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House passed and sent to the Senate Wednesday a bill to ban use of additives in food unless they have been tested in advance for safety.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, will celebrate a solemn pontifical high mass Friday in St. Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church, a landmark of Fifth Avenue.

CAIRO (UPI) — The United States has resumed shipments of road building equipment to Egypt during the past six weeks, it was reported today.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (UPI) — Shigeru Yano, 40, a former Japanese air force pilot who lived undetected for 12 years in Malayan villages, has been granted Malayan citizenship.

## Big Movie Spectacle Opens Here Sunday

HOW TODD PERSUADED 50 STARS TO BE IN "AROUND THE WORLD"

Michael Todd's spectacular "Around the World in 80 Days," the Academy Award-winning "show on film," which plays the Stewart Theatre beginning Friday, Aug. 15 smashes all previous records for cinematic celestiaity. It boasts of no less than 50 — count 'em — 50 full-fledged motion picture stars. Nor do these thespian greats merely flit across the screen portraying themselves. Each and every one of them fits into the plot like pieces of a puzzle. All are admirably suited to their roles and the delight of recognizing screen giants in unusual, sometimes wordless parts, is an added entertainment dividend.

How did Todd, admittedly an almost fabred master of persuasion, achieve this not-so-minor miracle? If each of his stars had been paid their customary wages, the dynamic producer's payroll would have dwarfed that of General Motors, even in a lean year. Put the power of persuasion prevailed.

Noel Coward, for example, was earning \$40,000 a week in Las Vegas when he was approached by Mr. Todd, who sought to have him portray the proprietor of a London employment agency for domestic servants. Todd's primary objective was to convince each of his targets that "Around the World in 80 Days" would do more for them than they would do for it. To prove to Mr. Coward that he knew whereof he spoke, he suggested a change in the star's act which proved eminently successful. Convinced, Coward agreed to perform for Todd for a mere 100 Pounds (\$280) and presented the producer with one of his original paintings to complete the bargain.

Fernandel, the famed French star, proved to be one of Todd's toughest targets. Fernandel spoke no English and Todd was equally adept in the handling of French. But Todd was undaunted. A spectator at the meeting reveals, "Todd gave Fernandel a big cigar and told him his face would be 85 feet long and 25 feet high in the greatest picture ever made, and when people saw his face they'd know they were in France. Fernandel was gaping with astonishment and trying to find an out. He said, 'I can't get the costume in time'."

"Todd says, 'You're right. But if only I'd had the foresight you'd be the biggest think in the world. I'll have to get someone else.' He lights a cigar and starts talking to me about nothing at all. Finally, Fernandel says, 'If you had the costume, I'd play the part.' Todd had three suits, a make-up man and a hairdresser in the car downstairs. He got Martine Carol that night by telling her he had Fernandel."

Todd was warned that Marlene Dietrich, one of the shrewdest business minds in Hollywood, would be the impossible one to get. He told her, "I'll shoot the scene and show it to you and forget the cost. I'll burn the negative if you don't like it." He was gambling \$150,000 with that one scene (a Barbary Coast saloon sequence in which George Raft plays the bouncer, Frank Sinatra a piano player, Red Skelton a drunk and Dietrich the owner). Says Miss Dietrich, "I just walked in blindly, with no tests, but it couldn't have been better if we'd worked on it for a month."

Frank Sinatra, one of the most temperamental actors in Hollywood, was actually the easiest, according to Todd. "He was the only guy who wanted to do it really for love, for nothing. I just walked over and asked him and he said, 'What time do I show up?'"

In addition to the four principals — David Niven, Cantinflas,

Robert Newton and Shirley MacLaine — such stars as Charles Boyer, Joe E. Brown, Ronald Colman, Buster Keaton, Beatrice Lillie, Glynis Johns, Peter Lorre, Jose Greco, Robert Morley and Col. Tim McCoy are seen in such varied, exotic locales as Suez, Spain, Paris, India, Hong Kong, Japan and several of the seven seas.

To accumulate the aforementioned talents, and many more like them, in one cast, is a feat of gargantuan proportions. To achieve this miracle at bargain rates, as Todd has done, is an accomplishment whose dimensions can only be described as "Todd-sized."

### Stewart Services Friday At Three

Mrs. Althea Ross Stewart 56, of Bunnlevel died early Thursday morning at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville.

Funeral services will be Friday afternoon at three o'clock from Friendship Baptist Church in Bunnlevel. The Rev. Charles W. Stafford and the Rev. A. C. McCall will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will lie in state one hour prior to services.

She was a native of Harnett County, daughter of the late Edgus T. and Laura Smith Byrd. Her husband A. G. Stewart died in 1951.

Surviving are two sons, A. G. Stewart, Jr., of Bunnlevel, and Eugene Stewart, of the U.S. Navy stationed in New York; one brother, Rommie Byrd of Bunnlevel; four sisters, Mrs. Carson Byrd, Mrs. Jim Smart, Mrs. Colon Byrd, all of Bunnlevel and Mrs. Allie Turlington of Erwin; two grandchildren.

### Jackson Family Plans Reunion

The Jackson reunion will be held August 31 at Wesley's Chapel Church, Godwin, Route 1. The church is observing its 100th anniversary on this day also.

Terry Sanford of Fayetteville will speak at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will be served at 12:00 noon. A special musical program is planned for the afternoon.

All members of the Jackson clan, as well as the general public, are invited to come and bring a picnic dinner.

Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the volunteer fire department, said there was insurance on the house but not the contents. Mrs. Lance owned the home herself.

"She was cooking supper when the oil stove exploded," said Lee. "There was considerable damage but she wasn't hurt."

Twenty-two firemen dashed to the scene on three trucks. The call came at 5:30 and they fought the fire about an hour. The back end of the house was burned out.

**KILLING HEAT**  
How hot is it? Well, Constable Lonnie Jackson reports that he lost a valuable brood sow because of the heat. It died Saturday afternoon. Jackson said his neighbor, George J. Jernigan, also lost a sow — mother of nine little pigs.

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