

Australian playwright Elliott skilled novelist

When the rich Mazzinis in Sydney, Australia, celebrated the opening of the Harbor Bridge in 1932 they invited a mixed-bag of guests to their mansion to watch the fireworks and to admire the spun-sugar miniature of the bridge on their dining table. And in 1973, the concluding chapter of *Water Under the Bridge* (Simon and Schuster, 367 pp., \$9.95) by Sumner Locke Elliott brings us up to date on what has happened to these people during the intervening 50 years, how much water has indeed gone under their bridge of life.

Between his all too rare books, one tends to forget just how remarkably skillful a novelist is this Sumner Locke Elliott, an Australian playwright transplanted to New York in 1948. *Careful, He Might Hear You* is a memorable account of what the adult world looks like to a child. *Edens Lost* is a novel about an extraordinary family that sticks fast in your mind. *The Man Who Got Away and Going* are equally beguiling.

At the Mazzini party in 1932 we meet the Mazzinis: Lewis, the father, who had made a fortune in threshing machinery and Mrs. Mazzini (both of them so soon

to be murdered by a midnight marauder); Carrie Mazzini, a beautiful and selfish young woman looking for some man to "transform her life"; her sister, Honor, who would send her lover away to his death and spend the rest of her life regretting it; and brother Ben, who never managed to connect with life or people before a car crash killed him.

But the persons who came to the party

books

By **WALTER SPEARMAN**

Water Under the Bridge
by Sumner Locke Elliott

were even more riveting — and they would never quite escape the influence of the Mazzinis, no matter how much water went under their bridges.

Neil Atkins was invited to the party because Mrs. Mazzini mistakenly thought he was a friend of her son Ben. An aspiring young actor, Neil was an orphan raised by an outrageously bawdy and remarkably well-drawn retired actress (Shasta is one of the best

characters in the novel). Maggie McGhee was an Australian farm girl growing sophisticated through her job as a society reporter. Archie Ewers was there because his mother was the Mazzini washerwoman — and he was as obnoxious in his own fawning, opportunistic way as Charles Dickens' famous Uriah Heep. And the pitifully ambitious Flagg sisters would go to any party they were invited to.

Neil Atkins' obsessive infatuation for the unresponsive Carrie Mazzini kept him from appreciating what Maggie McGhee had to offer.

Some 40 years later they are all back in Sydney. Neil was a successful London actor, but never at the top, Maggie an overweight, frustrated writer, Carrie with her third husband, pet dogs and a taste for alcohol, Archie an unmitigated mess. The years have passed, the water has run under the bridge, the characters we have come to know so well are disillusioned. And Sumner Locke Elliott has written a novel with completely believable persons, has probed their inner selves with compassion, and has encouraged them to reveal themselves convincingly.

By Puerto Rican nationalists

Statue of Liberty taken over

NEW YORK (UPI) — Puerto Rican nationalists took over the Statue of Liberty Tuesday, ousting hundreds of tourists and a movie crew and demanding the release of terrorists serving life prison terms for the 1954 attack on Congress.

The 30 unarmed demonstrators said they represented the Supporters of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement and the New York Committee to Free the Five, a reference to four Puerto Ricans who shot up the U.S. House of Representatives in 1954 and wounded five congressmen, and a fifth who took part in an assassination attempt against President Harry Truman at Blair House in 1950.

They were sentenced to life prison terms, but President Carter recently commuted the sentence of one of the gunmen.

U.S. attorneys obtained an injunction ordering the demonstrators to leave the island as FBI agents and national Parks Service officials negotiated with the nationalists.

Nigeria urges embargo

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — Nigeria urged the U.N. Security Council Tuesday to impose a mandatory oil and arms embargo on South Africa and ban investments in the white-ruled country in retaliation for its crackdown on dissidents.

In Washington, President Carter said he had reached a decision on whether to back sanctions against Pretoria but did not say what the decision was.

Carter said he was trying to coordinate the U.S. decision with America's European allies and "also among friends we have among African leaders."

"There are various kinds of sanctions against sale of weapons, various degrees of economics sanctions," Carter said. "But what we want is a resolution of the South Africans' threat against peace in Namibia and of course the rights of the South African peoples themselves protected."

"So we'll try to modify our position to bring about all three of those things," Carter said.

Nigerian Foreign Minister Joseph N. Garba, speaking in a Council debate on South Africa's arrest of 62 black and white leaders and the shutdown of two black newspapers, appealed to the West to join in taking "prompt and effective measures to arrest the present deterioration of the situation."

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"Our delegation will not be satisfied with a mere condemnation of the arrests, acts of brutality, repression and terrorism," Garba said. "This has been done several times without any satisfactory effect on the regime in Pretoria."

Assassination fails

ABU DHABI (UPI) — A gunman Tuesday shot and killed a United Arab Emirates official in an airport assassination attempt on Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam. The assassin tried to hijack a plane to escape but later surrendered himself and seven hostages.

Emirates officials said the captured gunman had two accomplices who escaped. The Iraqi News Agency reported authorities had picked up another five persons for questioning.

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the noise-meter vote.

The board also heard criticisms of the noise at some student parties by UNC Professor Frederick Behrends and Alderman R. D. Smith.

Behrends said he has heard music from student parties that was so loud he could distinguish every word of the lyrics.

"(This year), it has gotten considerably worse," Behrends said. "It is one thing to hear the music from a car (as police do) but it is another thing if you hear it while trying to sleep in a bedroom," he said.

shack

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After running The Shack for 15 years, Creel retired and his son-in-law Harold Harvel took over. He later leased the watering hole to Bill Sparrow a few years later. The Shack had several other operators before Wheaties Richardson took it over six years ago.

Famous faces have stooped to enter the doors of The Shack. Norman Gordan, a singer with the Metropolitan Opera, was found often at The Shack

Khaddam, who returned to Damascus, suggested Iraq was behind the assassination attempt. He cited "initial evidence" that the gunman had arrived in Abu Dhabi from Baghdad.

Before Khaddam left aboard an empty plane to return to Syria, Emirates officials handed him a slip of paper believed to contain the gunman's name.

U.S. prisoners coming home

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Some 225 Americans held in Mexican prisons, many on drug charges, and a smaller number in Canadian jails could be transferred to U.S. prisons in time for Christmas under a bill passed Tuesday by the House and sent to President Carter.

The measure, which has cleared the Senate and is expected to get swift approval from the President, would implement prisoner exchange treaties made with the two nations.

S. African repression

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (UPI) — Police have arrested 13 more blacks, 12 of them for holding a charity show to raise money for a legal defense fund for black school children, police said Tuesday.

The detentions bring to 62 the number of blacks held by police since a crackdown last week on black and white dissidents and on black power organizations.

Behrends said he knew of one instance where police received at least four complaints, but did not act until 1 a.m.

"I know of others who would not complain," Behrends said, "because, one, they felt it would do no good or, two, they felt it would be a waste of time."

Behrends said police usually were cooperative in noise complaints, but often were unable to quiet some parties.

Smith said that students have said they wanted to be good neighbors, but felt that noise from some parties was "unrealistic."

when he retired and settled in Chapel Hill. Richardson says former UNC basketball star Billy Cunningham also downed a few brews there.

"A lot of times parents will come in when they bring their kids to college," Richardson says. "They say The Shack used to be their favorite hang-out when they were in school."

The Shack even made it to the movies in 1968. A few scenes from *Three In the Attic*, directed by Richard Wilson and starring Yvette Mimieux, were shot at the bar. Several UNC students got parts in the movie as extras.

Richardson dusts the bar with a greasy cloth. It is 3:30 on a Thursday afternoon and he has a big night coming up.

"Thirty-two years this bar has been going," he says proudly. "Oldest one in town."

But although The Shack looks as if a good strong wind could finish it, Richardson said the chances for any physical improvements are slim.

"What??? Why that would be crazy," Richardson exclaims. "It wouldn't be the same place then."

Tolkien tops the new best seller list

BEST SELLERS
from United Press International
Fiction

1. *The Silmarillion* — J.R.R. Tolkien
2. *The Thorn Birds* — Colleen McCullough
3. *The Honorable Schoolboy* — John le Carré
4. *Daniel Martin* — John Fowles
5. *Delta of Venus* — Anais Nin
6. *Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah* — Richard Bach
7. *Dynasty* — Robert S. Egan
8. *The Second Deadly Sin* — Lawrence Sanders
9. *Beggan, Thief* — Irwin Shaw

10. *Coma* — Robin Cook
Nonfiction

1. *All Things Wise and Wonderful* — James Herriot
2. *Book of Lists* — David Wallechinsky
3. *Looking Out For No. 1* — Robert Ringer
4. *The Dragons of Eden* — Carl Sagan
5. *The Camera Never Blinks* — Dan Rather
6. *Six Men* — Alistair Cooke
7. *Vivien Leigh* — Anne Edwards
8. *Amityville Horror* — Jay Anson
9. *Essays of E.B. White* — E. B. White
10. *It Didn't Start With Watergate* — Victor Lasky

More minority, women faculty needed

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- Consulting with deans, chairpersons and search committees to determine the nature of positions to be filled.

- Maintaining a close relationship with the Committee on the Recruitment of Black Faculty (an ad hoc faculty committee).
- The appointment of a person to work with the division of health affairs in the

recruitment of minority faculty members in the schools of dentistry, nursing and pharmacy. The schools of medicine and public health already have a minority-group member to aid in recruitment.

- The publication of a revised manual on recruiting black faculty members by the vice chancellor for administration and the Committee on the Recruitment of Black Faculty.

Emphasizing the need to "muster a special focus of attention" on the recruitment of black and women faculty, Taylor asked that the Committee on the Recruitment of Black Faculty and the Committee on the Status of Women serve as the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee. The advisory committee previously was composed of a broad group of faculty members, University employees and students.

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5:45 UNIVERSAL PICTURE TECHNOLOGY

7:30 OFFER AU BESTE

9:15

Plaza 2 NOW SHOWING

SHOWS

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7:45

9:30

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Plaza 3 HELD OVER 2ND WEEK

SHOWS

2:00 POTTER COSEY

4:30

7:00 A PIECE OF THE ACTION

9:30

Varsity HELD OVER 17th WEEK

SHOWS

2:30 SORRY — NO PASSES

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7:00

9:15

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