

Yank Entertainer Comments On His Treatment In Toronto

HOLLYWOOD (CP) — Comedian George Gobel said Tuesday he is not harboring any grudge against Canadians because of what he described as an unfortunate experience at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto last September.

"I have considered this a closed incident for some time," Gobel said.

"I like Canadians and I like Canada and I certainly would be happy to play up there again—anytime they want me," he added.

"Providing the money is right," said the comedian's manager, David O'Malley.

Gobel said he was "a focal point of a political wrangle that I never really understood."

Gobel was paid \$50,000 for a 16-day appearance at the exhibition. He said some newspapers in Toronto carried headlines asking why the CNE didn't hire a Canadian instead of a Hollywood comedian.

He said Jack Arthur, producer of the grandstand show, shoved a note under his door asking that he delete the words "hell" and "damn" from the script.

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"I did delete them," Gobel said, "but that was certainly an odd way to request it."

After he came back to Holly-

wood in September, Gobel told Mirror-News writer Lee Belser in an interview published Sept. 17: "I still don't know what it was all about. They started criticizing me in the newspapers. People shoved notes under my door and politicians used me as a football."

"At first I thought I had dropped a bomb as an entertainer. I thought maybe the people were going to stone me."

"But then when I found out that it wasn't the end of the world or the end of my career and people started being nice to me, things weren't so bad."

Gobel said Tuesday, "I never experienced anything like it. But I don't want to blame anybody."

In Toronto, Mr. Arthur said he sent a memo to Gobel asking that the word "damn" be dropped from the act. An assistant had slipped it under the comedian's hotel room door.

"I had a huge cast to worry about," Mr. Arthur said. "I'd like to be able to deal all the time on a person-to-person basis but it's just not possible."

Hiram McCallum, general manager of the CNE, commented: "George was treated rather shabbily. He didn't quite come up to my expectations but that may have been because of the peculiar atmosphere that developed."

Old Hugo Poem Is Discovered

BOULOGNE - SUR - MER, France (AP) — Workmen have discovered what was reported to be an unpublished poem of Victor Hugo that had remained hidden inside a statue of the Emperor Napoleon for 118 years.

The workmen uncovered the poem, written on parchment and stuffed inside a lead pipe inside the statue, as they removed the statue from its pedestal overlooking the English Channel during the weekend.

The statue damaged during the Second World War, was removed to make way for another image of Napoleon which President de Gaulle has ordered set on the spot. It stands on the place from which Napoleon's grand army was to have left for the invasion of England.

Literary historians theorized that the poem was to have been read at the dedication ceremonies of the statue in 1841 but that it was suppressed by the French government because of its violently anti-English tone.

England and France at that time were just beginning to patch up relations after the Napoleonic wars.

The poem, addressed to Napoleon, reads:

Along the water's edge within the gloomy Babylonian cities, Stand erect forever there, on the lofty column.

Watch our vessels and protect our towers.

Be proud of us for ever and keep us free, quiet and serene.

France has still a future, France is still the Queen.

Thy empire collapsed but the people live on.

Our majestic France has an eternity of patience. Vainly London and Moscow out of sterile fury, The former without Europe, the latter outside the world, have come to mutilate France. Look overhead, thou, solemn face At the everlasting tempest and everlasting hatred, And behold the ocean in front of thee and England at thy feet.

Conservatives Praised By PM

TORONTO (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Premier Frost Tuesday praised the "achievements of conservatism" on federal and provincial levels to the cheers of 1,500 delegates at the Ontario Progressive Conservative Association annual meeting.

Mr. Frost said Ontario's "unprecedented" growth was apparent in the \$99,000 new dwelling units in 10 years, a \$20,000,000 investment in physical assets, an increase of 150,000 people in the province each year and the phenomenal growth of electrical power and services.

He forecast a great economic future for northern Ontario which "suffered from the lack of fuel." He said gas and oil from Western Canada and the possibilities of nuclear power assured the north country of a "very great population."

Mr. Diefenbaker said he told Canadians during his election campaign "that the welfare of the average person and of the unemployed would be of first consideration—deficit or not deficit."

He said the Progressive Conservatives had increased old age assistance, old age and civil servants pensions, and unemployment benefits—as they had promised.

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Mr. Ian MacGregor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart MacGregor, East Baltic, left recently to further his education at Truro Agricultural College, Truro, N.S.

Mrs. Percy MacDonald, Kingsboro, is convalescing at her home following a recent illness.

A number of persons from this community attended the funeral of the late Dr. A. H. Smallwood whose death occurred at his home in Souris. He was well and favorably known in this area, having practised dentistry in Souris for over 50 years.

Miss Edith Rose, R. N., returned to Boston Mass., after spending the summer with her sister Miss Mable Rose and three brothers, all of Lakeville.

The Kingsboro male quartette assisted in the worship service at the Souris United Church on Sunday, October 25th. They were accompanied by Mrs. Clinton Stewart. The quartette is comprised of Messrs. Harold Hunter, Robert Rose, Wilbur Jarvis, and Kenneth MacGregor.

Mr. Kenneth Murphy, Elmira, required treatment in Souris hospital following an accident on the Elmira road when the truck he was driving left the highway and overturned.

Mr. and Mrs. Brendon Bell and family, Charlottetown, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dixon, Bothwell.

Lic Brent Robertson, Red Point, left recently to take over the duties of assistant pastor in the United Baptist Church, St. Margaret Bay, N.S.

Mr. William Jay arrived from Connecticut to be at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. William Pierce, just prior to her death on October 28th.

The members of the Kingsboro

church choir gathered for a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart MacGregor, East Baltic, to extend good wishes to their son, Ian on the eve of his departure for Truro, N.S. A sing-song, games, and contests were enjoyed and a suitable presentation was made to the guest of honor, after which refreshments were served.

Mr. Francis Stewart, South Lake, has been a patient in the Souris hospital for the past week.

Mrs. Ernest Avery, Lakeville, has been a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital where she recently underwent surgery.

A group of prize winners in the Rural Beautification Contest from this vicinity attended the banquet held recently at the Charlottetown hotel. Among those from Kingsboro were Mrs. Callum MacLean, Mrs. Gordon Robertson, and Mrs. Horace MacDonald, who accepted congratulations and a cash prize on behalf of the Kingsboro Women's Institute.

Mr. E. S. Rose, East Baltic, has re-entered the Souris hospital for treatment.

Mr. Basil Massey, Halifax, N. S., who was a business visitor to Prince Edward Island during the past week, spent the weekend with relatives in Bothwell.

Mr. Peter Chaisson, Bear River, is receiving congratulations on winning top honors in the Island

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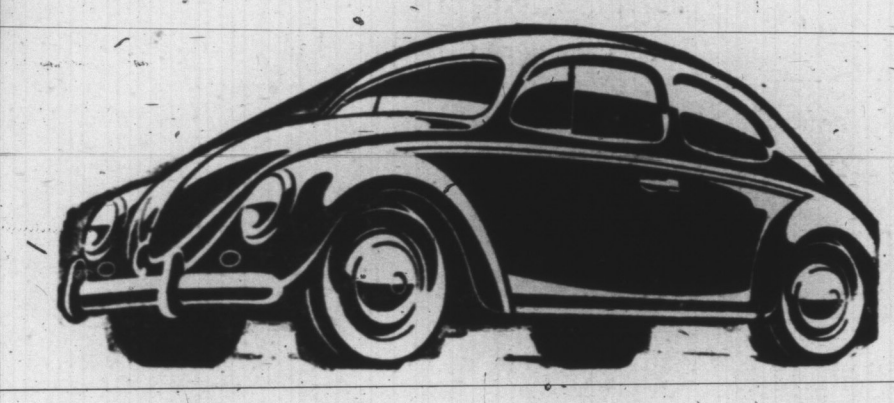
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