HISTORY IN AMERICA

Negroes are pointed out

Television in Review
By RICK DU BROW

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Television documentaries this summer are tracing Negro history in America, and entertainment shows in the new season will more and more be translating such events into fictional terms.

CBS TV's "Of Black America" series noted in a documentary, for instance, that it was Negro soldiers who rounded up Geronimo in the Old West. And, as an example of a story also set in pioneer days, NBC-TV's "The High Chaparral" will have an hour tale about a regiment of Negro cavalry troopers in the 1860s.

Featured in this episode, "Buffalo Soldiers," will be a strapping, 28-year-old actor whose ability has been praised in the New York theater, movies and television. His name is Yaphet Kotto, and his gentle humor, devotion to his family (wife and two children) and modesty with interviewers makes one aware of some of the qualities helping him carve out a significant, unsung path for Negro performers.

For Kotto is a character actor. That is how he describes himself. And it is the many facets of his people that he is trying to bring to television, not merely the heroic or silly stereotypes that have been used for so long.

Variety of Parts

His credits are impressive. Off-Broadway he worked in "Blood Knot," "Black Monday," "In White America" and "A Good Place to Raise a Boy." On Broadway, he gained instant fame in "Lulu and the Zayda." His films include "The Thomas Crown Affair," "Nothing But a Man" and the upcoming "Five Card Stud." On television, he has done "Big Valley," "Tarzan," "Cowboy in Africa," "Bonanza"—and, most important of all, "Losers Weepers," a drama set in the Watts section of Los Angeles.

"I feel realistic black character parts are so important," said Kotto over dinner in a restaurant here. "We've made some significant breakthroughs. Poitier. Cosby. Jim Brown and Raymond St. Jacques as heavies. And for me doing this sergeant in 'High Chaparral,' I'm trying to claim a little history for myself. With my various parts before, I've broken through in character roles. And this is what we are searching for—identity. There are so many different kinds of us."

Added Kotto: "This sergeant in 'High Chaparral' is a different kind of man. He's the first Negro man I've played who is caught up in self-pride and strength. I hope Negro kids can see the pride and strength in this man—especially since he is in the 19th Century. It all comes down to the kids."

Joins Artists Workshop

The Harlem-born actor is involved here in Los Angeles in Douglass House, the burgeoning, Negro-oriented artisitc complex that includes the Watts writers workshop. He says:

"I like it in Hollywood—it's been good for my career. But you've got to be careful about moving up in those hills and losing contact. I've told myself I've got to keep working in Watts and keep connected with reality so I don't forget where I came from.

"Yet I want to spend as much time as possible with my family because the male figure in a black home is what's been missing, and I especially want my son to know I'm around, that I'm not copping out. It's a responsibility."

Despite all his success, Kotto confesses, "I'm not yet doing the precise part I want. Look, I've been in the ghettoes where you see just guys—those guys who can't say the words. That's the guy I want to play."



SHE KNOWS HER APPLES. With head thrown back, Marguerite Lapierre, 68, of Paris, France, huffs and puffs and shapes a mixture of sugar and coloring into an artistic apple The French woman specializes in making edible art creations.

How many years off is 10-cent dollar?

BY BERNIE CAMP
Nebraska Farm Bureau

If a man offered to trade four 1939 dimes for a 1968 dollar, you might conclude he took you for a fool.

In terms of what the U.S. dollar would buy in 1939, the dollar in 1968 is approximately equal to four 1939 dimes (plus a few pennies), in buying food, clothing, transportation, housing and all the other items of living. This means the dollar in thirty years has eroded almost sixty percent in trading power.

This trade power decline resulted because federal administrations asked more and Congress appropriated more than taxpayers (you and I) paid into the federal treasury. To accommodate the situation, the president asked and Congress acquieced to raise the national debt limit and accept deficit financing of the federal budget as a painless way of financing federal aid of all types, domestic and foreign. The failure to keep federal spending balanced with federal income long ago set up a vicious spiral in paying for the deficit out of the value of the dollar (consumer trading power).

Organized groups (labor, government employes, the professions and others) have offset decreasing trade power by taking wage and salary increases and benefits. Industry, business and government passed along the increased costs in the prices of automobiles, homes, medical and dental services, education, government services and everything else in the market, contributing further to decline of the dollar trading power.

The dollar value decline would be no immediate problem if everyone had a means of passing it along. Price increases would balance trading power decline until the "galloping" point was reached where no one knew what the dollar was worth in trading power from day to day or even hour to hour. This happened in Germany after World War I and is threatened now in a number of underdeveloped countries.

Declining trade power is a very real problem for those with fixed or declining incomes and rising costs—farmers, ranchers, some salaried persons, non-union workers, the old, the retired and many others who cannot pass along their loss of trade power. This is the cost-price squeeze so often talked about in agriculture, but which actually affects all those having no way to pass on rising costs (inflation).

Prospects are not good for reversing the trend so long as Congress fails to balance the budget and reduce the national debt. Congress has exhibited little long-time resistance to concentrated heat from powerful lobbies for federal aid in all its forms. Declining trade power hurts most of the very people Congress and the lobbies profess to help because their dollars are consistently made worthless. Declining dollar value creates more poverty and suffering for those with low and fixed incomes than all the inflationary, deficit-financed federal aid programs can finance.

Fiscal experts predict that by a 1939 dime will equal in trading power the then current dollar. Other experts believe the ten-cent dollar will come long before the turn of the century.

The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D. E. Beaumont

Otoe county farmers with lakes and ponds on their farms are looking more and more to the skies for rain.

Johnny Bando's attractive pond along No. 2 west of Nebraska City will have to be dredged out to put it back in shape after the dry spell.

And Lester Hohnroth, who farms south of Bando and who has a 23-acre lake, is still waiting for enough rain for the first fill.

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A picture will be printed soon in the News-Press of the two headed Hereford calf (or calves) mounted by taxidermist Joe Voges.

Joe is pretty proud of the finished mounting. Taxidermy is a skill all its own of plaster, paint and color matching and Joe has certainly applied his talents to the calf.

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He's pleased that Lipton Tea purchased his cabins and store because now instead of a spare-time vocation in taxidermy, he is doing what he loves most.

He's got quite a display of his efforts. You might even get a kick out of his American Jackelope.

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The steward for the Whitehead Speedway was in the town the other day to help set up the August 4 race. Bill Jordan of Beatrice will work with Richard Whitehead and his father, Raymond, then drive to Beatrice for the night races.

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Wonder if Merle Short and his "White Lightning" and me and "Twiggy" ought to volunteer to be the pace cars. "Short" will surely have to pull his glasses off his forehead and put out his cigar to make those high-banked curves. . .but I betcha he could do it.

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Everytime I think about car races, I think about Bill Cosby who appeared on the Johnny Carson Commercials and Cosby's imitation of racing the engine of the Jag in a parking lot.

Best wishes to the Whiteheads for a successful season.

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There were a few bowed heads when a state official said the Nebraska City post office will be preserved for historical sake.

There are people in town who would like to see a new post office like every other town in the nation seems to be getting.

I'll take anything to improve and build the town.

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The same applies to a new swimming pool.

If we need it, let's get it.

On the question of a rectangular pool or the flying saucer, I don't give a hoot. Build it to accommodate the most people.

Indoor pool?

Yup.

You won't catch me swimming in January, but I think the school kids would and surely the exercise would be good for them.

Wonder if Athletic Director Jim Brockhaus and Girls Phys Ed Director Mary Ellen Slack agree?

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I was pleased to read the City commission cut the tax levy and the school board's money request will likely result in a lower school tax levy.

They are to be commended. Prudence, is always appreciated while spending the other man's money.

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SIGN SUMMONSES — Steve A. Adkins of route one, Nebraska City, signed a summons to appear in police court August 3 for alleged failure to stop at a stop sign. John Eugene Umland, 615 Seventh Rue, signed a summons to appear in police court August 3 for alleged no registration, no operator's license, fictitious license plates and no proof of ownership.

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Donor talked about heart

LONDON (UPI)—David Birkbeck and his wife talked at home about donating their hearts for transplant surgery.

"We had all discussed this together," Mrs. Birkbeck said, though "never for a moment believing that we would be called upon to make the decision."

But the moment came Friday. Her husband's heart beat today in the body of accountant Reginald Forde, 48, the world's 28th heart transplant patient.

Birkbeck, a 34-year-old spray painter, was fatally injured early Friday in an automobile crash. Doctors at National Heart Hospital were ready.

Ford for five days had been taking serum designed to prepare his body for receiving someone else's heart. The accountant, victim of repeated heart attacks, was in "grave" condition.

Mrs. Birkbeck came out of the crash but saw her husband die. She was busy with two of her children, Debbie, 5 and Anthony, 7, both hurt in the crash that came at the start of a vacation trip. But she replied yes, immediately, when asked if Forde could have her husband's heart.

Joan Birkbeck said, "as long as I know he is helping somebody, that is the important thing to me." And David had said yes.

Britain's second heart transplant operation—first patient Frederick West had lived six weeks after surgery—was done seven hours after Birkbeck died.

Medical spokesmen Friday night said Forde was in as "satisfactory" condition a s could be expected. They said he faced a "critical" time in the next day or so. But his condition was "apparently stabilizing," they said.

Burlington worker crushed by cars

LINCOLN (UPI)—A Burlington Railroad worker was crushed between two freight cars and killed Friday afternoon at the line's Havelock shop in northeast Lincoln.

The victim was identified as Frank H. Jurica, 60, of Lincoln. He had been a welder with the Burlington for 25 years.

Shop Supt. J. N. Nemeth said the accident occurred about 1:15 p.m. He said Jurica was working on a freight car outside the main building at the time.

"We don't know all the details yet but a full-scale investigation is under way," Nemeth said.

The Burlington builds boxcars at the Havelock shop. Nemeth said Jurica had been working in the area with a crew.

READ THE WANT ADS

Employes must pay by deposit

Effective with the quarter ended June 30, 1968, employers who owe more than $100 ln withheld income tax, social security or excise taxes must make payment through the federal tax deposit system. This means that unpaid balances exceeding $10 at the time the return is due must be deposited with an authorized commercial bank or federal reserve bank. Amounts due of $100 or less will be paid to IRS with the filing of the tax returns froms 951 or 720.

Regardless of how payment is made, the returns will be filed with IRS as always, according to Richard P. Vinal district director of internal revenue for Nebraska.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is an English corruption of the Latin mandati The day was called "Dies Mandate," the day of the mandate, from the fact that Christ on that Thursday evening gave His followers, 'A new commandment—that ye love one another"

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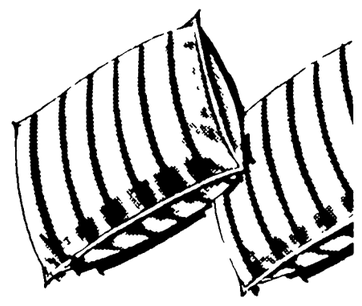
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