New Mayo Play Based On Idea of Technocracy

Burst Of Information On Subject 'Stumps' Harmon Playwright

With mingled reactions, Miss Margaret Mayo of Harmon today surveys the script of her new play, "The Long, Long Look," and the text of published accounts of the new economic survey, Technocracy.

The authoress of many light dramas which have seen the bright lights of Broadway lays claim to having set forth Technocratic ideas in "The Long, Long Look," now virtually complete but not yet in the hands of a producer.

"I thought I had something to tell the world," said Miss Mayo this morning, "but after reading a lot about Technocracy, I find that it has beat me to it. I was all ready to begin the final revision when the first stories about Technocracy appeared in the newspapers and magazines. Now I don't know what to do with the darn play."

In spite of having been "beaten at the gun," Miss Mayo declares that she is tremendously interested in Technocracy.

"I get a big thrill out of reading all about it," she said. "It really doesn't make much difference who sets forth the facts as long as the facts are presented. I think that a few clear facts will help us all get out of the fog. They are a benediction if they can help us see our way clear out of the present disorder."

Miss Mayo said that she took the name for her play from a sermon topic of the Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of the Riverside Church in New York City. She has been busy with the script for nearly a year.

"I shall probably make up my mind what to do with it within a week or two," she stated.

The plot concerns the adventures of three couples caught in the maze of current economic difficulties. Moral, emotional and physical results are shown in the plot's development. There is a playboy, a young engineer and a wife who is loyal to her husband throughout his business difficulties.

"The play is a lot different from anything I have ever done before," said Miss Mayo, whose successes include "Twin Beds" and "Polly of the Circus." "I have given it a lot of time and careful thought."

URGES ENGLISH UNITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (UP).—Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, urged solidarity of the English-speaking races to protect themselves against "the challenge of dictatorship" which he said was threatening their ideals of liberty. He made his appeal to The Pilgrims who, when he had finished, drank toasts to the President of the United States and His Majesty, George V., of Great Britain.

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MAY RETURN

SHRI MEHER BABA

Meher Baba May Return To Visit Harmon

Indian Mystic Scheduled To Come Back To Section, Miss Mayo Hears

Harmon soon may be again visited by Shri Meher Baba, long-haired Indian mystic who spent a few days there last Spring as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Schloss, his chief agents in the United States.

Miss Margaret Mayo, playwright, has just received a letter from Miss Josephine Graybau, who was secretary for Mr. and Mrs. Schloss. Miss Graybau wrote that Meher Baba is expecting to return to this country from Europe next month.

The tentative plans are for the mystic to land in California and then come East, possibly to establish a retreat in this section, Miss Graybau wrote. Meher Baba has expressed a desire to visit Harmon again, said Miss Mayo.

To date the Indian has not broken his vow of silence as far as it could be learned today. It will be recalled that he was scheduled to speak when he landed in New York last Spring, but for some unknown reason changed his plans. After a few days in New York and Harmon, he set out for Hollywood and then sailed to foreign countries.

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Pianist Sets Program For Center Concert

David Barnett Will Play In Free Recital Next Sunday

David Barnett, young American pianist, announces today the program which he is to give in the Little Theater of the County Center, White Plains, Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Westchester County Recreation Commission and the Universal Artists Bureau of New York. Mr. Barnett appears as one of the contributors to the series of chamber music concerts offered weekly at the County Center without admission.

Although Mr. Barnett is barely twenty-five years old, his reputation is already established here and abroad. Since his debut as a pianist in 1928 he has given four Carnegie Hall recitals and three in Paris; he has been soloist with the St. Louis Symphony, the Cincinnati Orchestra, the Manhattan Symphony and the Orchestre Symphonique de Paris. He has, in addition, had seven compositions published by the Senart firm of Paris. At present the young artist is also a member of the faculty of three educational institutions in New York City.

The first group includes Brahms' Rhapsody in B minor, opus 79, No. 1, and Schumann's "Papillons," opus 2. The second and third groups, identical with the concluding numbers to be given at his Town Hall recital, are the Sonata Appassionata, opus 57, of Beethoven; Liadov's Prelude, opus 11; Idylle-Etudé, "Au Jardin," by Balakirev; and six etudes, opus 10, by Chopin—those in E major, C sharp minor, E flat minor, F minor, E flat major, and C minor.

The County Center free chamber music concerts will continue Sunday evening, Feb. 5, with a second appearance of the Wilson Mandolin Quartet, assisted by a soloist, to be announced later.

Rare Wood Rats Trapped By Courtenay Brandreth

Three Members Of Species Thought Extinct Caught At Storm King Mountain; Presented To Bronx Zoo

A rare species of Allegheny wood-rat, believed by naturalists to have been extinct, is still in existence. Three very live specimens, trapped by Courtenay Brandreth of Ossining in an expedition through Bear Mountain Park and Storm King Mountain, were brought to Ossining last night. Today Mr. Brandreth took them to Dr. Raymond Ditmars, of the Bronx Zoo, where they will be placed on exhibition.

Eight or nine years ago Mr. Brandreth went on hunting and trapping expeditions with the late Wirt Robinson, well known naturalist. Mr. Robinson told how he had trapped a wood-rat which was identical with descriptions of the Allegheny rat which naturalists had believed to be extinct. The rat, when found in the trap, near Bear Mountain, was dead.

No other specimens of the rat were found, however, until Mr. Brandreth, who is very much interested in animal and bird life, decided that he would attempt to obtain some specimens.

Over the weekend he left for the Park, accompanied by his son, Franklin Brandreth, and his chauffeur, Lewis B. Jones. Traps, in which the rats would not be injured if they were caught, were set at various places in the thick woods on the slopes of Bear Mountain. And three fine specimens were captured—all alive and well.

As far as is known, these are the first of the species ever to have been in captivity.

The Allegheny wood-rat is described as looking like a "cross or missing link between a squirrel and a rat." They are slightly larger in size than the house-rat, and have hairy tails and gray fur.

The three captured by Mr. Brandreth seemed to be contended in their captivity and somewhat tame.

REAPPOINTMENT CONFIRMED

ALBANY, Jan. 26 (AP).—Reappointment by Governor Lehman of Dr. Matthias Nicoll, Jr., of Rye, as a member of the board of visitors of the State Hospital for Incipient Pulmonary Tuberculosis, was approved by the Senate today.

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Two Firemen Felled In Blaze In Apartment

Damage In Tuckahoe Fire Is Estimated At $65,000

TUCKAHOE, Jan. 26—One-third of the suites in the Bella Vista Apartments, 69 Glen Road, Eastchester, just south of here, were destroyed by an early morning fire today in which 31 families were driven to the street in night clothing, two firemen were overcome and damage of $65,000 was done.

The first alarm was sounded at 4.22 A. M. shortly after Joseph Ferrone had discovered the building afire.

Firemen arriving found dozens of residents shivering in a slushy snow on the sidewalks, attired in night dress and hastily seized coats. Other terrified tenants were grouped on fire escapes and window ledges and 17 persons were carried to safety by firemen. Three additional alarms were sounded until 8.44 to bring more apparatus and men, and the fire was not under control until after 9 o'clock.

The two firemen overcome were revived and sent to their homes.

Fire officials declared the blaze started when a motor for a central refrigerating unit in the basement became overheated and caught fire.

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