



"She's got the whole pla-aaa-ay in her hands", it seems as 'Brigadoon's' Directress Genni Archibald weighs Fred Sellers and Bev Galley at one of the casting sessions last week. Entire cast will be announced this week, for the big show due to appear in mid-February.



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TRIBUTE PAID TO KENNEDY

"THE COST OF FREEDOM

IS ALWAYS HIGH"
J. F. K.

"A Tribute to Kennedy" was given Monday in the Physics Theatre before three-hundred Dal students. It was led by Professors Aitchison and Braybrooke, who gave short commentaries, and answered numerous student questions.

Student Council President George Cooper spoke of Mr. Kennedy's tragic death and dedicated one minute of silence to his memory. After apologizing for failing to obtain a film, Mr. Cooper introduced Professor Braybrooke.

Professor Braybrooke began by citing several incidents which he felt emphasized the great emotional shock sustained by the people of the world and Americans in particular. He called Mr. Kennedy "a center-piece not easily rattled", a prime product of American Universities, a non-intellectual who appreciated intelligence. Professor Braybrooke felt he was a bona fide hero, a fitting example of the best of the American people, and with his death "the world picture was knocked out of place".

The Professor emphasized that it is impossible to effect major changes during one term and that Kennedy had gone as far as possible in the Civil Rights issue and the Cuban Crisis to achieve some action, yet assure a second term to further these plans. Thus, in his abbreviated first term Kennedy was laying the footings for even greater changes. The professor felt that during Kennedy's term of office perhaps his greatest accomplishment was the scaling down of fanatical sentiments towards communism and civil rights.

Professor Aitchison, Dean of Political Science, then took over the discussion and suggested some of the consequences of Mr. Kennedy's death. The professor felt that Lyndon Johnson was a wise and experienced politician. As such, he would follow Kennedy in not being over reliant upon his advisors—as Eisenhower had been. He hoped that Johnson would use the turn of events as an opportunity to relax tensions. The Dean predicted that there would be no move by Khrushchev in Berlin as it would appear petty; in fact, the Communists would tread very carefully, lest they be linked with Oswald or Rubenstein.

As an experienced politician and manufacturer of majorities, Johnson, claimed Professor Aitchison would possibly be able to push many of Kennedy's measures through a sobered Congress. Also, Johnson, as a Southerner, knows how to appeal to his neighbours in the civil rights matter and perhaps changes can be expected in this field.

With respect to the Republican nominee for the '56 Presidential election, Professor Aitchison predicted that Johnson's right leaning had torpedoed the Goldwater Platform and perhaps opened the field to Governor Rockefeller. On this subject, in question from the floor, Professor Braybrooke felt Kennedy was unbeatable except in the south. However, with relaxed pressure from the White House, the Republicans could follow their own hearts and that their choice would possibly be Goldwater.

In reply to other questions, Professor Aitchison said there would be little change in Canada-U.S. relations since Johnson, as a Texan, was rather far from the problem and that it was a minor one in the overall American picture.

He later settled Goldwater's future by saying that if Goldwater was elected "I would find the first hole and crawl into it". However, he did say Goldwater would doubtless be tempered in his opinions by a term in office. He seemed to agree with Professor Braybrooke, who said Goldwater was an "unknown quantity", and his "associates in the Cabinet would be fearful to behold".

Neither speaker felt he could name with any degree of certainty who the next group of Presidential candidates would be. Kennedy's prowess had ended the careers of many Democratic Party possibilities. In the Republican Party: Goldwater was too radical, Rockefeller was suffering from his recent divorce and quick remarriage. Possible candidates might be Humphreys and Scranton or even Nixon.

So, with the sound of muffled drums still permeating the air, questions are being raised concerning American and indeed the world's future.

RYERSON DIRECTOR OPINES ON BRIGADOON

The schmozzle created by the resignation of Ken Clark as director of the DGDS' musical this year has reached the front page of "The Ryersonian". Ryerson also plans to present "Brigadoon" next year and their director, Jack McAllister, had some pertinent remarks to make on Mr. Clark's statement.

Refuting Clark's statement that Brigadoon's minor roles were insipid and that the show has been done so often to become hackneyed, Mr. McAllister said "I decided

to do 'Brigadoon' because I consider it one of the loveliest musicals of the Twentieth Century.

"If 'Brigadoon' is hackneyed because it has been done so often, 'Hamlet' would have to be hackneyed also."

Even though McAllister said he thought 'The Music Man' not as good a musical as the final choice, he approved of Clark's resignation: "Anybody is perfectly justified in resigning when a play is changed on him."



The old soapbox stands forlorn on Studley, left only the memory of the halcyon days of yesteryear when angry young men, suffragettes, ban-the-bombers, and ilk warmed the winter air with their intonations and reverberations. Winters are milder, and times must be softer, for the art of protest seems to have withdrawn into the inner sancta of the law school. Where hath the spirit of extemporaneous entertainment gone?
(D.G.P. Munroe)