



The Veterans Administration's first Meritorious Public Service Award for achievements in the area of equal employment was recently presented to the U.S. pharmaceutical industry. Shown here with the award are: Donald E. Johnson (l.), Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Dr. James F. Bourland (c.), Vice President of American Cyanamid Company, and Alfred Smith, Personnel Consultant for Minority Affairs of Cyanamid's Lederle Laboratories Division. In his presentation to the industry, Mr. Johnson stated: The Award is being given to the pharmaceutical industry for 'going beyond minimal compliance with the law and contributing to the significant improvements in the total social environment of minorities. And perhaps most important of all, is the pharmaceutical industry's recognition and acceptance of its responsibilities to contribute to and improve the quality of life in those communities where their establishments are located; in short becoming a good Samaritan, not just a good neighbor.'

U.K. RACIAL MOOD KILLS CRUSOE PLAY

By Carol Kennedy
WINDSOR, England (CP)—A theatre director who feels Britain is in a mood of "racial tension" has dropped Robinson Crusoe as the annual pantomime production because the characters of Man Friday and the cannibals might offend black members of the audience.

Following the case of the Scottish doctor who was brought before the government's race relations board for advertising for a Scottish cook to prepare his porridge—thereby presumably discriminating against Welsh, Italian or Irish cooks—the pantomime incident seems to strike a note of near-farce.

But Mary Counsell, co-director of the Theater Royal, Windsor, which the Queen often visits when she is in residence at Windsor Castle, is serious about the decision to scrap Crusoe and substitute the innocuous Babes in the Wood.

"When I came to write the script, I realized it could not be done in the present mood of racial tension," she said. "One cannot get away from Man Friday being presented as a gormless idiot refugee

from a cannibal tribe, because he provides all the comedy."

Mrs. Counsell, who runs the historic old theatre with her husband John, added that the comic cannibal scenes "could upset our colored customers."

"I cannot see Crusoe being staged again for year — if ever. The last time we did it was nine years ago, but things were different then."

Negro Jobless Rate In U.S. Hits 7 p.c.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A high AFL-CIO official said today sharply rising unemployment in the United States under President Nixon's anti-inflation policies is threatening efforts to provide more jobs for Negroes, who have the highest rate of unemployment.

"This work may very well be impeded in coming months by unemployment, which is already rising and may go even higher," said Lane Kirkland, secretary-treasurer of the 13,600,000-member labor federation.

John Counsell, 64, said the pantomime, based on the famous desert island classic of Daniel Defoe, "could have caused a general feeling of unease among our audience."

Joan Mellors, Windsor's community relations officer, said she thought much would have depended on the way the pantomime was presented, but Crusoe was "probably better left alone for a while."

600-Year-Old Indian Village Safe for Year

PORT ELGIN — Port Elgin has been given "at least a year" to save a 600-year-old Iroquois Indian village uncovered in the northwest corner of town.

The Indian village, discovered last spring, is on the site of a proposed housing development.

Roger Cunningham of Toronto, development manager for Century City Developments Ltd. said Friday night the company will "try to delay development" on the village site "for at least a year."

The company has offered to trade the site lot-for-lot for other Port Elgin property. In December, Mayor Bud Wilson said the town owns property elsewhere, "but we can't give away the taxpayers' money to make a trade."

Town officials have estimated it would cost from \$30,000 to \$50,000 to buy land to trade for the 20-odd lots.

Council discussed the matter Monday, but nothing was decided. The question is likely to come up again at the March 16 meeting.

In 1968 there were 401 collisions between motor vehicles and railway trains in Ontario; 34 of these involved fatalities. Practically all cases resulted from driver inattention. It is hoped that the news media will help to reduce these unnecessary tragedies by emphasizing the need for care whenever approaching a RR crossing.

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