There Shall Be No Night
1950
Directed by Alice Austin
CONCERNING THE PLAY

The Artist Series invited the Geneseo Community Players to present Robert Sherwood's new play "There Shall Be No Night" because of the timely appeal of the action. Robert Sherwood wrote this drama of heroism and self-sacrifice as the time of the unprovoked invasion of Finland by the overrunning forces of Soviet Russia. Despite the herculean resistance of the brave Finnish army during the winter campaigns of 1939-40 the little democracy of Finland had to bow to the will of the totalitarian columns of Communist Russia.

Today the struggle for liberty and the rights of small nations is renewed in the snow-covered mountains of Korea. The enemy is again a ruthless, aggressive dictatorship, the defenders are the United Nations troops, principally our own U. S. soldiers.

The Artist Series presents this play as a tribute to the heroic men and women who are again fighting on distant battle fields so that the cause of liberty may be secure on this earth.

The Geneseo Community Players, Inc., are an organization of community people and Teachers College students for the promotion of the best in dramatic art in the Central Geneseo Valley. They were incorporated in the spring of 1950 and are now in their second playing season.

Miss Mary Thomas is president; Mrs. William P. Wilkinson is vice-president; and acting president, Andie Irwin Jr., secretary; James McDonald treasurer.
Community Players Ring Up Curtain on Play at High School

The Genesee Community Players will present Robert Sherwood's "There Shall Be No Night," on Thursday evening, Nov. 30 and on Friday evening, Dec. 1, in the Genesee Central High school auditorium; Miss Alice S. Austin is the director.

The cast for the play includes: Walter Muir as D. Valkenorr; James Dunbar as Uncle Waldeiner; Kenyon White as Torri; William and Eugene Sanger as Frick Valkenorr; Edward Farley at Jon Glascner; and Mary Patrice Lauchner as Katri.

Aviator: Kenneth Cornack; ambulance driver: Edward Dwyer, Gordon, John Sander; Major Koltowski: Alan Pearson; Dr. Zelmanski: Thomas Buckley; the photographers: Mrs. Mark Welsh, Brad Fraser, the servants: Hilda Berton, Edward Hopkins, and Gus, A. W. Erwin Jr., any others in the cast. Miranda will be played by Mrs. John Osborne Thursday night and by Mrs. William P. Wadsworth Friday night.

The following crews have been selected to work on the forthcoming production:


Make-up: Patricia Lauchner and Dorothy Jumper of Geneseo, assisted by Leigh Bergman of Salamanca, Margery Wilson of Hamburg, Angeline Olszewski of Hornell.

Costumes: Erma Robinson and Mrs. Ralph Cash.

Properties: Mrs. Mark Welsh of Geneseo; Joan Mark of Mineral, Shirley Williams of Bluff Point.

Lighting: Alfred Cones of Rochester and Robert Hill of Palmyra.

Campus Chatter

Last Thursday and Friday, the Community Players presented, "There Shall Be No Night," a timely drama written by Robert Sherwood, in this world of confusion. Directed by Miss Alice S. Austin, speech instructor from the college, the plot of the play centered around the invasion of Poland by Russia in 1939.

The male lead role was played by Rev. Walter Muir, his wife portrayed on Thursday by Fonda Osborne, and on Friday by Martha Wadsworth. Kenyon Warner was an American newspaper man, as was his assistant, August Frain Jr.

The romantic triangle was played by Gene Sanger and Patricia Lauchner. James Donovan was the uncle, and the German, was played by Thomas Buckley. Rev. Alan Ferrine was the Polish officer. An aviator and two soldiers were played by Ken Cornack, Edward Doby and Edward Dwyer. The British soldier was Jack Sanger. The two maids were Hilda Berton and Elizabeth Hopkins. Mary Welsh and Brad Fraser played the two photographers.

Because of the difficulty in producing such a play with a definite mood, the cast and production staff should be complimented for doing such a fine job.

Today, as in Finland, the struggle for liberty is evermore. This play is a tribute to the freedom loving men of the world and their heroic pursuit for freedom.

Thursday, December 7, 1950

HIGHLIGHTS

in the SOCIAL LIFE

AT THE COUNTY SEAT

Miss C. Ames Bigney and Mr. and Mrs. John McKinnon entertained members of the cast of "There Shall Be No Night" and friends at the Homestead following the Friday evening performance.

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