

"AN ALMOST PERFECT PERSON" COMES TO MEADOWS PLAYHOUSE

Sweet, demure, self-effacing, undemanding...if those adjectives describe your ideal woman, you won't find her in Irene Porter, the heroine of Judith Ross's comedy, *An Almost Perfect Person*, coming to the Meadows Playhouse in April for a four week run. When it opened on Broadway the play was greeted with gales of laughter at every performance.

Irene is a vigorous, forthright, independent, strong-willed lawyer who is just about to lose a New York City Congressional Campaign at the opening curtain of the play. Undeterred by

the rebuff from the voters, she strides resolutely into the post-election problems, determining how she might have compromised with her ideals and won the election, paying off her campaign debts and making some sense out of her private life.

Irene is a widow who has been too busy campaigning to find a love interest in the past year or so. But all that is over now. Before she enters the lists again, as the audience is well aware that she will eventually do, she must settle those other matters, perhaps by marrying one of two

campaign aides who are quite agreeable to the idea, perhaps by shouting "A plague on both your houses" and pursuing her political career in solitary devotion.

Irene is not your conventional widow, if there is such a thing nowadays. She knows what she wants -- on the dias and in the bedroom -- and she is the sort of woman who will pursue her ambitions and desires wherever they may lead.

Judith Brenner (Irene) will star as an Almost Perfect Person. Art Engler (Dan) will play the role of the strong-willed pub-

licity director of the campaign and an undeclared admirer of her. Joe Bernard (Joe) will appear as her financial advisor, another potential suitor who is ready to give us home and family for her sake.

This production is being directed by Joan Snyder. Jon Hemmeter has designed the set and Terry Cohen of One of a Kind Interior Designs has furnished the New York apartment. For reservations call the box office at 739-7525. The play runs through May 8th.

GERMANY TO INVITE QADDAFI

BONN (WNS) -- The Bonn government is coming under increasing pressure from pro-Arab members of the Bundestag and the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPC) to issue an official invitation to Libya's leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi to visit West Germany. However, in spite of this pressure, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is said to be opposed to such a move, according to reports here.

The campaign to invite Qaddafi is being led by Bundestag member Juergen Moellemann, one of the most outspoken anti-Israeli politicians in Bonn. Moellemann, a chairman of the German-Arab Friendship Association, has publicly de-

nied the charge that the Libyan ruler is enhancing international terrorists. The Bundestag deputy, who is close to Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, has often fulfilled delicate missions with which the Foreign Ministry did not want to be publicly associated.

Meanwhile, the German weekly, *Der Spiegel*, reported that Genscher himself has taken a strong position in favor of inviting Qaddafi to Germany. In private consultations, he is reported to have told Schmidt that West Germany would benefit politically, diplomatically and economically from such a move.

RIOTS CONTINUE ON WEST BANK

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The rioting and demonstrations that have besieged the West Bank, spreading into the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, continued into April. But the central point of concern to the Israeli government was the general strike to commemorate Land Day, an annual event protesting Israel's seizure of Arab land in Galilee six years ago.

The general strike was termed as only partially effective among Israel's Arab population. But in the Gaza and East Jerusalem, unrest seethed where the strike was virtually total and about 35 persons were arrested in widespread disturbances.

Israeli authorities

reported that only nine of the 21 Arab municipal councils in Galilee participated in the strike called by the Hadash (Communist) Party and that 60 percent of the Arab work force showed up for their jobs in factories and service industries despite pressures to stay away. Elementary school children attended classes in Arab towns and villages. Teachers also showed up in face of disciplinary measures threatened by the civil service authorities. But high school students took the day off.

The demonstrations and unrest began on the West Bank following the removal by Israeli authorities of Mayor Ibrahim Tawil and the town council of El Bireh for refusing to cooperate with the Israeli instituted civilian regime. One week later, the elected mayors of Nablus and Ramallah, Bassam Shaka and Karim Khalif were removed on the grounds that they were Palestine Liberation Organization agents responsible for inciting the violence in the occupied territories. The rioting has taken eight lives so far, including an Israeli soldier killed in a grenade attack in Gaza.


The general strike called to observe Land Day was most effective however in Nazareth, a Communist stronghold where most shops were closed and schools were empty. Some local merchants said they shut down because of threats from radicals. The strike was observed in Arab villages near Nazareth but hardly noticeable in those further away. In some localities, Arab youth set up road blocks, burned tires and stoned vehicles. A few Palestinian flags were raised but were immediately torn down by police. In the Arab village of Taibe near Kfar Saba, some 2500 people marched peacefully. But in Arabe - the village in Galilee, local residents stoned the police station and were dispersed with tear gas. Several persons were arrested. No significant disturbances were reported in the "mixed cities" such as Jaffa, Acre and Ramle, which have sizeable Arab minorities. The Druze and Bedouin communities ignored the

strike.

The most serious incidents inside Israel occurred in Jerusalem. A hand grenade exploded in the parking lot of a department store in the center causing no casualties. But several cars were damaged. Police said the grenade was thrown from the upper floor of the adjacent building. A search was underway for the perpetrators. An Egged bus travelling from central Jerusalem to the suburb of Nev Yaacov was stoned as it passed through the Arab village of Shuafat. The driver fired into the air and was detained by the police for investigation. A Palestinian flag raised on the mosque in Shuafat was torn down by police.

Meanwhile, East Jerusalem and most towns and villages on the West Bank were paralyzed by a general strike called in sympathy with Israel Arabs marking Land Day. Security forces were kept busy removing roadblocks and barriers of burning tires and dodging rocks thrown at Israeli vehicles. An estimated twenty people were arrested in Samaria district for allegedly inciting the local population to violence. The Balata refugee camp near Nablus and the Deheyshe refugee camp near Bethlehem were placed under partial curfew. The strike was almost total in the Gaza Strip where several military vehicles were stoned and tired burned. No demonstrations were reported there.

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