

Actor enjoys day off from show

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He had just explained that Gardner had a wonderful father. "All his plays are about this old revolutionary guy," Weston said that years ago, when he was in his late 30s, he had read for Gardner for a similar role in the playwright's "The Goodbye People." But he didn't get the part. "I was too young," he said. He had little time to prepare for his starring role in "I'm Not Rappaport." As the outspoken Socialist, whose past and present is both fact and fancy, Weston is onstage and speaking throughout much of the show's two acts.

"I got the part three days before the show went into rehearsal," he said. The sudden job required learning 82 pages of dialogue in 10 days of rehearsal. "I'm marshaling all my techniques as an actor. Each performance I add alterations. I don't have the luxury of having three or four weeks rehearsal. When I leave this town and this show, I hope it's one of the best things I've done."

WESTON HAS ONLY good things to say about the audiences in Birmingham, who come to see this show that's billed as a comedy but has a serious approach to the problems of

the aging. "The audiences are wonderful. You don't hear a cough." While he performs, everything is quiet, and then he may hear a gasp from the crowd in response to some dramatic action onstage. The actor doesn't concern himself with reviews. "I couldn't care less," he said. "My job is to play the show." Working with a director on character development, "I take, I accept, but I censor. I'm screwed up in many ways, but as an actor I'm secure."

Growing up in Cleveland, the son of poor Russian immigrant parents, he went to the movies during the Depression and was transported into paradise. "The movies turned me around. I entered a fantasy world and have been there ever since." Weston lived in New York City, then in California for 18 years before moving back to New York after he returned to Broadway in 1975 in "The Ritz." This play was followed by several other Broadway shows, including "California Suite" for a year. Detroit-area audiences saw Weston in Neil Simon's "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at the Fisher Theatre in 1971. Weston, who has split with his wife after being married for 36 years, said, "I live a nomadic existence. It's rough."



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She's a natural onstage and off

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said, she was discouraged from pursuing a career in ballet and instead switched to musical theater.

NOW SHE'S LOOKING for parts where she won't need to dance at all. "I'm trying to get away from the break that image," she explained. "I can't dance forever." Prowse still does ballet back in Los Angeles, where she lives, but, "I had a couple of knee operations and a back operation. It's hard on me now," she said. She also does yoga. On the road, however, she prefers gyms. "They're everywhere," she

said. "I do a lot of exercise." Along with some other cast members, she joined a gym at Detroit's Omni, where she works all the equipment.

The Michigan Opera Theatre production is Detroit's premiere of "Follies." Prowse previously starred in a production of "Follies" that opened last June at Houston's brand-new Northman Opera House.

The Tony-award-winning musical originally opened on Broadway in 1971 and had both its fans and detractors. Through the years, it has been generally recalled more favorably. The show was rewritten for a London production, which Prowse said she saw. "It's not very good. They've taken the bite out of it, with happy endings."

The musical is about marriages that have lost their luster, and

Prowse regrets the London rewrite that doesn't retain the show's "acidic side."

PROWSE WAS BORN in India, and her family moved to South Africa, where she was raised. Her mother and her brother and his family still live in South Africa. She is going to visit them during her Christmas break in December.

She has a son, 16, by the man who was her second husband, actor John McCook, now appearing on TV's soap opera "The Bold and the Beautiful." Her first marriage was to a young man who had a drug problem and she tried to help. "It didn't work."

Prowse came to the United States to do "Can-Can" at 20th Century-Fox. "That's when the studio was

starting to fall apart. 'Cleopatra' was being made at the same time," she recalled. That expensive production, among other things, broke the studio.

She was under a seven-year contract, and was unhappy when they put her in a bad movie. She got out of her contract and has been independent ever since.

Boyfriend Chavez, the choreographer, has done her night club acts and shows. The two have been together for 12 years now.

Prowse is remodeling her house in Los Angeles, where she has lived about 14 years. The living room decor is being designed around a painting she bought in New Mexico, of Taos Pueblo in a rainstorm. "The colors are blues and purples," she said.

Actors forceful in performances

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his own with the formidable Weston. Extraordinarily believable in his role, James has been aged better than Weston and emulates the movements of a spy old man very well.

McDonald is very likable and convincing as Clara. Named after a union firebrand her father admired, Clara was raised to be a rebel, not the suburban wife and successful businesswoman she has become. McDonald lets sparks of the younger Clara glow beneath her now mature, sensible countenance.

RICHARD COTTRELL's egotistical yuppie is amusingly inept when up against the two old foxes. Ken Land is slick as the urban cowboy

whose laid-back speech belies his inherent nastiness. As the punk extorting protection money from Midge, Andy McCutcheon does not seem very menacing, nor is Susan Norman very creditable as a reformed addict.

In between some hilarious witticisms, "I'm Not Rappaport" raises some serious issues about society's treatment of the elderly. Nevertheless, laughter and good feelings predominate.

Barbara Michals teaches high school English in Southfield. A theater critic for the last 14 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

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