A 'dictator' at Stratford

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in its premiere run.

After serving as theater director
of England's Nottingham Playhouse, he came to Canada to direct
a play, then served as artistic director for theaters in Edmonton
and Halifax before coming to
Stratford.

He performed as a senior member of Stratford's Young Company,
the next seagon acted on the Main
Stage and then became director of
the Young Company. In 1989 he
will start his fourth and final season, as a ratistic director at Strat-

to renew."

He was polite, composed, unpre-tentious, as he answered questions in his distinctive but untheatrical

voice.
"I'm tired. It's a very exhausting job," he declared. "It's time I had a rest. I'may just freelance — direct or act."

He said he had just finished per-forming three times a week, as well as carrying out his adminis-trative duties. The actor starred as Henry Higgins in the festival's 1988 production of the musical "My Fair" adv."

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"I've acted all my life, I don't en-joy acting all that much anymore," he said But on cloyed the things of the company of the lange of the company of the lange of the company of the production of the company of the "Pygmallon" in Edmonton), "It was a huge success" he said of Stratford's "My Fair Lady."

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NEVILLE SAID the idea of bringing Stratford to the Music Hall originated with him three years ago when "I was doing something with the Detroit Symphony Orcheitra at Temple Bethe lin Birmingham. I was taken around to the Music Hall. It was dark, and they were trying to refurbish it. Thought it would be a good place for Stratford to perform." He noted, "The audience from the United States is quite substantial, particularly from here." Neville said there's always a part of the "audience" that cannot make the trip to Stratford, so bringing "Two Genitemen of Verona" to Detroit offers "a taste" of the festival. Stratford started out as a Shake-spearean Festival but, "We do other things as well," Neville said.

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"The festival has grown enormously since. It started off in a tent, with an eight-week summer season. Now it runs from May to October, with 11-12 productions each season."

Neville is a Canadian citizen. He and his wife, a former actress, whom he married in England, have six children — five in Canada and one in Great Britain. None of their children has gone into acting, although one has become a stage

"I not unhappy," be said, when asked how he feels about them not following in his footsteps. He believes one should become an actor only "if you feel you'd die if you didn't — because it's tough. It's fraught with rejection."

King of Siam has appeal

them prepared for college . . . I do that from 3 o'clock until 10 p.m." them prepared for coninge. . . . 1 or other from 3 o'clock until 10 pine.

He also leads groups of students on educational trips. During the control of the

decided to become a teacher. He was inspired by his teacher Olga Neu-

'I love being here with the kids. I don't feel any difference in my enthusiasm, my excitement for learning or for teaching as I did in 1959 when I began.'

moff. He described her as "a wild teacher, fresh out of college." "I don't know what I learned in her class. All I know is that when I came out of it, that was it. There

was nothing left for me to do except teach high school English.

"I've been teaching for 30 years," if the years old, And when you're 500, and you've taught for 30 years, you're going to retine. And I mosk, you're going to retine. And I mosk, ing at that, not immediately, but in the real near future. There are a lot-extensively and have time for the family ... and just time — time to have time for thing I want to do, whether it's gardening or reading."

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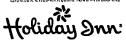
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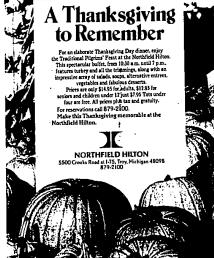
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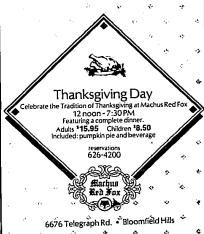
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