

# CINERAMA 'UNFAIR COMPETITION' SAY SYRIAN COMMUNISTS

The United States Information Agency said this week that a showing of "This Is Cinema" in Damascus, Syria, has been so successful that the local Communists were accusing the United States of "unfair competition."

The agency said the show, far outstripped interest in a large Soviet exhibit in Damascus and that the streets were "rife with rumor the Communists will attempt to stop Cinema by sabotage."

The wide screen process movie is being shown in the open at the Damascus International Trade Fair. The agency said up to 2,000 persons stood outside the area watching for seats and some were perched in eucalyptus trees where they could only see half of the screen.

Crowds broke inch-thick guard rails around the entrances to the movie and a 30-man squad of police was inadequate and more were assigned, the agency said.

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# Principle Behind Leaves Changing Color In Autumn Is Complex Process

How do the leaves of maple, aspen, birch and oak get the rich autumn hues that "enhance the beauty of fall?" This is a question which has puzzled botanists for generations and has not as yet been entirely satisfactorily answered. However, in the main, we have the answer.

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Chlorophyll is easily destroyed by light. In the fall, with the brilliant sunshine of the Indian summer, it is broken down faster than it is being formed. Hence, the yellow color which was there all the time but was masked by the brighter green, shows up and we get the yellow of the poplar, for instance. The mottling effect is due to the uneven destruction of the chlorophyll.

Professor Gustafson states that the reds and purples are due to a

substance which the biochemist calls anthocyanin. The browns are caused by a partial breakdown of various substances in the leaves and the green is chlorophyll, which is active in the food manufacture.

The botanist admits that scientists are somewhat in the dark as to the reason these substances should be formed. "We know that there must be an abundance of sugar present in the leaves. Bright light is also necessary and a low temperature plays a part. It seems that as the fall advances there are cellular changes taking place in the leaf petiole which block the leaves off from the stem. The sugar that may be in the leaf can not get out and the sugar content increases, bringing about chemical changes which result in the formation of anthocyanins.

Not all parts of the country are equally rich in these beautiful colors, he points out. New England is famous for its riot of color in the fall as are the northern parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and South Ontario. Regions where it gets cold suddenly are much more likely to have brilliant colors than those where the temperature decreases gradually. Low temperature with bright sunshine is favorable, as it produces conditions in the plant which allow these chemical changes to take place.

Discussing the color differences in various species of trees, Professor Gustafson said that most of the conifers do not show any color changes, though red cedars may show some red and brown during the winter. On the other hand, trees like the swamp or red maple may become completely red. The sycamore takes on a very brilliant red. Poplars and birches are usually yellow. Ash trees are usually greenish purple. Catalpa, mulberry, and many others shed their leaves while they are still green.

# Livonia Chorus Elects Officers

The official board of the Livonia Civic Chorus met September 10 at the home of Mrs. Olson Hensley with officers elected for the coming year. Mrs. Hensley was chosen as president. Mrs. Harry Schumacher, vice-president; George Bentley, treasurer; Mrs. Howard Osmus, recording secretary; and Mrs. Paul Nixon, corresponding secretary.

Members elected to the board besides the officers were: Austin Ault, Miss Helen Ivers, John McClelland, Wilson Edgar, Donald Roach, Dr. George Roach, Mrs. Howard Schreiber and Mrs. Robert Kellogg.

The chorus set its annual Christmas program for December 4. Anyone interested in singing in the chorus may obtain additional information by contacting Mrs. Hensley at Livonia 5290 or Mrs. Kellogg at Farmington 2502-M.

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# NATIONAL CASUALTY COMPANY OPENS NORTHLAND OFFICE

C. W. Eberhard, vice president of National Casualty Company, announces the recent opening of a new sales-service office in the Northland Commerce of the J. L. Hudson Northland Center.

Eberhard stated that this new office, designed to provide more convenient information and claim service for National Casualty policy holders in the Northland trading area, is but one step in a carefully planned program of expansion in the casualty and fire insurance field with an objective to provide broader coverage and more convenient service facilities for the public at lower cost.

Robert L. Slos, superintendent of sales, Casualty and Fire Division, states that the Northland Center office will be staffed by independent contractor agents residing in the Northland trade area serving on a rotating basis. Mr. William P. Piet, field supervisor, will be in charge of general administration.

# Road Care Discussed At Woodbine Assn. Meeting

Road maintenance was a major topic of discussion at the fall meeting of the Woodbine Improvement Association, Inc., held last Tuesday evening, September 14, at the fire station on Wheeler Street.

Reports were given by chairman of the various association committees on their activities. A vote of thanks was extended to the sign committee, headed by L. B. Avery, for the installation of the Woodbine development signs at each entrance of the subdivision.

A social hour followed the regular business meeting. A lunch was served by the entertainment committee, headed by Mrs. E. Cole.

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# Pastor Halboth, Family Return From Vacation

Pastor Victor Halboth and family, of Grace Lutheran Church, Grand River at Imperial Highway, have returned from their three weeks vacation, the greater part of which was spent at Estes Park, Colorado, and at Salt Lake City, Utah.

In the pastor's absence, Victor P. Halboth, Jr., Vicar, delivered the sermons and took care of the needs of the congregation. Victor, Jr., returned this week to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, to complete his studies for the ministry.

Philip Halboth has returned to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he is also studying for the ministry.

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Bertram Devor Gable of 25821 Thirteen Mile Road and Glenn Lloyd Shumoff of 24751 Seven Mile Road were the students honored. Gable was one of 41 students garnering a perfect record in the School of Music while Shumoff was among the 44 with all "A's" in the College of Literature, Science and Arts.

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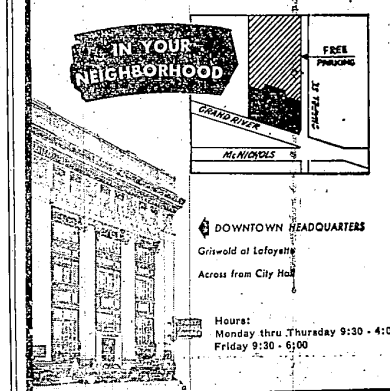
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