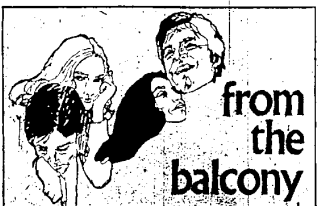


# At Hilberry: 'Gentlemen' Wears Well

THE BOURGEOIS GENTLEMEN by Melvyn Frumkin. In repertory at the Wayne State University Classic Repertory Company. English adaptation by Miles Mollison. Directed by Richard Spearman. Sets by Russell Smith and costumes by V.C. Lovett.



Theatre	Film	Industry Rating	Catholic Rating
ALGIERS DRIVE IN Wayne Road opposite Westland	Ice Station Zebra Man at War Man in a Hat	G M	A-1 none
CINEMA II Livonia Mall	The Undefeated Don't Drink The Water	G G	A-1 A-3
CIVIC Farmington	Marlowe Easy Rider	M R	B A-4
LA PARISIEN Ford and Middlebelt Garden City	The Good Guys and The Bad Guys The Bad Guys	M none	A-3 none
MAI KAI Farmington and Plymouth Res. Livonia	Don't Drink The Water	G	A-3
PENN Plymouth Ave. Plymouth	Gypsy Moths Winning	R M	A-3 A-3
QUO VADIS Warren and Wayne Rds. opposite Westland	Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid	M	A-3
QUO VADIS PENTHOUSE I	Take The Money and Run	M	A-3
QUO VADIS PENTHOUSE II	The Battle of Britain	G	A-1
TERRACE Plymouth Rd., east of Westland, Livonia			

Industry ratings: G—suitable for general audiences; M—suitable for mature audiences; R—restricted (under 17 not admitted, unless accompanied by parent or adult guardian); A—adults only (under 18 not admitted); A-1—morally unobjectionable for all ages; A-2—morally unobjectionable for adults; A-3—morally unobjectionable for adults with reservations; B—morally objectionable in part for all; C—condemned.

Music Master: Robert D. Jackson  
Dancing Master: Wendy Evey  
Vocal Singer: Dorcy Pulliam  
M. Jourdain: Jeffrey Tambor  
Pleading Master: James Newall  
Philosopher: Charles Smith  
Taylor: Howard Jensen  
The Head: Tim Coffe  
Miss Jourdain: Claudia Wilkins  
Countess: Lee Smith  
Cleric, the love: John O'Connell  
Lucille Jourdain: Dorcy Pulliam

By TIM RICHARD

DETROIT In the final, hilarious act of "The Bourgeois Gentleman," a group of actors disguised as Turks has come the upstart gentleman into being initiated as an oriental duke.

The stage is lit by candlelight in last Saturday's performance in the Hilberry Theater, however, one young lady in the troupe held the candles too close to her turban-wig. In mid-act flames two feet high shot from her crown.

The fire was extinguished, and the WSU student-actors carried on perfectly, and we later learned the pretty young lady suffered no ill effects.

I RELATE that mildly sensational incident only to attract your attention. If the fire in the bonnet had been planned, it would have been unnecessary in this rousing bit of erie theater.

Except for the Bard, no playwright seems to wear as well as Moliere (1622-73). His social satire is as up-to-date in Bloomfield Hills today as it was in Paris three centuries ago.

## EMU Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets for the Eastern Michigan University production of "Death of a Salesman" will go on sale Dec. 8.

The production is scheduled for six performances from Dec. 10 to 14, with back-to-back performances at 7 and 10 p.m. Dec. 13. All other performances will have an 8 p.m. curtain in the David L. Quirk Auditorium on the EMU Ypsilanti campus.

Tickets may be purchased at the Quirk Auditorium Box Office from 12:45 to 4:40 p.m. weekdays or by calling the box office at 482-3453.

Indeed, if you close your eyes and listen to one character's voice and phrases, you can hear a certain state senator from this region. I won't tell you the character or the senator, though.

M. Jourdain (played admirably by Jeffrey Tambor) is the bourgeois gentleman who has struck it rich and hires instructors in music, dancing, fencing and philosophy to make him fine enough to mix with the nobility.

The bourgeoisie, however, is not the sole butt of the jokes. The instructors are as pompous and effete as their student is inept. In one scene, Jourdain, practicing the pronunciation of a series of vowels, brays:

"Eee-aw! Eee-aw! Oh, what a thing it is to be a scholar."

IT'S THE kind of line a WSU faculty type, a suburban or Vice President Agnew can appreciate with equal gusto.

It would be difficult—perhaps even unfair—to single out one or several actors for comment. These are students working on masters and doctorates, recruited in a competition from all over the country. They are not kids, though; some are nearing middle-age.

Yet they still have college theater's most distinguishing trademark—an incredible gusto, a zest, a spirit of fun that shows through even when they're all being very talented.

Not even a fire on stage slows them down.

## U.S. Population 202,540,000

Population of the United States reached 202,540,000 on Oct. 1, 1969, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

This was an increase of 221,000 since Sept. 1, and more than two million since October 1968. The increase since 1960 has been 52.2 million.

Comparison of birth-death statistics, immigration-emigration and other recorded factors help the bureau keep abreast of the count between decennial census surveys.

# Dems' Reform Goal: 'A Chance At Power'

By DENNIS PAJOT

"Politics can resolve only those conflicts we can bring to it."

"A society that can't handle conflict cannot handle change."

"And a society which won't change cannot survive."

SURVIVAL seems at stake this weekend and next as Democrats here and across the state meet in county and district special conventions, in the opinion of some of its leading members.

These words lead off a summary of the political reform proposals which the conventions will be considering.

Delegates to a special Democratic state convention in January will be elected. They will decide whether or not the party will propose state legislation aimed to reform party organization and voting procedures.

The proposals to be considered were put forth by the Michigan Democratic Party Political Reform Commission, a body of 102 members chaired by U-M Dean William Haber and co-chaired by new State Senator Stanley Levin of Berkeley.

The commission was created by resolution of the 1968 Fall Democratic State Convention.

"(A) GAP BETWEEN certain outdated practices of the past and the realities of today and tomorrow threatens our society and must be bridged," said Haber and Levin in introducing the commission's recommendations.

The summary of the commission report opened with words used at the head of this article. It continued:

"The initial challenge to American democracy today is really quite simple — to get everyone to take it."

"The bitter social conflicts that divide Americans cannot be resolved by politics unless all sides have equitable political power."

"Power is what counts when

the big decisions are being made."

"Power cannot be guaranteed, but a chance at power can. That is what democracy is supposed to be all about — a fair chance at power for everyone."

"That chance does not exist for every American," the commission suggested.

Focusing on this, the commission recommended dozens of reforms.

Plymouth's Bob Dwyer, chairman of the 2nd Congressional District Democratic organization, was a member of the commission. He also was a signer of two of its minority reports, which required support of 10% of the commissioners to be included.

Ron Madridos, of Livonia, chairman of the Wayne-19th Democratic organization, told

Board of Supervisors and Neil Stastler, candidate for governor in 1964 and former Democratic party chairman and national committeeman.

It included Charles C. Diggs, Jr., Detroit State Representative; Tom Downs, vice chairman of the Michigan 1961-62 constitutional convention; Billie Far-num, former state auditor general and former 19th District U.S. Congressman.

Others are State Sen. William Faust of Westland; Weston E. Vivian, former 2nd District congressman; and Phillip Power, publisher of Observer Newspapers.

CONCLUDING its summary of recommendations, the commission said:

"When the political reform commission first met in January 1969, it was faced with the challenge of recommending the first thorough reform of the basic political system in half a century."

"The commission felt such thoroughgoing reform is necessary if the American political system is to be able to meet its basic challenge, to everyone into it."

## background

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- A presidential primary to pick the state's national convention delegates.
- One man, one vote principles of proportional representation at all levels of party decision making.
- Extension of voting rights to 18-year-olds, all college students, prisoners awaiting trial and possibly to some already convicted.
- Elimination of voter residency requirements and all property qualifications on bond issues.
- Elimination of many other voter registration requirements.
- Stricter campaign financing and candidate expense reporting.
- Allocation of free television and radio time for candidates for federal and top state offices.
- Tax credits for political contributions.
- A party peer group appeals committee with fact finding and recommendations power to make reports to the state central committee or the state party convention.

"SPIRITED DISCUSSION" appears to be assured, as observers with fact finding and recommendations power to make reports to the state central committee or the state party convention.

"Power is what counts when

Observer Newspapers he believes the commission's presidential primary proposal came too late.

"Why cloud the issue when we've already got another primary proposal off the ground with a dubious petition?" he asked. "Sure, anything can be improved. But which has more chance of passage? I think the one outlined in our petition has."

In addition to Haber, Levin and Power, the commissioners included John Canfield, Dearborn Heights mayor and former chairman of the Wayne County

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