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—by Henry Cooper
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Sunday Mirror

ARTIST IN ROW OVER PICTURES OF NUDES

TWO paintings of nudes have been seized by police at a city art exhibition—because of one complaint that they are indecent.

The paintings were part of an exhibition at Leeds by 33-year-old Stassinos Paraskos, called "Lovers and Romances."

One painting, titled "Lost Love," and valued at £10, has already been sold.

The other is uncatalogued.

Mr. Paraskos, a lecturer at Leicester College of Art, said yesterday: "I am absolutely shocked.

"The exhibition has the support of the local education committee and people in authority must have seen the pictures."

Merit

He added: "The pictures that have been withdrawn do not depict perverted love—they are quite wholesome.

"Of course they show men and women in the nude. What is wrong in that?"

Mr. Eric Taylor, principal of Leeds College of Art, which is sponsoring the exhibition, said:

"The only comment the paintings aroused from other people was praise for their high artistic merit.

"No one else saw anything indecent in them."

Printing plant is shut down

THE chairman of International Printers Ltd., Mr. A. B. Quick, issued the following statement last night:

"The International Publishing Corporation's new web-offset factory in Southwark closed today following the refusal of the National Graphical Association to honour the manning arrangements agreed between the management and the general secretary of the NGA in 1965.

"The action taken by the NGA in refusing to operate the manning arrangements made it impossible for the factory to be run as an economical unit and dismissal notices dated to expire on April 29 were issued to 350 members of the staff.

"The factory was opened on March 17, 1965, by Mr. R. Gunter, Minister of Labour, and was equipped with the most modern machinery available.

"It was intended that Southwark Offset Ltd. should be the first of the factories that IPC intended to modernise and re-equip in London to handle their periodical and general printing.

"Discussions between the management, officers of the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation and officials of the NGA aimed at finding a solution continued until today.

"It was hoped that a compromise solution could be found. But the NGA insisted on manning arrangements which meant that the management would have to rely on overtime working or the introduction of casual NGA labour, completely unskilled in the web-offset process, into the factory to keep the presses in operation.

"Because of an ultimatum on manning arrangements issued by the NGA on April 4, production in Southwark Offset has fallen to such an extent that it has been impossible to produce some of the journals, e.g., Motor, Commercial Motor, etc., and in all other cases it has been impossible to adhere to publication dates.

"The management say that if the NGA will agree to the compromise manning arrangements they have suggested for a trial period of three months while the matter is examined by all parties concerned, they will endeavour to re-open the factory on Monday, May 2."

ROGUES' GALLERY OF DEADLY PLANTS

A set of forty colour slides showing poisonous plants has been produced by the Pharmaceutical Society.

The slides, which cost £3 10s., are intended to warn children who may be tempted to eat the plants.

WHY I CARRIED TEAR GAS—BY A COIN DEALER

AFTER coin dealer Michael Millward was robbed of £4,000-worth of property, he bought an aerosol tear gas dispenser for protection, a court heard yesterday.

He carried it for years in case he was attacked again.

And at Greenwich magistrates' court, he pleaded guilty to possessing a prohibited weapon — the tear gas dispenser.

Millward, 30, of Mayo-road, Sydenham, London, also admitted using insulting words.

Police Constable Michael Homeward said that Millward stopped him in the street and complained about the noise being made outside his home by pneumatic drills.

'Force'

Millward told him: "I'll stop them even if I have to use physical force."

Millward had told a workman: "You've got a fat mouth."

While being searched at Sydenham police station, Millward produced the tear gas dispenser, which resembled a fountain pen.

Millward told the court that he often carried coins worth up to £5,000. He bought the dispenser purely for self-defence.

He was given an absolute discharge.

TV goes in the Palace

TELEVISION viewers are to see inside Buckingham Palace for the first time.

For a film of the interior is to be made jointly by Independent Television and the BBC.

It is expected to be shown just before the Queen's broadcast on Christmas Day.

The film will also take viewers inside five other royal palaces—St. James's Palace, Kensington Palace, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court and Edinburgh's Holyrood House.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said last night that the Queen's private apartments would not be shown.

U.S. TROOPS POUR IN

Five thousand American troops arrived in South Vietnam yesterday, bringing the total now fighting in the war up to 250,000.

Waiting for fame

THE lady is ambitious . . . and she knows what she wants. Fame and success.

But first, lovely 17-year-old Tania Duckworth is waiting to be "discovered" by a film director or recording manager.

Ceylon-born Tania, who lives in West Kensington, London, is a trained singer and dancer—and she has already had several small parts on TV.

'Squealer' waits for verdict

From GORDON GREGOR

Johannesburg, Friday.

LONDONER Lawrence (Johnny) Bradbury, who claims he will be shot for "squealing" on a London gang, is spending the weekend in prison cell here.

He is waiting for the Monday morning verdict on a murder charge. And the sentence could be death.

I spoke to Bradbury in the court cells today as he waited to go to prison.

He said: "This is going to be the longest weekend of my life."

Bradbury, 32, had pleaded not guilty to the murder last June of wealthy mining prospector Thomas Waldeck.

He has claimed that the killing was carried out by a gunman hired by a London gang.

RACE DOGS 'NOBBLED'

A PUNTER with a grudge is believed to have doped thirty racing greyhounds.

The dogs were found in a daze when attendants arrived at Derby Stadium kennels yesterday.

Police took samples from the kennels for scientific tests.

Despite the doping, racing will be held as usual today—with a re-arranged programme.

But a meeting due to have been held on Monday has been cancelled.

Britain aids Indonesia

BRITAIN is to make a "no strings" gift of £1,000,000 to Indonesia "for humanitarian reasons." Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart said in the Commons yesterday.

MPs on both sides of the House welcomed the news as a step towards the ending of Indonesia's "confrontation" policy towards Malaysia.

This policy was started by President Sukarno, now only a figurehead, and it is hoped that Indonesia's new leaders, struggling against economic difficulties, will reverse the process.

SOHO CLUB FIRE VICTIM NAMED

A man found dead after a fire at a club in Lisle street, Soho, London, on Monday was identified at an inquest yesterday as Reginald Gordon West, 54-year-old Civil Servant, of Ruskin Park House, Champion Hill, Camberwell, London.

The inquest was adjourned until June 22.

Today's weather

Sunny and warm. OUTLOOK: Similar.

London area, Midlands, E. England: Fine and sunny. Max. temp. 20 C (68 F).

S.E. and Central-S. England, E. Anglia: Dry and mostly sunny. Max. temp. 19 C (66 F).

Channel Islands, S.W. England, S. Wales and Mon: Dry and mostly sunny. Max. temp. 17 C (63 F).

SEA CONDITIONS: North Sea and English Channel, slight.

SUNSET: Birmingham 8.30; Bristol, 8.30; Derby 8.26; Plymouth 8.35; London, 8.21.

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