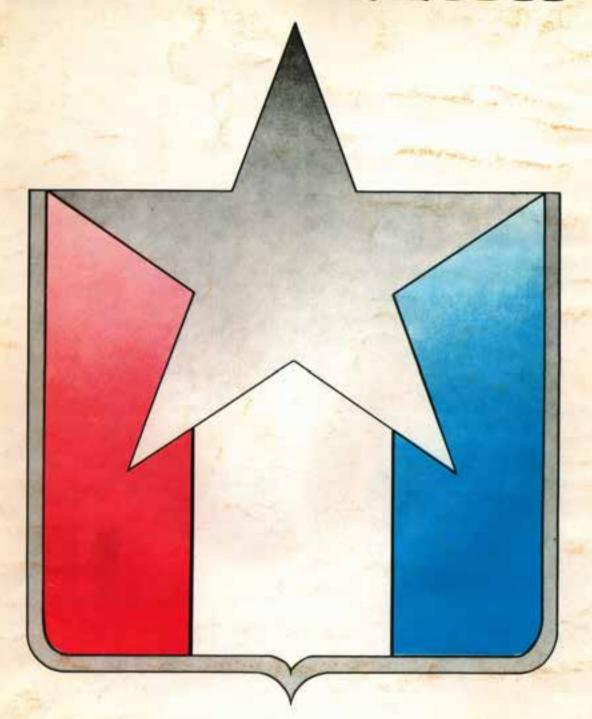
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OCTOBER 28 & 29 TUE. & WED. "The King & I"

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in

THE KING AND I

Music by

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BASED ON THE NOVEL "ANNA AND THE KING OF SI By: MARGARET LANDON

Produced by PAUL BISH and DAVID TORBETT

Directed by GEORGIA HIGH

DALE CASTEEL

Musical Director

LIZ KETCHUM

Choreographer

BILL KETCHUM

Set Design-Technical Director

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"And Buddha. I promise you I shall give this unworthy woman a house - a house of her own - according to agreement, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera."

About "The King and I"

"The King and I" is based on Margaret Landon's novel "Anna and the King of Siam." It is the story of a young English widow (Dana Aitken) who has been brought to the Orient in order to impart Western culture to the King's court. She manages not only to educate the King's numerous wives and his even more numerous children – some 67 of them – but the king himself (Ray Rothgeb), a stubborn, half-tyrannical, half-childish, but surprising, charming, and always fascinating individual.

The essence of the drama is the struggle between the two leading personalities — the hoop-skirted, genteel, but firm-minded teacher and the semi-barbaric, inflexible, but curiously "scientific" monarch. Apart from the semi-political, semi-romantic duel between the principals, the play is full of unexpected incidents and scenes which are not only exciting but touching. There is real pathos in the subsidiary plot, a tragic love story of the beautiful slave Tuptim (Liz Miessler); there is genuine comedy in the schooling of the ruler's multiple off-spring; and there is vital dignity in the character of Lady Thiang (Charlotte Sanford), the king's head wife.

In common with the best of Rodgers and Hammerstein, the music is perfectly integrated with the play. The songs are not mere "numbers" designed to be hit tunes, although they did attain national popularity, but they emerge logically from the action of the drama and the quality of the

characters. The score is a succession of gracious and ingratiating tunes.

When "The King and I" opened on March 29, 1951, at the St. James Theatre in New York, it was the consensus of opinion that the team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein had achieved another triumph of collaboration. "The boys have done it again" was the tribute of Broadway to the joint creators of "Oklahoma!," "Carousel" and "South Pacific." In the line of its illustrious predecessors, "The King and I" was something more than a musical. It was, in the truest sense a musical play, a drama which was both serious and humorous — a form which, differing from the European tradition, could be recognized and classified as American opera.

"The King and I"

Produced by — PAUL BISH and DAVID TORBETT
Directed by — GEORGIA HIGH
Musical Director — DALE CASTEEL
Chorus Director — WILLIAM BRADLEY
Choreographer — ELIZABETH KETCHUM
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CAST (In Order of Appearance)

Captain Orton	
Louis Leonowens	The state of the s
Anna Leonowens	
Interpreter	
The Kralahome	
The King	Ray Rothgeb
Phra Alack	
Lun Tha	Monty Smith
Tuptim	
Lady Thiang	
Prince Chululongkorn	
Sir Edward Ramsey	James Hurst
Princes and Princesses	lulia Sanford.
	Ken and Melody Winford, Lee Daily,
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Ray Rothgeb

(THE KING)

Instructor of vocal music at Independence Community Junior College where he serves as chairman of the Humanities Department, Ray played the part of a head waiter in "Hello, Dolly!" Now he returns to the Neewollah stage as the unpredictable yet fascinating King of Siam. Ray directed ICJG's "Carousel" and "Brigadoon" and played the title role in the school's "J.B." earlier this year. Married and the father of two sons, Ray is active in numerous community activities and directs the Ecumenical Youth Encounter, an inter-denominational musical group sponsored by the local churches.



(THE KRALAHOME)

Gary is making his second Neewollah appearance, this time in the role of the Kralahome, Siam's prime minister. Two years ago he played the part of the Judge in "Hello, Dolly!" An instructor of English and acting at Independence Community Junior College, Gary directed ICJC's "Gaslight" and "Twosomes" and played a leading role in "J.B." there last spring. A graduate of the University of Kansas, he has appeared in over 40 productions and worked several summers with a repertory company in Creede, Colo.



Bob Barrett (THE CROWN PRINCE)

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett, Bob is a ninth grader at Independence Junior High School where he sings in the mixed chorus, Special 12 and the Modernaires. Bob's favorite pastime is playing golf and his life's ambition is to attend the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

STARRING



Dana Aitken

Dana has played so many leading roles in Neewolfah musicials that it is difficult to list them alt. 8ut, most notably, they were "The Sound of Music," "Oklahoma!" and "Guys and Dolls." Yet "The King and I" marks her first appearance in a Neewolfah show in five years. A housewife and the mother of three teenage children, Dana studied voice in Tulsa in addition to receiving formal plano training. In addition to numerous other commitments, she directs the children's choir at the First United Methodiat Church.



Liz Miessler

The star of Neewollah's "Hello, Dolly!" returns to the stage this year in the role of Tuptim, a young Burmese slave who is presented to the King of Siam as a gift. A housewife and the mother of three children, including Mark Miessler who plays one of the children in "The King and I," Liz works as a para-professional in special education at Washington Elementary School. Possessed of a beautiful soprano voice, she has appeared in a number of other Neewollah shows, including "South Pacific" and "Fiddler on the Root."



Bill Brisbane

(LOUIS)

A fourth grader at Washington Elementary School, Bill claims he auditioned for a role in "The King and I" because he "wanted to be something more than the Pied Piper." (He played the role in a school production last year.) The son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Brisbane, Bill's hobby is collecting space pictures and models. At age 9 he hasn't yet quite yet decided on a



Monty Smith

Monty, whose home is in Topeka, attends independence Community Junior College and is a member of the school's football team. A versatile young man with a finger in every pie, Monty seems to excel in everything he does. He is a member of "Friends," a Topeka band, and is presently learning to play the guitar, bass, plano and organ. He also takes an active part in ICJC's "Livin" Experience" and the college chorale.



Charlotte Sanford

Charlotte marks a milestone with her appearance in "The King and I." It is her first theatrical performance since an operation last year restored her eyesight after 15 years of blindness. Despite her former handicap, she appeared in several theatre productions in her native Coffeyville, singing in choruses while guided on stage by fellow actors. The mother of three and an employee of the Coffeyville Music Company, Charlotte is an alumnus of Kansas State University where she majored in sociology. Daughter Julia plays one of the King's children in tonight's show.

"King and I" Production Staff



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PIANO Regina Hille Place: Early 1860's Time:

Scene 6. King's Library

Finale....

OVERTURE ACT 1

Scene 1. On deck of the Chow Phya in the Gulf of Siam "I Whistle a Happy Tune"... Anna and Louis Scene 2. King's Library in Royal Palace "My Lord and Master"......Tuptim
"Hello Young Lovers"......Anna "March of the Siamese Children Orchestra Scene 3. Hallway of Palace "A Puzzlement"King Scene 4. Schoolroom in the Palace "Getting to Know You" Children and Wives "We Kiss in a Shadow"Tuptim and Lun Tha Scene 5. Anna's bedroom "Shall I Tell You What I Think of You"..... Anna "Something Wonderful"Lady Thiang

Intermission

ACT II ENTR'ACTE

Scene 1.	Schoolroom in Palace
Scene 2.	Outside the Palace "I Have Dreamed"Lun Tha and Tuptim
Scene 3.	Theatre Pavillion "Small House of Uncle ThomasTuptim BalletEliza and Company
Scene 4.	King's Library "Shall We Dance
Scene 5.	"Processional"Orchestra
Scene 6.	King's Library "I Whistle a Happy Tune" RepriseAnna

.King, Wives and Priests





"Getting to know you, getting to know all about you, Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me."

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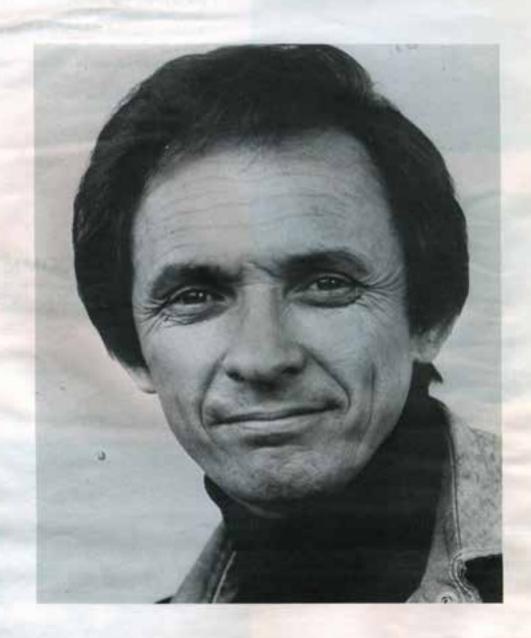
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