

# NILEHILITE

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## Parents Will Relive High School Days Nov. 9

### "Message from Bataan" Features Parents' Night

Since the inception of the War Finance program, cities, towns, and villages throughout America have used plays, skits, and musicals to spread the War Finance message, to sell bonds directly to the public and to lend entertainment value and excitement to War Bond rallies, club meetings, and radio broadcasts.

One of the plays to emerge from the office of the War Finance Committee is "Message From Bataan", a highly dramatic thirty minute play which uses the stage techniques that were employed so successfully in "Our Town" a few years ago. The narrator carries the thread of the plot, and even describes the setting for each scene, therefore eliminating the need for most stage properties.

The play, written by Bernard J. Reines, will be produced by the following cast on Parent's Night during Education Week:

Narrator, Howard Haynie; Bill Rand, Howard Suckow and Robert Pearson; Alec Martenko, Byron Krysher; Captain, William Anderson; Mr. Rand, Billy Hols; Mrs. Rand, Betty Smith; Johnny Rand, Paul Reiland; Stanley Martenko, Edward Fisher; Mary Martenko, Marion Carlson; Soldier, John Barker; Soldier with bandaged leg, Merrill Taylor; Filipino soldier, Carl Hoppe; U. S. Army Nurse, Beryl Schwabe; Captain in the Bataan army, DeForest Hamilton; and the radio announcer off the stage, Muriel Farrell.

It is hoped that a production of the play for the student body can be arranged in connection with the sale of War Stamps.

### School Band Plays In Lincolnwood Dedication

Our school band is in for one of its most active and promising years, and will not only play for school affairs but also community affairs. Again this year, as in the past, they will play for all home football games and "pep" assemblies.

This year the band has sixteen new members, who are working very hard to meet expectations of their leader, Mr. Collins. The loss of fifteen members from last year's band, however, will be keenly felt, because of their long experience. For the third straight year, Mr. Collins is going to have a band composed of entirely of freshmen. This band will play for all freshmen activities and the experience gained by playing at these affairs will be of material help to them when they later play for advanced affairs.

On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, the band played for the dedication of the new Lincolnwood grammar school and, from all reports, they did a very fine job.

### Problems Classes Work out Projects

The senior classes in Problems of Democracy have chosen the following projects for their outside work in practical government: (1) management of the cafeteria, (2) promotion, sales, and buying of stamps and bonds, (3) sending the Nilehilite to N.T.H.S. alumni in the service of their country, (4) salvage of waste paper, and, (5) printing and distribution of posters advertising school events.

Probably the most well known to the majority of the students are the management of the cafeteria and the sale of stamps and bonds.

The management of the cafeteria has worked out very well. The student body on a whole has cooperated without complaint. The tables with flags have increased enormously since the first week. Most of the tables now have flags, and when the alumni return for a visit they will notice a great change in the cafeteria.

In the sale of stamps and bonds the total up to Oct. 17, is \$5135.95. On Hezzie Weldon Day, Oct. 17, 99.4% of the school bought stamps and bonds valued at \$363.35. Niles goal is a \$15,000 Navy landing ship, to be paid for by Dec. 7, of which we now have a little over a third. Some seniors help Miss Harbert count the money and bring the stamps to the homerooms.

A group of seniors have taken over the task of sending the Nilehilite to the boys in the service. This group stays after school two nights a week, one to address the envelopes and the other to fold the papers and put them into the envelopes for mailing. Don't think the boys don't appreciate this effort on the part of this group; they sure do.

The paper salvage committee headed by 'Lucky' Lindecker and Bob Hartney has done well in picking up all salvage paper. The money received from paper salvage last year has mailed the Nilehilites to the boys in the service this year. A collection has been taken for the purpose of buying a paper baler to make it easier for the boys in charge. The money received from the paper sales is used to continue mailing the Nilehilite to the boys in service.

Last but not least is the printing and distribution of posters. The boys working on this project distribute any posters that any class or group wants posted. They will also print these posters if the material is given to them. This saves a lot of time and work for the teachers and classes who haven't much time to spare.

So you see that the Problems classes are really helping themselves and the school by doing these jobs.

### Annual Parent's Night Sure Of Success

On November 9, 1944, Niles Township High School will hold a Parent's Night. It will be held for the purpose of acquainting the parents with the average school day of their children and to promote National Education Week.

The parents will receive program cards which are identical to the daily program of the student. The program will begin with a short play directed by Mr. Vandersdale, and enacted by the students of NileHi. The play is entitled, "A Message from Bataan", and will be given in commemoration of Armistice Day. This will last from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. After this the parents will pass to their children's first period class.

All periods will be of 15 minutes duration, including the lunch period.

In the classes the teacher will explain his methods of instructing the student, how much homework the pupil should do, and how long the student is expected to spend on study.

During the home room period the teacher will explain the importance of this period, and make known the methods of marking and the importance of attendance of school.

At the end of each period the teacher will answer any questions which the parent might want to ask.

This program should offer an opportunity for the parents to understand just what their son or daughter is being taught. It will provide an excellent understanding of how the school is operated and will kindle the parent's interests in the education of their children.

### Play Cast Announced For "Little Honey"



The cast for the NileHi Premiere of "A Little Honey" to be given Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2, has finally been selected. The players are:

Skoots Minton.....Laura Breckenridge  
Diana Minton.....Marilyn Davis  
Jerry.....Sally Fjellman  
Albert.....DeForest Hamilton  
Mr. Minton.....Ralph Nettland  
Tom.....Charles Bailey  
Mrs. Minton.....Mary Ellen Racine  
Grandma Thornton.....Patricia Canty  
Sure-shot man.....Rupert Roegner  
Mrs. Simmons.....Shirley Lawrence  
Eve Tyler.....Betty Burns  
Delores (the maid)...Mary Jane Nelson

## Halloween Proves to be a Dread!

by Lois Heiniger

Only to be able to pass by Halloween for just one year would simply be perfect. It is just a big druge. Me, oh my, but I guess we will not be able to do miss an important day like that. Us "pumpkins" are the only ones that suffer.

What would you do if some mean person cut you up and made you look funny? I bet ten to one you would not like it any more than I do. To have them put a great big ugly nose on your face, you would say, is murder. You say a pumpkin can't feel anything and does not know what's going on. Some time when you start to carve a pumpkin he will surprise you and yell, "Ouch!"

It doesn't feel so nice to have someone make you laugh when you want to cry and make you cry when you want to laugh. We pumpkins can't even live our own lives without interference.

It would not be so bad if you didn't carve our faces so they look like scare crows. The only thing we're used for is to be placed in a window to frighten some feeble creatures.

To think you might give us one or two teeth is so generous of you. Just try to chew your food with two teeth sometime.

You take out my intestinal stamina and think it trash. You're supposed to be civilized. A cannibal wouldn't even be so cruel as to put a candle inside of someone and singe them.

You hardly think we're worth while, but you do enjoy delicious pumpkin pie.

If everyone this Halloween will only remember that there is a war on. While the boys over there go hungry you use pumpkins for trash. They would give their right arm for a piece of pie. Let's make this Halloween all out for victory. Make pies with the pumpkins. Have fun everyone, but don't destroy property.

## Superstitions Are Not Greatly Feared

Superstitious? Believe in bad luck because of black cats? Well, most everyone is, including Mr. Blanke, who refuses to pick up a pin unless it's facing him. Miss L. Ronalds is not a bit superstitious! (but she does knock on wood for good luck) Contrary to the belief of Friday 13 being a day of bad luck, Miss Berry insists it brings her good luck, also the number 13.

Mr. Collin's fear is of whistling in a dressing room. Deon Hughes, the fearless character, has no fears or superstitions. Mr. Ihne has his very odd belief of tying his left shoe first. Bob Dammann has a superstitious fear of catty women.

Miss Sayre, a very brave individual, claims she walks under all ladders! Miss M. Ronalds prefers picking up pens with it pointing at her, also she would be more at ease if a black cat didn't cross her path. Jeanna Streeter shrinks from the thought of opening an umbrella in the house.

If finding a ladder in front of her, Marilyn Horndasch goes out of her way to avoid walking under it.

## Your Date Book

Monday, October 30

Leyden J. V., 3:45 there,

Tuesday, October 31

HALLOWEEN

Thursday, November 2

Evanston Frosh, 3:30 here

Friday, November 3

End of the First Quarter

Friday, November 3

Leyden, 2:30 here

Thursday, November 9

"A Message from Bataan"

(Production for Armistice Day)

Thursday, November 9

Parent's Night

## The Night of Halloween

by Renee Hain

Tonight's the night of Halloween

I'm not a bit scared, but very serene

Kids try to scare me, I mind them not

For some night soon they will be

caught.

Caught by the devils they pretend

to be

But why should I care, they don't

scare me.

Sh-h-h what's that creeping noise

I hear

It's getting louder, very clear

It's all around me, what can it be?

It's howling, screeching, just at me.

I'll run away, it'll be far behind

It won't be me that they will find!

Hark, what is that just up ahead

With two bright eyes, so very red,

That hideous form, weird and gaunt.

It must be a witch, to haunt, to

haunt.

Now other faces are all around

To my left to my right, in the sky

on the ground

There are witches and ghouls

everywhere

They're coming closer, but why

should I care?

They're laughing, screaming, yell-

ing at me,

Where can I turn, where can I flee?

The sun's finally rising, and they're

going away

Halloween is bunk, that's what I say!

## Kitty Korner

Right about this time, when the leaves begin to fall, when orange and black are the predominating colors, the witches and goblins begin to fill the sky, when those long awaited pumpkins are finally ripe, — the mascot of "Kitty Korner" really roams. And this is about the time that kitty gets its biggest and cattiest scoops.

For instance, — What young girl in 3rd period biology is head over heels in love with a little guy whom she calls her little mushroom.

Who is it that has that big crush on Ronny Bair?

For all those hep-cats of NileHi, — an alumna, Dolores Franson's sister, Bernice, to be exact, has opened "The Swing Shop" in Skokie.

Who were the three girls that each thought they had a date with the same sailor from Great Lakes a few Saturday nights ago?

Many people have said that Muriel Hendrickson radiates. Is this true, Muriel?

Who knows who bit Ted Stockfish's finger?

Who is the certain junior Margaret "Gertie" Meindl has ben talking about lately? Are his initials L. D., "Gertie"?

It looked like Vivian Oslund was set on falling while she was roller skating one Sunday. She came to school the next day with her knees full of floor burns. Where was your equilibrium, Vivian?

The "Morse Code" seems to be in use with quite a few of the sophomore girls. Don't you know that Bob is very efficient in translating it?

Our school is getting up in the world. Five N.T.H.S. girls had their pictures in the Chicago News last week.

What's all this we hear about these famous Sandins moving? There'll be more than one broken heart!

Why was Dorothy Lacy's finger so sore? Ask her and see what she says.

Why is it Charlotte "Charlie" Munson has hysterics every time someone grabs one of those famous sheets of poetry? Who are they about, "Charlie"?

It certainly was a cute idea of those "Trojan gals" to bring their proud papas to the Football Dance. A solution to the date problem.

**Couple of the Week:**

Herb Jones and Eileen Rodney

**Song of the Week:**

The Trolley Song (still?!)

**Sight of the Week:**

George Riha with Anne McKeever on the hay ride.

Anita Schmidt had quite a party—the entertainment was grand. Bob Doetsch and Bill Witte have been hiding their secret talents—they're excellent cheerleaders.

On the list of hard working Nilehi students, Alison Ash should rate first. She has struggled along very faithfully (and beautifully too) with the G string missing on her bass violin.

What happened to Betty Burns the night before a certain C.A.P. meeting?

# Homerooms Choose Leaders For Year; Some Missing

Elections here, elections there—most of the home rooms in the high school now have had elections for the seven officers to represent them in the various home room activities. Here are the results, by rooms:

The officers in Miss Immel's home room, 110, are as follows:

Chairman, Bob Roman; vice-chairman, Bill Abbink; Junior council member, James Casson; alternate, Barbara Hall; secretary, Harry Mueller; stamp chairman, Bill Hughes; co-chairman, Bill Todd; Forum representative, Bob Ruesch; alternate, Jack Zimmerman.

## Hegarty Heads 211

Gene Hegarty was elected president of home room 211 for the present semester.

Other officers elected to direct the activities of Mr. VanArsdale's home room were: vice-president, Betty Fortman; Forum representative, Dick Fisher; alternate, Carol Kraus; secretary, Gertrude Scheidecker; and stamp chairman, Shirley Bartleson.

## Hawkinson Prexy in 108

The elections for home room 108 resulted as follows: president, Shirley Hawkinson; vice-president, Jane Arnold; secretary and treasurer, Bill Trapp; council representative, Harold Weight; alternate, Dick Sembaugh; Forum representative, Elsa Tamminga; alternate Don Speer; and the stamp chairman, Mary Carlson.

## Trausch Sells Bonds in 100

The Industrial Education home room had a very successful election in which the following students were elected: chairman, William Comer; vice-chairman, Charles Gille; secretary, Dolores Mertes; bond chairman, Mary Ann Trausch; Forum representative, Fritz Daiberl; and alternate Forum representative, Therese Keegan.

## Biehn Chosen in 112

The 1944-45 officials for home room 112 are: president, Don Biehn; vice-president, Lyle Dye; secretary, Donna Wiltson; council representative, Lois Redinan; Forum representative, Beverly McClusky; alternate, Eileen Rodley; and stamp chairman, Janet Johnson.

## 206 Elects Weis

The officers in Miss Kranz's home room 206, are as follows:

Chairman, Mark Weis; vice-chairman, Pat Harner; secretary, Marilyn Gustafson; stamp chairman, Dorothy Davis; co-chairman, Donna Bishop; representative to the Forum, Helen Conrad; alternate, Joseph Toth; Sophomore Senate, Bill McNeil; alternate, Nancy Burge.

## 315 Elects Schmitt

Miss Line's home room 315 held their home room elections last week. The officers who were chosen are: president, Anna May Schmitt; vice-president, Jean Faulmann; secretary, Nancy Cates; Forum representative, Don Christianson; Forum alternate, Barbara Horton; senior council, Ernest Reiman; senior council alternate, Nancy Perrin.

## No Alternates for 106

The following officers were elected in 106, Mr. Ashworth's home room:

President, Kenneth Stezskal; vice-president, Ted Ebert; Forum representative, Betty Weldon; junior council, John Barker; secretary, Arlene Ruesch; stamp chairman, Frances Fuhr and Betty Weldon.

The home room has decided against having alternates for Forum and junior council, saying that the elected delegates will go or else appoint someone in their place.

## Seniors Select Mac

Room 316, Mr. Shanaberger's senior homeroom, has elected its officers. They are as follows: chairman, Sherrill McDonald; vice-chairman, Harold Muto; secretary, Mary Lou Kendall; class representative, Rita Olsen; alternate, Robert Dammann; Forum representative, Tom Wetmore, and alternate Mary Jane Nelson.

## Harrer Chairman in 214

Miss Bloxom's home room has elected the following students for their class officers: chairman, Jim Harrer; vice-chairman, Robert Klump; secretary, George Riha; stamp chairman, Betty Smith; Forum representative, Dorothy Lacy; alternate, Robert Johnson; junior council, Henry Miller; and alternate, Norma Lange.

## Dean - Lyon Ticket in 107

The following students have been chosen as officers for Miss Klaus' home room 107. The president is Ed Dean and the vice-president is Don Lyon. Delores Johnson is the Forum representative and her alternate is Ed Heartstedt. Evelyn Miethke fills the office of secretary and the duties of stamp chairman will be performed by Dorothy Gustafson. Hildegarde Jarosch is the senior cabinet representative and the alternate is Walter Zust.

## "Tagney's Our Boy" - 102

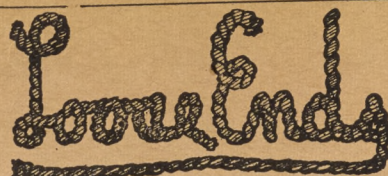
Homeroom elections were held by Mr. Wilkins in room 102 with the following results:

President—Jim Tagney  
Vice-President—Ed Peters  
Treasurer—Virginia Waldin  
Secretary—Helene Keuhne  
Senior Cabinet—Katie Clark and Anne Erickson  
Forum—Bill Kunkel  
Alternate—Marilyn Davis

## Ottens - Rugen Lead 308

Bill Ottens had the privilege of becoming president in Miss Harrison's home room, 308.

Carol Rugen was chosen for vice-president, and Maurice Ross is to be secretary. Louie Robinson was elected Forum representative and Don Falknor alternate. Stanley Noesen will be junior council representative and Vivian Oslund alternate.



Mr. Culhane of the State Vocational Training Staff called on Mr. Seldon, Friday, September 22 and on the following Monday he talked to the Industrial Education class.

He gave the students a real "pep" talk which included many excellent suggestions on how to get successfully started in the Vocational Training class.

The freshmen participated in a contest on October 6 to discover who has learned the greatest number of the names of other freshmen, excluding home room classmates and fellow graduates from grammar school.

Gerry Bernard captured top honors by recording 77 names and Dolores Paulson received second place with a list of 74 names. Hilda Bonaguro deserved honorable mention with 64 names to her credit and Ida Franson closely followed her with a list of 61 names.

The college preparatory students of Miss Berry's English classes have become interested in the current books of the year. These students pay 5 cents per person a week in order to obtain these books. On the bulletin board of room 221 are some previews of the books that we already acquired.

## Another Harrer in 310

The results of Mrs. Hind's sophomore home room elections are: president, Marjorie Harrer; vice-president, Don Olson; secretary, Uno Larson; treasurer, Robert Train; Forum representative, Frank Williams; alternate, Robert Kepin; sophomore senate, Richard Lebbin; alternate, Alma Patzke; and stamp chairman, Betty Ann Roe.

## Sayre's Group Selects Katzel

The following were elected for home room officers in 219, Miss Sayre's home room.

President, Jim Katzel; vice-president, John Crawford; sophomore senate, Don Kunkel; sophomore senate alternate, Bob Farr; Forum, Shirley Baumhardt; alternate, Howard Lindstrom; secretary, Marilyn Marguerite; stamp chairman, Chris Schleuter.

## 210 Goes for Larson

210, Miss Small's home room, has selected the following officers: Harold Larson, president; Elmer Valkenaar, vice-president; Bill Witte, Forum representative; Carolyn Harnden, alternate; Cathy Thompson, secretary; and June Maier, stamp chairman. The sophomore senate representative is Grace Klehm and her alternate is Pat Jones.

## Pearson Elected in 101

On October 4th, homeroom 101 held its election. The following were elected officers of the homeroom: president, Bob Pearson; sophomore senate, Paul Reiland; senate alternate, Robert Dombrowski; Forum, Don Sandin; and alternate, Mildred Zavrel.

## Wilson Big Hit At Pep Rally

Kenneth (Tug) Wilson, athletic director at Northwestern University, was guest speaker at the Pep rally, Oct. 20, celebrating the Trojan homecoming.

Mr. Wilson related a few exciting happenings in his most colorful career as a player at Illinois and coach at N. U. He believes that in all of his football career he always thought that the students in the grandstand were half their teams strength.

Mr. Collins and the band supplied the music while a football game on the stage had the audience rocking. (didn't that freshman know he wasn't supposed to tackle anybody?)

Helen Kuehne got together with the band to do some very fine baton twirling while Anne McKeever, Betty Burns, Barbara Horton and Ann Marie Schirra made sure the students knew their cheers.

A more perfect school day could not have been had if the Varsity had been able to defeat their homecoming opponents.

These events, Hobo day, the pep rally, the Homecoming game and the football dance shall be long remembered and will be eagerly awaited next year.

## Freshies Bow To Heavy Wildkit Yearlings

After winning their first two games from Maine and Arlington Heights, the freshmen team met their first defeat from a large and fast Evanston freshmen team by a score of 12 to 6.

Soon after the opening kick-off, Evanston raced around end for their first score, but missed the try for the extra point. From then on until the end of the game, it was an even contest, with both teams scoring one touchdown in the third quarter. It was Jim Heiniger who raced around right end for 20 yards and the first Trojan touchdown.

In the last period, a fast moving 50 yard drive by the local team fizzled out when Niles lost the ball to Evanston on their 10-yard line, just a few minutes before the end of the game.

## Two Teachers Speak Before Lions Club

On October 9th Miss Bloxom spoke to the Lions Club, telling of her experiences in Singapore during the recent reign of terror. The Japanese had struck Malaya with a seven week bombing raid. Miss Bloxom was one of the fortunate ones who received no injuries.

Mr. Ashworth also spoke that same night. He chose for his topic the future of Asia and its relationship to the United States and her problems.

## Health Conference Held For Township Teachers

On Friday, October 13, 1944, the physical education teachers, nurses, and principals of Niles Twp. met in the assembly room of the Niles Twp. High School. This meeting was held for the bettering of health in this area.

The welcome was extended by Dr. Biehn, followed by the interpretation of the Illinois Public Health Laws for schools. He pointed out that the most important requirement is that all schools must offer at least 5,200 minute periods per week for physical education.

Dr. Pisack then talked on the immunization of communicable diseases. He said that after the war health laws will be extremely important due to the tropical diseases which will be carried from distant lands by our returning servicemen and other diseases spread by prisoners of war and refugees.

Following were Mrs. Roessler and Mrs. Egen who spoke on the teacher's work in preventing the spread of disease in schools and where to get material for bulletin boards.

The program was completed with two demonstrations. The first was the reading of the Snellen eye chart by Barbara Horton. Miss Schaefer gave more information on how to set up the chart and what to do in case the teacher found poor vision in a child. The second demonstration was given by Miss Gunderson and some of the first grade pupils of Lincolnwood School. They showed their "morning inspection" which every student must go through each morning. It enables the teacher to detect any swelling or redness which might be a communicable disease.

The Niles Twp. school nurse, Mrs. Cline, was the mistress of ceremonies and the one who arranged this program, which ran so smoothly. After the program refreshments were served in the cafeteria for all who attended.

## Johnston - Moore Score In College Athletics

Two NileHi graduates of last spring are doing right well by themselves in athletics at two of the more popular universities in the middlewest. The boys, whom the upperclassmen should be familiar with, are Jim Moore and Howie Johnston.

Jim, attending Marquette U on a football scholarship, has participated in several of the Hilltopper's contests as a halfback. Marquette may not have the strongest eleven in the midwest, but it's laden with naval trainees and always gives a good account of itself.

Howie Johnston goes to Drake U in Iowa, where the prominent Drake Relays are held annually. Howie is out for cross-country and recently finished 3rd in a meet with schools from that area, including Iowa State.

## Two Victories For Cross Country

Cross-country was revived at Niles on Saturday, October 14, on which date the NileHites journeyed to Arlington, where, in crisp October weather, they won their first meet of the season by defeating the Arlington cross-country runners by a score of 38-17.

The winner, Meinke of Niles, led the field over the two mile course, his winning time being ten minutes and twenty-seven seconds. Wettengel and Kranz of the NileHites came in second and third respectively, and Carlson and Rifenburg placed fifth and sixth. Kline also was among the winners.

It is hoped that this victory will generate some interest among the Niles fans in this sport. Since cross-country running is a splendid conditioner for any sport, the fall competition is expected to produce some able track men for the spring sport of track and field.

On Friday, October 20, Niles Township won their second cross country meet, by defeating the Evanston J. V.'s cross country team by a score of 36 to 30.

## Jay Vees Poor Against Leyden; Tops In Win Over Arlington

An erratic Niles J. Vee team lost to an undergroup from Leyden on Monday, October 16, 7-0.

The little Trojans were completely outplayed by the Eaglets even though they were a larger team.

The main cause of the Trojan downfall was because of their many fumbles, and also the lack of an insufficient line.

The Niles defense was again sparked by Stan Martin and Bob Mueller.

The whole Trojan offense netted less than 50 yards. The most spectacular play of the game was a 55 yard quick kick by Bill Kenny that rolled dead on the Leyden 15 yard line.

Monday is usually the soft touch day for a grid athlete, but not for the J. Vees of Niles as they soundly trounced a troop from Arlington on Monday, Oct. 16, 20 to 0.

In this game, as never before, the junior Trojan line looked like a line, sparked by center and line backer Don Comstock, but this wasn't all. Some very fine broken field running was displayed by Don Sandin and Howard Lindstrom.

The first of Sandin's two scores was setup by himself. Taking the ball on his own 20 yard line, he waded thru tackler after tackler down to the Cardinal 30. Again taking the ball from Cook, he went off tackle to score. In the third period Lindstrom took the ball around end 60 yards to cross, only to have it called back because of a penalty.

In the fourth quarter Red Carlson blocked Roche's punt which Jay Fuller fell on. Jay then scored on a quarterback sneak. The final tally came as a result of an end run in which Don Sandin claimed the leading role.