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The College Theatre Presents



THE CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL

by HERMAN WOUK

Based on His Novel
"THE CAINE MUTINY"

*(Produced by Special
Arrangement of Samuel
French, Inc., New York
City)*

Directed by
KENNETH H. ROBERTS

CARNEY HALL AUDITORIUM, 8:15 P.M.
MARCH 17-20, 1959

THE CHARACTERS

In Order of Appearance

Stenographer.....	Tom Cameron
Orderly.....	Don Combs
Lt. Barney Greenwald.....	George Bradley
Lt. Stephen Maryk.....	Robert Stout
Lt. Com. John Challee.....	C. Harrold Bush
Captain Blakely.....	George Havens
Lt. Com. Philip Francis Queeg.....	K. Roberts
Lt. Thomas Keefer.....	Paul Arabia
Signalman Third Class Junius Urban.....	Dave Siever
Lt. (JG) Willis Seward Keith.....	Richard Klepac
Capt. Randolph Southard.....	Robert Allen
Dr. Forrest Lundeen.....	Ronald Morrison
Dr. Bird.....	Carl Wofford
Six members of Court: Howard Hess, Larry Wiggins, James Smith, James Lovern, Louis Bartholomew, Joseph Roche.	

Act One: The Prosecution

INTERMISSION

Act Two: The Defense

The time of the play is February, 1945. The scene is the General Court-Martial Room of the Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco. At the end of Act Two the scene shifts to a banquet room in the Hotel Fairmont, San Francisco.

THE PRODUCTION STAFF

Director	Kenneth H. Roberts
Assistant Director.....	Joseph Roche
Scenic Design.....	Robert Stout
Stage Crew.....	{ George Bradley Dave Siever Carl Wofford
Lighting.....	David D. Moore
Stage Manager.....	Martin Lewis
Properties.....	{ Jeanne Chambers Joseph Roche
Publicity.....	Roland Fenz
Business Manager.....	Dr. Robertson Strawn
Program Design.....	Laurence Cutler
Ushers.....	{ Phi Lambda Chi Tau Kappa Epsilon 12th Rifle Company USMCR

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PROGRAM NOTES

The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial is purely imaginary. No ship named U.S.S. *Caine* ever existed. The records show no instance of a U.S. Navy captain relieved at sea under Articles 184-186. The fictitious figure of the deposed captain was derived from a study of psychoneurotic case histories, and is not a portrait of a real military person or a type; this statement is made because of the existing tendency to seek lampoons of living people in imaginary stories. The author served under two captains of the regular Navy aboard destroyer-mine-sweepers, both of whom were decorated for valor. One technical note: court-martial regulations have been extensively revised since the Second World War. This trial takes place according to instructions then in force. Certain minor omis-

sions have been made for purposes of brevity; otherwise the play strictly follows procedures stipulated in *Naval Courts and Boards*.

From the *Navy Regulations*:

Article 184. Unusual circumstances.

It is conceivable that most unusual and extraordinary circumstances may arise in which the relief from duty of a commanding officer by a subordinate becomes necessary, either by placing him under arrest or on the sick list; but such action shall never be taken without the approval of the Navy Department or other appropriate higher authority, except when reference to such higher authority is undoubtedly impracticable because of the delay involved or for other clearly obvious reasons. Such reference must set forth all facts in the case, and the reasons for the recommendation, with particular regard to the degree of urgency involved.

Article 185. Conditions to fulfill.

In order that a subordinate officer, acting upon his own initiative, may be vindicated for relieving a commanding officer from duty, the situation must be obvious and clear, and must admit of the single conclusion that the retention of command by such commanding officer will seriously and irretrievably prejudice the public interests. The subordinate officer so acting must be next in lawful succession to command; must be unable to refer the matter to a common superior for one of the reasons set down in Article 184; must be certain that the prejudicial actions of his commanding officer are not caused by secret instructions unknown to the subordinate; must have given the matter such careful consideration, and must have made such exhaustive investigation of all the circumstances, as may be practicable; and finally must be thoroughly convinced that the conclusion to relieve his commanding officer is one which a reasonable, prudent, and experienced officer would regard as a necessary consequence from the facts thus determined to exist.

Article 186. Responsibility.

Intelligently fearless initiative is an important trait of military character, and it is not the purpose to discourage its employment in cases of this nature. However, as the action of relieving a superior from command involves most serious possibilities, a decision so to do or so to recommend should be based upon facts established by substantial evidence, and upon the official views of others in a position to form valuable opinions, particularly of a technical character. An officer relieving his commanding officer or recommending such action together with all others who so counsel, must bear the legitimate responsibility for, and must be prepared to justify such action.