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A LAMP POST IN FRONT OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING IS USED AS A RESTING SPOT BY FIVE SIGHTSEEING CAST MEMBERS.

Drama Department Goes South

"Light Up the Sky" Cast Works and Plays In Havana

LIGHT UP THE SKY," a fast-moving three-act play, was enthusiastically received by Cuban audiences as 27 members of the University of Miami drama department gave three performances to our Latin American neighbors.

The student performers, under the forceful direction of Fred Koch, enacted Moss Hart's laugh-fest almost to the point of professional perfection. The enjoyable four-day excursion was sponsored by the Cuban organization Patronato Del Teatro or, to non sombrero wearers, patrons of the theater. These patrons proved congenial hosts, chauffeuring our theater proteges on sightseeing tours during the day. Our talented actors and actresses saw the highlights of Havana from the noisy Cuban bargaining shops to the

serenity of the beautiful Cathedral, Our Lady of Mercy.

This was the first time a drama department production has gone outside the country, climaxing almost a month of presentations at the Ring theater on the University parking lot. It was also the first time an American university gave a presentation in Havana.

Catering to a Spanish-speaking audience, slang expressions were substituted with gestures during the first two performances. The last night, a majority of Americans filled the huge Auditorium Theatre and the gesture revision was excluded, to the delight of the cast.

The group flew home March 19, literally lighting up the sky.

... Mike Cooper



Janet Bergman rehearses her part aboard the plane's lounge. Director Fred Koch supervises as Charlotte Belle, another cast member, looks on with an approving smile.



Mrs. Edwin Krassner (left), Jack Betts and Janet Bergman enjoy the tropical splendor of the magnificent garden owned by a malt liquor tycoon on the outskirts of Havana.



Posing under borrowed sombreros are (top to bottom) Mr. and Mrs. Don Swann, Thomas May and Mrs. Krassner (right). The satchels contain liquid souvenirs of Cuba.

Jo Herman and Dena Radoff, from the cast, are pleased to find just the kind of alligator wallets at the price they were looking for in one of Havana's leading department stores.

