

EULALIE (Continued)

I'm shot, George, who shot me?

(THE MAYOR comforts her, aiding her offstage. There is considerable disturbance)

CONSTABLE LOCKE

(Rising)

Who set off that cracker?

GRACIE SHINN

I know who did it. Tommy Djilas did it -- Tommy Djilas did it.

ALMA

Yes, it was Tommy Djilas.

CONSTABLE LOCKE

(As TOMMY tries to escape)

Tommy Djilas, I wouldn't leave if I'se you.

(TOMMY sits. CONSTABLE LOCKE joins him ominously)

SHINN

(Returning to rostrum)

Mrs. Shinn will recover, no thanks to a certain young ruffian who is a disgrace to our city. Four score and seven --

(JACEY SQUIRES re-enters, crosses to rostrum, hands MAYOR a note, and takes empty seat with rest of the School Board)

"The Paine's Fireworks Spectacle, Last Days of Pompy-eye will take place, providing the rain stops by nine-thirty. It'll be out to Madison Picnic Park in the far meadow, 'cross the crick from the Pest House."

EWART DUNLOP

covered it
How can ~~it~~ be raining? Didn't the Gazette predict fair?

(Rolling thunder is heard)

JACEY SQUIRES

Sure did, Ewart, that's why we all prepared for a storm.

OLIN BRITT

The Gazette is acc'r't most a'the time and you know it, Jacey.