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Harry Berlin.....John Gilbert

Milt Manville.....Vernon Weddle

Ellen Manville.....Anita Stewart

The Scene: On the walkway of a bridge

Act I

The present: Evening

Act II

Several months later: Evening

There will be one fifteen minute intermission

Directed by William F. West

Set Designed by
S. Todd Muffatti

Music Composed by
Roger Downey

Credits: Christine Andersen
The Seattle Park Department
The University of Washington Arboretum
The University of Washington School of Drama

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John Gilbert again opens an ACT season as he did last year with *In White America*. Mr. Gilbert is a leading actor with the Seattle Repertory Theatre, being seen this year in *The Hostage*, *The Visit*, and several other plays. He begins his 4th season with SRT this fall. He is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Anita Stewart is making her first appearance in Seattle. She recently completed two national tours of *The Impossible Years* and gave up a third to come to ACT for several roles this summer. She has done television and stock in Massachusetts, New York and Iowa.

Vernon Weddle returns to Seattle after three years with the Stephens Playhouse. His Broadway credits include *Abe Lincoln in Illinois*, and *Taming of the Shrew* at the Phoenix Theatre. In addition to Off-Broadway and films, he was leading actor with SRT the first season, playing King Lear and Thomas Mendip among other roles.

William F. West (director) is director of the Stephens Playhouse and the Okoboji Summer Theatre in Iowa. This past year he has been a visiting professor in the School of Drama at the University of Washington. In New York, Mr. West directed *The Cross Town Players*. For three years he directed at the Trail Playhouse in Toledo, Ohio.

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