



AUTHOR AND TAPIA FIRST NIGHTERS—Judge Emilio S. Belaval, second left above, author of this week's Puerto Rico Theater Festival production, "Cielo Caído," chats with the Hon. Samuel R. Quiñones, President of the Senate, right. At left is Belaval's daughter, Maria

Isabel and next to him is son, Emilio, Jr. In photo at right, are Eddie Fernández, lady lawyer Ginoris Vizcarra, Francisco Rodon, young Puerto Rican painter, and Eppie Pérez, actress, left to right. (STAR photos by Julio Tobar.)

Here And There

Belaval Opening Draws Enthusiastic Crowd

By Nory Segarra

An electric atmosphere of expectancy permeated the packed Tapia Theater Thursday night. This was the premiere of Judge Emilio S. Belaval's much awaited play, "Cielo Caído," the fourth production of this year's Puerto Rico Theater Festival. It was an enthusiastic and elegant crowd of prominent Sanjuaneros, including civic and government dignitaries and drama enthusiasts who made up the first-nighter audience.

The distinguished playwright Judge Belaval, of the Puerto Rico Superior Court, was accompanied by his wife, Josefina Gonzalez de Belaval, and children, Emilio, Jr., Joaquin, Jose Eduardo and Maria Isabel. Mrs. Belaval wore black chiffon topped with a matching chiffon theater duster, trimmed with black feathers, while her daughter wore white silk.

The Hon. Samuel R. Quiñones, President of the Commonwealth Senate, chatted with the judge during intermission and warmly congratulated him afterwards.

Miss Nilita Vientos Gaston, president of the Ateneo Puertorriqueño and a distinguished lady lawyer and author herself, in the audience, wearing over her evening gown a Spanish mantilla, which she had embroidered with hundreds of seed pearls, was with Miss Ginoris Vizcarra, a young and attractive attorney, who is jurisprudence clerk to Judge Belaval.

Enthusiastic Audience
Following the final curtain,

crecendoes of enthusiastic applause echoed through the Tapia. Members of the cast and the author took repeated curtain calls and the scene of festivities shifted backstage, where female star of the show, Josefina Del Mar, laden with baskets of flowers and bouquets and corsages was congratulated by friends and members of the audience who flocked to the stage. Actor Rafael Saldaña was surrounded by friends who praised him for his performance, including Dr. Arturo Machuca Padin, playwright Myrna Casas, actresses Madeline Willemsen, Helena Montalban, Alicia Moreda and Maricusa Ornes.

Champagne toasts were drunk to the author by members of the Belaval family, their friends and the cast. Another group of admirers crowded around Jose Luis Marrero, praising him for his excellent performance. In the group also receiving congratulations were Marrero's fiancée, Mercedes Sicardo, Myrna de Casenave, Sonia Noemi Gonzalez and Braulio Castillo.

Very attractively gowned in a black crepe outfit was Mrs. Belen

del Valle de Torruellas, who shared a box with Mesdames Idalia Latimer de Santaella, Mercedes Francis, Gloria de Besosa and Carmen Besosa. At another box, the Alfredo Torruellas and their daughter, Sussie, were with Mesdames Daisy Jimenez de Mercado, Isabel Alonso de Mier, Maria Teresa Garcia de Quevedo de Aldrey, and Portuguese soprano Maria Justina de Aldrey, escorted by her husband, Mario de Aldrey.

Intermission Chats

Chatting at intermission, were the Hon. Vicente Geigel Polanco, Mrs. Natalia Perez and the Misses Haydee Fernandez and Pepiña Brandariz while among the crowd around them were the Misses Marta Rodil, Dr. and Mrs. Lanz Sanchez, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Busó, Mesdames Lillian Skerrett de Torres, Maria Teresa Blanco de Galinanes, Carmen Font Saldaña and daughter Martita.

Others present were Dr. Luis Rubio escorting Miss Ada Elsa Izcoa, Camilito Dominguez, Monserrate Deliz, Dr. and Mrs. Rafael Martinez Villafañe, theater director Andres Quiñones Vizcarrondo (See BELAVAL, Page 10)

Weekly Calendar

SATURDAY, May 14 — The Interior Decoration Club of Puerto Rico will celebrate its 10th anniversary at formal luncheon at the Caribe Hilton Hotel at 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 14 — Last meeting of the season of the Women's College Club of Puerto Rico at the Hotel Dorado Beach at 12 noon. Election of officers and voting on a scholarship grant are on the agenda.

SATURDAY, May 14 — The San Juan Country Club will hold a Hawaiian LUAU starting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner and dancing.

Guests, \$3.50 per person, members, \$2.50.

SATURDAY, May 14 — The Union Church, located in Punta Las Marias, will hold a family picnic today at Luquillo Beach. There will be swimming, games, including a treasure hunt and a community sing for members and friends of the church and families.

SATURDAY, May 14 — The Puerto Rican Chapter of the United Nation Association will hold a meeting today at the Reserve Officers Club, at 2 p.m., to award prizes to students winners of the United Nations Essay Contest.



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