

The image shows the exterior of a grand, multi-story building made of reddish-brown stone. It features numerous windows, some with decorative pediments, and a prominent corner bay window. A red rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the image, containing the text 'Variety Theatre' in white. Below this, the words 'Second Level' are written in white. At the bottom of the image, the entrance area is visible, featuring a canopy with the words 'KING'S THEATRE' in red letters. People are seen walking near the entrance.

Variety Theatre

Second Level

KING'S THEATRE







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Edition No. 2

Friday, 5th July 1963

1. TO MAKE A WISH

The Entire Company

2. RIKKI

3. ... MAKES A MONKEY OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS

Alex, Ray, Ettienne, Jackie, David and the Girls

4. BIRD MAN OF SAUGHTON

JACK, Glen, Clem and Brian

5. IN THE AFFIRMATIVE

Joanna and the Bruce McClure Dancers

6. CLERICAL ERROR

RIKKI, Ethel, Glen, Clem and Joanna

7. AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

(a) And the Band Played On ... Jim and the Company

(b) Lida Rose ... Jim, Glen, Bob and Jack Young,
Alex, Ray and the Dancers

(c) Will I Ever Tell You ... Joanna

(d) Shipooi ... Bob and Jack Young, Alex, Ray and
the Dancers

(e) Let the Rest of the World Go By Madge and Jim

(f) I'm in Love with the Man in the Moon
RIKKI and JACK and the Company

8. THE DILEMMA OF MISS BORDON

Joanna, Madge, Ethel, Alex, Jim, Ray, Bob and Jack
Young, Glen and the Bruce McClure Dancers

9. FRANCIE AND JOSIE

RIKKI, JACK, Ethel, Glen, Clem and Alex

10. LA BOHEME

Madge Stevens and Jim Hawthorne introduced by
Joanna Rigby

11. GROWING PAINS

RIKKI and Clem

12. BOB AND JACK YOUNG

13. THE VERDICT IS YOURS

JACK, Ethel, Glen, Clem, Brian and the Girls

14. THE IMMORTAL MEMORY

Jean Armour ... Alexandra Kirsta

Robert Burns ... Raymond Dalziel

His Father ... Glen Michael

Narrator ... Clem Ashby

Singers ... Madge Stevens, Jim Hawthorne, Bob and
Jack Young

Lads and Lassies Jackie Farrell, David Eavis, Ettienne
Pettiford, Chris Allen and the Bruce
McClure Dancers

15. THE LOLLIPOP MEN

JACK and RIKKI

16. TO COMPLETE THE WISH

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—INTERVAL—

THE ENTIRE PRODUCTION UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF
STEWART CRUIKSHANK

NEXT CHANGE OF PROGRAMME — FRIDAY, 19th JULY 1963



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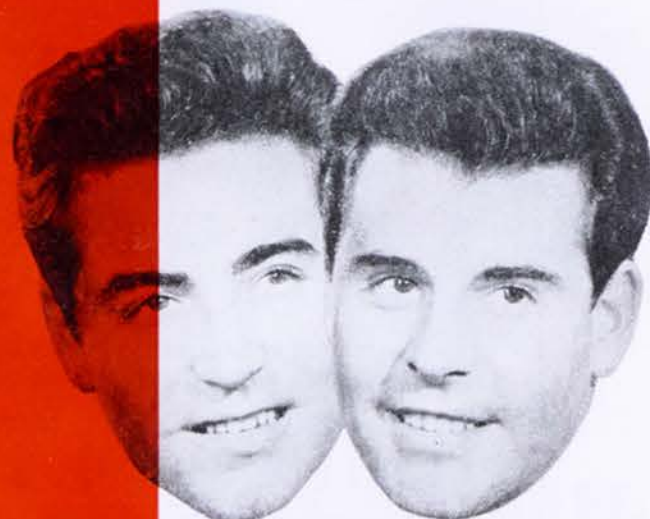
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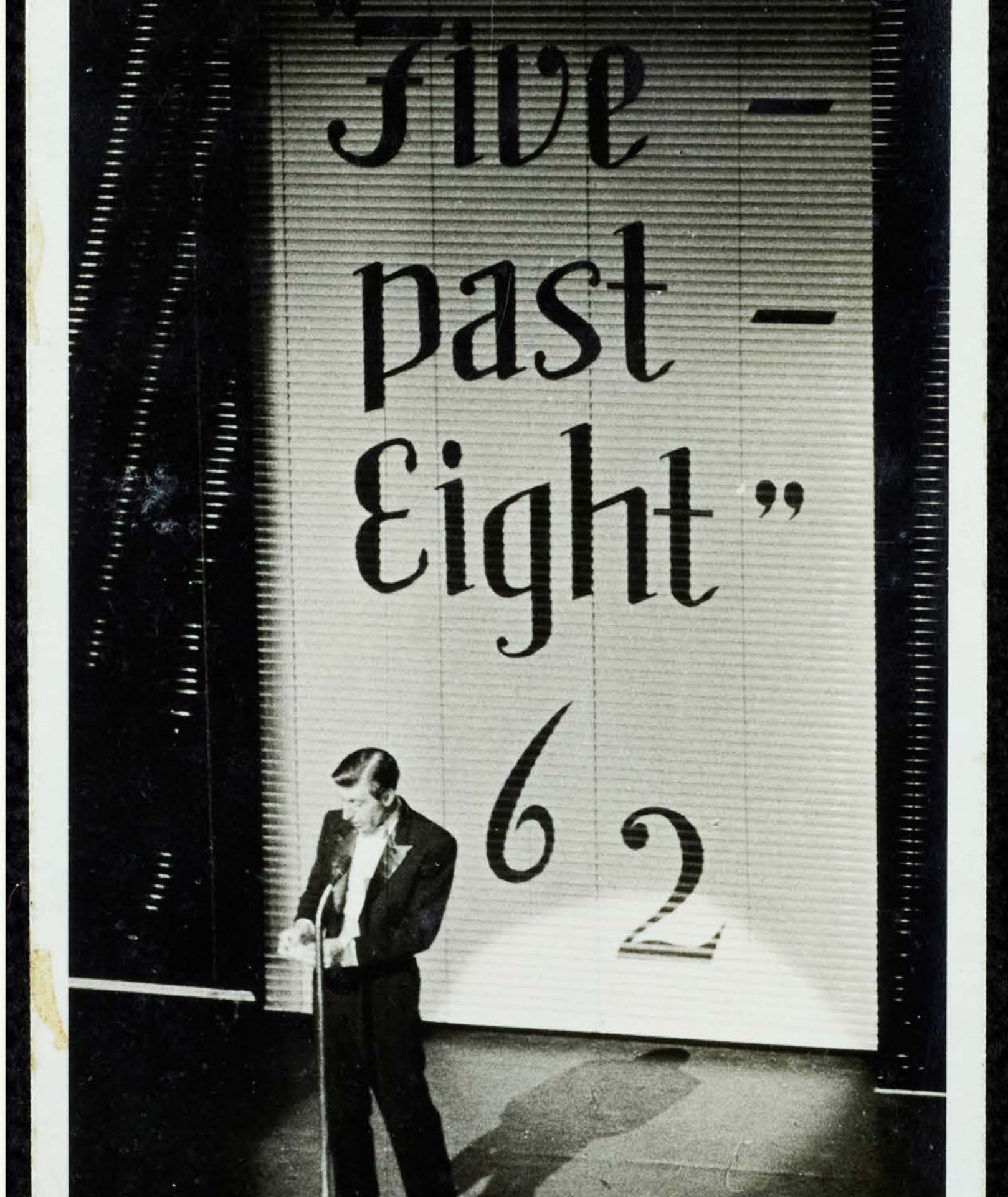


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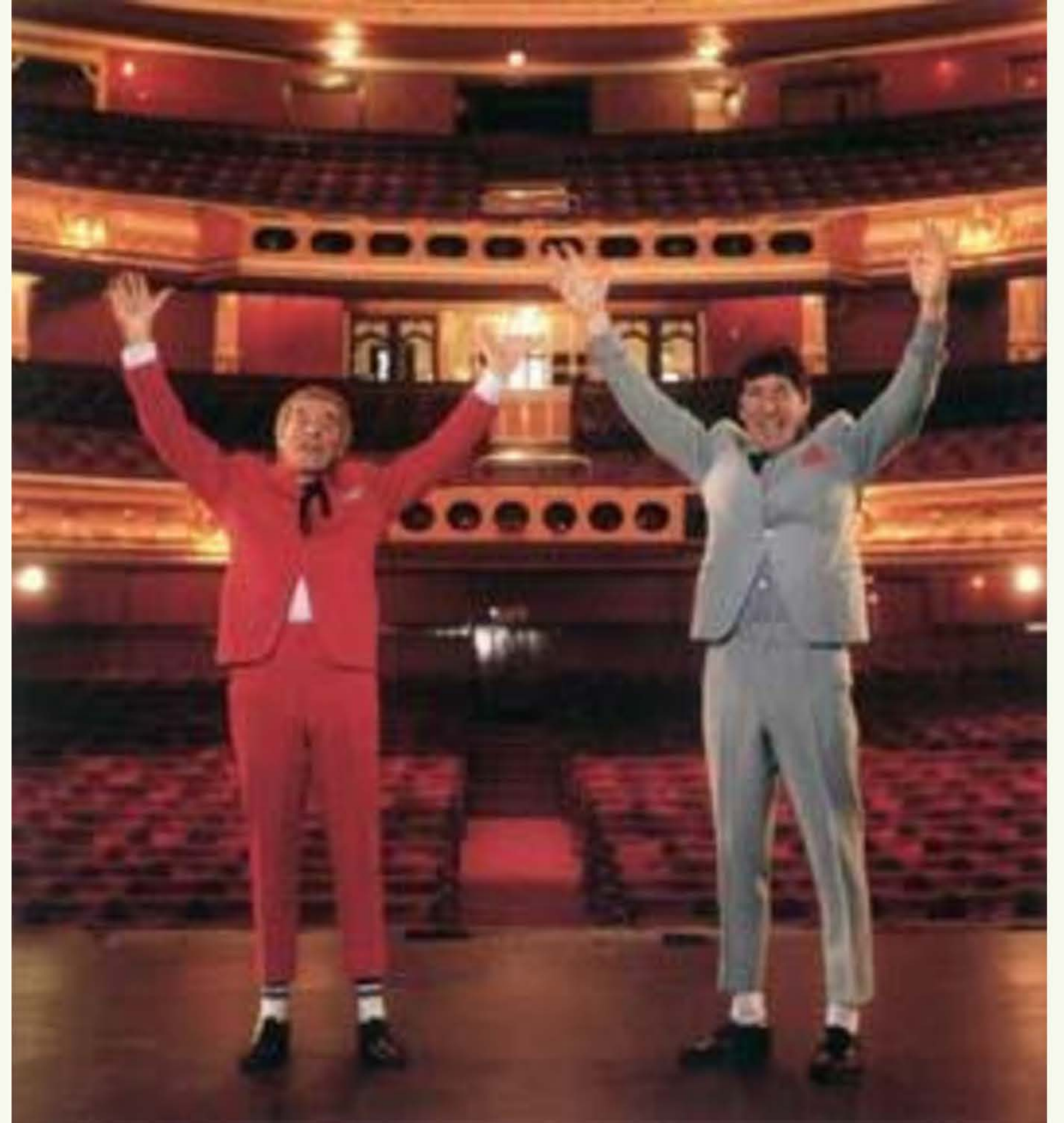


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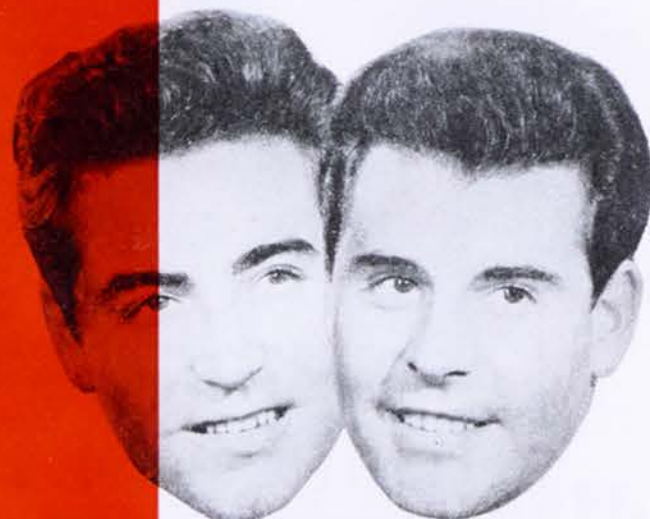
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