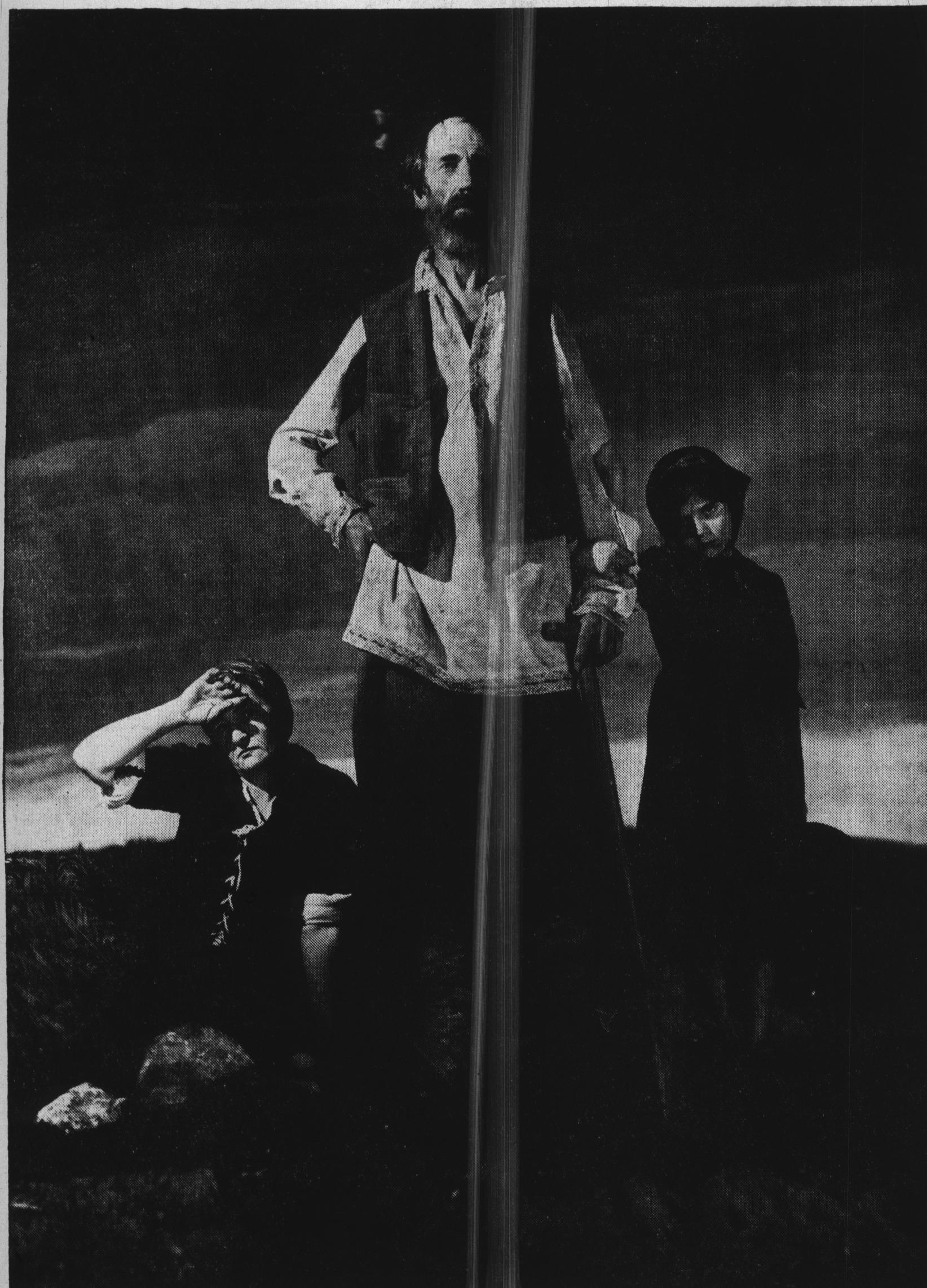


“You can’t fool us! We’re the World’s most fortunate people!”



An American reporter interviewed a typical family in a dictator ridden European country, from which liberty had been banished. Hands gnarled from bitter toil, cheeks sallow from privation, clad in tatters... this family looked at our reporter with genuine pity. "You are an American? How sad!" they said. "We know that hundreds of your people are being shot monthly by capitalist controlled police. We know that thousands of your workers are dying from hunger. We know that no one in your country has the comfort or the security we have. We know that, in all the world, we are the most fortunate of people. We know all these things because we read them in our newspapers, which speak the truth because our government publishes them!"

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