

exhibition

A Photographic Journey through A Japanese 'Nature'

Hidden Japan, a photography exhibition, by Kijuro Yahagi is being held at the Zainul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts

By Ziaul Karim

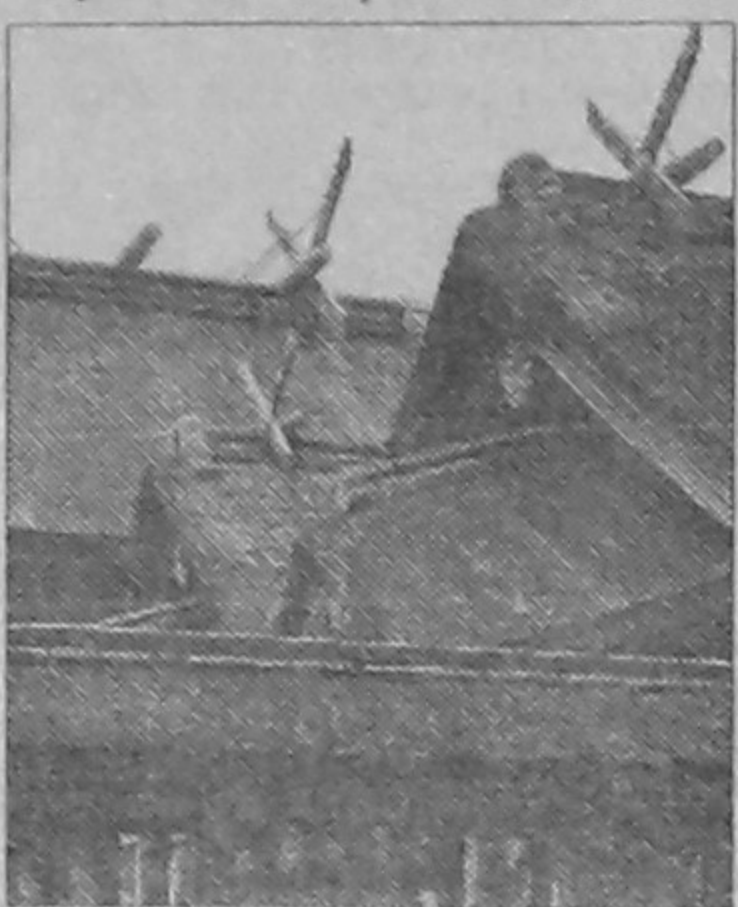
As one enters the circular-shaped Zainul Gallery one is greeted with photographs of nature that one can immediately identify as Japanese. In fact that was the quest of the photographer Kijuro Yahagi to discover the Japanese nature. If there is any, through his lens.

A selection of the photographs, eighty to be precise, constructs the body of the pho-



Snow Shelter, Hokkaido 1992

hagi, was not only a photographic one it was for him looking for an answer of a philosophical inquiry about which he precisely wrote in the folder of the show. "A question gradually formed within me as I actually observed nature with my own eyes and photographed it: when we speak of 'nature', what do we think the word encompasses? For instance, when people think of Switzerland they no doubt picture in their



Rejective wall of Izumotaisha shrine, Shemane Prefecture 1992

Sacred straw festoon in Izumotaisha shrine.

ography exhibition entitled 'Hidden Japan' now being held at the Zainul Gallery of the Institute of the Fine Arts, Shahbag. Kijuro took a photographic journey back in 1992 to discover Japan as candidly as possible. During the course of the journey he traversed the Japanese map from the extreme north to the extreme south covering an astounding twenty thousand kilometers. It took him to eighty-five different places and he captured the nature of those places which are quintessentially Japanese.

The journey, for Kijuro Ya-

mind a scene of cows grazing in a green pasture. I never gave the matter much thought before I started taking these photographs, but I eventually realized that the scenes which we most readily picture in our minds are merely man-made scenes. With that realization, I was struck by the almost Zen like question of whether real nature actually exists. After pondering this question for a while, I came up with the idea of putting the word 'nature' in quotes as a way of freeing myself from the concept of real nature."

The philosophical and photographic journey of Kijuro yielded a fascinating bevy of photographs that were later published in a collection entitled *Hidden Japan*.

The most interesting aspect of the show is that Kijuro successfully transmits his emotions and amazement that drove him to take the journey through Japan with the photographs that are on show.

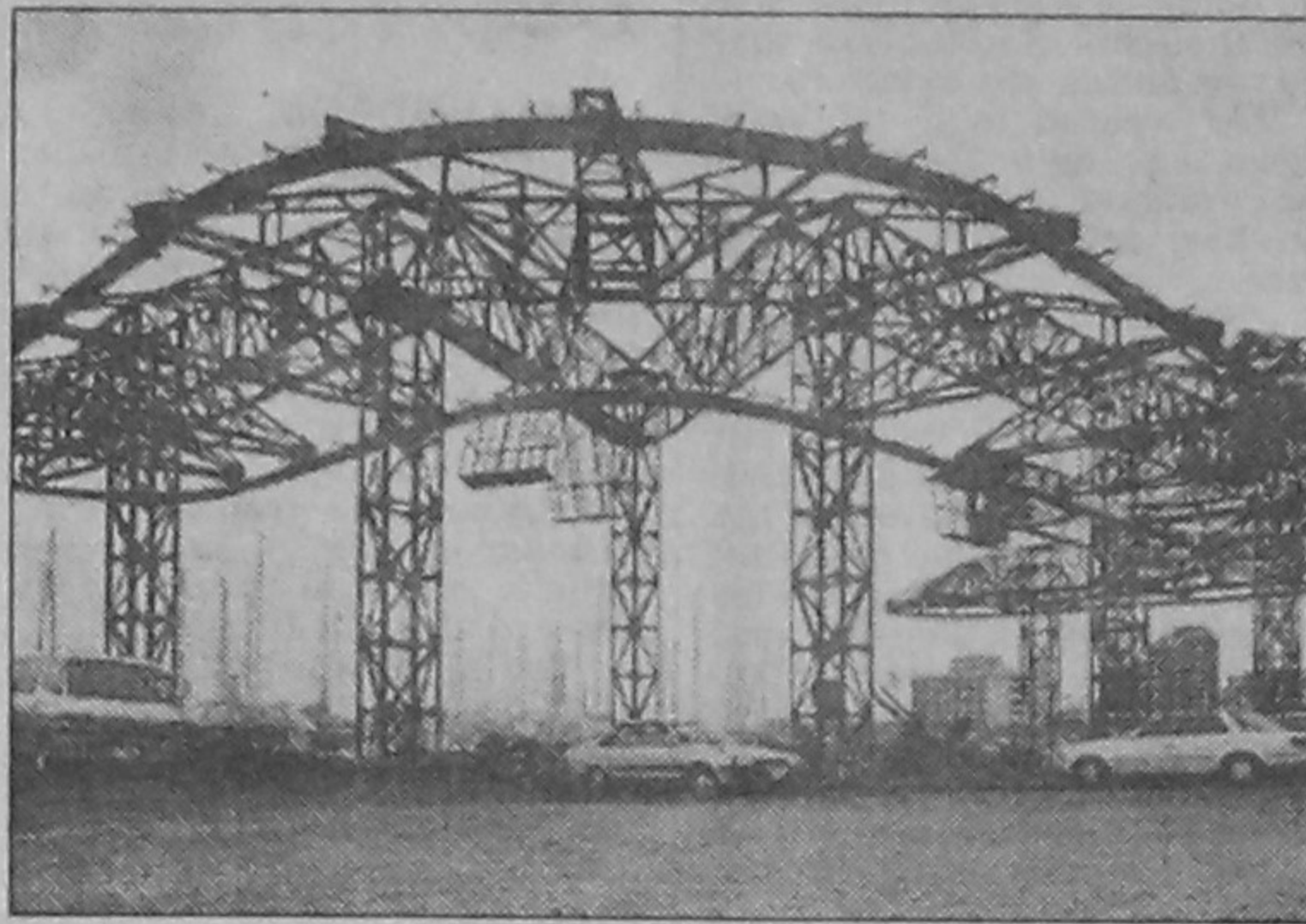
The photo that captioned 'Roots of trees in Kuramayama' depicts a mountain path leading from Kuramadera Temple to Kibune shrine, to the north of Kyoto. The huge roots crawling and covering the entire path inflict in the viewers an almost Zen-Buddhist awakening.

The photo that features a straw rope is captioned 'Sacred straw festoon in Izumotaisha shrine.' It is said that this sacred straw symbolises the copulation of male and female snakes.

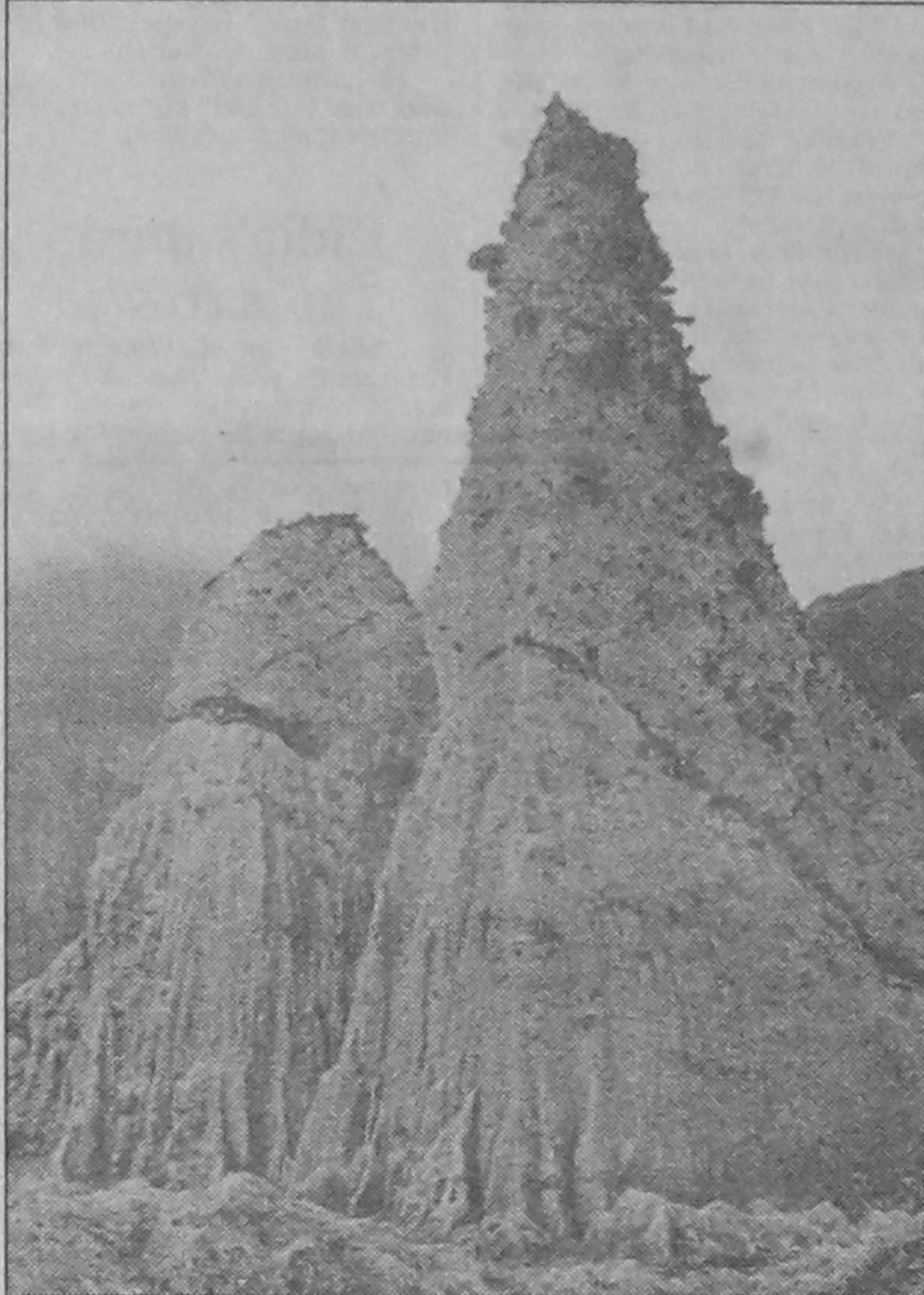
What one would discover looking at the photographs is that Kijuro brings out a Japan that is essentially Kijuro's and the show points at the intense adoration of nature the Japanese people have.



Plastic green house for grapes, Yamagata Prefecture



Abundant lift used for timber loading in Shimizuko port, Shizuoka Prefecture



Hotokegaura, rocks named after Buddha



Roots of trees in Kuramayama

satellite tv

The Popular Serials on The Star Plus

By Cultural Correspondent

FEBRUARY is a month of hilarious comedies, serious drama series and thrillers on Star Plus. Here are some highlights of the must watch serials.

Saans on January 31

Priya is crestfallen when Akul decides to go away with Gautam. She packs his bag and he leaves with Gautam. Both Gautam and Manisha try and look after Akul very well. Everyone at Nani's house feel low because of Akul's sudden shifting. Akul is very happy when he finally gets the admission in the engineering college. He wants to come back but Priya refuses. Later at night Mithi is surprised to see a visitor at their house.

Kora Kagaz on February 1

I.P. is upset that Pooja is not signing the papers. Meanwhile there is a lot of drama in the family regarding the partnership deed. Shobha hides the papers, but Pooja realizes her intentions and this embarrasses I.P. Meanwhile Anand's parents are completely bewildered.



Dhund at 8.30pm

residence. Shekhar, unaware of Aarti's arrival in Mumbai, expresses to Shree V his desire to get in touch with the family back home. An insecure Shree V forestalls the plan by brainwashing the naive Shekhar in to believing that he ought to first find his footing in life before entertaining thoughts of getting back to the family.



Hera Pheri at 9.00pm

Hera Pheri on February 1

Ajay and Batterwala are fed up with their respective mother-in-laws and the two desperate son-in-laws want to terminate their mother in laws. Will they, wont they, watch the action on this weeks episode of Hera Pheri.

Antaral on February 1

Aarti's search for the missing husband continues in the alien city of Mumbai. The basis of the search, the few leads gathered from Singh's recount of his meeting with Sudhir in Mumbai. After an abortive search Aarti ultimately succeeds in locating the flat of Bhanushali as referred to by Singh, but while the building board reads flat 202 Bhanushali, the name plate on the flat door reads 'Shekhar Kumar' a name completely unfamiliar to her. As also the stranger who opens the door to her - Shree V. The later apprehending danger in the shape of Aarti the wife come in search of Sudhir, feigns complete ignorance about anyone called Sudhir Sharma and cleverly misdirects her. Shree V then shuts the door on the dejected Aarti. Shree V threatened by Aarti's presence in Mumbai, manipulates Shudhir/Shekhar's shift of

Star Bestsellers: Govind Aur Ganesh on February 2

Govind a bachelor works as a clerk and lives a lonely colourless life. He is misfit in his office as he works diligently while his colleagues think that work is against the union rules. Govind faces life with courage. His sources of inspiration being Ganesh Sen's films.

Ganesh Sen has been making films for 20 years and his



Pal Chhin at 9.30pm

Dhund on February 2

Sammer tell Kesar that he is contemplating writing the story of Amar and Anjali and urges her continue with her story. Anjali and Siddharth get married. Siddharth makes her a promise that they will never lie to one another and promises to make her very happy. The next morning, Anjali tells Kesar that she is very happy to have married Siddharth. There is some happiness in her life after a long time. Sameer and Keasarma get a message that there is a problem at the Havelli.

tv preview

Bhaban Bilash on Channel i

TONIGHT at 9.15pm Channel i will air the drama serial Bhaban Bilash. Written and directed by Abul Hayat. The drama stars Hasan Imam, Sharmil Ahmed, Towkir Ahmed, Bipasha Hayat, Najmul Huda Baechu, Afzal Sharif, Abdur Rahman and many more.

Synopsis: Rashid was a poor old man who owned a piece of precious land at the heart of the city. He got this huge land and the house from his ancestors. Looking after his sick wife and

nephew was hard for him. His only son married a foreigner and lives abroad. Real-state companies are always offering him attractive prices for his precious land. But he was not willing to sell it because according to him, somewhere in this large house lies the birthplace of his forefathers. It's a kind of house that gave him mental satisfaction. So the high prices of the real state companies could not buy the house and the land from him. At this time a recently married couple Mukul and Snigdha comes to live with

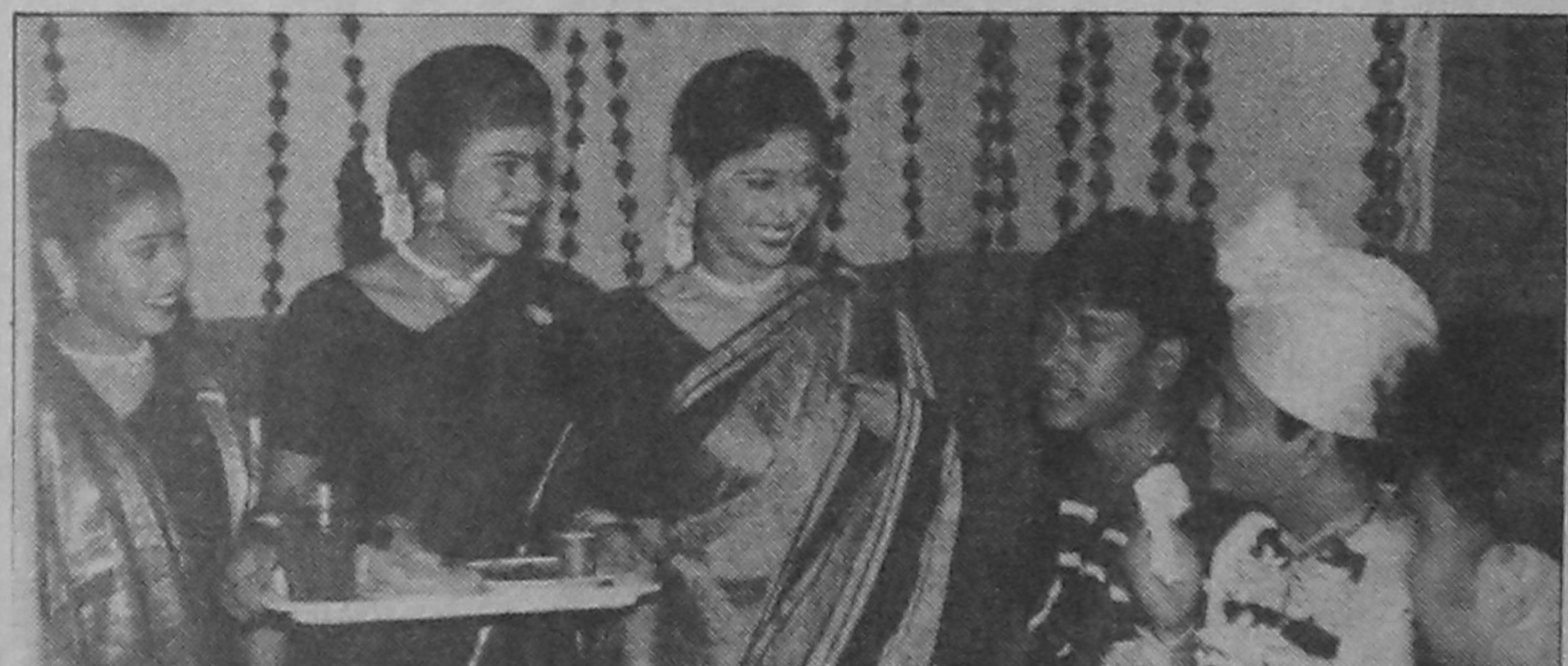
them as paying guests. With their arrival the old couple regains their lost happiness. They find a new meaning for living. At this time Rashid's wife becomes severely sick. A fortune is needed for her treatment.

Shubho Bibaha

The second episode of the drama serial Shubho Bibaha will be aired tonight on Channel i at 7.15pm. Written by Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury the drama is edited and directed by Najrul Koreshi. The drama stars azizul Hakim, Sweety,

Chandni, Shirin Bakul, Mujibur Rahman Dilu, Eliza Chishiti, Pantha Reja, Khalekuzzaman, Faisal Mahmud, Shaon Ashraf and many more.

Synopsis: After the Groom's side arrives at the Bride's house they end up in a quarrel. The seniors help to solve the matter. The marriage ceremony begins in a joyful environment. At that time the Bride's people caught a guy from the Groom's side while he was trying to pip at the Bride's room. Then they colour his face. Again the quarrel starts.



A scene from the drama serial Shubho Bibaha

Esheche February

A special programme Esheche February will be aired on Channel i tonight at 8.00pm. The programme contains highlights from the special dramas, which was created for Ekushe February.

The programme also contains a poem by Sayed Shamsul Haq, the song 'Apon Mone Jole Otho Tumi Bornomala' by singer Rafiqul Alam and the instrumental version of the song 'Salam Salam Hajar Salam'. The programme is hosted by Luthfin Nahar Baby and is directed by Hedayet Hossain Tuhin. (Compiled by Nafid Inuran Ahmed)

TV Guide

Monday 31st January

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 BBC World Focus: Reports 7:00 BBC News / Asia Today Inc. World Business Report / 24 Hours 7:45 Reporters 8:00 BBC News/Asia Today Inc. World Business Report 8:45 Reporters 9:00 BBC News Inc. World Business Report/Usa Direct/ Asia Today / 24 Hours 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 Reporters 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Correspondent- Belarus / Ghana 3:00 World News 3:30 HARDtalk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living : Top Gear 5:00 BBC The World Today 6:30 Correspondent- Belarus / Ghana 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC The World Today 8:30 World Living : Counterblast 9:00 World News 10:30 World Living : Mastermind India 11:30 BBC World News 11:30 Earth Report- Pisonous Snakes And Ladders 12:00 The World Today 12:30 BBC News 1:30 Hard Talk : 2:00 BBC News 2:30 World Focus: Holiday 3:00 BBC

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STAR PLUS

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STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 7:00 Martin Short Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 World's Wildest 10:00 Murder Call 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Dr. Quinn Medicine Women 1:00 Fashion TV 1:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 2:00 Martin

Short Show 3:00 The New WKRP Cincinnati 3:30 Happy Days 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 That 70's Show 6:30 Every Body Loves Raymond 6:55 Asia News Update 7:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway 7:30 Fraser 8:00 Chicago Hope 9:00 Friends 9:30 That 70's Show 10:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway 10:30 Every Body Loves Raymond 11:00 Fraser 11:30 Chicago Hope 12:30 Friends 1:00 That 70's Show 1:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway 2:00 Every-body's Loves Raymond 2:30 Fraser 3:00 Creflo Dollar Daily 3:30 Kenneth Copland Ministries 4:00 Life In The World With Joyce Meyer 4:30 Sky World News 5:00 The Things People Do 5:30 The New WKRP Cincinnati

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Action: Raw Deal (15) 9:30 Thriller: Double Tap (15) 11:30 Action: Total Recall (15) 1:30 Comedy: Carpool 3:30 Comedy: Mr. Destiny (12) 5:30 Comedy: Tin Men (15) 7:30 Comedy: Project-X 9:30 This Week That Year 10:00 Monday Comedy: Mr. Reliable (15) 12:15 Comedy: Mr. Destiny (12) 2:15 Thriller: Double Tap (15) 3:30 Drama: Outrage PG 6:00 Comedy: Pass the Ammo (15)

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Ushuaia 7:30 Travel- 8:30 Lonely Planet 9:30 Eyewitness 10:30 People Do 11:00 Walker's Cay Chronicles 11:30 As-

pects of Life 12:00 Animal Survivors 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Travelers 4:00 Next Step 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet 6:30 Naturequest 7:00 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Blue Reef 9:30 The New Detectives 10:30 On The Inside 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Blue Reef 1:00 Two Worlds

National Geographic

6:30 About Asia 7:00 Living Together 7:30 Life On The Line 8:00 Conflict Over Water 9:00 Family Hour 10:00 Wild 11:00 Our Living World 12:00 National Geographic 1:00 People & Places 2:00

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CARTOON NETWORK

6:30 Jetsons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Dexter's Laboratory 8:30 What A Cartoon Show? 9:00 The Powerpuff Girls 9:30 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 10:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 10:30 Big Bag 11:00 Cave Kids 11:30 New Adventures of Captain Planet 12:00 Tiny Toon Adventures 12:30 Flintstones

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Sony Max

6:30 Film Show 9:30 Chartbusters 10:00 Music Mantra 10:30 Film Show 1:30 Chartbusters 2:00 Music Mantra 2:30 Film Show 5:30 Film Show 8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Music Mantra 9:30 Film Show 12:30 Film Show 3:30 Film Show

ALPHA TV

6:00 Mukho Sher Antareley 6:30 Alaap 7:00 Kee Darun Dreshow 7:30 Moniharar 8:00 De-Ray 8:30 Antareley 9:00 Preyashi 9:30 Bangla Movie 11:30 Mukho Sher Antareley 12:00 Zee Jalsa 12:30 Chalo Chitra Chomolkar 1:00 Bahari Ahaar 1:30 Plabon 2:00 Griho Sajja 2:30 Bangla Movie - Strir Patra (Putam Kumar, Supria Devi) 5:00 Bharat Bhroman 5:30 Kee Darun Dreshow 6:00 Prem Trishna 6:30 Param Para 7:00 Swapna Niye 7:30 Kagojer Bou 8:00 News In Bangali 8:30 Shyaola 9:00 Jhara Samayer Upakatha 9:30 Bangla Movie - Samapti (Madoli) 12:00 News In Bangali 12:30 Bharat Bhroman