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Duluth -- "A Case of Libel," the play based on the court fight between Westbrook Pegler and Quentin Reynolds, will be presented in 8 p.m. performances Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, in Kirby Student Center ballroom.

The UMD Summer Theater production is being directed by Fred Meitzer, assistant professor of speech.

John Bailey of Caspian, Michigan and Larry Nachbar, John Crossman and Don Barnes all of Duluth have been cast in the leading roles.

The cast also includes Tim Dieffenbaker of Grand Rapids, Joyce Ehlers of Hibbing and Jim Caine, Dave Williams, Tom Kovarik, Dave Ecker, Doug Moeberg, Ann Tamminen and Carolyn Walczynski, all of Duluth.

Don Jensen, director of special events and recreation for Summer Session, and Ed Siggelkow, coordinator of student activities and Kirby Student Center, also have minor roles.

"Libel" was written by Henry Denker and is based on the first chapter of attorney Louis Nizer's book, "My Life in Court." Nizer served as Reynold's counsel at the trial.

Reynolds sued when Pegler accused him of being soft on Communism and a fake war hero.

Students will be admitted free to either performance. Otherwise, the admission is \$1.50.

A second Summer Theater production, "I'm Talking About Jerusalem," is scheduled July 16-17 in Old Main auditorium.