

Barney Glazer's Glazed Bits



Hollywood, Calif. (TCNS)—Kurt Unger's production of Paramount's "Judith," directed by Daniel Mann, will deservedly earn the label of "best film ever made about Israel." Time is 1948, last year on the British mandate and the first days of Israeli independence. Sophia Loren stars, Peter Finch and Jack Hawkins co-star.

John Michael Hayes developed his screenplay skillfully in delicately balancing the new country's idealism and England's ruthlessness. Director and screenwriter did their best to be fair to everyone. They avoided painting the British as villains and the Arabs as animals.

But to no avail. The obviousness refused to remain under a blanket and spelled itself clearly. After refusing to let the Jews import or bear arms, the British pulled out and left the naked young nation to defend itself as best it could against the Arabs.

It's an exciting and absorbing movie if you can

visualize a new, tiny democracy left exposed to a huge array of six well armed and trained enemy countries for what appears must be an inevitable massacre.

Not a Jewess in real life, Sophia Loren registers fiercely and magnificently as Judith, the Jewish ex-wife of a Nazi general.

Sol Kaplan performed a stunning and stirring musical score.

Fortunately, Director Mann avoided using the film as a travelogue, capturing instead the Israeli background as a believable asset to suit his story purpose.

After 15 weeks of filming, the picture came to an end on a happy note. In the final scenes, 75 members of the Matsuba Kibbutz danced their traditional and joyous hora, interrupted by an Arab attack.

However, when the cameras stopped rolling, the dancers didn't. They continued dancing far into the night as if they didn't have an enemy within a thousand miles.



"JUDITH"—A STORY OF PASSION, WAR, REVENGE

MORE Glazed Bits from the recent Friars testimonial for Dean Martin:

Pat Henry, the Italian comic, said, "You think you Jews are the only ones with a reform movement? I'm a reformed Catholic. I wear a cross but nobody's on it."

George Jessel said, "I met Jayne Mansfield recently. As I stared at her generous appointments, I said to myself, 'Nasser should only have them for tonsils!'"

George Burns observed, "99% of the Friars membership is Jewish. So how

come they're giving a testimonial for an Italian?"

Comedian Corbett summed up Dean Martin's career thusly, "He's great and I doubt that he can get much bigger unless he turns Jewish."

When Mickey Katz' orchestra played Jewish music for Red Button's entrance, Red waved his arms wildly and protested, "I gave already! I gave already!"

Continued Buttons, "I bought a new home in the beautiful Bel Air suburb. I'm Jewish, my wife is Puerto Rican, and we have a colored maid. There goes the whole darned Bel Air neighborhood!"

Red's advice to Dean, "Keep a kosher house and you'll always be lucky in showbusiness."

Insult Sultan Don Rickles sprayed Martin with napalm material, "We need your people because you keep the flies off our fish."

Jack Benny described the Friars as "an organization with one purpose in mind to make gin rummy an event in the next Olympic Games."

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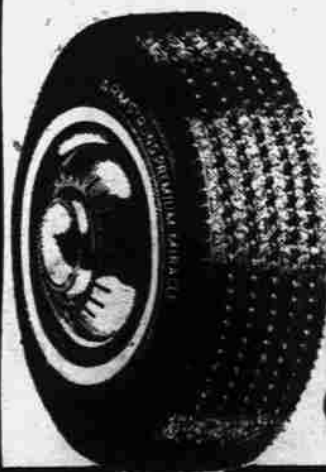
Los Angeles -- Nothing short of a "domestic Marshall Plan" can overcome the threatened violence, tensions and problems created by poverty, a Negro minister told a meeting of the Annual Western Regional Conference of the American Jewish Committee, pioneer human relations agency in the U.S., convening here.

Las Vegas was represented at the Conference by David Goldwater, former chairman of the Las Vegas unit of the AJC and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome D. Mack.

The purpose of the annual conference which this year brought together more than 500 AJC leaders from 13 Western states, is to provide an opportunity for delegates to devise programs and projects based on the latest developments in interreligious affairs, education, race relations, city problems and minority employment, human relations areas in which JAC is vitally interested.

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