

OF THE STARS



PROFILES

by Percy Villa



Today's 'Profile' goes to a friend of long standing and with great pleasure - CAESARS PALACE'S NAT HART.

And as Forrest Duke says he is celebrating his 20th anniversary as a personality in The Best City Of Them All.

His background is without question of a doubt that food is his meat. He is currently performing as host in - America's last word in gourmet rooms, the sumptuous and beautiful BACCHANAL ROOM. Caesars Palace has already become known for the ever-smiling and courteous Hart's faculty for injecting a note of warm friendliness and charm in a room.

Handsome, silver-haired Nat received his initial training from the famed Oscar of New York's Waldorf Hotel. Nat is not considered one of the nation's top experts on epicurean and culinary matters. It was Nat who was commissioned to create and supervise the food and service programs at the major New York World's Fair Buildings. He also served as food consultant to the Japanese exhibitors association of greater Japan.

Had Hart been on Julius Caesar's staff, the noblest Roman of them all would have been in his palace feasting instead of being Brutus' target 44 B.C.

Nat was born in Chicago, moved to New York and to



NAT

San Francisco. He was employed in the exclusive 'Pacific Union Club' for 8 years.

He is 6-feet, weighs 170, has gray hair and gray eyes. ("Most people think I'm shorter. It must be the way I carry myself.")

He catered the community Passover Seder at the Temple Beth Shalom last year. Jerry Baum and Irving Salus helped and the many who attended will always remember the event.

Nat and his attractive Sylvia have two children, Ronnie 25, and Steve 21, who is serving on the U.S.S. Enterprise.

The Hart's live at 2486 Leigh Ave.

During the past 30 years Nat has met nearly every movie and stage attraction in America, plus a host of other notables.

His hobby is building furniture and re-building it. All

the furniture at his home was done by him.

He is a gourmet, naturally yet he eats almost anything. He likes to cook, and is good at it. His specialty is something he calls "the revolutionary cannonball"; it's a form of meat loaf. He's an expert with baked beans, too.

He admits to being a fruit and vegetable feeler at markets, when he shops. ("I'll put myself up against anybody in town when it comes to choosing good tomatoes or melons, just by squeezing them.") He's an excellent taster of wines.

Hart is extremely loyal. He has never knowingly betrayed a confidence. He expects everyone to be the same way and usually grateful for many things.

He is always well-dressed, although he claims he doesn't care about clothes and doesn't pay attention to them. He has a special fondness for dark clothes.

Has been called to many parts of America as food consultant. He has given lectures on food.

He is considerate and punctual. ("It's a joke. Friends tell me they set their watches by me.")

He is frank to admit he enjoys everything about Las Vegas and the talented people who make it such an exciting place. ("Being a host and pleasing people is a way of life, and I love it.")

He is punctual, if he remembers the appointment. His many bosses like and respect him and visa versa.

He doesn't make a business decision before talking it over with Sylvia. He phones her at least three times a night from work.

He is basically a shy and modest person, but he can be curt and outspoken. ("I

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The fabled Dukes of Dixieland and Stanley Kramer's "Les Jolies Poupettes" combine in an unusual entertainment parlay for a three-week run.

For the Dukes, freshly back from an outstanding tour of Japan, the Blue Room engagement marks a return, but the picturesque puppets will be making their initial showing in the spacious showcase.

Meanwhile, of course, the centennial edition of the Folies Bergere romps into its ninth month of unprecedented success, while Judy West continues in La Fontaine lounge and Julian Foorman marches with Stradivarius in the Gourmet Room.

don't like people to take advantage of others, especially when they're in a position to do so.") Once he opens up he becomes very warm and friendly.

There is only one Nat Hart and his name could have been spelled "heart". He's all of that.

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