

# Barney Glazer's 'HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE'

"Funny Girl" producer Ray Stark purposely pre-viewed the filmed version in Milwaukee and Dallas, two tough movie towns where the ethnic background is not similar to the film story, which is basically Jewish.

Dianna Ross and The Supremes open at the Coconut Grove on the High Holidays but you can bet your dancing boots that Sammy Davis Jr. won't attend... The Funk and Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary includes "Kike" and "Jew down" but makes it clear that both are offensive terms.

Sidney Miller, producer of the new Donald O'Connor late-night show, will never forget the Chanukah party given by B'nai B'rith for orphans at Vista del Mar. The youngsters' faces lit up when they received a traveling bag with their name inscribed. Said Miller, "It seemed to give the youngsters hope that each would soon travel to a permanent home."

Barney Balaban, Paramount's beloved board member refused to accept his retirement payments when his annuity became effective on

his 50th birthday. The executive told his life insurance agent, "I'm sorry but I'm not ready for retirement. Set the date ahead another five years." Since then, Balaban has changed the commencement date frequently. Now, 80, he still continues to delay his retirement age as a matter for future reflection.

Jack Benny started to walk into Walter O'Malley's private box at Chavez Ravine but Police Captain "Tinny" Carter stopped him. Orders were orders and Jack had not been okeh'd for entry. This despite the fact that Carter knows Benny both personally and as a celebrity. Finally, O'Malley came out and gave his approval. Through it all, Benny never once tried to push his weight around.

Did you know that Tony Curtis' former father-in-law was a former Luftwaffe pilot for Hitler? I wonder how he used to explain it all to this nice Jewish boy and I now wonder if it had anything to do with Tony's divorce.

George Jessell introduced George Stevens, director of "The Greatest Story Ever Told," as "the man who made the life of our Sa-

viour." What Georgie really meant was "the life of the Saviour." At least, I haven't been advised that Jessel has converted to Christianity.

During a recent testimonial for a studio executive, Jessell praised Hal Kemp, who at the time was booking stars for many NBC-TV shows. The Toastmaster praised Kemp as if he were an intimate or first-cousin but following the event George whispered to me, "He never once offered me a job at NBC."

Did you know that the Wagnerian Festival in the German city of Bayreuth each summer flies Israel's flag alongside the flags of other nations? And that there is still a handful of Jewish merchants in Wagner's favorite city, their children receiving religious instruction from a rabbi who journeys there from Nuernberg?

I'll never forget how Billy Wilder finally persuaded an uncooperative dog in "Irma la Douce" to lap up a bowl of champagne. He filled the bowl with chicken soup... Now will I easily cast off the pleasures of watching Jack Kruschen, a nice Jewish boy, portray Christmas Morgan in



LOS ANGELES SPEAKERS — Richard and Elsie Goldsworthy were co-speakers at the Los Angeles Shopping Center Promotion Directors monthly meeting held last week at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club. The Goldsworthys spoke on free giveaways in shopping centers and theaters. Mrs. Goldsworthy is manager of the Charleston Plaza Shopping Center. Mr. Goldsworthy is manager of the Fox Theatre and president of the Charleston Plaza Merchants Association.

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