

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



DICK MCINNES

Sometime ago I made the gross understatement of the year in a review of a SHIRLEY MACLAINE starrer, "Desperate Characters". A supporting actress playing Claire caught my eye and I wrote "Keep your eye on SADA THOMPSON. A very unusual actress and very good." Opening night of "Twigs" at the beautiful Shubert Theatre I was treated to a performance by an incredible actress in a fantastic play. Sound a little overboard? No, it's probably just another gross understatement. GEORGE FURTH has written a play about four women (three sisters and their mother) which manages to grab you everywhere it's possible to be grabbed. Lots of memories are in his situations, both funny and sad. Sada Thompson plays all four of these women and makes each one a completely different person.

Each of Sada's seven men give solid support making this play a perfect example of how theatre should be like a marriage. In this marriage everything works, even the kitchen sets, which all seemed to mirror their owners. STEPHEN SONDHEIM contributed special music and MICHAEL BENNETT seems destined to take his place among the best directors in theatre. If you don't believe, go and see it, or else ask this group who showed up to cheer Sada, George and "Twigs": ROSALIND RUSSELL, IRENE DUNNE, JACK and VICKIE OAKIE, JACK BENNY, ELEANOR PARKER, KATHLEEN NOLAN and JERRY ROTH (she worried that "Limbo", a movie about POW wives in which she gives a sensational performance is not getting the proper push) STEPHANIE POWERS, SALLY KELLERMAN, CLINT KIMBROUGH, BARBARA FELDON and BURT NODELLA, DORY PREVIN (Furth's date), the MERVYN LEROYS, CAESAR ROMERO, NORMAN LEAR (said the reaction to "All In the Family's non-violence show has been incredible), HENRY MANCINI, RED BUTTONS and CLIF ROBERTSON. Sada told me at the party afterwards that all she wants to do now is rest for awhile. It's been two years of "Twigs" and she is exhausted. Boy, if I were a producer I'd make sure she had plenty to read while resting. By the way, "Twigs" just may be the play that the Theater Royale in the Las Vegas Hilton is looking for.

Speaking of legitimate theater, a young man named CASH BAXTER has come to town and plans to produce a series of plays here maybe at the Huntington Harford, which will give Hollywood actors a chance to showcase themselves. An ambitious project and I'm certainly for that. ROBERT Q. LEWIS opened his home (although judging by his attitude toward his guests, rather reluctantly. Although I did hear that he had totalled his Rolls Royce the day before) to introduce Cash around. JUNE ALLYSON, GLORIA DEHAVEN, JESSICA WALTER, GALE STORM looking like 25 and I'm not kidding. (she said she still has a crush on her handsome hubby Lee after all these years), DAVID LADD and a new girlfriend CHERYL, RICK POWELL, BRUCE COHN-CURTIS, JOANNE WORLEY, and ROGER PERRY, LEE VAN CLEEF, GEORGE MONTGOMERY, FANNY FLAGG, RAY WALSTON and super actress LOIS NETTLETON.

Have a good group of your friends over this week and enjoy.

Hebrew Names

BY RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

There's a marvelous publication, designed for young people but just as delightful to adults who read it; it's called "World Over," and is published by the Jewish Education Committee. Its editor, Dr. Morris Epstein, is one of those scholarly people who dispenses the fruits of his learning with finesse and casualness.

The articles in "World Over" are most illuminating, and frequently its poesy is charming. As a sampler, here is a poem which talks about the fact that every Hebrew name has a meaning. It not only underscores the fact that a lot of people talk Hebrew even though they do not know it, but that more and more Americans are becoming familiar with the language of our forefathers and the language of our brothers "over there" in Israel; it's by Georgette Weiser:

Hebrew names have special meanings,
Just as names do everywhere;
We can hear the ancient music
In the names we proudly bear.
Hanna'h is "a favored daughter,"
David means "beloved one",
Reuben means "to see a son,"
Judith is "the thanks we offer."
Sarah is the name for "princess,"
Simon means "the Lord has heard,"
Solomon is "peace forever,"
Hayyim means "life", a precious word.
Gabriel is "strength from heaven,"
Rachel: "ewe who graced the sod,"
Meyer: "light," and Noah, "pleasant,"
Michael: "he who is like God,"
Jonathan, "the Lord has given,"
Nathan, "he who always gave,"
Eve is "mother of all living,"
And Elisha: "God shall save."
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And their strength was built to last;
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