

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



DICK MCINNES

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN is probably America's foremost classical actor. Who would have believed 10 years ago that such a statement could or would be made? No matter for they believe it now. With glowing reviews for his "Hamlet" and "Richard II" in his scrapbook, Chamberlain has taken on "Cyrano De Bergerac" and the result is a thrilling theatrical trip. No fool is his Cyrano but a witty and sophisticated gentleman who is not about to let his nose get in his way. He fears only one thing, rejection from the lovely Roxanne, played by the extremely talented JOAN VAN ARK. Miss Van Ark more than holds her own with Mr. Chamberlain and that in itself is quite a feat. One of my favorite moments is when Cyrano has paid off a theater owner rather than permit an actor whom he despises to perform and his friend berates him for giving away his last cent, he looks to the sky and says, "Ah, but what a gesture!" Agreed! WERNER KLEMPERER wipes out his Colonel Klink image at last with his magnificent De Guiche, KURT KASZNAR as always does a fine job. JANE CONNELL is marvelous as the Duenna, VICTOR GARBER is very moving as Christian and the huge supporting cast is uniformly good. Costumes by LEWIS BROWN are knock-outs especially for Joan and H. R. POINDEXTER's sets are super. I hope that Chamberlain continues to make an annual visit to the Ahmanson.

Another Richard C. who is currently causing excitement in Hollywood is RICHARD CARUSO, young musical performer who just finished a SRO engagement at the China Trader in beautiful downtown Burbank. Caruso is one of the most versatile performers around. He sings, plays the piano and his saxophone solos are easily one of the most exciting musical trips that I've ever been on. For example, he did a Jesus Christ Superstar medley on sax which turned a noisy, 1:30 AM, slightly tipsy crowd into a quiet music loving group until the end when they gave him an unanimous standing ovation. Caruso caresses the lyrics of a ballad and then goes into a rousing 1950's tribute and ends with a haunting JACQUES BRETEL song. His band is right on and his ladies PAT JACKIE are tops. If ever an act is perfect for Las Vegas, it's Richard Caruso and the Flamingo Lounge should only jump at the chance to introduce him there.

BOOK TRIPPING....."Saturday Afternoon at the Bijou" by DAVID ZINMAN (Arlington House - \$11.95) is a must for anyone who remembers those Saturday matinees. The whole gang is here in Zinman's book, Tarzan, Charlie Chan, Sherlock Holmes, Nancy Drew, Andy Hardy, Blondie, Frankenstein, The Wolf Man, The Thin Man and many more.

Zinman gives a short history of each series and then goes into depth over his favorite story and then adds a complete list of all the movies in each series plus the cast, director, producer, running time and release date. Did you know that GENE AUTRY made 84 of those matinee westerns? Roy Rogers is not included for some strange reason and although David does the Dead End Kids, he didn't include the Bowery Boys and they made over 100 films. But other than that, it's just like getting your 25¢ ready (were movies ever that cheap?) walking up to the cashier praying she doesn't know you're over 12 now and entering that noisy movie theater to watch your favorite double bill. They don't make movies like that anymore and I, for one, miss them.

Don't you miss anything this week, go out and enjoy.



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ISRAEL'S LARGE COMPROMISES FOR PEACE

UNITED NATIONS (WNS)--"In return for a ceasefire Israel will give a ceasefire" and in return for peace Israel will give "Most substantial compromises," Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban told a luncheon gathering of the UN correspondents Association.

But he stressed that the return of Israeli prisoners of war is an "absolute condition" for any ceasefire. He reiterated Israel's position that it wants first a ceasefire, then negotiations and then peace.

ISRAELI ELECTION POSTPONED

JERUSALEM (WNS)-The Oct. 30 election for the Knesset has been postponed because of the war.

The Central Elections Committee said the war made it technically impossible to hold the elections and in addition it would be detrimental to the war effort to have elections in the midst of hostilities.

No new date has been set and special legislation will have to be passed prolonging the life of the present Knesset.

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