

# ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

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Good evening Mr. and Mrs. North America and all the ships at sea...let's go to press. Guess who's going to play WALTER WINCHELL in a two hour film? You lost, it's BOB HOPE who will also produce. Hope hasn't decided whether to make it a theatrical film or a feature for TV. Well, it certainly sounds interesting... "The New Temperatures Rising" is suffering from "New Ratings Falling" so DUKE VINCENT & BRUCE JOHNSON who replaced BILL ASHER as producers and brought in the black comedy element are out. In typical TV logic BILL ASHER replaces them to try and bewitch the 8 PM viewers away from "Maude". Lotsa luck... Another newie "The New Perry Mason Show" has lost its case in CBS court and will retire to make way for "Apple's Way", an hour family series from the creator of "The Waltons", EARL HAMNER. "Apple" is about a 40 year old lawyer who takes his wife and four kids and leaves Los Angeles for his hometown of Appleton, Iowa. If it has half the quality of "The Waltons", it will surely be the apple of CBS' eye in the Sunday ratings.

The apple of the celeb seekers is the Pierpont Plaza, a brand new eating place on Robertson. Actress BARBARA GATES is the hostess with the mostess and the food is terrific. BARBARA STREISAND has been eating there (in the private dining room, of course), JOEL GREY was in the other night with a party of 12 and super character actress NATALIE SCHAFER was dinner-partied there before taking off for New York. Others taking a peek at the Pierpont have been JUNE ALLYSON, CLINT EASTWOOD, FANNIE FLAGG, LOLA FALANA, CANDY CLARK & JEFF BRIDGES, ZINA BETHUNE & SEAN FEELEY, the Thalian's ILENE GERBER, author CHARLES HIGHAM (who just wrote a new book called "DeMille" which I'm just starting) and loads of others.

What with "Cyrano" packing them in at the Ahmonson (thanks to RICHARD CHAMBER-

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LAIN & JOAN VAN ARK) and now a powerful presentation of "Brecht Sacred & Profane" at the Mark Taper Forum in our beautiful Music Center, L. A. theater buffs are in for a field night. First I must congratulate GORDON DAVIDSON, Artistic Director of the Mark Taper for an incredible 7th season her in Los Angeles. "Brecht" is easily the very best of the entire 7 seasons. Most of the cast have already made their deep impression on L. A. theatregoers like KAREN MORROW ("Oliver"), GEORGE BALL (Jacques Brel is Alive etc), LAURA LACEY ("Dames at Sea"), PAMELA MYERS ("Company"), PETER COLLY (\$600 & a Mule"), MICHAEL RUPERT ("The Happy Time"), ALAN WEEKS ("Don't Bother Me, I can't Cope") plus DAVID CRYER, CATHERINE BURNS HAROLD BROWN, MICHAEL CRISTOFER, DAVID MAN, ROBERT ROVIN, DARRELL SANDEEN, MARILYN SAVAGE, EMILY TRACY, BRUCE TUTTILL, OREN WATER & LAVERNE WILLIAMS complete the ensemble group of talented actors. Try to find a bad performance. They are all terrific whether in their individual roles or as a group. It's difficult to really understand Brecht right away but you sure do think a lot about his works many days after seeing them. EDWARD PAYSON CALL has most imaginatively directed "The Mahagonny Songplay" & "The Measures Taken" and certainly knows how to pick his actors. What a combination! The reception afterwards offered pretzels and beer and good old German music and the likes of DOROTHY MCGUIRE & JOHN SWOPE, JOANNE WORLEY & ROGER PERRY, RON LEIBMAN, ELSA LANGHESTER, ZINA BETHUNE & WAYNE ROGERS joined in the fun. ATTENTION: That lady columnist, the ex-Mrs. C. now Ms H wrote that Mr. D.M. went into Midway hospital under the name of David Miller for cosmetic surgery. Come, come Ms H, people in the know like I, all know that he used the name Dan Mitchell. But then what's in a name or accuracy for that matter.

Only good things matter, think about that this week.

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