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 musi congratulate GORDON

DAVIDSON, Arristic Director of the Mark Taper

for an incredible 7th season her in Los Angeles.

like KAREN MORROW ("Oliver"),

1. SANDEEN, MARILYN SAVAGE. TRACY, BRUCE TUTHILL, OREN



Good evening Mr. and Mrs. North America and all the ships at sea,..let's go to press. Guess who's going to play WA! TERWINCHELL 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 Fa'ling" 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 creater of "The Waltons", EARL HAMNER, "Apple" is about a 40 year old lawer who takes his wife and four kids and leaves Los Angeles for his homerown of Appleton, Iowa. If it has half the quality of "The Wa'tons", it will surely be the apple of CBS' eye in the Sanday

pont Plaza, a brand new cating place on Robertson, Actress BARBARA GATES is the hostess with the mostess and the food is terrific, BARBRA STREISAND has been eating there (in the private dining room, if 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-

ratings. The apple of the celeb seekers is the Pier-

"Brecht" is easily of the very best of the entire 7 seasons. Most of the cast have already made their deep impression on L. A. theatre-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, CATHER-INE BURNS HAROLD BROWN, MICHAEL CRISTOFER, DAVID MAN, ROBERT ROVIN. DARRELL. 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 LANCHESTER, ZINA BETHUNE & WAYNE ROGERS joined in the fun. AT FENTION: 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 or accuracy for that matter. Only good things matter, think about that this week.

> name Dan Mitchell, But then what's in a

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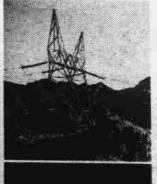
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