### **Broadway**

Jack Wrather and his actress-wife, Bonita Granville, off to Eu-rope today (Wed.) on the Queen Elizabeth.

Dennis Hoey, writer-actor, and actress Margaret Stewart returned from Europe yesterday (Tues.) on the Queen Elizabeth.

William Brandt, who left Doctors' Hospital Monday (24) after a general checkup, due back at his office within a few days.

Barbara Baldwin, formerly with UPA's local office, joined staff of Animation Inc. on the Coast as scene planner and animation checker.

Tables in niteries are usually marked "reserved" but the cards on the tables of the swank Empire Room of the Waldorf-Astoria read "Engaged."

Benjamin Thau, Loew's Inc. v.p., and John B. Spires, Universal's Continental manager, in from Europe yesterday (Tues.) on the S.S. United States.

United States.

James Mason, Metro musical director Dr. Miklos Rozsa and the Stuart Scheftels (actress Geraldine Fitzgerald) back from Europe yesterday (Tues.) on the S.S. America.

Joe Wolhandler, who runs the N. Y. office of the Rogers & Cowan unblickte from the bene signed by

publicity firm, has been signed by Elia Kazan to make his acting debut—as himself—in "A Face in the Crowd," currently being filmed

in N. Y.

George (William Morris) Wood
has a private VIP "club" which he
calls The Clooms, limited to a
dozen; its charter members comprise Walter Winchell, Harry Cohn,
John Perona, Frank Sinatra,

prise Walter Winchell, Harry Cohn, John Perona, Frank Sinatra, George Sidney, Jack Entratter, Billy Reed, Frank Farrell, Sam Spiegel and Bob Altman.

Arthur Tracy, "The Street Singer" of radio fame, and his recent bride, Blossom Stern, daughter of Tracy's lifelong friend, Harold Stern, the orch impresario, were among the passengers on the Liberte last Saturday. They are taking a delayed honeymoon following a delayed honeymoon following death of Tracy's mother in Philadelphia.

delphia.

Ed Gardner and his wife, Simone, commuting between both coasts while the ex. "Archie" is getting his exec legs set behind a J. Walter Thompson agency desk. Because of their children in Hollywood schools, plus the fact that they have a big house in Beverly Hills, this arrangement is necessary, at least for the time being. Hand-drawn "birthday" card from Happy Benway, Will Rogers Memorial Hospital, Saranac Lake, N. Y., heralds, "Varrety Mugg 26 Yrs., The Old Minstrel Man, 26 Years a Shut-In, 71 years young-

Yrs., The Old Minstrel Man, 26 Years a Shut-In, 71 years young-Sept. 29, 1956 (born 1885), started show biz 1905 (Kickapoo Indian Medicine Co., principal comedian, 7 Honey Boys, 1917-23, with Neil O'Brien's Minstrels, Guy Bros. Minstrels, Pepple's Colonial Min-strels, Griffin's San Francisco Min-strels, played leading vaudeville circuits."

# Washington

By Florence S. Lowe

Former Loew theatre exec Oscar Doob and frau now living in Wash-

Ernie Kovacs on hand for preem f "Li'l Abner," starring frau Edith Adams.

Mercury chantoosies, the Baker Sisters, preemed a new show policy at Johnny Comber's suburban history bistro.

Countess Tolstoi, daughter of famed Russian novelist, here for MPAA invitation screening of "War and Peace."

Norman Granz' "Jazz at Philhar-monic," headed by Ella Fitzgerald and Gene Krupa troupe, due at National Guard Armory for single stint under aegis of Feld Brothers.

## Rome

By Robert F. Hawkins (Archimede 145; tel. 800211)

Bette Davis shopping for a good Italian play which she would pre-sent and act in on Broadway.

John Grierson weekending at oberto Rossellini's Santa Marinella villa after his wearying two-week stint as prexy of the Venice Festival jury.

Clifton Webb to Greece by plane for his stint in "Boy On The Dolphin." Sophia Loren co-stars on Greek locationer, which is set to return to Rome for interiors.

Gina Lollobrigida's pending "Imperial Venus" starring role has been put off until next year. Neither she nor its director, Renato Castellani, are free until then. She may do "Les Girls" next.

on two Mexican pic scripts they're preparing. Columbia may buy Ponce's "Torero" for European release.

lease.

Paul Henreid, Tyrone Power,
Bette Davis, Gary Merrill, Walter
Winchell Jr. and Barney Balaban
in town. Ditto for "10,000 Bedrooms" troupe including Dean Martin, Dewey Martin, Joseph Pasternak and Richard Thorpe.

Rome boxoffice returns are slowly coming out of the summer doldrums. "Carousel" (20th) a bit disappointing in local firstrun. "The
Searchers" (WB) looks big on initial week, adding a third firstrun
house after opening in two. house after opening in two.

#### Paris

By Gene Moskowitz
(28 Rue Huchette; Odeon 4944)
Turkish actress Aiche Nana in
for a dance cabaret stint and pic

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Cuban orch of Armando Orefiche heading the present stage show at the Alhambra.

Charles Boyer attending opening of a new play, "Voyage A Turin," with his old friends Pierre Fressney and Vicona Bristones.

Fresnay and Yvonne Printemps
Perdita Chandler, U.S. singer
now running a literary agency
here, did her first film stint in
Billy Wilder's "Love in the After-

Milton Berle, incidentally, has started the two vidpix pilots he is making here with Sheldon Reynolds. Berle backs and stars with

nolds. Berle backs and stars with Reynolds writing and directing.

Jonathon Sheppard and Roland Brown in with lenser Lee Garmes to scout location sites for an indie pic they will make for Allied Artists release. It is "The Suave Scoundrel."

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Bruno Coquatrix, head of Olympia Music Hall, says the Lena Horne show, which opened his season, did fine biz among the tourists as well as with the returning popular Gallic crowds.

German actor Curd Jurgens has developed into one of hottest properties on the Continent. He has recently completed "Michael Stro-

recently completed "Michael Stro-goff" and is in line for the next H. G. Clouzot pic as well as four other pix.

office.

Danny Welton making local deejay circuit promoting his new Dot
album.

Music publisher Archie Levington back at his desk after a quickie
appendectomy last week.

Jean Fardulli converting the
Opera Club into the Jamaican
Room with a calypso policy similiar to his Blue Angel.

Ambassador Hotel's James Hart
is chairman of the fund-raising
dinner next month marking the
75th anni of Assumption Roman
Catholic Church. Catholic Church.

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Balaban & Katz veep David Wallerstein and adman Fairfax Cone (Foote, Cone & Belding) members of a new civic committee blueprinting longrange plans for dressing up Chicago's Loop.

# Mexico City

By Pete Mayer (Tel: 08-Tlalpan-264)

Local production picking up with 11 films shooting.

"War and Peace" (Par) opening getting plenty advance publicity.
U. S. producer Frank Melford in to start casting on his "Black Scornier".

Tito Guizar co-starring with his daughter Lilia in "Children of the Rio Grande."

Alfonso Sanchez-Tello, new Ali anza Cinematografica head, taking offices at Tepeyac studios.

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Manolita Saavedra her first film
break in his "Shoeshine, Mister."
Producer Alberto Arditi and wife

taking out Mexican citizenship.
Both were born in Smyrna, Turkey.
Juan Bandera, Peliculas Mexicanas distribution head, back after a central and south American

swing.
Tulio Demicheli flying to Spain to direct Arturo de Cordova and Yolanda Varela in "The Shining Wound."

Rosita Diaz Gimeno, star of the Latin version, "Teahouse of the August Moon," flying to Paris to do a film.

Actor Guillermo Rivas severely burned by gun powder during a performance of "Man From An-other World."

Producer Oscar Dancigers back

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Mexican producer Manuel Barbachano Ponce here for huddles with screenwriter Cesare Zavattini manual powder during a performance of "Man From Anton Andrew Control of "Man From Anton Andrew Control of "Man From Anton Ant

## London

(Temple Bar 5041-9952)
Mel Torme broadcast in "Show
Band Show" for BBC radio.

Bob Harvey, vocalist-pianist, has opened fall season of cabaret at

Berkeley Hotel.

Antonio headed bill on "Sunday Night at the Palladium" commer-

Tom Bentley appointed ABC-TV's publicity manager at the Yorkshire station.

Claudia Cassidy, drama and mu-

sic critic of Chicago Tribune, arrived via the Mauretania.

Diane Clare took over the Anna Massey part in "The Reluctant Debutante," at the Cambridge.
Honna White, choreographer, on prowl for talent and to train dancers for London edition of "Fanny."

Irving Allen, executive producer of Warwick Productions, to Paris to attend gala preem of "Cockle-

to attend gala preem of "Cockle-shell Heroes."

Shirley Bassey, currently appear-ing in the Adelphi Theatre revue, makes her cabaret debut at Cafe de Paris, Oct. 1.

Good will delegation of Pakistan Chamber of the Film Industry met

British producers for talks before continuing its Continental tour.
Gladys Morgan, comedienne, and Edith Evans are two "Women of Year" who will be feted at a charty luncheon at the Savoy Thurs-

Due to pressure of engagements, Sir Malcolm Sargent resigning as chief conductor of BBC Symphony in fall of 1957, but will continue as chief conductor of the BBC Promenade Concerts.

#### Zurich

By George Mezoefi
(32 Florastr.; 34-70-32)
Total tv subscribers in Switzerland now amount to 17,072.
"Man in Gray, Flannel Suit"
(20th) had its Swiss preem at the

Rex.
Stadttheatre Basle set Swiss preem of Harold Rome's "Fanny" late this month.
"Gaby" (M-G) set for season-opening date early next month at sureseater City here.
"Kiss Me, Kate" will be first American musical staged at Zurich Stadttheatre. It preems Oct. 13.
Praesensfilm hopes to have its new pic, second Swiss tinter as yet untitled, ready for national release by Christmas.

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Schauspielhaus preems two U.S. plays this month: Eugene O'Neill's "Desire Under the Elms" and Richard Nash's "Rainmaker."

Annual Amateur Jazz Festival at

Urban Cinema will feature competitors from abroad for the first time, notably from Germany.

#### Australia

By Eric Gorrick 160 Castlereigh St. Sydney. Tele MA 7778

John Coalston has joined Interna-tional Television Services Pty. Ltd.

tional Television Services Pty. Ltd. as producer.

Metro will shoot exteriors in New Zealand for "Until They Sail," scheduled for early '57.

Rank's "A Town Like Alce" is a solid hit at State, Sydney, for Greater Union Theatres.

Aussie talent looking to tv commercials for additional jobs after drop in straight radio earnings.

Columbia's "Cockleshell Heroes" is a terrific moneymaker in New Zealand, beating "Waterfront" and "Eternity."

Ealing will wind up exterior shots on "Shiralee" shortly. Peter Finch will finish the pic in London under Leslie Norman.

don under Leslie Norman,
Cliff Searl appointed m.d. Grand
Theatres, Perth, major indie pic
loop in west Australia. Searl was
longtime with Greater Union Thea-

## Madrid

By Ramsay Ames (Castellang Hilton; 372200) "Johnny Concho" (UA) is at the

Imperio Argentina and company moved into the Teatro Calderon. moved into the Teatro Calderon.
Paquita Rico in Paris to film
"Jamaica" opposite Luis Mariano
for Frances Suevia Films-Lyrica.
Paolo Stoppa here for a role in
"El Milagro" (The Miracle), Ariel
Films' Richard Basehart starrer.
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Real Cinema.

cuba's answer to Abbe Lane, tol-rid Amelita Vargas, is about to open in a review at the Fuencarral. Antonio del Cabo's adaptation of "Waterloo Bridge" opened big at Barcelona's Teatro de la Comedia

Lara and "Por Cualquier Puerta del Sol" (Through Any Sunny

del Sol" (Through Any Sunny Door) at the Comedia.

"Campanas de Vienna" bowed into the Teatro Madrid and "Un Trono para Cristi" (A Throne for Cristy) the Infanta Isabel.

"El Soltero" (The Bachelor), Italian-Spanish coproduction, featuring Xavier Cugat and Abbe Lane, opened at the Rialto.

Marion Mitchell, French actress who came to Spain to make one picture and stayed on for others, seeks to become a Spanish citizen.

seeks to become a Spanish citizen. Celia Gamez reopened with her company in "El Aguila de Fuego" (The Eagle of Fire), operetta by Arturo Rigel, at the Teatro Mara-

Legit-wise, "Une Nuit Au Lido de Paris" has just bowed into the Lope de Vega, converting it once again into the legit house which it was originally

was originally.

Aldo Fabrizzi coming to Spain to direct and appear in "Vicente. Cara de Inocente" (Vincente, the Face of Innocence), which will be produced by Union Films.

### Munich

By Karin Thimm
(Saebenerstrasse 54)
Paramount's "Court Jester"
(Danny Kaye) big success here.
Boston Symphony, Charles
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Sondra Bianca, pianist with the New York Symphony, in Munich making ready for a fall tour of the Spanish concert circuit.

O. W. Fischer and French actress Odile Versois partners in Bavaria film's "Herrscher ohne Krone" (Emperor Without Crown). Georges Balanchine, touring Europe with the N. Y. City Ballet, to stage two ballets at the Vienna opera next year. From Oct. 4-7 the N. Y. City Ballet will be here.

The Bavaria started its new film, "Rose Bernd," after a play by Gerhart Hauptmann. Maria Schell, named best actress in Venice this

named best actress in Venice this year, has the lead opposite Italian Raf Vallone, Wolfgang Staudte directing.
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In 1958, when Munich celebrates its 800-year-festival, the old Cuvillies Theatre will be rebuilt and will be opened with Mozart opera "Figaro" and the play "Figaro" by Beaumarchais. Also international theatre ensembles will be invited for the festival.

## Berlin

emerge as biggest German post-war moneymaker.
Real-Europe's "Captain of Koe-penick" breaking records in num-erous West German cities.
Rave reviews given for Helmut Kaeutner's film, "Der Hauptmann von Koepenick" (Real-Europa), preemed at Gloria Palast.
There have been 482,801 regis-tered tv set owners in West Ger-many as of Aug. 1, 1956. One year back, this number amounted to 176,683. 176.683

Curtis Bernhardt here on a short visit. He also negotiated with Arthur Brauner (CCC) and said he may take Swiss actress Liselotte

may take Swiss actress Liselotte Pulver to Hollywood.

The age limit for cinema audiences is again being discussed in West Germany. The Church wants to raise the age limit for young patrons from 16 to 18.

Ernie Englund, an American who became a top bandleader in Sweden (there called "the Swedish Harry James"), to appear with his orchestra in a forthcoming Michael Jary pic.

Jary pic.

Grete Mosheim has femme lead in Eugene O'Neill's "A Long Day's Journey Into Night," which will mark its German preem at the Schiller Theatre during the Berlin

Cultural Festival.

Jon Otnes, Norwegian tenor, has
the male lead in the C. W. Tetting
production which soon sees release through Deutsche London. Otnes is under Polydor (records)
contract in this country.
French actress Anouk Aimee

came to Berlin to take over a leading role in the Meteor film, "Stresemann," which sees Ernst Schroeder in the title role and Alfred Braun directing. Prisma will release this one release this one.

# Philadelphia

By Jerry Gaghan Slam Stewart back at Jam Session.

William R. Smith named assistant conductor for Philadelphia Orchestra. "Le Most," French jazz pianist,

will give one-man concert at Academy of Music (Nov. 9).

Lou Verzola, new local branch manager for Decca, succeeds Dick

## Hollywood

Eddie Fisher planed to St. Louis. Darryl F. Zanuck pulled in from N. Y.

Paul Henreid aired in from Rome.

Spyros P. Skouras arrived for studio confabs.

Oliver Hardy reported on mend following cerebral stroke.

Buddy Adler checked in at 20th-Fox after a five-day trip to London, Economy wave caused Keith Weeks to check out of Metro after

Weeks to check out of Metro after 21 years on the lot.
Howard Keel will emsee the Motion Picture Costumers' Fig Leaf Ball Saturday night.
Jane Powell will be queen of the 1956 Colosseum of Motion Picture Salesmen Ball next month.
Art Arthur checking out of Cecil B. DeMille organization after official openings of "The Ten Commandments."

#### Boston

By Guy Livingston William Bendix in for tv press

Terri Stevens in for week at Revere Frolic.

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Johnny Howard eurrent at Al Taxier's Bradford Roof.
Cindy Parker back at Ming Room in the Rickshaw where Ben Anthony Trio was added.
Cy Durgin, legit and music critic of Boston Globe, called back from European tour with Boston Symphony Orch, because of sudden death of his mother.
Nikos C. Psacharopoulos, exec director of Williamstown Theatre Foundation, joined Yale faculty as Instructor of Play Directing and Director of Yale Dramatic Assn.
Leonard Sang in from N. Y. to manage Shubert houses until permanent replacement for Mike Kavanagh is named; latter resigned and goes with Mike Todd Oct. 1.
Ben Sack, Beacon Hill Theatre owner, negotiating with Shuberts for lease of Plymouth legiter as film house: Sack recently opened

owner, negotiating with Shuberts for lease of Plymouth legiter as film house; Sack recently opened remodeled Majestic as a Saxon cinema on lease from Shuberts.

## Cleveland

By Glenn C. Pullen
Nelson Eddy and Gale Sherwood pulling near-capacity crowds
to Statler Terrace Room in second

Art Tatum again doing boom biz for Cotton Club, with Dinah Washington doing ditto for Loop Lounge.

Otto Preminger auditioned over 60 candidates here for his "Saint Joan" pic, but localites were bypassed by a Pittsburgh gal. Joe Howard band, signed by former Cleveland Vick Knight for

Key Records, bringing out his first disk LP, "Inland Fresh-Water Jazz," next month.

Matt Dennis trio kicking off new entertainment policy for Hickory Grill, operated by Weinberger Bros., who also run Kornman's Back Room.

Trust fund set up by staff mem-

hers and friends of Cleveland Play House honoring the late Max Eisenstat, assistant director who died after heart attack recently. Started by contributions from theatre's alumni and brass, fund will be used to finance schooling of Eisenstat's two young sons. Mrs. Eisenstat, the widow, also given lifetime job on theatre staff.

# Minneapolis

By Les Rees Season's second rodeo scheduled

for new baseball stadium.
Edyth Bush Little Theatre presenting "10 Little Indians."
Theatre-in-Round to open second season Oct. 12 with "Affairs of State."

Comedian Lou Mason inked for a Temple Israel Men's club dinner appearance next week. St. Paul annual summer pop con-

Rodgers & Hammerstein night.
Annual "Jazz at Philharmonic"
concert at Auditorium Sept. 28 has
new high admission top of \$4.75.
Singer-humorist Wally Griffin

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Singer-humorist Wally Griffin winding up four-week Hotel Radisson Flame Room date; will be followed by Hildegarde.
Continuing with western music policy, Flame nitery had Mrs. Hank Williams, Autry Inman and Leon Payne of "Grand Ole Opry."
Fugiware Opera Co. of Tokyo to be season's initial attraction at St. Paul Auditorium Oct. 9-10, presenting "Madame Butterfly" and "The Mikado."
In addition to hitting a new all-time total attendance high, 1,036, 736, compared to 1955's 1,007,101, 10-day Minnesota State Fair also set a new record for a single day's

set a new record for a single day's crowd or 166,912.