

Spot Checking

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By Bill Whitman

Ship Ahoy at Lobster House

And that's exactly the sensation that sweeps over you as you enter the very authentic Lobster House in Redondo's King Harbor - nautical! The deeper you go into the beautiful lay-out of rooms, the more nautical you feel.

They've got "companion-ways" "ladders," "bulk-heads," just everything for the frustrated sea-faring man or woman, including exquisite cuisine, both seafood-wise as well as steak and prime rib dinners served daily from noon on.

Under the able direction of general manager Charlie Bray, Castagnola's Lobster House is truly a delight to both the eye and the palate. Now at first appearance it might seem to be a little hassle getting to 655 No. Harbor Drive, what with all the extensive construction the city of Redondo has going

down there but perish the thought. Simply go to Beryl Ave. and drive towards the ocean 'til you come to Harbor Drive . . . and there the sprawling Lobster House looms, big as life and twice as attractive. They come from all over to partake of this extraordinary culinary artistry.

As for example, one night last week it was the scene of a gala get-together of many of the film people, like Nick and Carol Adams along with Margaret O'Brien, Frank and Gigi Gallo (she's Gigi Perreau) and a host of others.

Incidentally, Miss Perreau opens this week with Andy Devine and Will Hutchins for a two-week stand at the Valley Music Theatre in that 5-year hit comedy, "Never Too Late," so this might be a good opportunity for you to catch some really fine entertainment. (No, of course we don't get Annie-Oakleys. Just throw it in for what it was worth!)

So anyway, make the scene soon at Castagnola's Lobster House for a truly great evening of food, fun and frolic. Enjoy pianogal Peggy Webb down there nightly, Tuesday through Sunday when she turns the Sandpiper theme loose as well as tunes like "Yours," etc, etc, etc, and whereas, Here's a gal that should learn "All My Tomorrows." Bet she'd be sensational with that one.

Talk about swingin' cocktail hours — that's a doozie they have down at the Tea House nightly on Crenshaw near Pacific Coast Highway.

You never meet a stranger during this time. Just walk on in and you'll be treated like an old timer. There's Ed, there's Bob, there's Dee, Al, Joan, all a good bunch of swingers and all overseen by the two master-mixologists, Ron and Ronnie. Oh, and of course "C.C." (that's for Cute Connie, the perennial mother. She's already got three girls and a boy and she's no more than a little girl herself. Why Al even has a pool started as to when she'll again have to take some time off!)

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A GOODLY CROWD WAS THERE . . . T'was a happy, smiling group at a recent party in Castagnola's Lobster House in Redondo Beach. Left to right they are, Margaret O'Brien, Gigi Perreau, E. Frank Gallo, Mrs. Chas. Bray, Bob Allen, Nick and Carol Adams, and General Manager of the Lobster House, Charles E. Bray.

It's really a fun room, though and if you haven't made it, please do soon. You'll have a good time and you won't be alone.

It's a genuine pleasure to watch a real mechanic at work. That's nite mixomatic Bill down at Sam Filippone's spot on Calle Mayor. The "joint was jumpin'" last Friday evening but Sir William kept up with the pace without missing a stroke, and still carried on a conversation with all and sundry sitting at the bar in the intimate lounge.

And that Helen's something else again, too. Two guys came out from the big party in the back room to order a small libation and Helen just looked at them and said, "I think I have your order here with the others. You're a screwdriver, aren't you? And you — you're a scotch and water?" And y'know what? She was right. The two went away shaking their heads.

But this is when you have people who know their business. Hope Sam realizes what jewels he has in these two — not to mention the rest of the crew at Filippone's. That's why you have Service (with a capital S) at this spot.

Some guy in New York says, "Eat fish and live longer." He claims heart failure is linked to fats. (so what happens if you get a nice fat fish!?!?)

Anyway, Tom Washburn's doing his part to keep us "over 30" cats from being knocked off with the heart bit. In addition to his regular daily and nite menu at the Fisherman's Haven on Fisherman's Wharf in Redondo Beach, Tom presents some fantastic appetizers right at

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Following a rather swinging evening at the House of Prime on Western in San Pedro inhaling some of "Rip" Van Winkle's fan-tabulous prime rib one nite last week, wound up with Jim and Jeri Hopper, host and hostess of a smart little spot in the Valley — the Golden Harp.

Seem the Hoppers were "getting away from it all" for a few hours down the beach way but suddenly wondered who was watching the store so we hied Valleyward to hear Al Monte's Trio. Al goes with the drums while Boyd

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Hollywood Reporter

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Sir: George Hamilton's plan for a USO tour of Vietnam is an insult to the fighting men of the U. S. in all wars from World War I to the present. Why should he be classified 3-A in the draft when he has two brothers to support his mother, who lives in elegant Bel-Air? Poor Lynda Bird-Let's draft Hamilton, and then Mama can move from Bel-Air, or let the brothers pay the rent on the big mansion.—M.C. Cahill, Pasadena.

Dear M.C.: The latest dope I have on George, who will be 27 this Aug. 12, is that he plans to enlist.

Dear Drip: The more movie columns I read, the more I'm convinced we so-called hicks know more about what's going on out there than you smart-aleck "experts." Why do you print a story that Mary Ann Mobley will play the title role in TV's new "Girl from U.N.C.L.E." series when anyone who give even a cursory glance at the news columns knows Stefanie Powers is all signed and set for it? — Elsinore Cherniak, Urbana, Ill.

Dear Elsinore: I must be a hick myself, I'm such a rabid fan. Aside from that, I'm right this time. Stefanie starred in the pilot film but the producers decided to star Mary Ann in the series.

Dear Mike: Rock Hudson has done the fastest (and quietest) skid of any top star in recent years, and at a time when Hollywood needs all the big stars it can get. Why is this so? — Jane Price, Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

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Dear Mrs. Greene: Don't take the "Run for Your Life" series so seriously. That's the plot for one of the segments.

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Dear Linda: Liz Taylor makes \$1,000,000 per picture. It depends on the star, and on the deal he makes with the studio. Bill Holden's percentage on "The Bridge on the River Kwai" has already passed the \$3,000,000 mark. Remember Randolph Scott? He's one of the richest stars in Hollywood but never makes movies any more. He's loaded with real estate and various other wise investments. Newcomers, on the other hand, make as little as \$5,000 per picture.

(Mike Connolly will try to answer your questions in his column. He gives no personal replies by mail.)

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