

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Si, Taco Si, Sy, See?

And that's the name of the latest Taco spot in Torrance... it's TACO SI at 2235 Sepulveda. Bob Clark kicked off his grand opening last week-end with all manner of "leaders" as an introductory offer to the many patrons that flocked to this fine new drive-in Mexican style eatery. And he's continuing the Grand opening festivities this week-end.

Bob gave away salt and pepper shakers and Mexican hat ashtrays in addition to lots of fine specials in the food department. We even stopped in Thursday afternoon and partook of a burrito and one of the tastiest and thickest malts we've yet had.

There's ample parking at Taco SI for either eat-in type lunching or the take-out variety so avail yourself of some good, rapid-style service and quality Mexican food. You'll enjoy both. The prices, too, will meet with your approval.

Received quite a shock one night last week when we noticed a line on the Special Events board behind the bar in the cocktail lounge of the Tea House.

The notice read "Tommy and Beverly Eng, at last." began to wonder if perhaps Rose and Louis Song had pooled their resources with Benny Eng, who owns the Wan Q restaurant downtown.

However, upon pressing the question further, discovered the "eng" meant "engaged" so all mysteries were promptly cleared up. (all except that box-score on Rose—42/36/34—still can't figure that one out!)

By the way, here's a little more on that upcoming baseball bus ride deal from the Tea House on April 22... the seats are good ones! First four rows between third base and left field. Right where all the action is. (Unless, of course, you have a seat in the infield, but don't think that's permissible.)

These are all \$3.50 seats and the overall price of \$5.75 includes "all sorts" of re-

freshments plus sandwiches and salads for that Dodge-Cards game. Ronnie's filling up rapidly so better hurry and get your loot down on the line so you won't be standing in the parking lot with egg foo young on your face.

Took in the Galley West Restaurant one night last week by way of a bon voyage spree with Hawaiian-bound daughter Mary Whitman where we enjoyed the closing out tootlings of the Multi-Sounds, who close their long engagement at this popular Palos Verdes dine-dance spot. We'll miss the multi sounds of The Multi-Sounds.

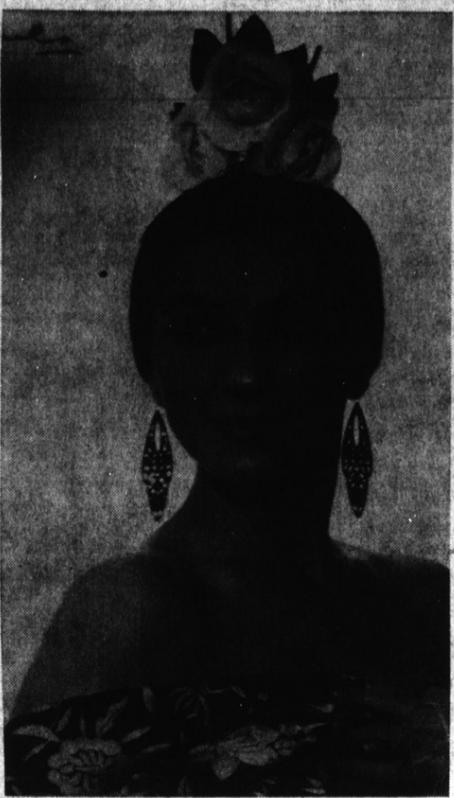
Replacing this stalwart trio will be a brand new group—The Rod Keith Quartet, fea-

turing the vocal stylings of "Susie." Now don't ask us to expound on the name "Susie" 'cause we haven't met the gal but it's an even bet she's something else! See you there soon and we'll ALL listen!

Meanwhile, let's not forget the fabulous banquet facilities they've got awaiting you down here at the Galley West—like wedding receptions, private parties, banquets, etc. They can handle up to 250 people!

Had a short but thoroughly enjoyable visit with one of the greats of the musical world last Thursday evening when we dropped into the Latitude 20 Restaurant.

Current attraction at the Latitude 20, Martin Denny



TALENTADOR... With apologies to Walter Winchell for borrowing some style, word-wise, but that about covers it for Esther Moreno, who is seen nightly at The Matador in her authentic Flamenco presentations.

was hosting a rather sizeable party with the guest of honor being Mr. Ferde Grofe and his lovely wife, Ann.

Mr. Grofe (pronounced groh-FAY) as you'll probably recall attained much fame for his orchestration of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" for band leader Paul Whiteman back in 1924. And who can ever forget Mr. Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite" of 1931 which is still played today throughout the world.

A product of New York City in 1892, Ferde Grofe is best known for his numbers describing the American scene. Such things as "Mississippi Suite," "Symphony in Steel" and "Wheels" to mention just a few.

Although presently confined to a wheel-chair and having lost the use of his right arm (then trained himself to write southpaw!), Mr. Grofe

is still an active, bubbling aficionado of fine music and the good life as only his round, happy face and alert, sparkling eyes would denote. A truly remarkable man!

One of the swingiest rooms on Pacific Coast Highway is again coming back into its own with the Ramada Inn Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge. Used to be Caesars... remember?

So now, under the new ownership, and new management of a "hip" guy like Ross Hammond you've got to believe there's going to be some action in this popular Torrance spot.



LATITUDE ATTITUDE... It was a good group that attended the party last week in honor of Ferde Grofe at the Latitude 20. Left to right, Martin Denny, Mrs. Ferde Grofe (hiding behind Martin), Mrs. Gladys Sheeran, Ralph Louis, Mrs. Earle Ebi, Mr. Ebi, Mrs. Nancy Louis, Daniel Sheeran, Mrs. Martin Denny and Ferde Grofe.

Ross is no newcomer to the club - restaurant - hotel beat, having put in some 20 odd years... it's odd-years. Ross has an enviable reputation in the field, having served in and around the Hollywood area in management for the past fifteen or sixteen years, and with six years background in the European area... also in the hotel and restaurant field.

Through the efforts of Ross Hammond, the NEW spot on Pacific Coast Highway has reopened the coffee shop from six in the ayem 'till 11 at nite plus introduced the afternoon cocktail dancing bit from 4 'till 8, featuring Chet DeMilo, who is well known in the South Bay area.

Also, the fashion show thing is to be continued on Wednesdays with, as before, Darlene's Fashions, and again on Mondays with Betty Poe for Mr. Elliot's Fashions.

Make this scene soon, again. It's dancing and listening nightly to "Johnny, Mike and Bill" in the cocktail lounge. See y'all there!

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