

# Checking

Food \* Fun \* Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

## International Hotel Swings

And why not with groups like the Charles Amato Trio in the Penthouse Lounge and the Lenny Stack Trio in the Trophy Lounge. Both swingers!

Over the years, Charlie Amato has built quite a reputation for himself as a pianist-accordionist in addition to his composer-arranger abilities. Backed by his current talented group, Charlie brings a wide range of musical style to the Hotel's fabulous sky-room for an indefinite stay.

Then over in the famous Trophy Lounge of the International the equally talented trio of Lenny Stack adds insurance to it's group with the beauty and fine vocaling of Carolyn Perry for your entertainment and dancing nightly.

And while thinking along the line of the International, you might keep in mind the excellent banquet facilities available here for either large or small groups—anywhere

from 10 to 2000 persons — and extremely easy on the pocket-book. Simply call Catering Director Bill Goldring at 670-9000. (Now how about that for a name of a gent that takes care of "affairs of the heart" like weddings, and such!)

It was Canadian VIP day last Wednesday when owners Jerry Sutton and Len Udell hosted cabinet members of British Columbia, Canada, aboard their exciting new floating restaurant, The S.S. Princess Louise, berthed at Terminal Island, Port of Los Angeles.

Included among the visiting neighbors from the north were the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, cabinet minister for recrea-

tion and conservation, Hon. L. R. Peterson, cabinet minister for education and labor, Hon. R. W. Bonner, Attorney General of British Columbia and Mrs. Margaret Campbell, councillor for the District of Northern Vancouver.

The distinguished quartet could not be considered as "newcomers" to the Princess, having made many trips on the former luxury liner during her sailing days in Canadian waters, prior to her conversion to the lavish dinner house she is today. Purpose of the ministers visit to Los Angeles is to develop tourism to their native province British Columbia.

Although strictly a Take-Out spot, the Canton Kitchen on Torrance Blvd. just off Crenshaw was the scene last Wednesday noon of a table-grazing feast prepared and served by owners Stanley and Susie Fong.

In attendance at the mouth-watering luncheon were Torrance Mayor Albert Isen, Councilman Ken Miller, Jean Noe, Ben Roberts, Bee Churchill, Barry Sommers and Ruth Schildmeyer, all of the Ken Miller Realtors, 1505 Crenshaw Blvd.

The luncheon was in the way of a kick-off observation for the newly opened and delightful little "Food-To-Go Restaurant" which opened it's doors two weeks ago and has since been enjoying a thriving business.

The complete luncheons and dinners leave nothing to be desired for quality of taste, presentation or service, as well as price.

The Canton Kitchen is easy to locate. It's in the first group of stores as you turn off Crenshaw, heading toward the Civic Center. It's on the left-hand side of Torrance Blvd. and is painted a brilliant red with bold gold-leaf lettering on the window, the artwork, incidentally, of the owners' son.

The Fongs are open daily from 12 noon 'til 8 p.m., Wednesday thru Monday, closed on Tuesday. Just give 'em a call at 320-2374 and place your order.

Talked with Sam Failla at the San Franciscan Restaurant one late week and he informs us he has acquired a brand new broiler, so now all ye who are "charbroil conscious" may now enjoy this style of cooking when next you order one of Sam's fine steaks.

By the way, it's still Johnny Hoover and the Henchmen over there at the San Franciscan and we had the pleasure of listening to their weekend addition last Friday nite — Harriett "Sex-on-the-Sax" Blackburn — and quite an addition it is, too! Voo-voo-voo-ooooom! (So how's THAT grab you Sam!)

It was ground-breaking time for Bart Earle's newest Red Onion Restaurant last Monday (day before yesterday) at Hawthorne and Lomita in Torrance, attended by many of the city's dignitaries

including Mayor Isen and Councilman Ken Miller. Then, for added zing to the occasion, Susie "Miss Torrance" Foster was on hand to aid in the "shoving of the shovel."

According to Mr. Earle and barring any mishaps, the new, Sonora style Mexican food spot should be ready to open its doors along about the first of October, but as the old adage says . . . "the best laid plans of mice and men, etc. etc. . . ." But you can be assured, it'll be in the general neighborhood of Oct. 1st, when you'll be able to avail yourself of some of that fine Mexican cookery for which Bart Earle is so well known in the South Bay area.

Meanwhile, it's just a short shot up to the closest Red Onion Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge on Silver Spur Rd. in Peninsula Center for some of the finest in South-of-the-Border cuisine.

Rich Munz and Ruchelle Ziegler are holding their Grand Opening tonite at 3144 Pacific Coast Highway for their Venetian Room.

There's to be cocktails, free buffet, dancing and entertainment to the sounds of the Sylvester Scott Duo who'll be there from here on in. These two are fresh from The Scam on Sunset Strip, in case you were wondering where you had heard of them.

From all appearances, should be a fairly swingin' opening so make it if you can. Remember, it's just across from the Torrance Airport.

Now you all know the red-whiskered vives man who's been around a whole bunch of years! Well, he's Red Norvo and he opens this week at the Ramada Inn Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge.

Ross Hammond's booked Red in for "an indifinite period of time" but if you're a true vives fan, you'll get over there like right now for a short listen and a long beer — or vice-versa.

Or better still, why not start your day off right with breakfast in the friendly coffee shop that is now open at six in the morning. Hang around 'til lunch time and partake of one of Ramada's excellent luncheon offers. Then, if you time yourself right, Chet DeMilo will come on at 4 for your afternoon dancing and distending pleasure and he'll hang tough 'til 8. By this time you should have some dinner so don't go 'way!

After dinner, just keep your seat warm for the Red Norvo presentations and you've got yourself a pretty full day. 'Course, can't be sure what the boss will say to all this but we've given you an idea. From there on, you're on your own! Happy Hunting!

With the "take-out" business going so well these days, Clara Dalhke has some deals at The Red Balloon to end all take-outs. (Unless it's a blonde!)

You take chicken, for example, for 89 cents you get three pieces; for a dollar twenty-nine it's five pieces; two twenty-nine brings you two pieces, and from there it's up to you. Like 21 pieces for four sixty-nine. Oh, and for you white meat hounds, just add ten per cent and you've got it made.

Then there's the Red Balloon specialties like Cole Slaw Dressing for 59 cents a pint, Blue Cheese Dressing for 89 cents a pint and Spaghetti Sauce for 79 cents a pint. Yes, The Red Balloon is "the place you get more for

your dining dollar." All this doesn't mean, of course, that you can't still dine in the plush surroundings of the Red Balloon, however. They still present some of the most delectable taste tempting delights to ever cross your palate. And on the complete meal, too, so make it by one day or evening soon.

Now look, we know it's well past Mardi Gras time but that's what makes it interesting. Y'see, The Red Balloons around town are holding their Post Mardi Gras Days from the 19th. (that's like today) thru the 23rd, Sunday. It'll be fun time with the waitresses all costumed out gaily and when the patrons have a chance to vote for the most colorful, etc., with prizes for the best. Join the fun!

Back to the food department for a second . . . they've got some really great steak specials at the Red Balloons, too. Like the Porter House on the complete dinner that includes tossed salad, choice of potatoes, roll and butter, coffee or tea and all for one ninety-nine.

Then the breakfast Steak and Eggs with hash-browns and coffee for one-O-nine is another swinger. Take advantage of these specials!

There's a thing that's taken hold firmly down at Fisherman's Haven that you should try if you haven't already made it.

It's on the Sunday morning brunch deal and is a Seafood Omelette, and since Tom Washburn introduced it some time back, it's become one of the most popular entrees on the menu.

This goodie, along with all the other goodies available at Fisherman's Haven, its ready willing and able from 10 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. every Sunday.

Another thing that's hit new popularity heights is the new Scopitone machine Tom's installed down there on The Pier. You know, that's the recordplayer with the picture in color above, when and if, that is, you tire of looking at the quieting view of the Pacific from the huge picture windows lining the dining room and cocktail lounge. Visit The Fisherman's Haven!



GLEESOME THREESOME . . . At a luncheon recently, hosted by Stanley Fong at his Canton Kitchen in Torrance, it's left to right Councilman Ken Miller, Mr. Fong, and Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance.



NORTHERN NEIGHBORS . . . At a recent luncheon of dignitaries from British Columbia and hosted by S.S. Princess Louise owners, were left to right, Len Udell, vice president of the Princess Louise Corp.; Hon. Robert Bonner, attorney general of British Columbia; Hon. Leslie Peterson, Minister of Education and Labor; Jerry Sutton, president of Princess Corp.; Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Councillor of District of Northern Vancouver, and Hon. Kenneth Kiernan, cabinet minister for education and labor.

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