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Some 400 years ago in Merry Old England lived a lively gentleman named Henry VIII who enjoyed himself in two ways! First, he got a kick out of acting like Charles Laughton, and second, he used to travel down to some local inn (undoubtedly called The Plush Pony) when he de-voured legs of lamb the size of Mickey Mantle's pet bat!

Today, that very same warm, informal atmosphere of Merry Old England is captured in Harold Gelber's, excellent restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway... appropriately called The Plush Horse! Here in the decor of the large Tudor fireplace and stained glass windows one can eat and drink in quiet, gracious luxury. And the food is excellent! You can order anything from curried shrimp to tasty veal scallopine to leg of lamb (if you insist). The service, too, is something to be recom-mended... everyone from the Maître D' Bernard to nimble Rufus Harris, a waiter, sees that your every want is satisfied (within reason, of course!) Prices too are modest.

Halfway around the world from Merry Old England is the paradise of the South Sea Islands... yet just a few miles from the fabulous Plush Horse on Pacific Coast Highway in

Walleria (to be exact) is all the romance that one associates with such places as Samoa, Hawaii, Tahiti and Pago-Pago! I refer to the Polynesian restaurant... although I can see where some of you may have envisioned Dorothy Lamour and Jon Hall! An honest mistake!

At the Polynesian one can sip 53 different (tropical drinks)... an endeavor not to be attempted in just one visit! To the soft strains of Hawaiian melodies one can dine in the exotic atmosphere of bamboo and woven grass, experiencing delightful Cantonese food and imbibing the aforementioned drinks, which are served in anything from hollowed coconut shells to mugs the size of modest swimming pools! It is advised that one use the straws supplied rather than lift or dive into these large communal specialties of the house.

(By the way, when last seen, Miss Charlotte Bryan was still devouring her dessert, which consisted in part of, papaya, lichee nuts, orange, pineapple, cherries, coconut and shaved ice!)

A novel feature that fits in so well with the homemade waterfall on the back lawn is the homemade weather. Pepe the bartender can deftly wave his hand and produce a thunder shower (on the back lawn, fortunately!)

The Polynesian is certainly worth a visit to anyone who delights in the different!

Over at Del's Camino Room on Crenshaw there is a current raid on the table setting napkins. This fact isn't really strange when one considers that the menus are printed on them and many lunch-burgers like to call in their orders. I always said, "A napkin in time saves nine!"

P.S. The candy-laden Clean Plate Tree at Archie's (174th & Crenshaw) is still flourishing! It's surprising how many adults go for a lollipop for dessert! Leave some for me!



NEW OFFICES were opened by Vera C. Cuda, realtor, of the Empire-West Realty Co., on 2501 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., between Van Ness and Crenshaw blvds., shown above with John A. Nolan, a salesman for the rapidly growing real estate firm which supplies multiple listing service.

TV Explores Africa's Mysterious Regions

From remote, mysterious Timbuktu, on the edge of the burning Sahara in French West Africa; to the desert patrol outposts of the wild Bedouin camel troopers and on to the ancient withcraft of the Belgian Congo; Lowell Thomas travels into the "Big Game" country of Kenya with a final destination of Madagascar and its weird ritual of the "Dance of the Dead."

This is the course, steeped in the superstition and voodoo lore of the dark continent, which viewers will follow when they watch "High Adventure With Lowell Thomas" on CBS Television, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 22.

Beginning at Timbuktu, which for decades has served as a symbol of a geographical point "in the middle of No-where," Thomas and his television production crew travel to a forgotten area, living in the dark brooding shadows of a legendary past—a desert wasteland where slavers still ply their outlawed trade across old camel-caravan routes.

In the age of the atom and missile, the program will show how thousands of people still live in the dark and unknown and how they still practice the age-old witchcraft and voodoo that has existed for centuries.

On the Island of Madagascar, Thomas has filmed for the first time one of the weirdest voodoo ceremonies practiced anywhere in the world. Viewers will see the Hova people as they practice their annual ceremony of the

opening the tombs of their relatives, taking out the corpses and dancing with them in the streets.

Along the way to Madagascar's black magic, Thomas and producer Gil Ralston, with their television crew, journey to the desert forest of the Groumiers, the Bedouin camel troopers who patrol the huge Sahara for the regular French Army.

Action and thrills come fast when a Goumier patrol swoops down on a band of marauding Taureg raiders who are attacking a salt caravan traveling from the mines of Taoudeni to Timbuktu, on the northern bend of the Niger River.

The Tauregs are the desert bandits and looters who for ages had levied tribute from the area's merchant caravans until they finally reduced Timbuktu to a faint glimmer of her former glory as an important trade center of the Sahara.

Viewers will follow Thomas and his production crew to the bustling camel market at Soukh and then into the Belgian Congo near Stanleyville, on the banks of the Ubangi River.

In British East Africa, at Kenya, the program will highlight Africa's teeming animal world—from king elephant and rhino down to its minuscule and amazing insect world.

The series is designed to explore the dark and unknown corners of the globe and to compare these strange civilizations with our own Twentieth Century concept of society.

Stan Kenton Goes on TV

The Stan Kenton show, an entertainers from educational institutions and interviewing Southern California college and athletic stars.

Backbone of the new program, however, will be the Kenton music and the Kenton personality. Top name guest stars will appear on the show regularly and the vocals of the Modern Men quartet will be featured.

Jan Tober, a new Kenton discovery also will be featured vocalist as will be Kent Larson, Jerry McKenzie, 22-year-old drummer, will be spotlighted as

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Spanish War Flyer Versus Missile to Be Shown on TV

"War in Spain" story of the rise of Generalissimo Franco and the use of Spain as a testing ground for World War II by fascist and communist totalitarian powers, will be shown in "The Twentieth Century" series, on the CBS Television Network, Sunday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.

The program was written by Emmet John Hughes, President Eisenhower's speech writer during the 1952 and 1956 campaign, and former Press Attache in the U. S. Embassy in Madrid during World War II. Narrator is CBS News correspondent Walter Cronkite.

"War in Spain" covers the period from July 1936, when the Spanish Civil War began, through August 1939 when, ironically, Hitler and Stalin, who had clashed in Spain, join hands in the now infamous Axis non-aggression pact.

During the five years following the exile of Spain's King Alfonso in 1931, the tempest of the times had driven the country politically from left to right, and back again, and had seen no less than 28 government regimes in five years.

Out of the unrest, disorder and violence came revolution, civil war and General Franco. And, from 1936 through 1939, the world watched as Spain bled and was used by German Nazis, Italian Fascists and Soviet Communists in their dress rehearsal for global war.

HAGERTY ON TV
Presidential News Secretary James C. Hagerty will be the guest on CBS Television's "Face The Nation," Sunday, January 26 at 1 p.m. He will be interviewed in Washington by a panel of newsmen, to be announced later.

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