

# Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic  
By Bill Whitman

## Expo67atPrincessLouise

Now when you smooth that all out it pertains to the big exposition that is scheduled for Montreal, Canada from April 28 to October 27 of 1967, and by way of promoting this big Expo '67 of our neighbors to the North, Jerry Sutton's Princess Louise hosted a colorful group of Pipers and guardsmen last Thursday night aboard this exquisite floating dinner house.



With all the pomp and ceremony of Buckingham Palace during the "Changing of the Guard," these gaily bearded Scottsmen held their own guard changing ritual, replete with kilts and pipes.

A most colorful affair it was, too. The Pipers first regaled the always capacity crowd of the S.S. Princess with several renditions on their bagpipes while the drum corps kept the steady beat for the rhythm section.

This was followed by the actual changing of the guard which they perform as an everyday event in their native Canada. A most exhilarating evening.

Equally exhilarating though was the superb cuisine. Such goodies as Alaska King Crab Legs and the Rocky Mountain Trout, and all most pleasingly priced and served. Combine this kind of fare with the excellent "giant malts" as only George, Bob, Danny, and of course, Bill McLaughlin, can concoct, and you've got something. These stalwarts are only a part of the crew that mans the large family-size "soda fountain" on the S.S. Princess Louise.

A finer evening you'll never spend than on "the boat" (as it is becoming known in the area) with its helpful and courteous service. Waiters, waitresses, bus boys, bartenders, alike, they all

**GANG-WAY!** . . . Pipers and Guardsmen are "piped" aboard the S.S. Princess Louise last Thursday evening prior to the changing of the guard ritual in connection with the promotion of Canada's Expo '67 to be held in Montreal April through October of this year.

seem to strive to outdo one another to see that you have a pleasant time while aboard. It should be a must on your dine-out list whether for lunch or dinner.

And while we're on the subject of bartenders and such, we might mention the close call Ken Decker had last week during the competition held at the Scandia Restaurant in Hollywood. The poor guy came in 2nd!

Ken, nite bartender supreme at the Hunting Horn in Peninsula Center, entered his Danish Frost in the Aalborg Aquavit Co. sponsored competition and was just beary nosed out for first place—an all-paid trip to Copenhagen next Fall!

However, his Aquavit did earn him a handsome trophy (to place along with his other past-earned trophies) and a 6 place, dinnerware set. Still a feather in Ken's hat when you stop to consider there were some 70 members of the California Bartenders Guild in competition.

Ken's offering consists of 1 oz. Aquavit, 1/2 oz. peppermint Schnapps, 1/2 oz. coffee liqueur, he shakes it and strains it and serves it in a cocktail glass. Although the "in" thing these days seems to be "on the rocks" so from here on out, that's the way it'll be.

Still on bartenders; walked into The Red Onion on Silver Spur Road in Peninsula Center one day last week and nite barman Jose floated down from cloud nine long enough to inform us that he had at last been accepted into the coveted group of bartenders of "The Guild," which, as you probably know, is the "inner sanctum sanctorum" of the mixologists.

Actually, The Guild can't improve on the bar service at Bart Earle's Red Onion 'cause the service there is already of the utmost. (but if you tell Jose that, we'll deny we said it!) That goes for the girls on the floor, too. They keep that fine Sonora style cookery coming to your table as fast as you can order it.

Anyhoo, congratulations once again to Jose "Socio" on his acceptance into the inner circle!

Had a' swingin' breakfast like from five till eleven in the evening you can go for with genial manager Clara Dalhke at The Red Balloon



**GRACE-FUL**—That's the story behind the decor of the Rogers Restaurant on Silver Spur Road in Peninsula Center. Strictly Mediterranean, although price-wise it's strictly American, as is the menu. Co-owners Don Rogers and Tom Burger ponder over the entrees of steak and seafood as pert and proper Grace awaits their pleasure.

on Hawthorne in Torrance and she's got a real deal going for you down there!

Y'see, beginning along about March sixth, Clara's going in for the "Take Out" bit for not only the Red Balloon's famous chicken but for all the other tid-bits available at 17544 Hawthorne Blvd.

Like for example, three pieces of chicken starting at 89 cents and then ranging on up to the \$4.69 job of 21 pieces.

But that's not the only thing that'll be included. There'll be all those other things like cole slaw dressing, tartar sauce, (in the event you can't make your own) Teriyaki sauce, spaghetti sauce, and a whole flock of other type sauces and dressings. These all, not to mention whipped potatoes, chicken gravy, French fries, onion rings and pies!

Then that new breakfast deal of steak and eggs for a dollar and nine from six to eleven ayem, shouldn't be passed.

And for later in the day like from five till eleven in the evening you can go for the T-Bone or Porter House job including a choice of po-



**TALENTED FUNNIES** . . . These two shown above are the Guzza Brothers, Freddy and Jeno, who are currently holding down the entertainment "gig" at Longinotti's San Francisco Restaurant on Wilshire Blvd. in Santa Monica. What this duo can do to a number you wouldn't believe unless you hear them.

Sax" in all its glory!  
Swing by some nite soon, and swing!

Before we forget, it must be brot to mind that Caesars Ramada Inn on Pacific Coast Highway is getting into the action with the fashion shows.

Beginning like a week from today, March 8th, Darlene's Fashions will be presenting their own fantastic styles at Caesars during lunch time (which runs like from noon on . . .) so keep it in mind in the event you've forgotten "mama's" anniversary or birthday gift and would like to kill two birds with one stone. (Hey, that means if you want to combine a business luncheon with a peace offering!)

Incidentally, the current entertainment at Caesars Ramada Inn is that wild jazz

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