

IN HOLLYWOOD

By ERSKINE JOHNSON

HOLLYWOOD, May 11—Dick meeting, one executive told his staff: "We gotta find a way to say it's colossal' in a modest way."

Bert Bacharach says his secretary read that Linda Darnell would star in "Letter to Four Wives." "Eek," the typewriter key-pounder screamed, "they're doing the life story of Artie Shaw."

Linda Christian just turned down a big role, because the picture starts in June and that's when she and Ty Power plan on leaving for their trip to Europe. They'll be chaperoned by Linda's sister.

RKO proxy Dora Schary is cooking a deal for Ann Sothern to have Bob Mitchum for her leading man. "The Cisco Kid," played in the past by Cesar Romero, Duncan Renaldo, Warner Baxter and Gilbert Roland, will have a new boy in the saddle when Philip Krasner revives the series for U.A.

Deanna Durbin will dance as well as sing the musical selection, "It's a Big, Wide, Wonderful World," in "Washington Girl."

Twentieth Century-Fox is talking to Burt Lancaster about starring in a remake of "Down to the Sea in Ships."

Film industry bigwigs keep pooping talk of a movie panic. Insiders will tell you, however, that unless new financial stringencies are eased, about half the independent producers will have to go out of business.

That daring black lace and satin gown worn by Rita Hayworth in those "Lady From Shanghai" ads was created by "Gilda" gown designer, Jean Louis, solely as a box-office come-on. The gown never appears in the picture.

If technical difficulties can be cracked, the Henry Morgan film, "So This Is New York," will mark the first wedding of movies and television. The plan is for tri-city premiere in the East, with Morgan and Arnold Stang taking personal appearances on the screens of the theaters via television from New York. Studios say they're going to dispense with superlatives in advertising their pictures. At a



Wayne King Music Pleases Audience in Murat Concert

By HENRY BUTLER

It's hard to review a concert like Wayne King's last night at the Murat without seeming to go highbrow.

For Mr. King, like Sammy Kaye and Guy Lombardo, represents a large segment of popular taste in music.

And popular taste in music, if I may judge from a few fairly violent anonymous letters I've received when I've panned the purveyors to that taste, is an almost religious state of mind.

With such a state of mind you can't quarrel. People like Wayne King and Sammy Kaye and Guy Lombardo. Other people also like hillbilly radio programs.

Mr. King and his musicians produce a harmless musical sedative. Probably the main trouble with it is that, like other sedatives, it may be habit-forming.

Has the Ability

Certainly there is better music even in the popular field. I've no doubt that Mr. King himself would admit that, since he seems amiable and frank. Some of his assistants, notably the solo violinist, who has a lot of ability, might deplore the complete surrender to commonplace ideas which characterizes the program.

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Sevitzky Selects 'Carmen' Chorus

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Both musicians and the public would be happier, and the steady improvement in quality of programs would be sensational.

Twins Suffocate in Crib As Mother Visits Friend

CHICAGO, May 11 (UP)—Thelma and Velma Gordon, 9-month-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon suffocated in their crib yesterday while their mother was visiting a neighbor.

Mrs. Gordon told police she left the infants in their crib for an hour while she went to her neighbor's home in a south side trailer court. They were dead when she returned, she said.

Driver Killed in Crash

BROOKVILLE, May 11 (UP)—A 22-year-old truck driver of Hagerstown was killed near here yesterday when his truck went out of control. James C. Fields, a driver for Waller Motors, Inc., Richmond, died of a broken neck and a fractured skull.

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