



## NITELIFE IN N. Y.

BY ALVIN MOSES

## PYRAMID BUILDERS??

NEW YORK (AP) — We stopped to pass the time of day with a renowned woman educator in the N. Y. Public school system in front of the Theresa hotel one day last week and on the fringe of the sidewalk stood popular Willie Bryant and Earl Brown (Lil's Magazine, etc) speaking not too softly. The trade winds carried part of their huddle our way; it had to do with "Pyramids," not the kind one finds in Egypt rather the kind that collapses with the slightest nudging in "Harlemtown." In due time New York ask, tsk, tsk!

For every new "Harlem friend" born of the result of some conscientious "Pyramids" (one new slang handle, eh) carrying a few hundred to the breathlessly awaiting "pyramids," neglect to remember this entrenched dukes and the bubble explodes or he is held up by denouncing underworld characters such is the chief topic of conversation these bleak nights in the "fun shops" we drift into along our Dawn Patrol highway.

This is without a doubt few spots on earth the equal of the Empire state Harlem, though I'm told that Chicago, Memphis, Detroit and to her major port-of-call rate high up on the list when it comes to huge consumption of "smacker bait." Pinneas Barnum, famous showman, would have enjoyed the ripe products of this exceedingly intelligent generation. Don't you think readers?

CAFE SOCIETY, located at 2 Sheridan square in downtown New York has an attractive show headed by singing star MILDRED BAILEY; on the bill is boogie-woogie pianist PHIL JOHNSON, always a showstopper. Another committ-

## LINCOLN PLAYERS IN 1ST PRODUCTION

The Lincoln Players of the Lincoln University presented their first production of the semester last Friday with two performances of the fast act of *The Insect Comedy*, the satire on man by Karl and Josef Čapek.

On Saturday, the cast travelled to Philadelphia to present the play in Irving Auditorium, the scene of the dramatic festival of the Cultural Olympics, sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania's School of Education. On the program with Lincoln were Kutztown State Teachers College, West Chester State Teachers College, and the University of Pennsylvania.

The play, directed by Bernard Barrow, was extremely well received by the student body of Lincoln and the Philadelphia audience. Written in the fantasy form, the last act mirrors man's kind's avaricious and aggressive nature as shown in the activity

of the art realm.

The authors, Czechoslovakian by nationality, wrote the play immediately after World War I. This is amazing in that the play prefaces the rise Hitler and the Nazi totalitarian state.

Vernon Delpont and Alfred Jackson, freshmen, both turned in stirring performances of the city, the Catholic Bishop of Charleston, and the Franciscan Order.

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## LADY DAY DENIED ENTERTAINER'S LICENSE FOR N. Y.

NEW YORK (AP) — Billie (Lady Day) Holiday has been running into some tough luck lately. Last week she was denied a cabaret employee identification card which is needed by those employed in night clubs.

Miss Holiday was scheduled to open at the Royal Roost, a rendezvous popular with bebop fans. She applied for reconsideration of an application for a card originally made and denied last August. The refusal to issue a card to the popular singer stems from the fact that cards are normally denied those with criminal records.

Miss Holiday served a year and a day in the federal reformatory for women at Alderson, W. Va., for possession of narcotics. Released last April, she was arrested again on Jan. 22 in San Francisco on a charge of possessing opium.

## TIME FOR CHANGE

JACKSON, Tenn. — Because his wife tried to make like a dice-jockey with Buddy Johnson's recording of "If You had Better Change Your Way," and he took rather drastic steps to prevent her from doing so, Andrew Pleasant of Jackson wound up breaking his heel in the local jail on a disorderly conduct charge.

According to Pleasant, his wife Hazel had tormented him by playing the record each time he came home. The lawman came when Pleasant was sitting with some friends in a local tavern and his wife-entered and played the record over and over again on the jukebox. He could stand no more, he said, and baited her dice-jockeying by hitting her over the head with an empty bottle.

Pleasant was given a 10-day sentence in the workhouse, which at least came as a respite from the record that went round and round.

## GROUND BROKEN FOR RECREATION CENTER FOR RACE

GREENVILLE, S. C. — Ground was broken here last week for a new \$50,000 recreation center for Negroes, which will be erected through the efforts of two Catholic priests.

The priests are Father Thomas McLaughlin and Father Gordon Krahe. Both are members of the famous Franciscan Order.

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Induction on the part of customers sends milliners and men's tailors to their grave prematurely.

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AMBASSADOR

# PREMIERE FOR NEW OPERA SLATED SOON

## To Make New York Debut This Week

NEW YORK (AP) — The second week of the New York City Opera company's 1949-spring season features the world premiere of William Grant Still's "Troubled Island," the debuts of four young singers — three Americans and one Cuban, Irma Gonzalez, young Mexican soprano, will sing her first Mimi since her return to the company.

"Troubled Island," by William Grant Still, with libretto by Langston Hughes, will be presented for the first time on Thursday evening, March 31. The four-act opera-high-light of the company's fifth anniversary has four state settings and requires large orchestra, chorus and ballet.

"Troubled Island" was inspired by the story of Jean Jacques Dessalines, the slave who became known in history as the founder of Haitian independence. Dessalines defeated and expelled the French from Haiti, thereby blocking Napoleon's invasion of our country through Louisiana.

Heading the distinguished cast is Robert Weede, the American baritone, creates the role of Azelias, his faithful slave wife and Isabella the soprano, that of Clave, the glamorous mistress whom he makes his empress. Oscar Natika sings the role of Martel, confidante and good friend of Dessalines. His tragically general, Vivian and Steinberg are performed by Richard Charles and Arthur Newman. Helene Blies and Richard Charles make their New York City Opera debuts in this performance.

The ballets in "Troubled Island" will be supplied by the New York City Ballet company under the artistic direction of George Balanchine.

The native dances are performed by Jean Leon Destine, distinguished Haitian dancer-sang-tsaturer, and his troupe of six dancers and two drummers. The choreography is by Destine, in collaboration with Balanchine and Eugene Brydon, the stage director for the production. Destine is known to New York audiences for his work as soloist in Katherine Dunham's revue "Black Negro," and his appearances at several large New York night clubs. He has toured the country with Dunham and has appeared as soloist with Pearl Primus. László Halász will conduct the performance. The production has been staged by Bruden, who returns to the company after an absence of two and a half years. The settings and costumes have been executed by H. A. Condell.

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