## Leonard Lyons

# Ari 'Imports' Chef For Anniversary

NEW YORK.—At Jackie and Aristotle Onassis' first anniversary dinner, in their apartment, Rose Kennedy sat next to Onassis. The guests included the Bill Paleys and Leonard Bernstein. The dinner was cooked in the apartment, but by the Cote Basque's chef.

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Muhammad Ali, the heavyweight champ, will do the color commentary at the U.S.A. U.SSR boxing team matches next Saturday at Caesars Palace... The Russian cosmonauts who wound up on the "Hello, Dolly!" stage with Pearl Bailey wanted first to see the musical about America's Revolution, "1776," but there were no tickets available ... UCLA's sixth annual Hugh O'Brian Acting Awards will be judged by Greer Garson, Charlton Heston and Bill Cosby.

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ETHEL KENNEDY AND JEAN SMITH were at 21 preparing the Thanksgiving Night show at Philharmonic Hall, starring Dionne Warwick. It's for the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp. Ethel is chairman of the board . . . Now that Alan Jay Lerner has seen his "Paint Your Wagon" spectacularly launched, he'll start on. "The Little Prince."

Rohert Mertill earns the Anthon at the City Hall

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Robert Merrill sang the Anthem at the City Hall ceremonies starting the Mets' ticker-tape parade. The opera star had a luncheon date uptown and asked Commissioner Bud Palmer for a lift uptown. Palmer pushed him into the lead car with Gil Hodges. When they reached Bryant Park, Merrill had to sing the Anthem again. He had to sing it twice more, then went to lunch.

Producer George England has the top-bid in so far for Leonard Gershe's new play, "Butterflies Are Free".

Mrs. Douglas MacArthur is just back from Texas, where she dedicated the fifth statue to her late husband.

Kendall March, who plays Helen Hayes' daughter in "The Front Page." succeeded Katharine Houghton in the role. She and Miss Houghton were classmates at Sarah Lawrence.

The Weizmann Institute dinner celebrating the 75th birthday of its retiring president, Meyer Weisgal, was sponsored by 63 Nobel Laureates. The dynamic Weisgal said: "To be 75 is not such an achievement. I've known many a damn fool who made it without trying". . . His successor, Dr. Albert Sabin, said when he visited the Weizmann campus, where bomb shelters were being built: "We work for the best while preparing for the worst."

CBS-TV has scheduled the first U. S. performance of the recently discovered Franz Schubert's "Grazer Fantasie" for Nov. 2. CBS Records will rush Lili Kraus' recording of the work . . . Critic Harold Clurman will preside, in French, at the Drama Desk's meeting honoring the Polish Lab's Jerzy Grotowski, who speaks French.

Rod LaRocque's widow, Vilma Banky, was created by Sam Goldwyn. He met her in Budapest and signed her for \$100 a week. He ultimately paid her \$5000 a week. When she co-starred with Ronald Colman in "Dark Angel," she became the No. 1 star. When she married La-Rocque, Goldwyn gawe them a \$25,000 wedding. Douglas Fairhanks was best man.

The wedding party included Cecil B. De Mille, who suing LaRocque. They waived the disputes for the

wallach to Mexico to recover their money. Peters is featured as a tight rope walker who teams up with the trio and helps them "de-feat" a crooked casino owner (McCarthy) at a game of roulette.

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Filmed on location in Spain.
Italy and Mexico, "Ace High"
carries an M rating.

#### **NEW BOOKS**

"VICTORY AMONG THE IN-SANE" by Russ Madison (Grove Press, \$6.95). One problem with this novel is the title. It should be called Catch 22 Visits New Hampshire. It is wild, irration al, weird, insane, tragic and funny as hell.

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As satire, "Victory Among the Insane" doesn't quite make it. But as gallows humor on the rotting American dream it does write well. The reader will have control to the control of the reader will have controlled.

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### Saul David Prepping

#### 'Dove Creek Rodeo'

Saul David has set "Dove Creek Rodeo" as the second production under his multiple deal at Universal, with filming to start in early spring.

Art director Ed Graves is currently making a location survey of Southwestern states for the comedy western scripted by Tom Blackburn from a novel by Alden Stevens





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