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LEND ME YOUR EARS:

Rosi To Direct Bette On Broadway?

MORE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTIONS to Broadway seem to be on the way. Our man with his ear to the stage door informs us that American actress Bette Davis has asked that Italian film director Francesco Rosi direct when she returns to Broadway next March in a new Italian play, "In Memoria di una Signora Amica" (In Memory of a Lady Friend). The play, written by Giuseppe Patroni Griffi, one of Italy's fastest-rising young playwrights, had its world premiere only last week at the Venice Theater Festival and got a big "si" from most of the drama critics. Rosi, whose film "Hands Over the City" won first prize at the Venice Film Festival this year, made his stage debut directing the play and apparently pleased Miss Davis. The "lady" of the title is a woman of society in Naples during the difficult period just after World War II who rents a room to a young girl. The girl brings in American "clients" and the lady takes a percentage. Lilla Brignone played the role in Venice and undoubtedly this is the part that Miss Davis will perform. Romans will be able to see the play at the Quirino Theater where it will be staged next month.



WESTWARD HO!—Among the many personalities on hand for the Rome premiere of the cinema production "How the West Was Won" were American Ambassador and Mrs. Frederick Reinhardt (left). Also enjoying the history of the American West were Mrs. Giovanni Leone, wife of the Italian premier (far right), and Italian actress Anna Magnani, gesturing behind the Reinhardts (AP photo)

Via Venetopics

American TV and film star Audrey Totter due to arrive in Rome today for a stay at the Hassler... a one-woman show of works by Cristina will open Tuesday at the Spectrum Gallery on Via Margutta... a large crowd on hand at Villa Taverna where American Ambassador and Mrs. Frederick Reinhardt hosted a reception for members of the American and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts and members of a mission from the United Jewish Appeal agency, both in town for short stays. Maj. Gen. Harrison A. Gurnett, commanding general of CENTAF, was one of the many prominent personalities on hand to greet the visitors... Nancy Harrison of New Zealand flew in to Rome this week to renew her acquaintance

with the Eternal City... Jay Riley, one of the original members of the New York cast of Jean Genet's "The Blacks," handling the narration for the musical revue "Jazz Afrique" which opened at the Goldoni Theater last night. Jay is one of many guest stars assisting George Cordero in the musical which will run for four days. Jay, by the way, is preparing a cast to tour Italy with "The Blacks"... Syrian Ambassador Djamal El Farrar sponsoring the exhibition by Syrian painter Roland Khouri which opened last night at the Stagni Gallery on Via Brunetti... Indian singer Amru Sani, one of the stars of "New Faces of 1956," is back in Rome after appearances in Hollywood and New York and staying at the Hotel De La Ville... Julie Dorsey Hilton (she's Jimmy Dorsey's daughter) is in town visiting old friends and buying paintings for her new Hollywood home. King Frederick of Denmark arrived in Rome Wednesday from Copenhagen for a holiday.

Tiber Talk

Seymour Poe, executive vice president of 20th Century-Fox, announced in Rome yesterday that Fox had just acquired worldwide distribution rights to "La Vendetta della Signora," the film adaptation of Durrenmat's "The Visit" which is now being made here with Ingrid Bergman and Anthony Quinn. The agreement was signed with Cinecittà, Dear Films and the German and French production companies... paintings by Serena Brunello go on show tonight at San Luca Gallery on Via del Babuino... B. Lichtman, director general for India of the American Export and Isbrandtsen Lines, is at the Hotel Quirinale in Rome. He's making a short stop before going on to a

conference in New York... a show of paintings by Manolo Millares will open tonight at the Odyssey Gallery on Via Ludovico. Books showing the works of Ennio Moricelli and Antonio Saura will also go on sale... Checco Durante will open his theater season in Rome on Oct. 23 at the Rossini Theater with "Calci, Amore e Furberia"... Robert Griffing, director of the Arts Academy in Honolulu, arrived in Rome via SAS... in town for a stay at the Excelsior is John McGuire, vice president of Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, Chicago... Leon Mirell, vice president of Selmar Productions, has "TWAIN" off to Los Angeles... the art gallery in Brazil House at Palazzo Doria Pamphili on Piazza Navona will hold its first exhibition this fall next Wednesday when a show of the works of Brazil painter Glauco Rodrigues will open... Abdou Behnia, minister of finance for Iran, in town and staying at the Excelsior.

Here And There

Sophia Loren driving the "ultimate status symbol" around Milan, a \$16,000 Silver Cloud Rolls Royce. But it's just part of her new film "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" being made there... one-man show by Diemut Moncorps has just opened in Milan at the Montapalace Gallery on Via Montenapoleone... Greek teacher Vassiliki Athena Bouki of Tessaloniki has been nominated for the Lane Bryant International Award for volunteer service to the community. She was nominated for her work in support of the American Field Service program... Mrs. Catherine D. Norrell, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs, in Athens for a week's visit.

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