

HOLLYWOOD MOVIE FOLKS

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD UP — The living room of Peggy Lee's hillytop home was rocking.

The pianist was pounding out a rhythm; the guitarist and bass fiddle player strummed furiously; the drummer and bongo artist assaulted their instruments. Lee and a big band of musicians were playing in throaty tones was Peggy herself, dressed plainly in a yellow smock but glamorous with her tightly combed platinum hair.

First she delivered "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" as it has never been swung before. She followed with a frantic version of "Do I Love You?"

After a half-hour of this, she called a halt for sandwiches and iced tea and collapsed in a chair. "This is awfully hard work,"



BERLIN REVIEW — A ballgown of the 1860s holds interest of both young and old. Reviewed in a show at Berlin's Zoological Garden.

sighed the singer, who was rehearsing for a date at Las Vegas. "I've got a version of 'Begin The Beguine' in double time that makes my stomach hurt when I'm through. I don't think I can do it every night."

The trouble with Peggy is that she's a perfectionist. She won't go out and sing the same old songs with the same old arrangements. She is constantly seeking new and better renditions.

It's this failure to compromise that marks her whole career and makes her a pensive, disquieted girl. Of her movie career, she said:

"I've had opportunities to do pictures in years past. But they were generally for the fluffy, gay musicals. I'm not against them; some people are great in them. But they're just not for me. I'm not that way. I couldn't do anything I don't believe in."

"There were some lines in 'The Jazz Singer' that absolutely stoned me. I'd come to them, and couldn't get them out, because I didn't believe in them."

Her more recent film, "Pete Kelly's Blues" was a happier experience. It will probably win her an Academy nomination as supporting actress. She played an alcoholic girl of the '20s who was promoted as a singer by a gangster.

Her goal, she admitted, was creating songs for a living. She has made a good start already, with live tunes like "Manana" and "It's A Good Day." She also made a hit with her lyrics for Disney's "The Lady and the Tramp."

"I get as much pleasure out of hearing my songs played as I do out of anything else," she remarked.

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Benson Scores Heritage From Democrats

HOUSTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson declared today the previous Democratic administration had handed the Republicans a "neat package of carefully fused bombs" in the form of the problem of declining farm prices and income.

And now, he added, the Democrats are blaming the Republicans for the explosions. In a speech prepared for a meeting of the Texas Cattle and Vegetable Growers and Shippers Assn., Benson said the Truman administration had created the present farm problem by continuing incentive price supports for farm products far beyond war and post-war needs and had failed to invoke measures to halt buildup of surpluses.

"This administration," he said, "has been kept busy for nearly three years putting out fires, cleaning up the debris and attempting to rebuild our agricultural economy upon a solid foundation. It has not been an easy job. But we are making substantial progress."

Benson said the Eisenhower administration is not satisfied with present farm prices and income. He said it will seek to do "everything that is fair, right and economically sound to improve the situation." The secretary insisted, however, that the answer was not to be found in higher farm price supports. He said that if that were so, "we would not now have government warehouses and storage bins bulging with a vast hoard of surplus farm commodities."

Hunters Unable To Find Elephant Vicki

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—If Vicki the elephant could read the newspapers, she might be inclined to show herself again to her pursuers.

Not that she wants to be recaptured. Since she took off 11 days ago from her amusement park home, there's been no indication she wants to leave her woodland hideaway six miles from downtown Charlotte. Although hunters know generally where the 6-year-old Indian elephant is, she hasn't shown herself for a few days.

Yesterday she lost a headline to another runaway. A 750-pound Hereford steer, on the way to the Charlotte slaughterhouse, leaped off his truck and bolted. Policemen

on motorcycles, in patrol cars and on foot chased the steer through a residential area and finally shot him down after he charged a couple of officers.

Elephant expert Louis Reed of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus thinks he can coax Vicki out if he can find her.

CIO Spokesman Labels Benson's Remarks As 'Sour Grapes'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A CIO spokesman today termed "sour grapes" Secretary of Agriculture Benson's contention that wage increases have been partly responsible for the farm price-cost squeeze.

"Mr. Benson's knowledge of the economic facts of life seems to be

as limited as his appreciation of the farmer's problems," the CIO spokesman said. He preferred to remain anonymous.

"The fact is that when workers get more money they pump that money right into the economic bloodstream. They don't siphon it off. They spend it primarily for food, the products of agriculture."

Benson said in a New Orleans speech yesterday that for the past 4 1/2 years farmers have been squeezed between high operating costs and declining farm prices. He said increased profits in in-

dustry and higher wages for labor have in large part "been siphoned from the economic bloodstream at the expense of agriculture."

The CIO spokesman said that "for Benson to try to alibi administration failures in farm policy on the nation's workers is a case of sour grapes."

HOT PIGS — EDMONTON (AP)—Firemen got a new job at the Edmonton exhibition. The sun, beating down on the livestock pavilion, made the temperature inside almost unbearable.

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