

Comedy Thriller
Opens Tonight
at Mai Kai

"Modesty Blaise" a film which opens a new trail in the field of comedy thriller entertainment opens July 13 at the Mai Kai Theatre in Livonia. Monica Vitti appears in the title role, sharing honors with Terence Stamp, Dick Bogarde, Harry Andrews and Michael Craig.

Filmed on locations in Amsterdam and Italy, "Modesty Blaise" is produced by Joseph Janni and directed by Joseph Losey.

Livonia Teens
Attend Workshop

High school musicians and choral singers from 15 communities in Michigan and Canada are gathered on the Northwood Institute campus in Midland for the Second Annual Choral Workshop.

Ten Livonia students are among teenagers attending the workshop. They are: Duane Casey, Stanley Edwards, Barb Esposito, Joanne Koldziej, Dawn Qualls, Gladden Roberts, Susan Sackelsteel, Paul Sioff, Susan Stahl and Laura Thompson.



BEV BETTASO, of 38407 Sherwood, Livonia, who portrays Lial, a young Tonkinese girl who falls in love with the American Navy Lt. Cable in the upcoming Livonia Summer Musical comedy "South Pacific" appeared in last year's production of "Music Man." Harry Cadioux of 19187 Ashburndale, Livonia, also appeared in last summer's production. The musical opens July 26 for a six night run at Franklin High School Auditorium in Livonia. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are currently on sale.

South Pacific Tickets Are Currently on Sale

Every morning for the past three weeks almost 100 Livonia teenagers have been arriving at the Franklin High School to work on the second annual Summer Musical Comedy Workshop, a production of "South Pacific." On July 26, "South Pacific" opens for a six-night run in the cool, air-conditioned Franklin High Auditorium, Joy Rd. and Merriman, in Livonia. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. A special Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. is being tried this year on July 30.

Directors Dave Hirvela and Roy Ernst are once more at the helm of this summer venture. Last year's highly successful production of "Music Man" is still remembered by local audiences. "South Pacific" will be the fourth musical venture for the Hirvela-Ernst combination. In other years during the regular school year they have produced "Bye, Bye Birdie" and "Oklahoma."

All Hirvela-Ernst musicals have played to capacity audiences. It has long since been a trademark with these two talented musical comedy producers.

This year's cast boasts a number of returning veterans. Bill Roberts who played Washburn in "Music Man" is featured as Lt. Cable. Charles Pope has the hilarious comedy role of Luther Billis. Pope showed great promise last year as a comic salesman in "Music Man."

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New Line
By JOHN DEW

A short time back, the Devline stretched across the ocean to cover the radio picture in England after the invasion of the "pirate" stations, operating off the coast of the British Isles.

Last week, the legislature was given even further incentive to pass some form of control over the radio "intruders." It seems that the competition among the pirate stations was getting very rough—even rougher than that which exists in the U.S. In a station known as Radio City, located in an abandoned fort off the British coast, a party of 10 men and one woman raided the station and forced the personnel, running it off the island. At the same time, the owner of Radio City, Reg Calbert, was being shot to death in the column several months ago, not all of the rights to the James Bond series belongs to the movie producers who have Sean Connery under contract. Thus at least one of the Ian Fleming novels will be released in celluloid soon without Connery (which sounds like Bonanza without Lorne Greene. In any case, the producer, Charles Feldman, decided to try to overcome the absence of Connery with an all-star cast which includes Peter Sellers, Ursula Andress, David Niven, Orson Welles, Woody Allen, Deborah Kerr, William Holden, Charles Boyer and Terence Cooper. The film, "Casino Royale" is based on the first of Fleming's Bond books and will be released by the end of the year.

Perhaps the new program director, still not named, will come in with a vacuum cleaner rather than a whisk broom. I think one can safely look for several changes there soon.

The flow from the comic pages to the TV screen continues. Dick Tracy is scheduled as a live show, possibly for a 7:30 prime-time slot in the '67-68 WBC line-up. Also in the planning stages for a '67 launch on ABC is Buck Rogers. I'm still waiting for Little Orphan Annie myself...

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The details and motives appear foggy as the traditional London day at this point but there remains much speculation as to political implications. In any case, the incident may be the spark to flame the smoldering resentment in the parliament into full legislation which would bring the unauthorized broadcasters under British control.

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