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Taylor, Stevens reunited to film 'Game' in Paris

By Bob Thomas

PARIS (AP)-Why would an American film company come to Paris to make a movie about Las Vegas?

"To please the lady," explains famed director George Stevens.

When the lady in question is Elizabeth Taylor, you can understand why 20th Century-Fox is anxious to please her. Besides paying a million dollars for her services, the company sent Stevens, producer Fred Kohlmar and various technicians to film "The Only Game in Town" at the Boulogne studios.

This is Miss Taylor's first film for Fox since the 1963 \$45 million, disaster of "Cleopatra".

French technicians have erected a reproduction of a Las Vegas motel on a movie stage. In the background is an amazingly accurate miniature of the Vegas Strip, with casino signs glittering in neon.

Kohlmar explained the essential reason for filming here: "Elizabeth has the peculiarity of not wanting to leave her husband. And since he is making a film 'The Staircase' in Paris she wants to be here. So we shoot in Paris."

Also being filmed by Fox, "Staircase" reteams Burton and Rex Harrison, again the first time since the "Cleopatra" incident. Of controversial substance, "Staircase" relates the decline and fall of two ageing homosexual barbers living in a London flat. Producer-director Stanley Donen is helming the project.

A further reason may be to avoid American taxes, Kohlmar said the matter never came up. Miss Taylor will join the company for three weeks of filming in the real Las Vegas, but that may not affect her tax status.

To add to Miss Taylor's pleasure, Fox has decorated her studio dressing room at a reported

cost of \$30,000. The same was done to please her costar, Frank Sinatra. But when Miss Taylor's recent operation delayed the start of the film, Sinatra bowed out. His replacement: Warren Beatty.

"The Only Game in Town" marks the return to filming by Stevens after a four-year lapse. His last picture was "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

"Once before I laid off for four years," he commented, "and when I came back, I found that I did my best work. So maybe it's not such a bad idea after all."

This is the third teaming of director Stevens and actress Taylor. Prior to "Town" the two joined forces with "A Place in the Sun" in 1951 and "Giant" in 1956.

Meetings

THE ARNOLD AIR Society will meet at noon today in the CUB, B-1. THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS of the College of Agriculture will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in Wilson 3.

THE FORESTRY AND Range Club will meet at 8 p.m. tonight in the CUB, room 7-9.

THE MEN'S BOWLING Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the CUB, room 73, to discuss team organization and tryouts.

THE MU BETA CHAPTER of Mu Phi Epsilon will meet at 6:45 p.m. tonight in the Kimbrough Lounge to report on the Dallas Convention with alumni.

TARGET: AN INVESTIGATION in Christianity will meet at 9 p.m. tonight. Those interested should contact 121 Goldsworthy, 335-3601. YOUNG AMERICANS FOR Freedom will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in Todd 105 to elect new officers.

THE AG. ECON. CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 311 Wilson Hall. The agenda includes a speaker and slides on Cyprus.

THE AGRONOMY CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 233 Johnson Hall. The meeting will feature a guest speaker.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR Christ will meet at 9 p.m. today at the Bethany Baptist Church for all interested students.

THE YOUNG DEMOCRATS will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the CUB, D-13.

Y.W.C.A. Committees; Camp Fire, Gerontology and Nursery School will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in the CUB, B-3 and B-5.

Open house to start ROTC Sponsor rush

Army R.O.T.C. Sponsor Rush will begin next week with two consecutive evenings of open house. One girl from each sorority and at least one girl from each women's dormitory will be representing her living group. Members of the Army R.O.T.C. Scabboard and Blade Honorary as well as present members of the women's Sponsor Corps will be assisting. Women of sophomore standing are eligible for the rush.

The Army R.O.T.C. Sponsor Corps is the official hostess

group for the Scabboard and Blade Honorary. Activities such as the annual Military Ball and a dinner dance at Fairchild Air Force Base involve the Army Sponsors.

The Sponsors are also present at drill practices on Friday at the Fieldhouse and attend a weekly meeting. The girls attend inter-collegiate rifle meets and participate in Cougar Ranger outings on the weekend. The Army Sponsors Marching Unit plans to march in the Spokane Lilac Parade this spring.

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