



6th Year

May 30, 1977

Number 23

Show Tour Set

Arena Productions has acquired the rights to a tour of the Royal Lipizzan Stallions. The tour starts on June 16th at Boise, Idaho, and will continue through October,

The production of the Royal Lipizzan Stallions will feature traditional presentations of the world famous Viennese Lipizzaners and a number of well known equine variety artists. The show will operate on a limited tour basis in the first year, playing dates on the west coast and in the northwest with a few selected midwestern and eastern dates before the 1977 tour closes. A few of the major cities included in the tour are: Inglewood, San Diego, Oakland, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland and Vancouver.

In addition to the famous Royal Lipizzan Stallions, the program will include comedy with the Christianis and their white miniature mules from Georgia; Charles Skelton and his gorgeous Andalusians, and David Jay and his movie horse "Shiek". Also featured will be the little Appaloosa named "Bear Paws" which will be shown by Gaylord Maynard, the funniest animal man on the circuit.

NEW SHOW

Showman Jim Silverlake will open a new show today (May 30) at Mundon, Ill. Called the American Big Top Circus (White Unit) the circus is owned by Gopher Davenport, but will be operated and managed by Jim, while his wife Marlyn will handle concessions.

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Miscellaneous

"The Real American Cowboy" is an interesting article appearing in the June 1977 issue of Reader's Digest magazine.

The Hagan Wallace-Sells & Gray Circus has been playing in cool weather along the east coast. We've had frost several mornings and one day there was even a 10% chance of snow, reports showman Stan Penny.

Polack Bros. Circus and the American Cont'l Circus played Eugene (Oregon) on an almsot day-and-date basis this past weekend.

The International Jugglers Association is going to hold its annual convention on July 13-17 at the University of Delaware (at Newark), near Wilmington, Dela. All are welcome to attend, writes Carol Bengé, IJA secretary.

Originally planned as an outdoor show date, cold weather forced the Emmett Kelly, Jr., Cir-

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In Memoriam

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cus to move into a small building at Notre Dame where there was no seating - just standing room.

AL DAWLEY, ringmaster, will work dates for L. N. Fleckles and Sam T. Polack after he ends his tour with the Hubert Castle Circus.

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American Big Top Circus (White)
May 30 Mendon, Ill.
31 Camp Point
June 1-2 Plymouth
3 Colchester
4 Glasford

Hubert Castle Circus
May 30-31 Red Deer, Sask.
June 1-5 Edmonton, Albta.

Circus Carol
May 30-31 Kansas City, Mo.

Circus Kirk
May 30 Reston, Va.
31 Sterling
June 2 Germantown, Md.
3 Mechanicsburg
4 Grantham
5 Dallastown

Circus Vargas
June Vancouver, BC

Famous Hunt's Circus
May 30 Hanover, Pa.
31 Harrisburg
June 1 Harrisburg (different)
2 Cumberland
3 Honey Brook
4 Glen Olden

Fisher Bros. Circus
May 30 Bennington, Vt.

Franzen Bros. Circus
May 30 Matherville, Ill.
31 Toulon
June 1 Galva
2 Genesco
3 Tiskiliwa
4 Erie
5 Ashton

Bobby Gibbs Circus
to Sept. 11 Baraboo, Wisc.

Hagan Wallace-Sells & Gray
May 30 Canisted, N. Y.
31 Newark
June 1 Auburn
2 Volney
3 Pulaski
4 Syracuse
5 Boonville

Hamid-Morton Circus
June 2-5 Trenton, N. J.

Happytime Circus
May 27-31 Vacaville, Calif.

Hoxie Bros. Circus
May 30 Downers Grove, Ill.
31 Watseka
June 1 Plymouth, Ind.
2 Logansport
3-4 Indianapolis
5 Portland

Hoxie's Great American Circus
May 30 Hopatcong, N. J.
31 Belvidere
June 1 Stirling
2 Wharton
3 Butler
4 Perth Amboy
5 Neptune

International 3 Ring Circus
to June 5 Osaka, Japan

Pickle Family Circus
June 3-5 Fremont, Calif.

Police Circus
June 3-5 San Jose, Calif.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit
June 1-5 Providence, R. I.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit
to June 5 New York, N. Y.

Royal Hanneford Circus
June 4-5 Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Sheriff's Circus
May 30 Fairfield, Calif.

Stebbing's Royal European
May 31 De Ridder, La.

John Strong's Circus
May 30 Clovis, N. M.
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AN INTERVIEW with RUDY and CAROLINE JACOBI, tracked down by phone, after escalating rumors reached me that CIRCUS CAROL had problems in California, proved to be false. All acts were paid, according to the Jacobis, and other dates continue for Circus Carol in the Spring with a full tour starting up in September. The two California dates were played under a rented big top, one in Concord for the Police and one in Bakersfield for the Jaycees. Act line-up included the Young Troupe, Le Lon Loyale, Princess Omar, Don Phillips, David Linden, Alexander, Eduardo Juarez, Ed Drake, Lani Ironberg, with Chuck Burnes, company manager. Clowns were Harold Ellis, Bill Williams, Hilary Roberts with the Ken Hildebrand Duo providing music.

One week prior to the Concord opening, CAROLINE JACOBI's mother died (Apr. 20), after which Caroline herself was hospitalized, and enroute to California, Rudy experienced heart palpitations in Chicago, delaying his arrival at Concord by a day.

FLASHBACKS: JOHNNY HERRIOTT took a busman's holiday on his day off from Ringling Red to lay out the Famous Hunt Circus program on opening day. He also worked the camel, llama, horse and baby bull. Was he surprised to learn the camel he had just worked so well wasn't even broken! . . . HARRY T. HUNT was spied on opening week dusting off and playing his trombone, and, during the opening celebration, took his first sip of champagne. . . Grand opening ceremonies, incidentally, saw CFA JOE MINCHIN placing a wreath on founder CHARLES T. HUNT's grave. . . HERBIE WEBER, now with Hunt, played the George Hubler dates with his acts, plus concessions, reports a great run. . . ETHEL JENNIER with Beatty-Cole, lots her favorite greyhound, when it escaped from the big top and was struck by a car. The Shaggy Dog comedian she now uses in the act is a real Disney type character actor!

NEWSBITS: ROYAL HANFORD goes into Storytown in upstate New York starting June 18 thru Labor Day. . . JOHN CUNEO writes the White Tigers, under Holland's fabled JEAN MICHON, are almost ready for their debut. He predicts the act will be a sensation (so do we). . . After Japan BLINKO and MARAN play Hawaii for PAUL KAYE. The team will return to Texas for those fall dates. . . KAY PETERINGER is center-ringing in a trapeze display with Beatty-Cole. . . New on that show this season is SCHIMAN's CHIMPS. . . LILLI and SVENDS new

home is almost completed. . . KEITH KILLINGER was musical director for the GARDEN BROS. CIRCUS in Atlanta. . . He is composing new music for JO ANN JENNIER's trapeze and seal acts. . . DIME and CONNIE WILSON return to BOB ATTERBURY'S Shopping Center Circus when they close with Hamid-Morton.

FRAGMENTS: BARBARA WOODCOCK and BEN WILLIAMS, with leopard and the elephant Anna May spotlight the center ring on Ringling Blue in '78. BUCKLES will produce three identical elephant acts for the show. . . REX WILLIAMS is at the Catskill Game Farm thru Sept. 11th. The three babies are at the Bronx Zoo, overseen by TERRY FENE. . . SATANI DEMON bought a motel in Wildwood (NJ). . . EDDIE HENDRICKS, who recently came into some money, was seen visiting the Hunt lot with horse trainer DALE PETROSS in tow. . . The ELKINS SISTERS, who played dates for SAM POLACK and HUBERT CASTLE will be in the Puyallup lineup this fall. . . TED and LISA STEWART close with Castle this week. Their 'Big Momma' camper finally expired, despite a new motor and brakes, and the couple are now trailerites. . . The new bear act at Circus World is from the former animal handlers JANICE and MICHAEL ARIA. . . Janice was a former RBBB blue unit clown. . . BUDDY WATKINS, now in charge of all primates at the Louisville Zoo arranged for the BURGERS to purchase a leopard. When Janet and Frank played there with Polack, Buddy gave them all his father's old chimp props, including the famous 'bedstead' bicycle. Look for the Burgers to revive their Rocket Ship Chimps by mid-summer and you will find them on the Wes Oler fairs with their animal package.

SNAPSHOTS: TOBY REED, who fell from the high wire at the Cow Palace last Oct., had undergone nine operations, will be in therapy for over a year. He may have a permanent limp, suffer partial loss of his right arm. It's a miracle he's alive. . . Members of the Gay Liberation Movement approached MARSHA HUNT to buy out her circus for June 16th at Atlantic City, but the circus was booked. "I asked them to change their dates," Marsha says, "but they couldn't and we wouldn't". . . OLIVER, the feature-creature, once owned by the Burgers and now owned by LANDAY & MILLER returned from a 5 week tour of Japan where it was a super-sensation. The humanoid-primate is now at Buena Park in California.

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SHOW REPORT

The third annual Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Int'l Circus, produced by George Hubler, featured the following show folks:

Jesse Griffiths, musical director; Joe Sherman, producing clown; Hermes Bros., rola bola; Aerial Ballet; Walt's Noah's Ark; The Vickinas Troupe, risley; Lilli Ana, leopards; Perch pole acts; Sir Victor Julian's dogs; The Hernandez Troupe, teeterboard and King's elephants.

.... Geo. DaDeppo

ATTENTION!

Promoters should be aware of a new provision of the Maryland state traders' license law which requires that all participants of shows, flea markets or sales of a temporary nature must have a traders' license.

The measure was signed into law on April 29th. It provides exemptions for participants in shows sponsored by government, churches, amateur radio, antique vehicle, machine or equipment organizations.

Miscellaneous

Ads for both Beatty-Cole and Hagan Wallace appeared on the same page of a recent Lynchburg (Va.) newspaper. The Beatty ad was the largest of the two.

Carson & Barnes Circus has scheduled a gala premiere performance at Decatur, Ill. on June 8th.



PEOPLE

PHIL CHANDLER, ringmaster with the Hoxie Bros. Circus, is sporting a new all sequin jacket obtained from Westchester Costume Co.

ROSE ADAIR, veteran New York agent, set the following acts on the Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus for its May 18-20 dates in New England. Andre & Bunny, wire; Prince Najvez, aerial; the Cyclonians, cycles; Charles Van Buskirk, announcer; then for the Kelly date at Syracuse on May 29th she signed the Vashek Duo, motorcycle and inclined wire; the Cyclonians; Cimse's dogs; Scalzo, magician and Charles Van Buskirk, announcer.

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DAVE MERRIFIELD, helicopter trapeze, the **NERVELESS NOCKS** and **BENNY KOSKE**, human bomb, will be appearing at the Phillie's baseball game today (May 30).

ROY ROGERS, western star, reports that today's movies are so bad he wouldn't even

want his horse to see them. The films, he said, "fail to include the entertainment and moral messages that marked films of the past."

BOB BAKER's Marionette Theatre (1345 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles) offers regular shows and tours of the workshop each Saturday and Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

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I have met the officers of the Variety Entertainers Guild of America and I am convinced that if we can band together as performers and become a part of this Union we will have people working for us so we can have the many benefits that have been denied us over the years.

I myself have joined the Union as a performer as well as a producer and in my opinion this is not the type of Union that creates friction between producers and artists, but rather helps both to a better relationship.

The doors have been opened again for circus people to have and get protection as far as: proper insurance plans, proper protection of contracts, proper arbitration, and pension and welfare plans . . . Which we all need so desperately. Also the dues structure is such that you will be amazed.

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Circus Visit

Circus Vargas played to good crowds at Mission Valley Shopping Center in San Diego (May 12-15) where the weather was on the cool side, with some light sprinkles.

It was a tight lot set-up, with a tight backyard which was layed out neatly. The midway was a typical one leading to the entrance, with a side show on one side and a shark show on the other.

The promotion was started some two weeks before the show's arrival with TV spot announcements, with quick shots of various acts. The show dates were flashed on the screen, including dates for nearby Carlsbad (May 16-18) and phone numbers were provided for both engagements. Several acts also made guest appearances on TV to promote the circus.

Two column 6" deep ads were displayed in the San Diego papers for the date, along with a number to call for information on time, location and show dates. Channel 5 TV, which is running the Mickey Mouse Club series, announced that any child going to the circus who told them at the gate that they watched the series, would be admitted free. In addition the May Company, located not far from the circus lot, announced on TV that they had special tickets available for those going to the circus. Stores in the shopping center also had free children's tickets.

The show itself has already been well covered so I will only mention a few outstanding features. First thing that I noted was an improvement in the music from that of a year ago. The band had good tempo, harmony and teamwork. I recognized certain musical routines, having played for the acts on shows in the past, and their rendition was good.

Outstanding in my mind were the Baker equestrian act with Sir William Baker; Roger Regor, high wire; Miss Suzette, tops in every way on the single trapeze; and I feel the Klementis fit in here, their act brought back many fond memories of the vaudeville acts I have played for in the old days of theatre.

The elephant presentation was good, with three rings full and then the long mount, which brought a good hand.

..... Harry Jenkins

PEOPLE

The WAZZAN TROUPE is touring with the Stebbing Circus, playing dates in Texas.

DON McLENNAN visited Circus Vargas during the show's San Diego engagement. He is making harness for the show horses.

MILLIE WARD's daughter ROBIN is teaching kindergarten classes in the Carlsbad (Calif.) area.

The MIREILLE THERON ARNOSI Family dashed off to see RBBB's Red Unit at New York City and to celebrate their son JEAN-PIERRE THERON's 21st birthday.

The ANDERSON WHITE HORSE TROUPE played Clarkeston, Tenn., on May 20th, before going into Pigeon Forge (Tenn.). JO ANN ANDERSON is the daughter of VI HOFMEISTER.

NEW SHOW (Continued)

The new show will use a 60x90 round tent for the big top and a 20x40 for the side show. A 15x20 marquee will also be used. Rolling equipment is to include one diesel semi trailer, with an elephant, llama, pony and a trained chimp named Cooky.

Tentative program line-up includes: the Don Strong Family, juggling/whips/ropes/pony; Jim Silverlake, chimp/elephant/announcer; Billy Loter and Archie Silverlake, clowns, and Carmen Walton, rola bola/contortion.

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The show was produced by Mrs. Ida Patterson, with Lee Henneberry handling the announcing chores. Show acts included: Mickey, Lee and Rita Henneberry, juggling; Irv Lang, baby chimp; Lee and Rita Henneberry, magic/illusions; Irv Lang, chimps; The Henneberry Family, unicycles. Clowning with the show were Wayne (Peanuts) Owen and Jerry (Apples) Cupples.

..... Kaye Scheiman

PEOPLE

GEORGE DA DEPPO is preparing advertising material, a coloring book and other items for Puck's Canadian National Traveling Circus, the show is owned by MARK PARR and FRAZIER MOHAWK.

RED HARTMAN's wild animal act, featured in the Hubert Castle Circus program, has a high wire walking tiger and three tigers that lie down and do roll-overs.

HAL NEEDHAM, stuntman, will drive a rocket car at Mud Dry Lake, near Tonopah, Nev., on July 16th in an attempt to break the sound barrier, which at that altitude means 740 miles an hour.

PAUL PUGH, director/manager of the Wenatchee Youth Circus, of Wenatchee, Wash., reports this will be the show's 25th year on the road. A full summer of show dates is planned.

BILL WINKLER, of Leaf Tent & Sail, Inc., was on the West Coast last week visiting the various shows that his firm has made tents for.

ROUTES

Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus
 May 30-June 1 Gaithersburg, Md;
 June 2-5 Columbia, Md.

ROUTES

Wenatchee Youth Circus
 June 5 Leavenworth, Wash.

Tower Circus
 May 25-Oct 15 Blackpool, Eng.

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Butler Shows
 June 1-5 Castro Valley, Calif.

Vince Carmen Show (Int. Entern)
 May 31 Casa Grande, N.M.
 June 1 Prescott, Ariz.
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 May 31-June 5 Hannibal, Mo.

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 May 30-June 4 Oceana, W. Va.

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 May 31-June 1 Boise, Idaho

Ken Griffin Show (Magic)
 June 1 Granville, W. Va.
 3 Moultrie, Ga.
 4 Albany

Tip Top Shows
 June 1-5 Manitowoc, Wis.

Miscellaneous

Members of the Father Sullivan CFA Tent will attend the Ringling-Barnum Blue Unit matinee performance on June 5th at Providence, R. I., after which they will have dinner in the Arena's Royal Roost Restaurant.

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TV Feature

Last week's TV Special "Circus Lions, Tigers and Melissas, Too" offered a close-up look at circus acts from around the world. The show was hosted by Melissa Sue Anderson and Melissa Gilbert, stars of the "Little House on the Prairie" show.

The actual circus portion of the show was taken from previous TV circus specials and represented a wide variety of acts and circuses. The two young hosts were filmed in a studio, where the girls looked ill at ease and probably they would have been happier had they been able to really be right there at the circus.

The hour-long program moved swiftly with a minimum of talk and commercials. In some cases there was only a fleeting glance at an act as it worked during a show.

Featured in the TV Special were: Pablo Noel, lions; Katherine Blankert, tigers (also showed a previous act with lions which erupted in a fight); Dick Chipperfield, lions; Mary Chipperfield, tigers; Sally Dougan, lions and tiger; Tommy Chipperfield, lions; Diana Benneweiss, horses; Emil Bouglione, horses; Katja Schumann, horses; The Magyar Troupe, horses; The Mullins riders; The Cossack Riders; Bruno Togni, horses; The Biargis, juggling; Gerard Edom, balance trapeze; The Walgardi, teeterboard; the Doxie Football Dogs; Sampione Bouglione, elephants; Wolfgang Trunk, pigs; Miss Josephine, hair hang and the Siberian Boys, comedy act.

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The big top has four center poles, 18 quarter poles and 30 short quarter poles, plus 150 side poles. The reserved seats consist of 15 sections on the long side, with six sections on the short side, all 12 rows high. The blue seats consist of 14 sections on each end of the tent, all 15 rows high.

The menagerie has ten cages, nine elephants, five camels, two zebras, three polar bears, monkeys, seven lions, nine leopards, six tigers, three seals.

In all there are fourteen tents - 4 pole big top; 5 pole menagerie; 4 pole side show; 5 pole dining tent; 3 pole dressing room; three horse tents with five and four poles, plus three candy stands with one pole each.

In the side show are: Hawaiians, Minstrels, snakes, sword box, comedy juggler, Punch & Judy, Illusions, magic, stocks, sword walker, mind reader, half-man/half-woman, five piece band, plus an outside bally platform and three ticket boxes.

The show set up on the old fairgrounds and gave two shows to fair crowds. It started to rain a short time after the matinee started and it continued to rain until after 9 p.m.

The cookhouse, dining room and horse tents were taken down about 6 p.m. The rest of the show came down after the night performance was over. It was loaded and on the train by 1 a.m., when they left for Dunkirk, N. Y.

IN MEMORY

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dailey bros.

Texas fans report many changes have been made on the Dailey Bros. Circus now playing in that area. For its show at Aransas Pass, the circus was featuring a display with five wire acts, plus numerous other multi-displays.

The show is repeating a major share of its previous dates and both patrons and sponsors are reported to be pleased with the show. Banners have also been selling good, offering an effective advertising medium for both the circus and local merchants.

A large mail-out herald is being used by the circus, which includes numerous photos of circus folks, equipment and animals. This herald also includes a large ad for the Coca Cola Bottling Co.

In Memoriam

SID COHEN (77) booking and promotion director for Holiday on Ice for 25 years, died following a heart attack at his home in Chicago on April 10th. He had suffered a heart attack in January and was recovering

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

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and expected to return to the show the week that he died.

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PEOPLE

SAMMY KING, ventriloquist, is appearing at the Cal-Neva Lodge on Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

LANI IRONBERG's dogs and horse and **ERNESTINE CLARKE's** pony revue were added to the Polack Bros. Circus program for its May San Francisco engagement.

THE JUMPING JACKS (Harold Coates and Judy Johnson) will play the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen during the month of June, then they go to the Tivoli Gardens in Stockholm for the month of August.

LARRY GRISWOLD is recovering at home from a recent operation and is anxious to get back out on the golf course.

Acts currently working at the Great Adventure Park at Jackson, N.J., are: The Hassani's, acrobats; The Bauers, sway poles; The Ashtons, risley; Dave McMillan, tigers and Barry Sloan, stiltwalker. The clowns are: Harold Simmons, Doug Ashton and Toby Ballantine.

Great Show

We certainly enjoyed the Hamid-Morton Circus which played here at Harrisburg, Pa. on April 18 to 23rd, writes Eugene Mascioli.

The program featured: The Big Top on Parade; John Tanulle leading the band; Josip Marcan's African lions (11); The Pharaohs, aerial cradle; Mlle. Karin, aerialist; the Zembo Clowns; Charmaine's Pets; Phillips Canine Revue; Count De Boxcar Young and his Funny Ford; Zoltan, the prince of balance; Carlow, balancing; Ervie, on the unicycle; Brickle's Poodle Fantasy; Clowns in the Moonshot; Empress Ming Wong, oriental aerial fantasy; Golden Mist, the wonder horse; the Sensational Leighs, space wheel; the Flying Valentines, trapeze act; My-Immba's Baboons; Clowns at the Fire Dept.; Mr. Joseph, master of the six shooter; Michael Cherrick, juggler; Nauts, juggling; Clowns, and Duck Hunting; the Cristiani elephants (4) and the Quassars, aerial space number.

ART DUVALL

1911 - 1977

HE WILL ALWAYS BE FONDLY REMEMBERED

BY HIS FRIENDS AT THE HOXIE BROS. CIRCUS

From Japan

(Editor's note: The following article is from the column "The Horse's Mouth", written by George 'Horse' Yoshinaga for the California Daily News, published in Los Angeles in both English and Japanese. Since George writes for a primarily Japanese-American readership, a few words will be translated and a few explanations added).

by George Yoshinaga

Tokyo - The circus troupe I am with can't adjust to Japanese food and can't afford non-Japanese food in the fancier restaurants, so they have taken to Col. Saunders Kentucky Fried Chicken and MacDonald's hamburgers. "Never thought I'd see the day that I would consider a Big Mac a dinner," said one circus performer.

One performer, Sergio Ramos, a trapeze artist from Mexico, wanted to seek out a Mexican restaurant.

"You'll be disappointed in the quality of the food," I warned him. Nevertheless, he found a place called 'El Senor' in Roppongi (a neighborhood near downtown Tokyo noted for many large and small eating places) and went to have dinner.

"The Taco," he said afterwards, "tasted like instant noodles." And the refried beans, somewhere between candied yam and mashed potatoes," he said.

"I guess I shouldn't have expected much more," he said, "because I looked in the kitchen and the chef was Japanese."

He did say that the music provided by three

Japanese who called themselves the 'Tres Chicanos' was more authentic than the food.

Of course, aside from Mexican food, Tokyo does offer a lot of different cuisines which I am told are very authentic. These include French, Italian, Chinese, Hungarian, Russian and Greek restaurants.

And, of course, you have MacDonalds for the downhome folks.

Among the favorite foods by the circus folks is instant ramen or cup noodle sold at concession stands in the arena.

They like it because it is cheap and it is hot. They can't stand Japanese sandwiches or bento. (Japanese sandwiches are usually tiny triangles of thinly - very thinly - sliced white bread containing an even thinner layer of such foods as tomatoes or cucumbers, sliced paper-thin. 'Bento' is a traditional Japanese box lunch - literally, a small wooden box about 3/4 full of white rice, plus a small assortment of cooked vegetables and meat).

About bento, one circus performer said, "It looked so bad I thought it was going to get up and walk away before I had a chance to eat it."

They now serve coffee at Japanese concession stands. This is a new addition. It has been possible because of instant coffee which does not require brewing. All they need is hot water and a spoon. Good thing. The Japanese mentality couldn't do much more.

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Incidentally, in another part of his column, George reports that a cup of coffee at the Tokyo Hilton Coffee Shop costs \$1.28 - and there are no free refills!

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