Harlem Has 'Cry Of The Hunted'

"Cry of the Hunted," an MGM picture starring Vittorio Gassman, Barry Sullivan and Polly Bergen, will be the next attraction at the Harlem Theatre, starting Wednesday.

This is a film which packs a dramatic wallop in every scene. It's the story of a desperate escaped convict and the security officer who pursues him and catches up with him in the perilous Louisiana bayous.

Here the crafty convict makes his last stand on his own home grounds, with episodes of cumulative excitement and ferocious fighting leading up to an explosive climax.

Vittorio Gassman, the brilliant Italian screen and stage star, now under contract to MGM, plays the role of the escaped convict, with Barry Sullivan cast as the security officer who tracks him down.

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Gospel Singer 'Cool' On B'Way

LOVES! — Officer Barry Sullivan permits manacled Vittorio Gassman to embrace his wife (Mary Zavian) in this scene from "Cry of the Hunted," suspenseful drama which starts at the Harlem, Wednesday.

'TOUGH GUY — Corinne Calvert is on the receiving end of some violence dished out by Cameron Mitchell, who plays one of the West's most notorious outlaws in "Powder River," exciting new Western which starts at the Regent Thursday.

TO DO OR NOT TO DO:
Mahalia Jackson Ponders Offer

CHICAGO — Will gospel singer Mahalia Jackson star on Broadway?

The answer to this question is known only to the sensational gained international fame for her recording and personal appearance triumphs.

Cause for the question dates back to a recent huddle in Chicago — very hush-hush up until now — between Miss Jackson and producer Leonard Sillman.

For Broadway Opus

Impresario of the smash "New Faces of 1952," Mr. Sillman wants to top-spot Mahalia in an opus which he will ready for Broadway next year.

During a visit to Miss Jackson's Chicago home, Sillman conferred with the gospel song star for several hours.

Miss Jackson is known to have been flattered by the offer but apprehensive lest she violates her twenty-five-year standing of adhering strictly to the religious field.

Cool To Club Offers

She has turned down fabulous offers to appear in night clubs and theatres.

Producer Sillman has assured her that a Broadway appearance such as she contemplates would not violate this stand, that it would be done with the utmost dignity and tone.

Mahalia's remaining mum about whether or not she'll bite the Broadway bait, but, significantly, she did agree to read the script.

'Powder River' At Regent Next

"Powder River," outdoor action drama in color by Technicolor, is scheduled to open at the Regent Theatre on Thursday. The Twentieth Century-Fox drama, which stars Rory Calhoun, Corinne Calvet and Cameron Mitchell in the story of one man's revenge in a blistering frontier community where a gun is more reliable than a man's purse, is full of exciting action scene in the outdoor drama.

Directed by veteran Louis King, "Powder River" features Penny Edwards, Carl Betz and John Dehner.

Show Bill

BRIDGE — Tues., Wed., Rita Moreno, James Craig in "FORT VENGEANCE." also, Gregory Peck in "GREAT WHITE HUNTER." Thurs., Fri., Lloyd Bridges, in "THE TALL TRAIL." also, Clyde Beatty in "PERILS OF THE JUNGLE."

CAREY — Wed., Thurs., Humphrey Bogart in "BATTLE CIRCUS." also, Peter Lawford in "ROGUES MARCH."

DUNBAR — Wed., Thurs., Fri., Humphrey Bogart in "DEADLINE USA." also, Richard Widmark in "RED SKIES OF MONTANA."

EDEN — Wed., Thurs., James Mason in "DESERT FOX." also, Jean Peters in "ANNE OF INDIES."

HARLEM — Starts Wednesday, "CRY OF THE HUNTED."

LENOX — Thurs., Fri., Sat., Ray Milland in "JAMAICA RUN." also, Michael Redgraves in "THE SMUGGLERS."

LINCOLN — Wed., Thurs., Fri., John Wayne in "OVERLAND STAGE RAIDERS." also "LUXURY LINER."

NEW ARCADE — Now playing, Joseph O'Brien in "COW COUNTRY."

MET — Now playing, Alan Ladd in "SHANE."

REGENT — Now playing, Richard Widmark in "PICKUP ON SOUTH STREET," starts Thursday, "POWDER RIVER."

ROOSEVELT — Wed., James Mason in "PANDORA AND THE FLYING DUTCHMAN." also, Tony Martin in "NO TICKETS TO BROADWAY." Thurs., Fri., Sat., Dennis O'Keefe in "DESERT LEGION." also, "ABBOTT AND COSTELLO GO TO MARS."

ROYAL — Now playing, Paul Christian, Paula Raymond in "THE BEAST FROM 20,000 FATHOMS." also Stewart Granger, Jean Kent in "CARAVAN."

Gives Party By Phone

NEW YORK — Arthur Prysock planned a party and was home to help his wife, Jean, buy the fixins but he had to participate in it over the telephone.

The occasion was the latest in a series of events Prysock gives for members of his fan clubs in the New York area in his Long Island home.

$44.43 Phone Bill

This latest shindig was planned as a date the busy baritone was to be in town. However, a change in booking plans put him in Atlanta's Peacock club that evening.

Rather than miss the fun altogether, Arthur called home between shows and spoke to 18 of the 40 odd youngsters there.

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ENCORES ... and ... ECHOES

By E. B. REA

Harry Belafonte, the singer, recently knocked out by a brief illness in Hollywood, came up with a fat contract to do a Broadway stage play this fall. He will be seen in John Murray Anderson's "Almanac" . . . Sammy Davis Jr. and the Will Mastin Trio has been signed to a long-term contract by ABC Radio and TV and will do their own half-hour simulcast.

Billy Eckstine will tour Europe after working out legal entanglements with his wife, June, now suing him for divorce...Pearl Bailey and Louis Bellson will hit the European airlanes in July...And, maybe Teddy Wilson.

Nat (King) Cole, now back in harness, will team with Russ Morgan in a Universal-International 3-D short....Phyllis Marshall, who used to moocher with Minnie in Cab Calloway's band, has her radio show on a Montreal network titled "Starlight Moods."

Joya Sherill, former chirp with the Duke, has a new tune for the numbers players, "Number 000," which reveals it is a losing game....Eddie Le Monte (Lemons), veteran Baltimore comic, can be reached at Veterans Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala., Ward C-1 bed 13.

James ("Home of the Brave") Edwards' next movie role will be as a steward in Columbia's "The Caine Mutiny"....Sister Rosetta Tharpe, now one of the country's leading gospel singers, once sang with the bands of Cab Calloway, Lucky Millinder and on Benny Goodman's "Caravan Parade," a radio-show.

Cab hired her for two weeks at Harlem's old Cotton club. She stayed 22.

Loumell Morgan, who shelved his trio and entered the solo field as a pianist, is in his sixth consecutive month at Arthur's cafe in New York's Greenwich Village, and packing 'em in nightly.

News simmers in from Atlantic City that Larry Steele opened Club Harlem last week with the last word in lavish production. No visit to the Seashore will be complete without seeing this "cyclone of torrid rhythm," uproarious comedy, terrific dancing and tall, tantalizing gals.

Had a nice chat last week with Stirling Silliphant of Federal Films, who is behind the new Joe Louis story to be released in Sept. with Coley Wallace playing the role of Joe, and beauteous Hilda Simms, in the role of Marva, Joe's ex-mate.

After Bill (Bojangles) Robinson's death, his widow recovered his $500 wrist watch in a New York pawnshop, which had been hocked for $80, by paying the 80 bucks, plus $24 interest.

Bojangles lost many a hunk of dough investing in shows that didn't go, plus his own Club Nemo in Harlem, which, likewise, proved a losing proposition.

Credit Bojangles with having a heart which he partly danced out for others. During his 40 or more years on the stage, he played as many, if not more beautiful than charitable causes as anyone in the profession.

New York's Birdland is celebrating its fifth birthday and as one of the oldest jazz clubs on the Main Stem.

In honor of its headliner, the great Mr. B, the entire Birdland personnel, 35 employees, are wearing Mr. B. shirts with the wing collar.

The Restless People—Dizzy Gillespie has moved over to the Shaw Artists' agency .... Jack Walker has moved out of the same stable to do full-time duty as a disc jockey.

Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong will play Chicago dates during the month....The Clovers back on the road following an auto accident down in Texas...Louie Williams (Pops and) still a patient at a Saranac

HARRY BELAFONTE

Friends of the late Arthur (Dooley) Wilson can still send his widow, Mrs. Estelle Wilson, comforting notes at 2800 So. Sycamore Ave., Los Angeles 18, Calif.

Baltimore may soon field another surprise singing group, The Stars and a Doll.... Jimmy Tyler, whose fine little band backs the "Smart Affairs of '54," may soon take on a D. C. bride.

This is it! "Encores" will be back in this corner on July 25. Until then let the good times roll as the show goes on.

Jacob's Pillow Opens Berkshires

LEE, Mass. — The opening bill of the 12th Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival will open here in the Berkshires Friday for a two-day performance.

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Vacationland NOTES

By MELVINA A. JACKSON

GOING TO MEXICO?

Because of the favorable rate of exchange, Mexico is one of your best bets for a low-cost family vacation . . . it has color, variety, excitement as only this south-of-the-border country can provide.

You can take three, five, eight or 12-day trips, depending upon your time and your budget.

You'll see mountains which you will find absolutely breathtaking; magnificently colored, barren deserts; palm fringed, curving beaches; quiet, dry cities.

Wonderful Shopping

There are wonderful shopping centers, specializing in native handicrafts.

In the capital, the restaurants and cafes are among the best in the world, serving delicious dishes of Mexico and a dozen other nations, including American hot dogs, hamburgers and hot cakes.

Night life offers just as wide a choice of cafes and nightclubs whose music ranges from the wild, sweet strains of the mariachi band or Spanish guitar through the rhythms of Cuba, Latin - America and American jazz.

There is spectacle and sport a-plenty in Mexico City:

Horse racing, bullfights, jai-alai, the fast, exciting Basque sport; golf, tennis, polo, baseball, football, riding, swimming and rodeos.

Entry procedures are simple, without delay.

You pay a toll bridge charge, usually 25 cents, and at the Mexican Customs building, you purchase your tourist card and register your car, camera, radio, spare tires, typewriter and other valuables.

Carry Mexican Insurance

You should carry Mexican insurance if you are traveling by car.

This insurance may be obtained at the border before you cross, along with a variety of services including maps, entrance papers and other free services.

The cost of the insurance is about $1.00 per day and gives you full property and liability coverage.

The liability clause is especially important as the roads of Mexico are usually teeming with children and pedestrians, so to protect yourself, one of your "musts" should be this insurance.

Study Your Map

If in doubt about the best route to take on your trip from your home state to Mexico, let us have prepared for you by the Esso Company a free road map.

And it is essential to have hotel accommodations. For this information, send for our new, enlarged, revised 1953 Travel Guide which is bigger and better than ever.

We list all of the states in the U.S., plus Mexico, Canada, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Canada, Alaska, the Virgin Islands, etc.

The price is 25 cents in coin; no stamps accepted!

Now, let us know some of the letters in my mail bag:

DEAR AFRO:

I have just finished reading your article on "VACATIONLAND NOTES" in the weekly edition of the AFRO-AMERICAN and I felt that I just had to write and tell you how much I enjoyed and specially marked road map helped my husband and me on our vacation last year.

Will you please pass on my thanks to the Esso Company. Their detailed map made our trip to Canada as easy as falling off a log.

This year we are going to Mexico City by way of Detroit. Will you please send me the 1953 Travel Guide and also have the Esso people send me a map showing the following:

We would like a direct route, leaving Philadelphia, Pa., August 2, for Detroit, Mich., and for Detroit to Mexico City.

I enclose 25 cents for Travel Guide.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Virginia E. Horace
914 Pine road
Sharon Hill, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Horace:

Thank you so much for your very nice letter of recent date. I am so pleased to know that our 1952 Guide was of great help to you and your husband last year on your trip to Canada and that the Esso Map marked to your specification was of material assistance to you also.

I am pleased to enclose herewith our 1953 Travel Guide which you will see at a glance is much more detailed than last year and I am pleased to inform you that on page 34 of this Guide, you will find places to stay in Mexico City.

I have forwarded your request for Free Map to the Esso Company and you will receive this, I am sure, very shortly.

Again thanks for your lovely letter and best wishes for a wonderful trip to Mexico this year. I would appreciate hearing from you on your return.

Sincerely yours,
AFRO TRAVEL BUREAU

Dear AFRO:

I have been advised that you have a list of accommodations for motorists from Washington, D.C., to all parts of California.

Please furnish me with a copy covering both the northern and southern routes. The trip is planned for California early in July and I would like to have the list immediately.

Very truly yours,
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Dear Mr. Spotlight:—

Thanks for your inquiry concerning our Travel Guide. We are most happy to send you this booklet and if you will turn to pages 4 and 5, you will find places of accommodation in California. Your map will be mailed to you direct from Esso.

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Dear AFRO:

I am requesting that you send to me your Travel Guide of hotels and tourists stops throughout the West. I would appreciate receiving this booklet at once enclose 25 cents to cover cost of same.

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Dear Mr. Boyd:

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In TV Encore

NEW YORK — Natalie Hinderas, pianist, will make her second appearance on the "Saturday Night Revue," NBC-TV, July 4.

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WM. P. RHETTA DUKE ELLINGTON

TALENT BRAIN-TRUSTERS—Plans for a nation-spanning organization to aid unknown performers were discussed at a recent meeting in Chicago between Ellington, the originator; Johnson, Rhetta and Brooks, Chicago attorneys.

FACTS about WAX

By MICHAEL A. GRAHAM

A RECORDING SESSION is the most important part of waxing or record making.

According to the A'FR (American Federation of Musicians) no recording session is to last more than four hours. After four hours overtime for their musicians begins. These union musicians are well paid for these sessions.

However, the smart and cheaper record manufacturer uses non-union musicians and their sessions are from sun-up to sun-down. The pay, of these musicians, is way below that of the union musicians.

Despite all of this, the new and unknown singer is the one who usually gets tricked. He gets no more than $25 for each song that he records. Most of their recordings are released without any promotion or publicity and never get to be a good seller or big recording.

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RHYTHM is the word used to define most of the instrumentals recorded by our combos and orchestras. When recorded by the other race, the correct name, instrumentals, is used.

However, the word rhythm is usually given to combos that feature a loud horn backed by a rhythm section. A rhythm section, (drums, piano, guitar and bass) consist, of those instruments that supplies the beat. More "Facts About Wax next week.

We are still receiving mail at 1324 Monroe st., nw, Apt. 35, Washington, D.C.

D.C.-TV Names Davis Director

WASHINGTON

Charles H. Davis, of 1832 N. Capitol st., nw., recently became the first colored floor director in TV in Washington.

Davis was promoted from the operations department as studio assistant to the program department at WTOP-TV, after six weeks of employment.

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Club Harlem Swings To The Lavish 'Smart Affairs' Of 'Good Deal' Steele

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — The fabulous Club Harlem swung wide open last Thursday night.

The "Gateway to the Seashore's Night Life," swings to the exciting, lavish and colorful swaying of Larry (Good Deal) Steele's Smart Affairs of '54' and Jimmy Tyler's orchestra.

Producer Steele did not overlook a single item in putting together a smart revue.

A special added attraction for the Club Harlem lounge is Wild Bill Davis, his organ and his Trio, including Chris Columbus on drums, and Floyd Smith, versatile ctar of the strings.

Jackie (Moms) Mabley, America's No. 1 comedienne, heads the fun department.

With Flick Montgomery heading the line of 12 famous beige beauts, the cast includes:

Mable Scott, the elevator goodie girl; Fontaine Trio (Dan, Blondell and Carol); Dorothy Hunt, exotic dancerette; Princess Orelia and Jose, Afro-Cuban dancers;

Olga James, soprano; Four Congaroos, acrobatic exponents; Conrad and Estelle, modern dance duo, and Sterling Bough, juvenile star.

The veteran Charles S. Johnson is host and Mrs. Sam Singer, receptionist.

'SMART AFFAIRS'—Producer Larry (Good Deal) Steele (center), picks 'em for beauty and form for his "Smart Affairs" ensemble as attested by Janet Sayre, left, and Mabel Scott. The 'Smarties' are currently playing Atlantic City's Club Harlem for the summer.

Langston Hughes At Fort Valley

FORT VALLEY, Ga. — The lyceum committee of the Fort Valley State college recently presented Langston Hughes, poet and writer, in a lecture recital.

Mr. Hughes's lecture was interspersed with several of his better known poems.

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He is Fred King, outstanding tympanist with the university orchestra and an acquaintance of the famous Dimitri Mitroupious, who once lauded his work as "very effective and excellent."

The youthful musician has led the inter-faith and interracial group musicians for the past two years, appearing at white fraternity and sorority dances on the campus and at towns and campuses throughout Iowa.

The campus combo consists of King on drums and vibes; Richard Caplan, Jewish, on piano; Robert Gordon, white Protestant, tenor sax; Richard Ratton, Colored alto sax; and John Dunovan, white Catholic, bass. Vocalist for the group is George Inman, white, student in accounting.

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'Mr. Blues' Cleared In Robbery

RICHMOND

Cap sitting jauntly on the side of his head, singer-bandleader Wynonie Harris strode out of the Richmond city hall building last week after having a robbery case against him dismissed for lack of evidence.

Approximately five minutes before, the popular "Greyhound" singer had been nervously joking with police officers about the end of segregation in Washington, D.C.

Then his case was called and he took his seat on the prisoner's bench.

Sitting beside him was Willie (Zeak) Williams, accused of doing the dirty work, along with a juvenile during the beating-robbery of Alvin Burgess, valet of singer Larry Darnell.

The robbery took place last April in Richmond when Harris and Darnell were appearing in the "Battle of the Blues" show. word.

What is said to be the first mid-river stagecoach holdup in western film history was staged for "Powder River." The sequence, according to advance re-

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She Sang Up Tears

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Sarah Vaughan was guest star here last week before 15,000 at the National Baptist Sunday School Congress.

The great singing star said it brought back memories of the days when she was a child singing in Sunday school choirs and filled her with emotion.

As her resonant tones soared through Brooklyn's 13th Regiment Armory, she hit the peak moment of her career. Her rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" left many were the eyes in the auditorium filled eyes in the auditorium.

Sarah, ordinarily shy about discussing her feelings, was free on this occasion in admitting that this particular moment was one she would always cherish.

"Even though they were playing 'The Lord's Prayer' for me in the wrong key," said Sarah, "The Lord was with me and it came out right.

"I'm so glad it did because every youngster in that audience reminded me of myself and my young dreams. I wanted them to know how I felt down deep in my heart."

Hat Box Girls Aid Camp Fund

NEW YORK — Public School 68 has passed the $1000 goal set for this year's camp fund by raising $1,154.75.

Special gifts of over $300 were received from Mt. Olivet Baptist church, Metropolitan Baptist, the Vulcan Society, the Cross Rod and Gun Club and the Hat Box Girls.

Serving on the steering committee were:

Marion Clark, principal; Elfreda Sandifer Wright, Dr. James E. Allen, Rene Brown, Josephine Kelleher.

Aids Juve Camp

Burney Nicol, African student of Sierre Leone, is serving as counselor at the juvenile camp here. A painter, she plans a one-woman show in Harlem this fall.

Digging For Dough?
See Friday's AFRO