

## Notes on People

# Taylor and Burton Are Separated Again

A separation of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, remarried last October after 16 months of divorce, was confirmed by associates yesterday. Mr. Burton, who has been rehearsing to open Thursday in "Equus," and Miss Taylor, who came here last week from Switzerland, are staying at the Lombardy Hotel, East 56th Street, but "are not occupying the same quarters," according to John Springer, a longtime publicist for both.

Alexander Cohen, the producer, said Miss Taylor had called yesterday to say she was leaving town and to ask him to cancel a party Friday for her 44th birthday. With 36 guests invited, Mr. Cohen had planned to take over Caffè da Alfredo in Greenwich Village. As producer of the Tony Awards television broadcast, Mr. Cohen denied reports that the Burtons had withdrawn as co-sponsors, insisting that the matter had not been discussed—"you must realize this is a difficult time for her"—but said he considered it likely that only Mr. Burton would appear. The Burtons married in 1964, she for the fifth time and he for the second, and separated a year before their 1974 divorce.

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The American Heart Association presented its "certificate of exemplary action" yesterday in Washington to William C. Delodovico, the deputy Federal marshal credited with saving the life of Judge John J. Sirica. Because of a death threat received by the former Watergate judge, the marshal was with him at a Feb. 5 speaking engagement and used mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and chest massage after a massive heart attack that, according to the citation, left Judge Sirica legally dead for four minutes. The judge is still at George Washington University Hospital, but is progressing satisfactorily.

City Hall's Blue Room echoed with music yesterday as the Netherlands Wind Ensemble inaugurated the country's participation in the Bicentennial. J. G. de Jong, Netherlands consul for cultural affairs, presented the musicians, drawn from his country's leading orchestras.

Fighting a tax claim of \$14,000, Gloria Swanson has

asked the United States Tax Court in Washington for something it has never had in its 52-year history—a jury trial. The Internal Revenue Service has disallowed 1969-70 deductions the actress claimed as business expenses during road tour of "Butterflies Are Free." Miss Swanson's lawyer, David R. Shelton, said the I.R.S. is treating her like "an enemy because she openly supported the late Vivien Kellems," the Connecticut industrialist who waged a running battle with the Revenue Service. He argues that a 1969 law made the tax court subject to the Seventh Amendment, which guarantees trial by jury.

In New Britain, Conn., 100-year-old twins, Edith Northrup and Edda Northrup Gibney, celebrated their birthday yesterday. A party was held at Andrews House health-care facility for Miss Northrup, a retired teacher. Later she joined her sister for a second party at a hospital where Mrs. Gibney is confined with a broken hip.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding, Johns Hopkins University sponsored the Baltimore Symphony in a Feb. 20 world premiere of "A Song of Celebration," a cantata by Hugo Weisgall, professor of music at Queens College and faculty chairman at the Jewish Theological Seminary's College of Jewish Music. The text is by John Hollander, and the 125-voice Goucher College chorus assisted the soloists.

Like other Mondays, yesterday had its quota of news about persons who had knocked themselves out over the weekend to see their names in the record books, the newspapers or both. For example, the Rev. Leo Coote, a Roman Catholic priest in Australia, broke his own world record for push-ups by doing 1,247 in 29 minutes and 10 seconds. In Wisconsin 20-year-old Greg Stoklos laid claim to the world cherry pit spitting title with a distance 33 feet and 9 inches. But a 12-year-old girl in Winnipeg, Manitoba, struck out. Although she smiled steadily for 10 hours and 5 minutes, bettering previous records by two or three hours, the news reports failed to mention her name.

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