

## N.Y. Puzzle --Where Is Mort Sahl?

### New York

Mort Sahl, satirical political comedian, last night failed to show up for the opening of his own show, "Mort Sahl," in an off-Broadway theater.

He had helped put the show together and was supposed to give six performances over the weekend to customers who put up ticket money amounting to more than \$6000.

The 40-year-old, single, curly-haired Sahl was last known to have been living in the apartment of Playboy Club founder Hugh Hefner on Manhattan's E. 71 street.

Sahl, who had been making up to \$400,000 a year as the leader of insult comics, had not had much success in recent years and his income cut down to a mere \$19,000.

According to a spokesman for Michael Brandman, producer of the show: "We have been hung up good by Sahl. There are some \$30,000 in salaries to be paid and over \$20,000 in production costs. Sahl has done an awfully good job of hurting people who had faith and trust in him."

Sahl failed to show for rehearsals Thursday and dress rehearsal yesterday morning. Directors, producers and friends all made phone calls and personal trips to Hefner's pad on the posh upper East Side. Sahl was nowhere to be found.

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Some bitterness