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'Oklahoma' Due For 3 Separate B'way Preems

New York, Sept. 8.—Three separate preems have been scheduled for Todd-AO and "Oklahoma" at the Rivoli prior to the public opening Oct. 13.

First will be presented Oct. 10 for an invited audience of working press, film industry leaders and radio-tv reps. Second will be "Oklahoma Night," Oct. 11, hosted by Oklahoma's Gov. Raymond Gary. Third preem, Oct. 12, will be sponsored by Vocational Advisory Service.

Maurice Chevalier and Peter Ustinov will join the impressive "Around the World in 80 Days" cast.

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seven Eurasian gals while in Europe, but none of 'em cut the mustard, so he's casting for 'em here in Hollywood — must find one for his "80 Days" by the end of next week

Mike Todd's "Around the World In 80 Days" company starts shooting on RKO's Gower St. lot Oct. 3.

Bea Lillie, Fernandel, Martine Carol Join Up For Todd's 'World' Tour

Beatrice Lillie, Martine Carol and Fernandel are latest additions to the cast of Michael Todd's "Around the World in 80 Days" in Todd-AO, trio to appear in Paris cameo sequences of the Jules Verne classic.

Meanwhile, with European location filming completed, stars David Niven and Cantinflas, director Michael Anderson and the European location crew are due to arrive here today. They'll join the production company in Durango Sunday, with shooting skedded to begin there Monday.

Paul Weatherwax, just resigned from UI, has been signed to Todd to supervise cutting of the film.

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McVickers Looms Loop Showcase for 'Oklahoma'

Chicago, Sept. 12.—The McVickers Theatre, local filmery owned by brothers Aaron and Johnny Jones, seems to have the inside track as Chi showcase for Magna's Todd-AO process version of "Oklahoma!"

Although negotiations are still in progress between Magna and the Jones brothers, as yet nothing has been signed.

Three British Thesps Join '80 Days' Cast

London, Sept. 12—John Mills, Glynis Johns and Hermione Gingold were added over the weekend to the cast of Michael Todd's "Around the World in 80 Days," being filmed in Todd-AO under the direction of Michael Anderson.

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Mike Todd Signs Up Megger for 2 More Pix

British director Michael Anderson was signed over the weekend by Michael Todd to a two-picture contract.

Anderson, now directing "Around the World in 80 Days" for Todd, left over the weekend to film location sequences in Durango, Colo., having wound London and Paris sequences for Todd-AO picturization of the Jules Verne classic last week.

Luckiest of this year's tourists is Cantinflas, who draws \$300,000 for traveling "Around the World in 80 Days." With free transportation vet. * * *

The UA Theatre downtown will shutter while the 2,100-seater is being revamped for Todd-AO installation.

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'Days' to Durango

"Around the World In 80 Days" company, after weeks of shooting in Europe, returns to the U.S. over the weekend to resume shooting the Todd-AO picture on location around Durango, Colo., next Monday.

Michael Todd pulls into town today.