

September 6, 1955

'80 Days' Filming Shifts to London

London.—Michael Todd's "Around the World in 80 Days" started shooting here yesterday after the production moved from its location near Madrid.

Six of England's top character actors have been signed by Todd for the picture—A. E. Matthews, Finlay Currie, Basil Sydney, Harcourt Williams, Ronald Squires and Trevor Howard.

Michael Anderson is directing the Todd-AO production, with David Niven, Cantinflas and Noel Coward co-starred.

About 50,000 feet of Todd-AO rawstock, caught in the flood at American Optical's inundated plant in Southbridge, Mass., was "rescued" by Emery Air Freight Corp. After inspection and repacking at AO's Fort Lee, N.J., plant, the film was shipped by air to Hollywood.

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Dialogue reported from the London set of "Around the World in 80 Days"—Noel Coward: "I feel like a tea cozy with this wig on." Clifton Webb: "You never looked lovelier, Noel!"

"Around the World in 80 Days" on the narrow-gauge railway between Durango and Silverton.

20th - Fox's 55mm, Todd-AO on Agenda Of Chi Trade Show

New York.—Discussions of 20th-Fox's new 55mm filming and projection process and of new developments of Todd-AO will be features of the equipment forum to be held as part of Allied-TESSMA-TEDA-IPA Trade Show at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, Nov. 6-9.

Discussions will be led by Earl J. Sponable, research director of 20th-Fox, and L. D. Netter, Jr., for Todd-AO. The equipment forum will be moderated by L. W. Davee, of Century Projector Corp.

Noel Coward and Sir John Gielgud did their "Around the World in 80 Days" chores for Mike Todd for a big fat nothing salary-wise.

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Invitation Previews Precede Formal Bow

New York.—Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" in Todd-AO will have three nightly premieres at the Rivoli prior to its public opening Oct. 13, according to Magna Theatre Corp.

First of the three premieres will be held Oct. 10 for an invited audience of working press plus leaders of motion picture, radio and TV industries. "Oklahoma!" night will be held for a trainload of Oklahomans, headed by Governor Raymond Gary. Third premiere will be sponsored by Vocational Advisory Service.

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Morley in '80 Days'

London.—Michael Todd has added another distinguished name to the cast of "Around the World in 80 Days" with the signing of Robert Morley as the governor of the Bank of England. Cast already boasts David Niven, Cantinflas, Noel Coward, Finlay Currie, Sir John Gielgud, A. E. Matthews, Basil Sydney and other big names.

September 13, 1955

International Big News

Twelve pages, including three in color, are devoted to Disneyland by Paris Match, the widely circulated French pictorial magazine, in its Sept. 3 issue. It's one of the biggest covers ever given by the publication to any subject, and reflects the world-wide interest in Walt Disney's project. Michael Todd's "Around the World in 80 Days" gets a four-page break in the same issue with a layout on noted Spanish matador Luis Miguel Dominguin, being brought out of retirement for one more bullfight performance in the Todd-AO film.

David Niven has arrived for his London stint in Mike Todd's "Around the World in 80 Days." TWA plane arrived 90 minutes early at the airport; result, Niven missed the barrage of press fotogs who arrived at the airport on schedule. — Milton Deane.

'80 Days' Adds Three

London.—Michael Todd has added John Mills, Glynis Johns and Hermione Gingold to the mounting cast of "Around the World in 80 Days," filming in Todd-AO. Next sequence to be filmed, starting today, will be in Paris, the company planing there following completion of the London locations.