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... Milford Shields, "poet laureate of Colorado" (he's also a film theatre projectionist) wrote: "And now Mike Todd, with matchless skill, has wrought his magic might until — the 80 living days will glow — upon the screen in Todd-AO."

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... Gjon Mili, fotog now on location in Colorado still-shooting "Around the World in 80 Days," told the Durango Herald-News he earns close to \$2,500 a week! I'm trading in my Underwood for a Kodak!

Champagne Flight: Out on UI's backlot, David Niven and Cantinflas sailed through the air (60' aloft) in a balloon — for Mike Todd's "Around the World in 80 Days." They bounced off the top of one building and nearly hit a huge fountain — Niven fended it off with his umbrella! No doubles, if you please. Niven sez this film is: "All my 20 years in show biz wrapped in one" . . . Here's the "80 Days" call sheet for Nov. 2: Niven, Cantinflas and: Marlene Dietrich, Red Skelton, George Raft and Frank Sinatra, doing these bts: Dietrich, a saloon-owner; Skelton, a drunk; Raft, the bouncer, and Sinatra, a piano-player . . .