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who plays Mei Li, is of Chinese extraction although she was born in Paris, where her father had a Chinese restaurant, and still has her home there. After leaving school she went to drama school and at the same time took up modelling—she was a model for a time with Givenchy. She went into cabaret, at Suzy Solidor, and was commere for theatre shows. She studied English at the Berlitz school. Mei Li is her first major part in the theatre, and her first English part. She was chosen to play it at an audition held by the director, Jerome Whyte, in Paris. She went to America to see the Broadway production of "Flower Drum Song" and spent five weeks in New York, seeing the show every evening during her stay.



YAMA SAKI

has her very first theatre part as Linda Low. She comes from Hawaii, where a family of missionaries noticed her singing in a church choir and offered to lend her the money to have her voice trained. Thus she was able to go to Paris, where she has spent the last two years studying singing with Professor Pierre Bernac and at the Ecole Normale de Musique. She was auditioned by Jerome Whyte, the director of "Flower Drum Song," and chosen to play Linda Low. She went to New York to see the Broadway production of the musical, and took the opportunity for a quick visit to her home in Hawaii before coming to England to start rehearsals. She is particularly delighted to have got this important part, as it will enable her to repay the missionaries who started her on her career.

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GEORGE PASTELL

who plays Wang Chi Yang, was born in Cyprus of a French mother and a Greek father. After two years in banking he joined a Cyprus amateur theatrical group and was soon playing roles with Greek touring companies. In 1947 he came to England to join the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. He knew only a dozen words of English, but got through the course with the aid of evening classes in English at the Pitman school. He had left Cyprus with only £50. He was awarded the Attack in Acting prize at RADA, and got his first part as an Italian labourer in "Give Us This Day." He broadcast in English plays, and in French and Greek plays on the European service. In 1952 he began getting film parts, and 1952 he began getting film parts, and he has played in, among other films, "Moulin Rouge," "The Battle of the V.1," "Tiger Bay" and "The Stranglers of Bombay." On the stage he played a kindly Greek in "The Shrike," a Polish planist in "Dear Charles" and in "Can-Can" the Coliseum. In 1955 he took at the Coliseum. In 1955 he took over from Herbert Lom the leading part in "The King And I," playing it for nine months at Drury Lane and on tour. Since then he has been mainly engaged on television. He married acrtess Gloria George on his birthday in 1958.



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Liu Ma	•••	•••		•••		MEI JUAN CHANG
Wang San	***	***		•••		GEORGE MINAMI Jnr.
Wang Ta	•••			•••		KEVIN SCOTT
Wang Chi Yang			•••			GEORGE PASTELL
Sammy Fong	•••		•••			TIM HERBERT
Dr. Li	•••		•••	•••		ZED ZAKARI
Mei Li			***			YAU SHAN TUNG
Linda Low	***		***	***		YAMA SAKI
Mr. Lung (The Tai	lor)				••••	JOHN A. TINN
Mr. Huan (The Ba	•••				MICHAEL KAN	
Helen Chao		***			***	LIAN-SHIN YANG
Professor Cheng					•••	MHICHEIL KENNEDY
Frankie Wing				•••		LEON THAU
Head Waiter					•••	DAVID TOGURI
Night Club Singer			***			RUTH SILVESTRE
Dr. Lu Fong					•••	THOMAS HARE

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FLOWER DRUM SONG

CAST in order of appearance :—(continued)

 Madam Fong ...
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 MARIE YANG

 Mei Li (in ballet)
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 SONYA HANA

 Linda Low (in ballet)
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 NAOMI KIMURA

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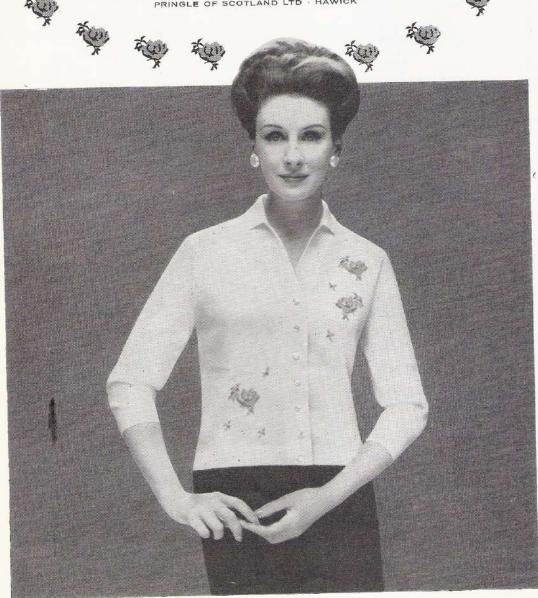
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 - A hill overlooking San Francisco Bay.
 - The Wang living room.
 - Wang Chi Yang's bedroom.
 - The garden of the Wang house.
 - Linda's dressing room in the Celestial Bar.
 - The Celestial Bar.

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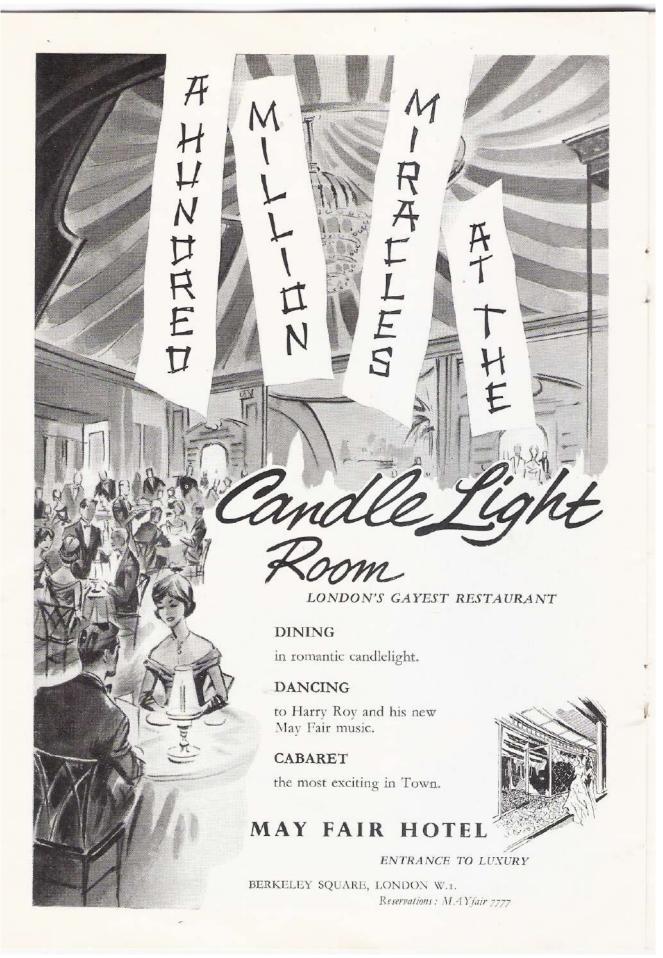
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- ,, 2 The Wang living room.
- ,, 3 Sammy Fong's penthouse apartment.
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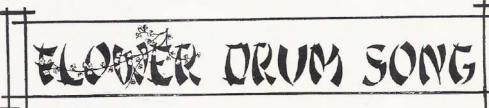
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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

You are Beautiful				***		Wang Ta and Madam Liang
A Hundred Million Mi	racles		***	***	***	Mei Li, Dr. Li, Wang Chi Yang, Madam Liang, Liu Ma
I Enjoy Being a Girl	***					Linda and Dancers
I Am Going to Like it	Here					Mei Li
Like a God			***			Wang Ta
Chop Suey				Mad	dam L	iang, Wang San and Ensemble
Don't Marry Me						Sammy Fong and Mei Li
Grant Avenue		•••				Linda and Ensemble
Love Look Away						Helen Chao
Fan Tan Fannie						Night Club Singer and Girls
Gliding Through My A						Frankie Wing and Girls
Finale : Grant Avenue						Linda and Girls
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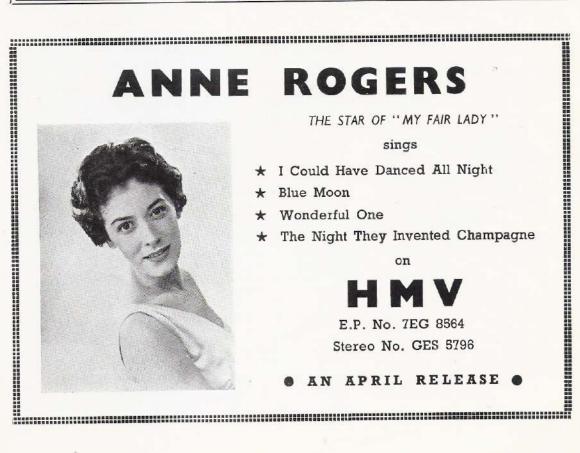
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MUSICAL NUMBERS—(continued)

ACT II

Ballet Wang Ta,	Mei Li (S	Sonya Hana),	Linda Low (Naomi Kimura) and Dancers
Reprise : Love Look Away	***		Helen Chao
The Other Generation	***	Madan	n Liang and Wang Chi Yang
Sunday			Linda and Sammy Fong
Reprise : The Other Generation	•••		Wang San and Children
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KEVIN SCOTT

who plays Wang Ta, was born in Oakland and lived in San Francisco. He appeared in many musical shows in America, including "Paint Your Wagon," "Rose Marie," "Wish You Were Here," "Where's Charley," "South Pacific" and "Fanny." In 1956 he came to London to play the leading part of Marius in "Fanny at Drury Lane. He stayed on in England to make several television appearances, and to play in his first film, "Floods Of Fear." In 1958 he went to Glasgow to appear in the "Five Past Eight" show, in which he wore full Highland dress. He has made records for Parlophone and H.M.V. His wife is Stella Claire, whom he met when she was playing in New York in "The Boy Friend." They have a three-year old son Michael.

His hobbies are chess, making model trains and sailing small boats.



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IDA SHEPLEY

plays Madame Liang. She trained with Amanda Ira Aldridge and first broadcast as a new voice in the B.B.C. "Band Wagon" series. Immediately following this she was booked by Stanford Robinson for "Mississippi Nights," and many other broadcasts came after. She was soon established as a singer and began to make a name for herself also as a character actress. She has great versatility. She sings every type of song, ranging from Brahms and operative arias to blues and "pop" numbers. She appeared in two previous musicals, as leading lady in "New York to New Orleans" and as Butterfly in "Love from Judy." In West End productions she has played Lt. Jefferson in "Caviare To The General," Hattie in "All God's Chillun Got Wings," Mrs. Harris in "The Vigil," Bella in "Deep Are The Roots" and May in "The Best Damn Lie." She has sung and acted in many television programmes and plays, and has appeared in variety, pantomime and cabaret. She has toured Germany entertaining the troops.

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SONYA HANA

first danced at the Battersea Park Theatre during the Festival of Britain when she took over from Sally Gilmour as "Grace" in "Orlando, The Marmalade Cat." She appeared with John Cranko's Company for a season at Henley-on-Thames, in "Dancing" with Kenneth Macmillan and the pas de treis from "Pineapple Poll," and on a continental tour with the Sallers Wells Ballet. She was principal dancer for over two years in "The King and I" at Drury Lane, and played Lotus Blossom for the last six months of "Teahouse Of The August Moon" at Her Majesty's Theatre. Last Christmas she was principal dancer in "Puss In Boots" at Brighton. She appeared in the film "The Planter's Wife" with Jack Hawkins and Claudette Colbert, and played Madame Butterfly on B.B.C. television in 1957.

She is married to choreographer Peter Wright. They have two children, Rebecca and Jonathan





GEORGE MINAMI, Jnr.

was born in Hayward, near San Francisco. Whilst still at college he trained at the Duane Dance Studio in Oakland and appeared in amateur shows, in which he won four first prizes. He was auditioned by Carol Haney, the choreographer for "Flower Drum Song" and was chosen to understudy the part of Wang San in the Broadway production. He palyed the part for three weeks in New York. While he was with the show he and seven other members of the cast recorded The Children's Marching Song from "The Inn of The Sixth Happiness." This record sold over a million copies and, as a result, they were asked to perform the number on the television programme "Hit Parade."

ZED ZAKARI

is a Malay. After his schooling in Malaya he came to England in 1952 for further study. He entered the world of entertainment almost by chance, when he was asked to play the small part of a Japanese officer in the film "Camp On Blood Island." A second film followed, "The Inn Of The Sixth Happiness," in which he played a bigger part, that of the Chief Prison Warder. He also appeared on television, as Detective Ti Sung in "The Chinese Mask," one of the "Interpol Calling" series. This is his first part in the theatre.





LEON THAU

who comes from Sydney, Australia, served in the Royal Australian Air Force during the War and then became a School-teacher. He soon left this job to start as an actor and singer in Australia.

Most of his work was in Radio and Television and he also appeared in Lionel Harrison's production of "The Duenna" in Sydney and in a wide variety of shows ranging from Pantomime and Musical Fantasies such as "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Willow Pattern Plate" to plays which included "The Troublemakers" and "The Alchemist." At the beginning of 1959 he came to England to try his luck over here, and he has appeared on Television for both the B.B.C. and I.T.V. He is making his first appearance on the stage in this country.

RUTH SILVESTRE

who plays the Night Club Singer, took singing lessons when she was twenty, paying for them by teaching music and dancing to backward children. She went into cabaret at Selby's Club in the West End and has since sung at the Bagatelle, the Cafe de Parls, the Blue Angel and other London clubs, and throughout the country. She sings in English, French, Spanish, Italian, German and Hungarian. She was in the chorus of "Kismet" in 1955 and also understudied the lead. She has her first West End part in "Flower Drum Song." She is married to an Art Lecturer and has a three-year old son, Adam.





MHICHEIL KENNEDY

is a Scot from Glasgow, but had a Chinese grandmother. He danced in ballet for a year with the Berlin State Operas appearing before Hitler on one occasion in "Swan Lake." He had to give up ballet dancing when he broke both ankles and soon after went to Canada, where he played in "Romeo and Juliet," "A Tale of Two Cities "and other plays. When the war came heli oined the Canadian Air Force as an entertainer. Since then he has appeared in every branch of entertainment from Shakespeare to cabaret. In 1959 his own company, Plantagenet Productions, presented "Blood Will Out" at the Edinburgh Festival and he played a part in it himself.

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