

### Mae West Wows 'Em In Colorado With Her Revival Of "Diamond Lil," After Interval Of Twenty Years

CENTRAL CITY, Col., Aug. 11. — (AP) — Brooklyn-borne Mae West, who says she brought sex out of the back room, is wowing 'em in this state—called "Culture Crazy Colorado" by a New York critic.

The musty old Central City opera house, dark 10 months out of the year, is crowded nightly for Mae's saga of sin titled "Diamond Lil." She introduced the play 20 years ago in New York when she was in her middle 30s.

Her scheduled three week run, which opened July 30, has just been extended another week to meet the demand.

"I've got the feel for this one," she told an interviewer. "This mining town would have been home grounds for that gal (Diamond Lil). She would have slept while the miners dug the gold out of the hills. Then at night she would have dug the gold out of the miners."

Central City is just over a few 14,000 foot peaks from Aspen,

Col., site of last month's international celebration honoring Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German philosopher. It attracted world renowned intellectuals and was one of the summertime events that inspired John Chapman, New York Daily News critic, to dub the state "Culture Crazy Colorado."

Mae offered a comment on that too.

"They say back east you've gone culture crazy," she smiled. "I've been around the stage long enough to know that culture can be pushed off the wings by a couple of swinging hips if you know how to swing them."

Coloradans and vacation visitors are chuckling at the same lines that tickled New Yorkers when Mae launched "Diamond Lil."

The Roxon stage veteran gets one of her biggest laughs when she puns "It's not the men in my life but the life in my men that counts."

### First Complete Census Of American Republic Being Planned For 1950

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Uncle Sam has been counting every man, woman and child in the nation every 10 years since 1790 and has a pretty accurate idea about the number and characteristics of the people who inhabit this country. But many other American republics know little about themselves. No one knows how many people live in Ecuador or Haiti, for instance. They have never managed to take a national census.

"This lack of a recent census in many countries," George C. Compton points out in *Far American Union's* "Americas" magazine, "not only produces a blind spot in the vision of educators and experts on social security, housing, health services, or food production, it also makes the next census more difficult. First, because of the lack of practical census-taking experience. Second, because of the people's unfamiliarity with the idea of a census and the resulting reluctance, or even hostility toward the curious enumerator."

Plans are well along, however, for the first complete census of the Americas in 1950. Already the ground work has been laid in most countries through a vast educational program, the training of statisticians in the art of census-taking by the U.S. Census Bureau and the drafting of some 1,500,000 enumerators in Central and South American countries.

It is expected that during the period allowed for the census of the Americas probably all the countries will hold a population census and most will make a separate survey of agriculture, they plan special housing inquiries. A few will tally industry, business or transportation.

Directing the vast enterprise is a committee headed by Dr. Calvert L. Dedrick of the U.S. Census Bureau, set up by the Inter-American Statistical Institute here. Working for census uniformity, this committee is made up of most of the hemis-

phere's census directors and sta-

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### Australia Coal Miners Appear Strike Losers

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—In 1944 when Henrietta and Nelson Poynter set up a news agency here they were amazed at the difficulty they had getting information on the doings of Congress. Only a trained researcher with plenty of time, they found, could distill the record of a single major action in Congress, or the record of a single congressman, from the millions of words that pour from government presses into the Congressional Record.

The Poynters concluded that there was an opportunity for them to do real service. Devoting their efforts to purely Congressional coverage, they began publishing the Congressional Quarterly in 1945. It is now used by more than 100 newspapers, hundreds of libraries, schools, and organizations, including the Democratic and Republican national committees.

Simply chronicling the daily facts of Congressional life and devoid of interpretations, it is designed to bridge the gap between spot news and official records with such features as voting charts, attendance records, coverage of committees, reports on lobbies and analysis of current issues. Basing up on the 81st Congress from a Congressional Quarterly in the public library, I learned among other things: The average age of members is 56. Rep. Doughton (D-N.C.), 84, is the oldest, and Rep. Bent-

### Ages Of Congressmen Range From 30 To 84 Years, Publication Discloses

sen (D-Tex.), 27, is the youngest. Theodore Francis Green (D-R.I.), 81 is the oldest Senator. The youngest is 30-year-old Russell Long (D-La.), who under the Constitution couldn't be any younger.

Arthur H. Vandenberg, Michigan, in the Senate and Daniel A. Reed, in the House are ranking Republicans in period of service. Ranking Democrats are Kenneth McKellar, Tennessee, in the Senate and Adolph J. Sabath, Illinois, in the House. Sabath, his service dating from March 4, 1907, has the longest service record.

There are 301 lawyers in both houses. This is the largest vocational category, with business or insurance next. There are 26 ex-governors in the Senate, one in

the house. There are 26 former House members in the Senate and two ex-senators (Hugh Mitchell, Washington, and James W. Wadsworth, New York) in the House.

The Poynters, who were married in 1942 and have a home in Georgetown, also run a newspaper and radio station in St. Petersburg, Fla., and are building a television station there. They have a home on the Gulf of Mexico, commute back and forth.

Henrietta, former drama and feature editor of the old *Vanity Fair*, went to Germany in 1929 to liquidate the German edition of *Vogue*. She stayed a year. She has worked on plays and movies and for various propaganda agencies here and overseas during the war. Nelson Poynter, a

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