

Books and Authors

Elizabeth Taylor (the movie star, not the English short story writer) is going to write her life story for Harper & Row. Publication is planned for November 15, and the book, which will be called simply Elizabeth Taylor, will be illustrated with over 50 photographs taken by actor Roddy McDowall. Miss Taylor, it is reported, plans to discuss freely her entire life from childhood on and to disclose new material which has never before appeared in print.

Jean Kerr's *Please Don't Eat the Daisies* is going to be an NBC-TV series this fall dealing with the life of a suburban family, the parents played by Pat Crowley and Mark Miller. In August, Crest Books issues a new printing of the paperback as a tie-in—making 2,500,000 Crest copies in print.

Frances Steloff, for 45 years a backer of unknown writers and experimental writing at her Gotham Book Mart in New York, has given her personal papers to New York University. Miss Steloff, whose great career as a bookseller was told by W. G. Rogers in *Wise Men Fish Here* (Harcourt, Brace & World), has given NYU letters

from such literary personages as E. E. Cummings, Katherine Anne Porter, Christopher Morley, Marianne Moore, Edith Sitwell and Henry Miller, a number of books in which the Gotham Book Mart is mentioned and, in addition, the archives of the James Joyce Society, which has been meeting at the Gotham Book Mart since 1947.

The \$2,000 Irita Van Doren Award was presented on June 16 to Robert Penn Warren for his book, *Who Speaks for the Negro?* (Random House). This was the second presentation of the annual award named for the New York Herald Tribune's literary editor emeritus. The first presentation was to the late B. W. Huebsch.

Prentice - Hall and United Press International will collaborate and jointly publish a book on the momentous Gemini IV flight of Major James A. McDivitt and Major Edward H. White 2. Publication date will be in late July. The book, titled *Gemini: America's Historic Walk in Space*, will present in picture and text the complete story of America's first walk into space.

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