

be invited to play there."

By this time, Linda had no doubts that this was a place well worth going to! She was even more certain — if that's possible — after she'd been to take a look for herself!

"I was a bit afraid that they'd turn me away, because I wasn't famous or anything," she told us. "But David had assured me that you didn't have to have a membership card to get in. So I went along, trying to put on my 'I might be a star one day — who knows?' look!

INFORMAL

"I knew when I'd found the right place all right . . . There was a queue all the way round the block! A quick scan over that queue reassured me that you *didn't* have to be a star to join the troubadours — because I'd never seen the folks waiting there in my life before!

"A lot of the folk there

were college types — you know, the 'hairies' . . . freaky people, but all so friendly that we were rapping as though we'd known each other for years by the time we eventually got inside."

That was what really struck Linda about the place: its marvellously informal atmosphere. It's a place where the big stars of the moment mingle with college students and even with school kids.

SPEAK EASY

"Something that surprised me a bit," she continued, "was that it wasn't an alcoholic dive at all. David hadn't mentioned that. But he was right about the stage — allowing for a bit of exaggeration. It really was on the small side!

We all sat round it and they served things like soda pops and root beer.

"They've got marvellous menus that don't simply list out what you can get there,

but also tell you about all the different stars who've been there lately — a kind of 'Superstar Special', I guess you'd call it!"

The closest Linda could get to giving us an impression of the Troubadour atmosphere was that it was something like Speak Easy here.

"Ah!" we thought to ourselves . . . and were just picturing it in our mind's eye — when she added:

"But I guess it's not really very much like that at all! The trouble is, you can't really compare it to *anything* too well, because, you see, it's kinda unique."

GOOD LUCK

Well, now you know, folks!

So good luck! if you do make it out there to L.A. . . . Here's hoping *you* hit the Troubadour on one of those nights when David feels like an evening out in his favourite place!

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