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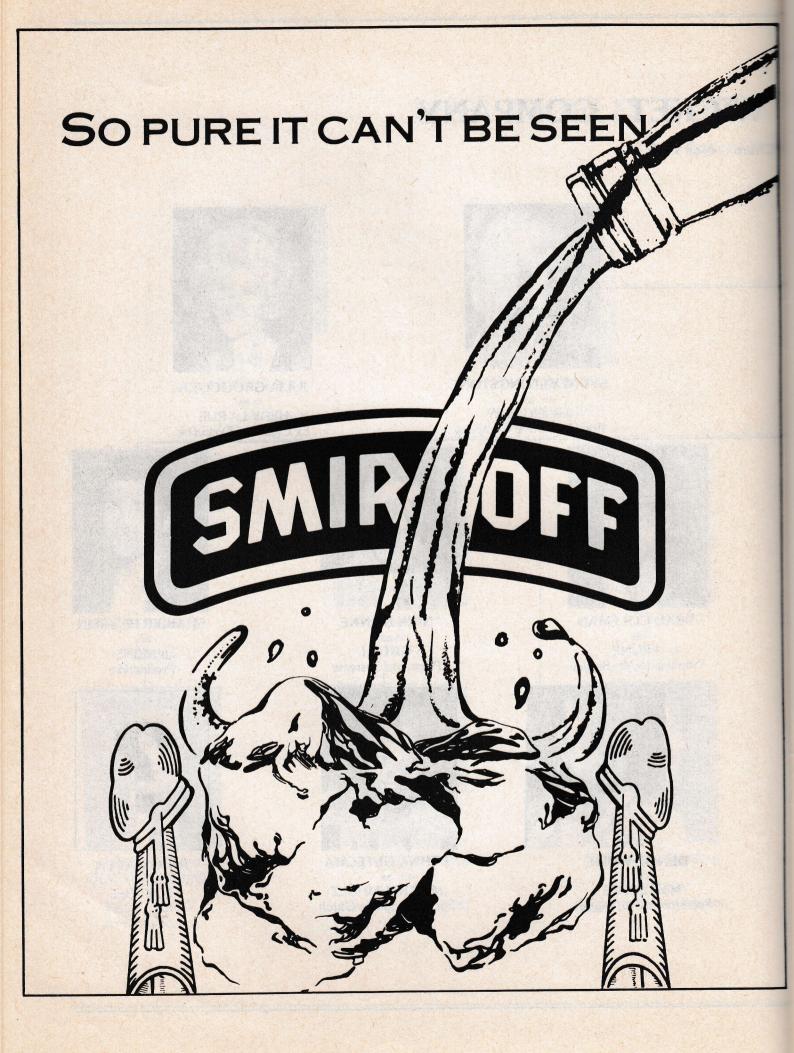
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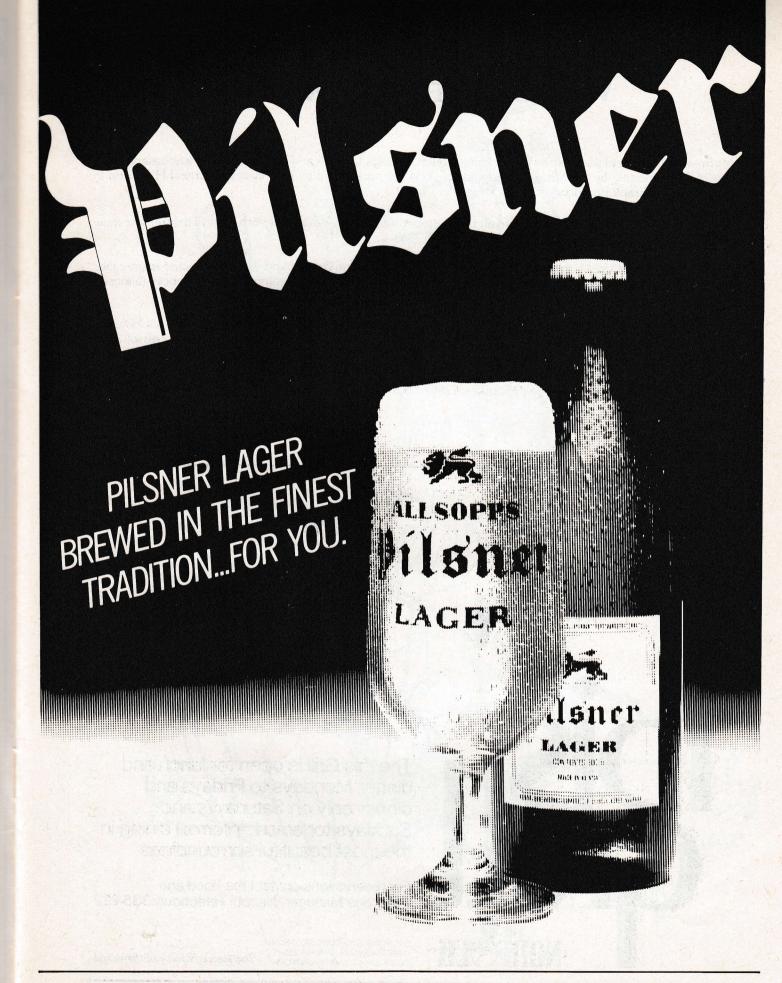
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"How to Succeed" was originally premiered on 16th October 1961 in New York at the 46th Street Theatre. The show opened in London at the Shaftesbury Theatre in March 1963.

The show was one of only 5 musicals to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and in 1961 collected many other awards. It was an immensely popular musical and ran on Broadway for 1417 continuous performances (almost 4 years). Consequently it was the 12th all time longest running musical on Broadway.

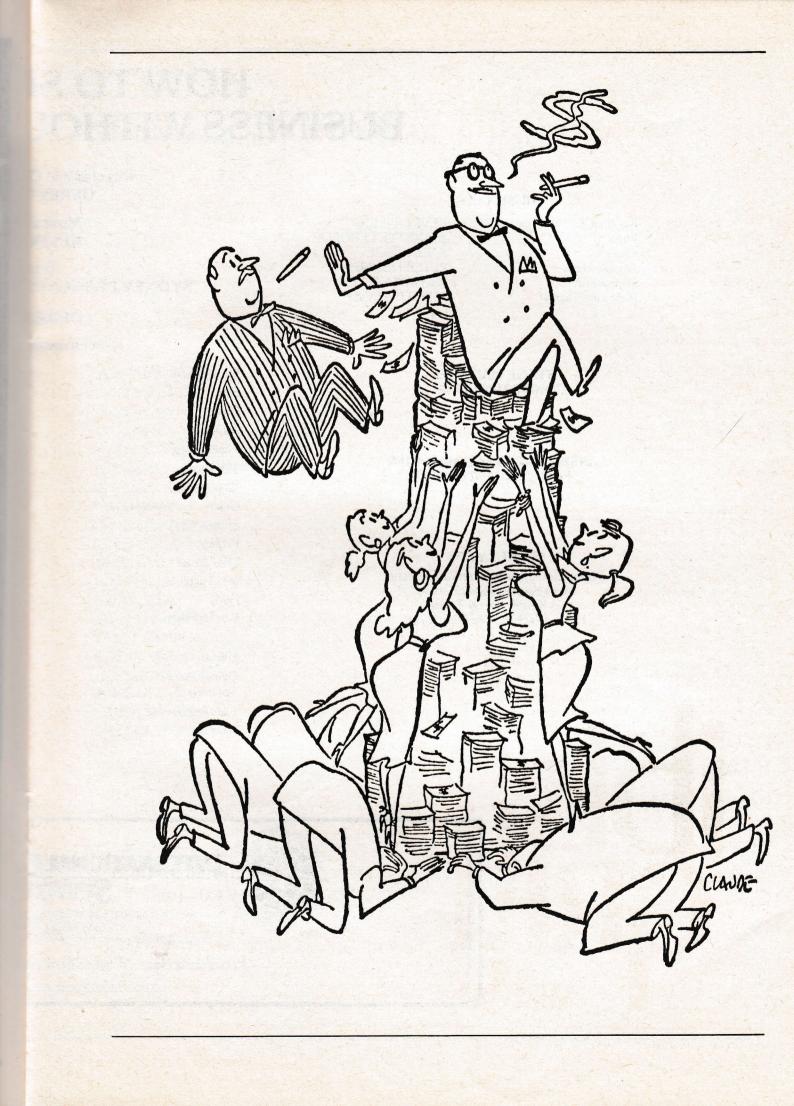
This musical was originally premiered in Kenya by Nairobi City Players in June 1969. It was Directed by Alice Dale with John Macpherson as Musical Director and Ruth Fellows as Choreographer and featured a cast of 37 including 18 principals. Approximately 60 persons were involved back stage and the orchestra featured 6 players.

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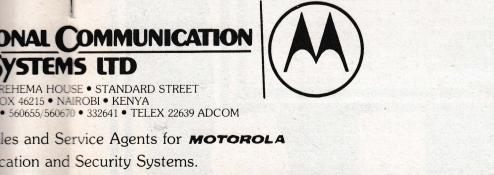
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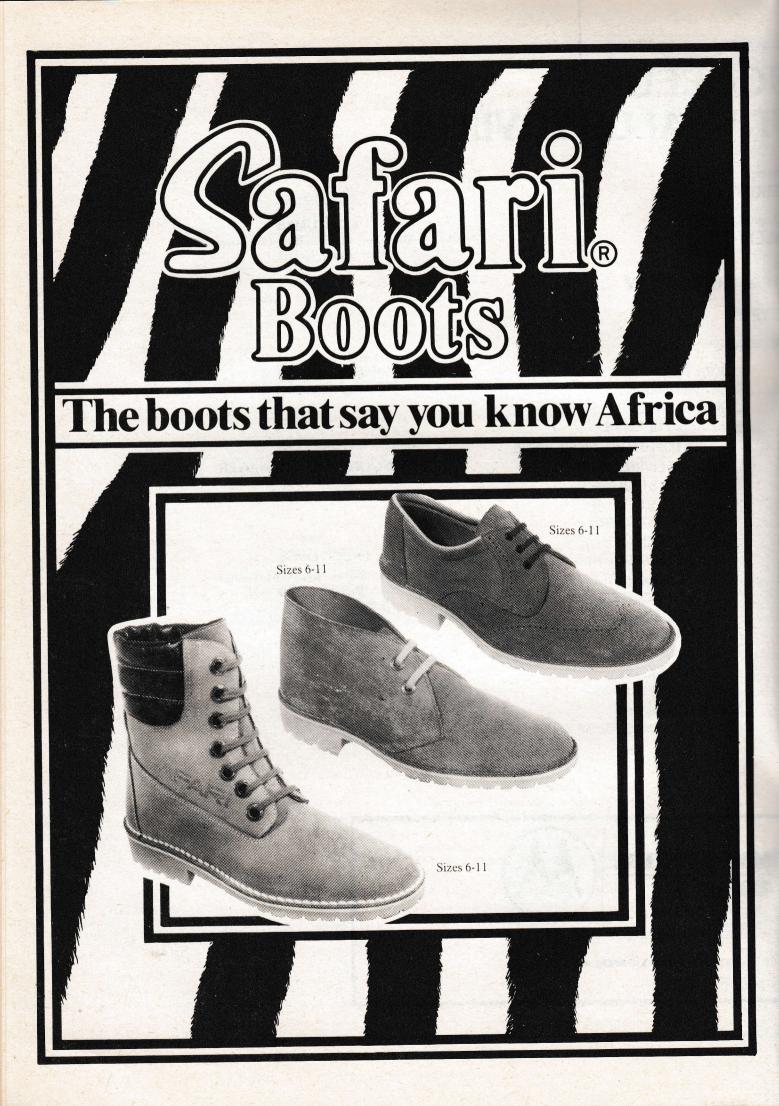
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#### ACTI

Scene 1:	General Office
Scene 2:	An Elevator Landing
Scene 3:	General Office
Scene 4:	Mail Room
Scene 5:	Biggley's Office
Scene 6:	An Elevator Landing
Scene 7:	An Elevator Landing
Scene 8:	General Office
Scene 9	Finch's First Office
Scene 10	Plans and Systems Office
Scene 11	An Elevator Landing
Scene 12	Roof Restaurant
Scene 13	An Elevator Landing
Scene 14	Bigglev's Office

#### ACT II

Scene 1:	General Office
Scene 2:	Finch's New Office
Scene 3:	Biggley's Office
Scene 4:	Executive Wash Room
Scene 5:	Board Room
Scene 6:	T.V. Show
Scene 7:	General Office
Scene 8:	An Elevator Landing
Scene 9:	Biggley's Office
Scene 10:	An Elevator Landing
Scene 11:	General Office

#### **GLOSSARY OF AMERICAN TERMINOLOGY**

1. Wicket — You tell us!

New Rochelle — Suburb of New York City, more like Muthaiga than Pangani.

3. F.A.O. Schwarz — The N.Y. equivalent of the Nairobi Hobby Shop.

4. **Erector Set!** 

5. Lionel — Major American manufacturer of mini trains.

Caboose — The south end of a northbound American goods train. Stouffers — Yankified Lyons Corner House. 6.

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8. Mimeograph — Gestetner, only in four syllables to fit the metre.

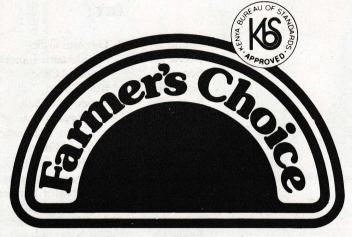
9. B.B.D.O. — Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne — major American Advertising Agency.

10. Crabgrass — A weed like Kikuyu grass. Yankees prefer Kentucky blue grass.

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#### Overture

#### ACTI

"How To"	FINCH
"Happy To Keep His Dinner Warm"	ROSEMARY
"Coffee Break"	FRUMP, SMITTY and OFFICE STAFF
"The Company Way"	FINCH and MR. TWIMBLE
"The Company Way" (Reprise)	FRUMP, MR. TWIMBLE and OFFICE STAFF
"A Secretary Is Not A Toy"	BRATT, FRUMP and OFFICE STAFF
"Been A Long Day"	FINCH, ROSEMARY, SMITTY
"Been A Long Day" (Reprise)	BIGGLEY, HEDY, FRUMP and OFFICE STAFF
"Grand Old Ivy"	FINCH, BIGGLEY
"Paris Original"	ROSEMARY, SMITTY, MISS JONES and SECRETARIES
"Rosemary"	FINCH and ROSEMARY
"Rosemary" (Reprise)	FINCH, ROSEMARY, FRUMP

#### ACT II

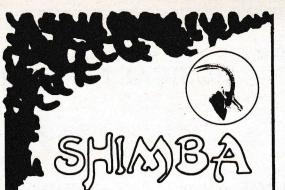
"Cinderella, Darling"	ROSEMARY, SMITTY and SECRETARIES	
"Happy To Keep His Dinner Warm" (Reprise)	ROSEMAY	
"Love From A Heart Of Gold"	BIGGLEY, HEDY	
"I Believe In You"	FINCH, FRUMP, BRATT and EXECUTIVES	
"The Yo Ho Ho"	THE JOLLY WICKETS and WICKETTES	
"I Believe In You" (Reprise)	ROSEMARY	
"Brotherhood Of Man"	FINCH, BIGGLEY, FRUMP, BRATT,	
	WOMPER, MISS JONES and OFFICE	
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#### FRANK LOESSER — Composer, Lyricist, Author

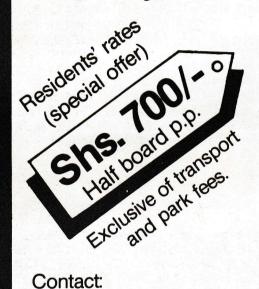
Frank Loesser was born in 1910 in New York. A prolific and successful lyricist in partnership with other composers, Loesser came to Broadway fairly late in life, establishing himself as a great all round talent writing music to match the flair he had always shown for **lyrics. He finally wrote his own librettos and produced not only his** own but other musicals. After a variety of non-musical jobs he started writing at 21 and in 1938 became a Paramount contract writer. Much of his early work was in "B" movies but many great evergreens emerged therefrom. His main success being "Coconut Grove" and "Thanks For The Memory" (1938), "Some Like It Hot" (1939), "Kiss The Boys Goodbye" (1941), "Thank Your Lucky Stars" (1943), "The Pearls of Pauline" (1947), "Neptune's Daughter" (1949), "Red Hot and Blue" (1949), "Hans Christian Anderson" (1952). His stage Musicals were "Where's Charley (1948), "Guys & **Dolls**" (1950), "The Most Happy Fella" (1956), "Greenwillow" (1960), and "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" (1961). In two "Guys & Dolls" and "How To Succeed", he collaborated with Abe Burrows.

#### ABE BURROWS — Author, Director and Composer

Abe Burrows was born in 1910 in Brooklyn, New York. He was originally a radio script writer and then a featured Singer on Television, Radio and the Cabaret Circuit. He came to Broadway in 1950 and had a smash hit with his first show "Guys & Dolls" — in conjunction with Frank Loesser. A pulitzer prize winner for "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying", he directed his own shows as well as other musicals and plays. He directed "Two on the Aisle" (1951), "Happy Hunting" (1956), and "What Makes Sammy Run" (1964). He wrote "Guys & Dolls" (1950), "Make a Wish" (1951). He wrote and directed "Can Can" (1953), "Silk Stockings" (1955), "Happy Hunting" (1956), "Say Darling" (1958), "First Impressions" (1959), and "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" (1961).



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#### **GERRY TEBBUTT** — Director and Choreographer

Gerry Tebbutt is regarded as one of the foremost director/choreographers specialising in musicals in Britain. After many years as an actor in regional theatres Gerry became one of Englands top dancers and choreographers. He has appeared in the West End in "Strike A Light" Piccadilly Theatre (1966), "The Wizard of Oz" Victoria Palace (1969), "Canterbury Tales" Phoenix Theatre (1970), "Gypsy" Piccadilly Theatre (1973), "Billy" Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (1974), "Irene" Adelphi Theatre (1976), "Annie" Victoria Palace (1978) as well as two Royal Command Performances of the Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich where he also directs plays. He has directed over thirty major musical productions and currently the National U.K. Tour of "Little Shop of Horrors" starring Lorraine Chase. He still likes to perform and has written three successful shows in which he has starred - "The Master's Voice", "A Little Sondheim Music" and "By George" about the lives of Noel Coward, Stephen Sondheim and George Gershwin respectively. His favourite roles were playing Rooster in "Annie", Tom in "No No Nanette" and Troppo in "Salad Days". On returning from Nairobi he will direct "Daisy Pulls It Off", "Gaslight" and "Fiddler on the Roof" and is currently working on a show based on the life of Irving Berlin. He recently appeared in "Mack and Mabel in Concert" at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. He lives in a converted Congregational Chapel on the quay in a small fishing village called Wivenhoe in Essex where his hobbies are collecting recordings of musicals (currently about six hundred known and unknown shows) clocks, travelling, cooking and antiques. His playmates are a cocker spaniel called Bess and two cats Chota Hasri and Ascot.





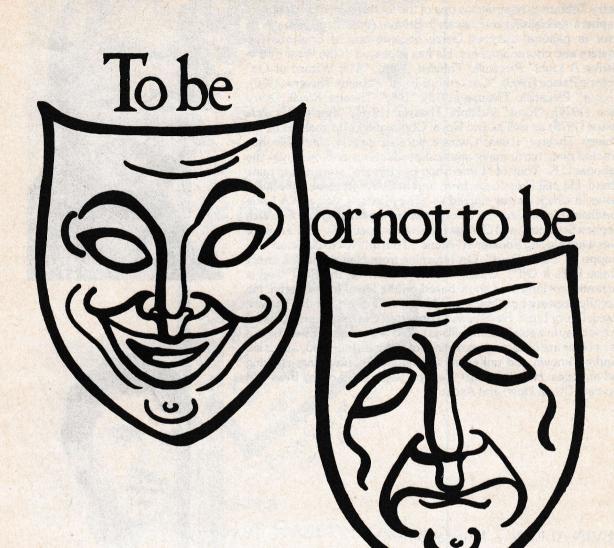
#### **KEVIN ALLEN** — Musical Director

Kevin studied piano and composition at the Royal Academy of Music in London, where he graduated in 1977. After working in various London schools for seven years, he came to Kenya in 1985 as Head of Music at Imani International School, Thika. Last year he was appointed Director of the Kenya Conservatoire of Music. He also lectures in music at Kenyatta University.

#### SYDNEY LIVINGSTONE – J.B. BIGGLEY

Born in Lancashire of Irish/Devonshire parentage. Before turning to the Theatre, trained as a chef in the hotel trade, was a provisions manager for a chain of grocery stores, a representative for a plumber's merchant and a clerical officer for a scientific institute. First took to the stage at the age of eleven in a local pantomime. Was lead singer with the band "Formula Five", and decided to pursue a career in the Theatre on his twenty-first birthday. Trained at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London, and graduated in 1969. Since then, Sid has worked with most of the leading repertory theatres in the UK, including five seasons with The Royal Shakespeare Company, both in Stratford and in London (he was Horatio to Ben Kingsley's Hamlet). Film and TV work have claimed most of his time over the last few years, such as Coronation St., Minder, Fox, Vanity Fair and many more TV plays. Recent films include Clockwise (with John Cleese), Hearts of Fire (with Bob Dylan), Heroine (with Oliver Reed) and Lifeforce (Stephen Spielberg). Sydney is also a trained film and TV director and a keen teacher, working with drama students at some of the leading drama schools as often as possible. His one obsession outside his work is sailing. He lives on the East Coast of England, and is the proud owner of a vintage wooden sailing boat which consumes most of his time and money.





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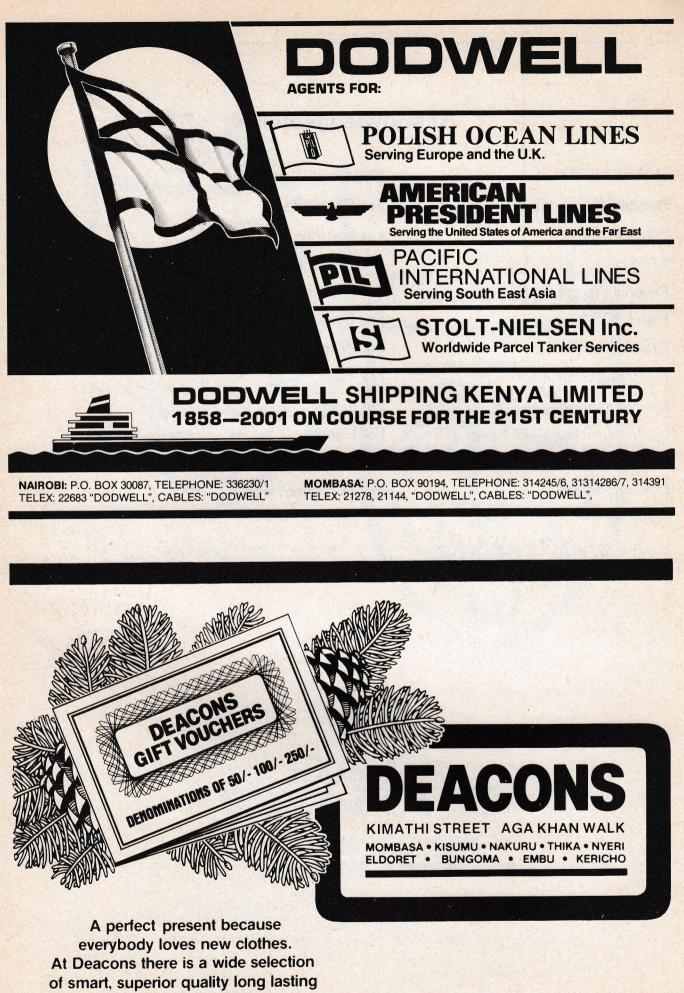
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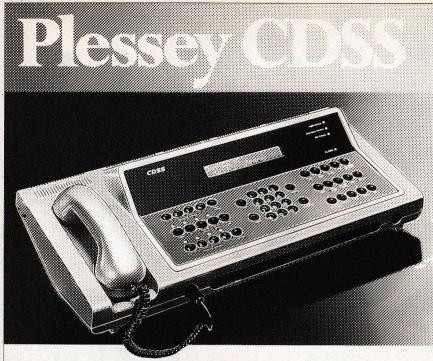
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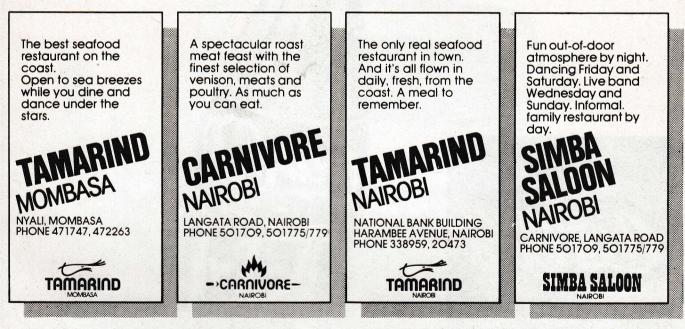
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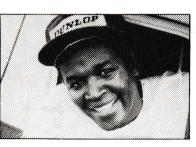


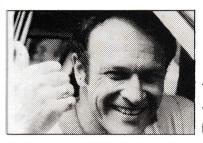
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