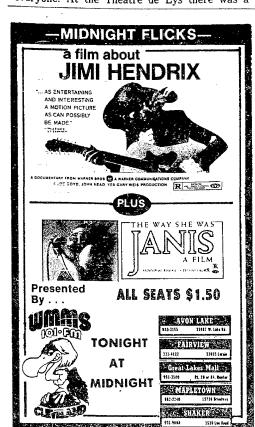
Everyone should have known better than stage 'Cracks' @ Tryouts

By Clive Barnes

NEW YORK - The recession has hit everyone. At the Theatre de Lys there was a



sort of burlesque retread of Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians," and there were only nine characters. Or, it might have been the inflation, for certainly they were nine characters in



search of an author, a play, a laugh, or even an

The play was "Cracks." It was written by Martin Sherman, directed by Tony Giordano and produced by Adela Holzer. All three should have known better. The three blind mice would

The play — or whatever — takes place in the lush pad of a rock star, who paints himself up like David Bowie and has muscles where his heart should be. His name is Rick and - according to the survivors — he is all sex.

We have to take most of this on trust because he is shot before even having a chance to say hello, let alone goodbye. The incident is at a party - one of those wild Los Angeles affairs where anyone who is not stoned is simply roll-

Eight people are left — the suspects. Then there comes this earth tremor — for as everyone knows Los Angeles is not a city but a long streel in search of an earthquake.

One by one the suspects are picked off by

Opera to tour 3 new works

Three of this season's new productions will among seven operas taken on tour this spring by the Metropolitan Opera, which will open in Čleveland April 26.

Tour operas this year, The Plain Dealer has learned, will be Bellini's "Norma," Verdi's "Aida," Wagner's "Die Meistersinger," Ponchielli's "La Gioconda," Bizet's "Carmen," Puccini's "Il Trittico" and Mozart's "Marriage of

the mystery marksman. Who is the murderer? Suspense hangs in the air like ice cream. But of course it is called, with more hope than conviction one imagines, "a comedy." The comedy also hangs in the air like ice cream.

A few of the one-liners strike home, but most of them strike out. The situation is not funny enough, the dialogue is not crisp enough. the comic characters have no roots in even the possibility of the impossible.

The setting by Peter Larkin was rather handsome and imaginative, the direction by Giordano seemed merely labored, although some of the acting rose above it

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