

The Cafe Avion

By JOHN DASH

The major seasoning at the Cafe Avion is the glamour and excitement of being in the midst of a throng of travellers to and from distant and mysterious cities.

Unpretentiously slipped in to the Monroe County Airport complex, the restaurant is one of the Skychief franchises, featured on airlines and at airports across the country.

The murmur of voices surrounding one's table indicates the international clientele and hints at the adventure of storied and far away places.

We stopped out for lunch last week and ordered blintzes, stuffed flounder Imperiale, the cheese cake and coffee.

Even the offerings reflect that international taste, with tacos, London broil, and crab rarebit in the platter's corner.

On the sandwich side the house features a Mouseline Sandwich, described by the menu as grilled Italian sausage topped with fresh mushrooms, green peppers and mozzarella cheese on a grilled garlic roll.

Prices for the Avion's platters, salads and sandwiches run slightly higher than the medium range: a cheeseburger costs \$1.60, while the New York strip steak sandwich weighs in at \$3.95.

Also featured on the menu is the low calorie Rochesterite, charbroiled ground beef with cottage cheese and pineapple chunks.

According to John Todia manager of the Avion, the restaurant serves more than 3,000 hungry pilgrims and local patrons a week, with the heaviest crowds appearing on Friday night.

The restaurant also features a



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coffee shop adjacent to the main dining room which accounts for the volume of patrons.

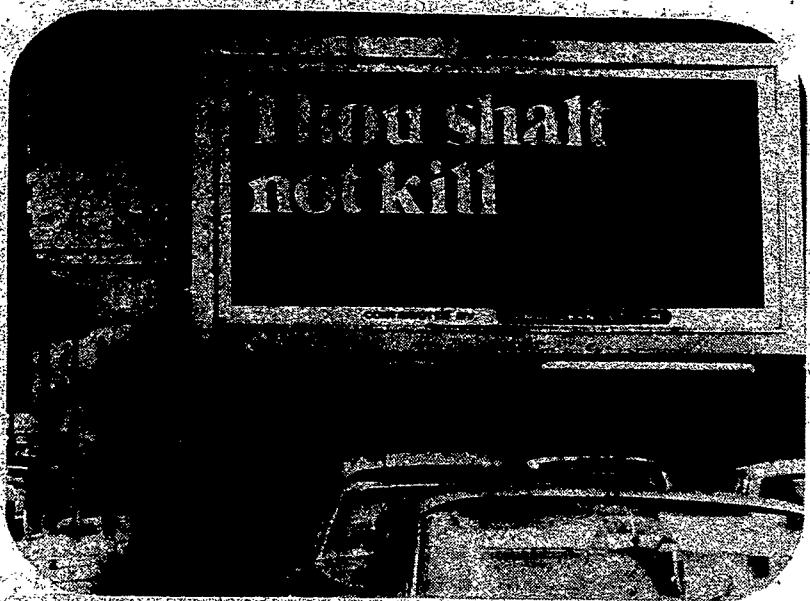
pleasurable view of departing and arriving jets.

Todia noted that the prices on his evening menu run between \$3.75 and \$8.50, which puts the restaurant into the medium price range at night.

The decor, from the bar lounge to the major dining area, is intimate and warm, despite the fact that a great wall of windows faces on the American Airlines gates.

Service at the Avion is friendly and attentive and the tables are so grouped as to give diners a

The menu is attractive and easily read and the wine list seems reasonably priced and varied.



The Real and Fanciful

The billboard above may be seen all over New Orleans where the homicide rate is highest in the country. Below, the pastor of a Lutheran church in Newport, Del., indulges in a bit of humor with the Ten Commandments, raising this sign at the site for a new church. So far, both posters seem to be providing the reminders they are intended to do.



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