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Constitutes A Majority"
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views on gambling, abortive descriptions of tourists and nagatory references to our hotels, which, incidentally are known throughout the world for splendor and service. Although he stated Las Vegas caters to some twenty million visitors annually, of all levels of society, "Louise" reporter Murray could not find a single one who dressed properly, spoke intelligently and appeared to be in a pleasant frame of mind. The first one he encountered "is overweight and in need of a shave and his suit bags in the wrong places. Arnold nibbles on his ice cubes, his eyes fogged over with misery and regret."

Next is a short man described as a dwarf, followed by a chunky business executive "explaining his sleeping arrangements to an ecstatic acquaintance in yellow alligator shoes." Then Murray told of Harry and Frank (automobile dealers attending a convention): "I imagine these two tycoons in their sales rooms, conning Joe Q. Public into purchasing the latest heap of tin from Detroit, and I wonder how a man can be a shark in his own pond and a perch in somebody else's." (Harry was betting the big 6 and big 8, and Frank was doubling up on the field rolls.)

Next Murray spotted a "gray-haired lady with a giggle like a muffled fire gong, and the man next to her, a long-suffering Bumstead, who rolls the dice as if they were goat droppings."

We'd like to stop and continue on to the next category, but the wordage of this Murray guy is just too, too precious. There was "A splendid young Lochinvar.... young genius....to slay the dragon and rescue the maiden." Oh brother!

Baccarat, according to Murray, was presided over by "a gnome wielding a sawed-off canoe paddle."

By now our erudite "newspaperman" is in Casino Center, where there is "less opulence....more hard and desperate gambling." Here he found "coiffed heads of grandmothers grimly slamming down the arms of bandits (slots), the furrowed brows of senior citizens hunched over losing poker hands, the sweaty foreheads of shooters invoking the dice to turn hot, the flushed faces - pink-cheeked, All-American, the Norman Rockwell look - of all losers..."

At the bar: "there's a young man....in an expensive but sloppy suit and sporting one of those flat will-you-kiss-me-in-the-dark-baby neckties....Fat men with diamond rings on their fingers drop by to say hello....A dish with purple hair and a bosom that rivals the Grand Tetons comes by to whisper in his ear....Who is this king of glory?" Murray stated he's a bookie from Pittsfield, Mass., stuck \$5,000. "Hooked on his own racket....He's a celeb here." Murray returned to his Strip Hotel. The Serpent (dealer commented on by Digilio) has given way to a Fox."

"A bad breakfast with a nasal waitress, a keep-'em-laughing type with lacquered red hair and the look of a reformed shill." At the pool, "two paunchy couples.... a hairy knight in khaki shorts, loafers and cabled socks, Hawaiian shirt, visored sun helmet and black goggles." Back at the blackjack table, "a portly businessman clucks incredulously to himself."

At the airport slot machines: "I am confronted suddenly by a bleary-eyed harridan in a print dress, with curlers in her hair a wad of gum bulging behind her acne." Wow, what an imagination! When Murray wrote: "she shrieks, embracing the machine as if it were her child and I had been about to dismember it," we were nearing the end of the piece, gladly, so overcome by nausea were we at this time.

Before we return to the beginning of the article to give a run-down on Murray's references to gambling and the aspect of hotel accommodations, we pause briefly to reflect on his ability to perceive so many strange people in a period of 16 hours, not counting the time spent in his room. We're not calling Murray a liar. Perhaps he had hallucinations, or some sort of delusions. Maybe he thought he saw those queer characters.

Certainly, unusual people like Murray described, do exist and most assuredly, all find their way to Las Vegas. They are among the millions of intelligent, fun-loving, normal tourists, who enjoy and rave about their visit and can't wait until they return.

BUT ALL OF THOSE UNUSUAL TYPES, DESCRIBED BY MURRAY, DO NOT COME AT THE SAME TIME IN ONE 16-HOUR PERIOD. ON THAT WE'LL GAMBLE.

During the seven years we've lived in Las Vegas, we've seen some of the characters part of the time, and all the characters some of the time, but never ALL THE CHARACTERS AT THE SAME TIME.

(We did not intend this when we commenced, but we'll just have to continue next week. Please bear with us.)

Succoth

Succoth is a holiday with one meaning, and, if we may be paradoxical, of many meanings. It is a harvest festival, but to the millions of Jews who have been away from Israel, away from its soil for thousands of years, it has had other meanings. It recalls the time long back when Jews wandered forth from Egypt and began to dwell in their own land, becoming tillers of its soil and reminds us at the same time of the many subsequent wanderings of the people of Israel and of the return now and of the rebuilding of Israel. It is rich in symbols, the lulav and the esrog and the sukkah.

The vicissitudes of Jewish history have caused the accents of the aspects of the holidays to be varied from time to time.

Always a time of joy, the great Israeli victory this year gives the current Succoth holiday a special significance. Succoth is one of the three major Jewish holidays on which, according to the Moosaic laws, Jews were wont to gather in Jerusalem and worship at the Temple. For the first time in two thousand years, this gathering under Jewish auspices is now made possible. Tens of thousands doubtless will gather at the Western Wall of the Temple this year to pray.

Of the three major Jewish festivals, Succoth is the one most identified with Israel. Passover commemorates the emancipation from bondage, Shavuoth, the Giving of the Ten Commandments but Succoth alone deals with Israel per se, with the agricultural and economic life of Israel.

But if Succoth has special joy for Israel this year, it also has a special significance for the Jews in other parts of the world. The events of the past few months have shown that in a jet age, a few thousand miles separation means very little.

SUCCOTH
Schedule of Services

2nd Day of Succoth	
Friday, October 20	-- 9:00 AM
Regular Evening Services	-- 8:30 PM
HOSHANA RABAH -	
Wednesday, October 25	-- 7:30 AM
	-- 6:00 PM
Shemini Atzeret -	
Thursday, October 26	-- 9:00 AM
YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICES AT 11:00 AM	
Eve of Simchat Torah -	
Thursday, October 26	-- 6:00 PM
Hakofos	-- 6:30 PM
Simchat Torah Day -	
Friday, October 27	-- 9:00 AM
Regular Evening Services	-- 8:30 PM
Junior Services - for the entire Festival of Succoth commence at 10 AM each morning in the Jr. Sanctuary Hakofos-Thursday, October 26	-- 6:30 PM

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B'Nai Sholom Soc. at S.N.U.

Another milestone has been reached in the Jewish community of Las Vegas with the formation of the B'Nai Sholom Society at Nevada Southern University. The group consists of Jewish students, both local and out of state, who attend classes at the University. Dr. Bernard Greenblatt of the Helping Services Department is acting as advisor for the group.

At a recent organizational meeting held at Temple Beth Sholom, Dr. Aaron S. Gold, Rabbi and spiritual leader of the Temple, and Cantor Joseph Kohn, welcomed thirty enthusiastic young men and women.

The second meeting of the group will be held on Sunday, Oct. 22, 1967 at 12:00 noon at Temple Beth Sholom, 1600 E. Oakey Blvd. A special luncheon will feature "Lox & Bagels" and will be sponsored by the Danny Kolod Memorial Youth Fund, in honor of the B'Nai Sholom Society. Part of the planned agenda for the meeting will be organizational details, including social and cultural events for the future. All Jewish students 18 years of age and over are invited to attend this luncheon. They should contact Pam Phillips at 878-0704 or Chaim Yehros at 735-678L.

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