

# LAS VEGAS SHOWGASTE

## NEW FOLIES BERGERE '68 AT TROP MOST LAVISH AND EXCITING

Reported to be the most lavish and exciting edition of the famed extravaganza in its sensational 101-year history, Folies Bergere '68 which opened Saturday at the Tropicana is certainly the most expensive with a curtain raising cost of \$800,000.

Local history on the show dates back to the holiday season of 1959 with an initial expenditure at that time of less than \$400,000.

Glamorously costumed and artistically staged by Michel Gyarmany, Paris and co-produced by Gryamathy

and Tony Azzi, Lebanon, Folies Bergere '68 will sparkle with new acts and breathtaking production numbers.

The new edition is headlined by such internationally famous artists as Erich Brenn, Austria; The Hal-assys, Hungary; The Veter-

ans, Sweden; The Mercners, Poland; and Gus Augspurg, United States. Another innovation is the Jerry Jackson Dancers in a thrilling New Orleans' French Quarter number that is expected to cause a sensation in the entertainment world.



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## PROFILES

by Percy Villa



Today's column and 'Profile' goes to a friend of long standing, GIL GILBERT, Vice President of the Prell Hotel Corporation, Milton Prell's ALADDIN HOTEL. His life story is most interesting.

Gil fled to this country during the Russian Revolution. He was equipped with no money and less than a dozen English words.

When he landed in Long Beach, California, he was 16 years old. After a few years of schooling, he learned the upholstery trade and a few years later opened his own business.

He was born in Russia in 1907, March 9th. He is married to Mary Zion of Iowa and they live in an attractive apartment at 1700 Rexford (Rexford Arms).

It was in 1957 when the Gilberts moved to Las Vegas. He joined his brother-in-law, Milton Prell



GIL

at the Pioneer Club. A few months later Prell opened the MINT and Gilbert was named assistant managing director a post he held for 8 1/2 years until he joined the Aladdin 2 years ago as managing director and Vice President.

Gilbert is a man of few



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