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Desert Inn's Crystal Room, and brought along with her the 22-year old famed Jimmy Webb, the current musical rage. He composed "Up, Up and Away," "Phoenix", "MacArthur Park," etc.

It is Webb's first appearance in Las Vegas and he said he likes it "just fine". Connie wins over the audience with her versatility as a singer, dancer and 'kibbitzer'. Her adorable rendition of "I Were a Rich Man" from "Fiddler On The Roof" is superb.

Backstage, after he show, Connie told me she decided that she's really a better actress than anything else. "I get more satisfaction out of acting," she said, "because I can best express what I feel when I am singing."

Connie added that comedy comes much easier to her than does singing. Her baby daughters, Joely, 20 months, and Tricia, 5 months, are with here, and she splashes with them at the Desert Inn's pool during the day.

When she completes her Desert Inn engagement, Connie will make a movie in London.

PARIS (WNS) -- President George Pompidou's Government has indicated it is reappraising France's Mideast policies and may eventually abrogate the embargo on 50 Mirage jet fighter-bombers paid for by Israel.

FALLSBOURG, N.Y. (WNS) -- Israeli Minister of Religious Affairs Zerach Warhaftig said that relations between the Government and the Christian religious communities in Israel were "excellent."

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta sect staged a protest against autopsies at Sabbath Square in Jerusalem.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The largest group of American and Canadian Jews, (235) to settle in Israel at one time has left New York.

MONTREAL (WNS) -- The Allied Jewish Community Service, Montreal's central Jewish agency for health and social work, has established a Francophone department to aid in the integration of the more than 12,000 French-speaking Jewish immigrants to Quebec Province from various Arab countries.

LOS ANGELES: - The new Executive Committee of the Pacific Southwest Regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith elected Chairman, Macy Baum; Vice-Chairman Zad Leavy; Secretary, Mrs. Joan Cohen.

MIDEAST FIGHTING ESCALATES

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The fighting in the Middle East continued to escalate last week as Israeli forces struck deep into Egypt to hit power lines supplying electricity from the Aswan Dam to Cairo while Arab terrorists blew up a military vehicle in Tel Aviv, injuring 11 persons.

In another development, Israeli gunners had prevented Jordanian workmen from repairing the East Ghor Canal sabotaged two weeks ago. Israeli sources indicated that the shelling was a re-

praisal for continued Arab shelling of settlements attacks on patrols in the area.

Military sources indicated that the Arabs had stopped their military activity and if this quiet continued Israeli forces would also halt their shelling so that repair work could be carried out. It was noted that continued Israeli efforts to prevent such work could be viewed as an escalation of fighting in that a purely non-military target was involved and that the United States, which had supplied most of the funds for

the \$85 million project, could become involved.

The Israeli raid 137 miles inside Egypt was directed at a 500 kilowatt high tension line on the west bank of the Nile River near the town of Souhag, 250 miles south of Cairo and 92 miles north of the Aswan Dam. Military spokesmen did not say how the raid, the second in eight days and the third in nine

months, was carried out. All Israeli forces were reported to have returned safely.

(In Cairo, a Government spokesman denied any raid had taken place or that electricity to the city was cut off. He claimed that Israeli officials received erroneous reports from their commandos.)

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U. S.-RUSSIA NEAR FORMULA

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) --The United States and the Soviet Union are reportedly near an agreement on the formula for setting up a voluntary United Nations peace-keeping force and the first application of such a compact could be in the Middle East.

While the official negotiating is being done by a group of eight nations within the UN's 33-nation Peace-keeping Committee, the key talks since last fall have been held between the U.S. and Russian representatives. Ambassador Francisco Cuervas Cancino of Mexico, chairman of the committee, said that negotiations on the formula "are in a somewhat advance stage."

Washington and Moscow

both are reported to favor return of a UN peacekeeping force to the Mideast as part of a peace settlement. Withdrawal of forces stationed in the area following the 1956 Suez Crisis by UN secretary General U Thant in May 1967 at the request of Egyptian President Nasser was criticized as one of the immediate causes of the SIX-Day War.

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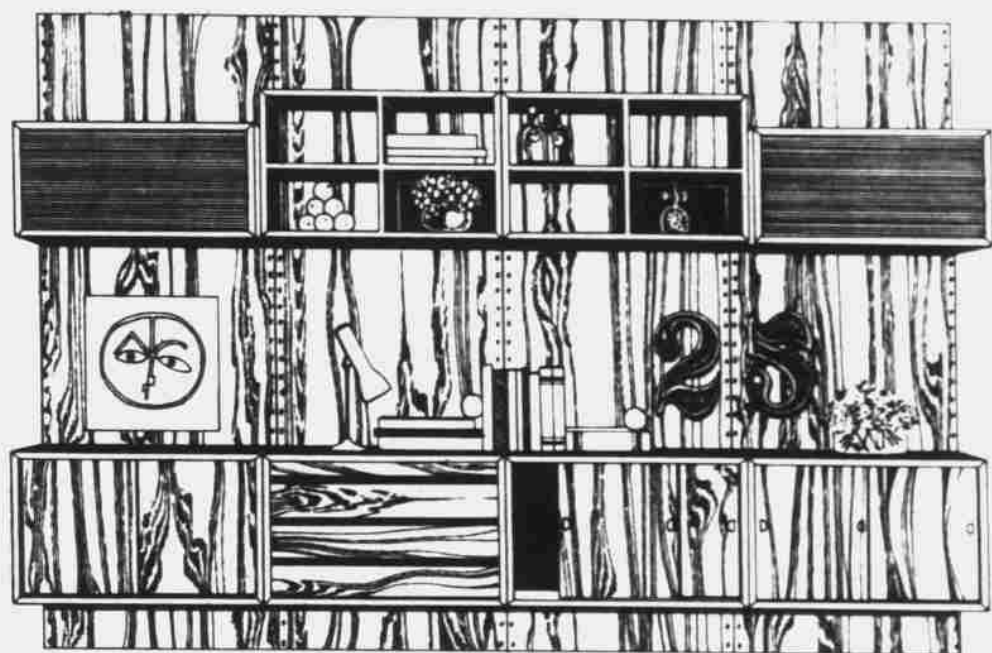
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