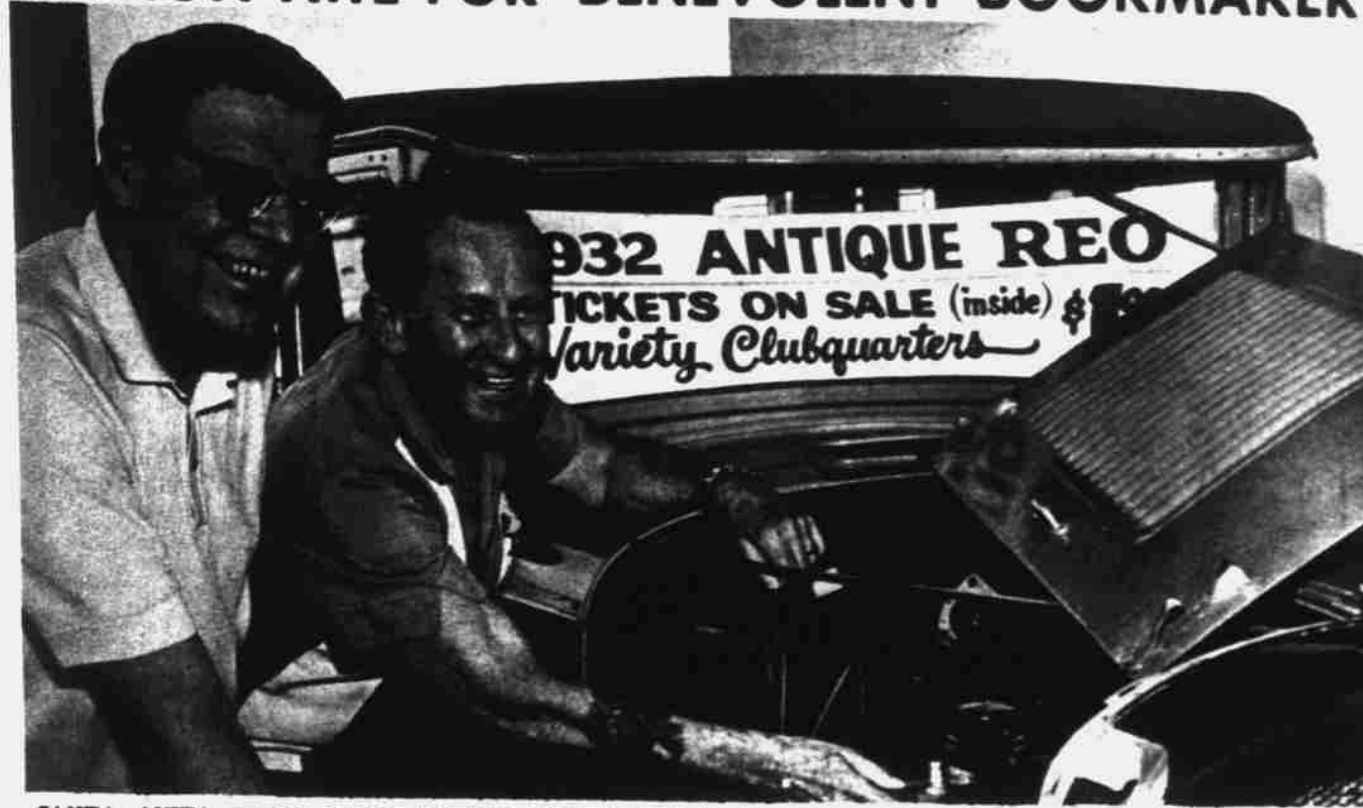


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TOM DISKIN

Morning Line

- AMONG THE THINGS I WANT FOR LAS VEGAS:
1. A domed stadium for both sports as well as for other events such as national conventions.
 2. A series of overpasses (or underpasses) for pedestrians on our busy Strip—before anyone else is killed by motorists blinded by the brilliant neon lights (or by booze).
 3. A huge Appreciation Night for our benevolent bookmaker, Sammy Cohen.

I know this suggestion for an Appreciation Night—such as the one given for the popular Gus Giuffre recently—will both surprise and embarrass Sammy Cohen, who prefers to keep in the background as much as possible.

But such recognition for Cohen is long overdue. You must know this philanthropic proprietor of the Santa Anita Race Book to appreciate him.

For approximately 20 years, Cohen has been supporting worthy projects here in Las Vegas not only verbally but also financially.

THE PURPOSE of this "Night" would be to raise money for Sammy Cohen's latest dream—a \$40,000 gymnasium for "his boys" at Spring Mountain Youth Camp.

All proceeds for this Sammy Cohen Appreciation Night would be a down payment for the gym.

We would honor Cohen and at the same time assist these boys who were left without a home by the big flood last winter which wiped out the camp.

OFFICIALS ARE NOW PLANNING to build a new Spring Mountain Youth Camp. The exact site has not yet been determined. But the budget covers only the absolute necessities—such as a dorm, dining hall, and class rooms.

"I sure hope that the new location is near the other one—only on much higher ground. Then the boys can use the former swimming pool, the football field and the basketball courts," Sammy said last week. He donated the money for the swimming pool, by the way.

After the flood, Cohen purchased clothes and other items for the boys.

For the benefit of our newcomers, Spring Mountain is for Nevada youngsters who drift into trouble but with

proper handling and interest can be saved and turned into useful residents of our community.

Without Cohen, I doubt if there would be a Spring Mountain Youth Camp.

Why his interest?

Cohen reports that he "came out of an early life with no family in the tough tenements of Chicago. I always said if I ever could help the underdog I would." How he's lived up to that pledge:

COHEN LEAVES HERE JULY 20 for Cleveland where he will undergo tests for a heart condition. There is a strong chance he will undergo a serious operation to correct this ailment.

If an operation on his "ticker" is recommended by the doctors at the Cleveland Medical Clinic, Cohen will submit to it "because I have already checked the odds and they're in my favor." Said like a true bookmaker:

Cohen might not have the strongest heart in Nevada—but he's got one of the biggest.

COHEN SAID "I want to put up a \$40,000 gym for our boys when Spring Mountain is rebuilt. I know some big men here with our hotels as well as some show people who might help us raise money for this project." Sammy said the other day. He was thinking of a special benefit show but later after this conversation I got to thinking that a Sammy Cohen Appreciation Night would be so appropriate.

We might be able to raise say half the money in one evening toward the new gym which could be used for the boys throughout the entire year.

LAS VEGAS has the reputation of assisting worthwhile endeavors such as this. I would like to get started now for this Appreciation Night to be sometime in late August or early September after Cohen's return and recovery from his Cleveland trip.

I would like to hear from the readers as well as the many people Sammy Cohen has helped in the past on this idea.

I wonder if columnists such as Hank Greenspun, Ruthe Deskin, Paul Price, Joe Delaney, Ralph Pearl, Jimmy Snyder, Forrest Duke, Etta Cortez, Jack Tell, John Cronan, Don Digilio, Ron Delpit, and Ralph Petillo, et al. will support this project?

Recently, Associated Press writer, Mike Doan, did a fine feature on Cohen which was carried in newspapers from Seattle to Miami.

It was a well-written story and certainly helped our town's "image."

Cohen received considerable national recognition via this article.

Now let's recognize his efforts on the local level.

If Sammy Cohen will permit this special Night (and I think he will only because it will benefit "his boys"), I want to be the first volunteer to get this project underway.

Who else will volunteer to help in this program to honor one of this nation's finest humanitarians?