

"FLOWER DRUM SONG" AT T-BIRD

Rodgers and Hammerstein's smash Broadway musical "Flower Drum Song" promises to be even better than it was when the record-breaking production first played at the Thunderbird Hotel.

When the fast-moving show opens Aug. 27 at the T-Bird, every principal on the resort's stage will have numerous previous "Flower Drum Song" credits.

Jess W. Hinkle, the hotel's vice president and general manager, said yesterday each principal was carefully selected before final decisions were made. "This previous experience is the chief factor we are able to open the show with only two weeks of rehearsing," he said.

Although thousands of persons continue to rave over performances by Jack Soo and Arlene Fontana during the earlier "Flower Drum Song" Thunderbird run, the current cast promises to be even greater. Veteran



JACK SOO

performer Elaine Dunn will play the role of Linda Low--the part held down earlier by Miss Fontana. For Miss Dunn, Linda Low is a very familiar character with the brunette beauty having played it on Broadway and with the original road production.

Aside from popular Soo, three other persons will be familiar to T-Bird aud-

iences, having performed in the blockbuster here earlier. Returning are Alvin Ing, who now plays the male romantic lead role of Wang Ta; Bob Kino has been cast as Dr. Li, father of the Picture Bride, and George Minami, who also is choreographing the production, has the role of Wan Ta's young brother.

Veteran Hollywood set designer Glenn Holse, who is working his 11th T-Bird production, has come up with even more beautiful sets than when the show first played here.

All rehearsing originally was scheduled to take place at the Colorvision Studio in Los Angeles. A change of plan went into effect last weekend with "Flower Drum Song" principals moving to Las Vegas while the remainder of the cast continues to work in the California City.

Advance reservations for the show now are being accepted at the Thunderbird.



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