

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

THE VEGAS BAG

by Mark Tan



STRIP CHATTER...All that commotion and crowd gathering was for bushy haired Vegas favorite MARTY ALLEN and his ever-lovin' Frenchy in for pal MIKE DOUGLAS' Sahara debut. Marty opens at the Flamingo, with singer JOHN ROWLES co-starring, on August 12. Meantime, Marty has a heavy schedule of one-nighters, tv guestings; and just signed to star in a new movie that'll roll immediately after his Flamingo stint...The South African blonde, busty PAT

GILL (former lead nude in "Vive Les Girls") and her own "discovery" singer-dancer JOHN ROTHMAN set to star for Alan Lee in a new revue opening next week in Omaha...REDD FOXX, NELSON SARDELLI, RUSTY WARREN, THE ESTABLISHMENT, DICK JENSEN, THE BROTHERS KEEP, FOSTER BROOKS, NANCY AUSTIN & DAVID LONDON, MARINA MAUBERT & MARTIN GAVIN, and about 300 fans and friends gathered for the pre-opening "glad to be back" party tossed by THE SUN SPOTS and SAN MIGUEL BREWERY (of Manila) at the Flamingo Casino Theater. The Sun Spots are making their first Vegas appearance in three years...Former "Pzazz" featured singer and comedienne (Apple Annie), LORETTA ST JOHN is now doing her high style solo-ing from The Top

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of the Mint. Loretta's also prepping her nitery act for a showcasing next month for entertainment buyers.... ABBE LANE, just closed at the Desert Inn, has offers for London, Puerto Rico, New York & Lake Geneva to fill the time between now and her October return to the D.I. (with JIMMY DURANTE). Abbe's being paged by RICK MITCHELL to be the official Queen of his annual Hallowe'en Ball frolic, which will be held this year at either the International or Stardust. Last year's Ball was the attendance record-holder since Rick started the costume caper.... Don't Miss: "the tastiest sound in town" now being offered by THE MARSHMELLO COMPANY at the Landmark's Nighthawk Lounge. The fast rising Decca recording group is headed by TOMMY RONCA (who founded the Jades & J'Adorables). Singers-dancers LOU ANN HOYT, SEDATE LEBRUN and VICKI PARSONS add their talents and visual assets to the fast paced revue....

CELEBRITY CIRCUS...JUNE ALLYSON with offspring PAM and DICK POWELL JR., RUSTY WARREN, YVETTE MIMEX, MARTY & FRENCH ALLEN, CARL REINER, MIKE DOUGLAS, THE SUN SPOTS, GARY COSTER (of "Vive Les Girls"), among the weekend crowds in to see Breck Wall-Joe Peterson's dynamite afternoon revue, "BOTTOMS UP"....Speaking of "BU", also in to catch the show were Steve Allen tv talent coordinators MEL CHASE & RON DEFORÉ. The scouts were completely sold on DAVID HARRIS and signed him on the spot for ten guestings on Allen's show for Steve's popular "Man in the Street" series. David will fly to L.A. to tape on Aug. 11.... Winners of the Daily Mirror (London) "Weekend with Engelbert" contest guesting at the Riviera Hotel - JANET LOVEGROVE and GILLIAM MASON - got the red carpet treatment from the Riv pr dept TONY ZOPPI & SALLY KAYE. They dined with their idol, visited his home, saw his show, and were escorted 'round town by PAUL COOPER (of Rovers, Cowan & Brenner, LA)...DEANNA BAKER, the Denver bunny featured in the current Playboy, lit up the Frontier Circle F Theatre. Deanna flew in especially to see THE BROTHERS KEEP (Lee Dollar & Mark Vance)...DICK JENSEN and a big contingent from his "Aloha Hawaii" revue, RONY ROME (now at the Sands Regency Room), BUDDY VEST & STERLING CLARK ("home" for a brief spell before continuing their tour with JOAN RIVERS), JOHNNIE RAY, and LARRY MEREDITH, JIM MICHAELS, PHYLLIS MITCHELL (all of THE ESTABLISHMENT now stopping the show nightly with their beautifully stirring "Jesus Christ, Superstar" medley at the International with PERRY COMO) and dozens of showfolk in to see and hear the hot new MARSHMELLO COMPANY at the Landmark....

TALK OF THE TOWN...LINE RENAUD'S new revue "LOVE IN" now at King's Castle in Tahoe, has several Strip entertainment buyers more than slightly interested.

BITS & PIECES...KAY BALLARD, now at the Fremont, has so many television guestings on her busy schedule, she'll be practically commuting to L.A. while she's here. Kay is the producers number one choice for a Broadway musical about popular Molly Goldberg, if and when that property ever gets underway....SOUP'S on at the Crown Room, Las Vegas Hilton, and keeping the crowd movin' to their heady, heavy rock; for the more conservative crowds.

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