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from five years of entertaining and supervising shows for our troops in Vietnam. He has appeared before most VIPs who visited the area including Vice Presidents Humphrey and Agnew. Gen. Westmoreland was Randy's most ardent fan. Gen. Abrams called Randy "Comedian Extraordinary."

Is it any wonder that the Showboat engagement, Randy's first since he returned to America, was packed for every performance, mainly uniformed men stationed at Nellis.

Randy sitting in a hotel room in Australia, happened by chance to see the Ingrid Hart show on TV. He picked up the phone and told her he was going to take her to Vietnam to entertain the troops. "Not me," she said.

Two months later Ingrid was belting out her tunes from a stage in Saigon. She and Randy travelled the length and breadth of Vietnam, into every corner of that small country bringing entertainment to large and small audiences no matter how remote. They were conveyed by car, jeep, plane, helicopter, boat, and tank, in addition to hiking to inaccessible places.

Ingrid's parents were arrested and jailed by Hitler in Poland. She was eight years old.

With relatives, Ingrid escaped, thru Czechoslovakia, via England, and wound up in Australia, where she was joined by her parents eight years later.

Ingrid's dad owned the largest circus in Poland until it was confiscated by Hitler. Now he raises race horses in Sydney.

Ingrid lived in an orphanage until her parents arrived. She had a fondness for the piano, became quite adept and after attending the South Australian Conservatorium for seven years, was probably the most outstanding concert pianist down under. Then she realized she had a voice, and what a voice!

In Vegas she visited with Cantor Joe Kohn at Temple Beth Shalom, where she obtained the music for "My Yiddish Mama," "Hava Nugilah," and "Tzena Tzena."

Randy, an Italian-American, born in New Jersey, was 12 when he first appeared on the stage in an Irish Minstrel Show in Galena, Ill. His speech in broken Italian-English about the Irish, stole the show. From then on show business was his



RANDY



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life. Randy is truly a "Gentleman of Comedy," never offensive, never pushing or compulsive. He has the knack of understanding and capturing any audience he has ever faced.

But his greatest asset is self confidence, backed up with the talent and capacity to cope with any situation. Years back he stopped Tony Martin in the lounge of the Riviera Hotel.

"I am a comic and a good one," said Randy. "Won't you get me before an audience?" That night he appeared on the stage in the Riviera lounge. You will be hearing more about Randy and Ingrid. Read his column which starts today in the Israelite.

Although "Fiddler" actually opened Aug.

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wall of Berlin. Today, the wall, with its barbed wires and mines and other entrapments serves as an ugly daily reminder to the people of Berlin that their's is a city, not only divided by ideology, but by a great concrete near-impenetrable barricade of hopelessness, that has cost to date 78 lives of East Germans attempting escape to freedom. My personal comment on this; Here in America we want our suburban homes and two automobiles and the good things in life... In East Berlin any citizen would be content with a HOLE IN THE WALL....

Some Tips For Superstitious: During a full moon---never sleep with your eyes open; Never trust a woman that wears a moustache; An itching nose foretells the visit to a stranger--an allergist; Don't gamble any week with a Friday in it---it's bad luck; If you must light three cigarettes on the same match--be sure it is a very long match....

FEATURE: On this day in 1910, the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale died. She was born in Florence, Italy, in 1820 and dedicated her life to one purpose--the care of the sick and the war-wounded. In 1854, she organized a group of 38 women for service in the Crimean War. She set up model hospitals with sanitary conditions and worked tirelessly for financial support for her work on the battlefields. After the Crimean War she became a legend.

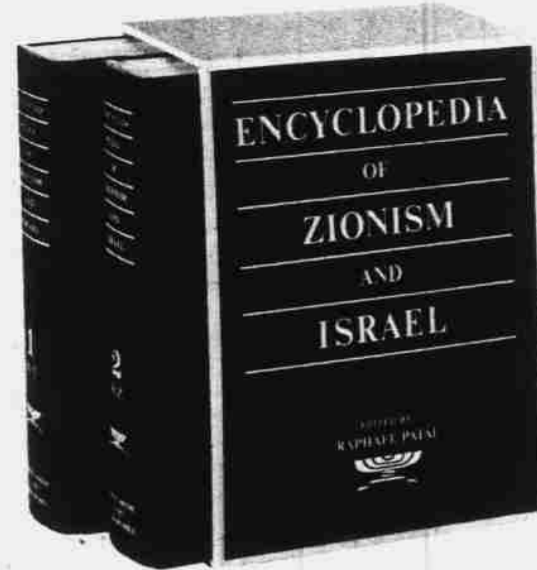
Friday the 13th: Be suspicious of anyone who hits you with a BLACK JACK today....

For the time of your life come see "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" AT THE UNION PLAZA HOTEL, and then stop by and see the Randy Costa show with Lovely Ingrid Hart in the Plaza Lounge.... see you there....

10, the public's first opportunity to view the classic will not be until the midnight show of Aug. 13, for the previous evenings were "invitation only" events saluting Nevada's leaders in government, gaming, industry and the national and local press.

Playing the pivotal role of "Tevye" at the Plaza, as he has done throughout the nation, is noted singer-actor Bob Carroll. Fritzi Burr appears opposite him as "Golde", the cow-milking, house-cleaning, matzoh-making spouse. She was last on Broadway in "Funny Girl".

The cast of 25 will be the first to trod the boards of the Plaza's posh showroom in the first of what Boyd promises to be "the best entertainment" presentations in Las Vegas.



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