

OF THE STARS

SUPER GROUPS AT FLAMINGO

Two super groups that led rock 'n roll revolutions in the Fifties and the Sixties have kicked off four big weeks of entertainment in the Flamingo Hotel Casino Theatre.

The Raiders, featuring Paul Revere and Mark

Lindsay, were among the bizarre rock groups of the 1960s who helped revolutionize the country's music listening habits. They are appearing with The Platters, one of the original rock 'n roll combos of the '50s. Also appearing in the Casino Theatre are the Kim Brothers.

Originally known as Paul Revere & The Raiders, the quintet became one of the first Beatles-like groups to explode onto the American music scene in 1965. At that time they wore extravagant costumes of the American revolution, sporting three-cornered hats, powdered wigs, ruffled shirts, long multi-buttoned coats, knee breeches and buckled shoes.

Contrary to most of the other wildly-costumed groups of that era, the Raiders were excellent musicians and lost no time

in climbing to the top of the record charts.

They registered 15 hit singles, including "Kicks", "Good Thing", "Steppin' Out", "Just Like Me", "Ups and Downs", "Hungry", "We Gotta All Get Together".

The Platters are established Las Vegas favorites, weaving nostalgia with their big hits from the 1950s.

The Platters rank with Elvis Presley, Fats Domino, Little Richard and Chuck Berry among the pioneers of rock 'n roll. They are one of the most successful recording groups of all time, listing gigantic hits like "The Great Pretender", "My Prayer", "Twilight Time", "Harbor Lights", "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes".

The versatile Kim Brothers, who are related to the famous Kim Sisters, sing and play more than 25 musical instruments, including bagpipes.

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS



Don Tell

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lottery ticket.

You might think that here in Nevada the locals are starting to quiver in their boots about the possibility of other states conjuring up a casino or three. Taint so! Las Vegas and Reno are both predicting large increases in both population and gaming revenues in the next ten years. Las Vegas realtors expect 600,000 people to be living and working in Clark County by 1980, an increase nearly doubling present statistics.

How do the gamblers here feel about other states latching on to the casino business? Well they aren't running scared in these parts.

MGM Corp. is currently operating the Bonanza here in Las Vegas and is starting to build a spectacular \$75,000,000 resort to be called the Grand Hotel. Caesars World has announced the deluxe Mark Anthony Hotel and Casino to be built on St. Louis and Paradise at a cost exceeding \$25 million.

Up north the Laxalt family has started construction on the first hotel and casino combination in Carson City, at a cost of multi-millions.

Now there has been much talk in the past about gambling opening up in other areas. A strong push was once on to bring gambling to Catalina Island, off the coast of Southern California. States like Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico have dabbled with the subject from time to time. But the talk ended and no firm action was ever taken. Of course, New York State probably needs the revenues more than any other and the confidence of successful off-track betting has made the possibility of full scale gambling there a strong choice in years to come.

But insiders here feel that if any eastern state will start gaming, it'll be New Jersey. A place like Atlantic City would probably be the likely focal point. With it's seaside resort hotels and huge convention facilities, Atlantic City would have the easiest transformation to make.

Others feel that the Catskill Mountain area of New York State would be a logical choice.

Again plush resort hotels and plenty of room to build would make this an ideal location. It has been reported that Catskill hotel owners are really pushing for it since their business has been way off in the past three years.

But whoever and wherever the gaming bug bites, the people of Nevada are very much secure. We have built up a thoroughbred industry with the finest accommodations, entertainment and facilities to be found anywhere in the world. So if a few upstarts think they can become another Las Vegas, we'll just sit back and lean on our 25 year headstart.

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