

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST



STRIP HOPPING.....DON'T MISS: at the Hilton Casino Theater, the enthralling and exciting MISS LEE MEZA now appearing for one very special week.....**DON'T MISS:** in the Hilton Internationale showrooms, the electrifying SHIRLEY BASSEY who's a showstopper extraordinaire! Shirley's "I, Capricorn" and "Excuse Me" are just two of the Best of Bassey.....**DON'T MISS:** the daily afternoon giggler, Breck Wall & Joe Peterson's "BOTTOMS UP" at the Flamingo Casino Theater (at 2 & 4). You'll have a problem deciding which sketch or bit is your favorite: COOPER NEAL, DEEDA HYMES & BRECK WALL in "The Maggot and the Marigolds"; JAN SUTTON, DAVID HARRIS, ROB BARRON & COOPER NEAL as the singing rages of the rockin' 1950's "Ozell Davis and the B.J. Boppers"; or BETTY WALDRON, HARRIS & BARRON in the uncensored "Romeo and Juliet" are among the several dozen patches that make up the crazy quilt laughathon.....**DON'T MISS:** Zany, unpredictable and uncontrollable RIP TAYLOR now screaming the house down at the Sahara Casbar Theater. Taylor's latest riotous raid includes "Telegrams That Never Got Delivered" (i.e. To General Custer: Your transfer to the Coast Guard has been approved"), Taylor's tailored tale of the South Pacific in a hula skirt, and a hour more of Rip's special brand of insanity including his "Twas The Night Before Christmas" parody on losing his hair.....

CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....ED SULLIVAN, SERGIO FRANCHI, PAUL ANKA, and HAL BATES (Editor of The Hollywood Reporter) among the packed first-house greeting ANDY WILLIAMS & THE LENNON SISTERS at Caesars Palace...**MARTY & FRENCHY ALLEN, RIP TAYLOR, singers-dancers RAY CHABEAU & STEVE LARDAS** (here with DEBBIE at the Desert Inn), and members of the press like **BILLBOARD'S LAURA DENI, SUZANNE VEGAS, JOE DELANEY, FORREST DUKE,** and critic-schoolteacher **MARGUERITE RITTENDALE** in for the Lee Meza opening at the Hilton. Speaking of **SUZANNE VEGAS,** the colorful dancer-columnist has been signed as lead dancer for the upcoming Minsky revue starring **MARTHA RAYE.** The show will open in the east for a round of theater dates...Luscious **NORMA REYES** now with her own act (after lead spots at Caesars Palace, the Desert Inn, and most recently **MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON'S "LATIN FIRE"** at the T-Bird) bows her solo revue in Aruba this month. Norma is also

being eyed by producers **BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN** for a "new star" showcasing in their "CATCH A RISING STAR" opening Sept. 19 at the N.Y. Americana Hotel in The Royal Box....Same show, same producers have signed **CASHEARS** and Australian comedienne-impressionist **DAPHNE DAVIS** for the first four week stint.....

JUST ASKING, BUT HAVE YOU HEARD.....that **DEAN MARTIN** is being pitched to return to Vegas, and will get, after all, his demanded schedule of one show per night?? Last time Martin asked for that schedule, he left the Riviera in a huff and minus his 10% interest.....that **CARROLL O'CONNOR** switches to the Tropicana Hotel for his next Vegas outing, sometime in mid-summer '73??...that delightful **JOAN RIVERS** and husband **EDGAR ROSENBERG** are trying what they call "separate vacations" but Hollywood columnists insist upon tagging as one way tickets to splitsville? Joan has also been set to co-headline with **TRINI LOPEZ** at the Desert Inn in March '73....that **BOBBY VINTON** moves into headliner status with his Flamingo debut on Dec. 7, with **MYRON COHEN??**....that despite all his concert successes, impressionist **JIM BAILEY** has been unable to get booked for a Vegas hotel? Bailey's demands are reportedly the

DANNY THOMAS AT SANDS

The Sands Copa Room one of the world's most famous niteries, will have a gala re-opening, Wed., Sept. 13 th, after an extensive refurbishing program. Sands superstar Danny Thomas will headline.

Joining the popular entertainer, and making her Las Vegas debut, will be Lorna Luft, daughter of the late Judy Garland. Showbiz veterans feel Miss Luft has inherited her mother's great song quality, and predict stardom for the 19-year-old songstress.

The Copa Room has been the home of the greatest names in show business and was instrumental in establishing Las Vegas as the entertainment capital of the world. In the past two decades more than 10 million people have passed through the room's portals and stands as an all-time record. The new decor will enhance the room with a unique but subdued color scheme, and a soft architectural lighting system. Even so, it still retains the same inti-



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