

OF THE STARS

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



DICK MCINNES

The Woodland Hills were alive with the sound of music and uproarious laughter as FLORENCE HENDERSON & TOTIE FIELDS opened at the Valley Music Theatre. Florence, who was a Broadway favorite for years, finally hit the public eye in "The Brady Bunch" and now everyone is surprised that she is such a great singer. Her show is marvelous and she's just as lovely off stage as on. I think she's the first singer in show biz history to admit her age in song.

And what can you say about that "precious" little dynamo, TOTIE? She's all over the stage dripping in rhinestones and blue sequins rapping about her problems with panty hose and body blouses with those three little snaps. Just the picture of her in panty hose and a body blouse did me in. She spotted a lady in the audience with everything hanging out and she never let up on her. Turned out to be LIZ RENAY who took the kidding in stride. Loved Totie's Funny People Overture which incorporated the themes of several comedians like HOPE, DURANTE, BENNY, LUCY, DANNY THOMAS, ETC. A big bravo to the sound and lighting people! Best in town! At the party afterwards, STEVE AND EYDIE, BOB NEWHART & TV wife SUZANNE PLESSETTE with their respective real life mates, PAUL LYNDE with his TV wife ELIZABETH ALLEN, PETER MARSHALL, comedian LEONARD WOLEN, SID & MARTY KROFT and DICK MARTIN all joined in toasts to the dynamic duo. I spoke with one of the owners who told me they were negotiating for ANTHONY QUINN to do "Man of La Mancha" and BETTE DAVIS to do "Mame." In the meantime friends, PEARLIE MAE BAILEY opens next.

SET TRIPPING.....Tripped on over to the SONNY & CHER set at CBS and watched THE WILLIAMS BROTHERS (the teenaged nephews of ANDY WILLIAMS) work out. They are really talented and are obviously next in line for the "Teen Idol" crowns. After they sang, they asked, "Mister Bono, could we have your auto-

graph?" Sonny said "sure, but let's cool it on the Mister Bono bit, just call me what my friends call me." Cher, a knockout in black satin cut down to there, yelled out "Yeah, call him Bozo"....Next door DON RICKLES was taping his first special with JOHNNY CARSON doing the introductions. Ironically this set is next door to the one that Johnny had taped his CBS show 17 years ago. Rickles sat in the audience heckling Carson during most of the rehearsal.

JULIET PROWSE, doing her first appearance since the birth of baby boy Seth brought him along, and he is adorable! Seth was hungry and decided to audition his vocal chords right then and there. Mama Juliet took him home for lunch. By the way, Juliet's dance number proved that motherhood hasn't hurt her style at all....DAVID CASSIDY has been having trouble with a minor rash so when he started to sing "Breaking Up Is So Hard To Do" during a "Partridge Family" shooting, he cracked to step-mom SHIRLEY JONES, "This should be changed to Breaking Out is Easy To Do."

Our man TERRY in Pittsburgh reports "One small step for man, one giant step for Pittsburghers" as JON BOTULA & TOM FEOLA opened their new "2001" club. "2001" is a mind blowing maze of psychedelic colors, black light and whirling madness including a 64 quad-raphonic sound system and the world's largest illuminated plexiglass dance floor, plus 4 bars to accommodate those who have to wet their whistles. TRINI LOPEZ who was headlining at the Holiday House said "It was a gas" and Trini knows best.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOAN FONTAINE (Joan de Havilland) (22); JOHNNY CARSON, JORDAN CHRISTOPHER, DIANA DORS & COLEEN GRAY (Doris Jensen) (23); DAVID NELSON & SYBIL THORNDIKE (24); ANTHONY FRANCIOSA (25); JACKIE COOGAN (26) and LEIF ERICKSON, NANETTE FABRAY (Ruby Nanette Fabares) & TERESA WRIGHT (27).

Director ALLAN DWAN, 78, (Sands of Iwo Jima, Suez, Getting Gertie's Garter, Up In Mabel's Room) cracked up the audience at the Directors Guild during the tribute to him as one of 6 Pioneer Directors. A young man asked what the rapport was between the two stars of the 1922 "Robin Hood" which we had just seen. DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS SR. & WALLACE BEERY were the heros. Dwan just smiled and said, "I don't know, I never peeked."

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CAMPBELL, MYRON COHEN AT HILTON OCT. 24

Two of America's favorite entertainers, Glen Campbell and Myron Cohen, join forces to give the Las Vegas Hilton one of its strongest showrooms

bills of the year, opening October 24 to two weeks.

The show, patterned after Glen's famous "Goodtime" TV hour, follows Sergio Mendes and Brasil '77 into the Hilton's big main room. Campbell and Cohen teamed up for the first time earlier this year at the Hilton with the combination proving so successful the entire show was signed for a quick return.

Whether strumming a difficult version of "Classical Gas" on the guitar, singing "Witchita Lineman," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" or any of his other many million selling records, or simply spinning a tale about his hometown of Delight,

Arkansas, Campbell rates as one of Las Vegas' top superstar attractions.

Undoubtedly the smoothest storyteller in show business today, Myron Cohen never strains for a laugh, but he certainly knows how to get them! His humor is skilled and perfectly timed, and comes in a variety of dialects from Irish to Italian, Swedish to Yiddish.

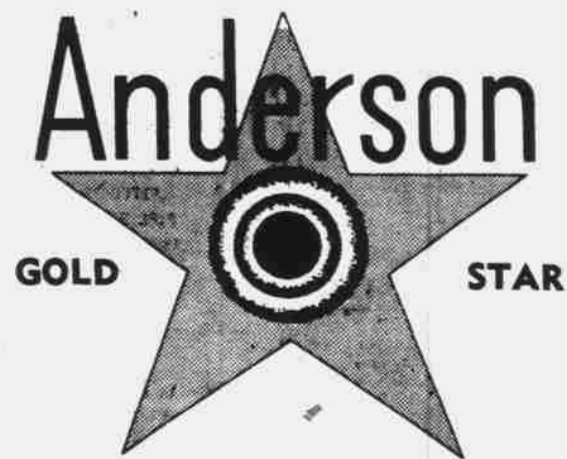
Both Campbell and Cohen have the unique ability of making a nightclub feel as intimate as a private party in your own front room. Campbell will be backed by his own Goodtime Hour Singers with Dennis McCarthy conducting the Joe Guercio Orchestra.

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