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IN
LAS VEGAS



LAS VEGAS WEEKEND... MILTON BERLE, who just closed at the Desert Inn, returns to the Strip for a special one night show in early December. Milton will be one of the stars of a new special called "Opening Night" hosted by ED MACMAHON which will visit beginnings in New York, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas. Milton will fly in for a one night taping at the Desert Inn. Berle also has weeks and weeks of huddles, meetings and confabs with regard to his upcoming television special "MILTON BERLE IN LAS VEGAS" to be filmed in early '73 by executive producer DANIEL WELKES. Berle has half a dozen major sponsors interested in the project and should be announcing final negotiations next month. As last outlined, the special will be a first in a series, and will co-star Milton and some of Vegas top drawing attractions in a variety entertainment format with on-the-spot filming backstage, at several hotels and showrooms, and a dozen or more Las Vegas vignettes. The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Convention Authority should be advised on the project and contribute their vast resources to Las Vegas FIRST major television spectacular.

WEEKEND WANDERERS... Happy Thanksgiving! Just in time to kick off the holiday weekend. SHECKY GREEN at the Riviera, THE MILLS BROTHERS & MYRON COHEN at the Flamingo. Next week ANN-MARGRET returns to the Las Vegas Hilton for her first public appearance since her near tragic fall a few months ago in Tahoe, opening Nov. 28. FRANK GORSHIN & JOAN RIVERS costar for the first time at the Sahara Congo Room, also opening the 28th. And TV's Maxwell Smart, DON ADAMS, pairs with Mrs. Brady of the Brady Bunch, FLORINCE HENDERSON for a comedy and musical pairing at the Sands, opening Nov. 29. PAUL ANKA opens Nov. 30 at Caesars Palace.

STRIP CHATTER... MICKEY, LARRY & THE EXCITERS, now in their Vegas debut at the Las Vegas Hilton Casino Theater, have been set to join REDD FOX at the Marco Polo in Miami in January. CASS ELLIOTT gueststars with MARTY ALLEN at the Flamingo opening February 22. Miss Elliott was seen this week on the PHIL DONAHUE SHOW and proved an always fascinating interesting and delightful lady who has a lot to say about show business, life, and her own limitations and successes, plus a most engaging way with a story. Cass' new act, being put together by her new manager ALLAN CARR (who also guides the careers of Ann-Margret, George Maharis, Fabian and others) and his full staff of musical creators. Can't reveal which hotel but one of the major Strip giants is hot

PHYLLIS DILLER, GORDON MACRAE AT DESERT INN

Phyllis Diller, natural-born comedienne, opens at the Desert Inn Hotel with singing star, Gordon MacRae, on Tuesday, November 21. Miss Diller is highly acclaimed as the world's only female stand-up comic of international stature. Miss Diller is as much at home on television as she is in other media. She has guest starred on every major TV show (Hosting a no. of them, including "Hollywood Palace") and also starred in two weekly TV series. She has been included among the threesome of women's immortals (the other two are Fanny Brice and Gracie Allen) but unlike the Misses Brice and Allen, Miss Diller did not start her career in burlesque or vaudeville. "I used to do beauty parlor routines, unrehearsed, while waiting for my wash at the laundromat in Alameda, Calif," she explains. "The women loved my jokes, and many are still in the act."

Gordon MacRae is one of the few "6 Letter Men" of show business with major achievements in motion pictures, television, night clubs, radio, recordings and Broadway. A top-flight balladeer, he did not venture into the singing field until he had established himself as an actor. As one critic put it, "his singing is marked by his acting, since that permits him to bring into each lyric intelligence and feeling. Phyllis Diller and Gordon MacRae will be at the D.I. for four weeks. Juliet Prowse and Jan Murray take over on Dec. 26th."

NOTES FROM ALL OVER... Producers BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN are auditioning dancers for their upcoming new edition of "Revue Royale de Paris" opening next month at the Americana Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Already set for a starring slot in the new revue are SIEGFRIED & ROY (currently in the Stardust's "Lido"). Ashton also has a brand new spectacular now at the Miami Americana called "Vie Parisienne": a bit hit in his "Catch a Rising Star" revue at the New York Americana (with Australian impressionist DAPHNE DAVIS, singer JIM SHICK, songstress RITA GRAHAM among the newcomers being showcased); and of course, his Las Vegas "Wonderful World of Burlesque" still going strong at the Silver Slipper with IRV BENSON, MARILYN ROBERTSON, CHARLIE VESPIA, HERBIE BARRIS, JIM HODGE, LISA & SALERNO, MISS VELVET, SHARON DALE and the voluptuous Ashton Girls. Producer LINE RENAUD is readying a new edition of her "LOVE IN" (with a title change pending) for a debut at the Miami Playboy Club in late December. THE DOME AFTER HOURS is now open featuring new talent from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. The Dome, at the Dunes Hotel and Country Club, is under the direction of ERNEST SARRACINE (producer-director) and features singing host GARR NFLSON. BOBBY VINTON makes his headliner debut at the Flamingo opening Dec. 7. Vinton played here last as guest star at the Riviera. Don't forget the all-star SUGAR RAY ROBINSON YOUTH FOUNDATION telethon upcoming from Circus Circus on Nov. 26, with host SAMMY DAVIS, JR.

NEW LIDO SHOW AT STARDUST DEC. 28

The amazing Rios Brothers, who constantly defy gravity with their feats of balance and acrobatics, will thrill audiences at the Stardust Hotel when they open in the all-new 10th edition of Lido de Paris, Dec. 28.

Making their U.S. debut in the Stardust spectacular, the Rios Brothers starred in the Lido show in Paris and have been headliner attractions thru-out Europe. Nearly 10 million showgoers have established the Lido as the all-time Las Vegas favorite since the first edition bowed in the Cafe Continental in 1958.

In addition to changing all specialty acts, the Stardust management has ruled that not one bit of scenery or a single costume from the current show will be included in the new version.

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MILLS BROS., MYRON COHEN AT FLAMINGO

The Mills Brothers and Myron Cohen, unsinkable show business institutions, will blend their time-honored talents starting Nov. 23 for a two-week engagement in the Flamingo Hotel main showroom.

Cohen will remain at the Flamingo through Dec. 27. The Mills Brothers will be replaced by Bobby Vinton on Dec. 7.

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