

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



DICK MCINNES

Hallelujah, brothers and sisters, showmanship is not dead in Hollywood as long as we have people like MERV ADELSON who threw a spectacular and highly imaginative party for his former houseman, JOSH ALBERT HAILEY proclaiming his debut as a gospel singer. A huge tent was erected over a tennis court on Benedict Canyon and all saints and sinners were invited to an old-fashioned revival meeting complete with three bars and a super buffet. (Service, by the way, was fantastic.) BUDDY HACKETT was a very funny emcee even though I can't repeat most of his lines

and singer KATHY SELVESTER warmed up the audience beautifully for Hailey, who did a socko turn with the Institutional Baptist Choir. LUCILLE BALL, RICHARD CRENNAN, RICHARD THOMAS, WILL GEER and ELLEN CORBY (Grandpa and Grandma Walton, who did a swinging dance together), ROD TAYLOR, LESLIE UGGAMS and GRAHAM PRATT, JULIET PROWSE, SUZANNE PLESSETTE, BILL DAILEY, HARVEY KORMAN, BARBARA EDEN and MIKE ANSARA, LLOYD BRIDGES (who is another wild dancer), and ROBERT GOULET were among the 400 or so Saints and Sinners spotted there. I leave it up to you to figure which ones are the saints and which ones the sinners.

"Gypsy" fans will be happy to hear that the classic musical about Gypsy Rose Lee is alive and well, living in San Diego at the Off-Broadway Theatre and I must say it's a helluva production. KAY BALLARD is superb as Mama Rose, the epitome of stage mothers, LINDA KAYE HENNING shows a side and a front and a back heretofore not seen and she shows it well, GAVIN MAC LEOD (Mary Tyler Moore Show), is a strong Herbie and has a big singing voice and the three strippers HOLLY BABEL, BOBI "TEXAS" ROBERTS and GEORGETTE RAMPONE are perfection personified. I'm sure

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HANDSOME NEWCOMER, BOB ANDERSON, FROM DETROIT, WILL BE PRESENTED IN A WEST COAST BOW AT THE YE LITTLE CLUB IN BEVERLY HILLS NEXT MONTH BY DESERT INN HEADLINER JOAN RIVERS WHO WILL BE STARRING AT THE POPULAR NITERY. ANDERSON IS MANAGED BY BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN INDUSTRIALIST DAN RAPPAPORT, WHO IS VISITING IN LAS VEGAS.

that I heard the ghosts of the Off Broadway's former tenants (it was a strip house for many years) cheering them as they did. You Gotta Have A Gimmick". Bravo to director STUART BISHOP for his direction and especially for making each supporting role count also. Among the Ballard Buddies who flew down or drove down were FANNIE FLAGG, JOANNE WORLEY and ROGER PERRY, ANNE JEFFREYS and ROBERT STERLING, MEREDITH MAC RAE and GREG MULLEAVEY, BILLY DE WOLFE, DICK MOLE, TOM HOWARD, EVE ARDEN and BROOKS WEST, RIP TAYLOR, JUNE ALLYSON (so very nervous over son, DICK POWELL, JR., making his stage debut as Tulsa, saying that they had been up every night in the bathroom practicing his tap routines. She taught him well, he was very good) and last AND CERTAINLY least PAUL LYNDE. Mr. Lynde's behavior is becoming a bit of a bore and I just wonder how long he can depend on friends to bail him out of those "embarrassing" situations that he creates.

Congratulations to Photoplay biggies, NANCY ANDERSON, BERNADETTE CARROZZA and AL TRAINA for throwing the most relaxed party of the year following the taping of the Gold Medal winners on the MERV GRIFFIN show. What a relief to be able to move around and actually talk to friends and acquaintances and not be restricted to tables.

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