

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



DICK MCINNES

"Grease" the new 50's musical has slipped into the Shubert Theatre for a limited engagement. However, I have a hunch that it may be extended if the enthusiasm of the preview audience is any gauge. Wow, what memories this show stirs up! JIM JACOBS & WARREN CASEY wrote the book, music and lyrics and their parodies of the 50's songs are real gone and craaaaazy!! Such new oldies but goodies as "Freddy, My Love", "Greased Lightnin'", "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee", "It's Raining on Prom Night", "All Choked Up", "Alone at the Drive-In Movie" and "There are Worse Things I Could Do". Each cast member is a distinct and memorable character. BARRY BOSTWICK's Danny won him a Tony nomination and he is the grooviest high school hero, JUDY KAYE's tough but tender Rizzo is a real blast, CAROL CULVER's goodie two shoes cheerleader is A-1, funny girl REBECCA GILCHRIST eats her way to happiness with equally funny RAY DE MATTIS, MARILU HENNER's sexy high school swinger who digs the older cats is a wow, JOHN TRAVOLTA out RICKY NELSON's Ricky Nelson as the youngest member of the gang, MICHAEL LEMBECK out hornies the proverbial toad as the high school sex maniac and JERRY ZAKS, the hippest as the hip cat with the Ford convertible, natch. Yes, they're all there and dig, they're all cool.

One funny note at the preview, a rather rotund young man decided to join in during the spectacular dance number, "Shakin at the High School Hop". PATRICIA BIRCH (whom



LOVELY TERI JORY, WHO WAS CROWNED MISS NEVADA TEENAGER, WILL COMPETE FOR THE NATIONAL TITLE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON SEPTEMBER 1. HER DAD IS A PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN IN DOWNTOWN, LAS VEGAS.

I remember as "Anybods" in "West Side Story" in New York) did a smashing job of choreographing but I don't think she counted on this slightly stoned (to say the least) character who climbed up over the orchestra pit and proceeded to join in the festivities. I'll never forget the look on Travolta's face. Then our stoned friend spotted the microphone and well, what's a boy to do? He started singing. Finally he was nudged off stage by Lembeck and the show continued. See, I told you the preview audience was enthusiastic.

DORIS DAY and her "Actors and Others for Animals" group deserve a giant hand. At last a happening was held that the public could come to and not spend an arm and a leg. It was the second annual "Celebrity Fair" and admission was \$2 or two blue chip stamp books. You could collect autographs for 10¢ each, get your picture taken with a star for 25¢, kiss your hero for \$1, buy clothes and costumes from your favorite actress, have JACKIE SUSANN autograph her book for \$1 and all sorts

of goodies. The best part was that they raised \$50,000 to aid animals. RICKY NELSON sang, JOANNE WORLEY, JACKIE JOSEPH, NANCY KULP and PAT CARROLL formed the "Clutzy Catering Service" and auctioned off their services for a dinner party, new MAYOR TOM BRADLEY even made an appearance and such movie and TV faves as ZINA BETHUNE, JANE WITHERS, PATRICIA BARRY, STANLEY KAMEL, DENNIS COLE, JOHN SAXON, BEATRICE ARTHUR, DENISE ALEXANDER, RUTHBUZZI, PATRICIA MORROW, KAREN MORROW, MOOSIE DRIER, JOANNE CARSON, DOMDELUISE and KEN BERRY ended up with writer's cramp from signing so many autographs. It was a good afternoon for a good cause by some damn good people.

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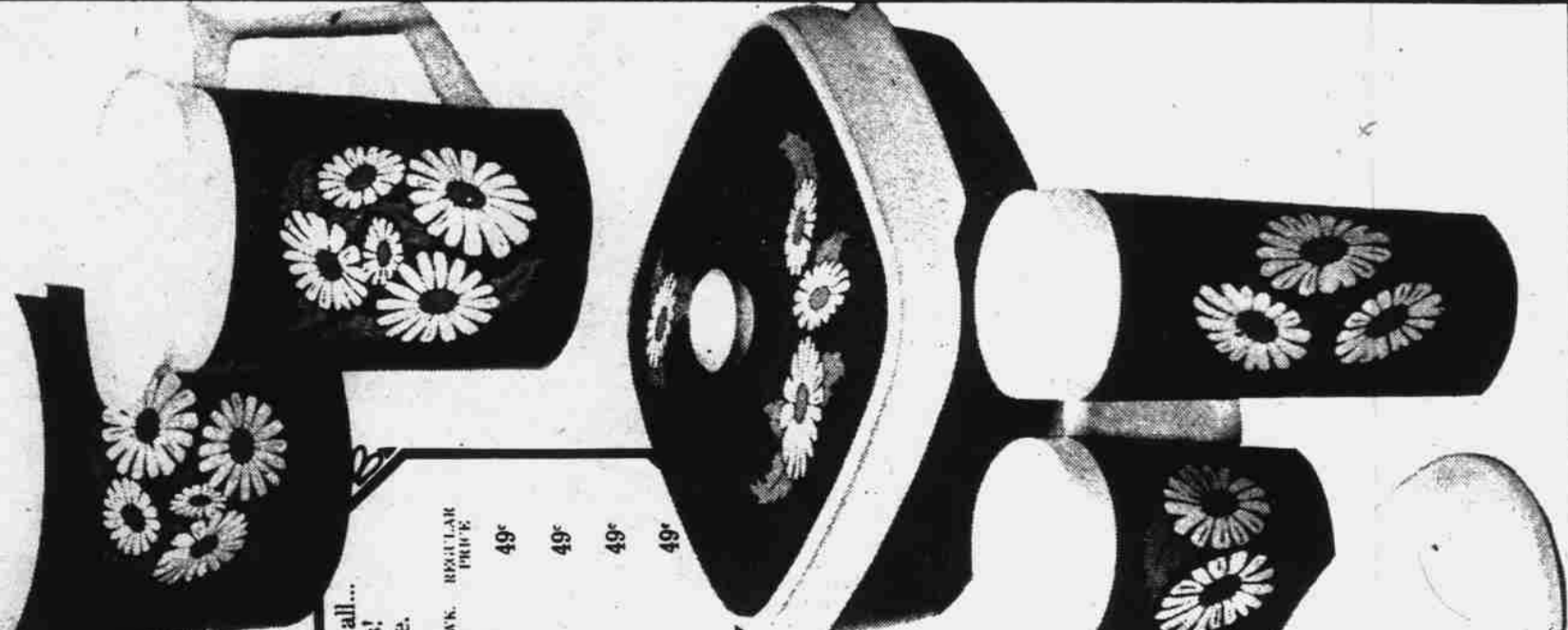
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