

OF THE STARS

HELEN REDDY, JOAN RIVERS AT MGM GRAND

The ladies took over the MGM Grand Hotel's Celebrity Room with Grammy-award winning Helen Reddy providing lilt while funny lady Joan Rivers provides,

laughter in a two-week engagement in the posh, 1,200 seat Celebrity Room of the sprawling Grand.

The appearance by Ms. Reddy marks her first engagement of a two-year, million dollar contract with the Grand. Her contract calls for three two-week engagements each year.

Ms. Reddy was voted top selling female artist in 1972 by all three national record trades, Billboard, Cashbox and Record World and also was voted the number one selling artist by MOA (Judebox Machine Operators of America).

In 1973, Helen Reddy earned three Gold singles, "I Am Woman," "Delta Dawn," and "Leave Me Alone (Ruby Red Dress)" from her million selling albums, "I Am Woman" and "Long Hard Climb". The songstress also hosted the NBC sum-

mer replacement series for the "The Flip Wilson Show."

Joan Rivers is probably as busy as she is funny. Aside from her Grand engagements, all three television networks have asked her to write Movies of the Week, she just finished writing her latest book, "Having A Baby Is A Scream," ABC TV wants her to do a series of variety shows, and she has just started another novel. This appearance by Ms. Rivers is her second at the MGM Grand.

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ATTENTION: JASON MILLER AND/OR MAX VAN SYDOW....Do I have a job for you!!! Seems that strange things are happening at the Thunderbird in Las Vegas. JIM BAILEY, while switching from his GARLAND makeup to his STREISAND drag, has been plagued by make-up jars falling to the floor, eyebrow pencils mysteriously breaking, etc. Says Bailey, "JUDY doesn't want me to do BARBRA OR PEGGY LEE. Everytime I do, she haunts my dressing room." Bailey was so convinced one night that he did Garland twice in a row.

Speaking of the great Garland, there is a new book out on her called "Little Girl Lost", The Life and Hard Times of Judy Garland (Arlington House, \$8.95) by AL DI ORIO, JR. Mr. DiOrio is obviously a fan of Judy's but at the same time, he paints a varied picture of a great star. He's objective as much as any Garland fan can be and he has compiled a fabulous collection of pictures of Judy throughout the years. He has also included the most extensive filmography, dicography and televisionography of any performer that I've ever seen. The man obviously did his homework. Thank God, he didn't stoop to MEL TORME's level of writing but then how many can? I'm sure you all remember Torme's book where Judy was all black and he was lily white in all their dealings. Pure trash! This book is pure Garland and I think you'll all like it.

FLASH: ROCK HUDSON is about to become a father. Don't be silly folks, I mean on the tube. SUSAN ST JAMES is in the family way and Universal has decided to write her pregnancy in the script of "MacMillan and Wife" next season a la LUCY.

A joint birthday party was thrown for MICHAEL GREER & TIM CURRY at a local pub recently. Curry is the star of the smash hit rock musical, "The Rocky Horror Show" and Greer is the very funny comedian. Greer told me that he will replace Curry in the L.A. company of "Rocky" when Curry leaves to do the New York version. He said he feels somewhat like ANNE BAXTER waiting for her chance to go on in "All About Eve". By the way, I saw my first live "sitter"



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at the party. A young man clad only in his mustache and beard was sitting at a table sipping his drink. Didn't bother that blase' crowd one bit.

DOROTHY LAMOUR just back from a

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