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IN
LAS VEGAS



'ROUND TOWN.....Big News this week is the closing of the Tropicana's long running "Folies Bergere", the premiere French extravaganza show in Las Vegas. The "Folies" will reportedly be closed until a new show - either another edition of "Folies Bergere" or a new specially produced spectacle - is readied for a late '74 opening. Meanwhile, the Tropicana's Superstar Theater will remain open. VIKKI CARR & ED MacMAHON open tonight!.....also at the Tropicana, a new tv special produced by Fishman-Freer in association with Columbia Pictures, will be taped in the Superstar Theater on September 5. Titled "Superstars of Tomorrow '75", the producers will be holding auditions for acts and new talents this month at the Tropicana.....Texan guitarist-banjoist FLOYD DAKIL, who's toured with dozens of big name bands and groups including Louis Prima, Chuck Berry, The Dave Clark Five and various Dick Clark rock 'n roll revues, will make his Las Vegas debut as leader of his own group, opening August 7 at the MGM Grand in the Lion's Den.... The DOVELLS have been set to return to the Flamingo Hilton in January. The popular recording stars are now under the management of Tommy Amato.....DON RICKLES, now packin' em in at the Riviera Versailles Room, has signed a new multi-million deal with CBS-TV for a series of specials for the 74-75 season.....CONNIE STEVENS, winding her first engagement at the Las Vegas Hilton (on Aug. 4) will return to her Vegas homebase, the Flamingo in November.....PHIL HARRIS & JERRY VALE, a new duo for the Hughes Hotels, open Aug. 1 at the Frontier, for the entire month til ROBERT GOULET returns Aug. 29.....

STRIP CHATTER.....MARTY ALLEN and special gueststar PETER "Hollywood Squares" MARSHALL (in his Strip bow) at the Flamingo. This date is Marty's last on his current pact but hear tell that four other Strip hotels have put in bids for the popular bushy haired favorite's services. Marty, incidentally, will be seen this year on the big screen in a dramatic role in "The Harrad Summer", the sequel to last year's blockbuster "Harrad Experiment". The out-of-character character for Marty is that of a college professor..... JIM NABORS & CHARO such a big hit last year at the Sahara, have been inked for at least two more outings at the Congo Room. Jim and Charo return August 31 and again sometime in November.....FRANK SINATRA, NANCY SINATRA & FRANK SINATRA JR. make it a family affair show when they return to Caesars Palace on September 12. Also scheduled to open that same week, DEAN MARTIN at the MGM Grand and SAMMY DAVIS JR. at the Sands.....

BITS & PIECES.....Does producer DONN ARDEN know how many performers, dancers and singers he'll be losing in October when the contract renewals come up for his smash super spectacular "Hallelujah Hollywood" at the MGM Grand?? Scuttlebutt 'round town is that more than twenty five performers are planning to leave the hit revue to pursue

their careers in other media and other directions.....Beautiful Japanese exotic star MAKO OHTA, back in town after more than three years absence, is now appearing at the Palomino Club in North Las Vegas. Miss Ohta was - along with MIKKI SHARAIT (now in "Bare Touch of Vegas" at the Stardust), JEANNIE LINERO & KITTY "THE CAT GIRL" LYNNE" was one of the quartet of femme stars of Barry Ashton's long running "Wonderful World of Burlesque" at the Silver Slipper.....Watch for a big, BIG announcement about the annual LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS coming up this year in November.....An all new show, tentatively tonight.....also at the Tropicana, a new tv special produced by Fishman-Freer in Casino on Convention Center Drive, sometime in August.....NANCY AUSTIN & PHIL FORD are the stars of the new afternoon hit, "FAT" just opened at the Thunderbird. The gimmick is a clever one - Nancy plays the undercover agent of The Fat Liberation and The Fat Underground who's "mission" not impossible is to expose Dr. Phil Ford's nefarious Fat Farm as a hoax. It's great fun (especially for anyone who has ever had any contact with dieting, a dieter or diets - and that's just about everybody!!) and the special lyrics, parodies and new songs are delightful and zany.....HOTTEST SHOW IN TOWN is Dick Clark's Good Old Rock 'n Roll, now packing the Las Vegas Hilton Casino Theater with two performances nightly. The 3 a.m. show drew a capacity plus crowd of r & r nostalgia buffs (including JAMES DARREN, CONNIE STEVENS, THE FOUR TOPS, LARRY STORCH, BOBBIE GENTRY, SAMMY DAVIS JR., LIZA MINNELLI, etc etc etc) and the show keeps getting stronger. CORNELL GUNTHER & THE COASTERS, JACKIE WILSON & FREDDY CANNON star, with DICK CLARK, in his very first Las Vegas appearance, an affable, warm and enteriaining host.....Songbird ROSYLN KIND, at the Flamingo Casino Theater, is being eyed by several mainroom stars as a future gueststar. Miss Kind, who's sister got her biggest break when she debuted with Liberace, is ready for her breakthrough and will be following this engagement with a series of television guestings, nightclub dates, and a brand new recording pact.....

COMEDY CAPERS.....BUDDY HACKETT, DON RICKLES, LARRY STORCH and JACKIE GAYLE are giving Strip showgoers just about all the comedy they can handle on one visit.....BUDDY's at the Sahara; DON's at the Riviera, MARTY's at the Flamingo, LARRY's at the Desert Inn, and JACKIE's at the MGM Lion's Den.....Last week to catch the celebrated SHIRLEY MacLAINE in her Las Vegas debut at the MGM Celebrity Room. HELEN REDDY and comedy star GABRIEL KAPLAN open on August 7.....RIP TAYLOR, the King of Pandemonium, is back at the Stardust Lounge with an all new collection of hilarious sights and sounds. The biggest surprise of the show is Rip's easy-listening crooning. Who knew that the confetti tossing, moustache twitching, toupee tossing, rhinestoned caped, and bell ringing favorite could sing so well!!

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....DONN ARDEN'S "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD" the not-to-be-missed extravaganza of the century at the MGM Grand.....Same hotel, JAI ALAI, the fastest game in town, at the most elaborate jai alai fronton in the world.....TONY & CYD (Martin & Charisse, of course) the touch of class twosome at the Thunderbird.....BRECK WALL-JOE PETERSON'S smash musical comedy revue, now in its 14th year, at the Hilton Casino Theater.....RIP TAYLOR at the Stardust.

WASHINGTON DATELINE

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(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Recently, Warren spent much time visiting universities and attending seminars with students. "I ask them about their interests and find that communicating with them is very important," he said. "I believe every generation of Americans has had a greater opportunity in life than the ones which preceded it. I have confidence in our country and in our institutions to believe we can, and will, go on to still greater things."

Earl Warren wrote the decision "Abington Vs Schempp" of 1963 which made the reading of the Bible and recitations of the Lord's Prayer as religious exercises in the public schools unconstitutional.

But, foundational to Warren's own religious life was his attitude towards the Scriptures. He said the Scriptures have influenced his life in that "one can't read them without having been appreciative of the values contained in them."

When asked if he considered himself to be a particularly religious man, he responded: "I hope I have a religious sense. I think all religions of the world have ideals that people react to when they study them and try to learn from them."

He said his early religious training had a profound effect on his thinking. "If one believes in the principles learned through the Gospel and tries to abide by them, it is bound to affect one's actions and reactions as well," he said.

Warren told me that he also tried to convey his religious philosophy to his children; and he indicated that it had succeeded. "I've always encouraged my children to go to Sunday School and study the Scriptures," he noted. "My children have been good, solid human beings--affectionate and honest and straightforward. I judge people in the way they benefit from religion."

"A person who has no religion of any kind is almost a lost soul," he added. "He has to find a way to life. If one has guidelines such as one gets from religion, it's not difficult."

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