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IN
LAS VEGAS

STRIP NOTES.....Producer BARRY ASHTON has signed comedy adagio quartet Les Iles Rosetti for their U.S. debut appearance for his new "Vive Paris Vive" French music-hall revue opening Dec. 27 at the Aladdin. Ashton's in town this week to audition boy and girl dancers showgirls, etc. at the Tropicana Superstar Theater on Friday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m.... Agent BOBBY MORRIS (of Creative Entertainment & Associates, here) seeking singles, duos and trio for immediate bookings for a new chain of motel-hotel showrooms. Bookings are for Washington, Oregon and Northern California region. Contact Morris at his Vegas headquarters for audition info.....Localites RICHARD CURTIS & COMPANY, now on the road wind their current tour in April. Curtis is opening this month at the Toronto Hilton..... JACKIE HOUSTON who made a lot of friends here as the exotic "Miss Velvet" in Barry Ashton's "This Is Burlesque" is now featured in Ashton's new "Femmes de Paris" at the Americana in Miami.....Songbird LOIS ARLEN was such a hit in her bow at the Aruba Sheraton, the chain is now angling to sign her for a long tour of all the Sheraton Hotels throughout South America. Lois is currently at the Gigi Room at the Fountainbleau in Miami. (Miss Arlen, by the way, is the wife of above mentioned agent Bobby Morris).....Detroit singer BOB ANDERSON, just here for the Hallowe'en Ball, back for a visit to catch the Las Vegas Entertainment Awards, held at Caesars Palace. Anderson will be on the bill when BOB HOPE opens the new Sports Arena in Kalamazoo, Michigan in December. This week, Anderson's off to L.A. for a guesting with MERV GRIFFIN, and a guestshot on the new Metromedia variety series "Vaudeville" (which starts airing in January).....Impressionist CRAIG RUSSELL ringsiding for the Caesars Palace return of his longtime idol CAROL CHANNING. Craig's Channing was the model used for John Davidson's recent appearance as the murderous impersonator on "Streets of San Francisco".....SUZANNE VEGAS, now a bona fide Las Vegas homeowner, has all the special attention of interior designer (and choreographer) RON STANTON. And some of it even has to do with furnishing Suzanne's new Paradise Valley home.....PAT COOPER joins THE JACKSON FIVE in their next outing at the MGM Grand, opening Nov. 20.....FOSTER BROOKS, returning with ROBERT GOULET to the



THE MICKEY FINN SHOW IN THE LANDMARK'S JUBILEE ROOM IS A MIGHTY MIXTURE OF SIGHT AND SOUND AS MICKEY ON PIANO LEADS HIS TALENTED MERRY MAKERS THROUGH A MULTITUDE OF SOUNDS FROM RICKYTICK, BARRELHOUSE, DIXIELAND AND BOOGIE TO THE TUNES OF TODAY -- ALL IN A SETTING OF LUDICROUS COSTUMES AND FUNKY ANTIQUES. FEATURED IN THE SHOW IS ALLIENE FLANNERY WHO MAKES "BIG" "BEAUTIFUL" WINNING AUDIENCE HEARTS AS SHE SINGS AND AD LIBS, AND THE WALKERS WHO BRING BACK MEMORIES WITH THEIR COMEDY IMPERSONATIONS OF FAMOUS TRIOS LIKE THE MILLS BROS. AND THE ANDREW SISTERS.

Frontier Nov. 21, is currently hosting the La Costa Comedian's Golf Tourney.....DON RICKLES tapes his first variety special for CBS-TV on December 8-9. Already signed to join Mr. Warmth on the guest roster: FRANK SINATRA, CARROLL O'CONNOR, JOHN WAYNE and the Stardust's King of Pandemonium RIP TAYLOR. Rip's latest quotable quip: "I've been waiting so long for my ship to come in that my pier collapsed!".....BITS & PIECES.....JOAN RIVERS, an MGM pactee, goes on special loan to CAESARS PALACE in '75 for an outing

JIM NABORS, CHARO AT SAHARA

Down-home singer/comedian Jim Nabors and sex-sational singing star Charo will be top-lining the winter roster of Hotel Sahara stars when they open a three-week engagement in the Congo Room Tuesday, November 12. Nabors couples an engaging blend of cornpone humor with a dynamic baritone singing voice, and has become one of the most talented and versatile entertainers on the Las Vegas Strip.

line-up are two great casino lounges, where top entertainers are showcased from dusk to dawn at popular prices. In the Casbar Theatre, exciting newcomer, John Skelton, combines soulful vocals and excellent versatility on (of all things) the flute. He must be seen and heard to be believed! Lou Caddy and The Panics and the London Belles are also featured.

Charo, on the other hand, is outrageously-sexy, hysterical and sometimes close-to-untranslatable -- but always a big hit!

In the Safari Lounge, Key Howard and a new find, "Moxie," trade sets, while Don the Beachcomber Restaurant displays songstress Mary Welch with an interval two-week stint by Gus Bivona.

Rounding out the Sahara entertainment

with ANTHONY NEWLEY.....PAUL ANKA, to England for a wedding of one of his lovely wife, Anne's, relatives, returns with his musical blockbuster show on Dec. 18 to Caesars Palace, of course.....Rumor has it that Caesars snagged BOB HOPE, the MGM got LUCILLE BALL and JACKIE GLEASON, the Hilton's hot for DORIS DAY, and the Tropicana's wooing LILY TOMLIN, BETTE MIDLER and SOPHIA LOREN for 1975 engagements.....TELLY SAVALAS, opening next spring at the Sahara, may just wind up with the booking coup of the year if he and the hotel are able to sign fellow-Greek, actress MELINA MERCOURI for Vegas debut.CAROL CHANNING special guests with ALAN KING at Caesars Palace..... The Songmen and the Sage - SANDLER & YOUNG and MYRON COHEN at the Flamingo.....THE BEST OF ANN-MARGRET at the Hilton, followed by country giant JOHNNY CASH on Nov. 19..... HELEN REDDY and GABRIEL KAPLAN at the Grand.....JIM NABORS & CHARO, a smash, as usual, at the Sahara.....Newcomers of Note: CHRISTOPHER DAVID COMPANY at the Stardust Lounge; JOHN SKELTON at the Sahara Casbar....."Oldtimers" going strong: THE CHECKMATES at the Flamingo Casino Theater.....

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