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'ROUND TOWN....Singer-dancer **RICHARD CURTIS**, back from fourteen weeks on the road with his own show, is forming a new show band group to back himself and his two dancers **ROBIN TINDER** and **KIM RICHARDS**. First new member of the group is local-lad **DANNY FLANNERY** who'll be lead guitarist. The Richard Curtis Show which has credits (and rave reviews to go with them) in Toronto, Montreal, St. Louis, Chicago and throughout the midwest club circuit, is prepping a new revue with choreographer **JOYCE ROBERTS & JERRY NORMAN** staging and directing. There's alot of Strip interest in the hot young group, too. Curtis recently did a showcase stint at the MGM Lion's Den, the Landmark and the Sahara....The hilarious "Tiger of Comedy", **JACKIE GAYLE**, now at the MGM Lion's Den, is on the receiving end of some very tempting offers to star in his own television series....Hear tell that **B.B. KING** is most unhappy and discouraged by his latest showing at the Las Vegas Hilton in the hotel's Nitebird time slot (after midnight). King's business is reportedly way off from when he first signed with the Hilton Hotel and headlined in the lounge....Hit by the flu bug: **WAYNE NEWTON** at the Sands, **PAUL ANKA** at Caesars Palace, and **ANN-MARGRET** at the Hilton. All three of the top drawing super-attractions had to miss nights at their hotels to rest and recuperate. Wayne is scheduled to continue his Sands engagement when he is recovered, and will stay on thru March 4....Funster **PAT BUTTRAM**, at the Thunderbird with Dick Haymes, comment on a recent politician's statement:...."it had all the sincerity of Zsa Zsa Gabor - on her wedding night - saying "ouch!"....Zany **RIP TAYLOR**, in and out of town over the weekend (Rip lives in Las Vegas) returns this weekend to film a special comedy segment that'll be part of his act as the headlining star of the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere" opening March 15. As soon as Rip finishes the film clip, he's off again to Washington, D.C. and then Philadelphia to co-host a week of the Mike Douglas Show.... **THE STYLISTICS** make their first Strip appearance guesting with **PETULA CLARK** at the Riviera....Songstress **JANUARY JONES**, in town to renew old acquaintances and to let her west coast and Las Vegas agents know she is resuming her career on a full time basis. January, who co-starred with **JOHNNY CARSON** a few years ago at the Sahara, has been "retired" for marriage and motherhood the last couple of years. The belting beauty should be back in full swing before the summer!!....**TOM JONES** returns to Caesars Palace on May 22.....

STRIP HOPPIN'...."COUNTRY MUSIC, U.S.A." starring **LEROY VAN DYKE** opens Feb. 10 at the Landmark Jubilee Room. Also featured in the all country revue will be **THE PLAINSMEN**, **THE AUCTIONEERS** and songstress **SUSAN HANEY**....**JACK JONES**, currently starring at Harrah's Reno, opens February 20 at the Thunderbird....Same night, at the Flamingo, **CONNIE STEVENS** returns with her all new show....Singer **FRANKIE RANDALL**, a Vegas resident, back to the east coast for a string of concert and cabaret dates. Frankie, who has appeared here at the Riviera, Sahara and Tropicana Hotels, is the singer-composer who wrote the official Las Vegas theme song, "Hello, Las Vegas", adopted last year by the Public Relations Association of Las Vegas....Did anybody notice that on the recent tv show for Comedy Awards, several Strip favorites were missing?? Not seen on the comedy telecast were stars like **FOSTER BROOKS** (who won the Las Vegas Entertainment Award for Best Supporting Act), **JOAN RIVERS**, **JACKIE GAYLE**, **RIP TAYLOR**, **JERRY LEWIS**, **GUY MARKS**, **KAYE BALLARD**, **ROWAN & MARTIN**, **MYRON COHEN**, **JAN MURRAY**, etc. **PAUL LYNDE** won the award as America's



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funniest man, and **CAROL BURNETT** (who also took the AGVA Award even though she has not appeared in an AGVA situation or production for several years) won as top comedienne The Coming, which is rated as one of the east coast's top drawing and most versatile musical ensembles will be making their Vegas bow as part of their first visit to the West Coast....Don't miss: **STEVE & EYDIE** at Caesars Palace, America's most stylish singing team. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, who've enjoyed stunning success in virtually every media - recording, nightclubs, Broadway, television

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ROWAN AND MARTIN IN SAHARA CONGO ROOM

Dan Rowan and Dick Martin, return engagement in the Congo Room of Del Webb's Sahara, have been together nearly 24 years.

They've won laughs as a team 14 years longer than Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis and three years longer than Abbott and Costello.

It was 1952, when the late comedian Tommy Noonan introduced his friend Dan Rowan to his other friend Dick Martin with the suggestion that, "you two guys should get together."

Shortly thereafter, Dan and Dick began to collaborate on some ideas revolving around "tiny playlets", as opposed to the string of one-liners which were the forte of comedy teams at that time.

They did not specifically decide who would play "straightman", but Dan's excellent ability to set up a situation and Dick's off-beat reaction to it naturally evolved into their present stage identities.

The rest is history! Mostly

small clubs in the beginning and one-night stands until the mid-fifties when they began to work as a supporting act to some of the leading vocalists of the day.

In 1956, they were appearing in Miami Beach and were "discovered" by columnist Walter Winchell who devoted volumes of space in his widely-read column to the brilliant new duo and literally lifted Rowan and Martin from obscurity to headline dates at important nightclubs throughout the United States and British Isles.

In October of 1967, NBC presented a one-hour special called "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In" - smash hit that moved so fast the script for the single hour ran more pages than "Gone With the Wind". The show met with raves and became a weekly NBC series in January of 1968.

That year the show won more "Emmys" than any other new show in the history of television.

signed for Strip hotel dates in '75??....Washington, D.C. group "THE SECOND COMING" now on a short east and midwest tour, prepping a new show for a Strip debut later this spring.

WEEKEND WANDERERS....**SHECKY GREENE** at the MGM Grand....**BARRY ASHTON'S "VIVE PARIS VIVE!"** at the Aladdin. Wild, wicked and occasionally wacky, Ashton's newest revue is a lively recreation of the authentic French music hall....**ROBERT GOULET** and **NIPSEY RUSSELL** at the Frontier....**DIONNE WARWICK** and **THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS** at the Riviera....**ANN-MARGRET '75** at the Hilton with **LIBERACE** following on Feb. 10.....

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