

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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STRIP GLITTER.....Producer BRECK WALL, back from New York, Chicago and Dallas, into final rehearsals of the all new "BOTTOMS UP", opening later this month at Harrah's Reno. DAVID HARRIS, DEEDA HYMES, SUZANNE BUHRER, ROBERT BEALE will be in the cast of the Reno company.... MEL TORME returns next, at the Sands Hotel, opening with RICH LITTLE on June 11....New York comedy star RODNEY DANGERFIELD (who owns his own nightclub there) makes his Strip debut with TONY ORLANDO & DAWN, headlining next at the Riviera Hotel....**SOMETHING SPECIAL** is both the name and description of the new group that will be appearing with TOM JONES at Caesars Palace, opening May 22....Exotic star SAKI TUMI signed for an exclusive eight month pact with veteran producer HAROLD MINSKY. Saki opens this week in the new "Minsky's Follies" in St. Louis and will star in the show's 25-week engagement in Chicago....JOAN RIVERS returns with SERGIO FRANCHI, opening May 21 at the MGM Grand....Dancer CARY LASPINA currently with JULIET PROWSE at the Desert Inn, will be zig-zagging all year long between engagements with Juliet and ANN-MARGRET. Cary will be one of A-M's musical partners at her upcoming special appearance in Washington, D.C....TONY FERCO, of the Dunes' "Casino de Paris" and The Flying Fercos, out of the show recuperating from a cut vein in his forearm. Tony was juggling knives to add to the Czechoslovakian family's juggling and acrobatic act when the accident occurred....WAYNE NEWTON, now at the Frontier Hotel where he just opened a NINE-WEEK stay, will be making his first appearance in several years in London, this summer.....

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO.....Choreographer-dancer JOSE ANTONIO??....The musical ensemble of ESQUIVEL??....Singer LELAND STANFORD SCOTT III??....Lead nude dancer JACKIE BEER??.... The Canadian rock sensation GRANT SMITH??....The ex-



ZANY COMEDIENNE PHYLLIS DILLER STARS IN THE COPA ROOM OF THE SANDS HOTEL WITH PETER MARSHALL, HOST OF "HOLLYWOOD SQUARES," AND ALAN COPELAND'S "CHAPTER 5."

traordinary LEE MEZA??....Dancer RICK HAMILTON??....VON RYAN'S EXPRESS, STARK NAKED & THE CAR THIEVES, and RICK HARRIS, CANDY & MR. D??....Longtime Strip attraction PAT MORENO & HIS ARTISTS & MODELS??.... Belly-dancer LITTLE EGYPT??....The Hip Hypnotist PAT COLLINS??....Rock group LOS BLUES??Exotic star KALANTAN??....Songstress DELILAH??....Singer BOBBY SANSON??....THE ORIENTAL MOD SQUAD??....ORANGE COLORED SKY??....DR. RICHARD IRELAND??Producer HARRY BLOOMFIELD??....FAY McKAY??

EXCUSE ME WHILE I ANSWER SOME MAIL.....To the songwriter in Waltham, Mass: It is impossible to provide you home address of the stars you asked about. Please contact them at their Las Vegas hotels....To Mr. Kilmer in San Francisco: KAYE BALLARD has not yet signed for a Las Vegas date. Kaye opens next in Dallas, Texas in a new musical comedy show titled "My Fair Dracula"....To Mrs. Latella in Philadelphia: MITZI GAYNOR is reportedly going to make only one special appearance in Las Vegas this year. The hotel and date are still to be announced. Mitzi opens her current cross country tour this month opening at The Cave in Vancouver....To the lady in Tucson, Arizona: TOM JONES opens May 22 at Caesars Palace. ENGEL-

BERT will not be back in Vegas this summer. And PERRY COMO has not been signed as yet for a Vegas return....To Mrs. Peterson in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida: ANN-MARGRET will not be back in Las Vegas until sometime later in the fall. No date has been set as yet. NANCY SINATRA has not yet announced a Vegas date. Nancy has not worked in Vegas since last summer when she made a special appearance with her father and brother at Caesars Palace.....

NOTES IN NEON.....Comedy star, zany RIP TAYLOR, now starring in the "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana, will be leaving the show when his 12 week contract ends on June 5. Rip had so many prior commitments to fulfill, including another appearance at a Vegas mainroom this summer, that producer ALAN LEE agreed to a limited engagement when the new "Folies" was still in early rehearsals last year. Rip opens at Harrah's Reno and Tahoe later this summer and has a contract awaiting his signature to go on his first tour of AustraliaProducer-choreographer JERRY NORMAN opens his new show this month at the Holiday Casino. The tentative title of the Norman revue was "Bare Minimum" but will probably be changed before marquee time....Delicious KELLY BRITT back to resume her role as the uproariously uptight spinster in the Union Plaza's longrunning blockbuster "Mind with the Dirty Man" starring PHIL FORD, JANE KEAN and MARILYN CHAMBERS.....

STRIP BITS & PIECES.....DEBBIE returns to the Desert Inn on May 6....JERRY LEWIS and CHARO at the Sahara....LOVELACE WATKINS and SLAPPY WHITE the co-starring duo opening May 29 at the Flamingo....Strip Showstoppers: The electrifying ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS, now featured in the "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes....Producers BARRY ASHTON and WOLF KOCHMANN in rehearsals in L.A. with their all new ice spectacular, opening in June in Singapore followed by an indefinite run in Tokyo, Japan....Blonde and bouncy PAT GILL back from her native South Africa where she's been starring in her own song and dance revue.

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....SHIRLEY MacLAINE at the MGM....BARRY ASHTON'S "Vive Paris Vive!" at the Aladdin....JAI ALAI at the MGM Fronton....THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS and OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN at the Riviera....WAYNE NEWTON at the Frontier....RIP TAYLOR in the "FOLIES BERGERE" with CARL BALANTINE, THE BERNARDS, BUDDY VEST, THE RUDAS ACRO DANCERS, MARYA LINERO, DAN PARKER and JANELLE....KENNY ROGERS & THE FIRST EDITION at the Hilton Casino Theater.....

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