

LAS VEGAS

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'ROUND TOWN.....BOBBIE GENTRY, the Mississippi Belle, returns this week with an all new musical revue, opening June 3 at the Desert Inn. Bobbie, one of the D.I.'s trio of Fair Ladies (Debbie Reynolds & Juliet Prowse), has reportedly gone all out with her new opus and the show is a \$200,000 spectacular!!.....LOVELACE WATKINS, now in his third headliner date at the Flamingo. The elegant and eloquent singing star who speaks with a British accent is really an American who went to Europe a few years ago and in short order became the rage of two continents.....JAMES DARREN returns to the Sahara's Congo Room, with JERRY LEWIS in August.....BOBBY VINTON who has some sort of record with three separate mainroom dates this year at three different hotels (the Flamingo, MGM Grand and Riviera) will have JOAN RIVERS as his special guest costar when he plays his two weeks at the MGM in August.....THE BERNARD BROTHERS who returned from the Paris "Lido de Paris" for a featured spot in the Tropicana's new "Folies Bergere" will leave the "Folies" in June. Comedy star of the show, RIP TAYLOR leaves on June 3 after fulfilling his initial 12-week engagement. And comedy magician CARL BALLANTINE also departs this month. Comedy acrobatic troupe THE VETERANS and illusionist REVEEN THE IMPOSSIBLIST will be the "Folies" new specialty acts.....Popular JOHNNY TILLOTSON makes his MGM Grand bow, at the Lion's Den, on June 11.....A new show scheduled to open at the Flamingo in July is called "THE DOO-DAH GANG". The 1920-30's flavored revue will be staged and choreographed by Miss TONI BASIL.....Dancer-choreographer NICK NAVARRO (who choreographed the just opened 11th edition "Lido de Paris" at the Stardust) premieres his own production, "LOVE AFFAIR" starring comedian CORK PROCTOR and featuring dancer MICHAEL DARRIN, on June 3 at the new Marina Hotel in the Mirage Showroom.....Comedy star GABRIEL KAPLAN who's been here with headliners like MAC DAVIS, ANN-MARGRET, PAUL ANKA and THE CARPENTERS, stars in his own tv series this fall for ABC.



BUDDY

Gabe's show is called "WELCOME BACK, KOTTER" about a young schoolteacher who returns to his high school. MARCIA STRASSMAN will play Gabe's wife.....Songbird LOIS ARLEN - who is married to Creative Entertainment prexy BOBBY MORRIS - has been signed to tour with BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS, and also for some concert dates in Hawaii with THE AVERAGE WHITE BAND.....

STRIP SPARKLERS.....RIP TAYLOR jets to Harrah's Lake Tahoe on June 4 for his annual guest appearance as Harrah's zaniest Bingo Caller. Rip's stint is part of the hotel's big money golf tourney. On June 6, Rip'll be in Los Angeles to emcee the posh Masquer's Club tribute to Academy Award nominee, director-teacher LEE STRASBERG, and on the 10th he'll guest with "Tonight Show" host JOHN DAVIDSON.....RUTH BUZZI and JIM NABORS, costars here at the Sahara, will costar again this time on a new children's show for ABC-TV being produced by Sid and Marty Krofft. Speaking of Ruth, she'll be back on the Strip next month costarring with HELEN REDDY at the MGM Grand opening June 18.....MEL TORME opens June 11 at the Sands with RICH LITTLE. This will be Mel's first Strip date since the release of his smash new album for Atlantic "Live at the Maisonette" - Mel's first

BUDDY HACKETT AT SAHARA

X-rated comedy superstar Buddy Hackett and Hawaiian singing sensation Dick Jensen opened a two-week engagement last night in the Congo Room of the Hotel Sahara.

Hackett, the holder of every Congo Room attendance mark, returned to Las Vegas on the heels of a special performance for President Ford, held last month in Washington, D.C.

Asked about that performance, Hackett said, "Not only did I meet him, but he told me he loves me and watches me all the time. I couldn't believe it!"

Buddy's fans would believe it, however, as they have come to expect almost anything in the way of plaudits for Hackett's

unorthodox offerings. His style of humor is classic -- especially his method of weaving several stories around each other. And if a story takes a slightly risque twist or includes a three or four letter word, it only seems to add to the fun for his overflow audiences.

Most of Hackett's fans are in the room because they appreciate his unique brilliance -- his ability to change material with every performance. Even his classic routines differ considerably from show to show, leading to the notion that Buddy does a different show every night.

Hackett and Dick Jensen will appear through June 11.

and long awaited recording effort in several years..... TOM JONES looking superfit and almost twenty five years old (!), now at Caesars Palace, releases a new album to celebrate his 10th year in show business. Ten years, that is, as superstar and international attraction!.....Looking so glamorous and beautiful, ANNE SIMMONS, the "First Lady of Nostalgia" singer-actress who has been recovering from a two year siege of illness, is now readying an all new act for a summer return to show business. Miss Simmons' unique presentation of old songs in a speakeasy atmosphere and in character throughout her show, should quickly warrant a Vegas stint when she's ready to resume her career. Just before being taken so seriously ill, Anne was to play major bistros in New York, Chicago, Miami, San Francisco and Las Vegas.....Producer-star BRECK WALL dashed to Harrah's Reno to open the all new 1975 edition of "BOTTOMS UP". Breck leaves that show in June to jet



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