

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



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SET TRIPPING . . . Went out to the "Lombard and Gable" set at Universal last week and watched JAMES BROLIN & JILL CLAYBURGH work on a scene. It was very interesting. Brolin kids around and laughs with the crew but when director SIDNEY FURIE calls action, Brolin turns into Gable right in front of your eyes. I had heard this from everyone including RED BUTTONS and was still a skeptic but no more. Jim will definitely be on top after this movie. I couldn't tell much from Jill in this particular scene. She's a very intense lady and a helluva actress according to those who have seen her work. She's very reluctant to talk to the press because she can't separate her work like that but good publicity can't hurt any actress. Brolin, by the way, will return to "Marcus Welby" but not until the 7th or 8th episode. His absence will be explained by saying that he's away with a girlfriend whom he'll eventually wed in mid-season.

NITERY TRIPPING . . . RICHARD CARUSO is ready to play Las Vegas now and he'll play it right. CLAUDE THOMPSON has put an act together for him and it's super. Caruso sings, dances, plays the saxophone, the piano, just about everything and he does it all well. Big audience favorites are his "Shangri-La" sax solo and JACQUES BREL's "Carousel" but frankly the audience at the Art Laboe's Club (formerly Ciro's) loved everything he

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did and well they should. He's worked hard and it shows. If you don't believe me, you can ask first nighters like JOHNNY MATHIS, ANN DEE or LANA TURNER or better still, book him. That should settle it once and for all. . . . another act that hasn't played Las Vegas and is long overdue is the incredible CHARLES PIERCE billed as a male actress. No, it's not another female impersonator, he happens to be the best male actress in town. Currently at the Cabaret, Pierce lights up the whole stage with his repartee with the audience. He's definitely a contender for the "fastest mouth in the West" and if you're prone to clocking performers for laughs, you had better wind that stop watch up tight. I laughed continuously from the moment the show started until they threw us out at 2 A.M. What a show. What a performer!

BOOK TRIPPING . . . Arlington House, spreading their wings some sent me two terrific, unique books which I must share with you. The first is, "Fashion in the Twenties and Thirties"

by Jane Dorner. Book is really a trip covering evening wear, tennis outfits, undies, beauty hints and accessories with over 250 fashion drawings, photographs and reproductions from catalogues and magazines. Some of the models used are JOAN CRAWFORD, GRETA GARBO, GINGER ROGERS, CLARA BOW, GLORIA SWANSON, DIETRICH, DAVIS, LADY SYLVIA ASHLEY & VIVIEN LEIGH. . . . the other is a nifty book for these hard times. "The New Hamburger and Hot Dog Book" by Mettja C. Roate. Who doesn't want to find new ways to save money? Some interesting samples were Drunken Dogs (made with Sour Mash bourbon), Hot Dogs in Fruited Brandy Sauce, Chinese Cabbage and Hot Dogs, Spiced Meat Balls, Hamburger and Rice with Artichokes, Belgian Hamburger Soup and Hamburger Oyster Casserole. There are over 600 tested, money saving recipes and that's the best news I've heard this week.

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