

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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LAS VEGAS



AND IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.....where ALAN LEE's new "ORIENTAL EXOTICA" is the hit of the beach, and got off to a roaring start with the special gueststar appearance of Las Vegas' own RIP TAYLOR. The new revue, staged and directed by JERRY JACKSON, is a coproduction of Lee and SY SAMUELS, and will be at the Americana Hotel thru September. Americana manager GEORGE SALATI and entertainment director BARRY SINCO invited several hundred VIPS, island celebrities, press and television, and hotel-casino community to the opening gala, and instant raves made "Exotica" the July 4th weekend blockbuster! Japanese songstar EIKO SHURI, THE ULTRA THREE, VITO SCOTTI and the Jerry Jackson dancers are featured in the show. Also making a rare and special appearance in a clever geisha-girl "strip" is MISS TOKO LEE (the beautiful wife of producer Lee).....BERN & TOR'S "OCHO PUERTAS" (Eight Doors) is still very much the "in" spot in Old San Juan, and one of the best in entertainment bistros. Ocho has a policy of presenting Puerto Rican stars exclusively, and they get the top names from all over the Latin world. The owners (an American and a Swede) have been on the island for some fifteen years and are the "unofficial" ambassadors of good will and island touring for all the stars who work and play in San Juan. Bern and Tor, frequent Vegas visitors, will be here in the fall (when all the clubs and showrooms in Puerto Rico go on a pre-season hiatus) to visit pals like LIZA MINNELLI and LIBERACE..... Los Angeles actor-singer JOHN TRAVISS (originally from San Juan) is taking a year out of his career to visit his family, and is keeping in touch with show biz by working at Ocho Puertas and singing in some clubs in San Juan.....Cuban songstress FLOR DELOTO, and Cubans MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON (stars-producers of "Latin Fire Follies" which played here for some three years) have been recent attractions in P.R. Singer-guitarist JUAN CARLOS, a big name in San Juan, will be returning next month to the MGM Lion's Den..... Former "FOLIES BERGERE" beauty

SUPERSTAR WAYNE NEWTON, WHO AVERAGES TWO STANDING OVATIONS A NIGHT (ONE FOR EACH SHOW) WILL BE IN THE GRAND BALL ROOM OF THE SANDS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30. WITH WAYNE ARE FUNSTER DAVE BARRY AND THE SINGING JIVE SISTERS.

SYLVIA JANET (who recently left the Tropicana show) flew in to San Juan where she will be marrying an Argentinian millionaire and plans to leave her show biz career permanently.....FRED CURT, Jerry Jackson's assistant from Los Angeles and New York, stays on at the Americana as company manager of "Exotica". Fred was also Jackson's assistant on the Tropicana's "Folies".....Other attractions round the island include THE ROYAL CARNIVAL OF BRAZIL at the Flamboyant, SOPHY at the Caribe Hilton, George Reich's "FANTASTIQUE" at the El San Juan, and THE CHOSEN PEOPLE at S.J.'s swingin' disco OLD TOWN CLUB.....The new weekly tourist-entertainment publication in Puerto Rico is the San Juan JOURNAL headed by MIKE SEGARRA. The Journal is growing rapidly and will soon have distribution throughout the islands including St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. Maarten.....

AND IN LOS ANGELES.....where songstress-actress ANNE SIMMONS presented her special one woman show at the

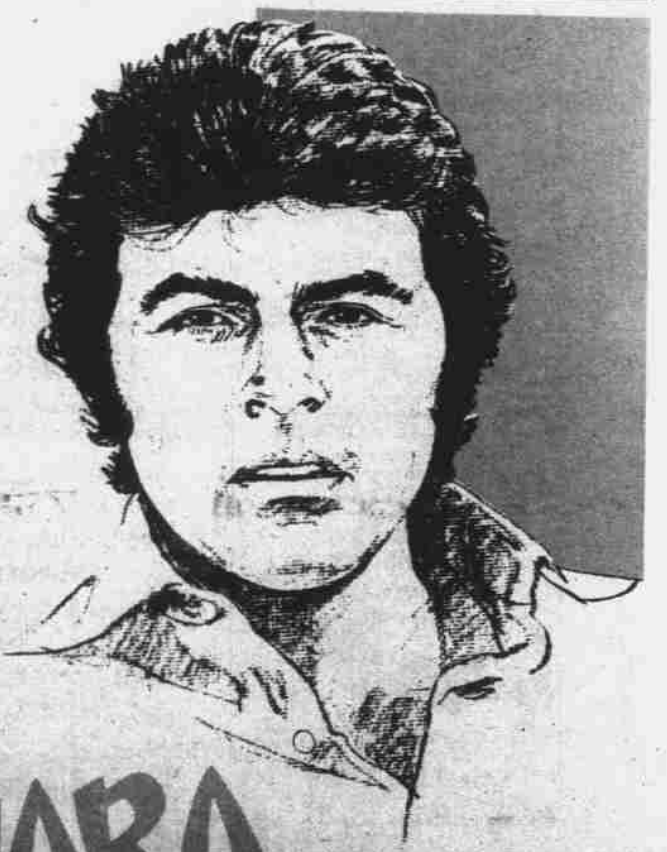
Beverly Hills Academy of Music for a limited, invited audience. Miss Simmons, recently recovered from a long siege of illness, is resuming her career with an exciting new concept for nightclub performance. Anne's "act" within an act is a complete recreation thru music, dialogue, and songs of a lady of the hard luck 1930's era. The storytelling presentation - which will shortly have a Las Vegas showing for entertainment directors, agents and other performers - is a most unusual showcase for a most unusual and gifted talent. Miss Simmons not only sings so well (with traces of Piaf perhaps or Dietrich, Billie Holliday and Garland) she is an exceptional actress who stays within character throughout her hour-long musical drama. WILLIAM CASILLI is Anne's musical director and accompanist. SID LIPTON is producer. Watch for Anne's to-be-announced Strip premiere showing!.....

AND IN LAS VEGAS.....JAMES DARREN, going great guns at the Sahara Congo Room, with Buddy Hackett, has a special pair of visitors this weekend. Producers ROSS HUNTER and JACQUES MAPES (of "Airport", "Pillow Talk", "Lost Horizon", etc., etc. fame) flew in just to catch Darren's new nitery act, and the trio is huddling over the weekend about some "BIG" plans for Jimmy's next movie and tv properties. Darren will also be seen this fall on Hunter's first movie production for television "Woman in Jeopardy" starring SHIRLEY JONES. Darren has also been announced to star in a musical bio of Rudolph Valentino, several more tv guestings including his current spate of "Celebrity Sweepstakes" guestings, and a lot of activity in the recording studio later this summer. Darren, who has made more than a dozen Strip appearances since he returned to live performing and nitery acts, should also be considering a jump to top headlining in a Vegas showroom. Darren's instant recognition 'round town and ever growing popularity makes him a sure bet for starring in his own show - soon!.....ANDY GRIFFITH who rarely plays Vegas (it's been at least three years since his Caesars Palace date) joins FRANKIE AVALON and GLEN ASH in a three-star revue opening August 7 at the Sahara.....CORBETT MONICA, sporting a new moustache, costars next with the Lettermen at the Flamingo.....DON RICKLES, now at the Riviera, takes young PETER GORDENO along with him on a string of summer theater dates. Gordeno will be making his first American tour.....DICK CLARK'S GOOD OL' ROCK 'N ROLL REVUE returns to the Strip, opening August 7 at the Thunderbird Hotel.....Don't miss the final performances, August 1, 2 and 3 of the University of Nevada's Summer Theater production of "DAMES AT SEA" at the Judy Bayley Theater. The Broadway hit spoof



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