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ROUND TOWN.....KITTY KOVER, who's starred here in both the "Casino de Paris" and in the Union Plaza's "Hello Dolly", will present her own revue today (Aug. 8) at the Landmark Hotel. The multi-talented strawberry blonde sings, dances and has special material segments that showcase her talents as an actress-comedienne.....Another former "Casino" star, **FAY MCKAY** is back in town as special guest star in the new **MICKEY FINN SHOW**, now at the Stardust Lounge. Same show is comedy ventriloquist **SAMMY KING** whose Vegas credits include "Folies Bergere" and "Fancy That".....Country favorite and Mr. Haney of tv's "Green Acres", **PAT BUTTRAM** is special guest in the newest and sixth edition of **JIM HALSEY'S "COUNTRY MUSIC, U.S.A."** now at the Landmark Hotel.....**DEBBIE REYNOLDS** who'll be returning to the Desert Inn on August 19, is also scheduled for a Nov-Dec stint at the D.I. to be followed two days after closing by her opening - and first appearance - across the street at the Frontier Hotel on December 10. Debbie's fellow-Hughes star **WAYNE NEWTON** (at the Sands til September 30) will have two whole months before he's set to open at the Frontier in November, and back to the Sands for the Christmas and New Year's engagement opening Dec. 10.....**JOHN DAVIDSON** who's been postponing his return to Vegas to do television, joins the 5th Dimension at the Riviera in October.....Songstress **ROZ CLARK**, a former member of The Celebration, who's been on her own for about a year, and-records for Warner Brothers, guests with **BILL COSBY** at Harrah's Tahoe, with the possibility of making her Vegas mainroom debut with Cosby in September at the Hilton.....**DICK CLARK'S "GOOD OL' ROCK 'N ROLL" REVUE** starring **JACKIE WILSON**, **CORNELL GUNTHER** and **THE COASTERS**, and **DION** opens tonight at the Thunderbird Hotel. Said Dick at his smash opening last year at the Hilton: "I had to wait for all of you (his audience) to grow up before I could come to Las Vegas with a show." Clark's Bandstanders turn out by the droves to join him on his trip down the musical memory lanes of the 50's, 60's and 70's!.....

STRIP GLITTER.....He's come a long long way from "What It Was, Was Football" - his first hit record - and has picked up a couple of million fans along the way; Now headlining a special one week engagement at the Sahara Hotel, **ANDY GRIFFITH** the popular star of stage ("No Time for Sergeants", "Destry Rides Again"), screen ("Face in the Crowd", "Sergeants" and his soon to be released "Hearts of the West"), and of course, television with top rated series for some ten years, is a rare and special Las Vegas attraction. In his new show - his first Strip appearance in several years - Andy co-stars with Frankie Avalon and Glenn Ash in a bright and lively music and comedy revue. Andy, who has had the same personal manager and executive producer since he was "discovered" in 1953, **RICHARD O. LINKE**, is currently mulling several new formats for a return to weekly television and specials. He's also signed to host a special presentation of the MGM Family Network.....**STEVE & EYDIE** are at Caesars Palace, and it takes no more than their names to appear on any marquee for the showrooms to fill up to capacity plus crowds. America's number one husband and wife team recently returned from London where they filmed their upcoming CBS-TV special, a tribute to George Gershwin. The new show will have to really be something special to top the last Steve and Eydie special, filmed at Caesars Palace with hundreds of Las Vegas and visitors gathering outside at 3 a.m. to watch **BOB SIDNEY'S** brilliant staging and direction of having Mr. Lawrence and Miss Gorme "dancing" on the waters of the Palace fountains!.....**MISS FEGGY LEE** at the Flamingo August 21.....**BOBBY VINTON** whose made a career out of being professionally Polish, and now bills himself as "The Polish Prince", goes on special loan to the MGM to open August 13 with **JOAN RIVERS**. Bobby then returns to his regular home base, the Flamingo, in October for his last stint there, and then moves to the Riviera in '76.....

IN LAS VEGAS, PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT.....The Aladdin Hotel's announced closing of



ANDY GRIFFITH, STARRING IN SHOW WITH FRANKIE AVALON AND GLENN ASH IN THE CONGO ROOM AT THE SAHARA.

BARRY ASHTON'S "VIVE PARIS VIVE" in September. The Ashton show, which opened in January, has been the hotel's biggest hit in its history!! It's amazing that the hotel with such a bonafide success on its hands would decide to close out such a popular revue. Ashton has already had several other hotels - which have been shopping for months for a "hit" - interested in taking the show, intact, to another showroom. The Aladdin's loss, etc. etc.....More and new rumors about several other Strip shows reportedly being closed out right after Labor Day. And some distressing reports that a couple of main showrooms and lounges are also being eyed for closing!! No wonder so

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many veteran Strip observers, visitors and even performers are lamenting the "new" Vegas of the '70's, and longing for "the good old days" when Las Vegas was inexpensive, all-night, exciting and fun!.....the just past showcase performance of **MISS ANNE SIMMONS** in her "First Lady of Nostalgia" musical drama, held at the Landmark Hotel. Miss Simmons presented an astonishingly original concept and captivated a full house audience of performers, agents, entertainment directors, and press.....

STRIP BITS & PIECES.....**JERRY LEWIS**, back from London and Scotland and all those widely reported clashes with overseas show promoters (who Jerry claimed "scalped" the public with ticket prices to his Cunard Queen Mary engagement), opens next week at the Sahara Hotel. Jerry's guest will be impressionist-singer **JIM BAILEY.....****THE PHILADELPHIA STORY**, making their Strip bow at the Sahara Casbar Lounge.....**BOBBY CURTOLA**, back from Canada's Klondike Days, at the Desert Inn's Gold Cup lounge. Bobby's longevity of engagements nearly equals that of Wayne Newton's....."**DOO DAH DAZE**" starring **Boo Boo O'Hare**, continues at the Flamingo's "Boiler Room" showroom with new showtimes of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. "Daze" will be seen shortly on a special segment of Merv Griffin's Las Vegas shows (from Caesars Palace).....**RICH LITTLE** and **MEL TORME** return to the Sands for the month of October. Little has also signed to switch hotels in '76; he'll move to the Riviera....."Tonight" show announcer **ED McMAHON** guest stars with **MAC DAVIS** opening Aug. 27 at the Grand.....**ELVIS** at the Hilton, August 18-September 1.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....**DONN ARDEN'S "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD"** at the MGM Grand with special attraction **SIEGFRIED & ROY** and a cast of more than 150 with featured principals including **DIANE FINDLAY**, **TRICIA LEE**, **EILEEN BARNETT**, **STEVE HARMON**, **ROSS DAVIES**, **MARLENE VINCENTI**, **ALAN WEEKS**, **WINSTON DEWITT HEMSLEY**, **GARY OAKES**, **LOU GARCIA & JERRY GRASSE.....****ALAN LEE'S "FOLIES BERGERE"** at the Tropicana...

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