

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE

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## BUDDY HACKETT, IN SAHARA'S CONGO ROOM

Comedy genius Buddy Hackett and singing star Dick Jensen are back at Del Webb's Hotel Sahara for a special one-week engagement.

Even though Hackett has been headlining at the Sahara for nearly a decade, "The Master" remains a surprise from show to show. Only one thing is predictable and that's that Hackett will keep his audience howling from curtain to curtain with his classic routines and free-form wanderings.

Jensen, known as "The Giant" in Hawaii where he plays 40 weeks a year, is a sight to behold. Al-

ready Hawaii's top entertainment attraction, he adds legions of fans every time he plays Las Vegas, leaving audiences limp with his strong vocal offerings and rapid-fire dancing.

Rounding out the Sahara entertainment lineup are the topless revue, Pinups, The Dae-Han Sisters and The Jesters in the Casbar Theatre Lounge and Gabe Kila and The Nanakuli Sons in Don the Beachcomber.

Hackett and Jensen will perform twice nightly through September 11. Tony Bennett and Lena Horne follow.

**STRIP CHATTER.....**With so many hotel executive changes, stars changing hotels, and unconfirmed reports of shows opening and closing, it's difficult to keep track of who's who and where!! According to the "last nose of summer", there are going to be a lot of hotels owners before the dawning of 1976, and many many stars coming and going. The rumor mill is working overtime grinding out real and imaginary reports. Pick the ones you like.....THE HACIENDA is being sold... BOB HOPE, LUCILLE BALL and ALICE COOPER have all agreed to Vegas playdates in '76..... DEAN MARTIN will retire at the end of the year.....AVA GARDNER and FRANK SINATRA will pull a "LIZ and DICK" and get back together permanently.....SHECKY GREENE will leave the MGM..... ELVIS PRESLEY will limit his "in person" appearances to one or two a year, and NOT at the Las Vegas Hilton..... Caesars Palace will build a new showroom to have its own "Hallelujah Hollywood" type production show. DONN ARDEN will NOT be the producer-director.....When the "Folies Bergere" closes at the Tropicana for a "special hiatus", it will never re-open. The Trop masterminds (whoever they are this week) plan to go on a name star entertainment policy!! ...Speaking of the Tropicana, why doesn't the somebody there who is so eager and willing to make Cuban songstress NORMA REYES into a big superstar attraction do something more than give her unlimited weeks at the hotel's Blue Room lounge?? The gorgeous Miss Reyes is a treat for the eyes and should be

being seen all over town!!.....The STARDUST LOUNGE closes - supposedly for a year to build a new one - in early September. Also shuttering: the Hacienda Lounge, the MGM Lion's Den..... "PIN UPS", the Sahara Casbar's long running revue will close shortly to be replaced by another Jerry Jackson revue.....The Union Plaza's Maynard Sloate production of "MIND WITH THE DIRTY MAN" closes after more than 45 weeks. A new play "NORMAN, IS THAT YOU?" opens next starring JERRY LESTER.....

BARBARA EDEN, The Jeannie everybody Dreams Of, returns to the MGM Grand, with SHECKY GREENE, in November. Barbara is currently in the enviable position of having television series offers from all three networks plus offers of tv specials and a year long agenda of

niter dates. Barbara just closed a "hometown" date in San Francisco at the Fairmont.....SIEGFRIED & ROY, the incredible magic and illusion stars of the MGM's DONN ARDEN'S HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD, have very wisely refused all offers to do their sensational act on talk show tv. Siegfried and Roy will, however, be making a guest appearance on an upcoming MERV GRIFFIN SHOW taped at Caesars Palace. The award winning team brought along a friendly tiger (a 650 pound Bengal) just to chat with Merv but didn't make the tiger disappear in any but the conventional manner..

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