

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

ENTERTAINMENT
TRIP AROUND THE WORLD
RICK MCINNES

In case you didn't know it, SAMMY DAVIS is one big soap opera addict, in particular a "Love of Life" fiend. Well, he is going to get every soap fan's dream come true. He is going to appear on the show on October 10. He has already taped his sequence which goes like this. Sammy drops in to see the new Beaver Ridge complex and its Terrace Room, run by Rick Latimer, who is played by JERRY LACY. Sammy explains that he was "playing a gig nearby" (which in real life he was) and decided to drop on by. He is coaxed into singing two songs, "Foggy Day" and "Candy Man." This has to be a first in daytime TV. By the way, "Love of Life" is 24 years old on September 24 so gather round that TV set and sing "Happy Birthday" to it. "Search for Tomorrow" is the oldest dramatic series on TV, having premiered three weeks before "Life" in 1951. Darryl Hickman, former child star, is the executive producer of "Life."



INCOMPARABLE LENA HORNE IN SONGFEST WITH TONY BENNETT AT SAHARA THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22.

Speaking of soap people, EMILY McLAUGHLIN, VICTORIA SHAW, DENISE ALEXANDER & PETER KILMAN, all of "General Hospital" got together and went to the Bob Hope Hollywood USO to officially welcome the crew of the carrier "Coral Sea" to Hollywood. Over 200 sailors arrived by bus from Long Beach and were genuinely pleased by the stars taking from their valuable time to talk to them and sign autographs. Denise is adept at ping pong and Victoria swings a wicked pool stick. What is especially nice about their visit is that it was both Victoria and Peter's last day on the

series and although they weren't in the best of spirits, they still came on down and spent their evening with the servicemen and acted like nothing was wrong.

ANTHONY FRANCIOSA pulled a groin muscle in a rough house scene in his new series, "Matt Helm." Over the weekend it really started to bother him and by the time he returned to work on Monday, he had a fever and could hardly walk. Shooting was halted one week while Tony recovers.

RAY DANTON may be in like "Flint" with his new mini TV series but not so with the LAPD. Danton had the bad luck to have an accident on the way to work the other A.M. Worse luck, he ran into a police car and was arrested.

DEBBIE REYNOLDS has given the green light to invite anyone in her life as guests for the big Thalian bash this year which is honoring her contributions. That is to everyone but EDDIE FISHER. Fisher's unkind remarks about her have finally reached her and the lady no likee.

Arista Records sent me the cash album of "Chicago" and it's all that you want it to be. The combination of GWEN VERDON & CHITA RIVERA is dynamite! Inspired casting to say the least and they both come across loud and clear on the record. Another casting coup was MARY MC CARTY and JERRY OHRBACH. Just imagine a whole cast album done with good singers. I asked the people at Arista if they were planning to do another album with LIZA MINNELLI but they said not at the moment. I think it would be terrific. What's better than one good "Chicago" cast album? You guessed it, two "Chicago" cast albums.

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