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STRIP CHATTER...DIAHANN CAROLL & MYRON COHEN signed to make a special December appearance at the Dunes Hotel. The stars will be in the mainroom when Frederic Apar's "Casino de Paris" goes on its annual December hiatus. An all new "Casino" opens Christmas Day....Comedy star **RONNIE SCHELL**, now at the Flamingo Hotel with red-hot **BOBBY VINTON**, will be seen this winter on nearly a dozen national television commercials. Ronnie also has a special gueststar spot upcoming on "The World of Walt Disney" and a costarring role in Disney's new '76 feature film "GUS" being released in mid-year....Scuttlebutt has it that the **HACIENDA HOTEL**, the **MARINA HOTEL**, and the **ROYAL LAS VEGAS HOTEL** will all be sold before the year's end....The construction sign reads that a new shopping center will be built on the corner of Flamingo/Dunes Road and the Strip (next to the Flamingo Hotel) but insiders insist that the multi-million dollar real estate will be the site of a brand new Hilton Hotel high rise that'll match its neighbor the MGM Grand in number of hotel rooms....Also breaking ground this month, the Aladdin's new \$10 million Theater for the Performing Arts scheduled for a July '76 premiere. The new theater will seat 7000 persons, and be on a tickets only basis. No food or drinks will be served in the showroom....**ALAN LEE'S "FOLIES BERGERE"** returns tonight to the Tropicana Tiffany Theater. Rumor has it, however, that the "Folies" will not be the hotel's mainshow attraction in 1976. New owners, new producers and an all new "spectacular" is reportedly being discussed for the new year....Also nearing its opening - after more than a year of being completed on its Convention Center Drive address - is the new casino/shopping arcade of the **DEVILLE**. Hear that new owner's from the east (i.e. Washington, D.C.) will finally open the Deville with a limited entertainment policy....

"ROUND TOWN...JACK & MITZI GAYNOR BEAN, and the entire cast of Mitzi's just ended extravaganza at the Tropicana, in for an after show dinner party at Giovanni's VIA VENETO Restaurant. With its new hours from 5PM to 5AM, the Via Veneto is a new favorite rendezvous for Strip stars and performers after midnight. **MITZI, JOAN RIVERS, ANN-MARGRET & ROGER SMITH, JULIE PROWSE, ROBERT GOULET, THE ARGENTINIA GAUCHOS, THE REYCARDS**, etc etc among the showfolks "discovering" the intimate and elegant hideaway. Via Veneto also now has a special late late night menu especially for its show biz pals....**PETULA CLARK, ABBE LANE, KAYE BALLARD** and magic star **MARK WILSON** among the special gueststars in especially to tape segments of **MERV GRIFFIN'S LAS VEGAS SHOWS** from Caesars Palace....The Strip's new "sensation" composer-singer **NEIL SEDAKA**, playing to turnaway crowds at the Riviera in his first headliner appearance, has the celebs flockin' to the Versailles Room to catch his act. **PAUL ANKA, GLEN CAMPBELL, BOBBY VINTON**, Screen Gems prexy **DOUG CRAMER**, A-TV daytime programming manager **ALLAN CARR, PETULA CLARK, JOAN RIVERS**, exec **SUE CAMERON**, comedienne **LIZ TORRES**, comedy writer **BRUCE VILANCHE**, comedian **GABRIEL KAPLAN** (Welcome Back, Kotter), and some 25 artists & executives from John Reid Enterprises (who manage Neil's good buddy **ELTON JOHN** and **ROCKET RECORDS**), among the VIP-crowds....**GOLDIE HAWN** set for her Las Vegas return (at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel) in March of



DEBBIE -- THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BABY OF THE DESERT INN IS DELIGHTFULLY PLEASING CROWDS IN THE CRYSTAL ROOM WITH HER SUPERB GALA PARTY TWICE NIGHTLY.

'76....Academy Award winner **JACK ALBERTSON** and **DOC SEVERINSEN** costar as the holiday attraction, in December, at the Frontier Hotel....Australian nitery owner and newspaper/magazine publisher **RODNEY STRINGER** on a cross country holiday, enroute to Los Angeles & Honolulu, in for a quick round of showstopping including **MITZI** at the Tropicana, **ANN-MARGRET** at the Hilton, and **Donn Arden's "HALLELUJA HOLLYWOOD"** at the Grand. Stringer is also involved in entertainment promotions and concerts in Sydney and is talking to several major attractions for Down Under engagements in '76....**SHECKY GREENE** (opening Nov. 19 with **BARBARA EDEN** at the Grand) and **DON RICKLES** (opening Nov. 21 with **FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS** at the Riviera) will be the co-emcees with **ED McMAHON**, at the November 21 **NITE OF STARS** at Caesars Palace....

STRIP BITS & PIECES...Voluptuous comedienne DYANNE THORNE has joined the cast of "NORMAN, IS THAT YOU?" at the Union Plaza....What a delightful and satirical songstress is **DIANNE ELLIOT**, currently appearing at the MGM Grand's new Cub Lounge....**RIP TAYLOR**, who just closed a smash two week "debut" at The Studio One in Hollywood squeezes in a quick date in Salt Lake City, Utah before his November 21 opening at Harrah's Reno. Same date, at Harrah's Tahoe, Rip's special friend **PHYLLIS DILLER** who hosted his Hollywood opening, will be opening with **JIM NABORS**....Vegas friends are sad and sorry to hear about the break-up of two "perfect" marriages in the show biz world: in Los Angeles, **BILL & RUTH BUZZI KEKO** are trying it apart, and in Las Vegas, dancer **WAYNE ALBRITTON** (Lido de Paris) & his **BONNIE** have split....C Choreographer-director **AL**

VAN DYKE BRINGS WONDERFUL
As LeRoy Van Dyke sings it "It's A Big Wide Wonderful World of Country Music" and it's comin' on strong in the Landmark's Jubilee Room. The dynamic superstar of the country circuit, who lit the fuse on the first edition of "Country Music U.S.A." at the hotel last March, returns for the soaring 10th edition of the music form that is skyrocketing in popularity all over the world.
LeRoy's presentation is the edification of what country music is today -- the best of western swing, hard country, hill-billy, folk and pop/country -- and even the most dyed-in-the-wool contemporary music buffs leave the C & W revue humming "country."
Van Dyke, whose first recording "The Auctioneer" brought instant fame to the real-life auctioneer when it climbed to the number one slot on both the country and pop national charts, has a new release, "Who's Gonna Run the Truck Stop in Tuba City" (another triple-tonquer) which promises to assume the same position.
The Plainsmen -- Nappier Easmon, leader and pianist; Jack Mainord, lead singer; Thurman Bunch, first tenor; Dwight Hicks, second tenor and Gerald Williams, bass -- costar in the fast-paced show, laying down a strong sampling of tunes from over 25 albums which they have recorded, as well as a couple of single chart-toppers "North to Alaska" (from the film of the same name) and "This Ole House." The country and spiritual singers also make

GOSSAN in from his homebase of Honolulu and enroute to the Bahamas where he's staging and choreographing a new show to replace his own revue which has been running for more than a year....Television star **GAVIN MACLEOD** ("The Mary Tyler Moore Show") is going all out to prep his Las Vegas and Reno nitery act for February '76. MacLeod signed **ROLAND DUPREE** to direct and choreograph, **JOHN BRADFORD** to write special material & stage (as he did for **SHIRLEY MacLAINE**), and **LARRY HOVIS & ANN ELDER** for comedy material.

WEEKEND WANDERERS...ANN-MARGRET at the Hilton with comedy impressionist **FRED TRAVALENA**....**HELEN REDDY & JOAN RIVERS** at the MGM Grand....**NEIL SEDAKA** at the Riviera with comedian **DAVID BRENNER**....The new edition of "BARE TOUCH OF VEGAS" at the Marina....**BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN'S** smash "VIVE PARIS VIVE" at the Flamingo....**BOBBY VINTON & RONNIE SCHELL** in the reopened mainroom of the Flamingo....**DEBBIE** at the Desert Inn....**WAYNE** at the Frontier....**BOBBIE** at the Sands....**DONN ARDEN'S "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD"** featuring the most talked about act in show business, illusionists **SIEGFRIED & ROY**, at the MGM Grand....

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