

# ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



DICK MCINNES

TONY ORLANDO & DAWN celebrated their 5th birthday as a group with a smashing party following the taping of the "Dinah" show that was devoted to them and their career. We watched the taping and then settled down for one good time. Among the well wishers were DINAH, RUTH BUZZI & BILL KEKO, SUSAN STAFFORD, ISABEL SANFORD (from the Jefferson), CONARD BAIN & HERMIONE BAD-DELEY (from "Maude"), JOSETTE BANZET (who had just seen the first showing of TV's most ambitious movie project "Rich Man, Poor Man" in which she has a very good role and she said the movie is great). Tony's dynamite wife ELAINE (who had been on the show as a guest and vowed never to do it again -- "one star in the family is enough") and a group of real party people who made the evening a ball.

Repertory theater has finally come to L.A. with a bang! The Mark Taper Forum is presenting "Too Much Johnson" an old play by WILLIAM GILLETTE written in 1894 and "The Shadow Box" by MICHAEL CRISTOFER written in 1975. The first play is a total delight, an old fashioned mistaken identity farce which gave me the chance just to sit and enjoy a good evening for a change and the second, well it just may be one of the finest plays ever written. Cristofer, an actor himself (ironically so was Gillette), is most certainly a playwright to contend with. And that in itself is terrific news. We haven't had one of those for some time. And the other plus is that GORDON DAVIDSON has gathered the best acting company of actors possible. They are all excellent actors and their versatility is amazing. They are MARY CARVER, AL CHECCO, FRANK GERACI, ROSE GREGORIO, CYNTHIA HARRIS, DAVID HUFFMAN, ZALE KESSLER, LAURENCE LUCKINBILL, SIMON OAKLAND, BRAD REARDEN, MARGE REDMOND, TOM ROSQUI, WILLIAM KATT & JOE ZALOOM. There were two different opening nights a few weeks apart and they had two fun parties.

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Among the guests cheering this new company were BETTY GARRETT, MARGE CHAMPION, JOAN VAN ARK, & JOHN MARSHALL, ELIZABETH WILSON, JOANNE WORLEY & ROGER PERRY, BRUCE DAVISON, KAREN MORROW, CHARLES NELSON REILLY, ABBIE BELLER, CAROL WORTHINGTON, JACK WESTON, LEE GRAHAM & CHANIN HALE, NANCY WALKER and most of the theatre crowd.

Tripping around... VALERIE HARPER will make her TV variety show debut on JOHN DENVER'S Christmas special. OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN will also appear. Think it has a chance?... LUCILLE BENSON is off to Tucson to do her third "Petrocelli" and each time she has essayed a different character. The star of the series, BARRY NEWMAN once sold bibles and worked as a hat checker at New York's 21 before he made it big. He's come a long way, baby... JAMIE FARR has been honored by his home state, Ohio. Dayton's Wright State University south of Farr's Toledo birthplace held their first "Corporal Klinger Drag Race" in which male students dressed in feminine frocks sprinted around the university quadrangle. Coeds could enter only if they wore combat boots and army fatigues. ... JOE TREMAIN, a former Las Vegas favorite as a part of that dynamite lounge act, BLACK, WHITE & FOURTEEN is really doing well in Hollywood. He's working on RAQUEL WELCH's new act, rehearsing with LIZA MINNELLI on a new and secret project and last summer did the JOEY HEATHERTON show. How's that for a trio of lovelies? Have a lovely week.

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## HENNY YOUNGMAN, GREAT CLEAN COMIC, PERFECT GENT ON AND OFF STAGE

By Jack Tell

While you probably knew all along that Henny Youngman was one of it not the funniest man in show business, what you didn't know was he is probably the most popular person - to - person entertainer of all time.

Not too long ago, while walking from the Caesars Palace across the Strip to the Flamingo Hotel, Henny was stopped no less than 43 times by well-wishers. They rushed up to shake his hand, inquire as to his health, and to remind him of a previous meeting in Chicago, New Orleans, Long Island or wherever.

And why not? Henny is a clean liver, on and off the stage, never a blue line among his million and one, one - liners, and happily married to the same lovely lady, Sadie (Take my wife, please!) for generations. It's a show business revelation.

Now they're writing a Broadway show for Henny called "Mayor of Hub Bub." If he finds time he



HENNY

may do it. He just finished "Won Ton Ton, The Dog That Saved Hollywood," for Paramount and is signed to narrate a comedy flicker called "The Comback Trail." The one-nighters and show dates keep Henny hopping.

Youngman is about due for a big room engagement in Las Vegas. His name on a marquee is sure-fire, a solid drawing card. His fans, who know and love him, are a large percentage of the tens of thousands of visitors daily from cities large and small, all over America.

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