

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE

JOHNNY PAYCHECK HEADS UP LANDMARK'S COUNTRY PARADE OF TALENT



JOAN RIVERS RUSHED INTO TOWN TO TAKE HELEN REDDY'S PLACE AT THE MGM Grand (Helen and Carol Burnett were D.C. bound to sing for President and Mrs. Ford). ...LIBERACE will have another new talent discovery questing when he returns to the Las Vegas Hilton on February 10, Miss DEBBY ROBERT in her Vegas debut. Another Liberace protegee, pianist VINCE CARDELL has been appearing at the Landmark Hotel in the Sky Room; JOE PETERSON and DAVE BARRY'S BI-SEXTENNIAL FROLIC, "RED, WILD & BLUE" HAS been signed to open at the Thunderbird Hotel on April 1. "Red, Wild & Blue" will be an afternoon perf revue. Auditions for singers, dancers, comedy types, specialty acts, and a chorus line of male muscle men ("The Minute Men") will be held in Las Vegas in mid-February. Auditions will also be held in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The new comedy revue will be staged and choreographed by AL GOSSAN who is flying in from his homebase of Honolulu next month to conduct the auditions. DAVE BARRY is both co-producer and head writer of the racy and irreverent re-telling of America's first 200 years. Among the featured stars will be "Betsy Ross", "George Washington", "Benjamin Franklin", "Paul Revere".....SHIRLEY MacLAINE opens April 8 at Caesars Palace..... RIF TAYLOR, home from his travels just long enough to celebrate his birthday, opens Feb. 5 at the new Players Club in Palm Desert. BRECK WALL's new revue "LE SEXY" is the current Players attraction.....The pilot special of PEOPLE MAGAZINE's new television series "People - Ann-Margret" premieres on February 5 on the ABC-TV network. The pilot was filmed at the Las Vegas Hilton during A-M's December-January engagement.....Two-time winners as Las Vegas' MUSICAL VARIETY ACT OF THE YEAR, STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME return tonight at Caesars Palace. Steve & Eydie will be introducing a new segment in their act, a tribute to composer RICHARD RODGERS (replacing their now classic salute to George Gershwin which was the theme of their CBS-TV special "Our Love Is Here to Stay" aired at Thanksgiving).....

Johnny Paycheck, the man who puts his soul in his songs, returns to the Jubilee Room at the Landmark for his second time as the star of the hotel's renowned "Country Music U.S.A." along with Peter Anthony, Skip DeVol & Jan Freeman.

During Paycheck's last engagement in October, his latest single recording "All American Man" was released and began its climb to the top of the national country charts, just as had all 13 singles before it; those which included "She's All I Got," "Mr. Lovemaker," "I Don't Love Her Anymore" and the title song from his latest album "Loving You Beats All I've Ever Seen."

Johnny's presentation is purely modern country, for which he utilizes as back-up, a sensational band -- The Lovemakers --



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six talented boys playing drums, guitar, fender, steel, trumpet and fiddle. The result of his "straight from the heart" singing and the unusual blend of the band is a sound that is truly original and one of the most important on the country music scene.

Comic/Trumpeter,

Peter Anthony, is a free-form comedian who writes 90 percent of his own material. Although new to the Jubilee Room, his incorporation of humor with his fine musical talents (trumpet and piano) has been lauded by audiences at several strip hotels as well as those of Playboy clubs in

Detroit, Denver, Miami and Jamaica.

Jan Freeman, a down-home type gal with a sweet, natural voice has performed with such greats as Buck Owens, Hank Thompson and Freddie Hart. Her latest release, Anka's "I Don't Like to Sleep Alone" has been reviewed by the critics as a sure-fire hit for the captivating performer.

Skip DeVol, the most exciting banjoist since Eddy Peabody has been held over to make this his seventh edition of CMUSA. DeVol plays both the five-string and four-string banjos, but gives the four-string a new sound when he puts forth a ballad -- something rarely heard from the instrument. His talent for making it speak a new language is also making the handsome entertainer a very "hot" item.

The Johnny Paycheck Show is in through February 22.

LARRY STORCH, NOW AT THE FRONTIER HOTEL WITH BOBBIE GENTRY, HAS A LOT OF new 'irons' in his career fires not the least of which is his top rated Saturday morn tv "The Ghostbusters". Now Larry and his good pal SHECKY GREENE are past the talking stages and into the 'doing' of writing and starring in their own television comedy series. Larry's also reading scripts for

several more films and television series guestings, and has a brand new longterm deal with the Hughes Hotels for 1976.....DON'T MISS "SOMETHING SPECIAL" the new musical variety package starring Miss KITY KOVER and a cast of 20, and guest star Michael McGiveney, at the Judy Bayley Theater at the University of Nevada for two nights only - Feb. 6 and Feb. 7 (four performances). All proceeds from this presentation go to the UNLV Summer Theater



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