

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



DICK MCINNES

TOTIE FIELDS is being wooed by RENEE TAYLOR and JOE BOLOGNA to take the title role in their ABC pilot, "Frieda," a Jewish mother. What else? If the adorable one doesn't do the show, Renee just may do it herself..... DICK SHAWN is having a hard time getting a co-star for his planned series. Three possibilities flatly turned it down after working with him in tests. All claimed they had never been treated so rudely. SUZANNE PLESHETTE returns to the big screen after 5 years of the BOB NEWHART SHOW. She will co-star in "The Shaggy D.A." with DEAN JONES. It's her fourth Disney film and her third with Jones. I've always thought that Suzanne should be a major movie star because she's so darn talented. I wish someone would give her a really good role.....EDIE ADAMS guest stars as Bumper Morgan's one-time lady friend in a "Blue Knight" episode. GEORGE KENNEDY is Bumper..... "The Waltons" celebrate their 100th show and RICHARD THOMAS is directing it. It'll be on March 4.... CARL REINER and KEN BERRY replace ANTHONY NEWLEY on MITZIE GAY-NOR's new special "Mitzl ... Roaring in the 20's." No reason given for Newley's bowout.....JIMMY DURANTE celebrated his 83rd birthday with around 100 pals. Although Schnozzola is confined to his wheelchair he stayed up til the wee hours and had a ball....TONY and ELAINE ORLANDO off to Hawaii to rest up following Tony's tiring schedule. But they'll be back in time for the People's Choice awards.....Hollywood very saddened over the tragic loss of SAL MINEO. A talented actor and a nice guy, he'll be missed.

MOVIE TRIPPING....."GABLE AND LOMBARD" is the major disappointment of 1976. I have waited for this film since it was announced. I even went on the set one day and was impressed by JAMES BROLIN's Gable and slightly unimpressed by JILL CLAYBURGH's Lombard. On the screen, however, it's quite the opposite. Brolin comes across as a caricature except in two very nice scenes and Jill captures the essence of Lombard beautifully. The major problem is that for some strange reason, they (the mysterious ones) have chosen to make up the most outrageous lies about two of cinema history's most liked and respected idols. There are enough wonderful Lombard stories that are true that it really angered me to watch the druck they added. The whole movie is so full of errors and bad taste you won't believe it. I'm afraid to see "W. C. Fields and Me." Lord only knows what they've done to him.... On the other hand, "Next Stop, Green-

FRANK SCOTT GEN. CHAIRMAN OF NCCJ DINNER APRIL 8 AT CAESARS PALACE

Frank E. Scott, chairman of the board of the Union Plaza Hotel and longtime Las Vegas civic leader, has been named general chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Distinguished Citizen of the Year dinner honoring Maj. Gen. R.G. Taylor.



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The third annual NCCJ dinner, at which Taylor will be presented Conference's Brotherhood Award, will be held at Caesar's Palace April 8th according to Judge Joseph L. Ward, chairman of the Clark County chapter of NCCJ.

Scott said he was "honored to serve as general chairman because of the laudatory work of NCCJ and because I can think of no person more deserving of the Dis-

tinguished Citizen and Brotherhood awards than Zack Taylor."

Scott said his committee "will work to make this year's event the biggest and best ever. I know of countless per-

sons in and out of Nevada who share my deep admiration of General Taylor's accomplishments and integrity, and I know they will join with us on April 8th to pay well-deserved tri-

bute to him." Scott, who also serves as chairman of First Western Savings Association and is president of the Nevada Resort Association, said the emphasis for the dinner will be three-fold:

"We are working to raise funds to further the vital work of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; we will be honoring a man who has been a true leader in furthering that work; and we will be enjoying an evening of relaxation and real Las Vegas fun."

He said committee members and other appointments will be announced soon.

The NCCJ Brotherhood award is given for work to eliminate racial and religious prejudices.

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wich Village," the latest PAUL MAZURSKY film, is wonderful. The tale of a young Jewish aspiring actor who moves to the Village to pursue his career is a trip. LENNY BAKER, in his first important screen role is great as is ELLEN GREENE in her movie debut. SHELLEY WINTERS in another Jewish Mama role makes this one most believable and the rest of the supporting cast are fine. The action takes place in the 50's when living in New York had some humor and warmth. It was nice to see it as it was. Frankly, I'm a little tired of seeing New York as the USA Cesspool. 20th has a winner with this one.

Hope you find a winner this week.

LOLA FALANA AT MGM GRAND APR. 1

Lola Falana, a budding superstar with impressive notices in virtually every phase of showbusiness, will headline at the MGM Grand Hotel April 1 - 21, it was announced by the resort's executive vice-president, Bernie Rothkopf.

Details of the pact were not released. However, it is reported to be a multi-year deal.

Despite Ms. Falana's Broadway and movie triumphs - including a Tony Award nomination for her role in "Dr. Jazz" - she gained her greatest notoriety for two Lola Falana specials shown recently over the ABC television network. So overwhelming were the reviews and ratings that the multi-talented beauty will appear in two more of her own specials. Both will be aired in March on CBS-TV.

Faberge Cosmetics also recognized Lola's appeal by naming her the national spokeswoman for their Tigris line of perfumes. Not only is she the first

black woman to head such a project, she is also the leading lady in Tigris' TV ad campaign.

Comic sensation, David Brenner will appear with Lola Falana during her inaugural.

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