

# OF THE STARS

## SMOTHERS BROS, DICK JENSEN AT SAHARA

The Smothers Brothers, who need no introduction to Las Vegas audiences, a quick replacement for an ailing Totie Fields, are attracting their customary filled houses at Del Webb's Sahara. Singing star Dick Jensen opens the bill.

After breaking in their act at a night club in San Jose, California, they were booked at San Francisco's Purple Onion, where they were held over for 36 weeks. There they recorded five gold albums and were booked in night clubs and colleges all over America. A summer replacement on CBS led to three seasons with the smashing "Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour."

The network cancelled the show in 1969 when the Brothers refused to have their material censored. In 1973 after an eight-week trial, the Brothers were awarded a judge-

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...BUD MATTON AGENCY (Toronto) exec JIM FINCH visiting town and clocking the entertainment picture on the Strip. While he was here Finch just about clinched a deal and a date for Canada's musical muscle man JOHN MIKL to make his Strip bow later this summer.....Choreographer AL GOSSAN, back from his visit to Honolulu and Los Angeles, and prepping the three new production numbers for Joe Peterson's upcoming "Red Hot and Blue" bicentennial frolic.....STEVE ALLEN, at the Thunderbird for a special VERY limited six day engagement. When Steve closes, SANDLER & YOUNG return for a longer eight week stay.....ALEXIS SMITH makes her nightclub debut later this month at The Backlot of Hollywood's Studio One.....TOTIE FIELDS, hospitalized for an undisclosed ailment in her hometown Hartford, Connecticut, had to cancel out her upcoming Sahara engagement. THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS & DICK JENSEN will play the date, opening tonight (April 22).....

In Atlanta, JERRY MOTT (who's in the business of repping talent, managers and nightclub owners) reports that the new "hot" spots of the booming nitery biz there are the just opened CLUB XANADU, THE 2600 CLUB, and the popular LEFT BANK. Atlanta's live and disco nightlife (with clubs like Bogart's, TJ'S, Union Station, the Peachtree Plaza, the Hyatt Regency, and the new Atlanta Hilton to mention a handful.

WEEKEND WANDERERS..... BETTE MIDLER at Caesars Palace..... LOLA FALANA & DAVID BRENNER at the MGM Grand..... THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS & DICK JENSEN at the Sahara..... ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK at the Riviera.....



THE RIOTOUS SMOTHERS BROTHERS AND SINGING DYNAMO DICK JENSEN APPEAR IN A SPECIAL ONE-WEEK ENGAGEMENT AT DEL WEBB'S HOTEL SAHARA. THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS ARE RETURNING TO THE SAHARA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL YEARS TO FILL IN FOR AN AILING TOTIE FIELDS.

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