

LANDMARK'S FERLIN, STEAGAL SHOW REFLECTS WHOLE U.S.A.

Mark Tan
IN
LAS VEGAS



ON AND OFF THE STRIP.....ELEANOR ROTH GRASSO, who certainly needs no introduction to anyone who has been around town or in show business for the past couple of decades, is back in action as a special agent for Bobby Morris' Creative Entertainment & Associates offices here. Eleanor, who was the 20-plus year assistant to the legendary JACK ENTRATTER, co-owner and entertainment boss of the Sands Hotel, has been on a two year hiatus since her departure from the Hughes Hotels where she worked with current entertainment director Walter Kane. Eleanor has been a Vegas resident for nearly twenty five years, and has been involved in working with stars for as long as anyone can remember. She was at the Sands Hotel when it opened (with first headliner Danny Thomas) and thru all the great years working with stars like Frank Sinatra, Steve & Eydie, Sammy Davis Jr., Joey Bishop, Totie Fields, Don Rickles, Nat King Cole, Lena Horne, Dick Haymes, etc., etc. Eleanor's friendship book reads like the Who's Who of Show Business. In her new position, Mrs. Grasso will be developing new talents as well as handling the bookings, in all media, for CEA clients.....

STRIP BITS & PIECES.....MILTON BERLE, GEORGE JESSEL, DICK HAYMES, and PAT SUZUKI head an all star revue called "A Tribute to Vaudeville" that kicks off a 40 city tour this month. Could happen that the show will wind with a special limited engagement in Las Vegas later this summer.....The Desert Inn will close its popular (and newly renovated) Crystal Room in July for several months to complete construction of an all new casino and additional rooms and facilities. Stars of the D.I. like DEBBIE REYNOLDS, JULIET PROWSE, BOBBIE GENTRY and GINGER ROGERS will be moving to other Hughes Hotels, notably the Frontier while construction is underway.....JAN MURRAY will gueststar next with STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME returning to Caesars Palace on July 22..... Hear that MAE WEST will finally make her return to Las Vegas in a special show at the Tropicana Hotel this summer. Miss West is currently preparing to start filming her first movie role in several years in her own screenplay "Sextett"; shooting is scheduled to start in mid-July. Tropicana principal owner MITZI STAUFFER BRIGGS is the bankroll behind the film company producers Briggs and Sullivan (it's their first project).....TOTIE FIELDS is home, in Las Vegas, but still not receiving visitors. Totie is under extensive therapy and medical care following her long hospitalization in the east.....JOHN MIKL THOR, the Mr. Canada-Mr. USA "body rock" star of the upcoming "RED, HOT & BLUE"

What's happening in the country is happening in the Landmark's Jubilee Showroom with country recording greats Ferlin Husky and Red Steagall.

Ferlin Husky, who has sold over 20 million records in his musical career is considered to be one of the most resourceful and versatile entertainers in the pop/country field. Having 4 gold records to his credit -- "Gone," "Wings Of A Dove," "A Dear John Letter" and "Country Music is Here To Stay," Husky has also made 18 motion pictures, appeared on television's Kraft Theater and was Arthur Godfrey's TV and radio replacement for two weeks, as well as having made guest appearances on dozens of top - notch TV shows. His road show



RED

has literally traveled all over the world, playing in Germany, England, Japan, Canada and all 50 States. Red Steagall made a lot of other recording personalities look

good, writing over 150 releases before he took a turn at it himself. His first chart-buster was "Party Dolls and Wine," followed by "I Gave Up Good Morning Dar-

ling," "Fiddle Man" and 15 other bell ringers including his latest "Lone Star Beer and Bob Wills Music." Along with one of the only true western swing bands in the business, The Coleman Country Cowboys, Steagall records on the ABC Dot label.

Finding something funny in everything, including the Parkay floors in the elevators which comic Mike Caldwell swears are really "Butter," is what the fat man is all about. Funny juggling, funny dancing, funny magic and funny fat - falls make the 300 pound plus performer a Jubilee Room favorite.

Marvis, who is also Mrs. Ferlin Husky, is featured female singer in the musical revue.

revue, in town from his home base of Toronto, and catching some of the Strip shows and action for the first time. Looking like the Norse Good of Thunder whose name he uses, the striking six foot blond star caused heads to turn at his visits to "Casino de Paris", "Folies Bergere", "Mallelujah Hollywood" and the Debbie Reynolds Show.....Casting underway this week for Las Vegas actor/actress residents, and extras for a special two hour season opener of tv series "STARKSY & HUTCH". Filming starts in early June for two weeks.....BOBBIE GENTRY has now been set to open at the Frontier Hotel on June 10.....ROWAN & MARTIN opened last night (May 27) for a special two week stand.....

CASTING CALLS.....Female and male models are needed for a special PLAYBOY PRESS book that will be shot by photographer ROBERT SCOTT HOOPER starting next month. Hooper's pictorial will be a multi-segment photographic essay using more than forty models. Bob's last Playboy feature is in the current issue; a ten page photo spread..... Choreographer-director JERRY NORMAN auditioning for topless-dancers for his new Silver Slipper Gambling Hall and Casino revue "Girls A Poppin'" starring IRV BENSON.....PAUL NEWMAN will be the star of a new film scheduled to be filmed at and around Caesars

Palace later this summer..... 20th Century Fox will bring cast and crew to Las Vegas to film segments of the new GEORGE PEPPARD/JAN MICHAEL VINCENT starrer "Damnation Alley". Filming will be at the Valley of Fire and in Las Vegas locales.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....PHYLLIS McGUIRE will guest star with Johnny Carson when he opens a special limited stint in Chicago at THE SABRE ROOM on June 9. That's the same 1200-seater club recently played by FRANK SINATRA.....MITZI GAYNOR and her all new show open with a special two week date at the Cave in Vancouver this week. Mitzi's cross country summer tour this year will include Philadelphia, Houston, Cleveland, Sacramento, Washington D.C., etc. and wind in November at Harrah's Reno.....

MAKINGS FOR A MEMORABLE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: CAROL BURNETT at the MGM Grand..... DEBBIE REYNOLDS at the Desert Inn..... THE OSMONDS at the Las Vegas Hilton..... TOM JONES at Caesars Palace..... TONY BENNETT at the Sahara..... RICH LITTLE and THE LENNON SISTERS at the Riviera.....



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