

LAS VEGAS

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STRIP CHATTER.....about the quickly building popularity of the Aladdin's new afternoon entertainment policy and the premiere engagement of "RED, HOT & BLUE" starring JOHN MIKL (THOR)..... about the nice guys reconciliation between MAC DAVIS and GLEN CAMPBELL who've been widely reported as practically at each other's throats since Mac's split with his wife and Glen's new romance with the same.... about the Desert Inn's new policy of having NO DINNER at its 8 p.m. show; the D.J. is experimenting with the two cocktail show format initiated by Caesars Palace. The Frontier Hotel will reportedly follow suit with the mid-month return engagement of Ginger Rogers. The no dinner policy seems to be the hotel's only recourse following that disastrous March strike by the Culinary Workers Union which resulted in higher pay for waitresses, busboys, bartenders, waiters, captains, etc., but now looks like it'll be higher pay for drastically reduced working staffs all over town and total unemployment for many cooks, kitchen workers, etc..... that the entertainers' union AGVA will attempt to reopen its offices here and insist on membership by all working performers and will be in the

position of representing performers at the Strip hotels; a practice that ended several years ago when producers signed independent contractors contracts with its dancers, singers, etc..... about the stunning new THEATER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS at the Aladdin Hotel and the brilliant success of NEIL DIAMOND as its opening attraction. CHICAGO opened a special July 8-11 engagement, followed by James Taylor on July 12-13. Other attractions to follow include JOHNNY MATHIS, HENRY MANCINI and THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA..... that the Sahara Hotel will close out its long running musical revue "Pinups" and replace it with an all new girlesque show opening next month.... that JOHNNY RIVERS will be the extra added special gueststar attraction joining BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS opening at the Sahara in August..... that the Tropicana, Thunderbird and Aladdin Hotels policy of "leasing" showrooms to independent producers (rather than have the hotel itself buy a new show or performer) will become a rapidly growing trend and several more hotels will be making showrooms available to those that have a show to sell and are willing to back it with their own money including pre-production, cast, stage hands, light and sound men, etc. PLUS then give the hotel both a weekly rental fee and a percentage of their grosses. The Tropicana Blue Room is currently leased to RODNEY DANGERFIELD; the Thunderbird was two lease deals one at night with Dick Clark and his Good Ol' Rock 'n Roll Revue opening July 14, and an afternoon lease with the Chinese Circus of Taiwan; the Aladdin leases its Bagdad Theater to the bicentennial revue "Red, Hot and Blue".....

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("Casino de Paris" and "Bare Touch of Vegas") has another new show at another hotel opening this week. It's still untitled but it's due to open (if it hasn't already) at the Golden Nugget..... The Stardust Lounge will now reportedly open in late fall rather than this summer..... STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME return to Caesars Palace on July 22. Immediately following that engagement Steve will fly to Israel where he will be starring in an American-Israeli co-production motion picture..... A mini-version of "THE DOODAH DAZE" - the show that played at the Flamingo Hotel last year - will be reopening, this time in Los Angeles at the Whisky on Sunset Boulevard..... "BOTTOMS UP" opens with two companies in two cities this month; one is in Boston at the Chateau De Ville dinner theaters, and the original "BU" cast opens July 29 at the Windmill Dinner Theater in Houston.... The Desert Inn will close its newly renovated Crystal Room showroom when Juliet Prowse ends her current engagement there later this month. The gorgeous Miss Prowse who recently became the newest member of the LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINERS HALL OF FAME, will reportedly be moving to the Frontier for the remainder of her '76 appearances..... ANN-MARGRET returns to the Las Vegas Hilton in August - so far. This is the date that has been on again and off again because of A-M's hectic schedule of movie making. She has about six "must" do films upcoming on her crowded agenda and may have to bypass Vegas. Ann-Margret who is the current FEMALE STAR OF THE YEAR in the annual Las Vegas Entertainment Awards, has worked in Vegas for only one holiday engagement and one night of her scheduled March appearance. Hear tell that her newest nightclub revue is absolutely her best ever..... which is saying a lot. Hopefully her producers will re-schedule her film start so she can show her many many Vegas fans the show that floored 'em in Miami in April..... Speaking of the Hilton, people who should know are saying that there is absolutely NO CHANCE that Barbra Streisand will be returning to Las Vegas or the Hilton to play off her remaining weeks on her Hilton pact this year. It's been a hard to catch year for a lot of favorite superstar ladies here.... No Ann-Margret, No Liza Minnelli, No Mitzi Gaynor, No Barbra Streisand, No Raquel Welch, No Cher, etc. etc.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS..... GABRIEL "WELCOME BACK KOTTER" KAPLAN is special gueststar with headliner ANDY WILLIAMS, now at Caesars Palace..... PETULA CLARK and JOEL GREY are the boxoffice bonanza at the Riviera Hotel..... "RED, HOT AND BLUE" starring Mr. Canada/Mr. U.S.A. JOHN MIKL, with comedy stars MAGGIE MONTGOMERY, LOU VITACO and JERRY KURLAND, at the Aladdin (afternoons)..... TONY BENNETT and MICHEL LEGRAND at the Sahara..... RODNEY "I Don't Get No Respect" DANGERFIELD at the Tropicana Blue Room..... JULIET PROWSE ("Hollywood Went Latin in the '40's") PROWSE and gueststar FOSTER BROOKS at the Desert Inn.....