

OF THE STARS

TONY BENNETT, MICHEL LEGRAND SRO AT DEL WEBB'S SAHARA

"I have covered many show openings on the Strip, but this, by far, is the best, the very best."

Making the comment was a veteran Las Vegas entertainment columnist upon completion of the Tony Bennett - Michel Legrand dinner show at Hotel Sahara on opening night.

The writer's remarks have been echoed at the end of each performance in the Del Webb resort's Congo Room.

Las Vegas and visitors to this entertainment capital of the world just can't seem to get enough of the dynamic duo. Nightly, since opening on July 8, standing ovations and a final standing applause when the pair completes the program to-



MICHEL

gether, come from the highly entertained crowd.

For Legrand, the award-winning French composer-singer, the cheers mean some-

everybody, should be available at your nearest record store. And if it isn't, ask for it. Or better still, go catch Cork's one-of-a-kind act at the Hacienda lounge and ask him for it (bet Cork will even make change for you! and autograph the disc).....

For you Strip "DARELICTS" who've been wondering whatever happened to.....BILLY DARE, the popular and zany bistro favorite, ended his special Hollywood engagement and jetted right back to Cyprus where he's been appearing at the Cyprus Hilton for nearly a year. Billy closed that date and is now at the very posh AL FALAJ HOTEL in Muscat, Oman on the Arabian Gulf..... JOAN RIVERS (opening in August at the MGM Grand) and MEL TORME have their first teaming later this month at the Hyannis Port Summer Theater..... DON RICKLES who had such a smash "return" to the Sahara (on special loan from the Riviera where he opens next month) has been set for another Sahara stint opening December 24 thru New Year's.....

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San Francisco."

Bennett fans who saw him perform at the Sahara with Count Basie and earlier with Lena Horne all agree that teaming with Legrand is another winner for the vocalist. Most sum it up by saying "They make beautiful music together."

Legrand delights the audience with seven selections, including his Academy Award winning "Sum-

mer of '42" and "Windmills of Your Mind" plus the unforgettable theme from "Brian's Song" for which he was nominated for an Emmy award..His talent as a vocalist is seen when he combines with Lorri Shelly presenting "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg," another standing ovation performance.

The perfect climax to a perfect show puts

Bennett and Legrand on stage together doing "Summer of '42" and "Sunny Side of the Street."

The blockbuster show is being offered through July 21 with a dinner performance at 8 and cocktails at midnight.

Featured in the Sahara's Casbar Lounge are the nude revue, Pinups '76 and the swinging Imperials.

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