

LAS VEGAS

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ALL AROUND THE TOWN..... JOAN RIVERS, now at the MGM, caused a small riot of fans flocking to take her picture (alone and with them), getting autographs, and tossing jokes in all directions, when she made her special appearance to introduce hilarious new-comedy duo DAVID HARRIS & SUZANNE BUHRER at the Le Cafe theatrical disco/cabaret this past week. David and Suzanne, known to so many as mainstays with the long running Breck Wall "Bottoms Up" revues, are currently appearing (at 10:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m.) nightly at the Paradise Road and Tropicana hideaway. When Joan heard they were going to debut their first two person comedy act during her MGM stint, she asked Le Cafe owner Marge Jacques to let her make a special introduction for them on opening night. Joan is especially fond of Suzanne who will be seen next year (January) in Joan's still to be completed "RABBIT TEST" movie which Joan both co-wrote and directed this past summer in Los Angeles. Said the charming Miss Rivers after the Harris-Buhrer bow "David and Suzie are absolutely brilliant. Their material is the funniest and the most original I've heard in years. They are both so versatile, talented, and hilarious. I'm sure they could become the next BIG comedy team if they were headed in that direction with their new act." Among the Strip pals on hand to cheer the multiple Performer of the Year award winners: producer-star BRECK WALL and the ENTIRE casts of "Bottoms Up" from both the Tropicana Hotel here and the Sahara Tahoe Hotel (where the show is currently held over thru September); MAGGIE MONTGOMERY, KITTY KOVER, WAYNE ALBRITTON and COLEEN ASHTON (the quartet of stars who starred in "The Orphans Revenge" an original musical melodrama written by Suzanne Buhrer and Gene Casey and presented last summer at the Thunderbird Hotel); gorgeous PAT GILL featured in the Landmark's "Fever's Up", former "Bottoms Up" stars NANCY AUSTIN and BILL FANNING (the latter now starring in "Fever's Up"), exotic star SUZETTE SOMMERS (now headlining at the Jackpot Casino's new revue "Centerfold"), producer MATT GREGORY, choreographer CARY LASPINA (who did the new numbers in "Bottoms Up" and appears with Juliet Prowse), beautiful DEBRA DUKE (the hypnotist now starring at the Tropicana Blue Room), SIEGFRIED & ROY (the special star attractions of "Hallelujah Hollywood"), BUDDY VEST, THE GREAT TOMSONI, NORMA REYES (all from the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere"), producer-star of the Hacienda's "Spice on Ice" GEORGE ARNOLD and cast members from both "Spice" and the Silver Bird's "Playgirls On Ice", PETER ANTHONY with cast members from his starring show "Pin Ups" at the Sahara Casbar, redhead exotic SUZI MIDNIGHT, BARCLAY SHAW (the comedy puppeteer of "Spice on Ice"), and dozens and dozens of other show folks too numerous to mention spotted in the crush of wellwishers that started last week and has continued throughout the special limited engagement. (Suzanne and David appear only Monday thru Thursdays). Reservations are recommended by calling 736-9021.....

STRIP BITS & PIECES..... ANN-MARGRET at the Hilton opening Aug. 13 is her own best competition - A-M's current movie "The Last Remake of Beau Geste" co-starring Marty Feldman and Michael York is at a local theater and doing great boxoffice here and around the country. Believe it or not, and ONLY Hollywood could do such casting, Ann-Margret plays the stepmother of "twins" (????) York & Feldman..... FRANK SINATRA &

MR. NICE GUY DON RICKLES AND BUDDY GRECO IN SAHARA'S CONGO ROOM

Overflow crowds attest to the strength of the pairing of Don Rickles and Buddy Greco in the Sahara Hotel's Congo Room for a limited one weeker.

The bullying style of the very funny Mr. Rickles has been his trademark for many years and now, with the success of his NBC - TV series CPO Sharkey, he is reveling in the affection of nightclubbers who know he is really a pussycat.

The putdowns of ethnic groups and celebrities (who are usually sprinkled liberally throughout his audiences) were his way of being different from all the other comedians who started on the nightclub trail after World War II. His bombastic delivery accompanied by fierce facial gestures quickly separated him from the rest of his colleagues and moved him



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along the road to comedy super-stardom.

Audiences of every age group can relate to the vocal stylings of Buddy Greco. As a kid musician he was hired to play piano in the big swing band of Benny Goodman whose reputation as

a perfectionist is unchallenged to this day. Greco's vocal style gradually developed (being a fine musician was certainly no hindrance!) to the point where he is generally acknowledged to be one of the best singers around. His recordings have



BUDDY

sold in the millions and his personal appearances generate the same kind of excitement as today's rock groups.

The Don Rickles-Buddy Greco engagement continues through August 17, with a dinner show at 8 and a midnight cocktail performance. Opening on August 18 will be Jerry Lewis and Abbe Lane.

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ALBERT at the Sahara this week with JERRY LEWIS and ABBE LANE following on August 18..... DEBRA DUKE at the Tropicana Blue Room at 12:30 a.m..... DONN ARDEN'S multi-million dollar extravaganza "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD" at the MGM.....

FRIENDS to benefit the UNLV Rebels will be at the Aladdin Theater of the Performing Arts August 23. Tickets now on sale thru the University of Nevada..... WAYNE COCHRAN & THE C.C. RIDERS now at the Aladdin Casino Theater..... HELEN REDDY makes her "debut" at her new Vegas homebase, the Hilton, on September 8..... BURT BACHARACH and ANTHONY NEWLEY (the current Male Star of the Year award winner in the Las Vegas Entertainment Awards) return to the MGM in September..... SID CAESAR & IMOGENE COCA are reunited for a special limited appearance, with EDDY ARNOLD, opening Sept. 15 at the Sahara.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS..... MAC DAVIS and JOAN RIVERS at the MGM..... FLIP WILSON, SHIELDS & YARNELL and HELEN SCHNEIDER at Caesars..... "PLAYGIRLS ON ICE" featuring VINCENT! at the Silver Bird..... DON RICKLES and singer-composer MORRIS

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